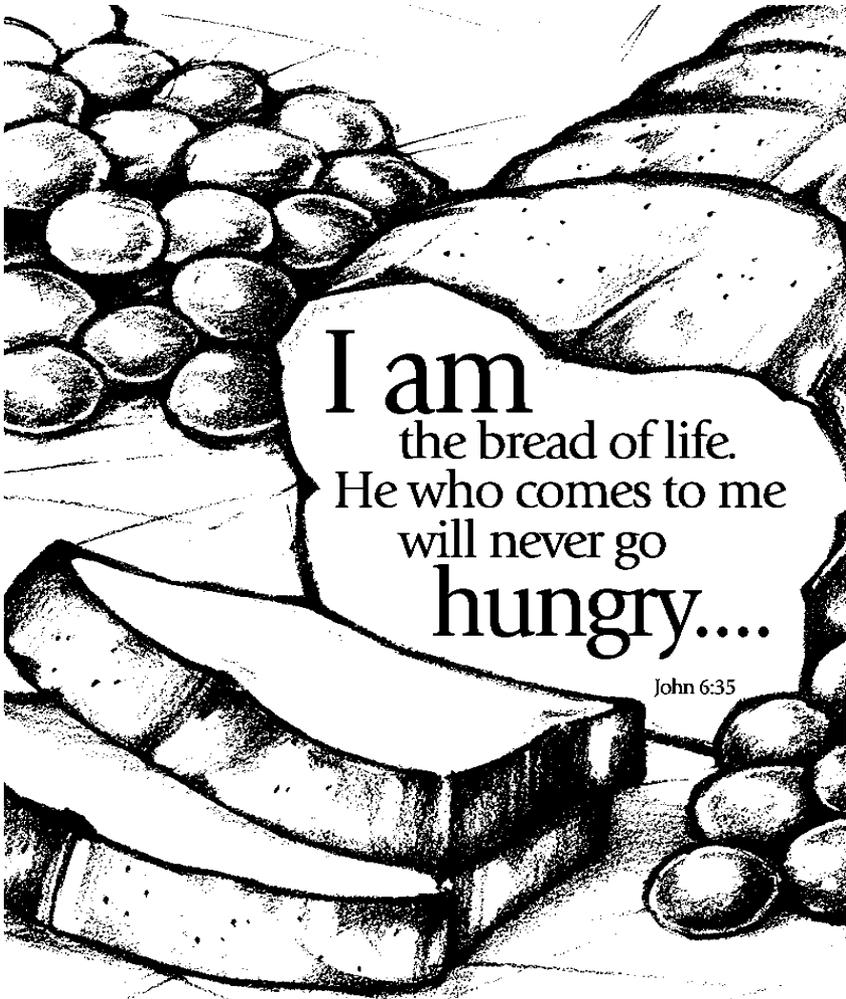


Grace Lutheran Church



I am
the bread of life.
He who comes to me
will never go
hungry....

John 6:35

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2014

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.

Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

***Welcome!** Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities between services.*

***Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.*

***A nursery is available** if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the Gathering Hall.*

***Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord’s table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the side aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*

***When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).*

***When by pouring chalice:** Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.*

***Stephen Ministry** is a one-to-one care giving ministry for those experiencing personal problems such as grieving or crisis situations. A Stephen Minister will be available in the Upper Room on each Sunday morning between services to listen and offer prayer.*

Prelude “Chorale and Variation by Jean-Philippe Rameau”
arr. By George Blake
Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: Too often we have consumed bread that does not satisfy. We have let our fears and resentments guide us. We have neglected the needs of others. Forgive us for all we have thought, done, and said. Forgive us for what we have failed to do or say. Restore us to right relationship with you. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

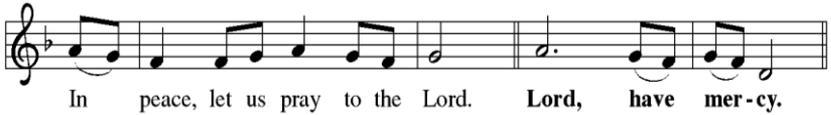
Hymn “Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal” #464

Greeting

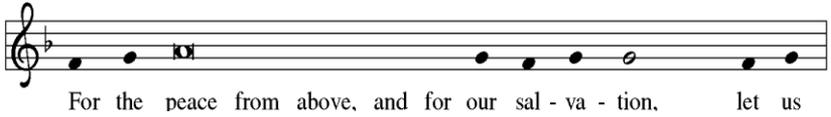
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



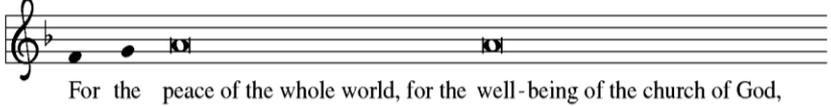
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



