



March/April 2024

Campus Sojourner



Maundy Thursday Worship (3/28) - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship (3/29) - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship (3/31) - 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Flowering of the Cross—Easter Sunday at **7:45 a.m.** Please bring flowers which our Grace Road children will attach to the “old rugged cross” as a symbol of the new life Jesus has won for us by His victory over death. As the children flower the cross we will also sing, by request, your favorite Easter hymns.

Easter Brunch—Served between Easter services, beginning at **9:45 a.m.**

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

7:45 am Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am First Service
9:45 am Education Hour
11:00 am Second Service
2:00 pm High School Ladies Bible Study

Monday

6:00 pm QuarterLife
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm What Lutherans Believe

Tuesday

8:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
6:00 pm Friends in Faith

Wednesday

4:00 pm Monthly Mid-Week Communion Service (2nd Wednesday)
5:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
8:30 pm The Gathering
8:00 pm Shared Ministry Prayer Group - Zoom Meeting

Thursday

7:00 am Early Thursday Morning Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Thursdays (In-person & Zoom Meeting)
1:00 pm Sonshine Ladies Bible Study

Friday

Pastor Kent's Day Off
10:00 am American English for You

“Growing Forward” Celebration Sunday on April 28, 2024 – Save the Date

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 28** and plan to join us for the "Growing Forward" event at Campus Lutheran Church. There will be one worship service followed by a special event with catered food, fellowship, and music. As a congregation, we will celebrate together the growth Campus Lutheran Church is experiencing as we live and share the transforming love of Christ. Any questions? Ask the Celebration Planning Committee - Rachel Skrabal, Deb Linneman, April McAdams, Chris Brown, Katie Brown, Chris Vaughn, Judy Alexander and Hope Kane. *Bible Verse: John 15:5 (NIV) - "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

Megan B. Schultz Called to Serve as Director of Discipleship and Family Life Ministry

- Master of Science in Family Life Ministry 2015
- Internship in St. Louis - taught in that area for a couple of years
- Commissioned Director of Family Life Ministry
- 2020-present: Family Life Minister at Large - Detroit
- Works with inter-city churches to reach young families and children in their surrounding area
- Teaches Family Life Methodology, program assessment, community needs assessment, and encourages prospective lay leaders



Please keep Megan and the Detroit congregations she serves in your prayers as she seeks God's guidance in answering her call to Campus Lutheran.

Living and Sharing the Transforming Love of Christ



Pastor's Corner

Life After Easter – Words of Encouragement from 1 John

God rolled away the stone so that Jesus might invade our lives. That's why we celebrate Easter and the empty tomb. Jesus is not dead. He is very much alive. He is loose in this messy world, invading our very messy lives. If there's a place in your life that you need Jesus to invade, dare to believe that He's already there, already at work, already bringing hope and healing. Not because you've got it all together, but because He loves you.

As we move past the empty tomb of Easter Sunday, we need the support of God's forgiveness and grace in our everyday lives. In the epistle of 1 John we receive guidance and encouragement for living as followers of Christ Jesus. While warning us not to be deceived by teachings and worldviews that are in conflict with the Gospel, John helps us understand and grow in the true character of Christian love, faith, and good works. He gives us practical advice for living out our faith in a world that has been forever changed by Christ's empty tomb.

In our new worship series, "Life After Easter," we will have the opportunity to be encouraged as we grow in our understanding of our Savior's love. The Sunday themes and weekly Bible reading plan will guide our 6-week journey through 1 John. *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."* – 1 John 4:7

Serving Jesus with you,

Pastor Kent Pierce



LCMS Lectionary – Series B

Date:	Theme:	Sermon Text:	Weekly Bible Reading:
4/7	Confess	1 John 1:1-2:2	1:1 – 2:29
4/14	Hope	1 John 3:1-7	3:1-10
4/21	Love	1 John 3:16-24	3:11-24
4/28	Overcome	1 John 4:1-11	4:1-21
5/5	Continue	1 John 5:1-8	5:1-8
5/12	Belong	1 John 5:9-15	5:9-21

Celebration Sunday One Service 10 a.m.

Confirmation Sunday 8:30 a.m.

THE GATHERING



Meet the Team!

L-R: Paul Maschhoff, Gwen Diepholz, Connor Groothuis, Hope Kane, Alex Hopfer & Elizabeth Grichnik. This is our LSF/PMT leadership team, these people are the ones who help run our college ministry group smoothly.



This year the Gathering did a Soup-er Bowl can good drive to collect cans for The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri, we collected 144 cans!



