

2025

A Personal Note

Connie's life and mine have been turned topsy-turvy with the medical diagnosis she has received recently. We have been experiencing what many of you have dealt with as the doctors' appointments and medical realities have dominated our life recently. In the midst of it all, we have had so many blessed reminders of God's grace and love from you, our friends and church family. Your prayers in particular have meant the world to us.

One thing I have been acutely aware of is the truth that we really do not know what tomorrow will hold. We make plans and dream of the future, but our plans are not guaranteed. What is sure to us is that our Lord Jesus holds every moment of our future in His gracious hands. He who has conquered death and the grave is already present at every moment of that future. We are confident of His promise that He will return to this cockeyed earth according to His timing and remake it (and us!) into an eternal kingdom filled with His peace and His joy!

Whatever difficulties we may be experiencing today, we know that His Word is sure: "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:5). Regardless of today's problems or tomorrow's disasters, the end result of our life in Jesus is joy. That is a truth that we can hang onto every day. The Lord be with each of you as you live under His blessing!

Smiths Grove Site Outreach

Worship services take place each week at the Smiths Grove site (First Christian Church, 427 College Street). They occur each Saturday at 5 PM. Prior to worship, Bible study is held at 4 PM. Thanks to all of our Holy Trinity members who have attended, prayed, counseled, and provided various means of support to this outreach ministry!

Please continue your prayers that this outreach would provide more open doors for the Gospel and that the Spirit will lead many to worship the risen Savior. With the opening of Bucee's at Smiths Grove recently, there will be more people transitioning to this community. If you are living (or know someone who is living) in or around Smiths Grove, let us know so that we can contact them. Here is a church home where people get to know one another and grow in service to the Lord Jesus!



Pastor Press



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SUNDAY, JUNE 15



<u>A WORD FROM</u> THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL MINISTRY

School is out for Summer!

On June 2 our Summer Care program will begin and enrollment is full. Many of our area summer programs have closed for one reason or another making our program one of the few that continues to serve our community. When other Christian schools or community programs fail to offer programs for families, Holy Trinity becomes the consistency that provides summer programming that our area families need and desire. Our summer program helps to pay for the stripping and waxing of our floors and the cleaning of our carpets each year which can cost around \$6,000. It also provides jobs for childcare workers and added income to our janitorial service. It will run for 8 weeks taking a week off at the beginning and end of summer.

We are working on filling open positions for the 2025-2026 academic year. We are in need of preschool aides, an elementary teacher, a cook, an art teacher, a computer teacher, and a foreign language teacher. God always provides when we have need and we trust in Him to continue to bless HTLS with servant leaders who value teaching children while integrating faith.

God has continued to bless our preschool and elementary school with families that value Christian education. We are also blessed to have a congregation who supports a Lutheran school. Any church that runs a school ministry will deal with challenges that can become divisive, especially as the school ministry grows and expands to using more of the facility. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church supports the school ministry in so many ways, which is vital to its health and future growth. May God continue to bless Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School for the sake of the Gospel.

> Enduring in Christ, **Bill Hiskey**, D.S.M.





There will be a congregational meeting on <u>Sunday, June 1</u> for the purpose of calling a new senior pastor. Our traditional Sunday morning schedule will look a little bit different that day. There will only be one service, at 9:30am; there will be a Bible study before the service at 8:30am; and the meeting will be held after the service, at 10:45am. There are three candidates to consider and everyone is encouraged to do their own research on the candidates. Below is some brief information on each candidate. Please see Pastor Press' email for additional biographical information.

