

# Clippings Newsletter

Summer Issue

July & August 2011

Redeemer Lutheran Church

2384 E. Landis Ave Vineland, New Jersey

The Rev. Gary N. Stiegler



**Sunday 9:30am**

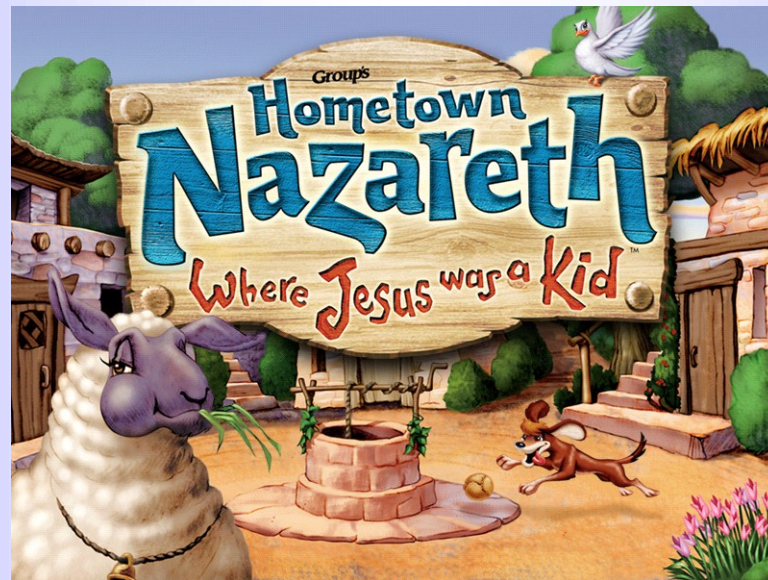
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**Wednesday**

**Night Live**

**6:30pm**

God's work. Our hands



## VBS Benefit Blueberry Bonanza

July 10

Following the 9:30am  
Service

Pints of hand-picked  
blueberries,  
pies, bread, cakes  
muffins, & cookies

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*Pre-order your  
pies or pints.*

*Information on page 6  
under VBS*

**Our Mission Statement:** *As a welcoming and nurturing community of faith we: invite all to celebrate Christ's love, empower one another to grow in Christ's love, share Christ's love as we minister to the world.*

**Our Vision Statement:** *Come and see, go and tell, the Good News for all!*

## *Our Staff*

**Pastor—Gary Stiegler**  
**Parish Administrator—Eileen Chiatello**  
**Music Director—Misty Fiske**  
**Business Assistant—Sarah Krug**  
**Maintenance—Carlos Rodriguez**

**Church Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday**  
**Phone 856-691-4278**

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**Eileen—[eileen@redeemerlutheran.net](mailto:eileen@redeemerlutheran.net)**  
**Sarah—[sarah@redeemerlutheran.net](mailto:sarah@redeemerlutheran.net)**

## *Council Members*

**President — Pastor Gary Stiegler**  
**Vice President — James Salvaryn**  
**Secretary — Harry Fisher**  
**Treasurer — To Be Determined**

**Brenda Ackley, Dawn Amari, James Clay, Mike Emmer, Heidi Flebbe, Martin Geisser, Michael Headley, Terry Love, Dale Nichols, Harry Nylund, and Roberta Romano**  
**Youth Representatives: (To Be Determined)**

***Have you remembered Redeemer in your Will?***

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## **PASTOR'S THOUGHTS**

### **Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob2**

*Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land He promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.'"- Genesis 50:24*

Maybe you've heard someone refer to God as the "God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." Why didn't He simply say, "the God of Jacob or the God of Israel, or the God of all people?"

Seminarians and theologians rack their brains about this sort of question. Scriptures don't really say why. From time to time we find a scripture verse that pops into our heads and we wonder about it. The Holy Spirit spins thoughts around in our heads, and maybe or maybe not, we find an answer to our question. Here are some thoughts that I have come up with on this question.

