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# ST. JOHN

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MAEYSTOWN, ILLINOIS

**August 2020**

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## **Pastor's Reflection**

### **Is Church Essential?**

In this strange time of the COVID things get broken down into Essential and Non-Essential. The distinction was not meant to demean any business or organization, let alone the church, by putting us in the category of non-essential but it sure feels wrong as I am sure it does to many organizations and business! Since I am a pastor it really hits home to define what we do in the church as non-essential. However, let's tell the truth... the church has been facing this question long before COVID.

*Before I get deep into this article let me take a moment to say this is not the time to press anyone to be at church in person, and I deeply appreciate all those that have been faithfully participating online to keep their family safe. Furthermore, I want to say we understand that we have many of our older members, who need to stay home and safe, do not have the technology to watch online, and I want to thank all of you for your many years of faithfully coming to church. Trust me when I say, please continue to take whatever measures you feel necessary to stay safe. God knows your heart and understand your need to stay safe. Now back to the article! Thanks!*

Most denominations, if not all, have been experiencing a serious decline in members for decades resulting in a church per day closing its doors. Take a moment and start counting the churches that are no longer with us, and how many will likely not survive more than a handful of years. Let's face it, in the culture of our time going to church falls somewhere in the priority list with car shows, hunting, fishing, festivals, even baby showers.

The church has fallen from Essential to Non-Essential long before COVID. In the 1950's and even the 60's going to church was not a question. You went, end of story. Stores closed for the day and team sports would have never dared to plan a practice or game to compete with church. Church was held as an absolute essential for the life of your family and community. It was held as our duty to God!

1963 saw the end of Blue Laws for our Missouri neighbor, and by the 1970's businesses would stay open 7 days a week. By the 80's many were open 24/7. This required the most vulnerable to work on the Sabbath. No day of rest as the bible clearly mandates, no keeping it Holy for the least of these. Then comes the flood of false sentiments targeting the institution of church... "I don't need to go to church to pray to God". No, but if you want to worship God you gather in his name. The Church is a great place to do that. God tells us, "Whenever two or more are gathered in my name I will be there". Some would say, "My church is the great outdoors". "I am at church when I am hunting or fishing". "I am at church in the serenity of the woods". I am thrilled and believe that we experience God in nature but that this is not gathering in his name. With the fall of social structures that support keeping the Sabbath Holy the most vulnerable fall first. Parents who earnestly want to put church first finds themselves in the

cross hairs of the dilemma. Eight-year-old Nicole wants to play soccer with her friends. Her parents want her to experience the benefits of team sports and for her development as an athlete, but the team plays on Sunday morning at least twice a month. Do I tell my child to forgo what seems so meaningful for her and insist that she go to church even though none of the other kids are expected to go to church? Two Sundays becomes three, and soon it devolves into someday we will get back to church with our kids. I understand, but clearly church is less essential at least in the children's eyes. Let's face the painful truth, as a culture church has fallen far from essential.

It is as though our lives do not depend on our participating in worship, as though we can be healthy and fulfilled without going to church. Go on believing that if you like, as children younger and younger take their own lives lost in a steady diet of false values. Believe that while casinos continue to take advantage of the poor, and the most vulnerable work so we can shop 24/7. It may be working for some, but look around at the deep despair in our time. Children never feel like they are enough, parents are on a never-ending treadmill to keep up with work, home and countless activities for their children, all to still be left feeling empty. Church has become non-essential. However, perhaps now more than ever it needs to be the most essential thing we do.

Church is the one unmistakable place that you say to God, *"Here I am"*. *"I am here to honor, worship and serve you!"*

By taking a stand that participating in church is the most essential thing we do without question speaks loudly. We demonstrate our commitment, and in doing so we send a message to the communities we live in that God comes first in our household. This message speaks to our children that the values we hold and the truth we know about the spirit of God we walk with is not just talk. We, in fact, live our truth. God is essential and God calls us to gather in his name, to keep the Sabbath holy.

### ***Ezekiel 20:19-20***

*<sup>19</sup>I the LORD am your God; follow my statutes, and be careful to observe my ordinances, <sup>20</sup>and hallow my sabbaths that they may be a sign between me and you, so that you may know that I the LORD am your God.*

This scripture of Ezekiel is not the way of the world. In our consumer world everything comes down to what is in it for me and my family? That is the wrong question!

