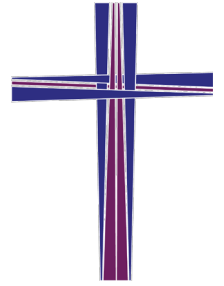


Bethany Lutheran & Trinity Lutheran

welcome you to worship!



Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021
Theme: *Baptismal Covenant*

8:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

Susan Barta / Amy Brekke

Welcome

Welcome Video

Mommsen Family

Confession and Forgiveness

"Naken / Broken"

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Greeting

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, who runs to meet us while we are still far away, who gathers her children as a hen gathers her brood, who fills our hearts with treasure that lasts. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, **by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Deb Slagstad

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Youth Special Music

"People Need the Lord"

Brooklynne Jenkinson

Children's Moment

Angie Buchli

Gospel Acclamation

"Listening Now"

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Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

Hymn of the Day

"Blest Are They"

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Apostles' Creed

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

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of Peace

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

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Offering

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Offering Hymn

"When Peace like a River"

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Requested by Pam Crouse in thanks for the role models and faith educators in our lives

Offering Prayer

Faithful God, **you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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

Communion Song

"For by Grace You Have Been Saved"

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Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent

Announcements

In Remembrance

Charlie Snobl

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Susan Barta

Confession and Forgiveness

Naked / Broken

1. When my mask is stripped away
and my smile falls to the ground
you can see into my heart,
all my hiding has been found.

Refrain:

Tell me how can I be loved,
if then this is what God sees?
Feeling naked, incomplete
makes me fall down on my knees. *(Repeat)*

2. I can only be myself
standing stripped before your gaze,
And the fear of who I am
makes me turn my eyes away. *(Refrain)*

3. Have mercy on me, God
and cleanse me from my sin
From the guilt that all can see
and what's hiding deep within. *(Refrain)*

4. Create in me, O God,
a clean, unbroken, heart.
Let your Holy Spirit guide me
in a brand new start.

End Refrain:

So then this is how God loves!
O Lord, open my mouth
And I joyfully will sing
your praises North and South! *(Repeat)*

Steve Eulberg. 1984, 1998. Owl Mountain Music.

Gospel Acclamation

Listening Now

We're so thankful that You are still speaking
You're still speaking gracious God,
for the sake of the world You are seeking
we are list'ning, list'ning now.

O God Your precious word has been a lamp unto our feet
ev'ry time we stray and still it lights the shadows
out along our path showing us the way.

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You're still speaking gracious God,
for the sake of the world You are seeking
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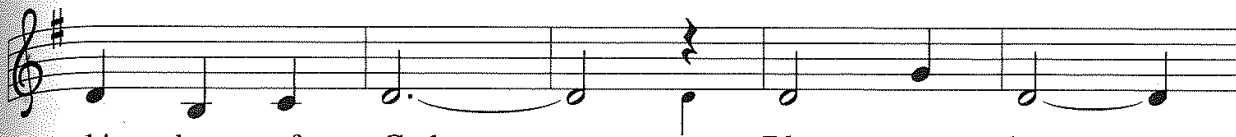
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Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



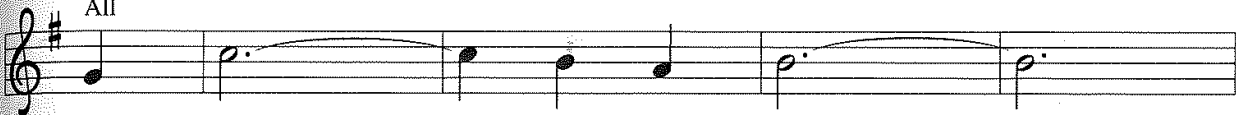
king - dom of God. Blest are they,
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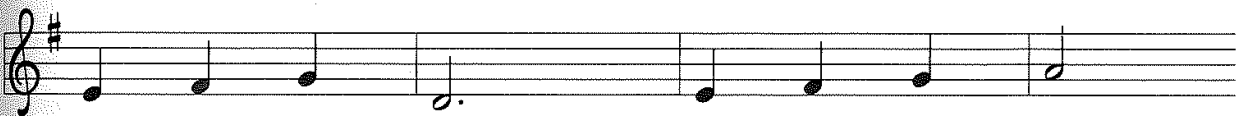
full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

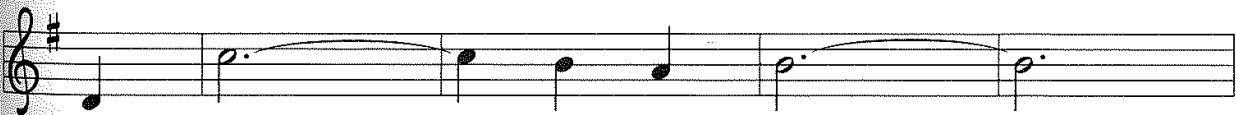
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Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

