LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD ₽ FEBRUARY 5, 2023

The Presentation of Our Lord, traditionally on February 2nd, is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's prophecy that this baby Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light of glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.



Detail: Simeon's Song of Praise, Rembrandt van Rijn 1631

Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith, we are a loving and open community of worship, witness, and service in God's world.

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■ Gathering

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

St. Paul's Suite IV: The Dargason/Greensleeves Opus 29

Gustav Holst (1871-1834)

Welcome

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Call to Worship

Psalm 84

Please stand as you are able.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you. For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory; no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

### **Gathering Hymn**

Vs 1 All, vs 2 Women, vs 3 Men, vs 4 All.





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Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

### **Apostolic 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.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community, as God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

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### Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burnin', burnin', burnin' Give me oil in my lamp I pray Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burnin', burnin', burnin' Keep me burnin' til the break of day! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of Kings! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses: <sup>2</sup>Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine. Every

firstborn male among your children you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>When in the future your

### Children's Message Please be seated.

### **Dismissal Song**

# Reading 13b-16

Moses declares to the *Israelites, that because* God delivered them from Egypt, they shall consecrate the first-born son as holy to God.

# Exodus 13: 1-2,

child asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall answer, 'By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human firstborn to the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord every male that first opens the womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.' <sup>16</sup>It shall serve as a sign on your hand and as an emblem on your forehead that by strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt." R: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Instrumental Interlude

A traditional Latin hymn for the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

#### O Nata Lux

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

### The Gospel for the Presentation of Our Lord Luke 2:22-35

This story is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of the one who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed to the world.



**Anthem** 

**Sermon** *Please be seated.* 

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my own eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed ó and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### Cradle Hymn

Kim André Arnesen (b. 1980)

Hush, my dear, lie still and slumber; Holy angels guard thy bed; Heavenly blessings without number Gently falling on thy head See the kindly shepherds round him Telling wonders from the sky! When they sought Him, there they found HimWith his Virgin-Mother by

See the lovely babe a-dressing; Lovely infant, how He smiled! When He wept, the mother's blessing Soothed and hushed the holy child Mayst thou live to know and fear Him Trust and love Him all thy days; Then go dwell forever near Him See His face, and sing His praise!

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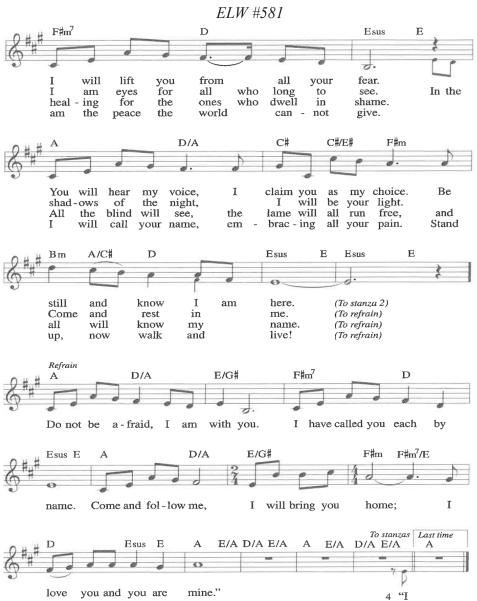
Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.

### Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.



### You Are Mine



### **Baptism** Recognition

### Prayers of the Church

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P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

#### A brief silence.

- A: Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent... Lord in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C: Amen.

### **Greeting of Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

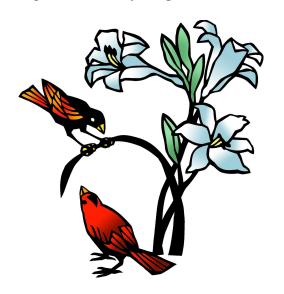
C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with your neighbors.

### ■ Offering ■

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week.

We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.



## Offering

Please be seated.

**Offertory Prayer** 

Winter: Largo, RV 297; Op. 8 Nº 4

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

A: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.** 

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We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

# **Great Thanksgiving**

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
  - P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...





Text: Per Harling, b. 1948

Music: Per Harling

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Music: Swedish

### Words of Institution

P: Holy God, as you once visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth.

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.

Blessed God, shed your grace brighter than starlight on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel- God-With-Us, to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

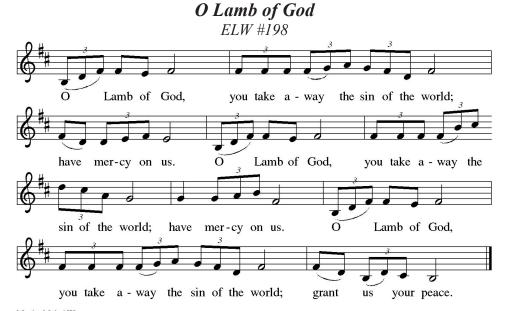
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Invitation to** Communion

Please be seated.