What is in it for us should never be the question when it comes to fulfilling our covenant with God to keep the Sabbath holy. Coming to church for a great sermon, uplifting music, even to feel the Spirit cannot be the reasons you go to church. Going to church is not about what we get out of it; we go to church to worship, honor and serve God, period.

As the pastor, I pray your deepest questions get answered in the message or in the quiet moments of prayer and reflection during the worship. I pray you are moved by the spirit and find yourself at peace. I pray the music moves you deeply, I pray you find a place that feels like a wonderful home, I pray your children get a wonderful faith education and meaningful activities, and I pray that your families stay strong. Those are my prayers as your pastor, and they may be your prayers as a leader in the church for others to receive such gifts, but they cannot be the reasons we give for our members to come to church, although I have regrettably and mistakenly suggested those reasons. I see clearly now that any reason other than to honor, worship and serve God, diminishes if not subjugates truly honoring our Lord and the covenant we have with Him. We gather to worship, honor and serve God! It is the most essential thing we can do!

To be clear, I am not talking about the COVID or what you decide to keep you and your family safe. I am talking about the truth of the priority (or lack of) that people hold going to church. If you need to stay home to keep your family safe and if we need to shut down in-person services to keep our members safe, that is what we will do. However, make no mistake about it.... Nothing will ever be more essential than participating in worship come Sunday morning, be it on line or in person.

If you believe that church is Essential then take a stand! The world we live in has made it clear that church is **Non-essential**. *What do you say?* I invite you to stand with me and say to the world that Church is the most **Essential** thing we can ever do! Tell the rest of the world and its many demands to step back, **Church comes first!**

May God bless you and keep you!

Pastor

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### **St. John's UCC Church Council Minutes - June 1, 2020**

President Charlie Eckerty called the meeting to order via Zoom. Those present were Linda Schmidt, Judy Edler, Michelle Coats, Adam Tyberendt, Susie Brinkmann, Freeman Borcharding, Pat Brandt, Pastor Poole, and Kathy Asselmeier, Treasurer. Pastor opened with a prayer.

**May 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes** were reviewed. Freeman Borcharding made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Adam Tyberendt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Kathy Asselmeier, Treasurer. Linda Schmidt made a motion to accept the report as presented. Pat Brandt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Bills/Timecards** were reviewed. A motion was made by Linda Schmidt and seconded by Judy Edler to accept the expenses presented. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Expenses** for May were reviewed, and a motion was made by Pat Brandt, seconded by Adam Tyberendt to approve the expenses presented. Motion carried.

**Illinois South Conference Update:** The ISC is continuing to provide support as the state progresses into the next phase. Churches are exploring ways to safely open back up following the guidelines of the State.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor continues to reach out to members and provide support as needed. Looking forward to having in-person service soon.

**Council Member Reports:** *Charlie Eckerty* reported meeting with Joyce Kuergeleis and Pastor to go over a few minor maintenance items needing attention. Bids for minor repairs at the parsonage are being sought. *Judy Edler* reported the Pole light on the parking lot has been repaired. Thanks to everyone for your continued care of our church.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **St. Joe/Zion Update:** Things are going well and they too are anxious to begin in person services soon.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offerings:** Duane Mueller, the March recipient, has received a donation in the amount of \$2,000 to help with his medical bills. Donations are now being collected for our May recipient, Marietta Schneider, to assist with her cancer treatments. Thanks to all for your generous donations and care of our fellow members.
- **Virtual Hike & Bike:** The virtual Hike & Bike was a great success raising around \$5,700 for Hoyleton. Much credit for this goes to the Media Team and Chrissy Eckerty in promoting this event.
- **Cemetery Board Update:** Work continues at the cemetery- thanks to many volunteers.
- **Scholarship:** Following the Scholarship Committee's recommendation, Reid Schilling's application was reviewed by the council and approved to be the 2020 recipient of the church scholarship. Good Luck with your future goals Reid!

