

A LETTER FROM REV CLINTON

Don't Read Alone!

Dear Knox Members & Friends,

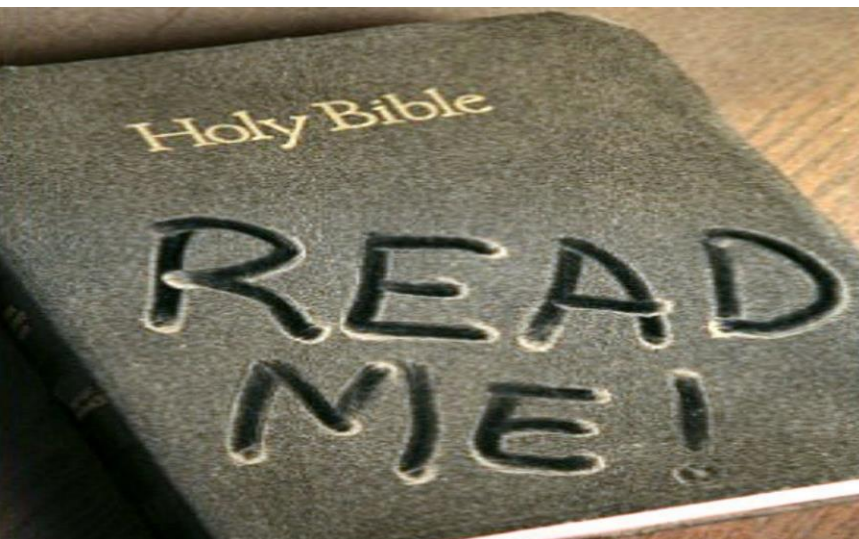
Summertime comes with the usual New York Times' recommendations of good books to read. This year's list features books like Stephen King's Finders Keepers, Harper Lee's Go Set a Watchman, David McCullough's The Wright Brothers and Renee Knight's Disclaimer. I'd like to suggest one more good book to read: The Bible.

We Presbyterians, taken as a group, are among the most well-read people on the planet. Here at Knox, more than 87% of us adults hold college or graduate degrees (according to a survey of the Congregation taken in January 2014). Yet all this educational abundance does not always translate into biblical literacy. Most of us graze upon Scripture but few of us have studied (or even read) the entire Collection. I know—right about now, you may be thinking, "That's why we employ you, Clint," with a virtual nudge to my ribs. Fair enough. When I need my sink fixed, I call Rob the Plumber (for everything else, I call Ed). Life is busy and no one has the time to be an expert in everything. Yet spending even a little time with the Bible in a consistent way can yield transforming results in your life.

St. Paul states, "Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good" (2 Timothy 3:16-17 CEB). I like the "belongs to God" part of this statement best.

When we see ourselves as God's people, created in goodness for goodness' sake, we can have confidence that as we read and work through the Scriptures, the Spirit is working through us.

