

# The Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church  
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Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn  
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Guided by  
the Holy Spirit,  
Trinity Shows & Tells  
God's Love in Word & Deed  
with ALL!

## Pilgrimage Ponderings



Worship Schedule  
Sundays 10:00am  
Sunday School 9:00am  
Saturdays 6:00pm



Hanging of the Greens  
a.k.a. Deck the Halls  
December 3, 2023



Poinsettia Sale  
sign-up sheet  
in narthex

Children's  
Christmas Program  
December 17, 2023



January 1, 2024  
Happy New Year



January 6 & 7, 2024  
Installation of Council Members

Advent is upon us. The time in the church's collective life when we lift up as a spiritual discipline the opportunity to wait with expectant longing. Surrounded by the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations, jam-packed social calendars, brightly decorated homes and festive music setting the tone, we are torn. Do we fall prey to the wacked-out priorities of the world or do we stop, silence ourselves, allow the darkness and uncertainty to surround until we experience God's presence and are convicted of God's promise that our waiting will not be without benefit.

As I've shared repeatedly, I am not a good waiter. I am a better do-er. My mind is actively processing stuff even when my body is at rest - hence the many sleepless nights I experience. But as I have seasoned in life and in ministry I have discovered that there is incomparable benefit in waiting, in silencing, being still, removing distractions. I'm not sure that at any time in my 30 years of Word & Sacrament ministry there has been a more important time to wait.

You might wonder, what am I waiting for? Well, as the liturgical year evidences, I am waiting for Jesus. But this year it's more. I am waiting for a certainty of conviction that God is still at work, that Jesus is bringing the promises of grace and hope and peace to fruition in undeniable ways. I am also waiting for the core of our theology, that it is in dying that we are raised to new life, to be fully manifest among the people of the Williams County ELCA Parish Congregations. Please don't misunderstand what I am waiting for - I am not waiting for any one of you to "die," not waiting for a call from the local undertakers. I am waiting to see what comes from this dying of institution and the new life together which will become real and vital in God's purposeful time.

It is, in fact, why we practice the counting down of days in this season with the lighting of candles in the circular wreath that reminds us of a clock. It's also one of the reasons we use an evergreen tree for our Christmas celebrations - they embody life even when nature has gone dormant. Wait and see! Be confident that God's promises are yet unfolding in our midst.

Peace be with you always,

*Pastor Mary Beth*

Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn



# Worship Focus for December

Dec 2 & 3

First Weekend of Advent

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

December 9 & 10

Second Weekend of Advent

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

December 16 & 17

Third Weekend of Advent

"Rejoice always," begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party.

December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

God keeps the promise made to David to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."

December 31

First Weekend of Christmas

The psalmist calls on the natural world, celestial bodies, fire and earth, creatures, and all humanity, to praise God. The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we tell of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.



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December 2023 & January 2024

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**Williams County ELCA Parish Midweek Advent Worship at Table** hosted by St. Peter's, Edon, will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, December 13 and December 20, 2023. We will gather to dine together and while at table share in the reading of scripture, sharing of stories and prayer.

**December 6 the theme is "Pause,"** during which we will experience the sacred practice of quiet, restorative breathing, contemplative reading of scripture, and share a couple of songs. Dinner will be Edon Pizza. In order to plan, please sign-up your intent to attend. A free will offering will be received to offset the cost of the meal. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at St. Peter's.

**December 13 the theme is "Prepare."** How we get ready matters. How God prepares to enter the human story impacts all of creation. The meal will feature Sub Sandwiches. Sign-up to attend so we know how many subs to purchase. A free will offering will be received to offset the cost of the meal. The entire event will be held in the Fellowship Hall at St. Peter's.

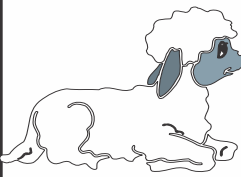
**December 20 the gathering will focus on the theme "Ponder"** and we will share a meal of a Chili & Baked Potato Bar. Songs, scripture, conversation and prayer will center us in the anticipation of the Good News of Great Joy which will be for all people! Sign-up so we know how much food to prepare. A free will offering will be received to offset the cost.



