



The Vine

2026

*Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches." John 15:5
God has planted a spirit of joy in our hearts. May the Good News of Jesus flourish!*

August & September

CRAFTY SCRAPPERS

**Tuesday, August 4 and Tuesday, August 18
Tuesday, September 1, 15, & 29
10:30 am**

Whether you are a novice or an advanced scrapper or crafter, this group is for you. If you knit, crochet or do needlepoint, you are invited to join us.

This gathering will provide a dedicated time for focusing on your latest project and there will be ample time to visit and enjoy each other's company. Be sure to bring your lunch and favorite beverage.

Can't stay the whole time? No problem...just show up when you can and leave at your convenience. Mark these dates on your calendar today. Bring your pictures, paper, stickers, yarn, needles, and tools and join us for a wonderful afternoon!

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

**SATURDAYS, AUGUST 15 & SEPTEMBER, 19
8:00 AM**

PSSST...HEY YOU!!! That salutation is intended for the men in the congregation. One would **NEVER** address the ladies in our church in such a manner. We meet at J&M's Diner which is located at the corner of Stetson Ave. and State Street. There, you will meet a very friendly waitress with hot coffee or whatever beverage you prefer. Following coffee and fellowship, there will be a short devotion and prayer before enjoying a great breakfast. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME...

**August 5...Bus Leaves at 4:30 pm
Game Time: 6:00 pm**

Hey batter, batter, batter, swing into this exciting fellowship event! Head to Lake Elsinore to watch the Storm. Tickets are only \$25/person (***you must sign-up in advance***). We have secured a couple of private air-conditioned viewing boxes for 20 of our closest friends. More tickets are available if needed.



We are planning to use our Joy Bus for transportation. Remember, seating is limited to 12 people plus the driver.

If you are driving yourself, you head to Lot B, which is the closest parking lot to the stadium, and say you are with Spirit of Joy. Parking will be free! If you are interested in attending please sign-up in the lobby next Sunday, August 2 or call the church office at 951-652-2519.

VNA HOSPICE GRIEF GROUP AUGUST & SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

Fri., Aug. 7.....10:00-11:30	Fri., Sept. 4.....10:00-11:30
Fri., Aug. 14....10:00-11:30	Fri., Sept. 11....10:00-11:30
Fri., Aug. 21.....9:00-10:30	Fri., Sept. 18.....9:00-10:30
Fri., Aug. 28....10:00-11:30	Fri., Sept. 25....10:00-11:30

If your heart is still missing that special someone, this group is for you.

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Other Noteworthy News...

God's Work Our Hands
begins Sun., Aug. 23

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

Together we can make a difference!

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. As in years past, our focus will be the *Pierre's Bread Basket Food Service*, a food ministry located in San Jacinto.

This food ministry is open to all individuals/families living in the San Jacinto Valley who are struggling financially. At *Pierre's Bread Basket*, they can purchase goods at a reduced rate because almost everything is donated. The money collected each week from the sale of food items is used to purchase milk and eggs for the following week.

However, there never seems to be enough of certain items to go around, so a strategic plan, targeting specific needs, has been developed. To fill the gap, we are asking each family unit of our congregations to donate the following items:

Week 1...Sunday, August 23...bag of pinto beans, bag of white rice,
peanut butter & cereal

Week 2...Sunday, August 30...Pasta & sauce, regular size salad
dressing, canned soup or veggies

Week 3...Sunday, Sept. 06.....Box of macaroni & cheese and/or
small can of fish (*tuna/salmon, etc.*)

Week 4...Sunday, Sept. 13 (GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY)...A special collection will be taken during worship. The financial gifts will be directed to *Pierre's Bread Basket Food Service*.

Make the check out to Spirit of Joy with God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) on the memo line. **Your gifts are tax deductible.** Thank you, in advance, for participating in this outreach ministry event. Your gifts are making an important impact in our world.