First, could it be that the Lord has given us a "type of trinity" in Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Abraham was considered a father figure to the nation of Israel. Isaac was the son who had to be sacrificed on the altar. Jacob was the man who had to learn to walk according to the Holy Spirit instead of his own flesh. Each of these patriarchs had a particular relationship with God to fulfill.

Moreover, I believe that what we also see in the patriarchs are examples of three distinct types of personalities. If the Lord had cited only one of the patriarchs, we would tend to seek to model that leader. However, the Lord has given us three distinct personalities in whom He performed His work. Abraham was the pioneer who ventured out into unknown territory and was considered righteous for his faith. Isaac was faithful to follow in his inheritance with few ups and downs in his life. He had the fewest calamities among the three. He was called simply to be faithful to what had been already given. Jacob had extreme conflict in his life. He suffered more "pit" experiences than either of his predecessors. He had much conflict in relationships that became the source of his inheritance. Each of us can identify with one of these men in how God has related to them. Maybe you can relate to these three types of people at Redeemer.

God works in each person's life uniquely, and He has provided examples of lives for us to identify with from the Scriptures. Who do you identify with most in your Christian pilgrimage? Discover this for yourself. You will find encouragement as you seek to learn from someone who has gone before you. *-Pastor Gary*

## IN AND AROUND THE PARISH

**New Address:** Helyn Utley, c/o Wally Utley, 107 Collingwood Place, Monroeville, PA 15146

**Hospitalized:** Adele Mole (Cape May C.H. Rehab), Dick Shenton, Ginny Workman

**Recently Hospitalized:** Oz Schumacher, Paul Hering, Helenanne Matlack, Margaret Weiss

**Remember in Prayer:** Dale & Christine Johnston as they recover from a serious auto accident

**Expressions of Sympathy:** to the Donahue family upon the death of the Rev. Thomas Donahue; to Orville & Gerry Strang on the loss of their sister-in-law Barbara Graham.

**Congratulations:** to Martin & Serena (Motter) Hernandez upon the birth of Evan James on May 27. Evan is the great-grandson of Alice Motter; to the Kenyon family upon the birth of Gavin Michael on June 19. Gavin is the son of Tara Kenyon and the grandson of David & Sheryl Kenyon.

## RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

**Wedding:** Cynthia Smith and Guy Wiener on July 26th

**Baptisms:** Lindsey Theresa Kressley, daughter of Douglas and Kelly Kressley, on June 5; Brooklyn Stenger Betancourt, daughter of Thomas & Nicole Betancourt, on June 5; Shane Alexzander King, son of Kyle King & Jessica Banvat on June 12.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

**Robert Christopher Romano** from Vineland High School on June 21, Summa Cum Laude with a class rank of 7 out of 709. Robert will be attending Gettysburg College on an Academic Scholarship in the Fall.

**Ryan G. Steinbronn** from Vineland High School on June 21 Cum Laude. Ryan plans to continue his education at Cumberland County College.

**Olivia Wallace** from Millville High School on June 21. Olivia will be traveling south to attend the University of Southern Florida.

**Rachel Hoffman** from Gloucester County Institute of Technology. She will be working for the summer and going on to Gloucester County

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Name of Children including DOB and Grade Completed:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person and Telephone Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information

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Number of people planning to attend dinner at 5:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to stay for the Adult Bible Study? ( ) Yes ( ) No

## COMMITTEE CORNER

### **\*Important information about our weekly offering envelopes\***

Beginning on July 1, there will no longer be General Fund and Building Fund envelopes. Instead, there will be one Offering Envelope. The contributions you make to God's work here at Redeemer will simply be put into one envelope. Our church's financial needs are still great, and we need each of you to do your best to help us continue to do God's work through our hands. Our best efforts to cut expenses are not enough. Please take this opportunity to rededicate yourself to giving to your church so we may continue the good work of Redeemer. If you have any questions, ask any Council member or a member of the Finance Committee.