Celebrate Christmas in Worship! Christmas Eve Candlelight Holy Communion will be 10 p.m. on Sunday, December 24, 2023. We will gather to sing joyous carols of Christ's birth, hear the familiar story from scripture, and share in the sacramental meal of love and grace. Invite a friend. Bring your family. Be still to be filled with Christ's promised presence!



Our Christmas Poinsettia sale has begun. We have ordered 12 red and 8 white, large (6.5" pots) poinsettias. The cost is \$12 each. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex. Select your color and state in honor or memory of... Payment envelopes are provided.



### Children's Program

The Sunday School Children will lead the congregation's worship on Sunday, December 17.

All are welcome to come and share the joy and actively welcome the Christ child.

### Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Beginning December 3 and going through Christmas Eve, we will be gathering the following items to pack Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief:


- Lightweight Bath Size towels (no larger than 52" x 27" dark colors please)
- New Toothbrushes
- Bath sized bar soap in individually wrapped packages
- Sturdy Combs
- Metal Nail Clippers

Items may be placed in the laundry basket in the narthex. The kits will be packed after the first of the year and we will share any unpacked items with local feeding ministries for their patrons.



### Drive-Thru Live Nativity

Sunday, December 10 - First Lutheran's Drive-Thru Live Nativity with characters attired to tell the story, and live animals to enhance the experience, First Lutheran, Bryan invites the community to experience Christmas in a new way. Load up your car and check it out!







We are entering the holiday season - Thanksgiving to Christmas to New Years. First of all, Bill and I wish you all a very peaceful, worship-filled Christmas and a healthy happy start to the new year.

But with the rush of this time of year, the stress, and the many demands on our time and emotions, comes weariness. And many of us are already weary - weary from these past years of Covid and changes post-covid. Tired from the tragedy we see each day on news reports. Drained by the polarization of our culture. And worn-out by our personal losses and challenges.

We need to be intentional to counter this world weariness. I love to spend time in December reading the gospels. Don't you love rereading the story of Jesus' birth and its astonishing hope?

The Gospel of John warms my heart with love and Matthew tells the stories of the star of Bethlehem. I also explore the promises in Mark, such as this verse from Mark 9: 15: "As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him." The people around Jesus were weary too. They were weary from Roman rule. They were weary from the unforgiving rigid beliefs of the Pharisees. They were weary from being poor, marginalized, and broken. They lived terrorized by problems too big for them. Yet, when they saw Jesus, they saw hope and were overwhelmed with wonder.

Author Sheila Walsh wrote, "Exchange your weariness for wonder." Those words immediately caught my eye. I want to trade in weariness and receive wonder once again. How about you? Let's celebrate this time of year and the start of new year with wonder. Slow down. Read through the gospels. Note the wonderful qualities of Jesus and carry those traits into your day. Give them as gifts to others and to yourself. Too often we focus on our problems, not the Problem-Solver. All things are possible through Christ. Let us keep our eyes on our Savior.

Serve others. Many are in a much more difficult place than we are. Find some ways to give, serve, love and bring hope to another. Ask God to shine through your kindness and generosity.

As we head into the season of Christmas and the New Year, let's ask God together that we will be overwhelmed with wonder once again!

*Jeanie*

*Thank You!*

To Our Dear Friends at Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you for your very generous gift of \$1,000. We here at H.E.L.P. are thankful for your continued support of our ministry to the poor and working poor of Williams County! Thus far in 2023 HELP has assisted 102 families (158 adults & 104 children) at a cost of over \$15,600. This is only possible because of supporters like you. Thank

you also for your prayers. May the LORD richly bless and give you grace. Gratefully, Jeffrey Lewis, HELP Director



I would like to thank everyone who came to the luncheon on October 29th at First Lutheran and brought such delicious food to share. Many many thanks to all who stayed and helped put everything away! Super job. God Bless, Suzanne



