

ALL SAINTS DAY

October 31/November 1, 2026

6:00 pm | 8:45 am

Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

Announcements and Welcome

Dedication of Quilts and Kits

Liturgist: Let us pray.
O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many Gifts—a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts we have made, to you.

C: We dedicate these quilts and kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each quilt or kit is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items—making each piece we have created an expression of love. There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life—how you can use something as small as a quilt or kit to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.

Liturgist: Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people.
C: Amen.

Prelude *"Jealous of the Angels"*
Stacy Bean, musician

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Liturgist: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

Liturgist: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Liturgist: Holy God,
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Liturgist: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
C: Amen.

Processional Hymn *"For All Your Saints, O Lord"* ELW 427



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Greeting

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

Kyrie


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us
pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men.

Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

8:45am ANTHEM *"I Will Sing Your Glory and Praise"*
Chancel Choir

Please be seated.

Remembering the Saints Litany

Liturgist: We remember today the saints of this community who have died since last November 1st.

AM: For this assembly, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us, for all who have done good works in this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For those who teach and those who learn, for those who serve and share the gospel, for those who are still to come, that faithfulness and service may abound, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.
C: To you, O Lord.

Liturgist: We remember this day the following departed saints of First Lutheran Church:

Jim Crick	Joel Johnson	Ruth Sajevic
Wayne Deterding	Carolyn Jones	Judy Samuelson
Shelly Elstermeier	LaVern Krenke	George Schwartz
Maxine Grassmeyer	Josh Liljehorn	Bud Spangsberg
Marvel Heuke	Gena Rodgers	Larry Swanson
Ella Honeywell	Daryl Rodgers	Mike Wamsley

(pause for lifting up of names from the congregation)

Liturgist: Let us pray.
O God, remember your church throughout the world. Make all its members grow in love for you and for one another. As you have received our siblings who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

Word

L: A reading from Revelation, the seventh chapter.

L: 9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that
no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and
peoples and languages, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in
their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the
throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around
the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on
their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who
are these, robed in white, and where have they come
from?"
14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he
said to me, "These are they who have come out of the
great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter
them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
(Revelation 7:9-17)

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (*Matthew 5:1-12)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message and “Noisy” Offering
(The Children’s offering goes to Lutheran World Relief to help children in Lebanon and Ecuador.)

Sermon Vicar Libby Florian

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

"God of Grace and God of Glory" **ELW 705**



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969. Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932
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Apostles' Creed

AM: With the whole church, let us profess our faith.
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence for reflection.

AM: Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us.
God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

AM: Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment.
God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

AM: Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. We pray especially for:

Jim Anderson	Karen Foster	Joan Smallcomb
Shelby Blankley	Leonard Fowler	Yvonne Steinocher
Bertha Boyer	Emersyn Fritson	Joanne Suing
Vicki Buschelman	Randy Fritson	**Carol Turek**
Pastor John Carlson	Derek Johnson	Betty Warren
Kathy Durell	Lil Larson	Dean Wiese
Rich Ferris	Mary Renshaw	Xander Wright
Adam Fie	Garth Scism	Paula Yoachim
Corinne Fischer		James Ziebarth

AM: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

AM: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side.
God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Liturgist: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

