TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday, July 12, 2020—6th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY— Heard any good news lately?

It's out there, but in a world dominated by headlines about coronavirus and civil unrest it can be kind of challenge to find.

Truly, this is nothing new. But it has become even that much more of a challenge in a world of social media where we can receive bad news in "real time," instantaneous broadcast to our digital devices.



Our DIY ("Do It Yourself") VBS and the preaching series that goes with it will be inviting you and your household into a series of "Bad News-Good News" sorts of stories. Each week, we want to invite you to "SEE" how the Good News of God's steadfastness comes to light in the bad news of the story we're reading. It is our prayer then, that you and your household might become just a little more equipped not only to look for Good News in the constant barrage of bad news in our world, but also that your and your household might become just a little more equipped to BE Good News for others in our community, as well.

Here's our schedule for "Good News in a Bad News World"

Sun., June 21 Introduction Psalm 23 & John 1:1-14

Sun., June 28 Noah's Ark Genesis 6 – 9

Sun., July 5 Jesus Calms the Storm Mark 4:35-41

Sun., July 12 Ezekiel & the Dry Bones Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sun., July 19 The Runaway Son Luke 15:11-32 Sun., July 26 Daniel & the Lions' Den Daniel 6:1-23

Sun., Aug. 2 Resurrection!

Question(s) for the Day: Ezekiel 37:1-14

- Ezekiel's vision sees God's people, Israel, as a hopeless pile of bones. Describe a time perhaps it's even been over the last 3+ months—when you've been "dry as a bone?" What did that feel like? Was there any "feeling" at all?
- 2. In Ezekiel's vision, any action toward relief only happens after Ezekiel "prophesies." That is, he delivers a Word from God, and things happen: bones are connected; the wind blows; those who are cut off and hopeless now stand on their feet and live. GOD'S WORD brings life to those dried up bones. Is there a piece of Scripture that is your "go to" in a tough spot?

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NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE & HOLY COMMUNION: Today we will begin a step back toward normalcy with the return of the Lord's Supper. There will be **2 ways** to receive this morning:

 Drive Up—Immediately following this morning's broadcast, both Pastor Mike & Pastor Kari will be out on 6th Avenue to distribute communion. You can come from either the north or the south.

Only Pastor Mike & Pastor Kari have handled the preparations for the meal with sanitized hands and masks on.

The elements of bread and wine will be handed to you at an arm's length, with our masks on, and having sanitized our hands immediately prior to distribution.

We will sanitize our hands again in between each vehicle.

Please keep and dispose properly of the communion cup you will be handed.

We will remain curbside for Holy Communion until about 10:45am.

• **At Home**—If you are unable to join us for the Drive Up Communion, <u>please make sure you</u> have bread and wine at home or wherever you are.

The bread can be bread of any kind—plain old "store bread," homemade, even crackers or anything that's bread-like.

Likewise, the wine can be either red or white, or, grapejuice.

<u>Please set aside a plate and cup—again, of any kind, from grandma's fine china to your regular, everyday dinnerware—and plan on using those and only those for the duration that we have to Holy Communion this way.</u>

Immediately following the Words of Institution at the end of the service, please serve the people with whom you living with the bread and wine, "The Body of Christ broken for you... the Blood of Christ shed for you."

If you are by yourself, receive in faith the presence of Christ in these extraordinary circumstances, who gathers us all together by God's grace: "The Body of Christ broken for you... the Blood of Christ shed for you.

PRELUDE – Barb Larsen

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS—FOR THOSE OF YOU WORSHIPING AT HOME, WE INVITE YOU TO SET ASIDE SMALL BOWL OF WATER TO SERVE AS YOUR BAPTISMAL FOUNT DURING THIS TIME. CHOOSE A BOWL THAT WILL "REMAIN" YOUR BOWL.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

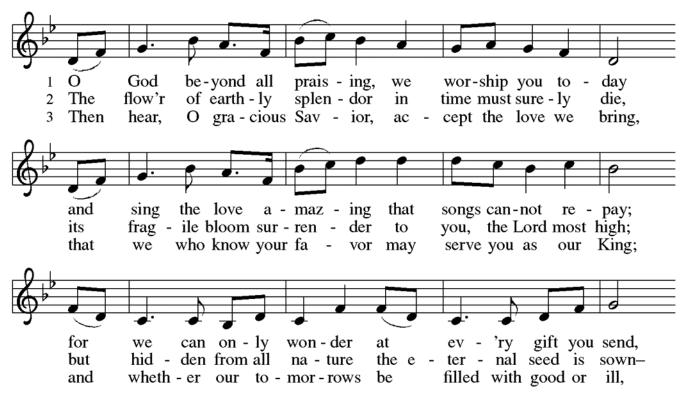
P Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Word of God tells us that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

