SAINT JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

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The Rev. Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector
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Mission of Saint John's:
To be a welcoming community committed to seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.

Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating and life-giving God.
St. John's welcomes all to our diverse, inclusive and affirming community.

How to Worship with Us – Welcome to Saint John's, Concord! We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. This bulletin contains our readings and page numbers to use our Book of Common Prayer (smaller black book with gold cross). We use three hymnals: the red *Hymnal 1982* (these hymns are noted with "Hymnal"), the black *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (hymns are designated by LEVAS), and the green *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (designated by WLP). Some of our service music is printed on a separate card (*see pew card*). Please fill out one of the visitors' cards in the pew or use the QR code so that we can help you get to know Saint John's. **Restrooms are located in the building across the drive.**

Holy Eucharist Rite II

— GATHERING —

We prepare our hearts for worship in quiet prayer, prelude and song. Kindly refrain from talking for this time.

Prelude ***I Wonder When He Comes Again*** **arr Jason Tonioli**

Processional Hymn ***Signs of Ending All Around Us*** **WLP 721**

1 Signs of endings all around us—
darkness, death, and winter days
shroud our lives in fear and sadness,
numbing mouths that long to praise.
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us!
Hear our cries, come set us free.
Give us hope and faith and gladness.

Show us what there yet can be.

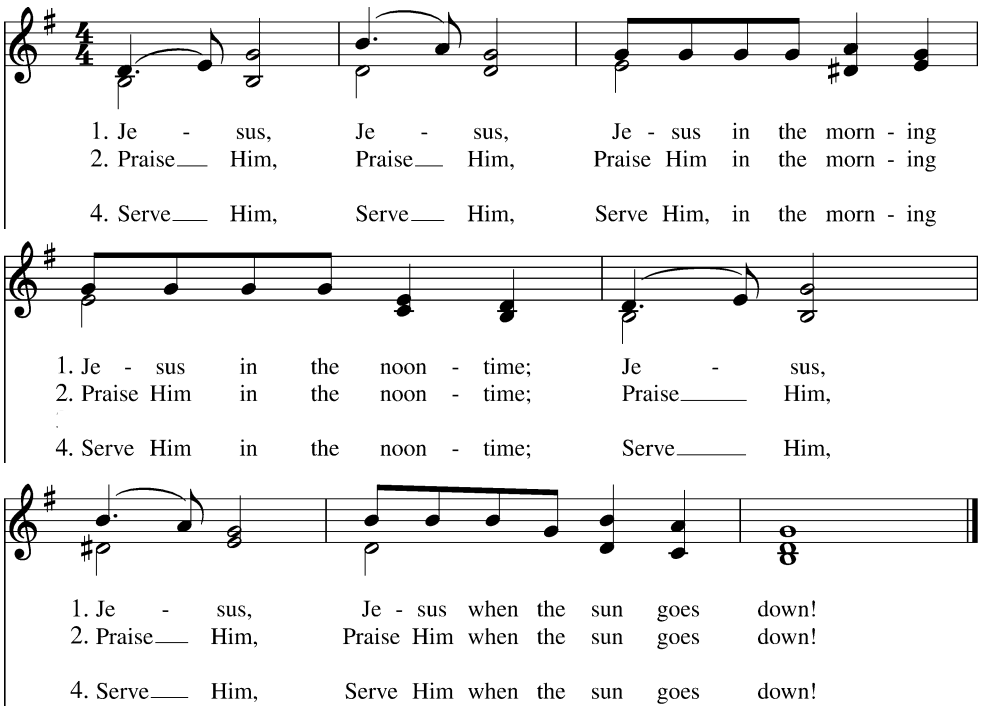
2 Can it be that from our endings,
new beginnings you create?
Life from death, and from our rendings,
realms of wholeness generate?
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them
into hopes for life anew:
Fading light and dying season
sing their Glorias to you.

3 Speak, O God, your Word among us.
Barren lives your presence fill.
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness,
terrors calm forebodings still.
Let your promised realm of justice
blossom now throughout the earth;
your dominion bring now near us;
we await the saving birth.

