

Sunday Worship-8:00 AM and 10:00 AM  
Youth On A Mission Group-9:00 AM  
Sunday School-9:00 AM

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Newsletter

Lomira, WI

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## **UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR LENT 2016**

On Wednesday, February 10, we begin the season of Lent. February 10 is 'Ash Wednesday' and that evening (7 PM), we'll begin a new series for this season called 'Setting Our Face to Jerusalem' and the messages for the series are as follows:

Ash Wednesday: A Season of 40

He Set His Face...

On the Way...

Two Entrances

A Group Meeting, A Footbath, A Turncoat, and A Brand  
New Menu...

The Midnight Hour...

The Least of These...

Listen Closely!

This series will take us from Ash Wednesday all the way through Good Friday, the last week of March. So, *let me ask you a very personal question*: Do any of you have a stubborn streak? When you make up your mind about something, is it

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**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
after the 8:00 Service**

**Menu: Scrambled eggs,  
sausage, coffee cakes,  
potatoes,  
applesauce, milk, juice  
and coffee.**

Tickets will be sold  
after worship services  
in the Fellowship Hall.

**Advance sales would be  
appreciated.**

**Donations of coffee cakes  
needed.**

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### **UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR LENT 2016**

hard for anyone to change your mind after that? Is that your reputation? If so, I just want you to know that today ... *you're in good company!* Why would I say that? Because Jesus was the same way, at least *when it came to doing his Father's will* ... and that's where our Season of Lent is headed this year—*taking a look at a time when Jesus made up his mind about something* ... and it changed his life ... and it changed our lives ... and it changed the world! Are you interested in learning more about that? Join us during this very exciting season of Lent, as we prepare our hearts & minds for Easter...



### **PIGGLY WIGGLY RECEIPT PROGRAM**

I would like to take this time to thank the Brasch Family for supporting the church with the Piggly Wiggly Receipt Program. This program provided Trinity with an extra \$1,000 to \$1,500 towards the church budget per year. The new owners of the Lomira Piggly Wiggly store have agreed to continue this program. I just need to divide the receipts by date. The Brasch's are responsible for the receipts dated up to December 12, 2015 and the new owners will be responsible for the receipts dated after December 13, 2015. Please keep bringing your Piggly Wiggly receipts from the Lomira store only and deposit them in the container located in the lobby. The more receipts the more dollars we will have available for our church budget. Keep up the good work.

Much Thanks,  
Patrice Burmeister

## **NT Bible Challenge**

- February 1st: Matthew 22
- February 2nd: Matthew 23
- February 3rd: Matthew 24
- February 4th: Matthew 25
- February 5th: Matthew 26
- February 8th: Matthew 27
- February 9th: Matthew 28
- February 10th: Mark 1
- February 11th: Mark 2
- February 12th: Mark 3
- February 15th: Mark 4
- February 16th: Mark 5
- February 17th: Mark 6
- February 18th: Mark 7
- February 19th: Mark 8
- February 22nd: Mark 9
- February 23rd: Mark 10
- February 24th: Mark 11
- February 25th: Mark 12
- February 26th: Mark 13
- February 29th: Mark 14





## “The Fifth Gospel...”

When the Israelites escaped from Egypt—when the family of Jacob left that foreign land—<sup>2</sup> the land of Judah became God’s sanctuary, and Israel became his kingdom.

– Psalm 114:1-2 (NLT)

### Dear members & friends of Trinity UMC,

Last month, I challenged all of you to read through the New Testament with me in 2016. Now, if you’ve ever read the New Testament before—even a portion of it, you probably already know that it begins with the four gospels (technically, three synoptic gospels, and John). The word gospel, of course, means ‘good news’ ... and what a great way to begin this New Testament we are reading together!

This month, I’d like to talk about what’s come to be known as ‘the fifth gospel’. Now, I’m not speaking of the New York Times best selling novel by Ian Caldwell (2015) of the same name. What I’m speaking of is what I was taught back in 1996, on my first trip to Israel, by our guide—Malcolm Cartier. (*I believe the phrase was coined by a Catholic priest visiting the Holy Land many years back, but I cannot seem to find the original author of this phrase.*) Malcolm taught us that ‘the fifth gospel’ is the people and the land of Israel—the Holy Land. The significance of ‘the fifth gospel’ is this: There is no way we can really come to a solid understanding of the four gospels of the New Testament, if we haven’t experienced the people and the land that it speaks of. After a half-dozen trips there, I’m inclined to agree.

