

The Eagle

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From the Pastor

"Empathy almost needs to be struck from the Christian vocabulary." "Empathy is dangerous. Empathy is toxic. Empathy will align you with hell." "The fundamental weakness of Western civilization is empathy."

Ever since Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde preached her sermon heard 'round the world, imploring the newly-inaugurated president of the United States to "have mercy" on those who are vulnerable and scared, her words, as another preacher put it, have "triggered an avalanche of Christian Nationalist condemnation"—taking aim at empathy.

Empathy, defined by the dictionary as "the ability to understand and share the feelings of another," has been in the crosshairs of everyone from conservative pastors and podcast hosts to billionaire and presidential adviser Elon Musk—their exact words, reprehensible as they are, are quoted above (from this recent piece as heard on NPR's Weekend Edition).

How did empathy—a value we teach to children before they can even read—become such a controversial concept? It seems pretty simple—and biblical—to me: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," Jesus says (Mark 12:31), words he didn't pull from thin air but from deep within his Jewish tradition (Leviticus 19:18).

But progressive Christians have fired back. Church signs—and I'm talking the old-fashioned, change-one-character-at-a-time, letterboard signs—have popped up everywhere from Greenwich Village in Manhattan to Denver, Colorado ... and the little town of Colonie in Upstate New York: If empathy is a sin, sin boldly.

You know churches have got something to say when we take the time to sort through all those letters to change our signs! And it was enough to get me to take time out of my day as a parish pastor in the midst of Lent. No sooner had I put the last letter in place, as I stepped back to admire my work, check the spacing and alignment, and make sure I didn't have any unfortunate typos, did a passerby pull into our parking lot, loop around to face me, and roll down his window to voice his disagreement with the message—with some very colorful language and a couple homophobic slurs thrown in for good measure.



St. John's, of course, isn't new to criticism toward the messages displayed on our sign. In fact, it was the basis of a question I was asked by the call committee when I was interviewing here just over two years ago, asking how I would respond to the harassing letters and phone calls and acts of vandalism targeting our Pride flag—itself a symbol of our gospel-rooted belief in the inherent dignity and worth of our LGBTQIA+ siblings, many of whom have been burned by the church.

In a climate of fear targeting the most vulnerable among us, we *need* empathy.

In a recent sermon on the parable of the prodigal son, The Rev. Canon Dana Colley Corsello says, "Empathy and compassion are at the heart of Jesus' life on this earth. Friends, this is what God is like and what God demands of us"

In the midst of all the forces at work in our world that defy empathy, where do we go from here?

Last month, I reflected on hearing (again) the moving and poignant oratorio *Considering Matthew Shepard*, which tells the story of a 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming who was brutally beaten, tied to a fence on the outskirts of Laramie, and left to die—the victim of a hate crime simply because he was gay.

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Easter Sunday + April 20

Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! (from Sundays & Seasons)

9:30 am ~ Festival Eucharist
With Saint John's Collegium (in
person and livestreamed on YouTube),
followed by a festive Easter Brunch
coffee hour and Egg Hunt in the
cemetery for children of all ages.



Choral Evensong for the Ascension of Our Lord: May 29 at 8:30 pm

Forty days after Easter, the church commemorates the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, remembering the story of Jesus' return to the Father and anticipating the coming of the Advocate at Pentecost. Join us on Thursday, May 29, at 8:30 pm (following choir rehearsal) for a brief contemplative service of evening prayer, sung by Saint John's Collegium. This service will also be also livestreamed on YouTube for those unable to attend in person.

Easter Worship Series: Apocalyptic Hope

Perhaps no book of the Bible has been more widely interpreted – and misinterpreted – than the book of Revelation. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am (in person and livestreamed) this Easter as we dive head-first into the most troublemaking book of the New Testament and discover the apocalyptic ("revealed") hope at the center of this book. A supremely beautiful confession of faith in Christ and a visionary experience of hope for the persecuted, John of Patmos' visions recorded in Revelation inspire courage, fidelity, and holy patience, as much for the early church then as for our contemporary world today.

Second Sunday of Easter (April 27) Revelation 1:4-8

Holy Communion will be celebrated at this service.