Signs of endings all around us, #721 from *Wonder Love and Praise* — Words: Dean W. Nelson (b. 1944). Music: *Ton-y-Botel,* Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

Opening Acclamation
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Song of Praise *(see pew card)* ***Jesus in the Morning*** **LEVAS 76 v. 1,2,4**



Collect of the Day
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Sunday School **Ms. Margie Hatcher**
Children process to Sunday School and will return in time to receive Communion.

— WORD OF GOD —

The First Lesson **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Reader: A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading ***Attendite, populе*** **Psalm 78:1-7**

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, *
and the wonderful works you have done.

5 You gave your decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which you commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in you, *
and not forget your deeds,
but keep your commandments;

The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

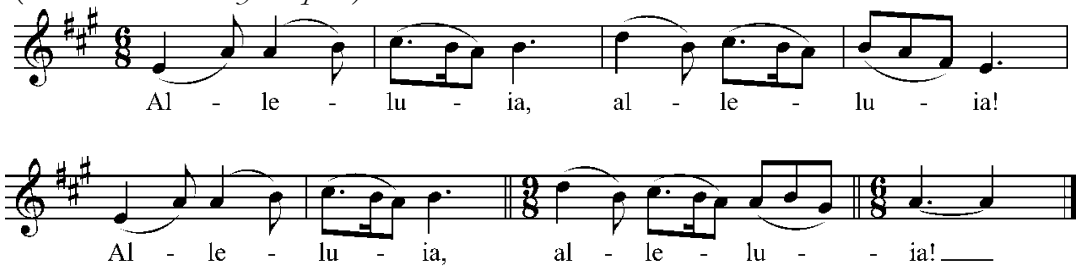
Lector: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People*: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Praise *(Please stand in body or spirit) See Pew Card* ***Celtic Alleluia*** *(sing twice)*



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The Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon: Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish

took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Repeat Gospel Song: Celtic Alleluia

The Sermon **Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel**

Nicene Creed *(Please stand in body or spirit)* **BCP p. 358**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Every Perfect Gift *Stewardship 2027*

Reader: In gratitude for all we have received, every perfect gift that comes from God above, we pray for the Church, founded on the gift of your Word, and for all who gather to worship, praise, and learn. Pour your blessings on Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, Presiding Bishop; our Bishop Daniel, and our clergy Jill, Terry, and Elizabeth, and Padre Miguel. Pray for the Church.
May we who witness your saving acts in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift,
People: Which comes from God above.

Reader: We pray for the world, your greatest Gift to us, and the gift of all Creation. We pray for the welfare of our planet, and for the wise stewardship of our world. Bless and guide our President, our legislative and judicial institutions, and the members of our local government. May they forever care for the people they represent and work for peace and justice.
May we who witness your power in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift,
People: **Which comes from God above.**

Reader: We pray for the work of our church in the world. As we enter this season of intention and focus on the gifts that we give, inspire us to be generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure.
May we who witness the impact of our gifts in our community be grateful for Every Perfect Gift,
People: **Which comes from God above.**

Reader: We pray for our neighbors and those on our prayer list. We remember the sick, the lonely, the suffering; for all who give care and comfort to those in need; for the poor and those who sleep on our streets; and for those who have died. We pray for those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts *[silence may be kept for a time]*.
May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift,
People: **Which comes from God above.**

Reader: We give thanks for the gifts of time, talent and treasure given by the people of Saint John's. This week we lift up our choir, altar guild, lectors, chalicists, ushers, and Tech Team
May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift,
People: **Which comes from God above.**

Reader: With grateful hearts we thank you, Abundant God, for hearing the faithful prayers of your people, granting them grace, love and blessings for Every Perfect Gift.
People: **Amen.**

The PEACE *Ministers and the People may greet one another with waves and peace signs.*

Children return from Sunday School

Welcome & Announcements

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer *(Prayer #51, BCP p. 830) See pew card.*

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up when *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Choir Offertory ***O Holy Spirit by Mary Louise Bringle*** **arr. Barry Rose**

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—HOLY COMMUNION —

The Great Thanksgiving **Eucharistic Prayer D** **BCP, p. 372**

Please stand for the Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. ***People:*** **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. ***People:*** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