The girls in the Gathering have started a women's study. We are reading through Emotions & the Gospel, we meet once or twice a month and enjoy a potluck and great company!



Our college ministry group took about 20 spots at the Go Leadership Retreat out of about 70 people! Come find someone from our group and ask them what they learned from the retreat!

Campus Lutheran *GO Leadership Retreat* for College Students



Approximately 70 people attended this year's GO Leadership Retreat on February 9-10. Campus Ministries from across Missouri were represented as Dr. Brad Alles spoke about "Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers."

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY - BETH GREIMANN

International Highlights from Campus Lutheran January 2024

What a difference a few days, a few prayers, and a few dollars invested can make.

Campus Lutheran years ago realized our limited fellowship space was going to hinder our growth potential. It seemed daunting but we plowed forward and the day of the COVID shut down were handed the keys to our new \$3 million dollar addition.

This was a blessing to our college ministry where students could safely social distance yet see people occasionally. It was also a steppingstone to expanding our International Ministry. When the Department of Asian Affairs were told they could hold in person classes but there were no rooms available for them on campus, Campus Lutheran had rooms they could use for a hybrid model of class.

Since then, the AAC has used our church for classes, meetings, and graduations. The church offers this use of space free of charge.

During the graduation program on December 16th. Of 2023, Several of the scholars who were presenting that day, hand who have also been attending Campus Church on Sunday Mornings asked lots of questions about the church. One of our scholars, Melody, was delighted, her husband had surprised her by coming to America. Melody had been away for a year studying here with her 7th grade daughter.

Melody asked my husband and I questions about Baptism during the lunch break.

There was time so we took a group of about 10 international friends to the front of the church and showed them the Baptismal font and explained how a Baptism worked. Melody asked if we could have a baptism so she could see one. She is leaving Feb. 1st to go back to China. I told her we could pray about that , but I didn't know of any planned for the near future.

So...how God answers prayers---Our family from Africa was expecting their 4th child Dec. 29th. Emmanuel was born 2 weeks early. The family asked if he could be Baptized on Jan. 7th and could they invite all the Grace Road families to attend the baptism. Melody and her husband and daughter, and other international friends attended a worship service for the first time and saw a baptism.

That day during lunch Melody asked if she could be baptized the following Sunday before her husband had to go back to China! Again, the Grace Road families were invited to attend the event.



During our Grace Road Sunday Morning Programing on Jan 28th all of the children signed a pillowcase that was made special for Melody's daughter to take home. One small Bible is being packed up to go home with them.

All the children have also been working on a collaborative art project with our resident professional artist Erik and Melissa Salinsky to make a banner about being Fisher's of Men. Over the last 2 years Ainsley invited Madison to church and the 2 of them invited Maddie, Maddie was baptized last March and she invited Takiya!

Amongst our International friends, Neren invited April, and Neren and April invited Wanda and Li, who brought their kids, Howard and Laura. Howard and Laura invited Suri, Suri invited Nikki, their moms invited 3 other moms from China who are all now coming regularly on Sunday mornings.

Our Grace Road kids are really carrying out the great commission.

At the first of the year, I used our extra resources from the district grant money to buy some more Bibles that are designed to be friendly to Internationals, 20 for adults and 10 for children. I have already given away 3 of each!





International Programs at the University Asian Affairs Center had a soft start last week. I taught a 2-hour seminar on getting our 26 new scholar's their English-Speaking voice. I also got to invite them to our Free English Class on Fridays at the church and to our Bunco night Friday Jan 26 th. We had 8 new people in our English class and 4 new families come for Bunco.

Three of these families asked for Bibles. Two of the families joined us on Sunday. We had 4 new families total join our Grace Road children's ministry on Sunday, 8 new children, 2 international children, and 6 friends who came with church friends.

Yesterday one of the dad's sent me a sweet picture of his children reading their new English Bible!



Having a person on staff dedicated to work with International Programing is making it easier to spend time helping with things like finding a car, getting family to the airport, helping after the birth of a baby by c-section, amongst the things going on behind the scenes.

We are offering 10 scholarships to international students of college age to attend the Go! Leadership retreat on Feb. 9th and 10th. We have record numbers of attendees to the event so far and are excited to see how God will use this opportunity.

Our district funding our ministry is making a difference unto eternity.