God Bless and see you Sunday...*Dan Cherwien*

**Congratulations to our Council members** who were elected by the congregation at the Semi-Annual Meeting on June 26: (new) *Dawn Amari, Mike Emmer, and Terry Love*; (returning) *James Clay, Michael Headley, Dale Nichols, Harry Nylund and Roberta Romano*.

**The Property Committee** is looking for someone to cut the grass the week of July 16 and trim the bushes anytime during July. Contact Jeff Lambert at 609-364-4415.

**Hospital Visitation:** Ginny Workman has volunteered to visit church members who are in the hospital.

*\*A note from Pastor Gary concerning members who are in the hospital:* If you wish to have a pastoral visit, please contact the office and give a contact name and number so I can make plans to stop and see you. It is also helpful if you list yourself as Lutheran on any admission paperwork.

We are looking for someone to reactivate the church **Cradle Roll**. This involves recording the names of our baptized infants, mailing them birthday cards, and sending an invitation to Sunday School when they reach the age of three.

**The Sunday School Grapevine** located in Fellowship Hall needs to be updated. This is a great summer project for an artistic person. It would simply be painting over the names of the "children" who are now adults, and placing the names of our current Sunday School students on the leaves. Please speak to Pastor Gary if interested.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars Program

Between January and May, 2011, several church members have allocated \$1,221 to Redeemer through the Choice Dollars Program. This applied to members of Thrivent, Lutheran Brotherhood and AAL who pay monthly insurance premiums, or hold stocks and/or annuities. If all of our benefit members would allocate their Choice Dollars to Redeemer, we could receive over \$4,000 in a single year!

To request a portion of your funds for Redeemer, simply notify the Thrivent home office at 800-847-4836 or go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). You will need your account number and social security number. There is no cost to you for this program.

Thank you for your continued support of our church's ministries.

### **(Committee Corner continued from page 2:)**

The **Men's Breakfast** was well attended by nineteen men who enjoyed a wonderful morning of conversation and fellowship while feasting on a buffet at Larry's II Restaurant. It was a time for everyone to get to know each other better. A special welcome to new members Mike Emmer and Jim Clay Jr. and his son Cole. Look for another breakfast in the Fall.

### **A synopsis of the motions that were approved at the June Council Meeting:**

- The bill for Gary's Lawn Service be paid with dividends from the Endowment Fund
- The Rental fee for the apartment should be \$900 with a reduction of \$300 for 40 hours of work on Redeemer property by the tenant.
- That 10% (\$3,000) of the money from the estate of Iris Hoag be forwarded to the NJ Synod and the remainder (\$27,000) be deposited in the bank.
- Patty Burns be added to the Deacon's list.

## POSTIVE CHANGE SUNDAYS

**The Pastor's Discretionary Fund** received over \$300 to give a hand up to families with emergencies both within the parish and in the community.

### July 10: Christus Lutheran Academy

A Christian High School located in Camden, Christus Academy provides an excellent Christian education in a safe place. Graduates are prepared for either college or a career. Christus Academy also partners with Hopeworks 'N Camden to provide training in technology and job readiness skills. Christus Academy is a partner ministry with Christus Lutheran Church.

### August 7: Family Promise

This national non-profit organization assists religious and community organizations in developing programs to help homeless families. Redeemer is part of a local network of churches that provide temporary housing, meals, and interaction with the families. The churches unite with area social service agencies and a day care center to help homeless families find a more stable way of life.

### Fall Positive Change Designations:

September 11—Half the Sky Adoption Foundation  
October 2—Lutheran Social Ministries  
November 6—Luther Acres Christmas Party  
December 4—Lakeside Christmas Gifts



The church has a large cherry wood armoire that contains a desk for sale. It is located in the Manor House. For a \$100 donation, you can relocate it to your own office or home. Please call Eileen at 856-691-4278. Proceeds will benefit the church office fund and be used to upgrade our aging computer systems. Thank you!

