

## REDEEMER — MOVING FORWARD



Pastor Ferrier has just resigned. He has left the area. Our Pastor is gone! He's gone. Why? Is it something we have done? Is it something we should have done? We are a church without a Pastor. What are we supposed to do now? What will happen to us now? Can we get another Pastor? How soon can we start looking for a Pastor? Will our worship services continue? What changes are coming?

Dear Redeemer family! These are just a few examples of the thoughts that are going through all of our minds. We are not the first congregation to experience anxiety over a Pastor leaving under unfavorable circumstances, nor will we be the last. Our dearly beloved Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has struggled with our kind of situation over the years – and has done something about it by creating the Intentional Interim Ministry Program. I have been trained in this program and when your leaders first asked me to serve, I committed to stay with you until you have successfully called a new Pastor and he is in place and functioning.

Studies over the years have shown that whenever a Pastor leaves, at least three attitudes are present in the congregation. First is the attitude of love for the Pastor. Those who love the Pastor are devastated that he is leaving. They are in grief and may have the feeling that no Pastor can ever be as good as the departing one. The energy level for those with this attitude is very low. Those who love the Pastor see very clearly the threat of pastoral change.

A second attitude is that of rejoicing that the Pastor is going. They may have had complaints about the Pastor. This attitude is a source of energy. People who are glad to see the Pastor go are ready to serve the church and move it forward. They are eager for a Pastoral Call Committee to go into action and to start moving toward the future. They often don't understand the feelings of grief that others may be expressing.

The third attitude in the congregation is that of confusion. People with this attitude do not understand why the Pastor is leaving. This attitude represents a fair number of people in any church. They do not know what is going on.

Some people will feel a mixture of all three attitudes. Emotions, expressed or not, may include grief, anger, hostility to others, abandonment, guilt, fear, anxiety and others. In some cases, individuals and families have left the church at various times before the actual Pastoral resignation.

Interim Ministry involves helping people share their feelings, hopes and fears with each other so they can come together with a spirit of excitement about the future with a

new Pastor. My being here before the Pastor's resignation has served to shorten the time required for the process of

healing that must take place. When I refer to healing, be assured that this can only come from our gracious God in His time. But we are all familiar with the advice, based on life experience, that is given to a person who loses their spouse: "For your own good, don't make any major decisions for at least six months to a year." Dear ones, it is like that for a congregation. Everyone knows that it takes time to heal. God's Word says that "There is a time for everything, and there is a time for every event under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1 NASB).

The Interim Ministry is a process designed for the primary purpose: **TO HELP THE CONGREGATION PREPARE ITSELF FOR A NEW PASTOR.** (I will be sharing the details at the next Elders and Council meetings). The Florida-Georgia District, President Michael and Circuit Counselor Dr. Randy Winkel, will support this process with their personal visitation and assistance.

In this Interim period we will not be standing still waiting, for all services of the church will continue. The Word will be preached and the Sacraments administered, lost sheep will be tenderly brought back home, adults and babies will be Baptized, VBS will take place, Sunday School will restart and expand, Confirmation class cranks up, Child Care will prosper, choir will rehearse, weekly Bible class will study, Ladies Guild meetings will serve, Youth group will spring up and grow, dinners and parties will abound, and new members will be sought and brought into our Redeemer family.

I came to you officially on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, which was Ascension Day and I included Jesus' Words in my sermon of May 4<sup>th</sup>, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you shall be My witnesses..." (Acts 1:8). Then we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost when St. Peter preached and the Christian Church was born. We are witnesses of all that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has done. We are all called to be here in this Church to proclaim the love of God in Christ Jesus. We know the same Holy Spirit will walk with us through this to God's glory and our benefit. It's good to be **Moving Forward** together with you at Redeemer.

*Pastor Warren Thomason*

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CHURCH

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# MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER



The President's Corner

The big news this month is of course the resignation of Pastor Ferrier. Let's all continue to pray for Pastor and his family. This will mean that we will be reevaluating our needs as far as what kind of Pastor will best suit the needs of Redeemer Lutheran Church. The Elders will be taking the lead once we as a congregation determine our needs. This can be a long process, but we need to be prudent in our search for a new Pastor. In the mean time we are in the caring, loving hands of Pastor Thomason, and the good Lord willing Pastor Schmidt and Lanette will be rejoining us in the fall.