2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

Michael Caldwell, President

Josh Caldwell, Vice-President

Janet Johnson

Leslie Kidder

Lyle Roberts, Secretary

Jackie Severa

Naoma Strock, Treasurer

Serving in an advisory capacity:

Brian Foxworth, Pastor

Audrey Caldwell, Youth Representative

Barbara Gifford, Business & Office Manager

AREA OF MINISTRY LIAISONS/CHAIRS

Stewardship & Finance: Naoma Strock

Inreach: Leslie Kidder

Youth & Family: Josh Caldwell

Outreach: Janet Johnson

Site Maintenance: Lyle Roberts

TASKFORCE & GROUP CONTACTS

Marge Buller: Sunday Morning Volunteers

Pastor Brian: Care Ministry

Lyle Roberts: Men's Group

Mary Rust: Endowment Fund

Ruth Compton: TLC Bible Study

Pastor Brian: Child & Family Programming

Barbara Gifford: Vine Editor

Theresa Berg: Facebook Administrator

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

Naoma Strock, Shirley Schumacher, Patty Gaudreau, Betty Bowles, Mary Wright, and Ed Camarillo

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is in full effect and with it comes opportunity for family time both at home and with your Spirit of Joy Family.



We recently had our Ice Cream Social and I cannot say thank you enough to the volunteers who made that such a special occasion!

The good news is that opportunity for getting together is just beginning as we finish up the summer and head into the Fall. On August 5th we have the 2nd annual Storm Baseball game outing. Once again, we will be in a suite with air conditioning and a great view of the game. I believe there are a handful spots left if you want to join us! On September 19th we will head to Mary Henley park for a good old fashioned family picnic. In addition to fellowship and food, there will be a series of fun outdoor games to test the mind and body!

What gives me great joy is to see how our Church family grows together over time. I am finishing up my 16th year here at Spirit of Joy and one thing I have rejoiced over the most is seeing deep friendships form throughout these years.

Consider the Wisdom of Proverbs:

Friends help each other grow wiser and better, just like iron sharpens iron (Proverbs 27:17).

As we play and pray together, our edges are sharpened and honed so that when trials and tribulations come, we have friendships planted in good soil to help us find peace amidst seasons of loss. Another relationship that we have, as a congregation, is with the larger church body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. I am excited that on October 4th we will be welcoming our Pacifica Synod Presiding Bishop Dave Nagler. He will bring good news and be available for conversation and fellowship.

All these moments together remind us that we are all in this journey with God and one another and share a common Mission to serve Christ and do the work of the Kingdom here in this world! Thank your for all you do to support Spirit of Joy and one another!

I cannot wait to spend time together at these wonderful events!

*Blessings,
Pastor Brian*

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER TRAINING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 5:00 PM

Have you ever wanted to jump on board and volunteer to help out on Sunday mornings? Do you feel ill-equipped to do so? Well, here's the good news!

In September, there will be a training session for communion servers and ushers. Communion is one of the Sacraments we offer weekly. The intent of the communion training is to provide a uniform approach to receiving the elements and serving the elements.

Usher training will address all the "behind the scenes" things for which the ushers are responsible. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

August 2

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 09

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 23

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 06

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

September 13

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25—5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

September 20

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

September 27

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

**UPCOMING FAMILY AFFAIR:
SUMMER PICNIC AT MARY HENLEY PARK!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 STARTING AT 1:00 PM**

There is no better way to enjoy the summer than with a good old fashioned picnic. This gathering is suitable for all ages.

Hot dogs and burgers (*along with these condiments: mustard, mayo, relish, and onions*), and chips, and will all be provided. The rest is up to you! Salads, fruit, chili, baked beans, and cheese are some suggestions and would certainly help round out this gourmet meal. Whatever you choose to bring, please make sure there is enough to feed at least 6-8 people.

Finally, this day would not be complete without games. Come and play a friendly game of croquet, corn hole, water balloon toss, and the ever popular bean-bag baseball. Beginning Sunday, August 23, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex/Lobby. Please sign up so we know how much food to purchase and, if possible, let us know what you plan to bring.

Mark this date on your calendar, grab your family and friends and head on down to Mary Henley Park for a wonderful afternoon filled with fun, fellowship, and food! This is definitely a "don't miss" Family Affair event!



Vine articles for the October edition of the newsletter are due Wed., September 23 or they may be emailed to jazzgen2@aol.com by that date.

Thank you, in advance, for helping to keep the Vine current, accurate, and informative.