International Cooking Class

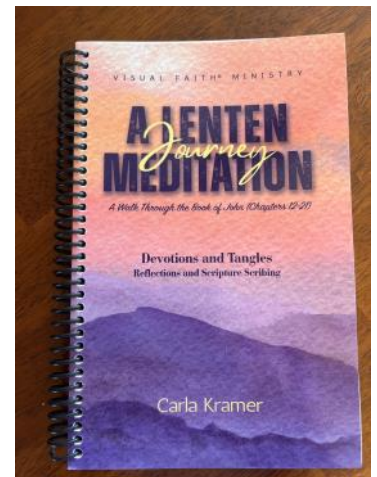
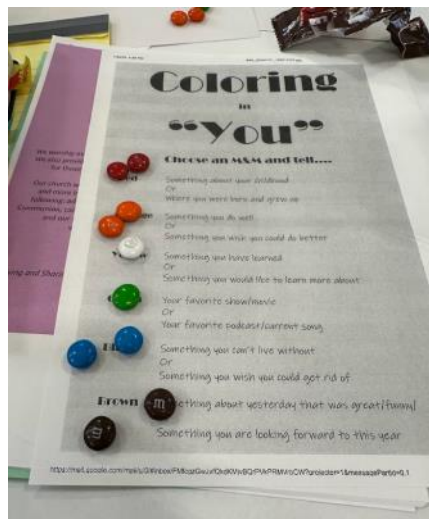
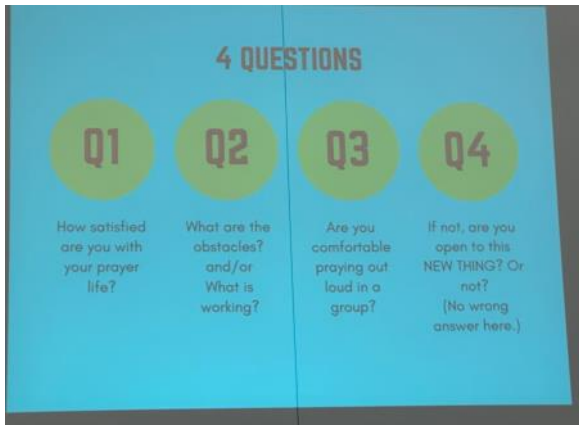
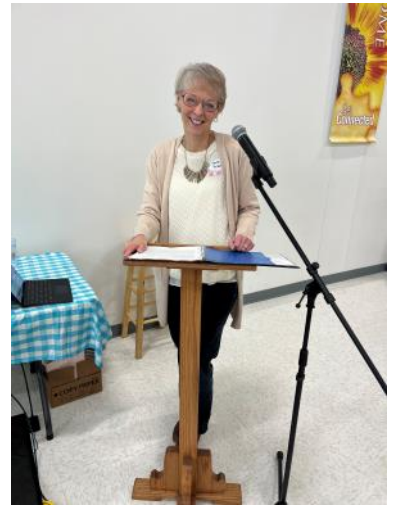
Leap Day is a fun day to have a class. What better way to celebrate than making pizza. Student each got to make there own pizza and take home the pan and cutter so they can make pizza at home for their families. The generous donation from the district allows us to not just teach but let's then have the supplies at home to replicate American style meals.



Women's Mini Retreat

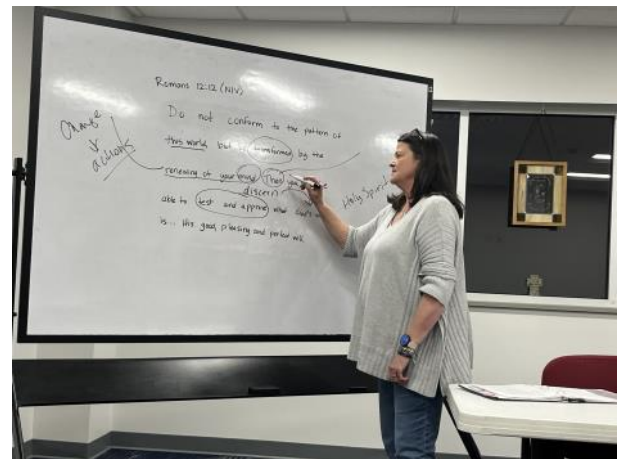
Behold, I Am Doing a New Thing. Isaiah 43:19 - Campus Lutheran Church was proud to host its first Women's Mini Retreat on February 3, 2024 with 80+ women attending. Presenter Carla Kramer shared a number of different prayer resources from Visual Faith Ministry that helped us to focus, deepen, and enrich our times of prayer. We had an inspiring day with great conversations, great food, and took home Carla's book "A Lenten Meditation Journey - A Walk through the Book of John (Chapters 12-21)" just in time to start the 40 daily devotions for the Lenten season. If you struggle with prayer, it is important to find the time...the energy...the focus...and the words. Even if you don't, God, in Christ has always, is always, and will always be doing new things in and through each one of us. Praises for a successful women's retreat and we would like to thank all that helped assist with the event.