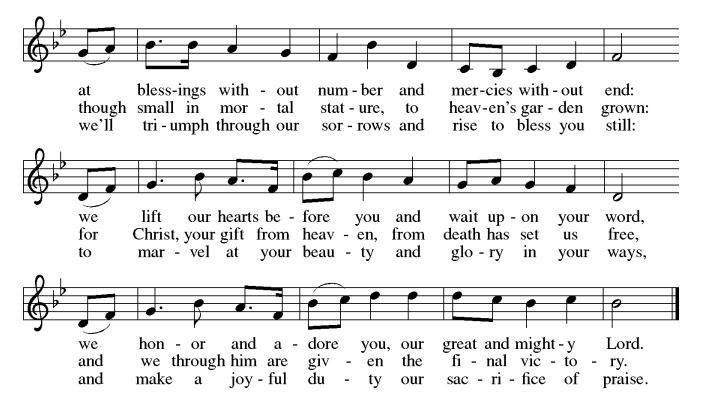
We pause in silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most Merciful God,
- C We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. But for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us. Renew us. And lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by the authority Jesus has given his Church to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

* OPENING HYMN | #880 "O God beyond All Praising"





* GREETING

- L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L Let us pray. (Silence is kept to gather all for prayer.)
- C O Lord, you come from the four winds and breathe life into us when our hearts seem dry as bones. When hope is lost in the burdens of the day, bring us back to the place where we can hear your voice calling, feel your spirit moving and see your word become flesh and dwell among us, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

EQUIP

THE WORD—Ezekiel 37:1-14

- R The reading comes from the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel, the 37th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones. ²He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. ³Then he asked me, "Son of man, can these bones become living people again?"

"O Sovereign LORD," I replied, "you alone know the answer to that."

⁴Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! ⁶I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

⁷So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. ⁸Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.'"

¹⁰ So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, 'We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.' ¹² Therefore, prophesy to them and say,

This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

KIDS' TIME—PASTOR MIKE

SERMON—PASTOR MIKE

* HYMN OF THE DAY | #763 "MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG"





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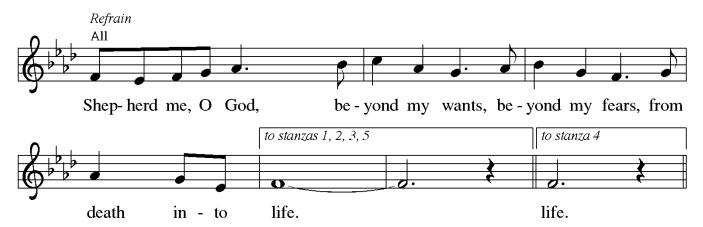
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH—PLEASE ADD YOUR PRAYERS TO OUR LIVEFEED COMMENTS.

AFTER EACH PETITION, ALL ARE INVITED TO SING THE REFRAIN INCLUDED HERE:



Let us pray for the Church, for the world, and each whom we know and love, according to their needs.

The prayers of the Church are offered.

The prayers are concluded with these or similar words:

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC | DENISE BACON

*OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves; our time; and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- * THE LORD'S SUPPER—Please see the notes at the beginning of this service for instruction for receiving communion this morning.
 - P In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it, and gave to all to eat saying, "Take and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same manner after the supper, Jesus took the cup and gave thanks. He gave for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

With this bread and cup... and the bread and cups and you have assembled at home... we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the foundation of our faith:

C Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

For those of you who are at home: may this the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in Christ's grace, from now to life everlasting.

C Amen.

Those communing at home are invited to serve one another: "The Body of Christ broken for you... the Blood of Christ shed for you."

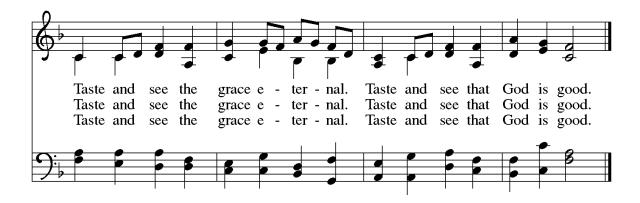
* SENDING BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN | #461 "ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY"





* INVITATION

P These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God. Come, for all is ready!

C Thanks be to God!

If you are planning on communing this morning, please start making your way to the Church!