SPIRIT OF JOY CARE MINISTRY

People Caring for People

We are all human and we all go through difficult times. They happen to young and mature alike, and often times, they come without warning. If you find yourself in such a situation, you do not need to walk that path alone.

There is a group of individuals who stand by ready to provide assistance to those in need. They can offer communion to shut-ins, provide home and hospital visits, provide comfort, prayer, and a sense of community to those facing a difficult time.

If you are one who is experiencing a need and could use someone trained in providing loving care, please get in touch with Pastor Brian or contact the church office. The Spirit of Joy Care Ministry team is only a phone call away.

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU

Our church constitution states in article C13.04. ***A Mutual Ministry Committee shall be appointed jointly by the president and the pastor. Term of office shall be two years, with three members to be appointed each successive year.***

Currently, Naoma Strock's, Shirley Schumacher's, and Patty Gaudreau's term will be coming to an end in September and three new folks will be asked to serve. Thank you for your dedication and service to this Ministry Team. Betty Bowles, Mary Wright, and Ed Camarillo will stay on for another year. But what are they called to do, exactly?

The Mutual Ministry Team is a support team for the pastor and the congregation. They are called to lend an ear, to listen to the pastor's concerns, bring the congregation's concerns to the pastor, and provide wise and prayerful counsel to all who are affected.

They do not take sides and they do not judge. They help congregants communicate their wishes and desires to the pastor in a non-threatening way and help the pastor resolve issues. They are meant to be a reliable sounding board.

So, if you have questions or concerns and you don't feel comfortable speaking directly to the pastor, consider talking with one of these folks. Confidentiality is their middle name.

JULY REPORTS

Financial

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Fix-It Fund</i>
Income: \$ 22,022	\$ 115
Expenses: (21,176)	(0)
Difference: \$ 846	\$ 115

Attendance

7/05 — 86	7/12 — 82
7/19 — 73	7/26 — 83

Average Weekly Attendance: 81

Checking Balance: \$ 54,783

Fix-It-Fund Balance: \$ 3,271

Scrip earnings \$ 42.61

Thank you for your donations in July. Your willingness to continue to share enabled us to host a wonderful Family Affair: Ice Cream Social Event . Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday



AUGUST

8/03 — Jo Neeley
 8/05 — Kirsten Seraile
 8/09 — Steve Schwacofer
 8/16 — Susan Pierre
 8/18 — Jackie Severa
 8/21 — Dan Straub
 8/30 — Betty Bowles

SEPTEMBER

9/02 — Gordon Mensch
 9/07 — Tyler Johnson
 9/13 — Marda-Ruth Roberts
 9/15 — Patty Gaudreau
 9/22 — Betty Kern

A Great Big Thank You to These Fine Folks:

Providing Meals at Valley Restart: Mike & Patty Gaudreau and Jack & Debbie Simmons. You have certainly made a difference in the lives of many.

Picking up the donut holes for Sunday Fellowship: Barbara Gifford and Ed Camarillo.

Office Angels: Herb & Betty Kern, Noama Strock, Mary Wright, Leslie Kidder, Marda-Ruth Roberts, and Judy Addington.

Music Team Volunteers: Our beloved Music Team members Ruth Compton and Josh Caldwell. We trust you enjoyed your time away and that you have returned refreshed and renewed. We are blessed each week with your giving spirits, joyous music, and joy-filled hearts.

Sunday Morning Video presentations: Barbara Gifford, Herb Kern, Letitia Bowles, and Melissa Caldwell.

Ice Cream Social Volunteers: Our hats go off to the coordinators Herb & Betty Kern for the outstanding job of organizing the Family Affair event. They did not do it alone...thanks to Jack & Debbie Simmons, Linda St. Jean, Leslie Kidder, and Mike Wynne. The decorations were absolutely perfect and were the vision of Shar Wynne.

Bags for those experiencing homelessness: John & Judy Addington, Marge Buller, and Mike & Patty Gaudreau.

Preparing Sunday Morning Communion: Bruce & Corinne Mitchell and Scott Mitchell.

Joy Kids' Church Leaders: Kate Foxworth, Melissa Caldwell, Audrey Caldwell, and Jennifer Hanson.

