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Newsletter

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Caring for My Neighbor

If any of the Ten Commandments might tempt us to think that keeping the Law is easy, it would be the Fifth Commandment. After all, how hard is it to get through life without murdering somebody? The vast majority of people can handle that! But Jesus famously blows up this notion by pointing out that the command, “you shall not murder,” goes much deeper — down to the heart. You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, “You fool!” will be liable to the hell of fire. (Matt. 5:21–22) Hatred and disdain come from the same sort of crookedness of heart as murder. With both murder and hatred, you look down on another person and think them of little worth. In the Small Catechism, Luther also points out that every “do not” in the commandments also includes a “do this:” “We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help and support him in every physical need” (SC, Fifth Commandment, emphasis added). We are not called merely to avoid evil; we must also do positive good. So when Jesus drew near to us and became our neighbor by taking up our humanity, He came not only to avoid harming us, but He came to positively help us, bless us and serve us. We are now called to show the love to our neighbors that Christ showed to us. Your neighbor is yet another gift that God has given you that requires your stewardship. We are called to show mercy, to be kind, to love and serve our neighbor. One aspect of this stewardship is financial: our neighbors need us to support the church’s work so that they can hear the Gospel and come to faith. Our neighbors need the church’s alms and mercy work. Our neighbors need our faithful service in all we do in the name of Christ.

FEBRUARY
BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

HILSABECK, Matthew H.	1-Feb
KORDING, Karis A.	1-Feb
LEINBERGER II, David A.	1-Feb
MURPHY, Olivia R.	1-Feb
VORTMAN, Kolina K.	1-Feb
SURRATT, Jenna E.	2-Feb
BROCKHOUSE, Cathi J.	3-Feb
CHUMLEY, Kylie A.	3-Feb
EDWARDS, Ryan D.	3-Feb
HADDEN, Lukas R.	3-Feb
MOODY Jr., Kawyn K	4-Feb
RUNYON, Scott A.	5-Feb
STINSON, Calvin L.	5-Feb
STURGEON, Caroline M.	5-Feb
WALLACE, Marley L.	5-Feb
SCHAEFER, Steve H.	6-Feb
SCOBIE, Steven D.	6-Feb
WANKEL, Ashley J.	7-Feb
WANKEL, Brooke L.	7-Feb
HADDEN, Meghan E.	8-Feb
PHELPS, Dylan J.	8-Feb
SPRADLIN, Robert O.	8-Feb
SPRADLIN, Vivian E.	8-Feb
BLANCHETTE, Daniel H.	9-Feb
SALCIDO, Elaina M.	10-Feb
SIEVING, Rosemary R.	11-Feb
TURNER, JoAnn	12-Feb
BARTELHEIM, Roger B.	13-Feb
HANNEL, Brandon A.	13-Feb
WOHLERS, Brenda S.	13-Feb
SCHUMACHER, Millie G.	14-Feb
VanHyning, Ashley N.	14-Feb
THORNLEY, Ethan E.	16-Feb
THORNLEY, Sarah R.	16-Feb
MCQUILLAN, Emily A.	17-Feb
LOWERY, Michael S.	18-Feb
NYBERG, Julia K.	18-Feb
WILSON, Jacob A.	18-Feb
MIDDENDORF, Daniel M.	19-Feb
SCOBIE, Elizabeth C.	19-Feb
PETERSON, Maci N.	20-Feb
KORDING, Jakob K.	21-Feb
POCKLINGTON, Kendell A.	24-Feb
SIEVING, Michael S.	24-Feb
THIES, Melvin E.	25-Feb
CROW, Vickie L.	26-Feb

PRATT, Veronica E.	26-Feb
ZENTZ, Dalilah H.	26-Feb
GINDER, Kerry D.	28-Feb
HOOD, Cayden J.	28-Feb
VORTMAN, Rosemary	28-Feb

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

REMINDERS: DON'T ASSUME that Pastor knows when you are hospitalized. Please call the Office 243-3419 to let us know when you enter the hospital.

LWML CID MISSION GRANT #6: Large print bibles and devotionals for Mailings - \$12,000. Effingham's St. John Large Print Center prints, binds and ships large print Bible and devotionals for people world-wide who have a visual impairment. These funds would be used for upkeep of printers and purchase of paper, spirals, cartons, tape, and envelopes.

