

Sunday Worship

Sunday, May 5th • 10:00 AM
Sixth Sunday of Easter



 Escanaba
Bethany Lutheran

We are glad you are here!
Some things to know about worship:

Sunday School is offered for kids from PreK-5th grade each Sunday. Students return from class to worship during the offering time. Ask an usher to be directed to the Sunday School classroom.

*The asterisk invites the assembly to rise during worship. Rising is an act of body and spirit. If you cannot stand or wish to remain seated, this asterisk invites you to rise in spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

***GATHERING HYMN**

ELW 650 *In Christ There Is No East or West*



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

***GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

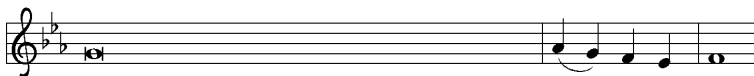
***KYRIE (ELW p. 98)**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



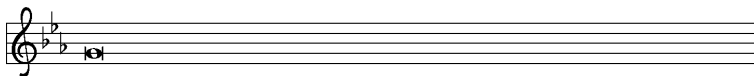
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



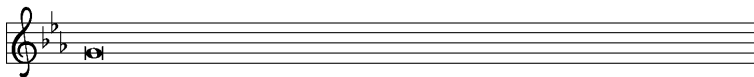
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 101)**

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



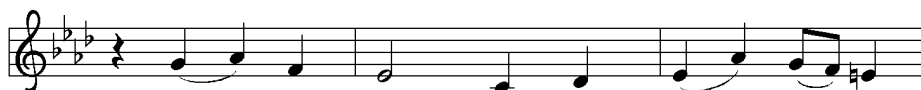
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



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



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 -



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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

A reading from Acts.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from 1 John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)

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

*GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Lily Brondyke

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 358 *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

***NICENE CREED (ELW p. 104)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each petition the leader says: God of grace,

The assembly responds: **Hear our prayer.**

***PEACE**

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


OFFERING

Your offering goes to the ministries of Bethany Lutheran Church. You can give online on our website: bethanyescanaba.com. Thank you!