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Baptism:** Jenny & Levi Wittenbrink have requested Pastor baptize their daughter on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The council agreed to have Pastor perform the baptism with the family and he following the safety guidelines.
- **Backpack program** update was given by Laurie Knoll, joining us via Zoom. A request was made to increase

- the # of volunteers needed to continue supporting their Food mission. The # of children and families has increased and therefore additional help to prepare the monthly boxes of food would help tremendously. Adam Tyberendt made a motion to add volunteers as needed following the State Guidelines set forth at the time. Susie Brinkmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **YPL Mission Trip:** A Youth Mission Trip to North Carolina is being planned for the end of July. This experience is held every 3 years and the parents and pastor are moving forward in safely planning this year's trip.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Church Service:** In staying within the guidelines set forth by the ISC and the State, a discussion of preparing for our 1<sup>st</sup> In Person Service followed. It was decided that June 14<sup>th</sup> would be a perfect time to plan for an Outdoor service, on the lawn of the Fellowship Hall. A motion was made by Adam Tyberendt to start our In-Person Worship Service on June 14<sup>th</sup>, and to also allow Pastor to perform *special services* as requested/needed following the guidelines recommended by the State. Linda Schmidt seconded the motion and motion carried. On June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, members will start preparing the site for this service. The Media Team will be contacted to get the word out to all that we are planning this outdoor service. Attendees will be encouraged to practice Social Distancing, bring Lawn Chairs/Blankets, or possibly enjoy service from the comfort of their vehicle.

Our next Council meeting will be held 7/6 and we will plan on meeting in person – practicing social distancing, in the sanctuary.

Freeman Borcharding made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam Tyberendt seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary,  
Pat Brandt

### **Congregational meeting July 26, 2020**

Two items were voted on:

**One:** Replacing the stove in the Hall. Currently we have a commercial oven/stove dating back some 50yrs that has several gas leaks. To repair the old stove was more money than it was worth.

After getting word that AT&T was making a generous contribution of \$5,000 specifically and solely for a new stove, we were moved to replace the old commercial stove with a new version of the same commercial stove. The cost of the new commercial stove is \$7,121.00 including installation and removal of the old stove. We have had several other contributions toward the stove from members and non-member supporters of the church, equaling another \$1,200.00. Making the total raised those far \$6,200.

**The process leading up to this stove choice:** A team put together of members of the Women's Fellowship and Church Council did research. They then brought that research to the Women's Fellowship with the knowledge of the AT&T wonderful contribution and they determined this was the time to replace the commercial stove with a new commercial stove and would add to the money raised if needed to meet the amount to purchase the new stove. Then that recommendation of a specific stove and provider/service company was brought to the Church Council where they then made the motion to accept their recommendation and bring it to the congregation for a vote. We set the date for the Congregational meeting for July 26<sup>th</sup> several weeks ago. Got the word out in a timely matter and here we are.

**The second item:**

A large section of ceiling tile in the kitchen of the Hall fell down. The plan is to replace all the ceiling tile in the kitchen and while doing so put into the floor joist and above the new ceiling the pipes, wires and duct work that are below ceiling currently. Making for a much cleaner and safer kitchen.

The Budget for the new ceiling:

1.	Removal of the old falling down and nearly falling down tile. Already completed by church members.	\$0
2.	Taking down the range hood and duct work. Already completed by church members	\$0
3.	Cost of new ceiling tile.	\$500.00
4.	Cost of Installation of new ceiling tile	\$500.00
5.	Cost of putting the duct work up into the floor joist.	\$300.00
6.	Cost of running plumbing up into the floor joist	\$500.00
7.	Cost of running electric	\$500.00
8.	Other unforeseen cost	\$580.00
	Total Estimated Cost	\$2,880.00

Both Items were accepted and voted on. They both passed. The stove will be ordered and ceiling work in the hall to be done. Continued donations are being accepted!!!!

### **The Maintenance Committee**

The Maintenance Committee met on July 6, 2020 with Pastor, Charlie Eckerty, Don Edler, Freeman Borcharding and Nancy Voelker attending. The meeting opened with a prayer.

A bid was submitted by the Punctual Painter on several jobs that need to be done around the church. The group discussed each phase that was listed and decided which jobs were the most important to be done at this time.

The ceiling in the Fellowship Hall was the next job to be discussed. The group looked at the duct work, plumbing and the electrical and discussed what type of ceiling tiles to be purchased to complete this project.

The purchase of a new stove for the kitchen was discussed.