Planning Committee Presenter Carla Kramer and Members Judy Alexander, Chris Brown, Cindy Kadlec, and Deb Linneman



Friends in Faith

The Friends in Faith bible study group kicked off the new year with some fun activities. In January, we participated in a Meet and Greet zoom night with our adopted seminary students Joseph Eggerman and Graham Jenkins. It was so interesting and inspiring to hear the stories about both of their journeys that led them to Concordia Seminary and to meet their families. We continue to support them with cards and notes and are hopeful that someday soon they will get a chance to visit Campus Lutheran Church. Chris Brown led one of our bible studies and shared Bible Verse Mapping techniques. This gave us insight on how we can take quiet time in the Word and deepen Bible reading and unpack the meaning of scripture. Chris suggested just using a verse that speaks to you to get started! Lugine and Ron Hein also led a bible study and shared pictures and updates about their trip to visit Elliot who is working in the Peace Corps in Cambodia. Wonderful family time, beautiful country, and so amazing to see the schools and students where Elliot works. The special picture below of Elliot is when he is unpacking a suitcase full of school supplies that Lugine and Ron delivered on the trip. Our group had collected supplies for his classrooms.





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Greetings from the not-so-frozen land of central Wisconsin!

When asked by my placement director what the biggest thing for me to see on vicarage was, I quipped, “Snow!” And, well... have you ever heard the phrase, “People make plans, and then God laughs?” Well, He is laughing now! According to my parishioners we have had one of the warmest winters on record, getting the lowest amount of snow in November, December, and January that anyone can remember in recent years. Oh well, I guess this is God’s way of keeping me patient and content in all things! It’s also a blessing in disguise—concrete footings and foundations are able to be poured in this warmer winter weather, so progress on Immanuel’s new sanctuary is underway! They are hoping to have steel girders up in February. It’s an especially exciting time to be a member of Immanuel—I am so blessed to get to have this experience on vicarage!

Another blessing of this warmer weather is that I won’t turn into too much of a popsicle when I take a “Polar Plunge” in the Wisconsin River this upcoming Saturday. Pastor, our Family Minister Nic, and I will be jumping into the cold water as a fundraiser for the Special Olympics of Wisconsin. We told everyone that if we raised \$500 we all would do it... and we tripled our goal! My wife even said she would pay that money to see me jump in a frozen river... I have been taking cold showers to prepare! All joking aside, it is wonderful to be able to get out into our community and support others all while showing forth the love of Christ. We will proudly be wearing our “Immanuel” gear when we jump in! Now, let’s just hope that it thaws off of us in a reasonable time...

Our girls are growing like weeds—and starting to interact with each other so well! It warms Dreama’s and my hearts to see Eleanor talk and play with “baby sister”, and to see Lydia smile back up at her tiny guardian. Who knows what the Lord has in store for those two, but I think they will grow up being fast friends! Please keep Dreama in your prayers as she starts back to work on Monday. She has enjoyed her time off with our girls, but is looking forward talking with her coworkers again soon.

I have kept busy between all that vicarage entails, including sermon prep, bible classes, and planning my very own midweek Eph4 class. It has been weighing on my heart to host a class all about the symbols of the Christian faith that decorate our worship spaces all over the world. We have walked through symbols in stained glass, wood and stone, and even church architecture! It has been a well-received class; it just goes to show there are so many wonderful ways that God has graced artists with which to point others to the saving work of Christ and God’s plan of salvation through the cross and empty tomb. Planning this class has encouraged me to incorporate more imagery into my sermons—and who knows, maybe even bring this class into my future ministry context!

Blessings to you as we all await the coming of our Lord Jesus to usher in the final defeat of sin, death, and the power of this broken world. Until then, the Lord bless you and keep you!