Property Site Cleanup: Our leasee...Jesus is the Way Apostolic Ministry (JWAC) have continued to take care of our field and have been busy keeping up with the Barbara Hesse Memorial Garden. Lyle Roberts partnering with Herb Kern have been addressing any and all current building issues.

Sunday Morning Volunteers for August:

Lay Readers:	08/02...Bev Polito 08/23...Esther Feigenbaum	08/09...Carolyn Straub 08/30...Marda-Ruth Roberts	08/16...Lyle Roberts
Ushers:	08/02...Betty K. & Shar W. 08/23...Mary W. & Patty G.	08/09...Anthony M. & Dominic D. 08/30...Roderick S. & Betty Kern	08/16...Leslie K. & Janet S.
Communion:	08/02...Bruce & Corinne & Scott Mitchell 08/09...Janet Langemeier, Carolyn Straub, and Beth Camarillo 08/16...Scott Mitchell, Esther Feibenbaum, and Lyle Roberts 08/23...Herb & Betty Kern and Linda St. Jean 08/30...Lyle Roberts, Beth Camarillo, and Judy Addington		
Fellowship:	08/02...Shirley Schumacher & Janet Salters 08/16...Betty Bowles & Shirley Schumacher 08/30...Shirley Schumacher & Linda St. Jean	08/09...Betty Kern & Shar Wynne 08/23...Corinne Mitchell & Shirley Schumacher	
Welcome Cart/Greeter:	08/02...Anthony Mendoza 08/23...Tricia Wilson	08/09...Patty Gaudreau 08/30...Anthony Mendoza	08/16...Anthony Mendoza
Video Tech:	08/02...Barbara Gifford 08/23...Melissa Caldwell	08/09...Barbara Gifford 08/30...Herb Kern	08/16...Letitia Bowles

MEMORIAL GIFTS were given to the Glory of God and placed in the general fund by Dan & Carolyn Straub, Marge Buller, Barbara Gifford, Janet Salters, and Ruth Compton memory of Howard Feigenbaum.

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MEMORIAL GIFTS were given to the Glory of God and placed in the general fund by Mike & Mary Rust in memory of Kathy Fodor.

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August 2026

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September 2026

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QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION IS NOT TAXABLE

This information was passed on by Lyle Roberts with the hope you find it useful. He uses himself as an example:

"I have an IRA, am over 70 1/2 and am required to take a minimum distribution (RMD) every year. This year is approximately \$5,000. To simply take it as a RMD, as I have in the past, will cause the full \$5,000 to be taxable. To take it as a "Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) it is not taxable and satisfies my Required Minimum Distribution. I have looked at my e-trade account on this issue and they have the same wording.

I'd like to inform our Congregation about this "opportunity". To me, it sure makes sense to close out the year with a QCD. I do not know the average age of our membership, but I would guess there are many who are over 70 1/2 years of age. Not only does one not have to pay taxes on the IRA distribution using the Qualified Charitable Distribution, one also gets to declare the amount as a charitable contribution on their taxes. It's a Win Win! Please remember to have your gifts transferred directly to Spirit of Joy from your investment, otherwise it will become taxable.

Additionally, one could always wait until the end of the year to process a withdrawal payable to Spirit of Joy to be used for their regular contributions for 2027. Please note, it would still have to be reflected in the 2026 tax filings. A good CPA can clarify exactly how to do this."

Thank you Lyle for sharing this important information. In the past, we have had members gift Spirit of Joy with Stocks at the end the year for tax purposes, as well. Please remember, you may designate where you would like your gifts applied...General Fund, Helping Hands, Fix-It Fund, Hunger Ministry, or Youth. No matter what form your giving takes, Spirit of Joy is always appreciative and thankful for the generosity of our people.

Do You Have the Heart of a Care Minister? Our Care Ministry Team is in need of individuals who have the passion and willingness to serve. We need people to visit our shut-ins and those who have been hospitalized. We need a list of folks who would be able to give someone a ride to a doctor's appointment or pick up their meds. Often, these are just simple acts of kindness, yet they mean so very much.

If you have a passion to help those in need, but feel ill-equipped to do so, fret not. We have the solution for you. Our own Beth Camarillo has volunteered to hold a class or two to help potential Care Ministers feel more comfortable dealing with people in all circumstances...from a simple home visit to praying with them in the hospital and everything in between.