The celebration of the resurrection continues for the great fifty days of Easter! Join us this Sunday for a lay-led Service of the Word while Pastor Josh is away for continuing education.

Third Sunday of Easter (May 4) Revelation 5:11-14
Usually we associate "Lessons & Carols" with the Christmas season, made famous by King's College annual service broadcast around the world. Join us this Sunday for an Easter Festival of Lessons & Carols as we continue our fifty day celebration of Christ's resurrection and the victory of new life. Pastor Josh will be newly back from Valparaiso, and

Fourth Sunday of Easter (May 11)
Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 18)

Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 18)
Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 26)
Seventh Sunday of Easter (June 1)

Revelation 7:9-17 Revelation 21:1-6 Revelation 21:10, 22-27; 22:1-5 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21







Thanks to all who joined us for Lent Wednesdays with ALT! Above: We enjoyed a good night of shared supper and worship at St. John's on April 2.

FAITH FORMATION



Trans & Non Binary Family Members Meet on April 23

You are NOT Alone! Come join a safe, inclusive and welcoming community of people who share the journey of having a Trans/Non Binary family member. No judgement. Just sharing, learning, and becoming a loving and supportive ally. No matter where you are in your journey, your life, support and experiences can help and validate others and their experiences can help you as well. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, April 23, from 6:30-8:00 pm at St Andrew's Episcopal Church (10 North Main Ave, Albany). Next meetings will be on May 21 & June 18.

View a Special Message from Bishop Eaton



March 31 was
Transgender
Day of
Visibility. In
her message
posted that
day (which
you can view
by clicking
HERE and on
our Facebook
page), ELCA

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton speaks out against the inhumane actions by legislatures and executive orders while also speaking directly to the transgender and nonbinary community. "God created you in God's image and loves and cares for you exactly as you are.... You deserve to be safe in our communities. Bullying and discrimination have no place in the body of Christ." The church's commitment to civil and human rights remains and can be found in ELCA's resources for the LGBTQIA+ community at ELCA.org/lgbtq. Another way to learn more about the church's commitment can be found at reconcilingworks.org, an independent Lutheran organization.

Book Discussion: *How We Learn to Be Brave*Join us Mondays at 7 pm via Zoom: May 5-26

On January 21, 2025, many Americans were introduced to the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, by way of her sermon at the inaugural prayer service at the National Cathedral. In her sermon, Bishop Budde addressed the president directly imploring him "to have mercy on the people in our country who are scared now," from those who are part of the LGBTQ+ community to immigrants and refugees.

For Bishop Budde, this moment was the culmination of a lifetime spent thinking about those pivot points when we're called on to push past our fears and act with strength. With How We Learn to Be Brave (published in 2023), she teaches us that being brave is not a singular occurrence; it's a journey that we can choose to undertake every day.

How We Learn to Be Brave is an inspirational guide to the key junctures in life that, if navigated with faith and discernment, pave the way for us to become our most courageous selves – providing much-needed fortitude and insight to anyone searching for answers in uncertain times.

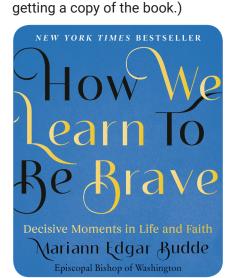
Join us on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm via Zoom at stjohnsalbany.org/zoom as we delve into Bishop Budde's book:

- May 5: Intro-Chapter 1
- May 12: Chapter 2-3
- May 19: Chapter 4-5
- · May 26: Chapter 6-Epilogue

Our last session is on Memorial Day. We'll discuss this on May 5.

Each night we will also end with a short service of compline (night prayer) following our discussion, wrapping up by 8:30 pm.

Purchase the book online HERE. (Scans of chapters can also be provided if you have trouble



Next Faith on Tap on May 7 @ 6:30 pm

LCHS & St. John's invite you to join us for good conversations about faith and life, as well as delicious local brews (soft drinks available). Our next Faith on Tap will be on Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 pm at Warbler Brewery (155 Delaware Ave., Delmar). BYO dinner from a local restaurant (there are three in that strip mall). Come tap into some good times with good friends!



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers

For whom or what shall we pray?

