



St. Paul Lutheran Church

9:30a Service of Worship

Pastor ~ Reverend Ashley Nicolls

Palm Sunday | April 13, 2025

Welcome!

May God's grace continue to overflow to and through you.



Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

We hope you will use this bulletin during the week to have a song to sing, prayers to pray and give comfort, whether you are worshipping in person or from home on your electronic devices.

Although not all of us are physically together to worship, our Lord is still with us. We give thanks for those who attend in-person and the technology that allows us to share the bulletin and the worship service on the website.

St. Paul has a Community Prayer Cross located outside near the road. You are welcome to leave a prayer request there or in the box when you enter, and it will be placed on the cross.

Important community ministries of St. Paul include the Tuesday Community Meal, Saturday Food Pantry, and the Early Childhood Learning Center. Your financial gift makes a difference for Christ and His kingdom and enables St. Paul to be *the community church that cares*. It can be made by online giving, on Sunday morning, mailed to the church, or dropped off during normal office hours - Monday-Friday • 9a-12noon.

May God bless you and give you peace!

Assisting In Worship

Assisting Minister
George Hutfilz

Reader
Marilyn Hutfilz

Acolyte
Amy Hildreth

Sound
Mike Scherr
Rick Barry

Camera Operator
Sue Scherr

Screen Operator
Mike Scherr

Ushers
Judy Roberts &
Kathie Snyder

Greeter
Hank Roberts

Gather in Narthex

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Blessing of Palms

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response: Amen.

Processional Hymn — All Glory, Laud and Honor

Arr. by Dobrinski – The St. Paul Ringers, Trumpet, Organ & Congregation

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

Response: Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Ministry in Music ~ "Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!" – Mark Hayes

St. Paul Singers

Children's Message

Scripture ~ John 12:12-16

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture ~ Psalm 118:25-29

²⁵Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

²⁶**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸**You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Gospel ~ Luke 19:28-40

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 19th chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation ~ Rick Barry

Hymn of the Day ~ Mantos y Palmas

Do Fa⁶/Do



1 Man - tos y pal - mas es - par - cien - do va
1 Filled with ex - cite - ment, all the hap - py throng

fa dism⁷/Do Do

el pue - blo a - le - gre de Je - ru - sa - lén,
spread cloaks and branch - es on the cit - y streets.

Fa⁶/Do

a - llá a lo le - jos se em - pie - za a mi - rar
There in the dis - tance they be - gin to see,

fa dism⁷/Do Do

en un po - lli - no al Hi - jo de Dios.
there on a don - key comes the Son of God.

Refrain:

Fa mi m

Mien - tras, mil vo - ces re - sue - nan por do - quier: Ho -
From ev - 'ry cor - ner a thou - sand voic - es sing

Fa Sol⁷ Do Do⁷

sa - nna al que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
praise to the one who comes in the name of God.

Fa mi m

Con un a - lien - to de gran ex - cla - ma - ción pro -
With one great shout of . . . ac - cla - ma - tion loud, tri -

rum - pen con voz triun - fal: ¡Ho - san - na!
 um - phant . . . song breaks forth: Ho - san - na,

¡Ho - san - na al rey! ¡Ho - san - na! ¡Ho - san - na al rey!
 ho - san - na to the king! Ho - san - na, ho - san - na to the king!

Verse 2

As in that entrance to Jerusalem,
 Hosannas we will sing to Jesus Christ,
 to our redeemer who still calls today,
 asks us to follow with our love and faith. *Refrain*

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Prayers of the Church

Assisting Minister: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(pause for silence)

Assisting Minister: Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus.

Response: Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power.

Assisting Minister: God, in your mercy, **Response: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection:

Response: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love.

Assisting Minister: God, in your mercy, **Response:** receive our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus,

Response: so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable.

Assisting Minister: God, in your mercy, **Response:** receive our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Sustain the weary with a word.

Response: Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering.

Assisting Minister: Be especially with those we name now aloud or in our hearts. (pause)

Assisting Minister: God, in your mercy, **Response:** receive our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week:

Response: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus.