If you would like to jump on board with this Care Ministry, please indicate so on the back of your attendance card. It typically takes only an hour or two a month of your time, but the satisfaction you'll receive by giving back is immeasurable.



ALUMINUM CAN AND BOTTLE RECYCLING

Thank you to the many who continue to bring in their plastic bottles and aluminum cans for recycling. As you may remember, the proceeds from this ongoing fundraiser benefit our 'Fix It Fund' which helps to keep our property in good repair.

Please note, we do not recycle glass bottles and the recycling center only accepts certain types of aluminum cans; typically beverage cans. They do not accept soup cans, vegetable cans, tuna cans, and the like. Those cans may be placed directly in your regular garbage.

Again, thanks to those who have jumped on board and are faithful recyclers. Your dedication to this project is greatly appreciated. Our sincere thanks to John & Judy Addington for heading up this program. Please know you are a giant blessing to Spirit of Joy.

JUST DO IT!

A good friend of mine unexpectedly lost his wife. A couple months later we were golfing together, chatting about nothing. He asked what my dinner plans were and I told him wifey wanted my homemade chili and cornbread, but I didn't feel like stopping at the store. We golfed a few more minutes when he quietly said, "Make the chili."

It took me a few minutes to realize we were no longer talking about dinner. It was about going out of your way to do something for someone you love because at any moment, they could unexpectedly be taken from you.

So today I'm sharing with you that wisdom handed to me by my dear friend, that I've thought of many times



since that day. Next time someone you love wants you to go for a walk or watch a football game or play a board game or just put your phone down and give them your

undivided attention, just do it. "Make the chili".

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience'. That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember—Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!

SOMETHING TO PONDER

There was a moment when Moses had the nerve to ask God what His name is. God was gracious enough to answer, and the name He gave is recorded in the original Hebrew as YHWH.

Over time we've arbitrarily added an "a" and an "e" in there to get YaHWeH, presumably because we have a preference for vowels.

But scholars and Rabbis have noted that the letters YHWH represent breathing sounds, or aspirated consonants. When pronounced without intervening vowels, it actually sounds like breathing. YH (inhale): WH (exhale). So a baby's first cry, his first breath, speaks the name of God.

A deep sigh calls His name – or a groan or gasp that is too heavy for mere words. Even an atheist would speak His name, unaware that their very breath is giving constant acknowledgment to God.

Likewise, a person leaves this earth with their last breath, when God's name is no longer filling their lungs. So when I can't utter anything else, is my cry calling out His name?

Being alive means I speak His name constantly. So, is it heard the loudest when I'm the quietest? In sadness, we breathe heavy sighs. In joy, our lungs feel almost like they will burst. In fear we hold our breath and have to be told to breathe slowly to help us calm down. When we're about to do something hard, we take a deep breath to find our courage. When I think about it, breathing is giving Him praise. Even in the hardest moments!

This is so beautiful and fills me with emotion every time I grasp the thought. God chose to give Himself a name that we can't help but speak every moment we're alive. All of us, always, everywhere. Waking, sleeping, breathing, with the name of God on our lips.

Author Unknown

**You'll need groceries, and gasoline
this week...*Think Scrip!***

**Stater's, Walmart, Smart & Final,
Sprouts, Arco, Circle K, and Shell
are kept on hand.**

JUNE REPORTS

Financial

General Fund	Fix-It Fund
Income: \$ 27,377	\$ 80
Expenses: (28,895)	(0)
Difference: \$ (1,518)	\$ 80

Attendance

6/07 — 90	6/14 — 64
6/21 — 89	6/28 — 69

Average Weekly Attendance: 78

Checking Balance: \$ 52,837

Fix-It-Fund Balance: \$ 3,156

Scrip earnings \$ 139.29

Thank you for your donations in July. Your willingness to continue to share enables us to greet our visitors with wonderful welcome gifts . Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

SPIRIT OF JOY PRAYS FOR...

with new concerns, health and otherwise, including: **Shirley Schumacher**, **Bob Carroll** (on hospice), **Jose Ojeda** (recovering from surgery), **Kathy DeNeui** (recovering from surgery), **Marge Buller**, **Annmarie Marsalone**, **Dave** (Ron Eller's son), **Bert** (Lyle Roberts' brother), **Ashley** (the Wynne's friend), **Connie** (Barb Gifford's friend), **Priscilla Lindquist and Barbara Gifford** (safe travels), **struggling countries**, and **Pierre's Bread Basket**.

