

ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HEALING SERVICE
October 19/20, 2024



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Church Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday: 9:30 am till 4:00 pm

TODAY'S WORSHIP

WELCOME! BELOVED OF CHRIST, welcome to worship, faith education and Christian fellowship this day. May you sense the embrace of God's love through the people you interact with here.

TODAY'S GOSPEL starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

WORSHIP BEGINS in our gathering. Please enjoy greeting and conversation in the Narthex, and respect those who have entered the Sanctuary to pray, meditate, and listen to the prelude with silence and an atmosphere of reverence and peace as we all prepare to hear God's word.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available; please ask an usher for help.

THE BLUE WELCOME PAD in the pew rack is our record of your attendance and communion (or you may leave a message for Pastor Grube, note a new address or phone number). Please take a moment to complete it.

LEAVING THE SANCTUARY during worship? Please use the side doors with the panic bar latches; they open and close silently. **TURNING OFF** cell phone and other electronic devices is greatly appreciated.

IF YOU'D LIKE someone's name to be added to our prayer list spoken in worship and printed in the bulletin, please be sure to contact the church office or complete the prayer request card on the table in the Narthex before worship. Cards added after worship will be included in the following week's prayer list. In either case you will continue to have the opportunity to say aloud or remember silently that person's name during the intercessory prayers.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for October 26/27: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36.

GATHERING

PLEASE NOTE: Parts of this service are omitted for Saturday's worship.

PRELUDE

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

Robert Lind

BELL, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand as you are able to face the font for the Confession.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN # 676

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit.

WORD

ANTHEM

Good Soil
Chapel Choir

Handt Hanson

CHILDREN'S SERMON [Sunday]

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

A reading from Isaiah:

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with

the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors, yet he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

A reading from Hebrews:

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness, and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

The Son of Man came not to be served | but to serve,*
and to give his life as a ran- | som for many.

GOSPEL

MARK 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

The holy gospel according to Mark:
Glory to you, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your

servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

SERMON

Stand as you are able for the Hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 612 *Healer of Our Every Ill*
Please remain standing.

HEALING

INTRODUCTION

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing — with prayer, the laying on of hands and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need.

God of grace, *hear our prayer.*

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sit.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

*At the invitation, those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing approach the predella step by the **center aisle**. The minister lays both hands on each person's head, then anoints the person's forehead with oil, making the sign of the cross with these words.*

Receive this oil + as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ.

*Response: **Amen.***

*After all have returned to their places, **the assembly stands**, and the presiding minister continues.*

Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



BLESSING PRAYER SHAWLS

Let us also give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we dedicate these Prayer Shawls, signs of God's healing and presence, to the praise and glory of God.

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen. Today we praise you and give you thanks as we dedicate these prayer shawls to your glory and praise.

Bless them that they may be a sign of your presence, healing, and wholeness to those who receive them, and a ministry of love and joy to those who make them, according to your gracious purpose in all things; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

MEAL

OFFERTORY #691

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

Stand as you are able as the offering is presented.

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

Music: English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925

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BARBARA ALLEN

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OFFERING PRAYER

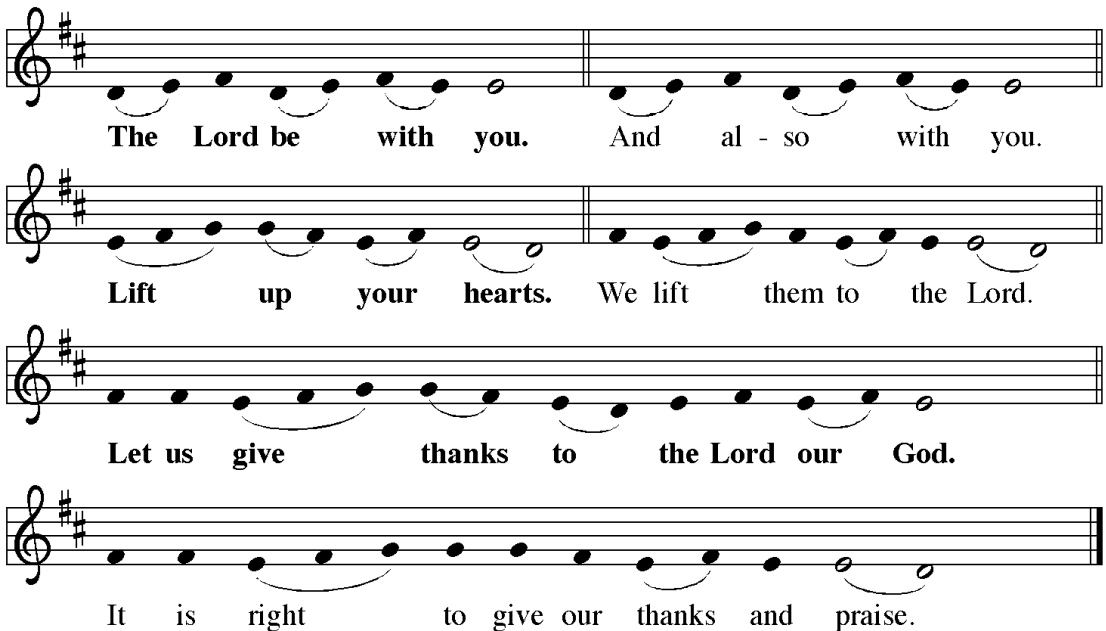
The assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister unveils the paten and chalice and prepares for the communion.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to' and 'the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right' and 'to give our thanks and praise.'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hosanna in the Highest'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many notes beamed together.