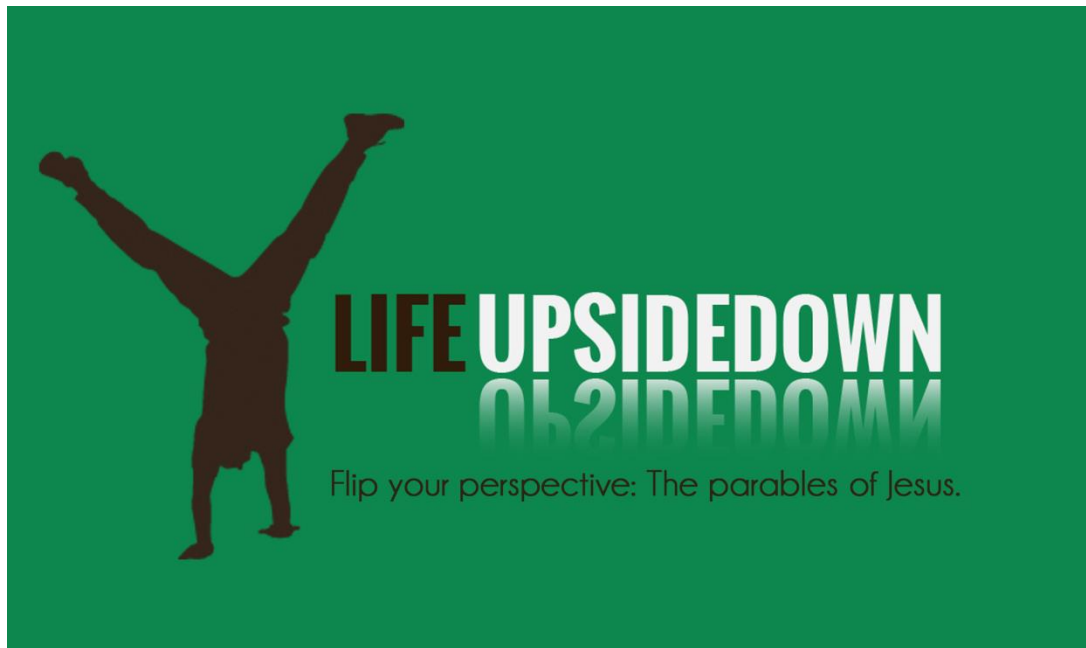
So before this summer slips entirely away, take your Bible and choose some part to read. If you like history, read 1 and 2 Samuel. If you like poetry, read the Psalms each morning and night. If you like theology, dive into Romans. And if you're steeped in drama, wrestle with Job!



We Presbyterians once led the way in biblical literacy. Nowadays, we may be better-educated, but there is no substitute for being well-versed in Scripture. As people who "belong to God" we can have this assurance: when we read the Good Book—we'll never be reading alone.

With joy,
Clinton

Fall Church Wide Study 2015 Begins September 13



The Adult Education Council Presents:
John Ortberg's Six Week Study of the Parables:
"Imagine Life God's Way"

The parables of Jesus communicate vital truths about God, the kingdom of heaven and the broad scope of life. **Colorful, unforgettable, compelling, and culturally relevant, the stories Jesus told portray eternal realities in a way that speaks to the simplest hearts and challenges the wisest minds.**

- Discover the importance of overcoming resentment.
- Experience the heart-healing that comes with forgiveness.
- Find out the practical implications of no-regret living.
- Learn vital secrets to spiritual growth.

John Ortberg is Senior Pastor at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, CA and the author of [If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.](#)

Here are ways to jump in and participate:

- Join a current small group—note all the times and days which are available (sign-ups begin Aug 16)
- Start a new group—your own group. We'll supply you with a Leader's Guide and books.
- Re-energize your current small group and invite new friends to join you.
- Check out the sign up wall in the Commons to see what will work for you.

The Knox Annual Church Wide Study is a great way to meet people, study God's Word, learn, grow and share, and to get more involved at Knox. Become a part of this 6 week study as we examine together our ways and God's Way through weekly worship and weekly studies. Our Pastors will be preaching on each week's parable as a way of bringing our whole church together around the life-changing teachings of Jesus. You will find this a challenging, mind-changing and gospel-filled study!

Aug 1: Books will be available
Aug 16: Small Group sign ups begin

ADULT EDUCATION

All classes welcome newcomers of all ages and biblical knowledge.

Sunday

10:30 am - We are continuing Great Minds of the Medieval World.

8/2 The Venerable Bede

8/9 Alcuin, Charlemagne, and Alfred the Great

8/16 Avicenna and the Golden Age of Islam

8/23 Averroes and Aristotelian Philosophy

8/30 Maimonides and Jewish Law

This class is facilitated by Jim Clinton in Room 202.

7:00 pm - "The Life and Writings of C. S. Lewis." C. S. Lewis was the premier Christian writer of the 20th century. Notable books include *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. New members always welcome. Contact Frank at fjmayerxge@comcast.net for more information; meets in the Middle School Room.