Assisting Minister: God, in your mercy, **Response:** receive our prayer.

Assisting Minister: We give thanks to you for our beloved dead,

Response: trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence.

Assisting Minister: God, in your mercy, **Response:** receive our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Response: Amen.

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: And also with you.

Offering

(The collection plates will be brought forward at this time. Offering plates can still be found at the back of the sanctuary if you did not place your offering in the plates when you entered. Online giving at www.stpaulsarasota.org is also available.)

Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Response: Amen.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Pastor: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Holy Communion

(Those who wish to partake of Holy Communion in your seats, please lift your elements for blessing and consecration).

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Response: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

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

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Those who wish to remain at their seats to partake of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine/grape juice may do so now. The body and blood of Christ is given and shed for you. Take and eat. Take and drink. If you wish to come to the altar, you may do so at the ushers' direction.

Communion Music - "Prayer of St. Gregory" – Hovhanness

Victor Mongillo, Trumpeter / Fonda Davies, Organ

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

Response: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Assisting Minister: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

Response: Amen.

Sending Hymn — Ride On, Ride On

Ride on ride on in maj-e - sty! Hear all the tribes ho-san - na
Ride on ride on in maj-e - sty! In low -- ly pomp ride on to
cry; Ho - sa - na, Ho - sa - na; O Sa - vior meek your road pur-
die; Ho - sa - na, Ho - sa - na; O Christ your tri - umphs now be-
sue, with palms and scat-tered gar- ments strewed. Ho - san- na, Ho -
gin o'er cap-tive death and con- quered sin. Ho - san- na, Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san -- na.
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san -- na.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Response: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: And all God's children say,

Response: Amen.

Postlude - "Trumpet Finale" – Victor Mongillo, Trumpet / Fonda Davies, Organ

We welcome Victor Mongillo as our trumpeter today. After touring the US for 3 years, then performing in Austin and Chicago as a freelance trumpeter for 10 years, Victor returned to Sarasota in 1993. Since then, he has performed in over 150 musicals as well as Jazz Ensembles, Chamber Ensembles and Orchestras. Victor recently retired from a 36-year career as a music educator.

St. Paul Mission Statement

As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we are called through baptism to proclaim and bear witness to God's reconciling grace in Jesus Christ to all so that by joyfully sharing God's Word and encouraging each other to service for the sake of others, our lives together make a difference for Christ and His kingdom.

Attendance for last Sunday: 67 in-person; 317 views (as of 4/7/24)

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Announcements

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13, processional begins in the narthex; decorate rocks after worship