## THANK YOU

Clippings Crew: *Ann Bradbury, Liliya Balodis, Marilyn Gressman, Jean Holshue, and Gertrude Raymond.*

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To everyone who supported the Yard Sale Office Fund Raiser by donating, buying, purchasing a space, setting up, cleaning up, directing traffic, or in any other way were a part of our great sale, we want to thank you! Because of your kindness, we were able to raise \$700 to purchase new computer equipment and/or programs.

*-Eileen Chiatello and Diana Russell*

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We now live in the Veterans Home with no garden for ourselves. We would like to thank the church for the flowers received yesterday. We enjoyed the flowers very much. When I had the gardens, Dotty would always have some in the house that she picked.

*-Dotty & Clif Anderson*

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A sincere thank you to everyone who donated items to the Boxes for Soldiers. There were puzzle books, games, mini-footballs, and cartoons as well as personal care items and snacks. Thank you to Arlene Cherwien and Valerie Caverow for packing the boxes. We mailed out eight boxes to our Redeemer soldiers and had enough items to send two additional care packages to our troops serving overseas.

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the June work day and /or volunteered to be on the Summer Sod Squad.

*-Jeff Lambert*

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Rose Castellano and Paul Hering would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Dick and Doris Allewelt for their home visits and the flowers from the altar in May. It is wonderful how the little things in life really do make a difference.

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Dear Friends,

Many thanks to all who generously supported the "Dancing with the Synod Stars" event. Christus Academy will receive \$2,295 from this fund raising event. Your support of the ministry of Christus Academy is deeply appreciated.

*Grace & Peace—Karen Bernhardt*

## AND MORE THANKS...

Dear Redeemer Family,

Thank you for your prayers and get-well wishes as I recover from my recent surgery. What a pain in the neck! *-Helenanne Matlack*

Thank you so much for supporting us during the first annual PUSH Walk by the Vineland Soup Kitchen Auxiliary held on Saturday, May 21, 2011. There was a great turnout for it's first time - around 30 walkers all together. Ania and I walked the 5 miles in one hour and 45 minutes. We also celebrated another small victory of having the most sponsors which earned us a *Wawa* gift card.

Ania and I raised \$125.00 in sponsorships and PUSH brought in \$750.00 the day of the walk. Combined with additional fundraising, the Soup Kitchen of Vineland Auxiliary was given \$3,000.00.

We are so inspired to walk again next year and in doing so we hope to raise twice as much money. If you would like to walk with us next year, please let me know. Thank you again! *~Sarah & Ania Krug*

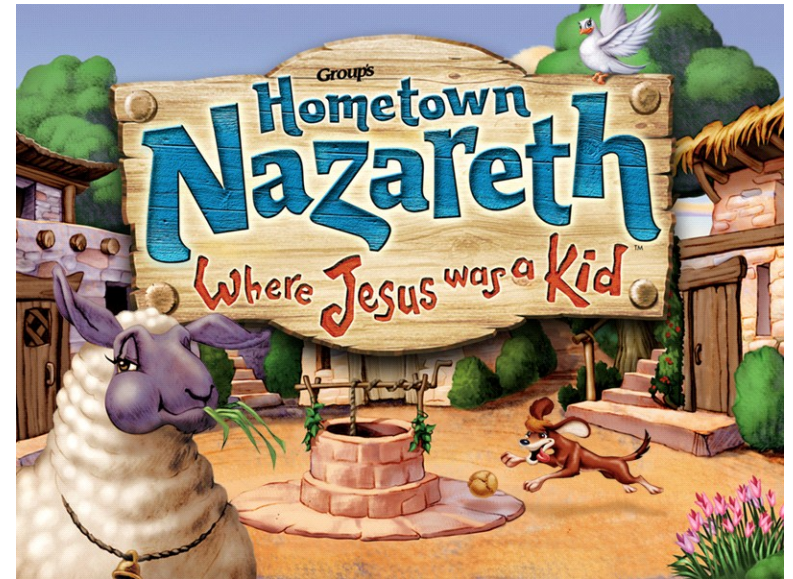
The following youth and adult advisors attended the **Jr. Youth Servant Mission Trip** in Washington, D.C. June 28-July 2: *Andrew Bretnall, Jenna Garrett, Hannah Salvaryn, Georgia Salvaryn, Ian Simek, Brenda Ackley, Karen Bernhardt and Pastor Gary.* Our group joined with 56 other NJ Synod youth groups. We would like to thank the Redeemer congregation for all your prayers and support in preparation for this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you to Dick and Doris Allewelt for planting the red geraniums around the church property after Pentecost Sunday.