News for the Church budget continues to be on the positive side, with almost a \$23,000 surplus and we continue to see giving that is greater than our monthly expenses. We may have some rough financial times ahead, but as long as we continue to be good stewards of our resources we will remain in good shape.

I am afraid the news concerning the Child Care (Pre School) is not as positive. With some unexpected bus repair expenses (\$1,200.00 plus for brakes), and a significant loss in children, our income is not keeping up with our regular expenses. Your School Board is aware of the problems and is working to make the necessary changes to get things back on the right track. Charlie Vovcsko is doing a great job in a difficult situation, and is getting lots of help from Christin Wacker, and members of the School Board. On the positive side, a new scholarship program is getting started to assist some of the parents to keep their children in the Pre School, instead of taking them to a private babysitter to save few dollars. This may help to bring back a few of our "lost sheep" or at least allow qualified parents some assistance in these difficult economic times. A new curriculum is being evaluated, and the School Board is looking into a tuition reimbursement program to allow the staff to further their training. The Keypad is in place and working.

Due to a bit of a miscommunication the small group sign up sheets were a little late in getting announced and put in place, so the program has been moved back a few weeks, but should be moving forward as you read this. One group has already started and hopefully we will have several others. Call Pat at the office to sign up.

It is starting out as an eventful summer, with a new Interim Pastor, the resignation of Pastor Ferrier, starting the Call process of our new Pastor, The Pre School up and downs and few other fires thrown in to make it interesting. I can't help marvel that with all that is going on how blessed we at Redeemer is to still be going in the right direction and the hard work of so many dedicated people. I feel very positive about our Church and the way we have come together to handle these trying times. Please keep praying for your Church leaders.

Please don't hesitate to call on your Elders or myself (941-238-7925) with any questions or concerns.

*Ron Beaber, President*

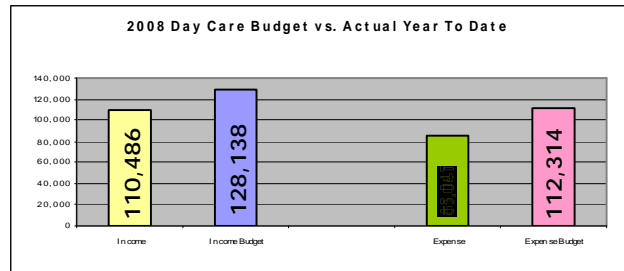
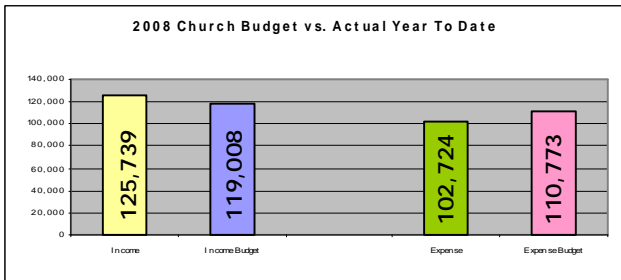
# Finance

## 2008 Church Budget vs. Actual Year to Date Through June 15

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Income Budget</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Expense Budget</b>
<b>January</b>	26,354.26	17,108.63	21,396.82	17,469.21
<b>February</b>	28,933.94	21,785.41	29,127.00	23,519.21
<b>March</b>	30,823.00	23,935.00	17,239.70	18,497.00
<b>April</b>	16,839.31	25,152.71	11,446.47	17,719.22
<b>May</b>	13,175.00	21,086.00	15,996.00	17,104.00
<b>June</b>	9,613.00	9,940.00	7,518.00	16,464.00
<b>July</b>				
<b>August</b>				
<b>September</b>				
<b>October</b>				
<b>November</b>				
<b>December</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,738.51</b>	<b>119,007.75</b>	<b>102,376.99</b>	<b>110,772.64</b>