Peace

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

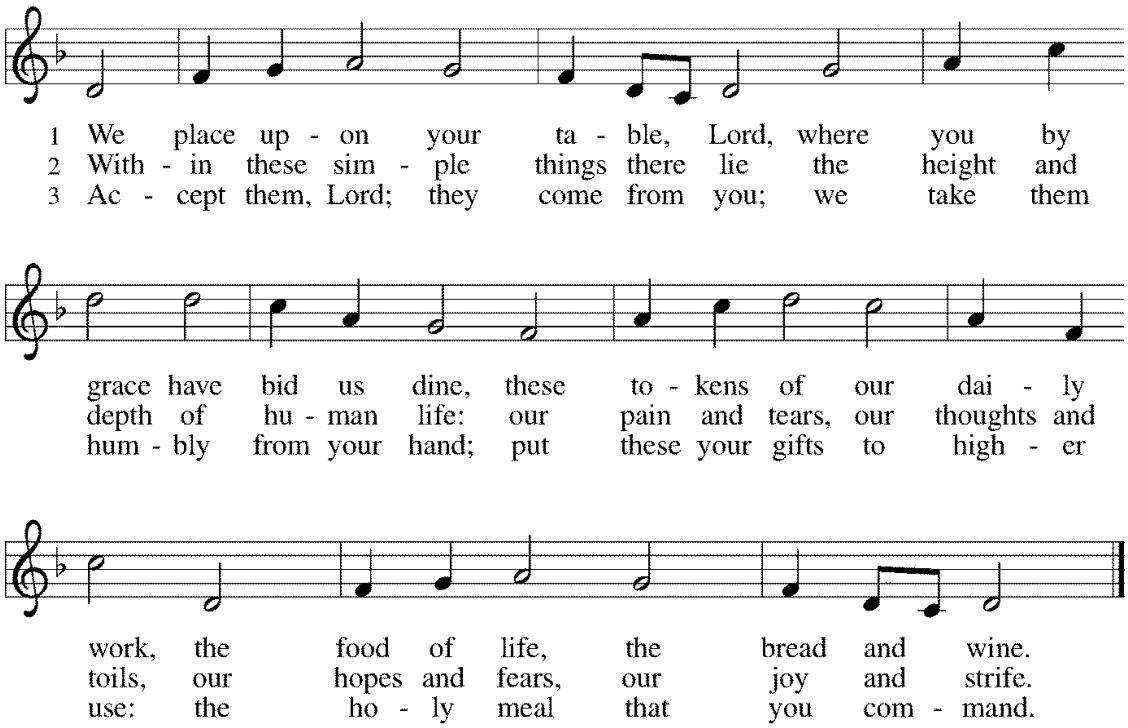
Meal

Offering *"Give Thanks"*
Stacy Bean, musician

Communion Servers: Please come forward at this time.

Offertory Response

"We Place upon Your Table, Lord" **ELW 467 Vs. 1 only**



Text: M.F.C. Wilson, 1884-1944, alt. Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835. Text and Music Public Domain

Offertory Prayer

AM: Let us pray.
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

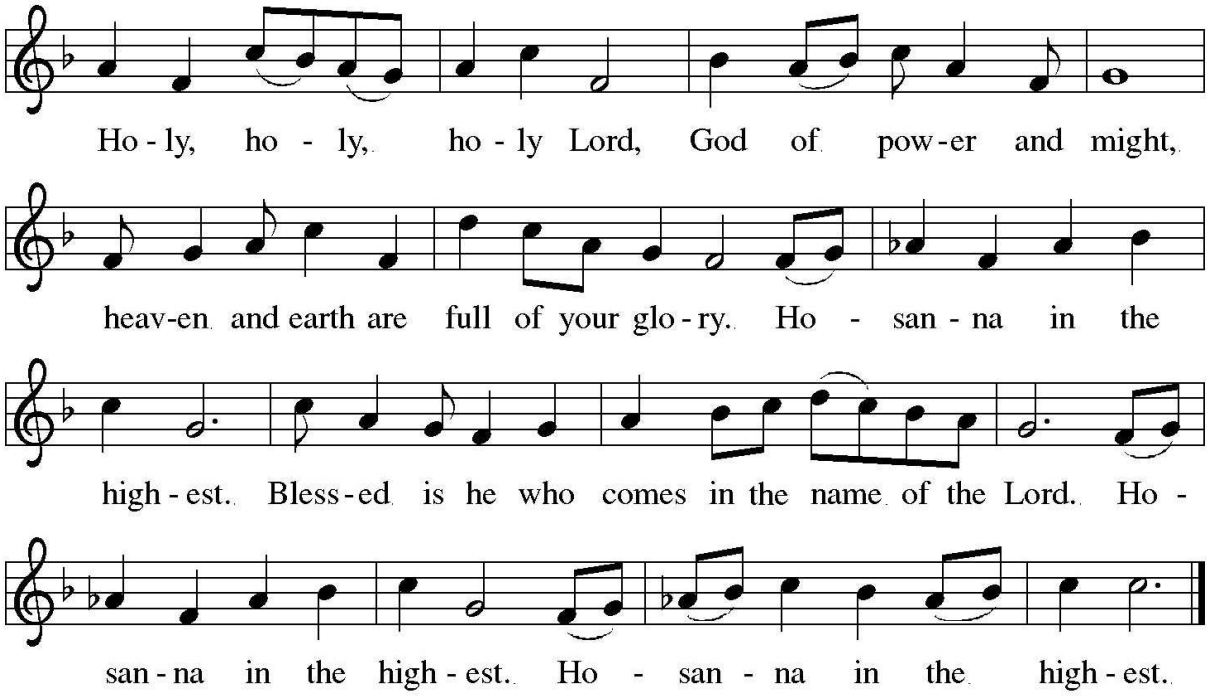
The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord"*



