

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) 303 N. Green Bay Rd Thiensville, WI 53092

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Worship services: Sundays at 9am, Tuesdays at 12:10pm

Easter Worship Services 8am and 10am



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CHURCH STAFF

Bill Beyer - Pastor Sandy Luettgen - Administrative Asst. Fred Lynk - Custodian Brian Dearing - Organist/Music Director Shonda Schaff - Nursery Attendant

<u>Our Mission</u>: "Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith, and care for all creation."

<u>Welcome to Worship</u>: We encourage visitors to talk with our pastor following worship! Know that you are always welcome to join us for worship! If you are interested in becoming a member at any time, please contact the pastor.

<u>Communion Instruction</u>: Jesus Christ, present in this Meal of bread and wine, invites every person to share in Holy Communion, especially children. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will come forward in an orderly fashion, receive a piece of bread, and then select either the red wine or the white grape juice and return to your seat. *Gluten-free wafers are also available; talk to the pastor if you require gluten-free*. If you would prefer not to commune today, you are welcome to come forward with your hands crossed to receive a blessing instead. If you would like your children to receive communion instruction prior to sharing in this Meal, please talk with the pastor before or after worship.

<u>Offering</u>: Offerings are not taken during worship. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary and one near the front for you to drop an offering when you come up for communion. You may also scan the QR code on this page to give online.

<u>Hearing Assistance Available</u>: This facility is equipped with a hearing-assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

<u>Nursery Available</u>: We love to have children in worship with us. For those that play quietly there is a space for them to play with quiet toys in worship (the Pray-ground). A separate staffed nursery is provided for healthy children that are more active and like to be a bit louder.

(♦ = The congregation is invited to stand)

PRELUDE (Pam Johnson, Piano)

- 1. Lloyd Larsen (arr.), "Be Still My Soul (with Be Still and Know)" (2010) Tune (includes): Finlandia
- 2. Lloyd Larsen (arr.), "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (2010) Tune: Olivet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Pam Johnson, Piano) Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849), "Chorale" section from Nocturne Op. 15, No. 3

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Please stand)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God....and heals our lives. C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin Have mercy, O God, C: against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

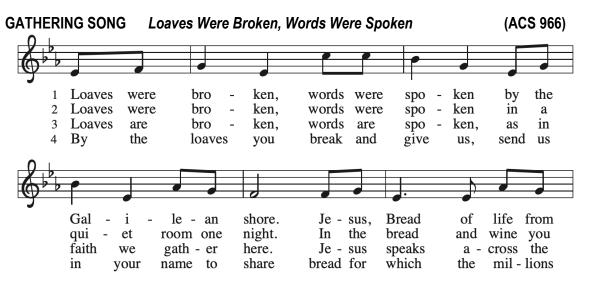
P: As tender as parent to child....with mercy and love. C: Blessed be God forever.

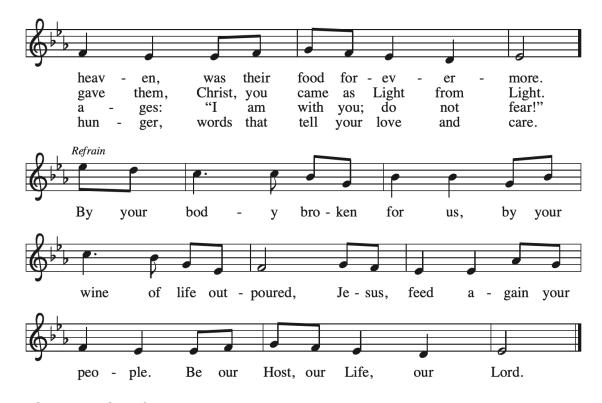
◆ **GREETING** (*Please stand*)

◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY (Please stand)

P: Let us pray. (Silence is kept for reflection) Gracious God.....Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.





FIRST READING 2 Samuel 11:1-15

¹ In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

² It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³ David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴ So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. Then she returned to her house. ⁵ The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

⁶ So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.

⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. ⁸ Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹ But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰ When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" ¹¹ Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as

your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." ¹² Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, ¹³ David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵ In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

L: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 14

Refrain:



- L: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does any good.
- C: The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.
- L: They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.
- C: Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD? R
- L: See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.
- C: Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the LORD is their refuge.
- L: Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME



Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

♦ GOSPEL John 6:1-21

P: The holy gospel, according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (The gospel is announced)

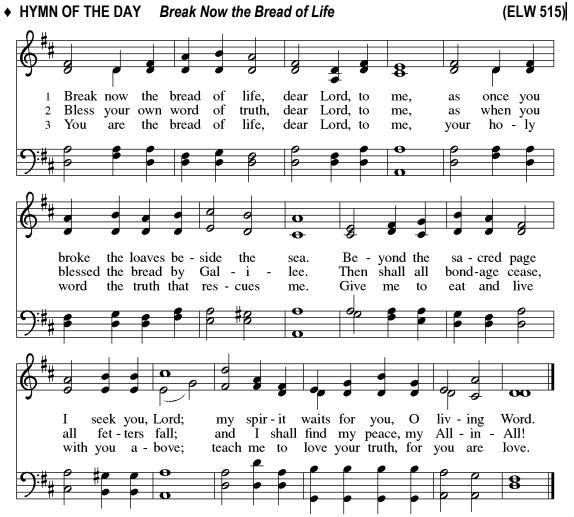
¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁶ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁶ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



HOLY BAPTISM

- P: People of God, do you promise.... their new life in Christ? C: We do.
- P: Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?
- C: 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 to the dead.* 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.

- P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.
- P: We give you thanks.... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**
- P: Samuel, I baptize.....the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray. We give you thanks...both now and forever. **C: Amen.**
- P: Samuel, child of God......cross of Christ forever. C: Amen.
- P: Let your light so shine.....Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: ioin us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P: God of mercy, C: hear our prayer.
- P: Holy God, holy and mercifulJesus Christ our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

♦ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Please stand)

- P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.





P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.....the mystery of faith:

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

P: O Divine Lover.... Come, Holy Spirit. C: Come, Holy Spirit.

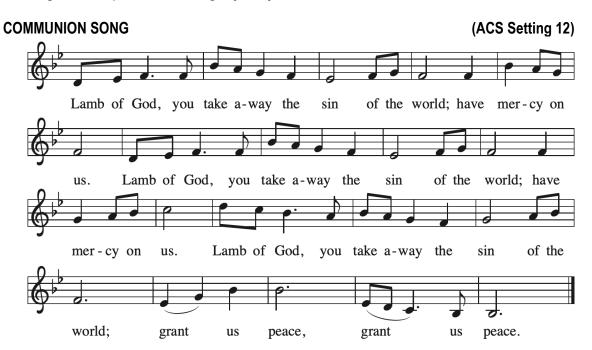
P: Bless us, O Lord..... Come, Holy Spirit. C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: At this table.... Come, Holy Spirit. C: Come, Holy Spirit.

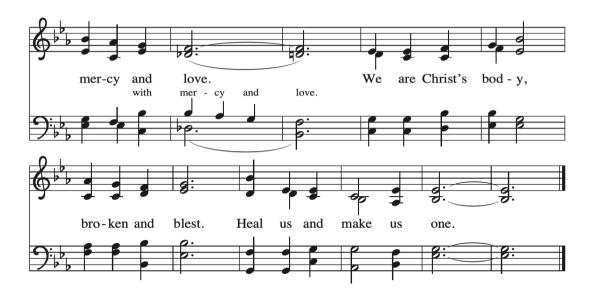
P: Praise to you.... now and forever. C: Amen.

◆ THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please stand)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



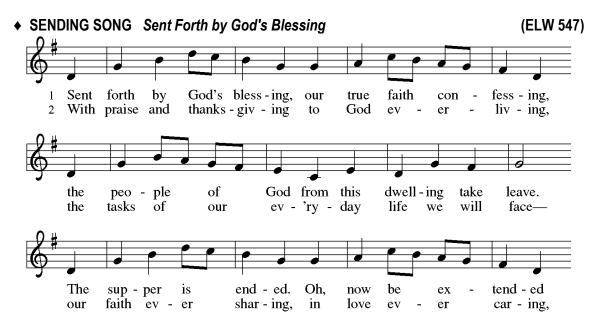




PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

♦ BLESSING (Please stand)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you....+ give you peace. C: Amen.