- Family and friends of Ruth Klee, who died on April 14
- Diane Mead, who is recovering from surgery
- Diane Conley
- Jimmy, friend of Karen Seiz, as he recovers from open heart surgery
- Family and friends of Anthony Butler (nephew of Mike Centanni), who died suddenly on March 14 at the age of 47 at his home in North Carolina
- · Sarah (wife of Bob Curtis)
- Bill Shuster
- Dianne Guarneri
- Levi (grandson of Dianne Guarneri)
- Teri Rogers
- Freddy Boyzer



Sponsors Needed for Altar Flowers

Are you able to sponsor Altar Flowers? It's a wonderful way of honoring the memory of a loved one or commemorate a life passage (such as an anniversary or birthday), while beautifying our worship space on Sunday mornings with fresh-cut flowers. Sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board in the kitchen (or email us). Suggested donation: \$25. You can give online (choose the "Flower Contributions" fund) or send your donation to the office (please specify "Flower Contributions" with your gift). Thank you for your gift!



Extending Our Heartfelt Thanks!

Special thanks this month to ...

- Everyone who helped with our midweek supper and worship at St. John's for our ALT partners and who contributed to the potluck meal at Good Shepherd, including Maggie Anderson, Karen Bielinski, Kelly Conley, Linda Davis, Joy Pierle, Jerry & Paula Schwab, Karen Seiz, and Lindsay Stannard.
- Everyone who attended our Lent Bible Study with Holy Trinity in Bellerose. We're thankful for partnerships between congregations across our church and between synods!
- Everyone who attended and assisted in any way with our Holy Week services. It was good to gather for these sacred days at the center of our faith and liturgical life together.
- Nick & George Klapp for (again) assisting with the transport of items, including the large candelabras and Clavinova keyboard, from the chapel to our storage unit. (The candelabras will eventually be repurposed in our multipurpose room once garage renovations are completed. Until then, they will be safely out of the way and free from any potential damage in our climate-controlled storage off-site.)
- Lindsay Stannard for attending the spring assembly of the Hudson Mohawk Conference on behalf of St. John's on April 6.
- Karen Bielinski for making an amazing mac and cheese spread for our last Food & Faith of the school year at Cornerstone Campus Ministry on April 8.
- Everyone who submitted Easter memorials to sponsor our Easter flowers

Need Pastoral Care? Please Let Us Know

Hospitalized? Undergoing or recovering from surgery? Grieving a loss? Feeling alone or stressed? Please let us know. If you or a loved one would like a pastoral call or visit, please call or text Pastor Josh Evans at 518-250-9098, or schedule a time to meet using calendly.com/revjoshevans. If you would like communion let us know.



Donations Taken for CACC Homeless Shelter

The Capital Area Council of **Churches Emergency Homeless** Overflow Shelter is located at First Church in Albany: 110 N. Pearl St. Since Karen Bielinski is preparing this month's meal due to the day of the week - and since the shelter is only open November 1 to May 1 we will not need help again until the fall. Please watch for those dates to be announced. You can donate online at any time through our Online Giving web page by choosing CACC Shelter. You can also give by cash/check designated for "CACC Shelter."



OUR COMMUNITY WORKS



Please Donate Cereal for Bread of Life Pantry

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Poestenkill (one of Pastor Kate Drefke's churches), has begun a new donation initiative. Each month they will highlight a specific item for donation, and April's Collection of the Month is CEREAL! If you would like to donate boxes of cereal, please bring them to the side entrance at Lutheran Church of Poestenkill at 772 NY Route 351, or drop them off at St. John's and either Tracy Baldwin or Pastor Josh will deliver them.



Turkey Dinner April 28 for Bread of Life Pantry



You're invited to a fundraising Turkey Dinner on Monday, April 28, to begin at 5:30 pm! All proceeds will benefit the Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Evangelical

Lutheran Church of Poestenkill. The event will be hosted by the Brunswick Elks on Route 2 in Eagle Mills. Dinner includes: Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Vegetables, Rolls and Dessert for \$15. You have the option of takeout or eating in the Banquet Hall. For reservations, please call Mike at 518-286-1645. For more info, visit their Facebook page.