I appreciate so much those who’ve taken my challenge seriously to read through the New Testament in 2016. For me, that means they’re serious about their relationship with God—serious about growing in their faith and willing to be deliberate about that. But what if you could add to the experience of reading through the New Testament ... by actually seeing personally the people and the land of the New Testament? How would that begin to shape your knowledge and love of God’s word? How

would that change your faith in Jesus Christ and, thus, your relationship with God? With all of this in mind, I’d like to challenge you to pray about something else. In January of 2017, I’ll be leading a group to the Holy Land to introduce them to ‘the fifth gospel’—the people and the land of Israel. Would you like to be a part of that?

Being a pastor called ‘to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world’, I cannot think of a better way to help individuals grow in their faith—to grow as disciples of Jesus. Let me encourage you to continue to get into God’s word and read through the New Testament with me this year (reading schedule in newsletter each month at [www.trinityunitedmethodistchurchlomira.com](http://www.trinityunitedmethodistchurchlomira.com)). Then, as you’re reading about people and places in the New Testament, take a moment to imagine being there—*actually walking where Jesus walked*. Folks, there’s nothing like it; there’s nothing that will help accelerate your spiritual growth like experiencing ‘the fifth gospel’. Pray about joining me next January on my 7<sup>th</sup> trip to the Holy Land—‘God’s sanctuary’ and ‘God’s kingdom’. And keep an eye out on our brand new website (above) for more information in the very near future...

Continuing to walk through God’s Word together ,

*Pastor Rom*



# Lent IS A TIME TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS

## The Season of Lent 2016 at Trinity UMC

Following is the upcoming schedule for Lent 2016. Please note *carefully* the following details about the schedule for Lent this year:

**Ash Wednesday Worship** (gateway to Lent) – 7 PM, Wednesday, February 10, 2016 (Sanctuary).

**Lent 2016 Group Bible Study** – 7 PM, Wednesdays, February 17, 24, March 2, 9, and 16 (Fellowship Hall).

**Maunder Thursday Worship** – 7 PM, Thursday, March 24 (Sanctuary).

**Good Friday Worship** – 7 PM, Friday, March 25 (Sanctuary).

**Easter Morning Worship** – 8 & 10 AM, Sunday, March 27 (Sanctuary), with Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) in between...

Traditionally, Lent has been a season for self-reflection and personal spiritual growth. And Lent 2016 will be no exception! It was on the Mount of Transfiguration that Jesus made his final decision to do God's will for his life—to go to his death for us. It was there that he 'set his face' or determined to go up to Jerusalem one last time. During this season, we'll be taking in every step Jesus made along the way. What can we learn from his final journey to Jerusalem? What is there in these stories that will help us to grow closer in our walk with God? And what is it we need to 'set our face' to today? Our Wednesday night Bible studies will be digging deeper into what will be taught on Sundays throughout this season. Please come and join us for this season of Lent as we focus on Jesus 'setting his face' to Jerusalem...

**Very important notice to THE CHOIRS (BOTH VOCAL & BELL):** During the season of Lent—from Ash Wednesday through Wednesday, March 16—we'll be having *abbreviated rehearsals*, as follows:

**Bell Choir Rehearsal – 6-6:30 PM, Vocal Choir Rehearsal – 6:30-7 PM.** This will allow our Wednesday night worship/Bible studies to always be at 7 PM. (*With this schedule, for these 6 weeks in particular, please be mindful to be on time for rehearsals—ready to go at the start time—as they will have to begin and end promptly on the times listed above. THANK YOU!*)



## The Heart of the Matter

This January Patti Cobb's daughter, Kelsey, who is a senior at Bellin School of Nursing, had the opportunity to do a week long medical missions trip in Guatemala. While there her group, which included 13 students and 3 instructors, had the opportunity to visit the local children's hospital, dump, and two local villages to provide medical care to the people they met.