BLEST ARE THEY
Irregular

Text: David Haas, b. 1957
 Music: David Haas
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When Peace, like a River
It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

For by Grace You Have Been Saved



1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your
2 "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my
3 So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment I'll ac - cept now in my -



own, it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have
own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my
self, all my hard - ships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep with - in my -



done. Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is
own. When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is
self. When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is



God's great gift. A - men.
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Text: Kari Tikka, b. 1946; tr. Michael Harper
Music: ARMOLAULU, Kari Tikka
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Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

The Bethany WeekAhead • February 21 - 27, 2021

Sunday
28 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio
Sunday School Lessons Available Online
10:00 AM In-Person Worship/SA

Monday
1 1:00 PM Quilting/QR

Tuesday
2 9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot

Wednesday
3 10:00 AM Word or words/Zoom
12:00 PM Midweek Lent Worship Experience/SA
6:00 PM Midweek Lent Worship Experience/SA

Thursday
4 7:00 PM AA/3F

Friday
5 **World Day of Prayer**

Saturday
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Main Level: CR-Conference Room GR-Gathering Room LI-Library NA-Narthex SA-Sanctuary NS-Nursery BR-Bell Room
Lower Level: LL-Luther Lecture FH-Fellowship Hall QR-Quilting Room YR-Youth Room *Upper Level:* 3F-3rd Floor

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COVID-19 Update: On Monday, February 15, 2021 the Bethany Council approved the recommendation to move to Phase 2 in the Bethany Lutheran Church Pandemic Response: Regathering for Worship. A detailed description of what this entails was emailed February 18, 2021. A paper copy was mailed out to every Bethany household as well. The letter can also be found in the March Good NewsBreak.

Weekly Worship Opportunities:

- Tune in every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. to WJMC FM 96.1 & AM 1240
- 8:00 a.m. worship is streamed live on Bethany's website and Facebook page
- Watch on local access cable channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic) on Sundays at 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM

Midweek Lent services: In person OR online

- In-person worship 12:00 and 6:00 p.m. every week during Lent - reserve a spot on Bethany's website under the Signups tab or contact the church office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.
 - Online worship available after 8:00 a.m. each Wednesday
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Synod Delegates: A vacancy has opened an opportunity for two new persons to attend the Northwest Synod of WI Synod Assembly on April 15 (evening) and Saturday, April 17. The theme this year is "Justice and Joy: When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous." Bethany may have three voting representatives. (This event will be by Zoom, so participants are required to have Zoom capabilities.) More information can be found at nswi.org/2021-synod-assembly.

If interested, please contact the church office, or Pam Crouse, by Friday, March 5.

Word or words: zoomversations on our life of faith:

To be a part of conversations (zoomversations!) on the first and third Wednesday mornings of the month at 10:00 a.m., please email Pastor Peter at pastorpeter@bethanyricelake.org so he can provide links for essential background/pre-session preparation. Post-session applications will be up to all of us as Disciples of Jesus Christ! The next conversation is Wednesday, March 3, 2021!

Ushers Needed: While we are excited to be moving into Phase 2 of regathering and in-person worship, we need your help! We are in need of ushers to instruct and guide participants during upcoming worship services. You can sign up online to usher. The signup link can also be found on the Signups tab of the Bethany website.

You will be given instructions and training for your role. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Brekke at brekke.amy@gmail.com or Mark Nymo of the Safely Regathering Task Force at nymomtn@gmail.com.

From the Council President: Recently I read a devotion entitled, "The Inadequacy of Words," based on Isaiah 55:8-9.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways... As high as the heavens are above the earth, so my ways are beyond your ways, and my thoughts are beyond your thoughts."

It made me wonder, what would Jesus ask of us right now? Of course, first and foremost is to love and care for one another. Let your needs be known to someone you trust and we pray that as servants and saints, we can find a healing place to reside. You can reach our pastoral staff just by calling the office. Council members are also ready to hear your concerns. Thank you for the conversations underway about what is best for Bethany at this time and place. Read more about this on the Bethany 411! webpage.

First Communion Class: First Communion classes will be offered in March and April 2021. Classes will consist of four sessions and meet in person in the Gathering Room or Fellowship Hall on Sundays March 7, March 14, April 11 and April 18 at 10:45 a.m. Students will receive their first communion on Sunday, April 25 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. These special classes are designed to support ongoing learning by exploring the stories, rituals and images of this meal. We strongly encourage a parent or another adult to attend class with each child. If you prefer an at-home class option, please let us know when you register.

The classes will be open to all children age three years and older. We highly encourage students to attend a First Communion class sometime between age three and 3rd grade. However, please know that you, as par-

ents and guardians, have the primary responsibility to determine when your child should begin receiving Holy Communion.

Please register for the class by contacting Angie Buchli at abuchli@bethanyricelake.org before March 5, so that we can make sure to have enough supplies for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Buchli or Pastor Luci at pastorluci@bethanyricelake.org.