## 2008 Day Care vs. Actual Year to Date Through June 15

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Income Budget</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Expense Budget</b>
<b>January</b>	45,015.25	41,927.98	9,774.00	15,225.00
<b>February</b>	16,822.00	15,795.00	18,571.00	16,270.00
<b>March</b>	14,468.00	19,287.00	15,623.00	16,275.00
<b>April</b>	15,879.00	15,687.53	9,191.23	17,569.22
<b>May</b>	11,417.00	19,658.00	17,194.00	23,159.00
<b>June</b>	6,885.00	15,782.00	14,694.00	23,816.00
<b>July</b>				
<b>August</b>				
<b>September</b>				
<b>October</b>				
<b>November</b>				
<b>December</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,486.25</b>	<b>128,137.51</b>	<b>78,410.23</b>	<b>112,314.22</b>



# Oldest Fathers on Father's Day—June 15



Bob Johnson



Charles Keller



Robert Boliere

**USHERS**  
THIS MONTH

- July 6 Steve & Lee Procuik  
Ray Janssen & Harold Hale
- July 13 Steve & Lee Procuik  
Pam DeGourse & Pat Wilcoxen
- July 20 Ray & Leta Stender  
Tommy & Karen Kirkland
- July 27 Tony & Sharon Grcevic  
Ron & Mary Beaber
- August 3 Olga Nagel & Lee Vandercook  
Ray Janssen & Harold Hale
- August 10 Pam DeGourse & Pat Wilcoxen  
Shirley Zatkalik & Ray Janssen
- August 17 Lee Vandercook & Olga Nagel  
Shirley Zatkalik & Harold Hale
- August 24 Lee Vandercook & Olga Nagel  
Ron & Mary Beaber
- August 31 Youth

*Submitted by Ray Stender*

- July 6 Gudrun Janke
- July 13 Laura Brooks
- July 20 Pat Petersen
- July 27 Karen Kirkland

*Submitted by Pam DeGourse*



**GREETERS SCHEDULE**

- July 6 Assimilation Board
- July 13 Assimilation Board
- July 20 Assimilation Board
- July 27 Assimilation Board
- August 3 Assimilation Board
- August 10 Assimilation Board
- August 17 Assimilation Board
- August 24 Assimilation Board
- August 31 Youth

*Submitted by Pam DeGourse*

# Outreach



“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”  
Matthew 28:19

“Jesus said, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.’ [By this he meant the Holy Spirit.]” John 7:37-39.

A thirsty person longs for a drink of cool, clear water. Jesus offers something better for our thirsty souls—living water. Whoever drinks of this living water [Jesus] will never thirst again. WHAT GOOD NEWS for our thirsty souls—living water that will never dry up. WHAT GOOD NEWS TO SHARE WITH OTHER THIRSTY SOULS!

The best way to share the good news is to tell someone of your experiences. How your faith and your relationship with God got you through some bad times. How you couldn’t have made it without Jesus. How he has blessed you and your family through the years. These experiences can easily be introduced into conversations.

## Redeemer Business Cards

We passed out the new “business cards” at church on June 15 for our members to use when talking to friends, neighbors, acquaintances, strangers about our faith and how wonderfully loving our church is. The card has information about Redeemer and has a location map on the reverse side. These cards will continue to be available in the Narthex if you need more.

## Upcoming Social Events

There will be several social events this summer for fun and fellowship and also for inviting your unchurched friends and acquaintances. On July 4, there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Potluck Picnic. Plan on coming, bring a dish to pass and a friend. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks provided. Songs, games, bingo, lots of fun. Sign up in Narthex or call Carol at 460-8830.

On Sunday, July 20, we will be having a Beach Outreach Picnic at Englewood Beach, from 5:00 until sunset. This will also be a potluck, with hotdogs and drinks provided. Songs, good food, and fellowship. Bring a friend. Meet new people from the beach. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex.

We are planning an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social on Sunday afternoon, August 17, from 2-4:00. Ice creams, toppings to be provided. Fellowship and fun. Bring your friends, neighbors. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex, or call Carol at 460-8830.