Pastor had a sample of covering for the gutters for the hall, parsonage and church. Don is going to get another bid and this will be discussed at a later date.

The landscaping timbers around the playground need to be replaced. This will be done at a fall work day.  
Meeting closed with a prayer.

Nancy Voelker

*Corona will end.  
God's grace will triumph over all hate and racism.  
Our tears will stop  
New doors will open.  
We will live in peace with joy each day.  
With God it's all possible.  
Trust Him and believe.*

*Amen*

Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 the following Events are subject to change at any time. Please check Facebook-St. John United Church of Christ-Maeystown, IL and our NEW Website-maeystownucc.org for updates!!!!!!!!!!!!

### *UPCOMING EVENTS*

- August 3 – Media Team @ 6:00p.m.  
Church Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.
- August 5 - Adult Bible School @ 6:30p.m. in the Sanctuary
- August 9 – New Member Class following Church Service
- August 12 - Adult Bible School @ 7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary
- August 16 – New Members join our Church Family
- August 19 - Adult Bible School @ 6:30p.m. in the Sanctuary
- August 26 - Adult Bible School @ 6:30p.m. in the Sanctuary
- August 30 – Ellis Kruse Baptism  
Confirmation Meeting following Church Service
  
- September 2 - Adult Bible School @ 6:30p.m. in the Sanctuary
- September 3 – Women’s Fellowship meeting @ 7:00p.m.
- September 9 - Adult Bible School @ 6:30p.m. in the Sanctuary
- September 13 - Adult Bible School @ 6:30p.m. in the Sanctuary

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### **Do You Know Your Hymns?**

- Dentist’s Hymn ..... Crown Him With Many Thorns
- Weatherman’s Hymn ..... There Shall be Showers of Blessing
- Contractor’s Hymn..... The Church’s One Foundation
- Tailor’s Hymn ..... Holy, Holy, Holy
- Golfer’s Hymn ..... There’s a Green Hill Far Away
- Politician’s Hymn ..... Standing on the Promises!
- Optometrist’s Hymn..... Open My Eyes That I Might See
- IRS Agent’s Hymn..... I Surrender All
- Gossip’s Hymn..... Pass It On
- Electrician’s Hymn..... Send the Light
- Shopper’s Hymn ..... Sweet Bye and Bye
- Realtor’s Hymn ..... I’ve Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
- Massage Therapist’s Hymn..... He Touched Me

### **For those who travel the highways:**

55 mph – God Will Take Care of You; 75 mph – Nearer My God to Thee; 85 mph – This World is not My Home; 95 mph – Lord, I’m Coming Home; 100 mph – Precious Memories

*Give me a sense of humor, Lord. Give me the grace to see a joke, to get some humor out of life, and pass it on to other folks.*

# St. John's News & Notes

## Baptisms:

July 19, 2020 - Margaret Vogt  
Daughter of Joel & Michelle Vogt

## In the Nursing Home or Assisted Living:

### Oak Hill - Waterloo

Elaine Hoerr  
Wilma Johnson  
Elveria Miller

### Garden Place - Waterloo

Marvin & Catherine Hoffmann  
Ellen Kuergeleis  
Carmelita Sensel

## Military:

Caleb Buchanan, Jacob Rey, Andrew Schaefer,  
Austin & Dillon Scheibe & Krista Wandro

## Prayer List:

- Matt Albat, recovering from surgery.
- Nancy Schilling fell at Church and had to have Back Surgery 6-23. Please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.
- AJ Shipp is getting medicine for a blood clot and doing good.
- Peggy Johner is healing from surgery.
- Marietta Schneider had her last treatment, but still needs our prayers.
- Kaylee Muertz is making positive improvement.
- Tim Burns is doing well but needs our continued prayers.
- Tim Branson's new cancer treatment is working.

## Special Birthdays:

Bob Scheibe will turn 87 on August 21<sup>st</sup> – Happy Birthday!