Thank you for the prayers, the kind messages and to those that visited during mom's final days with us. She loved her church family and we are blessed she had all of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to those who helped prepare the funeral dinner and to those who assisted by providing a side dish and / or dessert. Many of our cousins referred to the food as going home for an Appel meal. Your kindness allowed for fellowship and family and friends afterwards. She, and we still are blessed to have so many people at Trinity with such caring hearts. God's Blessings - The Family of Fran Schlachter



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift of \$2,000 to Lutheran Disaster Response designated to the Maui Wildfire relief. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love. The glory of God shines through you. In Christ, Amanda White, Director



Thank you to all the folks that helped clean the bells at First and at Trinity. They shine brightly. Blessings, Suzanne



Thank you Henry Burklo for always being willing to help with projects around the church especially when it comes to electrical projects.

## Take 5 for Faith

### 5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday!

Dec 1 - Matt. 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Dec 16 - Mark 16:19-20;  
 Luke 23:44-49; John 19:28-37 Luke 24:50-53

Dec 2 - Matt. 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Dec 17 - Luke 1:1-4  
 Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42 Dec 18 - Luke 1:5-25

Dec 3 - Matt. 27:62-66 Dec 19 - Luke 1:26-38

Dec 4 - Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Dec 20 - Luke 1:39-45  
 Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10 Dec 21 - Luke 1:46-56

Dec 5 - Matt. 28:11-15 Dec 22 - Luke 1:57-66

Dec 6 - Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18 Dec 23 - Luke 1:67-80

Dec 7 - Luke 24:13-35; Mark 16:12-13 Dec 24 - Luke 2:1-7

Dec 8 - Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-23 Dec 25 - Luke 2:8-20

Dec 9 - John 20:24-29 Dec 26 - John 1:1-18

Dec 10 - John 20:30-31 Dec 27 - John 1:19-28

Dec 11 - Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18; Dec 28 - John 29-34  
 Luke 24:44-49 Dec 29 - John 1:35-42

Dec 12 - John 21:1-14 Dec 30 - John 1:43-51

Dec 13 - John 21:15-19 Dec 31 - Psalm 150

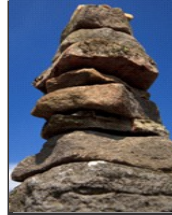
Dec 14 - John 21:20-23

Dec 15 - John 21:24-25

Praise be to God!  
 You did it!

## DECEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	
WORSHIP ASSISTANT			
Dec 3	Rhonda Fackler	Joe Whisler	Rick Taylor
Dec 10	Joe Whisler	Kim Reed	Jim Hitchcock
Dec 17	Rob Goodlive	Lisa Whitman	Joe Whisler
Dec 24	morning evening	Buddy Rossow Jeff Gunn	Jason J Paul V Henry B
Dec 31	Rhonda Fackler	Keith Day	Tom Smith



### Dec / Jan Ebenezer

Jesus is a chip off the old block. John 14:7



### October Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$3,707.00		
10/1/2023 Sun Worship	36	\$2,340.00
10/7/2023 Sat Worship	18	
10/8/2023 Sun Worship	44	\$2,715.00
10/14/2023 Sat Worship	21	
10/15/2023 Sun Worship	38	\$1,700.00
10/21/2023 Sat Worship	21	
10/22/2023 Sun Worship	48	\$4,163.00
10/28/2023 Sat Worship	18	
10/29/2023 Sun Worship	44	\$1,865.00
<b>Avg Attendance Oct 2023</b>	<b>58</b>	
building use - kitchen	480.00	
roof fund	300.00	
Joint Parish - First	1663.50	
Joint Parish - St. Peters	3758.48	
Bryan Area Foundation	4626.25	
building use	375.00	
memorial	1920.00	

### December Scripture Verse

The LORD has done great things for us,  
 and we are glad indeed. Psalm 126:3

### December Prayer Quote

Prayers are tools not for doing or getting, but  
 for being and becoming. Eugene Peterson