Those with ongoing health concerns and our shut-ins including: **Susan Pierre**, **Angela Pierre**, **Dan Straub**, **Esther Feigenbaum**, **Bev Polito**, **Michael Buller**, **Jo Neely**, **Jean Miller**, **Bruce Mitchell**, **Elaine** (Kate Foxworth's grandmother), **Charlie Sams**, **Tricia Wilson**, **Linda St. Jean**, **Maria Boyd**, **Mike Caldwell**, **Gordon & Doris Mensch**, **Judy** (Marge Buller's sister), **Pete** (9th Shield Night Supervisor), **Mike** (the Luper's son), **Judy** (Jennifer Hanson's sister), **Isabel** (Janet Johnson's granddaughter), **Richard** (Carolyn Straub's brother), **Vera** (Laurel Ojeda's friend), **Noah & Luca Barajas**, **Tim Acevedo**, **Janet Beeson**, **Richard** (Marda-Ruth Roberts' brother), **Todd** (Mike & Mary Lou Caldwell friend), **George Grijalva** (Barb Gifford's grandson), **Kim** (Melissa Caldwell's friend), **Sakima** (Leah Christiansen's friend), **Tony & Faby** (Marge Buller's friends), **Stacy Lynn** (Esther Feigenbaum's niece), **Tim** (Mike Caldwell's friend), **Bob** (Shar Wynne's step-son), **Lee** (the Eller's friend), **Jeff** (Mike Hanson's friend), **Linda**, **Shane**, **Connie**, **Darrell**, & **Janine** (Shar Wynne's friends), **Betty** (Marge Buller's friend), **Paul** (Herb Kern's nephew), **John Schenien** (Marge Buller's nephew), **Tom Bennett** (the Addington's friend), **Leanne** (the Damiani's family member), **Glenn** (Bruce Mitchell's cousin), **Mary** (Carolyn Straub's sister), **Sue** (Betty Kern's sister-in-law), **Paul** (Esther Feigenbaum's nephew), **Gary** (the Kenyon's son-in-law), **Neil** (Sharon Wynne's son), **Erik** (Marge Buller's Godson), **Mary Ann** (Betty Kern's sister), **Brenda** (Ashly Acevedo's friend), **Linda** (Esther Feigenbaum's friend), **Vince** (Betty Kern's brother), **Jared** (Betty Kern's grandnephew), **Rob** (Lana Andre's nephew), **Nicole** (Kathy Damiani's niece), **Marsha** (Esther Feigenbaum's sister-in-law), **Ryan** (Ruth Compton's grandson-in-law), **Joyce & David** (Janet Salters' sister and brother-in-law), **Simon** (Kathy Feste's friend), **Kathy** (Corinne Mitchell's friend), **Janet** (Lana Andre's sister), **Violet** (Marge Buller's great granddaughter), **Walt Block** (Marge Buller's brother), and **Enid** (Marge Buller's friend).

Those with cancer including: **Mary Lou Caldwell**, **Nancy Eller**, **Lyle Roberts Jr.**, **Bob Flavell**, **Chuck Buller**, **Lisa Kramer**, **Danny McGarry**, **Debbie Piper**, **Judy Britain**, **Fred Taylor**, **Jim**, **Robert**, **Kathy**, **Joseph**, **Gary**, **Gladys**, **Katie**, **Louis**, **Barbie**, **Carole**, **Veronica**, and **James**

Those experiencing difficult times and/or seeking employment including: **Josh** (the Damiani's nephew), **Jon** and **returning veterans**

For Those Who are Expecting: **Kristina** (Jennifer Hanson's daughter)

For Those Who Mourn: **Barbara Gifford and friends mourning the loss of her friend, Nancy Bloh**

Friends and family of Kathy Fodor

Bonnie Kopplin, the McClement and Angst families, morning the loss of Marilyn McClement

For Our Shut-In's: **Lola Pinder**, **Dick Beeson**, **Charles Luper**, and **Lana Andre**