Tuesday

9:00 am - Men's study of "Gospel in Life" by Timothy Keller; facilitated by Frank Mayer in Middle School Room. Contact Frank at fjmayerxge@comcast.net for more information.

Eric Heinekamp's Tuesday Evening Study is taking the summer off and will begin again in September. Please watch for details.

Wednesday

7:30 pm - Rev. Deb's Summer Women's Bible Study; topic will be "Your Family Album - Bible Personalities Large and Small." Come and go as you can, and bring a friend; meets in Rev. Deb's office

Thursday

6:00 am - Men's Daybreakers Group led by Rev. Clint Roberts at the Coffee Bar.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Women on Wednesdays will begin **Sept 9** with a study of I & II Peter. The disciple Peter wrote these two practical and encouraging letters to strengthen the hearts of believers who were facing increasing persecution. Through words of hope and wisdom, he taught them how to live victoriously in the midst of life-threatening trials. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge and includes childcare and activities for infants through Kindergarten. WOW meets from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. with fellowship and refreshments, followed by large and small group discussions and prayer. Please join us as we study these letters of encouragement and warning that are just as important for believers today to hear and understand.

The cost to register is \$25 for an individual or \$40 if you are bringing one or more children. Scholarships are available. For more information and register online see the WOW link or contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com, 630-369-4539 or Margaret Lambka mlambka2@gmail.com, 630-420-7885 for more information.

The Knox Book Club

The book club will not be meeting in August. Our **September 8** book will be *A Change of Heart* by Jodi Picoult. As always, new readers are welcome to join us at 7:30, the second Tuesday of each month, in the home of Fran Lukes. You may contact Janice Wiles for more information at 630-416-9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com.



Rachel-Rebekah Circle will have their first meeting on **Tuesday, September 15** at 9:30 am. If you are interested in becoming a new member of this study group, please contact Kathi Olson, [630-420-1953](tel:630-420-1953) or Leslie Taylor, [630-961-3140](tel:630-961-3140) so we can order this year's study book, *Come to the Waters*, for you.



Chick Flick

Where film, faith and fellowship come together!

Friday, September 18 Chick Flick begins its 3rd season!
Presenting: *Chocolat* - a Lasse Hallstrom film - winner of 8 major awards

Dinner - Movie - Discussion & Chocolate Buffet Extravaganza to follow.

REGISTER ONLINE

PW Needs You!

ALL women of our congregation are members of Presbyterian Women of Knox. What does this mean? It means you are invited to participate in all of our events; social, spiritual and mission fundraising activities. Please consider joining the fun and fellowship that is PW. During the year we have many opportunities to participate in fundraising events, from one-time tasks to larger commitments. For more information on how you can help contact Dotty Mobley at [630-357-6625](tel:630-357-6625) or rambly@aol.com.

MISSIONS AT KNOX



Backpacks for Sisseton

Is Dakota Partnership VBS better than Christmas? Most kids that attended Sisseton VBS would say yes. There was one group of 15 kids that waited for 45 minutes to get a ride to VBS. We filled up the 4 vans and Gail Pucci said, "we will be back!" Gail and Dane were back 45 minutes later. Those kids waited, no one watching them, but they were watching for our "purple bus". Some were just preschoolers. That is how powerful we are for these kids. Our love, hugs and attention comes once a year and they all wait with anticipation.

Now to continue our presence, and send our love, it is backpack time. We have to get **415 backpacks** this year if we want to give supplies to all the grades. Please pick up a card, or print the supply list [here](#), buy the supplies and deliver it to Knox by **August 9**. It is a concrete way to let the kids know that they are God's special ones that are loved, prayed and cherished by all the people at Dakota Partnership and Knox. Any questions call Julie at [630-717-8240](tel:630-717-8240) or [630-470-7044](tel:630-470-7044).

Master's Touch Bowl-a-thon: Wayside Cross Ministry

Calling all Knox Bowlers! Here is your opportunity to practice and get in shape for the upcoming fall bowling leagues. It is also an opportunity for fellowship for anyone who loves to bowl.