DOORBELL DINNER THANK YOU: Thank you to the following kind volunteers who delivered Doorbell Dinners during the week of December 2-6: Loretta Scheller, Lucille Hannel, Randy Lawson, Elaine Jarman, Danny Magelitz, Randy Tendick, Joanne Acree, Ruth Werries, Linda Strubbe, and Salem School Students (Sophie, Frankie, Ty, Abby, and Delaney). The iffy weather of snow and cold did not stop their efforts to help those who need assistance in our Jacksonville Community. I am truly grateful for their help. A special thanks also goes out to Elaine Jarman who created 75 Christmas cards for the students to color and decorate for the clients they served. Please consider helping us next time. We are assigned March 31-April 4 and April 28-May 2. Call Rita Tendick at 473-5017 if you are moved to join in this rewarding experience.

THANK YOU: Thank you to Lomelino Sign Company, The Source, Jacksonville Journal Newspaper, WLDS Radio, and Thrivent Financial Services for help in advertising the Ladies Guild Cookie Walk. It takes support from these businesses to get the word out. We appreciate their help.

THANK YOU: Salem Friends: For all you did for our family at the time of Fred's death, I can never thank you enough. To those of you who brought food to our home and to the Ladies' Guild for the dinner following the funeral, everything was wonderful and delicious. For all of your prayers and support during the past months, I am very grateful. I am blessed. Judy Riemer and the Riemer family

GREETINGS IN CHRIST, Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the December shopping day, Lucille Hannel, Leta Malcott, Donna Moody, and Loretta Scheller. We had another great turnout this month. We assisted 22 families, with 39 children being assisted. We gave away 32 packages of diapers, 32 packages of wipes, and 13 baby hygiene items. We gave away 5 cans of formula and various food items. We gave away multiple clothing items, shoes, underwear, socks, winter coats, hats, gloves, blankets, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bottles, and crib sheets. We also gave away a toddler bed, mattress, pack-n-play, potty seat, and a car seat. This month we will feature dresses. We are in need of winter boy's and girl's toddler clothing sizes 4T and 5T. If you wish to donate any new or lightly used winter attire, please contact me. I will be working on completing the application for the LCMS Million Dollar Life Matching Grant for the 2025 cycle this month. The application needs to be completed in January. We currently do not have any grant funding available to us. Please continue to keep the Swaddling Clothes Ministry in your prayers as we continue seeking grants for next year. If you are aware of grants that we can apply for, please contact me. Thank you for your support, Deaconess Linda Strubbe

THOSE WHO SERVE February 2025

USHERS February 2ND 9:00 AM

Karmy Schone
Danny Magelitz
Dwayne Middendorf

February 9TH 9:00 AM Rodney Wellenkamp*, Thomas Kloppe, Ken Boehs

February 16TH 9:00 AM Gerald Warcup Larry Baker Karmy Schone

February 23RD 9:00 AM Rodney Wellenkamp* Thomas Kloppe, Ken Boehs

LECTORS February 2ND 9:00 AM Paul Reither

February 9th

9:00 AM

Roger Ward

February 16th

9:00 AM

Darin Gehrke

February 23RD

9:00 AM

Rodney Dolen

SERVERS

February 2ND

Dennis Jarman

Danny Magelitz

February 16TH

Dennis Jarman

Paul Reither

ORGANISTS

February 2ND

9:00 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

February 9TH

9:00 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

February 16th

9:00 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

February 23rd

9:00 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

ALTAR GUILD

Setup Sunday – Feb 2nd

Angie Havens

February 2nd

9:00 AM – Cleanup

Angie Havens,

Monika Warcup

Setup Sunday – Feb. 16th

Audrey Brown,

Andrea Price

February 16th

9:00 AM – Cleanup

Vicki Middendorf

Bonnie Gain

CANDLES

Mary Anne Lawson

RADIO TECHNICIAN

February 2nd

Roger Ward

February 9th

Kevin Eckhoff

February 16th

Roger Ward

February 23rd

Kevin Eckhoff

KEY MAN

Jan. 26th – February 1st

Darin Gehrke

February 2nd - 8th

Randy Lawson

February 9th -15th

Jaye Surratt

February 16th -22nd

Dan Blanchette

February 23rd - March 1st

Kevin Eckhoff