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

ELW 181 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the




brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,

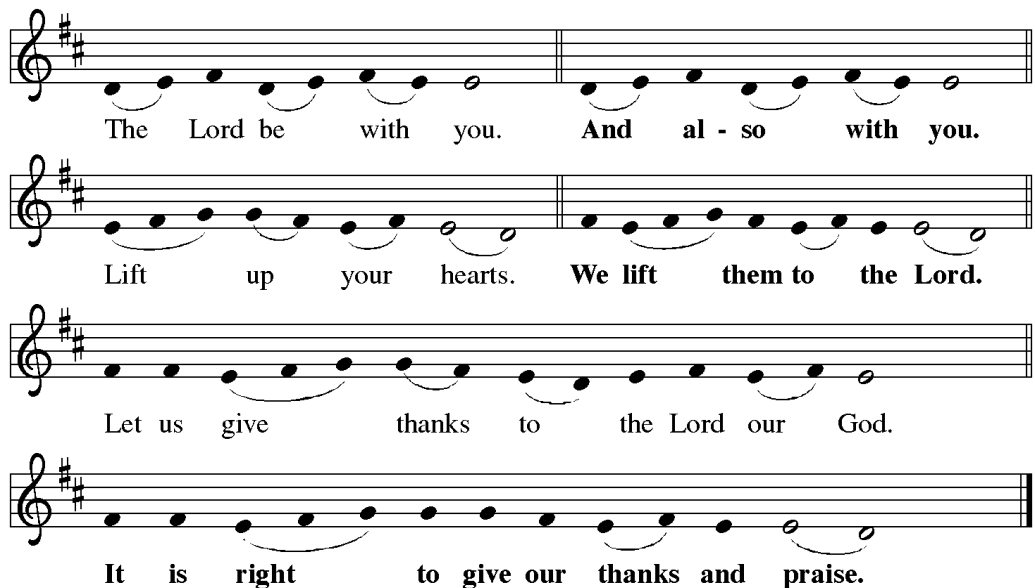


and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

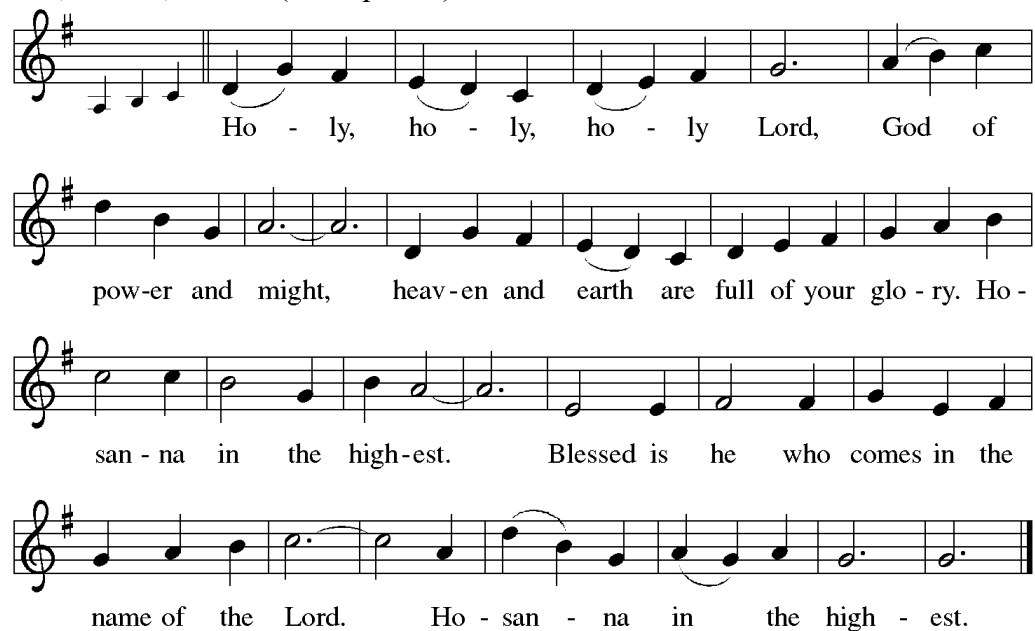
***GREETING (ELW p. 107)**



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.

***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)**



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.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God [...] Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER** (ELW p. 112)

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

LAMB OF GOD (ELW p. 113)



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.

COMMUNION SONG

WOV 711 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy
of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THANKSGIVING FOR SERVICE

Your ministry among us has embodied an industrious and compassionate spirit. Today we give thanks for the ways you have kept baptismal promises for so many people in this congregation: encouraging imagination, affirming questions, inviting prayer, having fun with faith, blessing the chaos, and helping others experience safety, challenge, and love in the body of Christ.

Let us pray. Gracious God, bless your servant Brooke. Surround her with our gratitude and love as she steps out of her role as our Sunday School teacher. Thank you for giving her the gifts and the will to walk alongside our children as they ask questions, seek to learn, and have fun in our midst. We release her from her call to teach Sunday School, trusting that you will continue to use her to bless the church and the world through Jesus, who is transformed and transforms us. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

Creating God, who makes all things new,
Prepare your heart and mind for new beginnings.
Jesus the Christ, whose story makes us whole,
Knit your love for this call into the fullness of who you are.
Spirit of Mystery, who comes beside us with power,
Guide your discernment and delight
From this day on and forevermore. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

ELW 880 *O God beyond All Praising*



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

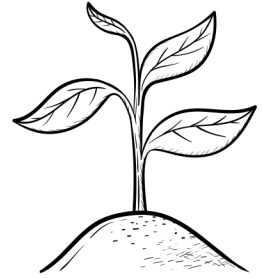
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Weekly Announcements

May 5th, 2024

ADOPT-A-PLOT

Bethany needs your help beautifying our flowerbeds! Adopt a plot of soil (you can choose the size) around our building. Buy your flowers in your favorite colors and varieties! Then, you just need to plant. During planting days, we will have basic gardening tools available for you to use. If you need help, just ask!