Rev. John Dehne

- Pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church; Cape Girardeau, MO
- Church of 1153, 520 attendance
- Wife Jill is a registered teacher
- Children: 2
- Experience as teacher in IL and Executive Director in Tracy, CA & St. Peter, Columbus, IN
- Strengths: Initiative, administration, leadership, innovation, preaching, teaching, assimilation, lay leadership
- Organ and Band led services. Laid back service that is rooted in scripture and liturgy.
- Dynamic Preacher
- www.lglomd.org

Rev. Timothy Droegemueller

- Pastor of Living Faith Lutheran Church; Cumming, GA
- Wife Susan is a synodically trained teacher
- Children: 6
- Involved in mission planting network in Georgia
- Good attitude toward day schools
- Strengths: Initiative, creativity, people skills, family ministry, assimilation, lay leadership development

- Eager to serve and reach the lost
- Conservative theologically, evangelical in practice
- Experienced church planter. Served on Board of National Mission of LCMS.
- www.livingfaithlutheran.com

Rev. Aaron Schian

- Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church; Auburn, MI
- Church of 439, 135 attendance
- Wife Ruth, no children
- "Well suited to serve a congregation with a school"
- Strengths: Initiative, leadership, computer, social media, Day school, children's/youth/adult ministry, lay leadership development, personal witnessing
- High liturgical but flexible
- Engaging thinker
- Return candidate from 1st round. Made final two
- <u>www.graceauburn.org</u>



"Live in the world as if only God and your soul were in it; then your heart will never be made captive by any earthly thing."

—John of the Cross

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary BrentlingerJim DavenportKatie FritzDavid HoffmanTim RathertKevin Sch

On March 14, 2023 the Board designated/recognized the following Ministry Teams of HTLC.

MINISTRY TEAMS 2024-2025

Beth Markel

Kimberly Parsley

Holy Trinity Youth				
Ignite Ablaze	Ages 2 thru 5 th grade Ages 6 th thru 12 th grade	Sheryl Morris Sheryl Morris & Aaron Witherspoon		
Lutheran Scho		l Otto/Bill Hiskey, D.S.M.		
Elders	Core	Corey Zirbel		

Choir Nursing Home Altar Guild Compassionate Care

Education

Men's Life Light Bible study Women's Life Light Bible study Confirmation Sunday Bible Class

Dick Stirn Karen Buege & Carole Clark Pastor Press Pastor Press

Irene Garrett – Glasgow

Harlan & Judy Klankowski

Fellowship Finance Technology Property **Outreach Ministry** Holy Trinity Smiths Grove Mara Evangelical church Jackie Blindauer & Nancy Melke Open Mike Bryant Al Seavey

> Carol White & Pam Schmaltz Pastor Press Nelson Feliciano

Servant Groups

Jackie Blindauer & Bonnie Borth

CALL COMMITTEE

As you know we are in the process of calling a Senior Pastor. There has been a request to know who is serving on this committee. Here is the list of members serving:

Geneva Bentley Karen Buege Amy Wieting

Bruce Borth Pastor Press Aaron Witherspoon **Aaron Britton** Tim Rathert **Corey Zirbel**

Please support the committee with your prayers.

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Ministry Team Leaders: Sheryl Morris and Aaron Witherspoon

Ignite Sunday School is a combined multi-age class for PreK through 5th grade that meets in the Ignite room (012) each Sunday at 9:15am. We hope you can join us!

Ablaze is a place where students in grades 6th-12th can engage in deep conversations and grow in their relationship with God. Join us on Sundays at 9:15am in EO-201 upstairs.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS will be Sunday, June 8 – Thursday, June 12 from 5:30-8:30pm. We will kick things off with a meal at 5:30 each night, followed by the rest of VBS starting at 6:00. Register your child(ren) or sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR code or following the link:
 https://forms.gle/xws4uKYS1BafWC3c8



- SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ignite and Ablaze will be ending for the school year on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 29</u>. Our kickoff event for the new school year will be <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 10</u> at 9:15am. We will have registration, games, a servant project, etc. for kids ages 3 years through high school!
- 3. **FUEL AND FRIENDS:** F&F, our Wednesday FAITH night activity is currently suspended and will restart in August although a date has not been set yet.
- 4. <u>POOL PARTY</u>: Mark your calendars for a Pool Party on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 10</u> at 12:00pm at Southland Pool (2700 Industrial Dr/BG) for all youth! There will be drinks and pizza available. Parents are welcome to stay; the cost for parents to swim is \$10.00 (free to visit)!