The Master's Touch Ministry of Wayside Cross Ministry is asking for volunteers to personally support this year's Bowl-a-thon Fund Raiser, which is being held **on Monday, August 17** at:

Funway Ultimate Entertainment Center
1335 South River Street (Route 25) • Batavia, Illinois 60510
From 7 to 9 pm



Our goal is to raise \$20,000 through your help and the help of our other key volunteers. We will meet our goal if 100 bowlers raise a minimum of \$200 each. Would you prayerfully consider joining us in this important endeavor by personally participating as a bowler?

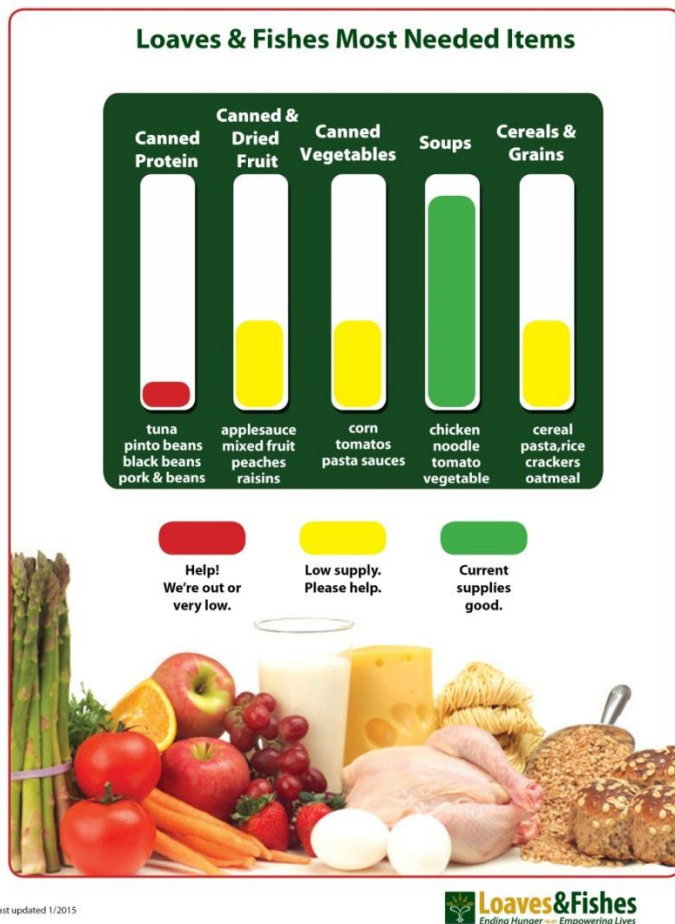
Please RSVP to me at your earliest convenience, to Terry Tomassi terrytomassi@comcast.net or Call: Randy Tomassi (630) 892-4239.



Step Up, Step Out With the Naperville Area Crop Hunger Walk

Help to end hunger in our own community and in parts of the world by participating in the 33rd annual Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk. This year's walk will take place on **Sunday, October 18, 2015, at 1 pm** starting at Grace United Methodist Church. This family friendly event is in need of walkers and sponsors. 100% of your donation will go to people in need with Loaves and Fishes being one of the beneficiaries. Last year, Knox raised close to \$2000. Knox recruiters hope we will have more walkers and raise

more funds this year. In September, CROP Hunger Walk has set up a fundraiser event at one of the local Chipotle restaurants. More information on this and when you can pick up your envelopes will be in the next newsletter.



Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **August 2**. The most needed items this month are listed in the **red** and **yellow** categories on the chart.

Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!



Loaves & Fishes
Ending Hunger in Our Community

"In Christ we, through many form one body, and each member belongs to all others." Romans 12:5

It is hard to believe, but summer is almost at an end. If you would like to volunteer for the Hesed House during the summer, it is still not too late! Our next volunteer date for the Summer is Saturday, **August 22**. If you have some spare time, please consider helping the homeless by volunteering. Together, we can make a difference for someone in need.