While in the villages the students and nursing instructors (two of which are Nurse Practitioners), along with two Guatemalan Doctors, and three Guatemalan Dentists, were able to put on clinics for the people of the villages to get free health and dental care. They served roughly 300 people during these clinics and those they served were very appreciative.

Some of the people that came to the clinics had to walk over two hours to receive care. Some of the services Kelsey provided included fluoride varnishes, examinations, wound care and assistance with musculoskeletal issues. The team of students also taught about nosocomial infections, proper hand washing techniques and how to make homemade pedialite for rehydration. One day they went shopping for food and then delivered it to three families in one of the villages. The trip to the Puerto Barrios dump was eye-opening. Over 300 people live in the dump.

Kelsey has always had a heart for missions, and this was a wonderful opportunity to serve God through medical treatment. This trip has shown her the ways in which she can serve as a nurse and is looking forward to future medical trips to serve those who don't have access to medical care.

There is a 6 minute video found at:  
<https://vimeo.com/152222114>

*It is very touching to have a glimpse of what Kelsey experienced. (Honestly it makes me cry each time I watch it. You can just feel God at work.) Thank you Patti for sharing the story. Teresa Amerling-Administrative Assistant TUMC*

*Love Thy Neighbor*

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

– Romans 8:30



# GWEN'S PEN

## SACRIFICE PART V (CONCLUSION)

Mom, worried and lonesome, was nearly crushed with the responsibility of renting a home, buying a car and furniture, re-learning how to drive, managing the three of us kids, budgeting, and worst of all, traveling to several states, serving as keynote speaker at week-long evangelical “camps”. In one letter she mentioned seven speeches in four days. She had suffered from allergies and asthma most of her life and Dad was worried about her health. And he was deeply lonesome.

As the summer approached autumn, Dad's life had become increasingly difficult. He could no longer move about freely, visiting the churches where native pastors needed help nor could he even teach in his own mission school. Permits, required and filled out in Japanese then processed by the Government or the police or by both, were required for a countless number of activities such as withdrawing one's own money from the bank; selling personal belongings (clothing, furniture, even our small mountain cabin); purchasing staples and fresh foods (usually not available); going from one part of the city to another; or, of course, leaving the country. Dad was no longer able to do what he felt God had sent him to Japan to do. He needed to get back to America where he could serve God as a minister to some small congregation. But perhaps he had waited too long!

Although exciting and energizing, the process of taking that next big step was to be agonizingly slow and frustrating. He wrote, “The permits are innumerable and they must all go through the Finance Department and it takes time. About a week ago I sent in my permit or rather my request for a permit to sell the rest of our things but no reply yet.”

Not only were requests for each permit and the delayed responses a hurdle, but by then there were no ships going from Japan to the U.S. And none coming in. On Sept. 15, he wrote that, not surprisingly, he had received no letters for about four weeks. No boats ... no mail. He could deal with that now that his focus had changed. But he must find a way to cross the ocean. There were a few unscheduled ships going from Shanghai to the U.S. So if he could find passage from Yokohama to Shanghai, he would simply wait there and take his chances.

Yes, he did catch a Japanese boat which he boarded in Shanghai. Since there are no more letters after Sept. 15, I don't know what his sailing or arrival dates were. However, when he wrote that last letter, he had no permits and no way to sell his belongings. He had no knowledge of when he might get to Shanghai or how long he would have to wait to get permits and passage back “home”.

I do know this: He caught the last possible ship to make the crossing. The next one was in mid-ocean on December 7, 1941 and reversed its course, returning to Japan. He had narrowly escaped internment.

Dad barely had his feet planted on American soil when he was asked to pastor a church in Fergus Falls, Minnesota just until Spring when a permanent pastor would be assigned. Dad was registered in the Michigan conference, but agreed to fill in where he was needed for those six months. Four years later, I graduated from high school in that cold Minnesota town. He never did pastor a church in Michigan.

That, of course, was not the end of the sacrifices Dad and Mom made for us and others. Each of you can name sacrifices made by your parents as well, perhaps not necessarily as obvious, but equally as significant. Intent on our own challenges, celebrations, and goals, we sometimes fail to notice.