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CHILDREN'S/YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

*** Looking for energetic volunteers to help with youth and Sunday School programs! "I've been teaching Sunday School and have chaperoned youth on events throughout the years and I have been truly blessed with being with the youth! We have a great group of kids who are a pleasure to be with!" - Sheryl Morris

If you are interested, please contact Sheryl Morris at 270-784-2781.



FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM Ministry Team Leaders: Jackie Blindauer and Nancy Melke



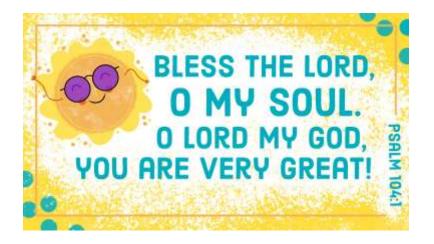
Join us for an interesting trip through the history of our area at the Kentucky Museum (1444 Kentucky St/BG). We will be meeting for this free event on <u>Saturday, June 21</u> at 1:00pm in the church parking lot for car pooling. Wear your walking shoes!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>Friday, July 11</u>: Potluck and Summer fun at Peter and Cindy Brandt's house (731 Martinsville Ford Rd/BG)

Friday, August 22: Ice cream social at Holy Trinity

The Fellowship Team is looking for a couple of people to run games for the night. Call or text Jackie Blindauer at 920-207-9185 if interested.





April Giving to the General Fund:

Date	Amount
4/6	\$14,045
4/13	\$12,232
4/20	\$14,575
4/27	\$21,247
Total	\$62,100

\$573,864 given for the first nine months of this Fiscal year. That is an average of \$13,346 per week or \$57,386 per month.

The Fiscal Year Budget is **\$733,165**. This requires giving that averages \$14,100 per week or \$61,097 per month.

David King HTLC Financial Secretary

LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY

Team Leader: Todd Otto

LIMITED Enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year is available. Contact the School Office at 843-1001 if you are interested in enrolling a child(ren) or want to give information to a friend.

REMEMBER: For families that are members of HTLC – we will continue to offer the 25% discount in tuition for students (Grades K-6) enrolled full time.

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LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY

NOW HIRING for the 2025-2026 school year – positions are available for preschool aides, an elementary teacher, a cook, an art teacher, a computer teacher, and a foreign language teacher. For information, please go to <u>www.htlsbg.com</u> or contact the School Office at 270-843-1001.

Summer Care is from <u>Monday, June 2</u> – <u>Friday, July 25</u>. The hours are 8:00am-4:00pm. It will be run by Ms. Felicia Brumfield. Questions should be directed to the following email: <u>htlssummercamp@gmail.com</u>.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE





OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM



We would like to invite you to visit our blog: http://lcmsmidsouthdistrictmissions.blogspot.com

We pray that our blog would be another way for members of the Mid-South District to view, learn, and celebrate God's worldwide mission of bringing the message of Jesus Christ to all people. We also pray that individuals from the congregation who went on mission trips this year will write up a post for the blog. Take a second to check out the posts on the blog. We would love to hear what you think, so be sure to let us know.

CONSTANT AND UNCHANGING

Summer's arrival feels positive to many people but may not be smooth for all. Families who rely on regular school meals for their children must stretch grocery dollars further. Heat poses risks for elderly people who lack air conditioning. Work can be difficult to find in the summer months, and uncertainty looms for recent graduates. Meanwhile, concerns such as wars, natural disasters and health problems don't take a summer break.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) prayed, "May you be blessed forever, Lord, for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world." Her prayer is as appropriate today as nearly 500 years ago. When all around us is unstable and unreliable, God's love and faithfulness are constant and trustworthy.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



3. MITE BOX SUNDAYS – <u>JUNE 29</u> and <u>AUGUST 31</u>

Mite Box Sundays are on the fifth Sunday of a month and for this summer, they are on June 29 and August 31.

Your generous offerings of coins and bills are combined with mites collected nationwide by LWML to fund mission projects. Two examples are Mobile Kitchen (Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region) and Life Connection Events and Kits (Lutherans for Life).