Spring Chicken BBQ on May 3 in Poestenkill

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Poestenkill is hosting a Spring Chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 3, from 5:30-7:00 pm. Dinner Includes: Half a BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Homemade Coleslaw, Cranberry Sauce, Roll, and Homemade Lemon or Cherry Pie ... all for only \$17. Please note: This is Take-Out only. Reservations are appreciated and walk-ins are welcome if items are available. Call 518-283-1447 for info and/or to reserve your dinner! The church is located at 772 NY Route 351.







Join us again this year for the CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, May 4, and help us take steps to end hunger.

CROP Hunger Walk on May 4 at St. Vincent

The 45th Annual John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, May 4, starting and ending at a new location this year: St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany.

Registration begins at 1:30 pm.

(One hour later than in the past.)
Music is in the sanctuary until
Opening Ceremonies at 2:15 pm,
with the official start of the walk at
2:30 pm. You have a choice of two
routes: a two and a quarter mile
loop with a rest stop at Blessed
Sacrament Church on Central
Ave., and the shorter Golden Mile.
Refreshments will be available at
St. Vincent's after the Walk.

Visit crophungerwalk.org/ albanyny to register to walk on your own or with someone. You can sign up at any time and start soliciting donations. Questions? Please contact Karen Bielinski at kbielins@nycap.rr.com.

Karen Bielinski will offer a special CROP Walk-themed children's message on April 27, and we will collect a special offering for the CROP Walk on April 27 and May 4 (the morning of the event). Karen has a special online giving link set up just for that! Last year, we also gathered up all loose cash donations, which Karen took with her on the day of the event. Checks for donations can also be made payable to CWS CROP.

This is a fundraising event focused on "Ending Hunger One Step at a Time." 25% of the money raised going to local food pantries and soup kitchens. The other 75% supports the work of the Church World Service and its partners for hunger relief and development projects around the world. Thank you for making a difference!



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALT Lent Offering Appeal by April 19



This year, Albany **Together** is again supporting

the vital work of Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service). Give directly to Global Refuge online or by check (payable to Global Refuge) to P.O. Box 17467, Baltimore MD 21297-1467. PLEASE NOTE: Checks payable to Global Refuge and loose cash may also be dropped off at our EASTER VIGIL on APRIL 19 at Good Shepherd! We will get them where they need to be. Thank you for showing EMPATHY to others in need.



Happy Birthday to Our Members!

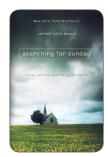
Rob Schwab May 1 May 5 David Klee May 27 Jerry Schwab

"In a person's middle years there is scarcely a part of the body he or she wouldn't hesitate to turn over to the proper authorities." ~ E.B. White

If you prefer not to have your birthday in The Eagle, contact Pr. Josh. If we missed your birthday, we will share it in the next issue!



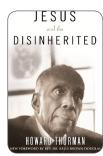
Book Club on April 22



First Lutheran Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 22, at 6 pm to discuss Searching for Sunday, Loving, Leaving, and Finding the

Church by Rachel Held Evans. We'll gather at El Rey Mexitalia (215 Western Ave., Albany).

Book Club on May 27

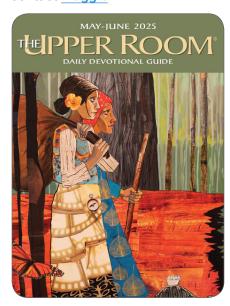


First Lutheran **Book Club will** meet on Tuesday, May 27, at 6 pm to discuss Jesus and the Disinherited by **Howard Thurman.** We will gather at

Juniors Bar & Grill (2080 Western Ave., Guilderland). Come join us!

Your Daily Devotions

You can pick up the May-June edition of The Upper Room at church or read it online. Want us to mail you a copy? Please contact Maggie.



Living Lutheran is Back! Sign Up by April 30

Although it never really went away (it's always been available online), Living Lutheran (formerly The Lutheran), our denomination's quarterly magazine, is now back in print. We are currently gauging interest in a congregation subscription. If you are interested in receiving the print edition, contact the office by APRIL 30 and let us know. A minimum of 10 subscribers are needed for a congregation plan at a cost of \$17 per year per subscriber. If we have at least 10 folks who are interested, we'll sign up and let you know. If not, you can always subscribe yourself for \$19.95 per year, or access the content for free anytime at livinglutheran.org.