Hesed House is in also need of these items: Travel Size Shampoo, Travel Size Toothpaste, Cold Medicine, Cough Drops, Bath & Shower Gel, Towels, Wash Cloths, Deodorant, Mosquito Repellent, Batteries (AA AAA & C) Twin fitted and flat sheets and Prayers. If you would like to donate these or any other items, please place them in the Hesed House donation box.



If you would like more information about volunteering or about Hesed House, please go to the Knox web site and click on volunteer donation opportunities, and then click on Hesed House, OR, you can email Diana Oshiro at ddoshiro@hotmail.com or Janet Gravel at janetgravel@gmail.com, and they would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Please sign up in the commons to bring food or to work one of the shift.

Next Volunteer Night: August 22

Please sign up in the Commons to bring food or to work one of the three shifts:

6:00 pm 11:00 pm 3:00 am

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Sunday School Calendar:

September 6: Sunday School will not meet because of the holiday.

September 13: Regular Sunday School begins

Sunday School's school-year program begins on **Sept 13** with classes at both services for children age 3 (potty trained) to 7th Grade.

Questions & Volunteering: Contact – Jenny Hubbard Director of Children's Ministries, 630-615-4318, jhubbard@knoxpres.org

Family Movie Night

Sunday August 9 - Big Hero 6

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Dress like your favorite super hero and join us for super activities and sno-cones on the lawn followed by the movie - **Big Hero 6** in the Sanctuary. Bring blankets, pillows or sleeping bags to get comfy on the pews!



Wednesday Nights at Knox begins September 16

and runs through December 9 for the first semester.

We will not meet on October 21 or November 25.

Prime Time (K – 2nd)

J.A.M. (3rd – 5th)

G3 (6th – 8th)

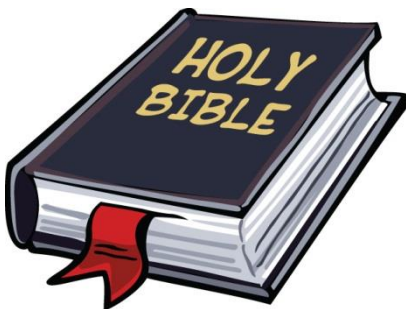
New changes are coming!! Registration and information about the program with a new schedule highlighting what is new will be

available online starting Aug 6. **Discount for early registration** Questions?? Contact Jenny Hubbard, jhubbard@knoxpres.org 630-615-4318

3rd Grade Bibles

Sunday - September 27 At 10:30 Worship Service

Gift Bibles will be presented to all children in 3rd Grade at 11:30, following the worship service, children in 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades and their families are invited to a Lunch & Educational Event for Families, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm which will include fun activities centered on teaching kids about the Bible, Communion, Baptism and Prayer. Registration will begin in September.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Church, Picnic and a Swim at Centennial Beach

August 16 – Come to downtown Naperville at 10:00 am at the River Walk Grand Pavilion for worship followed by a picnic lunch. We will then go to Centennial Beach to swim. Kids are responsible for paying on their own to get into Centennial Beach Resident \$6.00, Non-Resident \$10.00. We will walk over from the River walk after lunch. Kids should bring swimsuits, a towel, and money to get in and for snacks. Pick up from Centennial Beach at 3:00pm. We will meet all the parents outside the entrance at Centennial Beach.



REGISTER ONLINE

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Knox Youth Fall Dates

- Aug 5** Wednesday - Fellowship starts - 6:30-7:30
- Aug 19** Wednesday - Cookout in RTQ's backyard - 6:30-7:30
- Aug 26** Wednesday - Wednesday night dinners start - 6-6:30
- Sept 13** Sunday - Sunday Night Bible Study starts - 7-8:30
- Sept 19** Saturday – Lock-In – 7 PM – 7 AM
- Oct 18** Sunday – Six Flags
- Nov 6-Nov. 8** Awakening in Indiana (Great Banquet for Youth)
- Nov 20-Nov. 22** Winter Retreat

CHURCH NEWS



Boomers are Back in August

August 8, 6:30 pm
Join the fun at our own Hawaiian "Luau", poolside, hosted by RJ Miers and Wendy Smoger.
Enjoy the strains of favorite Hawaiian songs and a lovely evening of fellowship.
1255 Jasmine Ct., Naperville, IL 60540

RSVP to church office or Rev. Deb at droberts@knoxpres.org
Wear a Hawaiian shirt or dress or hat!
Bring a dessert, salad or appetizer to share.
Bring a lawn chair.
We look forward to seeing you there!