*Caitlin Geisser  
Roberta Romano  
Jane Berger  
Sheryl Kenyon  
Lisa Rishel  
Tina Taylor  
Pam Zaak  
Liz Taylor  
Andrew Taylor  
Beth Davis  
Lauren Geisser*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 25—29 for Ages 3 to 11

Dinner at 5:30pm (Free will offering)

Program 6:00 to 7:45pm (Free)

Adult Bible Study during program hours

This fun-filled week includes connecting with who Jesus was as a child, meeting Mary and her neighbors, working on a mission project (malaria nets for families in Africa), and exploring the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of a Nazareth market. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or on the inside cover of the *Clippings*.

Support the VBS Blueberry Bonanza Fund Raiser on July 10th! Pints of fresh picked blueberries, pies, cakes, muffins, bread, and cookies for sale after the 9:30am Worship Service. Pre-order a pie (\$7.00) or pint of blueberries (\$3.00) before July 3rd by calling Sheryl Kenyon (696-2606), Beth Davis (981-1956), or Jane Berger (358-1015).

## GOOD NEWS

### ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

Would you find it helpful to have your offering debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Redeemer offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply contact the church office and complete and return an electronic giving authorization form to get started.

### BULLETIN BOARDS

There is a new look at Redeemer these days. Bulletin boards have replaced bare boring walls. They are located by the water fountain and in the hallway next to the choir room, and they contain information about the life of our church. We would also like to include photographs of our military family. If you have a photograph, please feel free to bring it to the church office, along with a brief bio, so we can get acquainted with those who are serving our country.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Redeemer will host this annual event in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 31, from 1:30 to 7:30pm. This is a critical time of year for blood donations so please come and invite family and friends along.



Redeemer is marching in the Vineland 150th Anniversary parade on Sunday, August 7, beginning at 5:00pm. Our theme is *Redeemer Lutheran Church: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*. We are hoping to have 150 church participants. We would also like three vehicles that would fit into the categories of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Order your t-shirt for \$10.00 and join the fun! A sign up sheet is located on the new bulletin board in the hallway opposite the choir room. You may also contact Diana Russell at 856-327-2197 or dtmg516@yahoo.com.



The choir would like to thank EVERYONE who supported our first Strawberry Festival! With the proceeds I was able to purchase 5 new anthems for mixed choir and 4 new men's anthems. The selections include a few patriotic and holiday pieces and some favorite choral standards. We hope to include some new music in our worship very soon.

As the summer begins and our choir season ends, I would like to let everyone know what we have planned for the summer. First of all, I would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining the choir ONE DAY ONLY to come and sing with us on July 3rd as we celebrate our freedom together. We will have one rehearsal on Thursday, June 30, at 7pm for this event. Please come and join us!

As we begin our 9:30am worship services, I am looking for individuals or groups interested in doing special music over the summer. I have many dates available, so please let me know if you, or someone you know, are interested in participating in a more personal and musical way. Also, we will be keeping the *Kyrie* the same for the summer. Since it is familiar, and most of us know it quite well, I would love to have volunteers to chant on Sundays. If you would like to do it, but not alone, please let me know. Since our worship service is for everyone, I feel it is important to give as many people as are willing the opportunity to participate in whatever way is comfortable. Some things to look for this summer include the following:

- additional choir music for the July 3rd service.... songs that reflect our patriotism
- a visit from the Trojan Alumni Chorus.
- instrumental and vocal special music provided by our members
- a few friends of Redeemer willing to share special music with us
- added vocal and instrumental music to our regular worship service including offertories, anthems, and communion music

Looking ahead—we are hoping to have a concert at some point featuring the Philadelphia Brigade Band, a Civil War Era Brass Band. Also, I would like to have a "bring your instrument Sunday," where we all get together and create an ensemble from our congregation, featuring the skills of our various members. And there is always more to come....