Mite boxes for your use are found in the Narthex.

Thank you for your support.



What do you do with your Portals of Prayer after you have finished using them? We would like to extend their use by recycling them.

The Salvation Army will happily take all of these that we bring to them. Please bring them to church and deposit them in the box in the Narthex marked for Portals of Prayer Recycle.



DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

With several ways to read and listen, you can get your daily dose of Scripture whenever you need it.

Visit **Ihm.org/daily devotions** to subscribe for email delivery to your inbox, listen to the podcast, or download the "Connected by LHM" app for your mobile device – all for FREE!

THOUGHTS FOR FATHER'S DAY

A careful man I ought to be; a little fellow follows me; I do not dare to go astray, for fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes; whate'er he sees me do, he tries — Like me, he says, he's going to be, the little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine, believes in every word of mine:

The base in me he must not see, the little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go, through summer's sun and winter's snow, I'm building for the years to be, for a little fellow follows me.

-Author unknown



QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

Support your favorite causes with IRA distributions.

Here is some information from Thrivent. For more detailed information and/or questions, please contact Tammy Brown at 615-681-0265 or tammy.brown@thrivent.com

If you're 70.5 or older, you can use your IRA assets to create a charitable fund that supports your favorite charities. This can be accomplished through qualified charitable distributions (QCDs). You can also use QCDs to pay premiums on a gift of life insurance to support your favorite charities upon death.



HTLC member, Kay Murphy, helps with training **Service Dogs for autistic children**. She will occasionally have these dogs in church so they learn how to behave in different situations. If you have any questions or know of a child that could benefit from a service dog please talk with Kay.



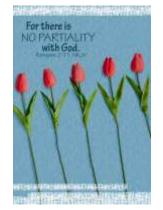


REMEMBER TO PRAY:

- For our members who are going to college whether here in town or in another town/state
- For the students attending WKU that will attend HTLC while here in Bowling Green

The new quarter of **Portals of Prayer** are in the narthex on the table by the bulletin boards.

NOTE: We order a certain amount of devotionals. If you want a copy and there aren't any available, please contact the church office at 843-9595.





Holy Trinity Lutheran Church & School are on the Internet.

Our websites are continually updated. The addresses are:

> Web Site Addresses NEW - Church www.htlc-bgky.com

School www.HTLSBG.com

There are links on these sites to e-mail Pastor Press and Bill Hiskey.



The church services are being "**live streamed**" now. If you are homebound or away from town you can "join worship" from your computer via our Facebook page.

Our e-mail addresses are as follows:

Church e-mail address church.admin@htlc-bg.org

School e-mail address school.admin@htlc-bg.org

NOTE: Addresses <u>are</u> case sensitive and there are <u>**no spaces**</u> in the addresses.



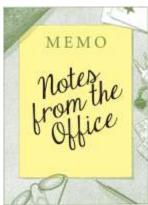
Holy Trinity has a \vec{FAX} MACHINE for all those last minute – must get it to us items. The number is 843-7466.



We are looking for someone familiar with **PowerPoint** software to assist with providing PowerPoint presentations for the screens in the sanctuary on Sundays. This would be someone to serve as back up, to cover when other volunteers are on vacation, or during weeks like Lent and Advent when there are multiple services. Please prayerfully consider assisting this important ministry! Please contact the church office if you are willing to assist.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

RIVER — In the Bible, rivers (and other bodies of water) often represent deliverance, salvation, freedom and cleansing. The Jordan River is especially prominent: The Israelites crossed it to enter the Promised Land after God delivered them from slavery, and John baptized Jesus (and many other people) there. The image of crossing the Jordan River has long been a metaphor for death — crossing from earthly to heavenly life, from worldly struggles to the bliss of God's kingdom, from physical ailments to the wholeness of a resurrection body.



Pastor Press will be attending the District Convention from Thursday, June 12 – Saturday, June 14. He will also be on vacation from Wednesday, June 18 – Sunday, June 22. Rev. Paul Short will preach the first weekend Pastor Press is gone and D.S.M. Bill Hiskey will preach the second weekend.