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Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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

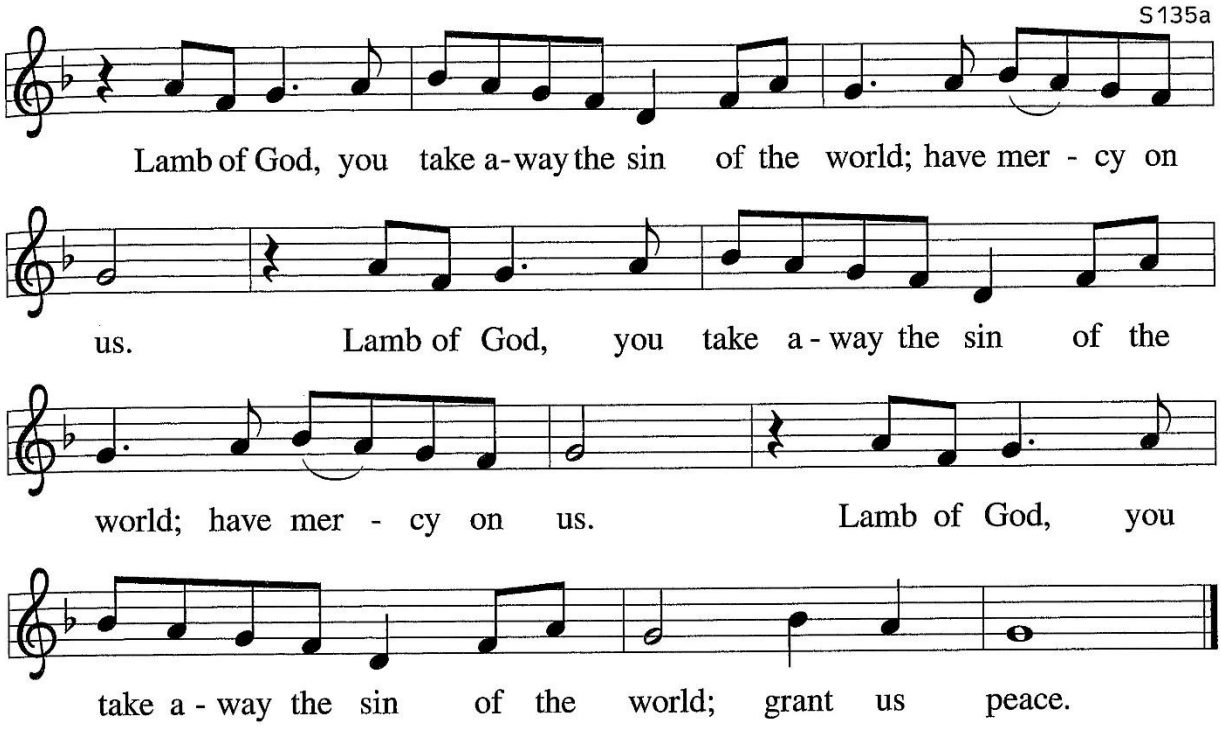
Invitation To Communion

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.

Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands
If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.

Lamb of God



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Communion Music *"Jealous of the Angels"*
Stacy Bean, musician

Please stand as you are able.

Table Grace

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

Sending of Communion

AM: Let us pray.
Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our siblings who are sick and homebound. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" **ELW 873**



5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891, alt. Music: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834-1916
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Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Old Rugged Cross"*
Stacy Bean, musician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Worship Schedule—Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8:45 am and 11:00am
- **Church Office Hours—**Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Brookestone Garden Services: First Sunday** monthly at 2:00 pm
- **For the hard of hearing FLC offers a loop system** for wearers with a "T" (t-coil) setting; the coverage works **best** on the main floor in the **center** aisles. T-coil is not available in the balcony.
- **S.A.F.E. Center donations –** for November are: Body Wash and Body Lotion.
- **Volunteers of the Month** are the participants of God's Work, Our Hands. Thank you for stepping out beyond our church walls and putting your faith into action.
- **Communion registration—**Please register annually to maintain membership. Registration cards in pew racks & on Welcome Stations.
- **Visitors—**please complete a visitor card, found in the pews.
- **The Nursery** is available for anyone to use and includes a "toddler restroom". Services are livestreamed inside.
- **Now through November 15** – Directory Photos taken before and after all services – Centennial Hall, SW entrance.
- **Oct. 31/ Nov. 1** – LWR Quilt and Kit blessings – all services.
- **Sunday, Nov. 1 – 10:00am** "Thank You" reception for Natalie Radcliffe. Centennial Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee and cake to celebrate with Natalie as she transitions to "Semi-Retirement".
- **Monday, Nov. 2** – **9:30am** LWR Packing. Fellowship Hall. 9:30am
- **Sunday Nov 8, 15 & 29** – Adult Sunday School with Pastor Rick. 9:50am Centennial Hall
- **Nov. 14 / 15** –Women of the ELCA Thankofferings received. All services:
- **Nov. 14/15** –Pledge cards received during all services.
- **Nov. 15 –** Last meeting date for fall for Sunday School
- **Nov. 18 –** last meeting date for Wednesday night youth activities and Feeding the Flock.
- **Sunday Nov**. 22 – Advent Fair
- **Nov. 23 -** Dec. 15th - Auction items for FLY Brunch & Silent Auction can be dropped of in the office.
- **Nov. 25 –** Poinsettia Orders due in office. (order forms on welcome stations)
- **Dec. 5** – Community Bell Concert – Merryman, 4pm
- **Dec. 12** – Women's ELCA Christmas Brunch
- **Dec. 12 & 13th** – Children's Christmas Program
- **Dec. 19 & 20th** – Chancel Choir Cantata – All services.
- **Dec. 20** – Fly Silent Auction & Brunch.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Members of First Lutheran Church

Jim Anderson	Lil Larson
Karen Foster	Garth Scism
Leonard Fowler	Joan Smallcomb
Emersyn Fritson	**Carol Turek**
Randy Fritson	Dean Wiese

Family and Friends of our Church

Shelby Blankley –Justin & Adriane Madsen's friend
Bertha Boyer – Susan Slater's aunt
Vicki Buschelman – Angie Wright's aunt
John Carlson – Monie Karschner & Becky Bredenkamp's cousin
Kathy Durell – Janiene Rewert's friend
Rich Ferris – Larry & Nancy Merz's friend
Adam Fie – Connie Fie's son
Corinne Fischer – Bridget Von Seggern's sister
Derek Johnson – Kyle Vreugdenhil's brother
Mary Renshaw – Linda Peterson's sister
Yvonne Steinocher- Deb Rohla's cousin
Joanne Suing – Angie Wright's aunt
Betty Warren – friend of multiple church members
Xander Wright – Dave & Angie Wright's nephew
Paula Yoachim – Deb Beerman's friend
James Ziebarth – Jane Ziebarth-Bovill's brother

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