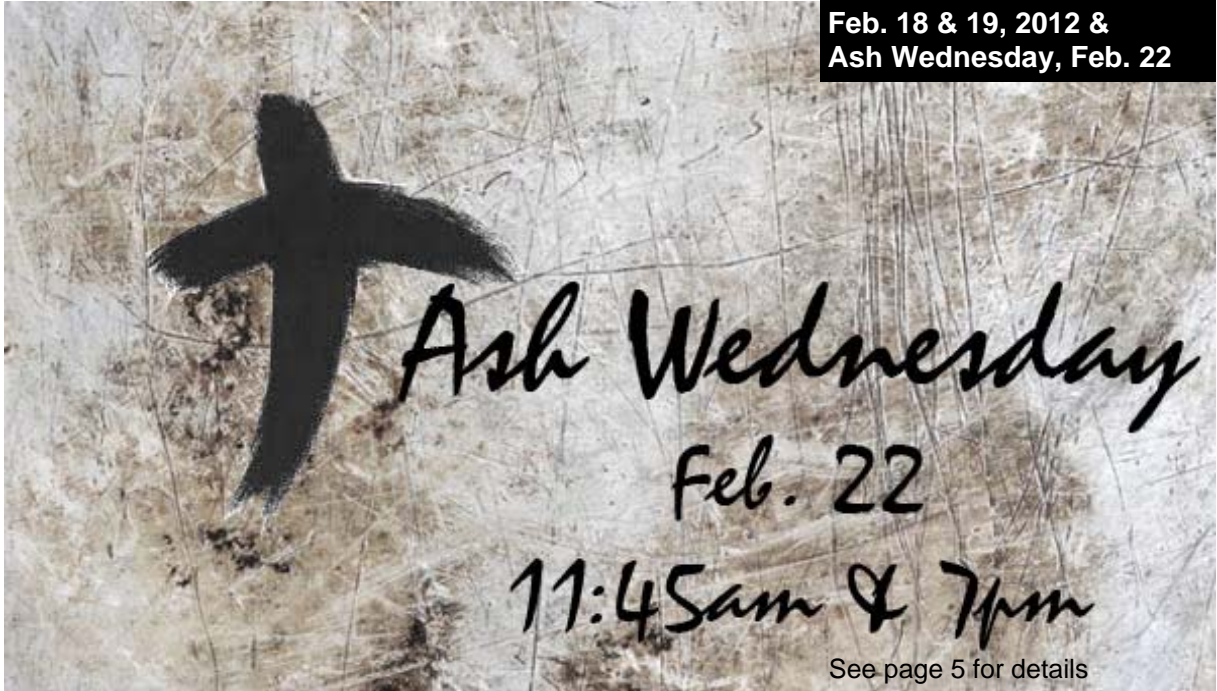


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**Feb. 18 & 19, 2012 &
 Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22**

Nativity's Mission Statement: Nativity is a hospitable congregation sent by Jesus Christ to be disciples who will make a difference by bringing God's love, hope, joy and peace to the world.



This Weekend:

The Cradle Worship & Praise Service

10:30am in Fellowship Hall

Liturgy Class

10:30am in Room 213

A class for people with developmental disabilities, where they worship and learn the stories of the Bible.

PopTops

Feb. 19 - "Nativity's Partnership with Lutheran Social Service"

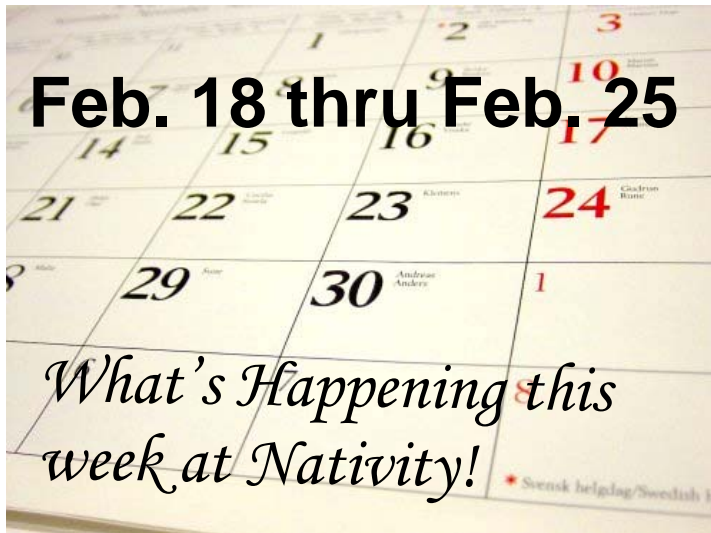
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 Richard, director of Church Relations for LSS, will celebrate our longtime and creative working relationship and will explore how we can continue and enrich our common ministry in Minnesota.