In Christ alone, the Eggermans

MISSIONARY NEWS



2023 Year In Review

- ❖ 1 year of living in Sao Paulo
- ❖ 2 year anniversary living in Brazil
- ❖ Casa Semear helped distribute over 240 basic food baskets to its families that were donated by local churches.
- ❖ 64 kids attended Casa Semear regularly for daily programs of devotions, counseling, crafts, and tutoring.
- ❖ 4 Bazaars (rummage sales) held to bless families of Casa Semear with access to donations of clothing and shoes for reduced prices or no cost.
- ❖ Connected with over 55 teens at Calvary International Church through weekly Sunday School and monthly teen meet ups Multiple virtual calls to connect, encourage, and grow others who are actively involved already around the world, or those discerning what it means to serve abroad.

IMPORTANT:

Stay tuned for a hopeful USA visit mid-2024. Please join us in praying for clear travel dates, needed paperwork, finances and logistics to be able to rest, visit with family and connect with supporters in Texas, Idaho, Illinois, and more! This will take a God-sized miracle to pull-off and put together.

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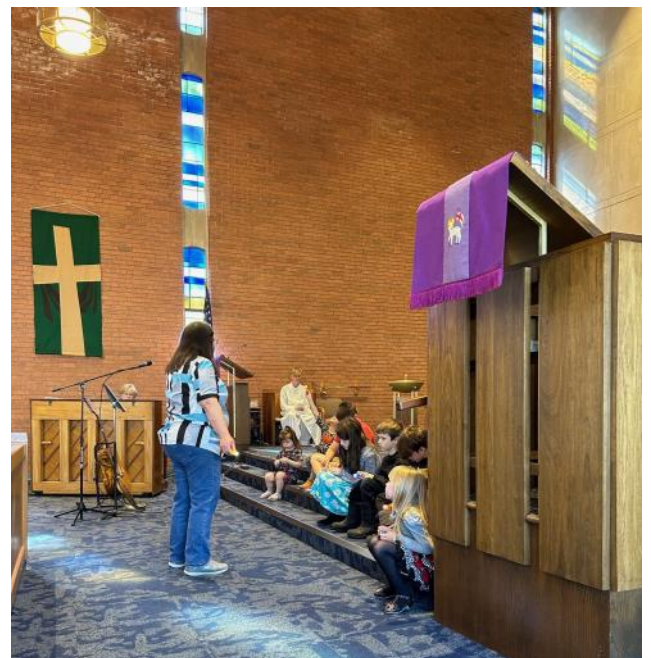
Transfiguration Sunday



Getting Ready for Cross Camp



Children's Message



Best Practices - Phoenix Arizona

Best Practices for Ministry @ Christ Church—Lutheran

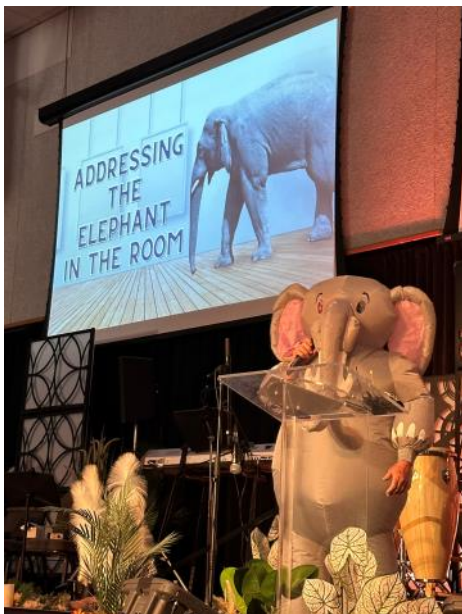
Think of a time when you were blessed beyond your expectation! Well, that is what happened when I attended my first Best Practices for Ministries conference last month.

Having heard about BPM for a few years, I was intrigued that a congregation would host a conference with the idea of bringing professionals, and lay people together to share what is working in their churches and to build up, refresh, and equip, while reuniting, old friends, and making opportunities for new ones under the theme: "You are not alone." Being A former Church worker I know that the job is tough and at times disheartening. As a lay person I was eager for new ideas that might be of interest to Campus. Just picture 2500 people that love Jesus, smiling, sharing, laughing, crying, praying, and worshiping while being served in every possible way by Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix, Arizona. The congregation provided the funds by hosting Summer camps to feed us wonderful meals and snacks for 2 1/2 days, plus providing shuttle services. They accepted no registration fee of any kind for the services they provided, which included hundreds of smiling volunteers.

Personally, I thought it was a little glimpse of heaven, where all God's people were feasting and enjoying each other, while being equipped and inspired to serve our Lord and share the Good News of the Gospel. There were six of us from Campus this year, (Pastor Kent, Ken & Beth Greimann, Lugine Hien, and Cindy Craig) and I hope there are many more of you that choose to go next year. Ask any of us about it! I plan to go again to learn, be uplifted, inspired, and better equipped to serve Jesus! Think about it!