A REMINDER ABOUT GENEROSITY IN THE SUMMER:

Our gratitude to God is extended to the people and leadership that has been offered during these extraordinary times. Eldon Johnson, Collin Miller, Bob Minks, and Pam Ross have been GODSENDS over this time in keeping an eye on the finances of our congregation, especially in filling out and submitting the application for the Payroll Protection Plan monies made available through the Federal government. Those proceeds have been

applied in the areas we were required to use them (mainly payroll), which helped us keep a healthy, positive cash flow up to this point.

But we are now entering what have been for us traditionally lean months of giving. And our faithfulness to God's calling, even in this time, is to be responsible for our financial commitments, not least of which include our ministry partners (like the Synod and Camp Onomia); our buildings (including, of course, our mortgage on Trinity Crossing); and of course, our staff! But we cannot be faithful to that calling without your trust and faithfulness in your generosity.

There are still any number of ways to give:

- **By Mail**—we have a reliable process for making sure that all offerings are out of the building every single day and deposited right way. It is safe, even with our mostly shuttered building.
- **By Drop Off**—Just to the right of the front doors of the church is a secure mail slot that is only accessible by lock and key on the inside of the church building. *If you must be out and about, you can drop your gifts off in the church mail slot.*
- On-line—You can <u>CLICK HERE</u> to give RIGHT NOW, if you want, and that gift can also be set-up to come in a recurring way. (This is the link you would follow from our website by clicking on the offering plate image there.) This is THE most efficient way of signing up for Simply Giving, which is administered by Vanco, one of the most secure e-commerce companies in the industry.
- Automatic Withdrawal—Contact your bank.

• **By App**—Both the Apple and Google Play app stores have a free app called "GivePlus." Once downloaded to your device, simply search for "Trinity Lutheran Church, Princeton, MN"; follow the directions for registering; and set-up your giving in whatever way works for your faithful generosity, one time, recurring, or whatever.

Thank you again for supporting God's mission for us, even in these times of separation and uncertainty.

Live Stream Fundraiser

As life gradually starts to move to our new normal, one thing that will not be changing any time soon is the need for Trinity to continue its live broadcast ministry. The Reentry Team has been busy working to create a plan for having in-person worship in the near future. However, full in person attendance is not likely for some time. As



we start allowing people to attend worship in person, the current live broadcast setup will not be manageable and a more permanent solution will be needed. When the budget for this year was being put together no one had even heard of the coronavirus. Since this is not something that was planned for, we are creating a special fundraiser specifically for raising funds for the equipment needed for a permanent live stream broadcast. We have created a two phase plan, and the details of each phase are listed below. If you want to be part of making this happen, please give online or mail your gift to the Church office at 111 6th ave N. Princeton, MN 55371. Be sure to mark your gift for <u>LiveStream</u>. Thank you.

Phase 1 consists of what is needed in order to broadcast the live stream on a permanent basis. The goal is to implement this phase as soon as possible, meaning when funds are available they will be used. Any funds not used for Phase 1 will be moved to Phase 2.

Phase 1 Goal: \$10,000

Equipment Needed:

- 2x computers (one for the live stream, one for the projection software)
- 2x 24" monitors for the computers
- 2x Cameras (one main view, one side area views)
- Projection software
- Network Equipment
- Cabinetry for an AV Station

Phase 2 is our long term vision for adding visual elements into worship. This will allow us to move away from printed materials and move toward pre-recorded announcements, preaching illustrations, adding seasonal color and art, music, etc. The goal for this phase is to have it available for the Christmas season.

Phase2 Goal: \$15,000

Equipment Needed:

- 2x 98" Television screens
- 1 65" Leaders monitor
- Mounting poles
- Hardware and cabling

THANKS!!

THE RETURN OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION—3 OPTIONS

1. AT-BUT-NOT-IN YOUR HOME:

 Pastors Mike & Kari will be in touch with you to see about your receptivity to figuring out a way to bring you Holy Communion in a safe, physically distant way from at least 6 feet away.