The deadline for reserving a plot is **May 15th**. Planting will take place between **May 24th – June 8th**. Reserve your plot by calling the church office at (906) 786-6642!

Plots can also be adopted in honor or in memory of a loved one - we will have garden markers available!



SYNOD ASSEMBLY WORKSHOPS

May 13 - 17

Bethany will be streaming a number of virtual workshops as a part of the Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly! All are welcome to attend with us in the circle drive chapel!

5/13, 6 PM - Land Acknowledgments

5/13, 7 PM - Sowing Seeds Through Story

5/14, 2 PM - Stewardship

5/14, 7 PM - Faithful Innovations

5/16, 3 PM - It's All Greek to Me!

5/16, 7 PM - NGLS Budget

5/17, 7 PM - Discussion on Social Statement

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR CRISIS FUND?

Our crisis fund allows us to meet the needs of individuals and families in emergency situations. This fund enables us to show up in the midst of people's worst moments and make real God's grace in their lives. Bethany's crisis fund is entirely supported by your financial gifts. Contact Pastor Lily for more information on how to give to this fund!



Worship Leaders

Preacher - Pastor Lily Brondyke
Assisting Minister - Sue Roll
Worship Musician - John & Kim Beck

Livestream Tech - Kyra Beck
Usher - Rodney Spence & Alisa Madden
Altar Guild - Norma Hopkins

Radio Broadcast

To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Brooke Prins' many years of teaching Sunday School, on behalf of all of her Sunday School students past and present!

Altar Flowers

To the glory of God and in honor of Kyra Beck's baptismal birthday on May 6th, by her godmothers, Joanna, Carole, and Sara.

Continuing Prayers

Teri DePlonty, Dorothy Erickson, Bea Judson, Suzy Decker, Lloyd Jensen, Alice Jensen, Virginia Clairmont, Janice Bouche, Richard Arntzen, Roy Hivala, Rev. Dean Peterson, Priscilla Anderson, Kristen Farrell, Chris Lund, Denis Severinsen, Rosemary Hendrickson, Eileen Servant

Those in the Armed Forces

James Mokszycke, Matt Holland, Jake Zelenak, Thor Heskin,
Jacob Wight, Dawson Bruce, Courage Krueger

Extended Friends and Family

Zach Nardi (*friend of Traci Harris*)
Joanne Finnorn (*daughter of Alice & Lloyd Jensen*)
Lynn Liebel (*sister of Judy Schwartz*)
Bob Polowski (*father of Suzanne and Steve Miller*)
Lori Kleiman (*friend of Sara Beck*)
Karen Olsen (*friend of Julie Gardiner*)
Jeff Ives (*son-in-law of Rick Anderson*)
Don Curran (*friend of Bethany*)
Debbie Aukerman and May Wisby (*friends of Joanna Beck*)
Beth Vogl (*daughter of Gary & Carol Butryn*)
Greg Clausen (*friend of Rodney Spence*)
Lori Moran (*friend of Lee Anne Strand*)
Cheryl Kemmer (*friend of Ginger Clairmont and Arni Arntzen*)

Jim Seiber (*friend of Jeanne Sauter*)
Simone Krieger (*friend of Jeanne Sauter*)
Judy Pepin (*mother of Lisa & Neil Bouche*)
Jim Lancour (*brother of Lee Anne & Ross Strand*)
Bert Zenker (*son of Dorothy & Ralph Zenker*)
Kathy Meyers (*sister-in-law of Mike & Kim Kallio*)
Kelly Hansen (*friend of Paige & Chris Sauve*)
Dorothy DeRouin (*friend of Dave Moran*)
Susan Long (*friend of Don & Norma Hopkins*)
Danny Richards (*friend of Julie Gardiner*)
Tina Harkens (*friend of Julie Gardiner*)
Cyndie Wierzbicki (*daughter of Dorothy & Ken Erickson*)
Joe & Darlene Clairmont (*brother and sister-in-law of Ginger Clairmont*)
Debbie Johnsen (*daughter of Jean Bourassa*)