If you have a pastoral need please contact Pastor Toopes at (870) 672-2117 or toopes57@gmail.com.



Please join us the weekend of June 14 and 15 to hear the Rev. Paul Short speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Pastor Short will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Pastor Short was born and raised in Katy, TX. He served in the US Air Force for four years. He graduated from the University of Houston in 1970 and from Concordia Theological Seminary in 1974. He has served seven parishes in 40 years of ministry (including here at Holy Trinity), with the most recent being St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau, MO.





Please be in prayer for these members/family members of Holy Trinity that are in the military. Their addresses are listed below so that you can send them a letter whenever you want to.

Caleb Goad, son of Dana Johnson, is in the Navy Military Police. Caleb is now deployed in Greece and is using Dana's address at this time for all mail.

> Goad, Caleb A. c/o Dana Johnson 527 Henson Road Bowling Green, KY 42104

Jackson Heinze, son of John Heinze, is serving in the Air Force and is deploying to Africa March – October 2024. All correspondence to John's address at this time.

> AB Heinze, Jackson, E. c/o John Heinze 2170 Greenhill Street Bowling Green, KY 42101

Jonathan Heinze, son of John Heinze, is serving in the Air Force.

Sgt. Jonathan Heinze

Jordan Heinze, son of John Heinze, is also serving in the Air Force.

Airman Jordan Heinze 17464 E. Keystone Circle S Unit #B Aurora, CO 80017 Alex Joseph Madison, grandson of Mike & Pam Case, is now a Corpsman in the Navy. He is stationed in San Antonio, TX.

Michael Schoettlin, cousin of Sarah Hiskey, is serving in the Air Force.

Senior Master Sergeant Michael Schoettlin Kirtland AFB 2000 Wyoming Blvd SE Albuquerque, NM 87123



OUR MEMBERS IN LONG-TERM NURSING CARE...Carolyn Merkle and Joan Thomason



OUR MEMBERS THAT ARE HOMEBOUND... Greg Bergmann, Charles James, and Irma Lamm



UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY RECENTLY WERE... Kylie Schumacher Eldridge and Nicholas Eldridge

The ceremony was held in Brighton, IL at a private venue on Saturday, May 10.

We pray that the Lord will bless their marriage and that He will always be in the center of their life together.

My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. Proverbs 6:20-21, NIV



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Neva Gielow. Neva was a long time member and faithful attendee at Holy Trinity. Neva died on Sunday, May 18, at 92 years of age. Funeral services will be held in Bowling Green, KY.

Joe Turner in the death of his father, Bill Turner. Bill died on Thursday, May 15 at 95 years of age. Funeral services will be held in Cave City, KY.

We commend the family of Neva Gielow and Joe and Debbie Turner, Thelma Crabtree, and Jessica Miller to the comfort and compassion of our Loving and Living Lord Jesus Christ.

HANDLING GRIEF

When a Southern Christian woman became a widow, several people asked what she was going to do. She always answered by saying, "I'm going to do Proverbs 3:5-6 and Philippians 4:4-7."

Both passages provide wonderful doses of strength and encouragement. (If you aren't familiar with the verses, look them up to see for yourself.) When we completely trust in God for guidance and peace, he not only sees us through difficult times but allows us to rejoice rather than worry.



(First person/couple - 8:00 service Second person/couple - 10:30 service)

<u>DATE</u>	NAME
1	DICK & CLAUDINE STIRN DAVID & LAURIE JURGENS
8	MARLY & DEB HIATT DAN & JACKIE BLINDAUER
15	CONNIE PRESS COREY & MEGAN ZIRBEL
22	JEFF & HILARY EVERSOLL TIM & HEATHER RATHERT
29	BRUCE & BONNIE BORTH LYNN & CAROLE CLARK



READERS FOR JUNE (First person - 8:00 service Second person - 10:30 service)