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table has been prepared. All are welcome.





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Music: Singaporean

### Distribution

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.

#### The Stars Looked Down

G. K. Chesterton/Mark Schweizer
The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap, His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the world, But here is all aright.)
The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast, His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.)
The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart, His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.)
The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee, His hair was like a crown.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

And all the flowers looked up at Him, And all the stars looked down.

C: Amen.;

A: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

### **Distribution Music**



# Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand as you are able.

# Post-Communion Prayer

# Post Communion Canticle



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We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace, sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.



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# Litany for Candlemas

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Savior's birth.

Help us, in whom he has been born, to live his life that has no end.

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

Help us, who have received the bread of life, to be thankful for your gift. Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple, to trust in your eternal promises.

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

Help us, who walk in the true light, never to forsake the light of Christ. Here we stand near the place of baptism.

Help us, who are marked with the cross, to share the Lord's death and resurrection.

Here we turn from Christís birth to his passion.

Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery. Here we bless one another in your name.

Help us, who go in peace, to shine with your light in the world.

P: Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendor, that we, who by these candles light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal temple where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



#### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

### Announcements

Please be seated.

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#### Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God



### **Postlude**

### Candlelight Carol

*John Rutter (b. 1945)* 

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother?
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?
Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
Shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing "The Christ child is born"

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him
Seraphim 'round him, their vigil will keep
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their saviour
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep
Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
Shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing "The Christ child is born"

Find him in Bethlehem laid in a manger
Christ our redeemer, asleep in the hay
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation
A child with his mother that first Christmas Day
Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
Shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing "The Christ child is born"

### **WELCOME**

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—
for prayer and worship. We will continue to have Sunday services online.
We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you
as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

| YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY       | Pastor                                | Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                  | Organist                              | Dr. Kristina Rizzotto      |
|                                  | Soprano                               | Debra Gilroy               |
|                                  |                                       | Lake String Quartet        |
|                                  | Daryl Carlson, Ingrid Koller, Nanette |                            |
|                                  | Goldman, & Carol Margolis             |                            |
|                                  | _                                     | Mary Sabatke               |
|                                  |                                       | Marty Carlson              |
|                                  |                                       | Mary Sabatke               |
|                                  | Altar Servers                         | Linda Nelson               |
|                                  | Usher                                 | David Ackerman             |
|                                  | Coffee Hour Hosts                     | Ellie Holmquist & Ruth Lee |
| Church Officers                  | President                             | Marty Carlson              |
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|                                  |                                       | Linda Nelson               |
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|                                  |                                       | Sarah & Trevor Skorburg    |

### **CALENDAR**

| Sunday, February 5    | 9:30 am  | Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School    | •                      |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                       | 10:30 AM | Pastor Arden Haug 10th Anniversary Celebration | Fellowship Hall        |
|                       | 11:00 AM | LOTI Annual Congregational Meeting             | Fellowship Hall        |
|                       | 4:00 pm  | Isles Ensemble Concert                         | Sanctuary              |
| Monday, February 6    | 7:00 pm  | AA                                             | Sanctuary              |
| Tuesday, February 7   | 7:00 pm  | Men's AA                                       | Christy Room/Sanctuary |
|                       | 7:00 pm  | AA/Spirituality Group                          | Christy Room/Sanctuary |
| Wednesday, February 8 | 10:00 AM | Bible Study                                    | Library/Zoom           |
|                       | 12:00 pm | Staff Meeting                                  | Christy Room/Zoom      |
|                       | 7:00 pm  | Confirmation                                   | Christy Room/Zoom      |
|                       | 7:00 pm  | Choir Rehearsal                                | Sanctuary              |
| Thursday, February 9  | 12:00 pm | Al Anon                                        | Fellowship Hall        |
|                       | 7:00 pm  | Growlers & Theology                            | Parsonage              |
| Sunday, February 12   | 9:30 am  | Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School    |                        |
|                       | 10:30 am | Coffee Hour                                    | Fellowship Hall        |

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or



for comfort, peace, and healing:

Matthew Moen; Anna Lena Skold; Trygve Svard; Elena Glück & family, niece of Renate Amann; Barbara Koster, niece of Phyllis Dahl; Maureen Allen, friend of Carol Kuehn; David Zarling, friend of Kathy and Mark Hering; Sam Pederson, nephew of Jennifer Cook; Beth Addington; Elizabeth Muench, friends of the congregation; Natalie Mozey, daughter of Alan and Mary Poulsen; Allison Peterson, friend of Susanne Haas; Bunny & David Anderson, sister and brother-in-law of John Bergford; Anne Vaaler Richardson, friend of Jana Lindberg & Michael Kavoukjian; friend of Phyllis Dahl; Kim Derington, friend of Kelly Mayhar; Nathan Anderson, nephew of Rick Pepin; Geof Witrak, brother-in-law of Rick Pepin; David Cook, brother of Jenny Cook; Kathy Sawyer, niece of Philip Friedlund, Mike Mueller, brother of Kathy Fredell; Joey Juras & Fitz Loula, friends of the Gruys family; **Dona Duff**, mother of Mark Duff.

### Meditation

LOTI is available during office hours for a time of quiet meditation. You can use the sanctuary to spend time in prayer, light a candle, listen to recorded sacred music, and/or use a guided meditation tool. Please call the church office to reserve a time.

### Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members & families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



### Staffed Nursery in the Christy Room

Our Nursery is staffed today for our littlest ones in the Congregation to use. Ushers can help you with directions to the Christy Room or simply follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary.

### Visiting Sunday School Age Children

Children ages 3 through 6th Grade are welcome to visit Sunday School. We do ask that a parent or guardian accompany your child to Sunday School to get them checked in and settled before returning to worship.

### Kid Worship Materials

Kid worship materials are available in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary). Crayon packets and a variety of coloring pages and activity sheets are available for your children to enjoy during worship.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bennett Gruys 2/6 Jeffrey Bruzek 2/10

### Pastor Arden Haug's 10th Anniversary Celebration

Today, Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM Fellowship Hall

Please join us

for our very special Coffee Hour

to celebrate & give thanks

for blessings of ten years with Pastor Arden Haug!

### **LOTI Annual Meeting**

Today, Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM Fellowship Hall

Our Annual Meeting will be held after Worship.

### Resilience

### Isles Ensemble Concert

Today, Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM Sanctuary

**PROGRAM** 

**CARLOS SIMON** 

An Elegy: A Cry from the Grave for String Quartet

W. A. MOZART

Viola Quintet in G Minor, K. 516

FELIX MENDELSSHON

Piano Trio in C Minor, op. 66

Musicians:

Stephanie Arado, Kenneth Freed, Timothy Lovelace, Joanne Opgenorth, Tom Rosenberg, Leslie Shank

You will be deeply rewarded by venturing out to join us for our winter concert. The three works on this program grapple with the themes of reflection and resilience in different ways.

Composed before the murder of George Floyd, Carlos Simon's Elegy explores the feelings of sadness, frustration, anger, and finally, perhaps hope in reaction to the killings of Black men in America by law enforcement.

Truly one of Mozart's greatest chamber music masterpieces, the Viola Quintet in G minor explores serious emotions, including heartbreak and trauma, before yielding to an expression of pure joy in its final movement. The power and brilliance of Mendelssohn's Piano Trio in C minor will bring the concert to a rousing close. At first stormy and intense, the piece ends with an almost religious sense of majesty and triumph.

Admission is \$25 for individual tickets, or pay what you can. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at <a href="eventbrite.com">eventbrite.com</a> Children, students, & LOTI members are admitted free of charge.

### Women's Bible Study

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Library

We are studying *Children of the Day*, by *Beth Moore*. Join us!

loti.org/lifestyle/groups/

### Fastelavn!

Sunday, February 19th

Attention bakers: we need Fastelavn Buns for Coffee Hour on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact <u>churchoffice@loti.org</u> to sign up. Recipe provided if needed.

### Our Saviour's Housing Meals

For many years, *Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church* has provided a meal for 40 on the first Friday of every month. Our meals are provided by donation, which the shelter orders and serves. Cost is \$250.

Thank you to Mary & David Goplen for February.

### 2023 Schedule

MAR Ellie Holmquist, Heather Jacoby, Ruth Lee, & Gretchen Robertson

APR Rick Gripentrog

MAY Chanda & Lars Olson

JUN Jim Olson

JUL Dr. Remi & Debby Pizarro

AUG Denise Wilkens, Mary Jubenville, Mary Flynn, Twyla Hobbs & Linda Nelson

SEP Kathy & Mark Hering

**OCT** 

NOV Mary Sabatke

**DEC** 

To sign up, contact *Cheri Moe*, <u>moeclana@aol.com</u> or (952) 431-5226.

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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to Noon