Holy God, holy and mighty,...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember,...all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful,...sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God,...Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

The bread is broken for the communion and the assembly is seated. Online worshipers receive the word The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

We invite you to come forward to stand on the floor at the predella step. The communion ministers will move around the predella step counterclockwise communing you in turn. The person seated closest to the ambo comes to the first place by the ambo, and those behind and to their right follow in turn by taking the next open position, filling the predella step around the table. We progress from that seat section counterclockwise through each seat section in turn to the choir, who communes last. When you have communed, return to your seat, and the next person can take that position.

Take an empty glass from the tray to be filled with wine from the pouring chalice. Prefilled glasses of juice are available for those who cannot or prefer not to receive wine.

We invite all Baptized Christians and those who commune in their own churches to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children and those not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please inform an usher or neighbor of your desire to commune so they can inform the communion ministers, and they will bring the sacrament to you in your seat.

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say,
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond Amen.*

During the distribution, Lamb of God is sung.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Jean Grube and Hannah Cooper

Robert Robinson

When all have communed and the ministers have communed, the table is re-dressed and the assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God almighty, God most merciful, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Jacob B. Weber

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SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter: Ellen Babuscak

Acolyte: Ava Brezovsky

Assisting Minister & Lector: Gail Smallwood

Saturday Altar Set Up: Cookie Fetterman

Sunday Altar: Martha Kush

Communion Bread: Martha Kush

Minister of Technology: Marissa Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God, in Memory of Todd (Poppy) Holbrook, by His Family. **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God, in Loving Memory of Arlene Lorah by the Lorah Family.

THE WHITE ROSE is given in Memory of Marjorie McCarty, who passed away on Sunday, October 13. The Memorial Service for Marjorie will be held on Wednesday, October 23, at 10:00 am; sympathy cards may be sent to her family via her son, Richard McCarty, 250 E. Poplar Street, Larksville, PA 18651. May God comfort all who mourn.

A DONATION has been given to the Furniture & Fixtures and Building Improvement Funds, in Memory of Tom Mertz, by Karen Mertz.

ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER – Many thanks from the 100th Anniversary Committee to everyone who purchased Krispy Kreme donuts during the recent sale. The anniversary committee appreciates all you do to help with the 2025 celebrations. Pick up your orders before/after services on the 19th and 20th.

A NOTE FROM THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: There are many opportunities coming up where we need your support and help: Pasta dinner in February, March 4 Fat Tuesday dessert night and entertainment, April 20 Easter Breakfast, May 25-Pig Roast celebration, July 26 Quilt/Art Show, September 21 fundraiser brunch, and more. Look for sign-up sheets. Contact Annie Bisher or any member of the committee for more information.

IN PREPARATION FOR All Saints Sunday, November 2/3, you are invited to include the names of loved ones who have passed away in our All Saints Day display. White All Saints Day tags are available in the Narthex; write your loved ones' names on the tags and they will be hung on a Remembrance Tree, which will be placed in the Sanctuary during All Saints Sunday worship.

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS” – our work continues. Twenty-nine children are attending Head Start at St. Paul’s this school year and we are asking for donations of new children’s sneakers – boys or girls, sizes 7 ½ - 13. Please remember to attach your gift receipt to the shoes. There is a Sneaker Display table in the Narthex; sneakers should be brought to church by October 19/20. Thank you for your care and support of our Head Start children and their families through this Social Ministry project.