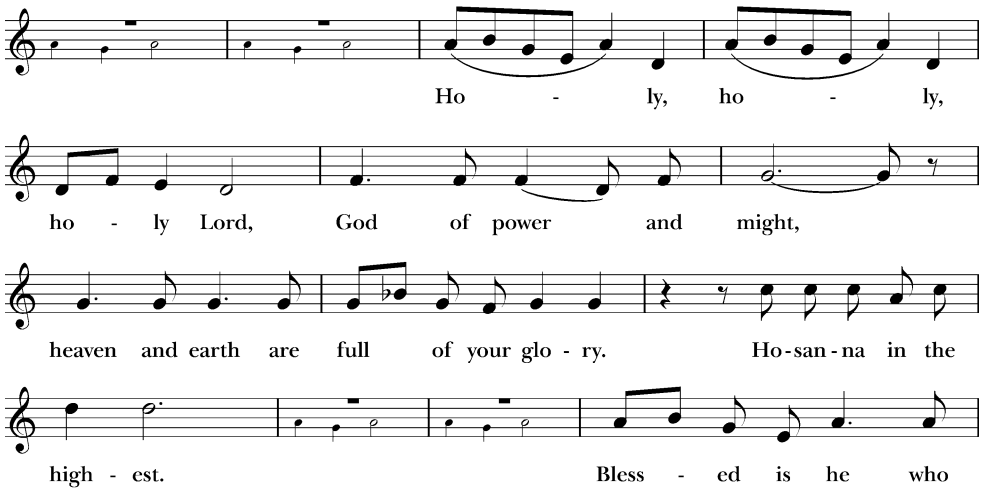
Then the Celebrant continues **BCP, p. 373**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Communion Sanctus **Hymnal S-128**





The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]
[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]
[Remember _____.]
[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant:

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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*
Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem *(See Music Pew Card)* ***Thank You, Lord*** *(Sung twice)* **LEVAS 232**

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's Table wherever you are on your journey to know God more fully.
We have two Chalices: for dipping your wafer, please remain at the altar rail; to sip wine, please visit the Chalicist at the organ.
We have gluten-free wafers for those that need them; please let the Priest know.
Healing Prayer will be offered in the Sacristy during Communion.

Communion Hymn ***Tis a Gift*** **Hymnal 554**
(sing twice)

1 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn, will be our delight
till by turning, turning we come round right.

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, #554 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

Communion Anthem ***God So Loved the World*** **Piano Solo**

Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand in body or spirit)* **BCP, p. 365**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

— SENDING —

Blessing

Recessional Hymn ***We Are Marching in the Light of God*** **WLP 787**

1. We are marching in the light of God,
   We are marching in the light of God,
   We are marching in the light of God,
   We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
   We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
   We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
   We are marching, marching we are marching, marching,
   We are marching in the light of God.

2. We are singing in the light of God….

3. We are dancing in the light of God…

Dismissal – *The Deacon sends us into the mission field. Worship has ended; our service to God and our neighbors begins.*

Postlude ***Blessed Assurance***

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Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev. Jill Laroche Wikel *Deacon:* Rev. Elizabeth Brickle
Organist: Laura Seidelmann *Choir Director*: Martin Hinkley
Eucharistic Minister: Martha Pearlman *Lector:* Phil Thompsen
Unvested Eucharistic Minister: Betsy Billigmeier
Crucifer: John Pachkowski
Tech Team: Bill Klingler, Phil Thompsen, Alex Brickle & Patti Doyle

Altar Guild: Tracey Payne & Maggie Hibbs
Counters: Bill Angus, Carol Angus & Nancy McKean

Parish Weekly Prayer List

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Please keep the following people in your prayers

Mildred T. Daniel S. (Navy) Rylin B. (Army) Eric B. Barry E. Vernon O. Terry A. Remi S.(Navy) Jim K. Jonah M. (Navy) Susan F. Norah S. Donna T. John D. Shelby D. Leeza K. Celi C. David S. Mary Wilma S. Gerry T. Miriam S. Nancy D.

For the concerns on our hearts and for those who have no one to name them.

Birthdays: Colin Lynam Bill Angus Barbara Kelly Lynn Olivieri Reed Moyer Grace Flanigan Beth Torrens Marissa DiVirgilio Alexandra Stoops Emily Olsen Katelyn Sharp Darree Clark

Anniversaries: Bernie & Debbie Miller; Maria & John Warlow; Hope & Joseph Diehl