## Friendship Sunday

Another Friendship Sunday is planned for September 28. A great opportunity to invite people you know to church. Pastor will have a 4-week series leading up to that day: think of a friend, pray for a friend, invite a friend, and bring a friend. There will be a reception following the service. Start thinking about whom to invite.

## Telephone Neighborhood Canvass

We are planning a “telethon” in late August/early September. Member volunteers will be calling residents in Englewood neighborhoods, especially those near church, to find out about their needs, and to invite them to church. A Questionnaire document will be provided to callers. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! You will be hearing more about this as the summer progresses.

We are planning this canvass in conjunction with our September Friendship Sunday.

## Meet and Greet on Sunday Mornings

Keep your eyes peeled for visitors on Sunday Mornings & make a point of talking to them, helping them feel at home. The Child Care kids will be singing in church once a month, so we will be having lots of visitors (their families, friends, grandparents, etc.).

*Submitted by Carol Haupt*

# Help! Help! Help!



Volunteers are needed in July for Helping Hand Food Pantry. Redeemer is scheduled for Monday, July 21—Thursday, July 31, from 10 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

If you can help, please call (941) 475-3060

*Submitted by Helen Sturzenbecker*

## Thank You Nancy Gunterman!!!



# 2008 Graduates



Thank you very much for the graduation scholarship. I love knowing that I have a family that will always be behind me. It is going to be difficult finding a church in Tampa that compares. Thanks again for supporting the continuation of my education at USF.

Love , Heather Brew

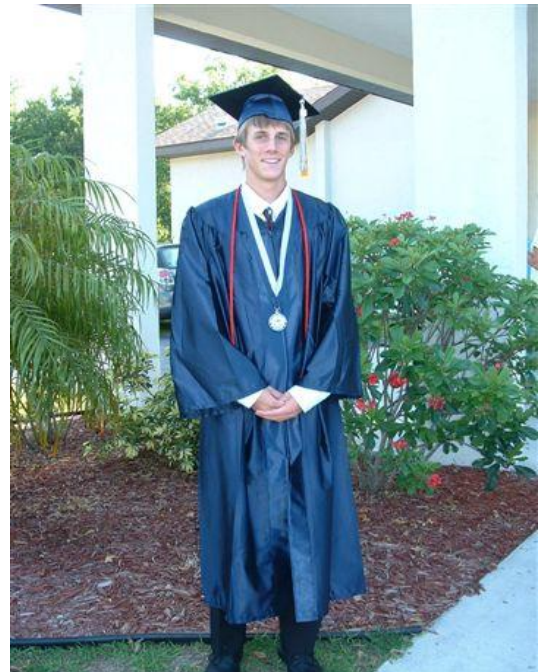
To The Redeemer Lutheran Ladies Guild,

Thank you for the scholarship money to help further my education. Due to your contribution I can start perusing my career goals of becoming an Ocean Engineer. This field is ever growing and is the future in environmentally friendly energy. An ocean engineer can work with project such as creating new buoys to record useful data, study and create more durable and stronger water structures, and work on harvesting energy for the ocean's currents with underwater turbines. This career choice encompasses many of my hobbies making it enjoyable to me.

With your help, I can use this gift to purchase books and other educational items needed. Also, I can save the money along with my savings for college and can use it to pay for tuition, room and board, or other college expenses at Florida Atlantic University when I finish my Associates degree at Manatee Community College. This great contribution will become a help to me and my career path. Thanks for selecting me to receive this scholarship. You have enabled me to seek my dreams and enter the adult world prepared and secure.

Thank you,

Raymond Altmann





# 2008 Graduates

Thank you for my graduation gift. I am very grateful and I really appreciate your kindness.

I also want to thank the Lord I am a member of this church because without it, this little step being taken wouldn't be possible.

You have helped make it possible for me to start pursuing my dream . . .