Maundy Thursday worship at 7p

Good Friday Pilgrim Walk Downtown Meet at Regal Hollywood 11 at 7a

Good Friday worship at 7p

Saturday, Easter Kid's Celebration 1:30-3:30

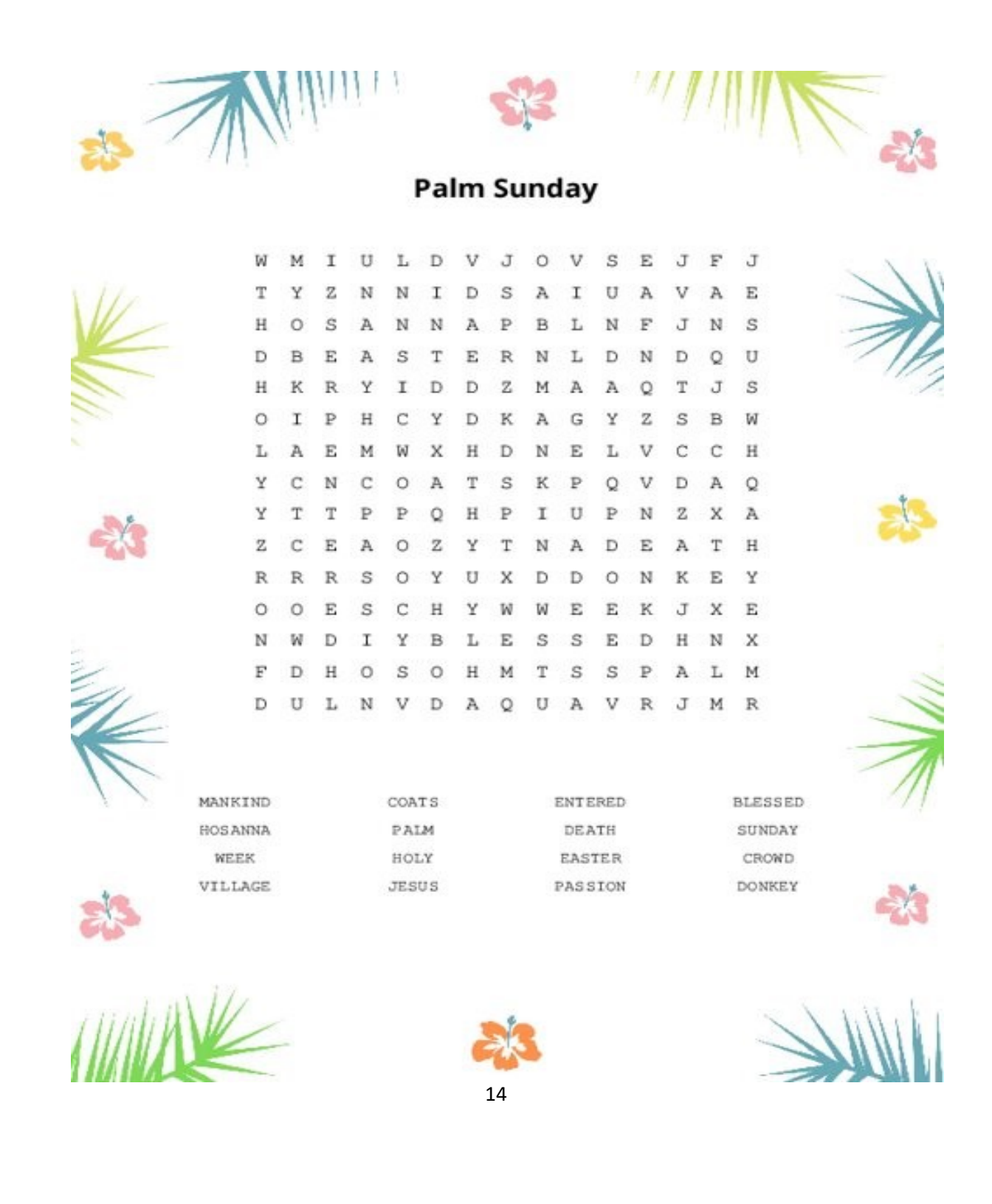
Easter Sunday April 20 worship with butterfly release after. Bring in flowers to decorate the living cross.

ECLC Art Show Fundraiser – Thursday, April 24 6:30-7:30p. Come out and see the children's art work, bid on silent auction items, 50/50 drawing, raffle for a vacation, all proceeds go to the ECLC. If you want to provide a silent auction item (gift cards or themed basket), please see PrAshley.

Celebration of Tom Schlotterback's Life – Saturday, April 26 at 1p with a reception following. If you are able to help provide a dessert or with clean up, please let Pr. Ashley know.

Holy Land Ministry – The Holy Land Christians are going to be our guests on Sunday, April 27. Hear their story and see their beautiful olivewood crafts. The crafts will be available for purchase after worship.

Symphony Salvage – Start collecting your gently used items (everything is collected except large furniture and large appliances). St. Paul has an on-going donation bin and collection for the organization who gives the items to non-profits in the Sarasota area and any unused items then go to Central America. St. Paul and the ECLC will receive money for the donations collected.



Palm Sunday

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VILLAGE

COATS

PALM

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JESUS

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DEATH

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PASSION

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SUNDAY

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DONKEY

Please remember in your prayers...