Blessings,
Judy Alexander







Elders' Prayers:

March 16: Madison **CONSTANCE**; Jenny, Doug, Liam **COON**; Lena **COON**; Cindy & Duane **CRAIG**; Brian, Jeanine, & Corinthia **DAVISON**; PJ **DI BIASI**; Howard & Carol **DIERKING**; Dave **DRILLING**; Tim & Linda **DUFFEN**; Benjamin & Amberlin **DUPRE**; Stephen & Ryan **DUPRE**; Brandon **DUQUE**; Gerry, Kristin, Heather, Benjamin & Byron **DUQUE**; Heidi **DUQUE**; Wes, Keri & Maddie **DYER**

April 20: Paul, Kristina, Justin, Paul Jr., Miles & Joshua **FORNEY**; McKenna **FORNEY**; Skyler **FULMER**; Autumn **GARVEY**; Mark & Jackie **GARVEY**; Jim & Joyce **GEORGE**; Joel, Kelly, Elliott & Oliver **GEORGE**; Tim, Mandi, Landon & Harper **GIBONEY**; Bennie Ruth **GILBERT**; Peter **GREIMANN**; Beth & Ken **GREIMANN**; Elizabeth **GRICHNIK**; Lori **GROUP**; Zach & Mesan **GROUP**; Elaine **GUELDNER**; Jean **GUELDNER**

Happy Birthday!

March:

- 1 - Lena Coon
- 2 - Alok Tiwari, Danielle Beck
- 3 - Kevin Holman
- 5 - Luke Telle, Chris Brown
- 7 - Cindy Craig, Elliott George
- 8 - David Manz, Meridith Haley
- 10 - Justin Forney, Joshua Forney
- 11 - Mandi Giboney, Sam Lohman
- 13 - Lee Chorley
- 14 - Darlene Kruse
- 15 - Kelly George
- 16 - Lugine Hein
- 17 - Joyce Chorley, Garrett Huggins
- 18 - Autumn Garvey

- 19 - Norah Pierce
- 21 - Gerry Duque
- 22 - John Zimmerschied
- 23 - Mary Olson, Alivia Sarff
- 24 - Theresa Nelson, William Reynolds
- 25 - Joel George
- 26 - Christa Nebel
- 30 - Jake Vaughn

April:

- 3 - Noah Moat
- 4 - Zane McAdams
- 5 - Nathan Herting
- 6 - Ev Adam, Robert Meyer, Barron Roth, Hannah Ingmire
- 7 - Lydia Lohmann, Pwo-Jwok Agolory, Kristin Duque
- 9 - Erika Herting, Bob Herting III
- 12 - John Sponaule, Carol Dierking
- 13 - Bryan Ross

- 15 - Colin Ross
- 18 - Connor Kriete
- 20 - Pat Lieurance
- 21 - Hailey Sarff
- 22 - Vivian Brown
- 24 - Phil Sarff, Emma Pierce
- 25 - Kenny Klussman, Barry Steevens, Katherine Markes
- 26 - Beth Busseau
- 28 - Vicki Hartwig
- 29 - Wanda Horn



**March:**

Shirley Littell, Lynn Limback, Roberta Lee, Alan Telle, Mandi Giboney, Rob Vaughn, Corey Moentmann, Chris Zachary, Isaac Zachary, Lorelei Brown, Teague Brown, Alok Tiwari

April:

Richard Ingmire, Robert Meyer, Ev Adam, Hannah Ingmire, Bennie Ruth Gilbert, John Zimmerschied, Tim Duffen, Meridith Haley, John Klocke, Danielle Beck, Connor Kriete, Nathan Herting, Norah Pierce, Luke Telle, Garrett Huggins, Joshua Forney, Abuk Agolory, Pwo-Jwok Agolory, Maddie Dyer

Wedding Anniversaries**March:**

Bruce & Dana Hibbard celebrate 11 years on March 16
 Melissa & Erik Slatinsky celebrate 13 years on March 12
 Phil & April Sarff celebrate 14 years on March 6
 Rollie & Tina Bartels celebrate 37 years on March 14

April:

Andrew Notch & Shwetha Ramachandra celebrate 1 year on April 24
 Bethany & Robert Moseley celebrate 3 years on April 10
 Carol & Frank Nacarato celebrate 42 years on April 9
 Howard & Carol Dierking celebrate 45 years on April 24



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