# GWEN'S PEN

## SACRIFICE PART V (CONCLUSION)

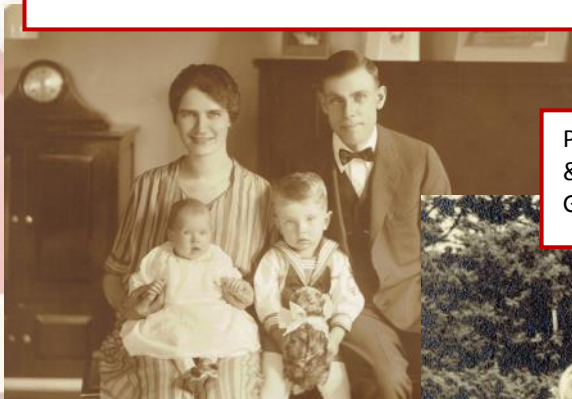
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The words, "thanksgiving" and "gratitude" are inadequate, but they are all I have to express myself to God for choosing that Christian couple to be my parents. And I am aware that *"much is required from those to whom much is given, for their responsibility is greater."*

Luke 12:48-b TLB,

Gratitude, though essential, is not enough. It's my life God requires. Wow!

Pictured are Gwen, as a baby on her mother's lap. Harvey & Viola Thede (Gwen Hinz's parents)...as young missionaries in Japan, And her older brother Gaius. Japan in 1927



Pictured above are Japanese children. Below are Gwen, as a young girl, Harvey & Viola Thede ...as young missionaries in Japan, and her brothers Paul and Gaius. Photographed in Japan.



Gwen, along with her Mom and brothers, left her Dad behind at Yokohama Harbour on March 27, 1941, just 9 months before the US declared war on Japan after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. This is a postcard of the Yokohama Harbour from that time period.

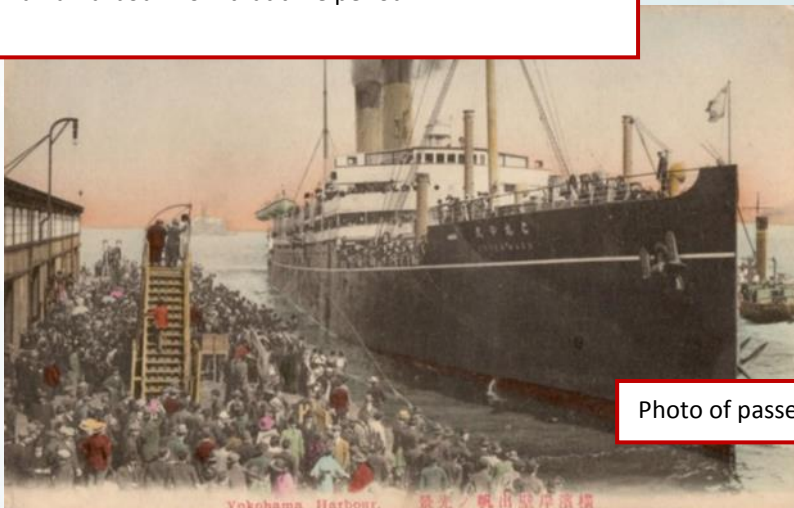


Photo of passengers approaching San Francisco in 1941.





The **Sunday Morning Youth On A Mission** group experienced a more meaningful Christmas as they selected items from the **World Vision Gift Catalog** to fulfill a mission project. Funds accumulated from Christmas gifts foregone, offering, and personal donations were spent on what could be life-changing gifts to help children around the globe instill a hopeful tomorrow.



### Great decisions!

- \$50 – 4 Chickens
- \$50 - Family Fishing Kit
- \$21 - 3 Ducks
- \$75 - 1 Goat
- \$35 - \$420 Worth of Medicines
- \$30 - 5 Fruit Trees
- \$17 - Seeds for 1 Family
- \$278

Special thanks to Dawn & Jeff Faber, Don & Doreen Unferth, Chuck & Darlene Westphal, Jeanie Culver, Jeff & Heidi Zingsheim and our Sunday School families. *We truly appreciate your support!*





**196** was the count of **SOUP** cans/mixes collected by the start of the 10 AM service on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - well surpassing the goal of the Sunday Morning **Youth On A Mission** group! The generous donations for the benefit of the **Lomira Area Food Pantry** were greatly appreciated! *Thank you!*