Knox New Member Class

August 9 at Knox from 8:45-10 am

The second class will meet Sunday, Aug 23 at 10:30 am at Knox.
New Members will join on August 30 during the 10:30 worship service.





Do You Play Bridge?

The Knox Bridge group is looking for some new players (couples and singles) for the season beginning in September. All skill levels are welcome into this low (no) pressure environment. We normally play on the second Saturday of each month and are a social group that plays for fun. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Jerry or Char Johnson at 630-420-0561.

"Thank You, Rita!"

"This summer marks ten years of service to Knox by Financial Secretary Rita Eagleson. If you've met Rita or talked with her on the phone, you know that she is smart, funny, helpful and discreet. Rita has helped Knox members and friends give to support the many ministries and missions of our church in ways tailored to reflect the desires of the giver. She has offered support and insight to our church officers and staff and is consistently upbeat and helpful. Rita is a big part of the confidence our congregation has in the integrity of how Knox's finances are handled on a daily, monthly and yearly basis. Congratulations and well done, Rita! God bless you as you continue to serve in time ahead."

-Clint Roberts, Head of Staff



What better way to enjoy God's great creation together than by worshipping in a lovely outdoor setting? We hope you've marked your calendars and are planning to join us!

This is something new for Knox. We have seen that many churches do this during the summer season and our Presbyterian sister church, River Glenn, joins us in this shared worship endeavor.

Important Information:

- **ONE SERVICE:** August 16 at the River Walk Grand Pavilion. There will not be a service at Knox. This will be a joyful, family friendly service for the whole church family. You will enjoy seeing and meeting your nearby Presbyterian brothers and sisters and just imagine the singing!
- **CARPPOOLING AND RIDE ASSISTANCE:** We are glad to organize car pools or provide you with a ride to the River Walk. Contact the church office if you need ride assistance. Those needing ride assistance or carpooling, will meet at Knox first.
- **WHAT TO BRING:** a lawn chair or a blanket and a picnic dish to share. If you are unable to bring a chair, let us know and we will provide one. Paper goods, water and lemonade will be provided.

- **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** If the weather doesn't cooperate and we are rained out - we will join together at Knox for a 10 am service. The River Walk Pavilion has coverage which provides shade and protection.

Informational handouts with a map will be available in August. Please let us know how we can help you be a part of this wonderful worship opportunity.

Knox Presbyterian Church BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 24

4:00pm - 7:30pm

The Blood Drive will be held in Fellowship Hall or the Basement
To make your appointment to save lives, call Neil Goltermann at (630) 750-5863 or

sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org.

Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins are ALWAYS welcome!

Photo ID is required.

Every donor will receive a \$5 Target gift card!



In the Spotlight!

Do you know a Knox member that has a special accomplishment or recognition that we can share with our Knox family? Please send information to Liz Lawrence at llawrence@knoxpres.org to be featured in a future newsletter.

MINISTRY TO SENIORS

Hall Of Famers

Hope you are enjoying your summer! Our September luncheon is already in the planning stages. HOF will again meet the second Thursday of the month beginning with our first meeting on September 10th. Look for more details about our up-coming year of food and entertainment and chapel in the next Knox Newsletter.

Your HOF Board

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Rev. Robert and the entire Knox Congregation,

Thank you!! Your entire church should be so proud of the work done by your team here in Albion during the week of June 14. You came with a true spirit of giving and you shared your faith in ways that left lasting physical and spiritual marks here in our town. It was our pleasure to host you. I hope all of you will cherish your time here, grow from the experience, and know that you are held in high esteem by all of us in Albion.