All those serving in the U.S. Military, especially Gage Fournier. The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. The Florida-Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff: Bishop Pedro, Assisting Ministers to the Bishop Pastors Carlos, Derek, Nicole, and Rob, Specialists Kim, Bill, & Brittney, Support Staff Tina, Yuliet, & Ileana. The Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church. SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity. Community Meal and Food Pantry guests. Prayers upon the HOPE Community Prayer Cross. The Arlington Park Neighborhood.

St. Paul members, especially, Brian White, Anna, Olivia, Rachel, and Ruby Williamson, Carole Wilson, and Sharon Wittren. St. Paul Early Childhood Learning center teachers and students, especially, Brayden and Hayden, Ms. Tiffany and Ms. B.J.

<p>Members Beetle/O'Hara Family Dorothy Boller Susan Burmaster Judy Carnal Sue Fisher Valerie Nicolls James Paulsson Esther Smith Betty Smowton Homebound Members Donna Casala Evelyn Gulliksen Lindy Lindemann Anna Mathisen Virginia McQuaig Michael Reiter Carole Wilson Friends and Family Alice – friend of JoAnn Jordan Bill – friend of Jan Kruse Debbie – friend of Scherrs Ed – friend of Sandy Choquette Donnie – community meal guest Gina – friend of Jan Kruse Mark – friend of M & D Hillerich Rick – nephew of Linda Knight Susan – friend of C. Paxton Tunde – friend of Irene Felicetti Marie – friend of C. Paxton Sandi Acevedo – sister-in-law of Acevedo Clinton Allen – friend of Jim Paulsson Kareem Ali – friend of Fred Melton Laura Anderson – niece of Roberts</p>	<p>Lori Boller – daughter-in-law of Dorothy Boller Sheryl Brandes – sister-in-law of Sue Scherr John Broad – friend of H. Puckhaber Kim Brown – niece of Hildreths Buete and Pearson family– family of Brian McCulley Caroline Burmaster – sister-in-law of Susan Burmaster Todd Couch – son of Sandy Choquette Mike Cunningham- friend of H. Roberts Rachel Dolgan – friend of H. Puckhaber David Eller – friend of Carolyn Mele John and Joy Emanuelli – friends of Roberts Gladys Faraone – friend of H. Roberts John Foor – friends of Ryans Susan Gallagher – daughter of Dorothy Boller Gallagher Family – in-laws of Dorothy Boller Glenn Greenwood – friend of Hildreths Vickie Hall – sister of Fonda Davies Lois Heisler – family of Irene Felicetti Niklaus Heisler – great-grandson of Irene Felicetti Katy Hernandez – niece of M. Acevedo Kara Johnson – friend of Amy Hildreth Nicole Ketter – friend of Susan Burmaster Philip Koepke – friend of Irene Felicetti Kate Kretschmann- family of Lindy Lindemann Karen Kugler – friend of Marty Hillerich Kenny Manselle—son of June Manselle</p>	<p>David McCall – brother of J. Roberts Marsha McKinney- former member Becky Nobles – friend of Lindy Lindemann Linda and Jim Norris – family of Doris Schlotterback Karen Paulsson – sister of J. Paulsson Manny Ribas – friend of Cindy Schlotterback Clint Shantz – former member Brian & Kenny Schlotterback—sons of Doris Schlotterback Haley Schlotterback – granddaughter-in-law of Doris Schlotterback. Bethany Smith – daughter of B&B Smith Natalie Smowton Boxx – great-granddaughter of Betty Smowton Noel Scott Studenwalt – nephew of B&B Smith Bill Sweeney – grandson of Marilyn and George Hutfilz Swisher Family – family of Kathie Snyder Bill & Jean Thompson – sister and brother-in-law of Dorothy Boller Dan Torrence – friend of K. Snyder David Van Ness – brother of Missy Craig Elaine & Mark Vanderweight- friends of Jim Paulsson Curtis Weckwerth – cousin of Rich Weckwerth John and Janet Welther – family of Ethel Hamilton</p>
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