◆ **DISMISSAL** (Please stand)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (Pam Johnson, Piano) Lloyd Larsen (arr.), "Jesus Loves Me" (2010) Tune: Jesus Loves Me

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MUSIC NOTES:

Today's music for worship is led by Pam Johnson, who is substituting for Mr. Dearing this weekend. The **Prelude** and **Postlude** are familiar hymn tunes arranged by Lloyd Larsen (b.1954), who received his Bachelor of Arts from Anderson University in Anderson, IN, and his Master of Church Music from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, with an emphasis in piano and composition. The **Last Prelude** is taken from Chopin's sixth nocturne (Op. 15, No. 3) in G minor., it is the ending of the piece and is marked "Religioso." Chopin originally entitled it "At the cemetery" when he composed it a day after attending a performance of "Hamlet." When the piece was to be printed, he erased the inscription and is reputed to have said, "Let them figure it out for themselves."

The first two stanzas of the Hymn of the Day were written by Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913) at the request of Bishop John H. Vincent to be used at the Chautauqua Bible Study Hour in 1877. She was an artist (primarily in watercolors), teacher of fine arts, and an author. For the "green" hymnal, the Lutheran Book of Worship, two additional stanzas by Alexander Grove were added. He was an English organist, grocer and accountant. The tune, "Bread of Live" was written for this text in the same year (1877) by William F. Sherwin (1826-1888). He, like Ms. Lathbury, was also an associate of Bishop Vincent at Chautauqua.

Please take a moment after worship to thank Pam for her musical leadership this morning.

<u>Next week</u>: The congregation's "Boys in the Band" (Brian and Steve Karthauser and Chris Larson) provide special music with a country Gospel feel.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Worship Leaders

Reader: Dawn Omernick

Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, Geri Schesel

Usher: TBD

Comm. Set Up: JoAnn Holdmann

Greeter: JoAnn Holdmann

Coffee Fellowship: TBD

Next Sunday Worship Leaders

Reader: TBD Wine: TBD, TBD Usher: TBD

Comm. Set Up: TBD Greeter: TBD

Coffee Fellowship: TBD

This week at Grace

Sun 7/28 8:15am Pam Johnson Warms Up

9am Worship w/Baptism

Tue 7/30 12:10pm Devotional Worship

Wed 7/31 11am Wedding

7pm PPP – Ask the Pastor.

Sun 8/4 9am Worship w/Baptism

<u>Grace's Welcome Statement:</u> Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.

Congregational Meeting Announcement: The Congregational Council has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 18th, to approve the final phase of the boiler project. We have secured the funding needed for this project, but due to the price tag we will need congregational approval. This meeting will occur at some point during our worship service so that we can streamline the vote and not take up too much of people's summer Sundays. If you are a member of this

congregation, we ask that you please plan on being in worship on this Sunday.

<u>Kitchen Fire Extinguisher</u>: A fire extinguisher has been given for the kitchen in memory of Roy Beyer.



<u>Holy Baptism</u>: This morning we welcome Samuel Bailey Rockwood to God's family through Holy Baptism. Samuel is the son of David and Samantha Rockwood, and brother of big sisters Stella and Luna. Congratulations and blessings to the Rockwood family!

<u>Outdoor Worship</u>: We are planning an outdoor worship on Sunday, August 11th. We would like to have a few people to work with the planning and fulfilling of this event. If you are willing to serve and help, please let JoAnn Holdmann know as soon as possible.

Details for August 11 worship:

9am Devotional service ~ there will be a 15-minute devotional service, much like the Tuesday service for those that don't want to or can't attend the outdoor worship.

10am - Outdoor worship with music and communion will take place on the lawn. Chairs will be provided.

Potluck lunch following the 10am service. There is a potluck signup sheet on the welcome desk. In the event of inclement weather, the 10am worship and lunch will be moved inside.