The Cradle Anniversary & Mission Party and Potluck

February 19, 11:30am-1:30pm

The Cradle is turning one year old! Like many milestones, this one makes for a good ministry opportunity. We will celebrate and reflect worshiping together over the past year and also take a look forward to see what's in store in the future for this ministry. Sandwich fixings and beverages will be available, so please bring a side dish to share.



Feb. 18 thru Feb. 25

What's Happening this week at Nativity!

Sunday, Feb. 19

8am Communion Worship Service
 9 & 10:30am...Communion Worship Svcs.
 9 & 10:30am..... Nursery birth to 3
 9 & 10:30am..... Faith Formation
 9amPopTops
 10:30am Single Women's Bible Study
 10:30am The Cradle Worship Svc.
 10:30am Liturgy Class
 11:30am The Cradle Anniversary
Celebration
 11:45am **NO Club 56**

Monday, Feb. 20

5pm Music Lessons
 7:15pm Adult Handbells

Tuesday, Feb. 21

6:30am Tues. Breakfast Bible Study
 1pm Marthas and Marys
 6:45pm Healthy Living Tipsters
 7:15pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 22

9:30am Wednesday AM Bible Study
 11:45am Ash Wednesday Service
 12:30pm Lenten Soup Lunch

Wednesday, Feb. 22 (cont.)

5:30pmWednesday Night Lenten Meal
 6pm Nativity Choir
 6:15pmFinancial Peace U
 **NO Lutheran Yoga during Lent**
 7pmAsh Wednesday Service
 8:30pm Voices of Men

Thursday, Feb. 23

9am Word to the Wise Bible Study
 9am Day of Caring Quilt Making
 6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7pmGlobal Folk
 7pm Stephen Ministry
 8pm Instrumental Ensembles

Saturday, February 25

5:15pm Nursery birth-3
 5:30pmWorship Svc.
 5:30pm Faith Formation for Children

The Community Lenten Meals

Nativity will host a simple soup and salad meal each Wednesday during Lent following the mid-day service, and 5:30pm, prior to our evening service. The meals will be served in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a free-will offering, and all proceeds will go toward *Nativity's Youth Mission Trip*. (Suggested donation \$3.00-\$5.00).



Get AMPed for God!

Introducing AMP (All Metro Praise)...
 An exciting new worship experience
 with youth across the metro area.

Where: Augsburg College, Hoversten Chapel
 When: Last Sunday of the month (Except March & May)
 Jan. 29, Feb. 26, Mar. 18, Apr. 29, May 13
 Time: Open Mic at 5:30, Worship from 6-7

Bring your gifts, your voice, and your praise!
 For more info, contact Tony Fair (tony@messiahmpls.org)

YOUTH~Let's GO, Feb. 26.

Meet at Nativity at 5 pm; we'll be carpooling. This is a fun youth event where teens from **ALL OVER** the Twin Cities worship together. Let Pastor Justin, jdittrich@nativitychurch.org or Vicki Elliott, velliott@nativitychurch.org, know if you'll be going.

Healthy Living Tipster Group

Next meeting February 21, 2012
 6:45-8pm

What is a Healthy Lifestyle?

Our group defines it as a lifestyle that nourishes the mind, body and soul. We accomplish this with proper food, adequate exercise, sufficient rest and prayer. Come join us as we strive together to be better stewards of the body that God has given us.

Snow Tubing with 40U!

40U heads outdoors again for an all ages event. This time we will be snow tubing at Elm Creek Winter Recreation Area in Maple Grove on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 1pm to 3pm. \$12/ person covers the cost of tubing for two hours. Participants must be 4 years old or 36" tall. We will meet by the fireplace in the commons at 12:15pm. Contact Dan Doerrer at 612.695.8453 or ddoerrerr@nativitychurch.org to RSVP.