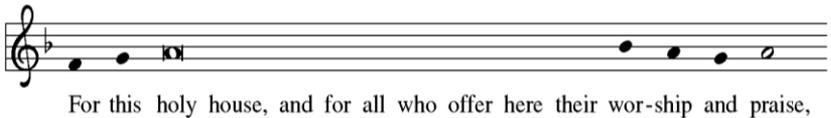
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



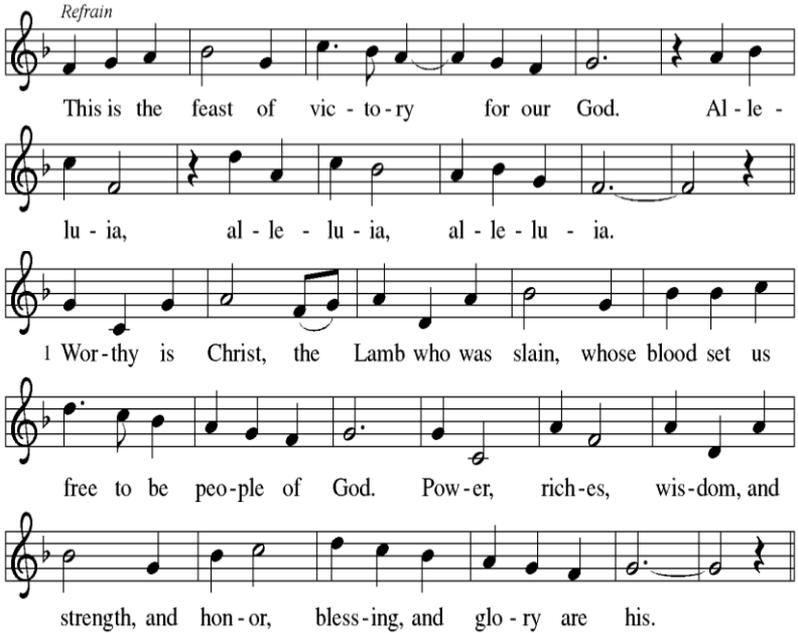
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: God of sustenance, you sent your son, Jesus, to be living bread for the world. Give us your living bread, that we may consume, and then share your everlasting life with others, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

Children's Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 C: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Repeat alleluia

L: You are the light^l of the world.* A city set upon a hill can^l not be hid. (*Matt. 5:14*)

Gospel Acclamation

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Sixth Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Please be seated

Gospel: John 6:35-59

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one

who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

#515

Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Grateful for your everlasting faithfulness, we lift our hearts and our prayers to you, merciful God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

C: **And also with you!**

Please be seated

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Break Thou the Bread of Life" by Van Denman Thompson

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

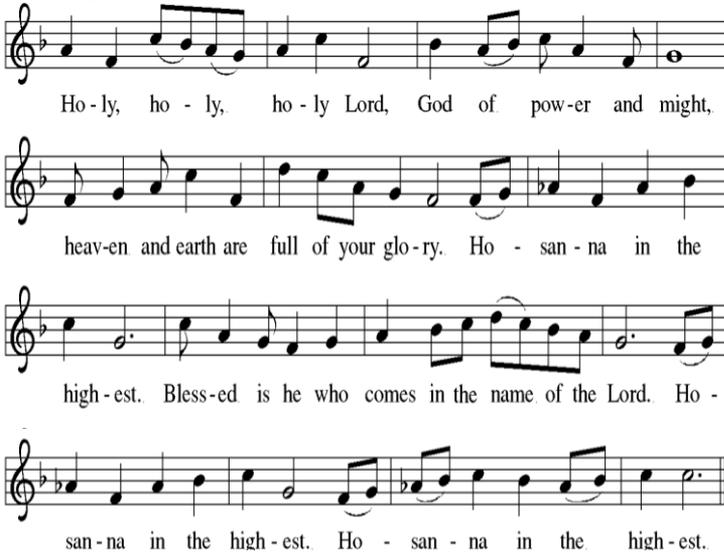
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

Please be seated

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: 471, 496, 472

The choir will sing with the congregation.

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: Lord, it is good for us to be here, for we have tasted your glory in this holy meal. Continue your goodness as we go out from here. Open our eyes to see your face shining in every person, and send us to be your

servants in every place, for you are the life and light of all, both now and forever.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

#480

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is your Light.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Toccata”

by Robert W. Thygerson

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!



In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Vivian Feilmann, Dolores Johnson, Duleep Singh, Brian Vance, and the others we name before you...



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jim and Linda Rundle in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Quarters received today and every third Sunday are designated for the Food Pantry.

A Stephen Minister is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.