### December Baptism Birthdays

7 Bonnie Underwood	12 John Weller, Jr.	18 Brent Plummer	25 Sierra Rose
8 Randy Elegeer	14 Amanda Johnston	18 Caitlin Brinegar	25 Cheyenne Rose
8 Edwin Hulbert	15 Carol Gilmer	19 Jewell Kerr	26 Tom Baird
9 Ellen Noneman	17 James Hitchcock	21 Lynnette Diaz	27 Leslie Goshia
9 Paul Diaz	18 Lisa Whitman	25 Emily Rose	



# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
3 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC Hanging of the Greens	4	5	6 Christmas Candy Caper Shipshawana	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Merle Griffis (93) 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
10 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC Angel Tree gifts due back at Church	11 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm Council	12 12:30-4:00pm Mission Quilters 7:00pm Dartball away vs 1st Lutheran	13 4:00pm Bell Choir Practice	14 Loaves & Fishes	15	16 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
17 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC Children's Program	18	19	20	21	22	23 NO WORSHIP SERVICE
24 10:00am Worship w/ HC 10:00pm Candlelight Service w/ HC	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>		26	27	28	29
31 10:00am Worship w/ HC						30 NO WORSHIP SERVICE



**T.E.A.M.** Trinity Emergency Assistance for Members is a fund intended to assist in unforeseen financial needs of congregation members. If you find yourself in a financial pinch for rent, food, utilities, prescription meds, or expenses of that kind, please contact the church office for more information. Donations are always welcome too!



One special birthday celebration to add to the joy of the birth of Christ in December... On the 9th Merle Griffis, Hillside Country Living, 09876 Co. Rd. 16 turns 93. Our very best wishes to Merle.

Thank you for your commitment to the congregation as Church Council Members! The following folks have completed a 3 year term on Church Council, and the congregation is grateful for their commitment to the congregation and to Jesus: Kathy Foster, Renae Queen, Sam Swisher, MaryAnn Taylor and Goldie Wieland. Recently elected to serve are: Shelley Dean, Steve Fireovid, Jim Hitchcock, Jason Johnston and Buddy Rossow. Elected to serve on the 2024 Nominating committee are: Henry Burklo, Rob Goodlive, and Paul Vargo.



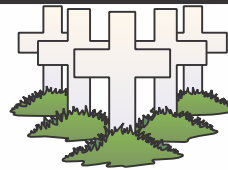
## Special Congregational Meeting



Council has called a special congregational meeting for Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10, 2023. Both meetings will begin immediately after worship. **The agenda is: Presentation and Action on the Proposal for a 2 Congregation Shared Ministry between St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edon and Trinity Lutheran Church, Bryan.** A detail in the agreement is changing the worship time as follows: St. Peter's at 9 a.m. on Sundays; Trinity at 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. The agreement proposal document, as approved and recommended for action by council, is available on the table in the narthex.



Let's Go Camping! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Williams County ELCA Parish Campout at Harrison Lake State Park is currently being planned. Dates are Friday, June 28 - Sunday, June 30, 2024. Reservations for a group area will be made 6 months in advance. If you are interested in learning more or being included, contact Kim Reed at 419-490-6121.



**Sincere Christian sympathy and prayerful support to the following...**

The family of Fran Schlachter with her passing on October 3rd. Fran was 87.

Joe & Jane Whisler with the passing of Jane's sister, Kathy Meister, who passed away on October 28th. Kathy was 72 and from Jackson, MI

**"Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord:  
and let light perpetual shine upon them"**



Do you enjoy the outdoors and assisting people? Then perhaps you are the perfect person to serve as Trinity Cemetery Sexton. The position is open, and there is a job description in the church office. Hours vary depending on need. Tasks shift depending on season. It would be a perfect opportunity for someone who has a flexible schedule and desires a little pocket money.

**Please remember our shut-ins with prayers, notes, cards, etc. They really enjoy hearing from you.**



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# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 1 Happy New Year	2	3	4	5	6 6:00pm Worship w/ HC Council Installation
7 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC Council Installation	8 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm Council	9 12:30-4:00pm Mission Quilters	10	11	12	13 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
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21 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC	22 Deadline for February Trumpet	23	24	25	26	27 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
28 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC	29	30	31			



# Happy Birthday!



In January we celebrate three special birthdays at Trinity. On the 18th Ron Kerr, 09-997 Co. Rd. 17, West Unity, 43570 as he turns 84. Also on the 18th Donna Johnson, 1107 Fairlawn Drive, is turning 81. On the 20th, Jim Helbig, Hillside Country Living, 09876 Co. Rd. 16, #607B turns 82. We wish you all a very Happy Birthday and God's Blessings.