A Community Conversation on Minnesota Health Care

As a result of the **Affordable Care Act (ACA)** many changes will be taking place in the arena of health care in the United States between now and 2014. Minnesota, like many other states, is establishing our health care exchange to match the unique health care infrastructure that already exists here. Decisions about this exchange are being made right now by Commissioner of Commerce, Mike Rothman and his advisory committees. As Minnesotans,

it is important that we are informed about what is happening and make our voice heard about what we want to see in this new health care exchange. If you would like to find out more, and share your perspectives, come join the discussion.

Sunday, February 26th.
10am-10:30am and 11:30-12pm in Room # 215 here at Nativity

Lara Christley, a member of Nativity and a health care team leader with **Take Action Minnesota**, will be facilitating the discussion.



Scripture this weekend is from
Mark 8:27-9:13
From enterthebible.org

Summary

Jesus questions his disciples about who they think he is. Peter's response, that Jesus is the Messiah, leads to Jesus announcing that he will be killed and raised from the dead.

Analysis

The setting of these verses is Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" Their responses are threefold: John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets. When Jesus intensifies the question by asking what the disciples think, Peter responds, "You are the Messiah," and Jesus commands the disciples to silence. Jesus' messiahship will not be a political display of power, but something hidden in the cross and in the identity of a servant or slave (8:27-30).

All three passion and resurrection announcements in Mark's Gospel sustain a pattern developed by the first passion and resurrection announcement (8:31), followed by the disciples' misunderstanding (8:32-33), and concluding with Jesus' teaching on discipleship, which here focuses on the paradox of saving one's life by losing it for Jesus' sake and the sake of the gospel (8:34-9:1).

The transfiguration is at the midpoint of Mark's Gospel. Like the voice from heaven at Jesus' baptism

(1:9-11), readers again hear the voice that ushers them into the second half of the Gospel: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" (9:7). The disciples are warned to remain silent, and Jesus teaches that the forerunner role of Elijah has come in the person of John the Baptist (9:9-13). This collection of events concludes with Jesus casting out an unclean spirit that the disciples were unable to cast out (9:14-29).



Wednesdays in Lent—How Will They Look?

The Services

Nativity's Lenten experience will include the use of wooden 'cross-centerpieces' given out to each household on Ash Wednesday (also available at subsequent Wednesday Lenten services). On Wednesdays (Feb. 29-March 28), each household attending will receive an additional, new symbol, which represents the theme of each service (ex. coin, sponge). By the end of Lent you will have a collection of pieces to enhance personal devotions and remember our Lenten worship experiences.

The Service Times

Wednesdays during Lent (starting with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 through March 28) 11:45am and 7pm.

The Music

The morning worship service will include traditional Lenten music performed by our talented Nativity musicians.

The evening service music "*Listening For the Heartbeat of God, A Celtic Sojourn*", is patterned after a Celtic evening prayer service from the Iona Community in Scotland. This liturgy, with prayers, blessings and music, will help us to focus on what God's love looks like in action, as we work for peace, justice and the integrity of creation.

Nativity singers, instrumentalists and ministers will lead us in Celtic meditation, prayer and music as we walk our "Lenten journey."

Since its beginning in 563 A.D. (founded by Columcille, who was to become St. Columba), Iona has been called the cradle of Christianity in Scotland. It's fitting that this ancient cradle can find a new home in a Nativity sanctuary.

Lenten Reflection Guide

(available at the *Welcome Desk* beginning Feb. 18)

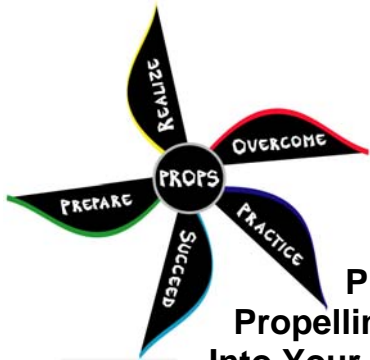
The guide contains the biblical passages used at our Sunday and Wednesday services during Lent with corresponding prayers and reflection questions. These guides may be used in a small group discussion or in personal reflection. At Nativity, many people meet once a week with others and use this guide. These small groups will meet each week of Lent before Holy Week. If you would like to join a group at any time during Lent, please call or e-mail Pastor Dan Doerrer. Groups typically meet at church, and gather one hour at a specified day of the week. This is a great way to meet people who worship at Nativity, and be inspired by each other's story.

Contact Dan Doerrer: 612.781.2766 ext. 1008
ddoerrer@nativitychurch.org.