## Special Anniversaries:

- Marvin & Catherine Hoffmann will celebrate 63 years on 8-3
- Freeman & Ginny Borcharding will celebrate 51 years on 8-30

## Thank You

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, well wishes and Fifth Sunday donations. I am finished with treatments and feeling much better. I feel very lucky to be a member of such a warm and caring church family. Thanks again it means so much to me. (Marietta Schneider)

**Grace in the Past, Faith in the Future Books are still available at \$10.00 each. This book is full of knowledge of our Church. Everyone should pick one up at the back of Church. Put your money in the offering tray labeled Grace in the Past Book!!**

**Old Hymnals for sale at \$10.00. You will find them at the back of Church! Place your money in the offering tray marked Hymnals!!!**

**YPL – Collecting change for Jessica Hicks  
The canister is in the back of church.**

**Upper Room – July-August Upper Rooms are under the Porch at the Church Hall. Please be sure to pick yours up for your daily devotional.**

## CANCELLED

**AUGUST 5 – The Butterfly House**

**If you are not receiving Pastor's emails about Church services, etc. and would like to please email Faye Birk at [fbirk@ctcstl.com](mailto:fbirk@ctcstl.com) and she will get you added to the list.**

## Remember our Tim:

**August 31<sup>st</sup> is Tim Burns' Birthday!!!!** Let's show our support by sending him a card. Send it early cause they have to approve it before it gets to him and that takes time.

Send it to: Timothy J. Burns, Jr. – IDOC Y39102  
P.O. Box 1000, Menard, IL 62259

Please read the below rules. They are very strict on their rules. Your card will be rejected if not. Thanks for your consideration and support. Tim really enjoys getting notes and cards.

Here are the mailing instructions. Letters are the only thing allowed to be sent right now (no care packages allowed). Do not use stickers besides a stamp (best to handwrite the return address). Do not include pre-embossed envelopes, pre-stamped envelopes, postage stamps or plain envelopes. Mail containing stains of any kind, including but not limited to perfume, lipstick, oily substances, unusual stains, etc., is not

allowed. Mail which includes the use of crayons, highlighters or other markers on the paper, glitter or other foreign or unknown substance on the paper is not allowed. Mail printed or written with colored ink is permitted.

**General Fund Financial**

Beginning Balance 6-1-2020	\$12,193.86
Receipts:	
June	16,739.38
Expenses:	
June	<u>9,878.21</u>
Balance on Hand 6-30-2020	\$19,055.03

**Visitor Report**

Beginning Balance -	\$155.70
Income -	\$60.00
Ken & Jean Knobloch - \$15.00	
Jim Bundy - \$45.00	
Expenses -	\$53.75
U.S. Postmaster - \$53.75	
Ending Balance -	\$161.95

The generous donations from Ken & Jean Knobloch & Jim Bundy are deeply appreciated!!!! Hope you all enjoy the newsletter.

Our outside service is going strong. Hope to continue to see you there.

Faye Birk, Treasurer



**HAPPY ANNIVERSITY TO.....**

Adam & Stefanie Tyberendt	August 2
Marvin & Catherine Hoffmann	August 3
Brent & Lisa Carron	August 4
Kevin & Linda Hirsch	August 7
John William & Robin Evans	August 10
Dwight & Kathy Asselmeier	August 12
Tom & Susan Koesterer	August 13
Justin & Julie Schmitz	August 14
Vic & Aileen Neeley	August 15
Glenn & Linda Coats	August 18
Lyle & Zoe Ann Schwarze	August 21
Michael & Laurie Brown	August 21
Clinton & Amanda Hicks	August 22
Dan & Sandy Mueller	August 30
Freeman & Ginny Borcharding	August 30

Danny & Rita Hoffmann	Sept. 3
Tim & Tina Buchanan	Sept. 3
Jim & Connie Matzenbacher	Sept. 5
David & Lauren Hesterberg	Sept. 5
Ron & Rosemarie Upchurch	Sept. 8
Nathan & Stephanie Keller	Sept. 8
Jeremy & Jessica Dressel	Sept. 10
Robert & Kelly Mathews	Sept. 10
Bryan & Tina Obst	Sept. 11
Brett & Kate Mueller	Sept. 12
Scott & Dr. Kate Larson	Sept. 13
Joel & Michelle Vogt	Sept. 13
John & Juanita Roland	Sept. 14
Chris & Christina Muertz	Sept. 15

When storms come your way, just remember you know the Master of the wind,  
 when sickness finds you, remind yourself you know the Great Physician,  
 when your heart gets broken, just say I know the Potter.

It doesn't matter what we face or go through. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is everything.