This targeted food collection service project gave the youth the opportunity to learn more about the food pantry, run right from our church. Coupled with discussions about God's desire for us to help take care of others less fortunate, we hope this gave the youth a jump-start in becoming good stewards within our church and community. We're exploring other projects to keep the momentum going so stayed tuned... *Thank you for your support!*





**Trinity holds their 1st Annual  
“Taste of Bacon” Fundraiser for  
the Youth Mission Trip to  
United Methodist Children’s  
Services in Milwaukee**

Members, family, and friends gathered on Sunday, January 31st, to enjoy the first annual Taste of Bacon event at Trinity United Methodist Church in Lomira. The group, led by John Muentner, Jr and Teresa Amerling, served a variety of bacon dishes to their guests. Proceeds from the event will be used toward the Youth on a Mission trip to the United Methodist Children's Services in Milwaukee scheduled for late summer.

Votes came in and the top 3 dishes were:

- 1.Reindeer Chili
- 2.Bacon Smokies
- 3.Bacon Meatballs.

The event raised \$570.00 which will pay for 11 people to attend the mission trip.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated. We look forward to hosting this event again next year.



The notes and cards which arrived in November, letting me know that your thoughts and prayers surrounded me during my illness, were immediately followed by your beautiful Christmas cards in December, which, in turn, were followed by thoughts and wishes for a happy birthday in January. How could I be anything but well, happy, and blessed by all of you. Although I take this “easy way out” to express my thanks, please know that you have contributed to my well-being in a big way. Thank you. I am so fortunate to be in your circle of caring. Gwen

**Recipe for Reindeer Chili**

By John Muentner Jr.

Fry 3lbs Bacon until crispy, then crumble.  
Fry 3 lbs Boneless Spare-Ribs in the bacon grease and then drain.  
Brown 2 lbs Ground Chuck and then drain.  
Combine the meat above with the following ingredients and simmer until ready to eat.  
4 small cans Bush’s Chili Hot Beans  
3 large cans Tomato Sauce  
3 cans of Diced Tomatoes  
Chili Seasoning till desired hotness  
1 Bottle Sweet Baby Rays Honey BBQ Sauce





Letter sent to TUMC...We at the Lomira Gridiron Club, Inc. in representation of Lomira Youth Football, would like to take the time to thank you for the use of your green space to hold our Youth and Middle School Football practices during the summer months while renovations at the High School are still in progress. Your offer for the use of your facilities in 2014 & 2015 made it possible for the betterment of our youth football program in Lomira. The opportunity that your church has given us is the spirit of what community can do in support of our youth programs.

TUMC Response ...A big thank you to the Gridiron Club for their donation of \$1,000.00 to TUMC for the use of church property for youth football. Sincerely, The Trinity Finance Dept.



Thank you to my church friends and Pastor Rom for your thoughts and prayers during my recent illness.  
Larry Schraufnagel

TUMC Budget Totals  
Year to date needed to meet budget: \$18,500.00  
Received through 1-31-16: \$16,179.39  
Budget Shortfall: \$2,320.61

## Music brings joy in the Church and in the Kingdom of God!

Thank you to the congregation for the positive comments and appreciation of the Christmas music. The musicians of Trinity work together in beautiful Christian harmony! The question has been asked if we could list names of people in musical groups? Small groups are planned ahead and listed, but larger groups are open to everyone and everyone cannot come at all worship times. The bells often have subs to cover the notes to help the group to keep playing. The choir has vacationers, but is usually balanced by walk-ins on Sunday to form a group to cover the parts. Bells and choir great job! The band members, as dear Pastor John Hobbins put it, are like stray cats. It is hard to get them all together at one time, but each one so precious! It is pure joy to practice before we play and by service time we grow from a few to the best band ever! Thanks to excellent school band programs we are blessed with very talented band members. In conclusion, God bless all who share your talents and time. To bells, choir, band, small groups and soloist thanks so much for praising our Lord with your music at the worship services. Please continue to contact me to offer your gift of music to the Lord and our Church. I am at both worship services and as near as a call 2922-0361 or 539-6929.