Being with God . . . in Prayer

A 45 minute prayer experience focusing on a different form of prayer each Wednesday: silence, scripture, journaling, singing, movement. 1pm, 6:15pm & 8pm, Contact Jan, 612.781.2766 or jfred@nativitychurch.org.

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PROPS: Propelling You Into Your Future

PROPS is a new program to help older adolescents (15-25 years of age) develop key life skills and vocation. Through this program, they will discover their dependable strengths, receive financial management training, and job skills awareness (how to interview, writing applications for college, etc). Also internships and projects to help them increase their post high school success will be provided.

Nativity will need **many** volunteers to help make this program work: The needs include:

- Being part of a pilot class
- Helping interview students
- Helping create and evaluate college entrance or job applications
- Helping create and facilitate financial management training
- Mentoring a student's final project.

Please check the yellow sheet if you are interested in being part of this new and excited ministry.

Communion Set Up for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22

Prepare communion prior to the 11:45am or 7pm services as well as clean up following the service. Sign up on the yellow sheet.



Lenten Greeters

Enhance the Lenten experience by greeting worshippers during Lent. Sign up on the yellow sheet if you can help.

See the yellow sheet for additional opportunities to serve here, near and afar.

Nativity Cares

Check out Nativity Cares on Sunday, Feb. 26 in Room 218, at 10:05-10:25am (between services) Children welcome! Find out about groups we support all around the globe!

Nativity Youth In Action Pancake Breakfast

March 11-8:30am-12pm

Youth attending the mission trip to Wind River, Wyoming will serve up pancakes and other breakfast goodies to help fundraise for their trip. Adult tickets/\$8, Children under 10/\$4. Enjoy a great breakfast and support the youth as they seek to serve in the name of Jesus.



**You Can Make a
Difference
Winter/Spring 2012
Workshop
5 Monday Evenings –
Feb. 27-March 26, 7-9 pm**



PopTops

Sunday morning forums - 9am—All Are Welcome!

Feb. 19 - "Nativity's Partnership with Lutheran Social Service"

Presenter: Richard Anderson

Richard, director of Church Relations for LSS, will celebrate our longtime and creative working relationship and will explore how we can continue and enrich our common ministry in Minnesota.

Feb. 26 - "Clean Air, Climate, and Health: Minnesota's Energy Future"

Presenter: J. Drake Hamilton - Science Policy Director - Fresh Energy.

Fresh Energy is a public policy and advocacy organization supporting development of energy solutions to climate change that will maximize opportunities for the Midwest. Ms. Hamilton has spoken around the country on energy issues before varied audiences, including the Environmental Protection Agency, corporations, public interest groups, and electric utilities and has been interviewed by multiple media outlets. She has frequently shared the speakers' platform with Arctic explorer Will Steger.

Join the winter/spring group in discovering or rediscovering how God has created you and for what purpose at this time in your life.

You will:

- Understand your personality type
- Identify your gifts and talents
- Discover your passion (call to action)
- Define what is of value to you
- Learn a variety of prayer forms

There will be at-home activities between sessions

Suggested donation for materials: \$20.

Optional Myers Briggs Step II: \$38.

For questions or to register: Jan Frederickson, 612

-781-2766 x1007

jfred@nativitychurch.org.

FYI, No Yoga during lent

New Members, Feb. 12, 2012

Back: Alissa Nollan, Lori Ryan

Middle: Karin LeBak, Bobby, Evelyn & Becky Turnquist, Todd Benson, Amos & Joseph Dungca

Front: Nancy Farmer, Rachel & Evelyn Dungca





First Communion Class Dates

Part 1: Sunday, March 18, 4-6pm
Part 2: Sunday, March 25, 4-6pm
Part 3: Sunday, April 1, 4-6pm
Seder Meal, Wednesday, April 4, 6:30 - 9pm
First Communion during Maundy Thursday Worship,
Thursday, April 5, 7pm



Note to parents: The First Communion Class is for children and their parents. Families attend all 3 classes, the Seder Meal and the Maundy Thursday Worship Service. *The class is recommended for children who are in Grades 2 – 5.* Parents of 5th graders who have not previously participated in the First Communion Class will receive a letter in mid-February inviting them to register.

To sign up for the First Communion Program, please contact Tori Setterholm: 612-781-2766 ex. 1013 or tsetterholm@nativitychurch.org.