Angie Ziegler



Natasha Wall

## NEWSLETTER IN COLOR!!!



**Have you been enjoying the newsletter in color?  
Great, we have too. However, it does cost  
more. You can make a special donation  
to the copy machine fund to help  
defray this cost.**

**Thanks in advance for your  
Contribution.**

# Service Directory/Classified Ads

## Services

Beautician/Manicurist      Debbie Balogh      Purple Palace      941-475-0731

Pressure Cleaning - Matt & Michelle Finley - Hoover Pressure Cleaning – 697-6886

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Licensed & Insured – [www.hooverpressure.com](http://www.hooverpressure.com)

6" Seamless Gutters

Jim W. Gossett, Residential Construction, Licensed & Insured

Home: (941) 698-9940; Cell: (941) 445-2074

J & J Lawn Service—Quality service at an affordable price. Mowing, weed-eating, blowing, edging, and palm tree trimming. Call John at (941) 456-1163 for a free estimate.

Handyman Licensed & Insured Call Jim Gossett Home: (941) 698-9940; Cell: (941) 445-2074

Grandma’s Domestic Service — Pet Sitting, Errands & Dr. Visits, Help with Elderly & Invalids, Cleaning & Cooking, House & Yard Work

Call Carol (941) 474-926

## For Sale

Fostoria American Dishes (large lot). The Youth are selling this online at eBay. However, if you are a collector or know someone who is and would like to buy it directly from them, please call Michelle Ferrier at 697-0502.

# Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for September is **Sunday, August 24th** by 12 noon.

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to [letastender@gmail.com](mailto:letastender@gmail.com) or place it in the newsletter box in the church office. Articles received after **August 24th** will be held for the **October** newsletter.



Please be sure to put your name on the article so I can contact you if there are any questions.

Leta Stender

**PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!!!!**

# Building & Grounds

Thanks for all the cooperation from everyone.

If there is anything that you notice needs attention, please don't hesitate to let me know.



Thanks again,

*Ray Janssen*

## From The Office

### ADDRESS Change

<b>Elsie &amp; Cliff Larsen</b>	<b>Address:</b>	<b>900 Tamiami Trail South Apt. 527 Venice, FL. 34285</b>
	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>941-486-5139</b>

### MOVED BACK North

<b>Nancy Gunterman</b>	<b>Address:</b>	<b>2210 North Kikapoo St. Lincoln, IL 62656</b>
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<b>Helen Wagner</b>	<b>Address:</b>	<b>448 Collingswood Dr. Winston-Salem, N.C.</b>
<b>27127</b>		

### DECEASED

<b>Shay Thurow</b>	<b>June 23, 2008</b>
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Changes are thru June 23, 2008.

*Thank you,  
Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary*

# Human Care

The Christian Support Group will meet the last Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. during the summer months. It is a time to listen, to share feelings, to support one another and to grow in faith. You are welcome to attend.

*Submitted by Helena DeGourse (941) 697-2638*



# Altar Guild

I wish to thank the Altar Guild Volunteers who have served during this past year and helped to make our Sunday services meaningful. Our many extra services required additional volunteers and your willingness to help was very much appreciated.

The Altar Guild is responsible for the preparation of communion, care of altar linens and paraments and to serve as needed to set up the chancel for the times and seasons of the church year. Altar Guild volunteers are necessary and valuable servants of the congregation.

Our members will be receiving information advising them of our annual October meeting date. We welcome new members who are willing to serve one month in the calendar year and perhaps additional time when special services are planned. Please consider being a volunteer. You may call me at 941-475-7862.

*Avis Stuck, Altar Guild Chairman*

# Thank You

Thank you to our Redeemer Family:

Perhaps you sent a lovely card  
 Or sat quietly in a chair  
 Perhaps you sent a funeral spray  
 If so, we saw it there  
 Perhaps you spoke the kindest words  
 As any friend could say  
 Perhaps you were not there at all  
 Just thought of us that day  
 Whatever you did to console our hearts  
 We thank you so much, whatever the part.

*The family of Katie Rudolph*

# Youth

# Youth News

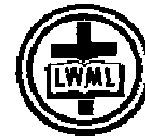
Fun was had by all on June 8<sup>th</sup> at Englewood Beach for the "Redeemer Youth Group School Is Out Beach Party". After lunch and enjoying the water and weather the kids had a couple of fun games (Beach Flipper Run, Sand Castle Building, Skim Boarding and Limbo) to make the day entertaining and memorable. Thanks to the Wall family, Carol, & Pastor Thomason for helping make the day lots of fun.