Blessings to you all! Thank you!
Patrick

CARE MINISTRIES

Illness/Health Concerns:

Chuck Ward (friend of Linda Mast)
Cari Shanahan (friend of John and Susan Lies)
Anita Meyer (Carol Galen's mother)
Kari Erwin
Penny Clark (Diane Charles' mother)
Peg Little
Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)
Judy Ancona
Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)
Amy Kendryna
Jeff Jackson (son-in-law of Carol Brand)
Kay Bledsoe (cousin of Janet Schletter)
Dave Godwin (Rita Eagleson's daughter's father-in-law)
David Wayne (friend of Mark and Pam Guth)
Robert DeYoung (Dawn Pakkebie's father)
Suellyn Steigmeyer (friend of Anne Mair's daughter)
Carol Mickelson (friend of Diane Charles)
Benny Kilman (son of friends of Jennifer Vollbrecht)
Helen Scheiner (Sarah Carlson's mother)
Anja de Leeuw (friend of Ineke Pelella)
Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)
Brent Fry (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)
Scott Abrams (friend of Ann Beran Jones and David Bebb Jones)
Dorothy Charles (Diane Charles' mother-in-law)
Edie Brooks (friend of Rita Eagleson)
Laney Johnson (Randy Johnson's mother (Randy and Kim Johnson))
Larry Sieczynski Jr. (Tom Sieczynski's nephew)
Stephenia Siczewicz (Pete Siczewicz's aunt)
Kingsley Margaret Outzs (great granddaughter of Judy Powell)
Lou Daddezio (Kristina Mastrino's father)
Ken Chapek (hospice)
Carol Sieczynski Taff
Sam Nelson (hospital in Boston)
Marilyn Cortright (Bob Cortright's mother)
Wayne Barcheski (son of Wayne and Betty Barcheski)
Joan Kolhaas (co worker and friend of Kevin Williams)
Mitch Porter (nephew of Bob Porter)
Carol DeYoung (Dawn Pakkebie's mother)
Elijah Georgias (Arlene Beslic's grandson)
Rudy Hudnell (friend of Lin and Pat Carter)
Adalyn Rose Hanson
Maria and Benjamin Mauloff, premature twins
(Edward Hospital and University of Chicago Hospital
respectively) (parents are friends of Carol and Charlie O'Neill
and Jennifer Vollbrecht and John Kroll)
Matthew Gill (friend of the Morten families)
Kim Mikko (Heidi Paulius' cousin)
Jeff Rahn (Dave Rahn's brother)
Abby Swanson
Helen Souta (Tabor Hills)
Marge Sleith
Al Pelella
Dale Colby
Kelly Morten
Karen Elmgren

Blanche Pettit
Sam Velino (father of Steve Velino)
Sue Ann Kufrin
Scott Tambling
Helene Schaefer

Grieving:

The friends and family of Helen Hollenbeck on
her death (Lynn Bednar's mother)

The friends and family of David O'Leary on his
death (friend of Lin and Pat Carter)

The friends and family of Dick Walker on his
death

Congratulations:

Alecia & John Probst on the birth of their son Eli
Samuel on June 15.

Melissa & Justin Banks on the birth of their son
Caleb James on June 18.

Saori & Calvin Warren on the birth of their
daughter Rose Kokoro on June 25. Proud
Grandparents are Mike & Luise Warren.

Kate & Brian Doyle on the birth of their daughter
Hannah Grace on July 17. Proud grandparents
are Mike & Judy Loftus.

Military:

Jonathan Ballew
Matt Cincotta
Chris Hurford
Matt Krempel
Morgan Plummer
Jenna Hancock
Calvin Warren
Adam Barnes
All military personnel & their families.

Nursing Home/Home Bound:

Pick up a weekly prayer concerns card in the
Commons for a list of our members who are in
nursing homes & home bound.