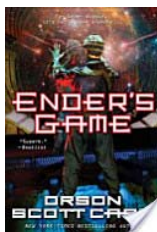


2011 First Communion class at the Seder meal.

Gobbledybook Club

Sundays 5:30 - 6:30pm
Check it out! For readers grade 4 & older.
We read books and eat pizza!

For our Feb. 26 meeting: “**Ender’s Game**” by Orson Scott Card. Aliens have attacked Earth twice and almost destroyed the human species. To make sure humans win the next encounter, the world government has taken to breeding military geniuses, and then training them to be child commanders in Battle School. Ender Wiggin, age 9, wins all the simulated battle “games.” He is smart enough to know that time is running out. But can a 9-year-old save the planet?



Gobbledybook Club communicates by email.
Contact Tori Setterholm at tsetterholm@nativitychurch.org.

Thank You!

Thank you all so very much for your generous donation of money to purchase phone cards for SAYFSM clients. Your gift of \$630 allowed African immigrants and refugees to call home during the Christmas holiday. Each person was able to talk to loved ones in Africa for at least 12 to 18 minutes for an estimated total of 1,890 minutes! This is a most appreciated gift, especially dear to those whose loved ones are so far away. Thanks to your generosity, spirits were lifted and God’s love made evident. Thank you for your continued commitment to SAYFSM and the people we serve.

Ephraim Olani
Sub-Saharan African Youth &
Family Service in Minnesota

Lenten Small Group

Use the Lenten Reflection Guide, found at the Welcome Desk, containing biblical passages, used at our Sunday and Wednesday services during Lent. The passages will also include corresponding prayers and reflection questions. Meet others once a week for about 30-45 minutes. Small groups *meet in the Commons* at the following times:

- Sunday at 10am
- Wednesdays at 1, 6:15 and 7:45pm

If you have questions contact Pastor Dan at 612.781.2766 or ddoerrer@nativitychurch.org.

Prime Tymers Game Night

What: Potluck Hors 'd oeuvre Supper

When: Friday March 2—6pm

Where: Nativity Church Commons

What to Bring: Your favorite delicious dish to share.

Games: crazy cards, dominos, scrabble, etc. with prizes

Everyone is Welcome!

Contacts: Sandy, 763.789.9047

Jean, 651-636-5128

Rikka, 612.789.2769



March is Minnesota FoodShare month. You can be the hero!



Would You Like To Help a Kid Go To Camp? You Can!

Nativity is accepting donations for the children's scholarship account. Donations to this account are used to help kids in the Nativity community go to Luther Park, Luther Park Day Camp or other camps that we offer here at Nativity Church.

If you'd like to support our children's scholarship account this year, simply make a donation on our website or write "camp scholarship" in the memo line of your check. Your donation will make a difference! Thank you.

Donate From Your Smart Phone!

Nativity Lutheran Church now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader!



pray ■

Below are the names of those we pray for today. If you have a prayer request, please list the request on the yellow welcome sheet, Nativity's Web Page or call 612-781-2766.

The following names were correct as of February 16th, 2012:



Prayers of Healing for:

Margaret Cole, Brenda Bliskowski, Marion Carlson, Ramona Ruppert, Linda Marudas, Andy Lynch, Mark & Kareen Bartlett, Peter May, Tracy Lea, Jacob Widner, Jackie Carter, Earl Marriner Jr, Dean Kern, Pat Calistro, Ray Schmalke, Colin Winkler, Tammy Roy, Jenna Privette, Marge Kilber, Jack Jablonski, Ian Campbell, Steve Burrill, Sandy Almlie, Gerry Parrott, Pat McKenzie, Lois Naegele, Joann Peterson, Max Lind, Merrie Beamen, Joel Baumgard, Bob Moreland, Lucy & Keith Messer, Gladys Wychor.

Prayers of Comfort for Those Who Grieve:

For the family and friends of Darvin Ryg, William Houwman, Tirunesh, Margaret Peterson and for the family and friends of those who have died during the coming week in years past: Kathleen Brown, Bill Falk, Loren Gilchrist, Robert Johnson, Betty Kephart, Theresa Larson, Rex McCullough, Lois Muehlberg, Esperanza Poveda, Dorothy Rocca, Signe Schultz, William Siegel, Lorin Spenny, Thelma Stahley.