Pastor Josh Away April 21-May 1

Pastor Josh will be on vacation April 21-27 and away for continuing education (attending the Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso University in Indiana) April 28-May 1. In the event of a pastoral emergency during this time, contact Maggie, who will connect you with an on-call pastor.



KEEPING CONNECTED

From the Pastor: Continued from Page 1

After singing through Matthew's story and the various responses it elicited—from those who protested his funeral to those who flocked to the fence to pay their respects, even from the perspective of the fence itself—the choir sings in the epilogue:

What could be the song? Where begin again? Who could meet us there? Where might we begin? From the shadows, Rise to sing again; Where could be the joy? How do we begin?

After the fence—after the suffering (passion), the abandonment, the death—where begin again? What now?

Only in the Love, Love that lifts us up... Only in the Love... Only all of us...

After the cross—after the suffering (passion), the abandonment, the death—standing at the tomb, where begin again? What now?

This is the feast of victory for our God...

for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia!

We are an Easter people, and we know that the cross is not the end of the story. For Christ is risen! (Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!)

The resurrection—God's decisive victory over the forces of hatred, violence, and death—gets the last word ... but it is *also* not the end of the story.

The resurrection is only the *beginning* of a movement—from the early church to the present day—striving, often imperfectly, but almost always sincerely, for a more just world.

In the midst of all the forces at work in our world that defy empathy, the resurrection gives us the resolve to boldly declare that none of those things will ever get the final world (even if it sometimes feels like they're winning by a landslide).

Together, as resurrection people, *all of us*, we keep on bearing witness to the Love that lifts us up, *all of us*—striving for a more *just*, more *loving*, more *empathetic* world.

In hope, Pastor Josh +



Palm Sunday Service!











We enjoyed a palm procession, the passion according to Saint Luke, and music by Saint John's Collegium.

Save the Date for Capital Pride: Sunday, June 8

St. John's and our fellow "Welcoming Lutherans of the Capital Region" will again be participating in the Pride Parade and Festival in Washington Park on Sunday, June 8. Watch for more info in your e-news and the June Eagle. In the meantime, if you want to help plan, please be in touch with **Pr. Josh**.









WORSHIP NEWS & CALENDAR

Please Note: Changes for Worship Volunteers are In Effect

Beginning this Easter season, we are adapting our worship volunteer practices to what is below. Please contact Pr. Josh with any questions.

- The role of assisting minister will be broken down into two new roles: intercessor (prays the prayers of the people) and communion assistant (common cup). This change is designed to get more folks involved in worship leadership but in smaller roles without the stress of being "front-and-center" (like the traditional assisting minister role). These roles may be filled by the same person (as reader and communion assistant [tray] often are). On festival Sundays, the intercessor will also function as the crucifer in processions.
- All worship volunteers in any role have now been added to all roles in Planning Center Services. This does not mean you have to do everything, but it allows you to sign up for whichever role(s) you want and maybe try something new. Signups for June are now available. Please submit any blockout dates for June no later than Friday, May 16; remaining slots will be assigned to those who are available at that time. (Need help with Planning Center? Contact Pr. Josh.)
- The scheduling of offering counters has been suspended at this time. The offering will continue to be counted and deposited weekly on Monday mornings by office staff.

• As soon as our current batch of bread is used up, we will resume the practice of using *communion wafers* for all. Practically speaking, we have A LOT of communion wafers and presider hosts to use up. Theologically speaking, we have a mix of folks who prefer either the bread or wafers. Lutheran liturgical practice emphasizes the unity of the meal, and "consolidating" into a single option reflects this emphasis. (Gluten-free wafers, as well as both wine and non-alcoholic grape juice, will continue to be offered.)