Happy Birthday to: Virginia Naney, LeRoi Beers, Carol Rudisill, Bonnie Swanson, Nancy Robbins, Eric Oberg, Kent Weaver, Leonora Iverson, Tyler Peeler, Timothy Hummel, Diane Heid, Isaac McCleary, Robert Barks, Heather Ashton

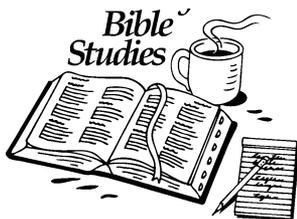
Happy Anniversary to: Jay and Virginia Wangerin, John and Mary Donnenwerth



Education Opportunities

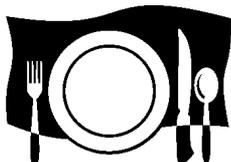
Sunday School classes and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time.

Adult Forum February 16: On Feb. 16 and 23 join us in Grace Hall for a short video and discussion. We will look at some videos from NOOMA. NOOMA is a series of short films that take a fresh look at Jesus' teachings.



Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II.

There will be **no Tuesday evening Bible study** for the time being. Watch for the group to resume during Lent.



Super Wednesday Supper February 19 will be served by the Willing Workers!

Called Together in Mission (CTIM) is coming up on March 8 from 8:30am-3:00pm in Cedar Rapids. This annual synod event includes a keynote address, lunch, and a variety of workshops from which to choose. This year's theme is designed around each of us being an everyday evangelist called by God to boldly live out our faith and share Jesus' love. The cost is \$20 and the registration deadline is **February 28**. Go to www.seiasynod.org/ctim or pick up an information/registration packet at Volunteer Central in the Gathering Hall. Workshop topics include Sharing Faith Through Art, The Power of Listening, Bringing Social Change, Reaching our Youth, and Evangelism Through Words.

Do you have a desire to help people from all cultures and backgrounds gain the skills and tools they need to thrive in a new country? Volunteer as an ESL teacher with Lutheran Services in Iowa and make a difference! LSI will provide extensive training and all curriculum and teaching materials needed. Previous teaching experience is not required, and a one-year commitment is preferred. Pick up a flyer at Volunteer Central, and contact Lauren Gentry at Lauren.Gentry@lsiowa.org or 271-7387 for more information.

Winter Jam

Mark your calendars! March 28th @ 7pm is the Winter Jam (Christian rock concert) at the Wells Fargo Arena." It's \$10 at the door (no presales). If you are interested please contact Eric Weber ericjweber6@gmail.com

Where is the Calendar?

You can find a printed calendar in two places: in acrylic holders on the walls in the front entrance and the hallway just outside Grace Hall each week. You may also see the up-to-date calendar online at gracedm.org at any time.



February 16, 2014
John 6:35-59

Key Verse: “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” John 6:35

Time: 30-33 CE

Background: Jesus’ “I am” statements in the Gospel of John were intended to recall the name of God, as it was revealed to Moses before the Exodus. This helped hearers to view Jesus’ divinity in the imagery he called upon to describe himself.

Jesus’ association with God (“I am”) and heaven (“bread that came down from heaven”) were blasphemous (offensive against God). Blasphemy was a serious crime, punishable by death. His words, although intended to bring life, instead brought punishment of death.

Community: Jesus’ words were intended to feed the souls of all who heard them. How do our words feed others? How do they starve others? How can we use our words and our actions to feed those who are hungry?

At Home: What are you hungry for? Is it a physical hunger? Spiritual? Relational? Vocational? Emotional? Financial? Other? Bring your hunger to God this week and ask for daily bread. Be specific. Be aware of the ways God satisfies your hunger in big and small ways.

Read This Week:

Monday, Feb 17, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:1-3

Tuesday, Feb 18, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:4-7

Wednesday, Feb 19, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:8-10

Thursday, Feb 20, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:11-14

Friday, Feb 21, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:15-18

Saturday, Feb 22, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:19-22

Next Week: Sunday, Feb 23, *Living Water*, John 7:37-52

Welcome to Grace!

Pastor – Rev. Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jacquelyn Holmes

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Custodian – Todd Haugen

Ushers – 8:15 Larry Nordeen, Dave Gronert, Bruce Bergman, Len Ringgenberg

10:45 Norm Trentman, Jay Wangerin, Bill Jensen, Barb Burley

Children's Sermon – Pastor Mike

Liturgist – 8:15 Mary Helt 10:45 Denny Rehder

Lector – 8:15 Carol Woodruff 10:45 Ro Zimany

Communion servers – 8:15 Jenie Schmidt, Jan Gross, Mindy Scholten, Ardis Schmelzer

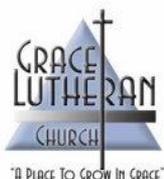
Acolytes – 8:15 Robert Briggs, Sawyer Shiffler 10:45 Hannah Jensen

Altar Guild – Carol Woodruff, Diane Jessen

Counters – 8:15 Mark Stumme and Chuck Denton

10:45 Jeff Farrell and Chris Lawson

Coffee – Brad Lint and Kathleen Uehling



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