## Worship Focus for January

January 6 & 7      Baptism of Our Lord

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the *Genesis* creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

January 13 & 14      Second Weekend after Epiphany

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (*Gen. 28:17*). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

January 20 & 21      Third Weekend after Epiphany

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

January 27 & 28      Fourth Weekend after Epiphany

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

## The Visit of the Magi Word Search



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MYRRH	INCENSE
CHILD	WORSHIP
MAGI	BORN
EAST	CHRIST
BETHLEHEM	MARY
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## January Assignments

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Jan 7	Joe Whisler	Steve Fireovid	Rick Taylor
Jan 14	Rob Goodlive	Joe Whisler	Jim Hitchcock
Jan 21	Buddy Rossow	Kim Reed	Joe Whisler
Jan 28	Jeff Gunn	Lisa Whitman	Paul Vargo

## November Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$3,707.00		
11/4/2023 Sat Worship	21	
11/5/2023 Sun Worship	43	\$5,192.00
11/11/2023 Sat Worship	20	
11/12/2023 Sun Worship	48	\$1,762.00
11/18/2023 Sat Worship	21	
11/19/2023 Sun Worship	51	n/a
11/26/2023 Sun Worship	n/a	n/a
<i>Avg Attendance Nov 2023</i>		
building use - kitchen	240.00	
roof fund	250.00	
Thanksgiving	35.00	



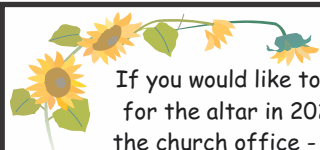
Koinonia Korner

Koinonia Korner Returns! The word, Koinonia, is Greek for Fellowship, and it's time to resurrect weekly fellowship time.

(Koinonia Korner,) following worship. Won't you help make the effort a success? Please sign up to provide something to nibble on and be willing to prepare coffee or a cold beverage. You can decide how simple or extravagant the offering is. You can also recruit another person or two to join the effort with you. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

## January Altar Guild

Peg Vermillion 419-519-2494  
Marsha Kirkpatrick 419-212-0085



If you would like to order flowers for the altar in 2023, please call the church office - 419-636-3387

## January Prayer Quote

"Prayer is not asking for what you think you want, but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine." Kathleen Norris

## January Scripture Verse

For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God. Psalm 62:5

## January Baptism Birthdays

1	Jodi Tinkel	21	Mathew Wieland
10	Sean Vargo	22	Martha Eickhoff
12	Bradley Johnston	22	Stephanie Gearig
15	Steve Mantel	23	Jackie Uran
17	Barbara Roan	25	Brock Plummer
18	Peggy Vermillion	26	Melinda Hess
20	Brett Whisler		

## Take 5 for Faith

### 5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday!

Jan 1 - Numbers 6:24-27	Jan 19 - Genesis 27:30-38
Jan 2 - Genesis 12:1-7	Jan 20 - 1 Kings 19_19-21
Jan 3 - Genesis 28:10-22	Jan 21 - Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Jan 4 - Exodus 3:1-5	Jan 22 - Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28
Jan 5 - Joshua 1:1-9	Jan 23 - Isaiah 53:1-12
Jan 6 - Isaiah 60:1-6	Jan 24 - Isaiah 48:12-21
Jan 7 - Genesis 1:1-5	Jan 25 - 1 Samuel 1:1-20
Jan 8 - 1 Kings 10:1-13	Jan 26 - 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8
Jan 9 - 1 Kings 10:14-25	Jan 27 - 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Jan 10 - Micah 5:2-9	Jan 28 - Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Jan 11 - 1 Samuel 3:1-9	Jan 29 - Judges 6:11-24
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