CALENDAR ~ MAY 2025

Thursday, May 1

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 3

5:30 pm: Spring Chicken BBQ Dinner: Ev. Lutheran Church of Poestenkill

Sunday, May 4

9:30 am: WORSHIP 10:30 am: Coffee Hour

1:30 pm: CROP Hunger Walk: Registration Begins

Monday, May 5

7:00 pm: Book Discussion via Zoom: How We Learn to Be Brave

Wednesday, May 7

6:30 pm: Faith on Tap at Warbler Brewery in Delmar

Thursday, May 8

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 11 ~ Mother's Day

9:30 am: WORSHIP 10:30 am: Coffee Hour

Monday, May 12

7:00 pm: Book Discussion via Zoom: How We Learn to Be Brave

Friday, May 16

Deadline: Block Worship Volunteer

Monday, May 19

7:00 pm: Book Discussion via Zoom: How We Learn to Be Brave

Thursday, May 22

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 23

Deadline: The Eagle submissions

Sunday, May 18 9:30 am: WORSHIP 10:30 am: Coffee Hour

Monday, May 26 ~ Memorial Day

7:00 pm: Book Discussion via Zoom: How We Learn to Be Brave

Tuesday, May 20

7:00 pm: Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 21

6:30 pm: Trans/Non-Binary Meeting at St. Andrew's Church

Tuesday, May 27

6:00 pm: First Lutheran Book Club at Juniors Bar & Grill

Thursday, May 29

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm: Ascension of Our Lord: Brief Service of Evening Prayer Sung by Saint John's Collegium

CELEBRATING MOMS!

"No one else, ever, will think you're great the way your Mother does." ~ Mary Matalin

"You can be sure of two things in this world: There is a God and your Mother loves you." ~ Rhonda S. Hogan

"If you have a Mom, there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been." ~ Robert Brault

"God could not be everywhere, so he created Mothers." ~ Jewish proverb

"Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children." ~ William Thackeray



EASTER MEMORIALS 2025

In loving memory of Virginia and Walter Berg by their daughter Joy Pierle & Family.

In loving memory of Robert F. Radley by his wife Ginger and Family.
In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Tobias and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Radley by Ginger Radley.

In loving memory of my partner always and forever, Charlie Fisher. Love, Jackie Campbell.

In loving memory of Robert Knapp by his wife Dorothy Knapp.
In loving memory of Robert J. & Helen Knapp by their daughter-in-law Dorothy Knapp.
In loving memory of Charles & Adela Friebel by their daughter Dorothy Knapp.
In loving memory of Robert Knapp by his grandchildren Ethan and Emily Knapp.
In loving memory of Caroline & Harvey Turner by their dear friend Dorothy Knapp.

In loving memory of my parents Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. Fake by their daughter Margaret and husband Richard Rendert.

In loving memory of our parents Mr. & Mrs. Fred Rendert by their son Richard and wife Peggy Rendert.

In loving memory of our dearly departed family members by Peggy and Dick Rendert.

In loving memory of Ruth F. Kehl by everlasting friend Peggy Rendert.

In loving memory of our old and dearest friends Janet & Wayne Jones by Peggy and Dick Rendert.

In honor of our wonderful Collegium Choir who bring joy to our worship by Peggy.

In recognition of their leader the multi-talented Dan Foster by Peggy.

In loving memory of David E. Fake by sister Peggy and Family.

In loving memory of our dear friends Harvey & Caroline Turner by Peggy and Dick Rendert.

In loving memory of Dottie & Gerhard K. Gall, Sr. by Judy, Jerry, Carla, Lucian, Olivia, Kyle and Jenny. In loving memory of Gary K. Gall, Jr. by Judy, Jerry, Carla, Lucian, Olivia, Kyle and Jenny.

In loving memory of Madeline Denofrio. Devoted and loving mother, nana and great-nana by Angela Fiore and Linda Schwab.

In loving memory of Gerry Schwab. Devoted and loving mother and grandmother by Linda Schwab and Rob Schwab (Bobby).

In loving memory of Penny & Paul Hines. Loving sister, brother-in-law, aunt, uncle and friend by Linda Schwab, Rob Schwab (Bobby,) Sabrina Schwab and Angela Fiore.

In loving memory of all our grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins by Linda Schwab and Angela Fiore.

In loving memory of Janet & Wayne Jones. Loving and special friends (family) by Linda Schwab, Rob Schwab and Angela Fiore.

In loving memory of my dad, Robert F. Radley by Karen Bielinski.
In loving memory of my grandparents James & Harriet Tobias by Karen Bielinski.
In loving memory of Stefan Bielinski, forever cherished, never forgotten by Karen, Staren, Melissa and Nick.