DATE	NAME
1	JOE ERTL DAVID JURGENS
8	BART WHITE MARSHA HOLM
15	BRUCE BORTH BETH MARKEL
22	PETER BRANDT SHERYL MORRIS
29	HILARY EVERSOLL PAM SCHMALTZ



ACOLYTES FOR JUNE (First person - 8:00 service Second person - 10:30 service)

DATE	NAME
1	QUINN OTTO SYDNEY DAVENPORT
8	HUNTLEY MOORE VERA FRITZ
15	LIAM PAYNE AUGUST MERKLE
22	MASON ROSBOTTOM ELLIE HISKEY
29	QUINN OTTO STELLA JONES





ALTAR GUILD FOR JUNE

- 8:00 A.M. SUE BANISTER JANET BRYANT
- 10:30 A.M. COREY ZIRBEL MEGAN ZIRBEL



COMMUNION SERVERS FOR JUNE

- 8:00 A.M. CHARLIE STUCKWISCH
- 10:30 A.M. JIM MORRIS



AUDIO/VISUAL FOR JUNE (First person - 8:00 service Second person - 10:30 service)

DATE NAME

- 1 MCKENZIE EVERSOLL AYDEN WITHERSPOON
- 8 MCKENZIE EVERSOLL A.J. ZIRBEL
- 15 MCKENZIE EVERSOLL AYDEN WITHERSPOON
- 22 MCKENZIE EVERSOLL A.J. ZIRBEL
- 29 MCKENZIE EVERSOLL AYDEN WITHERSPOON

POWERPOINT FOR JUNE

- 1 DAWSON OWENS
- 8 ELIZABETH NEHM
- 15 ELIZABETH NEHM
- 22 NELSON FELICIANO
- 29 SHERYL MORRIS







- Peter A. Brandt 2
- 3 Robert Eversoll
- John A. Hamilton
- 4 Kathleen C. Parsons Sydney J. Davenport
- Lillian B. Poteet 5 Tanner M. Tolbert
- 6 Emmeline T. Rogers
- 8 Luie J. Trudy Josiah R. Kelty
- 10 Michael W. Kirk
- 11 Deanna M. Moore
- 15 Donna L. White Brandon Levan Everett S. Rogers
- 16 Ellis C. Otto
- 17 Dennis Widmann
- Sheridan N. Pinerola 18
- 19 Jean E. Nehm Ian M. Parsley

- 20 Jackson M. Murphy
- 21 Melissa A. Tolbert 22 Jackie Blindauer
 - Robert LeRov Corey A. Zirbel
- 23 Frank J. Jessie, III Huntley J. Moore
- 25 Michael C. Thorpe Janese K. Cleary Mason C. Rosbottom
- 26 LWanda Belek Juanita P. Linhardt
- 27 David R. Hoffman Dana L. Johnson Michele A. Mefford
- 28 Jerome Jascur
- Sarah D. Hiskey 30 Hilary Eversoll **Bethany Boeneke** Cade C. Haase



- 2 Mike & Pam Case (53rd)
- 3 Richard & Elaine Ford (25th)
- Mike & Diane Thorpe (21st) 5
- Vernon & Sherrie Small (44th) 6
- Chris & Amber Miller (10th)
- Jason & Sonya Owen's (31st) 11
- Bill & Eleanor Hiskey (65th) 12 Craig & Jodi Praxl (38th) 13
- Paul & Julie Powers (11th)
- 17 Richard & Claudine Stirn (58th) Nelson & Nayda Feliciano (32nd)
- John & Debbie Urman (33rd) 18

- Edward & Kathy Petrusch (55th)
- Alan & Adrienne Dieball (66th) Chris & Andrea Unick (22nd)
- Michael & Kimberly Parsley
- 22 Kurt & Kim Otto (29th)

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- Ron & Wendy Crittenden (21st) 23
- Cliff & Karen Mitchell (58th) 24 Scott & Jean Nehm (53rd)
- Tage & Melody Haase (33rd) 27
- Glenn & Joyce Schilke (40th) 29
 - Jeff & Ellen Birdwell (37th)
- Kirk & Joleen Toth (30th) 30

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