Brewer Game Thank You! Twenty four church members and friends experienced a warm, but very pleasant day at American Family Field on Sunday, July 14. Those attending enjoyed good conversation and fellowship and were rewarded with an entertaining game as the Brewers beat the Washington Nationals 9-3. Many people helped make this a fun event. A special thanks goes out to Dave and Lori Rauth, Jo Ann Holdmann, Kim Nagel, Janie Robbins, Kathy Young, and Jim Button and his guest Tim for doing the bulk of the setup and cleanup for the tailgate. In addition, Holly Grassin-Kremmel's efforts in obtaining a Thrivent grant to defray the cost of the event were greatly appreciated.



<u>Pastor's Patio Ponderings (PPP)</u>: Pastor's Patio Ponderings is our summer educational program. These are one night, one topic discussions that focus on a variety of areas of interest spiritually. Each event will be at 7pm on the Pastor's Patio or in the worship building if the weather is not cooperating. Please bring a chair with you as the pastor has only limited seating for others. Don't miss the remaining topic of discussion:

Wednesday, July 31 ~ Ask the Pastor. Got a question? Here's your chance to ask the pastor. Be bold! This topic always sparks great conversations of faith.

<u>To The Grace Family</u>: 2 Corinthians 8:7. "Now as you excel in everything-in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking."

Given this passage from Paul and Pastor Bill's sermon message on June 30, let's try to lend a hand. On June 9, Brian from All People's Church visited to thank us for our giving and shared that

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the food pantry is quite empty and there is a huge increase in needy families. On each Sunday during the month of July, please bring food items to help replenish their shelves. We have the capability to put food on many hungry tables. Food will be delivered early August.

Thank you!

<u>Worship Volunteers</u>: Calling all readers, wine servers, ushers, greeters, communion setup folks and coffee fellowship helpers! There is a hard copy of the SignupGenius form on the welcome desk for those that find it easier to sign up on their way in or out of church. The link sent out in the Grace Notes is still active and available, and this QR code can also be used to connect to the Signup Genius. Emails and phone calls are always welcome as well. Thank you for all your help!



SignUpGenius

2024 Council: Below are the 2024 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Beth Buczynski (President) – 208-946-9140 Pam Stockbridge (VP) – 262-366-0162 Jen Bartz (Treasurer) – 414-550-5231 JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary) – 262-290-1609 Ryan Bernard – 920-418-5235 Steve Mussatti – 414-218-0755 Janie Robbins – 262-646-4628 David Rockwood – 262-389-4045 Kevin Sibley – 920-207-9312 **2024 Mutual Ministry Team Members**: Below are the current 2024 Mutual Ministry Team members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders. The MMC is the liaison between the congregation, the pastor and other staff.

Team Members: Dan Umhoefer – 262-227-8841, Theresa Umhoefer – 262-227-8840, Matt Junker – 262-242-1023, Pam Stockbridge – 262-366-0162



<u>Guest House Sandwich Update</u>: We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month – on the first and third Wednesdays at 9am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesday. **August 7 and 21.**

Celebrations this week:

Birthdays: Marilyn DeMore – 7/28, Elwood Stoker - 7/28, Belle Wendling - 7/28,

Sarah Wendling - 7/28, Karl Smith - 7/30, Parker Krogstad - 7/31

Dan Umhoefer - 2, Gail Larson - 4, Dawn Luebke - 4

Anniversaries: Gerald and Kim Lohr - 7/31, Dan Umhoefer - 8/2, Gail Larson - 8/4,

Dawn Luebke - 8/4

<u>Prayers:</u> Doris McMahon (Pam Liegeois' mother) Sandy Smith, Bill (Stepfather of Sandy Smith's best friend), Jack Clark (Florence Panning's son-in-law), Chevelle Lutze (Veronica Junker's greatniece), Henry Walicki (Veronica Junker's brother), Faye Junker (Matt Junker's mother), Katie (friend of Steve & Kevin Mussatti), DawnMark Bacon-Johnson, Grace McCandless, Hildegard Quaegber, Jerry Karthauser, Dan Gander (friend of Sandy Smith), Maygie May, David Rauth, Marilyn (friend of Dawn Omernik), Adam Gary (friend of the Brown family), Sonny & Tricia Baackes, Joyce Winghart, Nancy & Al (sister and brother-in-law of Dan Driewer), Jim Martin, Patricia Hamby (mother of Michelle Hogan), Audrey Pohl (niece/cousin to the Brown family), Pam Stockbridge.