- We will be masked, for sure, and would be traveling both with cloth masks that you can have if you need as well as disposables that would be used during our time of Communion.
- We will be travelling with sanitary, pre-filled cups of wine and wafers.
- For your safety, we would not be entering your house. But can we meet you on your front step? How about in a shady spot in your yard? We'll be traveling with a collapsible TV tray where we can place the bread and wine and step back while you receive those signs of God's loving presence with you through Jesus.
- Liz will be helping the pastors by phoning you to see if she can arrange an appointment. Or, you may call ahead to arrange an appointment: Office: 763-389-2671 Pastor Mike: 763-333-4499 Pastor Kari: 701-509-3005

2. DURING OUR LIVESTREAM WORSHIP: SUNDAY, AUG. 9.

- We want to approach this way of receiving communion under these extraordinary circumstances
 in a reverential and worshipful manner. We suggest that you use a plate and cup that you would
 set aside <u>for this particular purpose</u> throughout the current situation of the pandemic.
- Similarly, you will need to gather your own bread and wine or grape juice. Regular bread or crackers are just fine. The color of the wine or grape juice doesn't matter.
- At the end of our livestream broadcast on **Sunday, Aug. 9**, the Pastors will gather us through the Words of Institution that remind us of this great gift for our lives of faith, "In the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus took bread and broke it...".
- Further instruction will take place during the service. <u>But 'Holy Communion' becomes Holy</u>
 <u>Communion with the words you see and hear proclaimed to you, "The body and blood of Christ, broken FOR YOU."</u> At that point, share the bread and wine with the others in your household. Or, receive it by yourself in the faith that the Word says what it truly IS: the presence of God's love in Jesus FOR YOU.

3. DRIVE-UP COMMUNION AFTER OUR LIVESTREAM WORSHIP: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9.

• At the end of our livestream broadcast on **Sunday**, **August 12**, the Pastors will gather us through the Words of Institution that remind us of this great gift for our lives of faith, "In the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus took bread and broke it...".

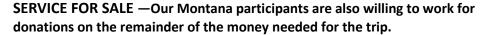
- As the service concludes, you are invited to drive to the church where the pastors will meet you
 on 6th Avenue. The elements will either be the sanitary pre-packed units or traditional wafers and
 cups prepared by the Pastors while masked and gloved.
- The pastors will remain curbside until about 10:45am.
- The elements will be handed to you in your car from an arm's-length distance. If there are others from your household with you in the vehicle, you will need to commune them by handing them their bread and wine.
- The pastors will offer a blessing for each vehicle.
- Please keep the cup and dispose of it on your own.
- The pastors will be masked and will use hand sani between each vehicle.

PIZZA & KIDS FOR SALE!!

(OK—there aren't ACTUALLY any kids for sale. But please read on!!)

PIZZAS FOR SALE—AGAIN THIS SUNDAY, July 12, from 10—11am, there will be a crew of our Montana Trip participants selling frozen Heggies Pizzas for \$10 for any pizza, while supplies last.

Simply drive up; pay; take it home; and enjoy.



- Lawn mowing
- Minor housework and repairs.
- Pet and/or plant care while you're on vacation, etc.

This is available from NOW through Wednesday, July 15. Later or longer can be negotiated, as well. If you are interested or needful of some work, contact Pastor Mike.

CHRISTIKON is open, and we are planning on departing **Saturday**, **July 18** to return on **Sunday**, **July 26**. We will be undertaking Creation Care service projects with the US Forest Service

Participants are: : Kayla Haux, Desirae Jensen, Sydney Negri, Pastor Kari, Pastor Mike, Anna Pancoast, Eleanor Pancoast, Molly Street, Hunter Warner, and Kasey Zimmerman







HELP WANTED WITH WORSHIP TO HELP SING & TO RUN SOUND/CAMERA—WE NEED YOU!!!

If you have been tuning in to our worship broadcasts, you know that the whole Pancoast family has been integral in helping to lead our worship services. (Thanks, Olsen, Laura, Anna, & Eleanor!!) They have helped with both singing and, occasionally, running the tech.



In addition, TLC member Fred Street has been our main tech guy, while our office admin, Liz Christensen has been running our camera. (Thanks, Fred & Liz!!)

However, with the onset of summer, that has changed. (Olsen & Laura have reported to Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana to begin training for a summer of ministry out there. Fred needs a little break every once in a while, as well, and so will Liz.)

SO HERE'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE TO SING—this will vary in number depending on who's on tap to provide
 special music. But for the foreseeable future, even as we move into Phase 3 in the Stay Safe MN
 plan and the potential for in-person worship, we will also continue livestreaming our services that
 include music. And the very nature of the potential for spread means that we will still be limiting
 the number of singers.
- A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE TO BE TRAINED IN on setting up the tech and running the sound for our Livestreams—it's not complicated or hard. But there some some steps.
- A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE TO BE TRAINED IN on running the camera—it's basically point and track "the action" and is not complicated or hard. We just need people!

IN ORDER TO DO THIS...