Easter Cake Decorating Contest: Get in the Easter spirit! Households are invited to participate in an outrageously fun cake decorating challenge. No experience needed and starter kit provided.

Households must register by Wednesday, March 10 to participate. (If you would like more than one starter kit, cost will be \$5/additional kit. Contact Angie Buchli.)

Each starter cake decorating kit will include two 8" round white cake layers and approximately 3 ½ cups vanilla whipped icing. We will contact participants when starter kits are available for pick up.

Winners chosen in THREE categories:

- **Easter Scene:** Use decorating elements of your choice to create your favorite Easter themed scene and finished cake is round two-layers.
- **Fresh Fruit Decoration:** Use fresh fruit as main decorating element and finished cake is round two-layers.
- **Reshaping Challenge:** Finished cake can be any theme and appears other than a two-layer round cake.

Pictures of finished cakes must be submitted no later than Easter Sunday, April 4. Winners will be announced the following week after Easter, but you are welcome to enjoy your cake once you have submitted the picture!

At the Foot of the Cross Returns: This is a Lenten Drama Portrayal written by Dennis Mauer and many of the same actors are returning this year. Join us each Wednesday as we hear from members portraying significant figures present at the crucifixion of Jesus. Next Wednesday, we hear from Simon of Cyrene, portrayed by Jamie Jacobson.

Freshening Up: As we start to regather for worship, you may notice there is a fresh coat of paint! Painters are painting the main level, Fellowship Hall and parts of the basement. The building hasn't had new paint since the

addition was added.

The paint color was selected from samples chosen to be neutral and to the lighter side to be classic/timely in nature and coordinate with other features in the building. Members of the Property Committee, their significant others and staff voted on the color by blind ballot. If you have questions, please contact Keith Moffatt, Property Chair.

Devotional Booklet: More are available to pick up from the bin under the carport. Booklets are titled "At the Foot of the Cross: Reflections on Faith Inspired Hope."

Will you help with a Welcome Video? Couples, singles, families or group of friends, of all ages, are wanted to record a Welcome Video that will be played at the beginning of worship. It's so easy, just sign up for a date, then Amy Brekke will contact you, send you the script and arrange a time to come to your home to record (if needed). It's a really fun way to contribute to worship! Signups can also be found on the Bethany website under the Signups tab.

Will you help read in worship? We are in need of persons who enjoy reading out loud to read the Sunday lessons. These will be recorded, then added to our Sunday worship service. Just sign up for a date, Leah Hullinger will send you the reading(s) and Amy Brekke will contact you to arrange a time to record in the Sanctuary or provide instructions on how to record from your home. Signups can also be found on the Bethany website under the Signups tab.

Do you have a favorite hymn you would like us to sing during worship? Amy is seeking hymn requests to be sung during our offering time. They can be in honor of, or in memory of, at your request. If you have a special hymn, please sign up online or contact Amy Brekke at brekke.amy@gmail.com or 715-651-6991.

Special Music: Amy is always looking for more people to be involved in Bethany's Music Ministry. If you are interested in providing special music or have ideas you would like to share, please contact Amy Brekke at brekke.amy@gmail.com or 715-651-6991.

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Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members: Lee Haight • Leon Mundt

Ongoing Prayers for Members: Sandie Anderson • Ray Arnevik • Red Axtell • Jaquan Bever • Laif Bever • Irene Christianson • Ron Debner • Jonathan Fritz • Jim Hagen • Heidi Jacobs • Kevin Jacobson • Doug Karis • Carolyn Kochel • Dave Lhotka • Maci Lundequam • Alyssa McCullough • Dick Moe • Regina Mueller • Randy Read • Shirley Stokes • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bonnie Brandt • Chuck Dahl • John Jaros • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • Pr. Chad Kohlmeyer & Family • Marianne Koser • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Colin McCann • Bruce Olson • Kaye Olson • Nolan Passint • Mary Simma • Holly Thompson • Kelly White (Anderson) • Paul Wilker

Active Military Duty: Tanner Ely • Samuel Krebs • Alex Kusilek • Jonathan Marsh • Ethan Nieman • Alain Pierre • Jason Randall • Abby Ring

Sympathy and Grief: Caroline Dostal and family upon the death of her brother, Charles Snobl.

You may make requests for the Prayer Ministry by calling the church office at 715-234-9028. You can also email bethany@bethanyricelake.org or fill out a request form on Bethany's website.

Prayers for Our Home Members

Sandie Anderson • Edie Berg • June Brunette • Irene Christianson • Foster Dunwiddie • Pauline Eidahl • Donna Gagner • Elaine Gonske • Betty Granum • Nancy Herbert • Esther Honetor • Alice Johnson • Sid & Carolyn Johnson • Dick Moe • Lois Nefstead • Randy Read • Nadyne Reiten • Janie Riggs

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