Our future plans are to meet after school resumes and set up our events for the year. We are hoping to collaborate ideas for event planning with the youth to encourage them to bring friends and grow attendance at Sunday School and Church.

Submitted by  
Michelle Finley



# Ladies Guild



## The Lutheran Bible Translators

Have you started a little home repair, only to discover you didn't have the right tools? Perhaps you began to prepare a meal, then discovered you didn't have all of the ingredients.

To complete the goals we have set, we need the necessary components. Whether writing a letter, changing a tire, or constructing a house, nothing can be accomplished without the right materials and equipment.

Bringing God's Word to people in their mother tongue is no different. Those serving in translation and Scripture Use programs require all the tools we are familiar with, computers, printing materials, audio/visual equipment, reliable transportation and communications. Without these things, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to test Scripture portions, teach people to read, print and distribute Bible and educational booklets, record Scripture, or even travel from place to place.

LBT missionaries are serving in over 80 translations and Scripture Use programs worldwide. It is our goal to begin 25 new projects by 2014.

In Botswana they are recording local church choirs in the Yeyt language to promote mother tongue worship; printing key terms, local stories, and calendar in the Khwe language; training teachers in the Vute language; printing of Komba primers for 50 literacy classes. Countries in which LBT are working: Cameroon, Botswana, Ghana, Namibia, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone, Thailand

The Lutheran Bible Translators - LBT is one of the organization the Redeemer Ladies Guild supports.

*Submitted by Margie Cypher*



I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and are getting plenty of rest to prepare for the fall. The Ladies Guild is looking forward to a good year of fun and fellowship. We resume our monthly meetings on Wed. Oct. 1st at 12:30 beginning with coffee and dessert. Meeting begins at 1:00.

The FL/Georgia district convention will be in Orlando Sept 26, 27, & 28th of 2008 at the Marriott Hotel. Cost of rooms are \$109.00 per night---up to 4 people. Registration is \$135.00 per person including some meals. Reservations must be made before Aug. 22nd. Make plans to attend and bring your friends. You won't be disappointed. Contact Carol Sheahan at 941-875-6616. There is \$500.00 in the Ladies Guild budget for this event.

The Fall Rally is in Sarasota at Beautiful Savior on Oct. 25th. More on this later.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Oct. 1st

*Submitted by Linda Rogers*

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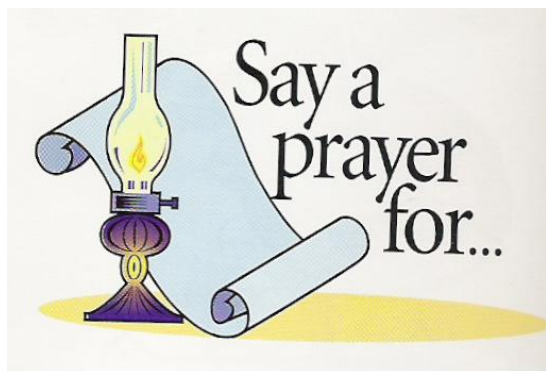
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Pat Eiler  
Pastor Ferrier  
Bob & Joan Johnson  
Charles Keller  
Cliff Larsen  
Tom McGrath  
Ellie Ratzlaff  
Joe Scarangella

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Ella Boegeman  
Jim Cleary  
Dorothy Doenges  
Bruce Ferrier  
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Marie Liebl

Ian McDowel  
Donna Muncy  
Tommie Palmer  
Mary Elizabeth Raines  
Sherrie Rhoades  
Kathie Riggs  
Polly Tice  
Dr. John Paul Vidolin  
Cameron Wasiluk  
Virgil Weldy  
Brenda Wright



MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR THE FAMILY OF SHAY THUROW WHO WAS CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME.



Herb Bohm  
Geraldine Bradburg  
Gloria Carlson  
Ruth Jansch  
Ruth Sutley