In loving memory of Robert F. Anderson, Sr. by his wife Mary, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In loving memory of James Klee by his wife Ruth, children David, Barbara and Nancy, granddaughters Darlene, Ashley, Carrie and Brittany.

In loving memory of Robert & Ida Brecht by daughter Ruth Klee, grandchildren Barbara Ableman, Nancy Taylor and David Klee and great-grandchildren Ashley, Carrie, Brittany and Darlene.

In loving memory of René Weber by sister Ruth Klee, nephew David Klee, nieces
Barbara Ableman and Nancy Taylor and grandnieces Ashley, Carrie, Brittany and Darlene.

In loving memory of my parents Nelson & Marjorie Sager by their daughter Diane Foley.

In loving memory of our parents by Beth and Rob Olah.

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In loving memory of our Mom, Florence Conley, from her children, Diane, Rick and Kelly Conley.

In loving memory of our Aunt Janet Jones from her nieces and nephew, Diane, Rick and Kelly Conley.

In loving memory of George & Pauline Meier from Diane, Rick and Kelly Conley.

In loving memory of Ann Conley from Diane, Rick and Kelly Conley.

In loving memory of Wilfred & Kathy Kelly from Diane, Rick and Kelly Conley.

In loving memory of Family & Friends who have gone before us from Diane, Rick and Kelly Conley.

In loving memory of Geraldine Schwab by her son and daughter-in-law Jerry and Paula Schwab.

In loving memory of Monica & Harold Vincent by their daughter and son-in-law Paula and Jerry Schwab.

In loving memory of Laurence & Martha Hansen and Anna Hansen by their

grandnephew and wife Jerry and Paula Schwab.

In loving memory of Penny & Paul Hines by her brother and sister-in-law Jerry and Paula Schwab.
In loving memory of her brothers, Alan, Paul, Jim, John & Berley Vincent and sisters,
Pat Wigand, Elaine Zlotnick, Gladys Czajkowski & Haroldeen VanWormer by Paula and Jerry Schwab.
In honor of my favorite Sunday School teacher, "Miss Peggy," Peg Rendert by Jerry Schwab.

In loving memory of my parents Albert & Betty Weloth by Linda Davis.

In loving memory of our grandparents Albert & Betty Weloth by Matthew, Marcy and Eric Davis.

In loving memory of my grandparents Henry & Anna Kimmel by Linda Davis.

In loving memory of my aunt Wilhelmina Kinal by Linda Davis.

In loving memory of our friend Doug Cadoo by The Davis Family.

In loving memory of my dear friend Rick Rogers by Linda Davis.

Remembering all whose lives and teaching have inspired my life of faith by Thaisa Beach.

In loving memory of Johanna H. & Vernon E. Mead by their daughter Carol Mead.
In loving memory of Wilhelmina Nitz-Bruce by her niece Carol Mead.
In loving memory of Diane Gorman by her friend Carol Mead.
In loving memory of Allen & Joan Roeser by their friend Carol Mead.

In loving memory of Richard Lynn by his daughter and son-in-law Sheryl and Mike Centanni.

In loving memory of Dorothy Centanni by her son and daughter-in-law Mike and Sheryl Centanni.

In loving memory of our Mom & Marm Marilyn Lynn and our dear nephew,

cousin Anthony Butler by the Centanni family.

In honor of our daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren Michele Centanni,

Sarah & Dan Myers, Henry, Mazie and Paige Myers, Karisa & Tim Rahns,

and Silas Centanni, Katie Centanni & Mike Linkous by Mike and Sheryl Centanni.

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Paradis by Gilda Fake.

In loving memory of Shawn Stannard by Lindsay and Shea Stannard.

In loving memory of our beloved angel Sharon Mack by Carolyn and Maura Lander.

In honor of my loving parents Jerry & Paula Schwab by Tracy and Bob Baldwin.

In honor of my friend Kelly Conley by Tracy Baldwin.

In loving memory of my husband Richard Rogers by Teri Rogers.

In loving memory of my parents Harmon & Ruth Cameron and brother Bruce Cameron by Teri Rogers.

In loving memory of my uncles the Rev. John Menges and William Menges by Teri Rogers.

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