I am very thankful for the opportunity to worship with you every Sunday, and I look forward to finding ways that we can enhance our worship together. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with comments or questions.

-Misty Fiske and Redeemer Choir

## JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

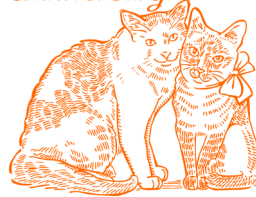
- 2 Darius Panagiotopoulos  
Dawn Sapsai  
3 Linda Burke  
Ellen Jones  
Sarah Koering  
4 Dona Dute  
6 Karen Sironen  
Michael Stierle  
7 Harry Fisher  
Johnny Hoffman  
8 Elizabeth Taylor  
9 Andriana Levari  
10 Josph Drogo  
Scott Lomber  
Robert Wallace III  
11 Peter Chinnici  
Marilyn Gressman  
Jada Williams  
Vanessa Williams  
12 Lisa Rosario  
14 Heidi Flebbe  
Kelly Halter  
Robert Stenger  
15 Erling Anderson  
Lexilee Esquilin  
Jennie Martorano  
16 Deborah Haugen  
17 John Petyan  
18 Martha Frank  
19 Berla Uber  
20 Danielle Fanfarillo  
21 Dustyn Petyan  
22 John Haenn  
Shannon Merlock  
23 Lisa Geisser  
24 Kelsey Burns  
Susan Cherwien  
25 Sara Benson  
26 Alana Preidt  
27 Christa George  
Boyd Myers Jr.

This  
Month's  
Birthdays



- 28 Fredda Myers  
29 Regina Boehm  
Darlene Morvai  
30 Frank Benson  
31 May Lehtonen

*Celebrating an  
Anniversary*



- 3 Erling and Irene Anderson  
William and Michele Loeschke  
5 Richard and Doris Allewelt  
10 Seth and Beth Davis  
12 Daniel and Judy Vivarelli  
15 Kenneth and Karen Golway  
17 Chris and Dale Nichols  
19 Robert and Gayle Penven  
29 Andrew and Shannon Merlock Jr  
30 Irwin and Barbara Auer



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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 William Loeschke  
Douglas Wiese  
2 Tammy Williams  
3 Douglas Gilbert  
Gloria Hauser  
Natalie Krokos  
4 Virginia Edmeads  
7 Madelynn Bernhardt  
8 Georgia Salvaryn  
9 Frank Benson II  
9 Kendric Shollenberger  
Richard Taylor  
10 Kristin Kenyon  
Ross Romano  
11 Teri Drogo  
Andrew Taylor  
12 Thomas Allewelt  
Fred Nurge  
13 Frank Benson III  
13 Stan Linkiewicz  
Scott Shollenberger  
16 Gertrude Raymond  
18 Joan Freimanis  
Jena Wiese  
19 Barbara McDevitt  
21 Dawn Amari  
Ann Bradbury  
Martin Caverow  
22 Nicholas Bernhardt  
23 Mary Ann Koch  
24 Diane Salvaryn

- 26 Jeff Lambert  
Heather Stenger  
27 Dana Marino  
28 Aimee Cervini  
29 Sheryl Kenyon  
Kellie Slade  
30 Nancy DiSanto  
31 James Clay Jr.  
Doris Perino



- 1 Fritz-Karl and Joyce Von Reuter  
4 John and Nancy Manzoni  
9 Brian and Betsy Harrison  
Terry and Eileen Love  
16 Tom and Heidi Flebbe  
20 Anthony and Dana Marino  
27 Daniel and Bonnie Leslie  
28 Richard and Deborah Stoehr  
29 Orville and Geraldine Strang  
30 Douglas and Lisa Rishel



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