Amen.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....

Karen Schwarze	Aug. 2	Lauren Hesterberg	Aug. 28
Tate Johnathon Steibel	Aug. 3	Danny Mueller	Aug. 29
Larita Mohl	Aug. 4	Betty Levin	Aug. 29
Leah Hill	Aug. 4	Lisa Koester	Aug. 30
Konner Stellhorn	Aug. 4	Timothy Burns, Jr.	Aug. 31
Robin Evans	Aug. 5	Floyd Joseph Niebruegge	Aug. 31
Blaklee Cheyenne Schwarze	Aug. 5	Natalie Quernheim Rohlfing	Aug. 31
Julie Rusteberg	Aug. 5		
Grant Coats	Aug. 6	Brenda Johnson	Sept. 2
LilyAnne Poole	Aug. 7	Madisyn Huddleston	Sept. 2
Caroline Grace Krebel	Aug. 7	Jonathan Russell Wolf	Sept. 2
Linda Green	Aug. 8	Dominic Jacob Richeson	Sept. 2
Justin Schmitz	Aug. 10	Kristy Edler	Sept. 3
Amy Jean Roever	Aug. 10	Cathy Hoffmann	Sept. 3
Barry Hoffmann	Aug. 11	Laurie Ann Manning	Sept. 3
Layne Mitchell Prange	Aug. 11	Jay Mueller	Sept. 3
Jessica Hicks	Aug. 12	Ally Coats	Sept. 3
Paul Hoffmann	Aug. 13	Jessica Lynn Dressel	Sept. 5
Lynne Hicks	Aug. 13	Kayla Adkins	Sept. 5
Jay Leber	Aug. 13	Nancy Hornbeck	Sept. 6
Laurie Knoll	Aug. 13	Noah Rusteberg	Sept. 6
Robert Mathews	Aug. 13	Denna Lynn Keindenreich	Sept. 7
Grady Asselmeier	Aug. 13	Levi Edler	Sept. 7
Maxwell Schaefer	Aug. 13	Amber Branson	Sept. 8
Adam Tyberendt	Aug. 14	Tristan Steibel	Sept. 8
Randy Hicks	Aug. 14	Teagan Marie Rohlfing	Sept. 8
Jackson Klinkhardt	Aug. 14	Wallace Altes	Sept. 9
Nancy Schilling	Aug. 15	Nolan Finch	Sept. 9
Debbie Wischmeyer	Aug. 15	Mason Hicks	Sept. 9
Rachel Russell	Aug. 15	William Richard Niebruegge	Sept. 9
Travis Busch	Aug. 15	Ben Yancy	Sept. 10
Nikolai Hesterberg	Aug. 15	Elaine Hoerr	Sept. 10
Blake Edward Wild	Aug. 16	Susan Marie Roseman	Sept. 10
Aileen Neeley	Aug. 17	Guy Tyberendt	Sept. 11
Caroline Grace Krebel	Aug. 17	Peg Johner	Sept. 12
Eric Pieper	Aug. 18	Pam Muertz	Sept. 12
Lloyd LJ James Rosenkranz	Aug. 18	Barbara Wischmeyer	Sept. 13
Victoria Rippelmeyer	Aug. 18	Julia Clare Muertz	Sept. 13
Sharon Glessner	Aug. 19	Avery Burns	Sept. 13
Jenny Prange	Aug. 19	Evan Burns	Sept. 13
Virginia Borcharding	Aug. 20	Sue Taylor	Sept. 14
Caine Hoefft	Aug. 20	Kadence Keller	Sept. 14
Bob Scheibe	Aug. 21		
Becky Matzenbacher	Aug. 21		
Jenny Krebel	Aug. 21		
Dr. Jennifer Goessling	Aug. 22		
Erik Floarke	Aug. 24		
Barbara BJ Henerfauth	Aug. 25		
Chloe LaFollette	Aug. 25		
Camille Hesterberg	Aug. 26		
Harris Anthony Stirnaman	Aug. 26		
Ryan Duane Richeson	Aug. 27		
Laurie Brown	Aug. 27		
Joy Hines	Aug. 28		



Happy  
Birthday!



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*Thought for the day:*

*Sometimes when you're in a dark place, you think you've been buried,  
but actually you've been planted.*