Jason a Ehlert – Worship Music Coordinator

# February 2016

Worship Services – Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School and Youth On A Mission Group 9:00 a.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5 pm GS 8581 6:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm A.A. 7:00 pm Choir	4 5:45 pm GS 8005 and 8172	5	6
7 Communion Sunday 10 am Scout Sunday	8	3 pm Hope Nursing Home Service 9 am Men's Group 6 pm Cub Scouts Leader Meeting	10 6 pm Weeblo's 6 pm Handbells 6:30 pm A.A. 6:30 pm Choir 7 pm Ash Wed Worship	11 6 pm Tiger/Wolf Pack 6 pm GS 8201	12	13 10-11am Food Pantry
14 1st Sunday in Lent Valentine's Day	15 Presidents Day	16 6 pm GS 8042 6 pm SPRC Meeting	17 5:00 pm GS 8581 6 pm Handbells 6:30 pm A.A. 6:30 pm Choir 7 pm Lenten Bible Study	18 5:45 pm GS 8005 and 8172 6 pm Cub Scouts Meeting	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet
21 2nd Sunday in Lent	22	23	24 6 pm Weeblo's 6 pm Handbells 6:30 pm A.A. 6:30 pm Choir 7 pm Lenten Bible Study	25 12 pm Circuit #NE09 Meeting 6pm Tiger/Wolf Pack 6 pm GS 8201	26	27 10-11am Food Pantry 12:30-5:00 pm Girl Scouts World Thinking Day
28 3rd Sunday in Lent 9 am 2016 NT Challenge	29					

## February Birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Judy Schraufnagel | 18 Joel Menzer     |
| 2 Emily Batterman   | 20 Bill Buske      |
| 3 Emily Schwanke    | Vickie Renderman   |
| 4 Peter Buske       | 22 Kevin Haefs     |
| Ryan Riedel         | Jonathan Luedtke   |
| 6 Judy Lerch        | 23 Gene Junger     |
| 7 Zachary Dewhurst  | 25 William Beck    |
| 8 Evan Wilcox       | 27 Glenn Eichstedt |
| 10 Skylar Thorn     | 28 Doug Kindschuh  |
| Cynthia Bryant      | 29 Deb Janke       |
| Brayden Sanders     |                    |
| Aricka Ullius       |                    |
| Ryan Ullius         |                    |
| 11 Sharon Germain   |                    |
| 13 Ryan Schwartz    |                    |
| 17 Debbie Bintzler  |                    |
| Tori Beck           |                    |

## 80+ BIRTHDAY CLUB

February 23 Gene Junger

## Anniversaries

- 13 Tom and Syd Henke  
20 Kevin and Jenna Rhein  
27 Todd and Lori Klein

*We love because He first loved us.*

♥ 1 JOHN 4:19





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### WORSHIP SERVICES

First Service – 8:00 A.M.

Sunday School– 9:00 A.M.

Youth On A Mission 9:00 A.M.

Second Service– 10:00 A.M

## February Prayer Concerns

- Steve Kelly
- Greg Bintzler (Bruce Bintzler's Brother) *Back Surgery*
- Dave Hinz *Recovering from Bowel Surgery*
- Tom Retzleff *Hip Surgery*
- Carl Bruggink (Fred and Betty Menzer's Brother-in-law) *Quad Bypass on Feb. 15th*
- Todd Wallender (Josh and Jessica Marschie's Neighbor) *Cancer*
- Carlene Cardenas *Wrist and Thumb Surgery*
- Natasha (Jessica Marschies's 7 yr. old neighbor) *Kidney Transplant*
- Kathryn Bintzler (Bruce Bintzler's Mom) *Cancer*
- Gary Kuehn *Cancer returned*
- John "Harpy" Rahjes *Throat Cancer*
- Tina Brickham *Breast Cancer ( Paula Green's Sister)*
- Pastor Marcy Stone (Jackie Eichstedt's Cousin)
- Elmer Zimdahl (Vickie Renderman's Dad)
- Eileen Kretschmer (Ron Kretschmer's Mom)
- Mary Kiehnau's Brother "Tony"
- Gordon Schultz and Family *Cancer*
- Bill Ebly

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