Prayers of Safety and Guidance for Those who are Serving in the Military and Prayers of Reassurance for Their Families:

Sten Nabhi, Jarus Polk, Jeffrey Fielder, Jeramiah Johnson, Mitch Meyer, Joe Gagner, Kayci Brill, Eric Ingvaldsen, Steven Lilja, Leif Anderson, Paul Tomas Jr, Justin Lehman, Rick Nystel, Andrew Lee, Dan Kaus, Chris Mendoza, Amanda Berg, Jesse Gorzynski, Vanessa Devora, Chris Bates, Michael Freeberg, Athena & Toni Layne, Ron Leath, Nick Holten, Brian Hunter, Jeremy Jones, Zach Beckman, Carl John Quam, Jon Bunker, Carl Nordstrom, Eric Nordstrom, Jennifer Sorsoleil, Jan Stafford Dalton, Richard Clinton, Feliz Lopez, Craig Lindstrom, Devon Miller, Monica Mitchell, Jason Simon.

Prayers for Those Expecting the Arrival of a Child:

Kay & Kevin Jensen, Kristian & Penny Hass, Brian & Paige Buck, Matt & Kathy Dixon, Brian & Aimee (Sorenson) McFarland, Joe & Rachel Warner, Elena & Christopher Jensen, Jim & Leesa Olander, Nick & Sara Thomlinson, Reid and Sarah Sorenson, Dustin & Marie Morache, Kathy & Bill Klemet, Bart & Debbie Pirino, Michelle & Cameron Winter.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Arrival of a Child:

Sven Allen to Anna & Darrek Aarre 2/3/12, Jasmine Marie to Nick & Jennifer Lewandowski 1/24/12, Catherine Julia to Michael & Megan Goodwin 1/20/12, Marina Dee to Mike & Stacy Allen.

Prayers for Those Recently Baptized and Those to be Baptized:

Brynn Marie daughter of Tina & Joe Myers 1/22/12, Davin King son of Carla & Paul Peterson 1/29/12, Braden James son of Katie & Sean Barron 2/4/12, Rylan Chunsoo son of Doug & Mina Rakoski 2/11/12, Jack Grant son of Grant & Tina Wyffels 2/12/12, Sam & Grace children of Joe & Becca Williams 2/25/12, Owen James son of Corrie & Eric Waa 3/3/12, Clara Serine daughter of Briana & Ryan Riley 3/10/12, Jack William son of William & Carissa Timmins 3/11/12, Jacob Douglas son of Cory & Sarah Starkweather 3/31/12, Elysia Marie daughter of Stefan Solheim & Jamie Pearl, Phillip Thomas son of Jenny & Nolan Patrek TBA, Hunter Charles & Hayden Charles sons of Lucas & Krista Laakso TBA, Elias Jacob son of Jacob & Katie Gunderson TBA, Henry David son of Elizabeth & Ryan Rettke TBA., Joseph (Joe) Michael son of Kim & Mike Caputa TBA, Harper Marie daughter of Chris & Charlene Antolak TBA.

Prayers for Those Who Will Be Married:

Shannon Kephart & Trevor Hoff 2/25/12, Rachel Biessener & Mitch Granholm 4/27/12, Tim Hoge & Shannon Kraemer 5/5/12, Aaron Horsager & Abigail Brown 5/13/12, Brian Roach & Anna Johnson 5/19/12, Vanessa Devora & Jesse Gorzynski 6/2/12, Andrew Leivian & Christina Davis 6/22/12, Kelly Wischnewski & Jacob Lemm 6/29/12, Jenna Barke & Adam Van Proosdy 7/22/12, Bill Kachman & Tia Oakman 7/27/12, James Verlautz & Kate Billison 8/4/12, Kelly Gunderson & Craig Rush 8/4/12, Elizabeth Seefeldt & Mark Kimble 9/2/12, Stefan Solheim & Jamie Pearl 9/22/12, Brad Reasoner & Megan Low 9/29/12, Kevin Jensen Jr & Rachel Waldhoff 10/5/12, Stephanie Verlautz & Craig Mascetti 10/6/12, Joel Baumgard & Denise Chalupnik 10/20/12, Alex Schmitt & Michael DeGayner 11/10/12, Catherine Timm & Dan Semelhack 11/10/12, Andrew Peterson & Miranda Barron TBA, Tracy Christenson & Michael Forsberg TBA.

Flowers:

Given by Cully, Barbara & Signe Johnson in honor of Beryl Gunderson's 99th birthday.

Please Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. If a correction is needed or you would like a name removed or added please inform the church office at 612-781-2766.

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Nativity Child & Family Center (612.781.1537)
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