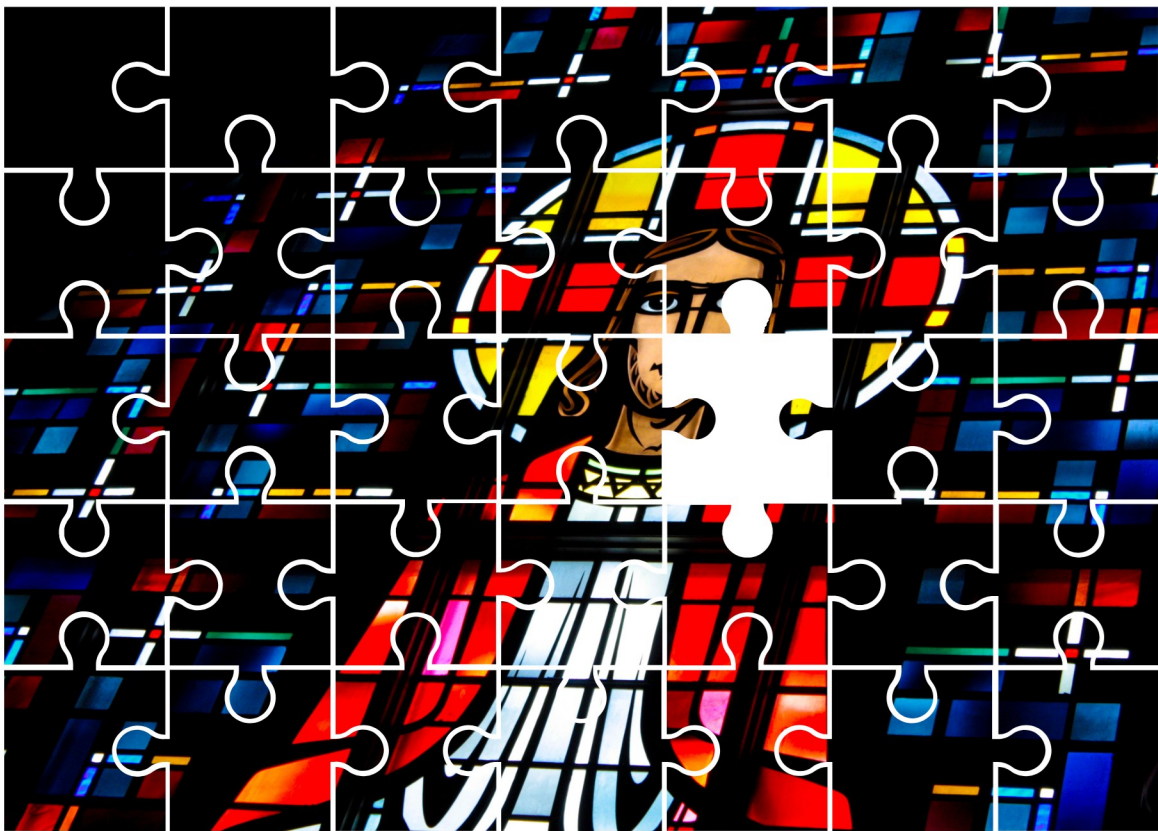


Our Savior's Lutheran Church—La Crosse, WI



18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 9:30am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
612 Division St. | La Crosse, WI | 608.782.3468

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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Liz Bahr, Cantor | Judi Winkler, Custodian

Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream 'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices. If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468 or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Team: Gary Wold

Cantor: Liz Bahr

Communion Assistants: Bob & Carol Miller

Organist: Thomas Haag

Prayer Reader: Jeanne Johnson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Lobeden Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)* Johann Walther

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW #533 vs. 1, 2, 5

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-
being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who
offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 111

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, God,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;

all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the GOD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

READING: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

A reading from 2 Timothy.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne Richmond

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

APOSTLES' 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 INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Creating God, you provide cleansing and healing waters. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

ELW #863

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



- 1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
- 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
- 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
- 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863

Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Dundee (My God, how wonderful)

John Eggert

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GOOD OLD FASHIONED CHURCH POTLUCK

Following worship today, please join us in the fellowship hall for a **Good Old Fashioned Church Potluck**. Whether you brought a dish to share or not, there's a place at the table for you—come enjoy good food, warm fellowship, and the joy of being together again.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 9, 2025—10:30am—Sanctuary

Mark your calendars! We'll be holding a **Special Congregational Meeting** on **Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.**—right after worship in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to talk about and vote on a proposed repair project and upgrade for our current A/V system. We'll share more details that day and answer any questions you may have. Please plan to join us—your voice and participation matter as we care for our church home together.

OCTOBER'S DONATION DRIVE!

"Soup warms the body and the soul." This month, you can do both by donating **CANNED SOUP** to support The Hunger Task Force. Bring your donations to the grocery cart in the narthex and help stir up hope for our neighbors in need! Drop your cans in the grocery cart in the narthex—every can makes a difference and every bowl shared spreads God's love!

LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 3–7pm—Fellowship Hall

Join us for a delicious family-style meal of lutefisk, meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, rutabagas, corn, coleslaw, lefse, dinner roll, dessert, and beverages. **Tickets:** Adult Lutefisk: \$25, Adult Meatball: \$20, Children 6–12: \$10, and 5 & under: Free. Come enjoy a traditional meal while supporting a great cause!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER FUNDRAISER

We need helping hands to make our **Saturday, October 25 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Fundraiser** a success! Whether you can assist with bringing needed items, setup, serving, or cleanup, your time and talents are greatly appreciated. Please contact the Jessica at 608.738.1016 or sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office if you're able to help. Many hands make light work!

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS ELVES!

The Dorcas Society is gathering donations for our annual Christmas Bazaar—and we need your help! We're accepting Christmas items and décor (new or gently used) to fill our holiday tables with festive cheer. Drop off donations in the church office on Sunday mornings before or after worship or Mon.–Thurs., 9am–1pm, through **Fri., Nov. 7**. We're also welcoming **baked good donations** for the bazaar! Please bring your tasty treats to the church office **Mon., Nov. 10–Thurs., Nov. 13, from 9am–1pm**. Thank you for helping us make this season merry and bright!

FALL CAMPFIRE

Saturday, October 18, 2025—6:30pm

Mark your calendars, folks! 'Cause it's fall, y'all, and we need s'more time together! Join us for an all-ages event filled with s'mores, snacks, and drinks. We'll provide the goodies; you bring a blanket or chair to cozy up by the fire. Let's make some warm memories together! See you there!

WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET

Cooler days are coming—our Women's Clothes Closet is ready with cozy fall and winter wear! Browse pants, tops, dresses, shoes, scarves, hats, and more.

HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE?

Call 608.784.5745 to schedule a drop-off. Thank you for helping neighbors stay warm and stylish this season!

URGENT NEED: NEW SOCKS!

Please consider adding a package of new socks to your donation—this is one of our greatest needs right now.

REFORMATION HYMN SING

Sunday, October 26, after worship—Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars and join us for a special Reformation hymn sing, accompanied by Dr. Eddie Kim on the piano, and help us choose the hymns we'll raise our voices to.

We'd love to hear your favorites! Please fill out the Hymn Sing Request Form below and either drop it in the offering plate or bring it to Jessica in the church office by **Sunday, October 12.**

HYMN SING REQUEST FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Hymn Request (s)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

After worship that day, head over to the Fellowship Hall for a celebration of the Reformation with root beer floats and treats. We can't wait to sing and celebrate with you!



FALL *Campfire*

18
OCT

6:30
PM

FOOD | FUN | FELLOWSHIP

Snacks, s'mores, and cozy vibes for everyone.



LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

Fundraiser

Lutefisk, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Rutabagas, Corn, Coleslaw, Lefse, Dinner Roll, Dessert, and Beverages

Adult Lutefisk: \$25
Adult Meatball: \$20
Children 6 - 12: \$10
5 & Under: Free

- ☒ Saturday, October 25, 2025
- ☒ 3 PM - 7 PM
- ☒ Our Savior's Lutheran
612 Division St.
La Crosse, WI 54601

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Christmas BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
9AM - 1PM

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
612 DIVISION ST., LA CROSSE

NORWEGIAN BAKERY & LEFSE, HANDMADE CRAFTS,
COLLECTIBLE TREASURES, "CHRISTMASES PAST" SECTION

BREAKFAST BRUNCH (9:30AM)
FRENCH TOAST BAKE OR BISCUITS & GRAVY
MUFFINS, FRUIT, COFFEE, AND MILK

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 12, 2025

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Potluck
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am—12 pm Gas Vouchers

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am Quilters
1—5pm WCC open
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:15—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday

9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship/HC
1pm Art & Faith
6pm Church Council

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open
1:30pm W-ELCA mtg.

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC open
6:30pm Fall Campfire

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Noisy Offering Emergency Fund

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am M-MPC
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion
M-MPC—Moo-Moo's Prayer Club
CFS—Come For Supper

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Ardelle Ender, **Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cassie**, **Cathy** Ofte, **Cindy** Moe, **Cindy** Vieth, **Dala** Hynek, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Dean** Geier, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **Jane** Spear, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Pastor Joanne**, **Joshua**, **Jim** Garson, **Jim** Radatz, **Karen** Geoglein, **Katie** White, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Margo** Erickson, **Mary** Covey, **Michael** Speer, **Monica & Jack** D., **Morris** Buros, **Pamela** Mathis, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Rachel** Balow, **Roger**, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Pastor Steve** Minnema, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Louis "Bud" Herlitzke, Jr.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Gabriel W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, **Stacie** Phillips, and **Tom** Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cindi McMullin	October 15
Ruby VanZee	October 15
Jack Zinniel	October 15
Cheryl Olson	October 17
Gary Wold	October 18
Andy Stutesman	October 19