HOW WE CAN HELP... Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a tropical storm through the southeastern United States. The need for assistance is great and if you would like to donate to the recovery effort, envelopes for Lutheran Disaster Relief are located on the bulletin table. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul’s and on the memo line please write Hurricane Relief. You may also make a donation through your on-line account with Vanco (Lutheran Disaster Relief). Please know that 100% of your donation goes to the relief effort and your support is greatly appreciated.

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. PAUL’S? Pastor Grube will be holding a New Members’ Orientation today during the Sunday School hour (10:45 – 11:45) and new members will be officially received during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 27. Please contact the church office if you are planning on joining St. Paul’s but are unable to attend the orientation session today.

THE WORSHIP LEADERS sign-up sheets for November and December are posted on the table in the Narthex; please take a moment following worship to sign-up for one of the open positions.

YEAR END ROAST BEEF DINNER – the final dinner of the year will be held on Saturday, November 2. As always, take outs will be available starting at 3:30 pm and sit-down dining will be from 4:00 pm till 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12; available at the door. Please check out the volunteer sign-up sheets on the poster in the Narthex.

ORGAN CONCERT...for All Hallows Eve. A program of organ music, both powerful and peaceful, with organ music for the feasts of All Saints and All Souls – with a little Halloween mischief, just for fun – presented by Michael Sowa, Organist and Director of Music at Saint John the Evangelist R. C. Church, 35 William Street, Pittston, Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 2:00 pm. A free-will offering will be accepted.

100th ANNIVERSARY “FUN FACT” – As mentioned last week, our current organ was acquired from a disbanded Swedish Lutheran Church in North Wilkes-Barre and a two-story addition was needed to accommodate it. In 1967 a suspended cross (now standing in the Narthex) was built by member Roy Stair and placed over the altar as a gift by Doras in memory of their first teacher, Mrs. John Batey. A parsonage and adjoining building were torn down, a much-needed parking lot was completed and a new front entrance was built. St. Paul’s continued to grow, and to grow with a firm link to its beginning and to its traditions. (To be continued...)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S

Today: 8:30 am Chime Practice
9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am New Members Orientation Meeting
Noon – Deadline to submit articles for November *GOOD NEWS*
5:00 pm Cub Scouts; 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 10:30 am Bible Study

Wednesday: 10:00 am Memorial Service for Marjorie McCarty

Thursday: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Saturday: 5:30 pm Worship (Reformation)

Next Sunday: 8:30 am Chime Practice
9:30 am Worship: Reformation Sunday
10:45 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Scouts Pack meeting and Halloween Party

PRAYER LIST - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list. **Pray for the Congregation of St. Matthew United, Scranton and St. Peter, Scranton.**

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Hope Beisel, Annie & Marty Bisher, Mary Lou Bowman, Mary Lou Button, Pam Cyphers, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Marge Fritzinger, Robert Kline, Rachelle Pryor, Bill Smith, Carol Swanson, Alyson Wood, Justin Yost, Shirley Zimmerman.

Please note: Those people listed as Family and Friends will be listed here for a four-week period. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3859 or stpaul@epix.net if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

Family & Friends: Robert Binger, Kathy Boston, Judy C., Marjorie Catania, Janice DeFebo, Manfred Diel, Gene Eyerman, Rich Fufaro, Chuck Gomer, George Hrubowchak, Ruth Hummel, Christine Ide, Linda Johnson, Michael Kaminski, Tyler Karasinski, Erin Kavanaugh, Bradley Kessler, Jacqueline Kretz, Alice Laskowski, Audrey Mace, Carol Marker, Wanda McCall, Ernie McCarty, Sue & Dan McConnell, Dwight McKee, Molly Crispel McIntyre, Rob Merritt, Carl Miers, Baby Miles, Patty N., Tim Nulton, Helen O'Brien, Peg O'Brien, Alice O'Neil, Megan Ortega, Nancy Ott, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Coleman Plecker, Sherry Probst, Paul Pryor, Febe Quintanar, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Edward Sabol, Marilyn Roll Shaver, Nancy Shymanski, Wally Skurski, Sandy Sprau, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Benjamin Szostak, Raymah Tasco, Abigail Thomas, Jean Thompson, Bill Ward, Karen Wise, Woody Wolfe, Peg Wyda, Mary Z., Josh, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Cindy, Keith, Kim, Diane, Mark, Mary, Rosemary, Morgan, Lori, Luciano (no last names given).