- WE ARE STILL KEEPING OUR NUMBERS TO 10 OR FEWER FOR OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICES.
- STILL--YOU MUST NOT be in a higher-risk category (i.e., 65-years or older; underlying healther conditions; etc.) or exhibiting symptoms (coughing; etc.)
- YOU MUST be able to practice good physical distancing—6 ft. or more.
- YOU MUST be able to wear a mask. (NOTE: For this past Sunday's service, all our worship leaders wore masks. Since we are introducing additional people to the equation, we will be requiring ALL of our worship leaders to wear masks going forward.)
- YOU NEED TO BE PRESENT NO LATER THAN 8:30AM on SUNDAY MORNING—WE WILL TRAIN YOU ON THE EQUIPMENT!! (DON'T WORRY—IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK.)
- IF YOU CAN HELP OUT—AND WE REALLY, REALLY NEED YOU TO HELP OUT—PLEASE CONTACT
 PASTOR MIKE (pastormike@trinity-princeton.org or 763-333-4499) ASAP, AND HE'LL FILL YOU IN WITH
 ANY OTHER DETAILS. THANKS!!!
 - OR—Check out your E-Trumpet and our website. THANKS!!

Prayer List

Members

Dorothy Bergstrom
Florence Botzek, family &
friends as they mourn the
loss of Ed Botzek
Jeri Ann Bredemus
Jim Dery
Susan Deyle

Susan Deyle Katey Donais

Dale & Pat Dunham, family & friends as they mourn daughter Kathy's death

Marlene Foss Adolph Hamann Marlys Hanson Phil Knapp Bruce Lacher

Tad Larsen Del Liestman

Jamie Lundberg

Chellis Matz

Steve Milam & family as they mourn the sudden loss of his brother David

Anikka Miller Jean Miller Emily Nelson Ed Peterson

The Family of Barb Raw as they mourn her death

Bev Reed Warren Reed

Gene Reierson & family as they mourn the loss of his mother

Dina Scandinato Cindy Schmatz Loren Schroeder

Carol Skare Matt Skarohlid

Brenda Smith

Anne Stevenson

Eric Strandberg

Joyce Tessmer
Prudence Tessmer & family

Ardy Tourville
Carol Warner
Chuck Warner
Barb Wicktor
Russ Wicktor
Dean Winslow
Ginny Winslow

Family Members & Friends

Peter Berry (Mary Berry's son)
Diane Boser (Friend of Dan &
Jean Anderson)
Gene Brown (Pastor Mike's

uncle) Jean Carlson (Chuck

Warner's sister)
Vira Carlson (Chuck & Ca

Virg Carlson (Chuck & Carol Warner's brother in-law)

Caitlin Christenson (Kenny & Joy Christenson's daughter in-law)

David Doerfler (Pastor Mike's uncle)

Rachel Fadden(friend of Ron & Judy Peterson/Jim & Jan Dery)

Jan Gale's daughter Jamie Joan Gessar (Courtney Hoppe's mother in-law) Marian Grow (LaDonna Olson's sister)

Shirley Heyns (Chellis Matz sister)

Dale Kannegiesser (Elaine Storck's friend)

Evelyn Kingma (June Kunkel's sister in-law)

Carol Kint (Ron Peterson/Jan Dery's sister)

Janet Kruetter (Joy Christenson's sister) Randall Lundgren (Debi's Pederson's nephew)

Bryce Murphy (friend of Marlowe Miller)

Esther Neussendorfer (Danette Scepurek's grandmother) Janice Omtvedt (Ingrid Bavier's mother) Elliott Pancoast (Pastor Mike's dad) Tracy Pidde (Princeton 3rd grade teacher) Justin Poorker (Jim & Jan Dery grandson) Amanda Ridout (friend of the Pancoast Family) Rob Savage (Friend of the Keller family) Robin Schmidt (Jan Gerth's daughter) Andy Struthers (Maria Barlage's brother) Patty Thul's Sister Sheri Stacy Turner (Marlowe & Jean Miller's daughter) Scott Wallin (Char Kramersmeier's son) Eric Webster (friend of the Morisset family) Ronda Wetzel (daughter of

Serving in the Military

Andrea & Ron Sandusky)

Andrew Anderson
Andrew Barthel
Claire Barthel
Jacob Benver
Brady Beauchamp
Eden Betzler
Ronald Duresky
Riley Forland
Derek Hanson
Anthony Mandt
Zachary Morisset
Ben Noard
Parker Pedersen
Jaden Thimmesch