Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

August 30 & 31, 2025



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Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

- P: Merciful God,
- C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.
- P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.
- C: Amen.

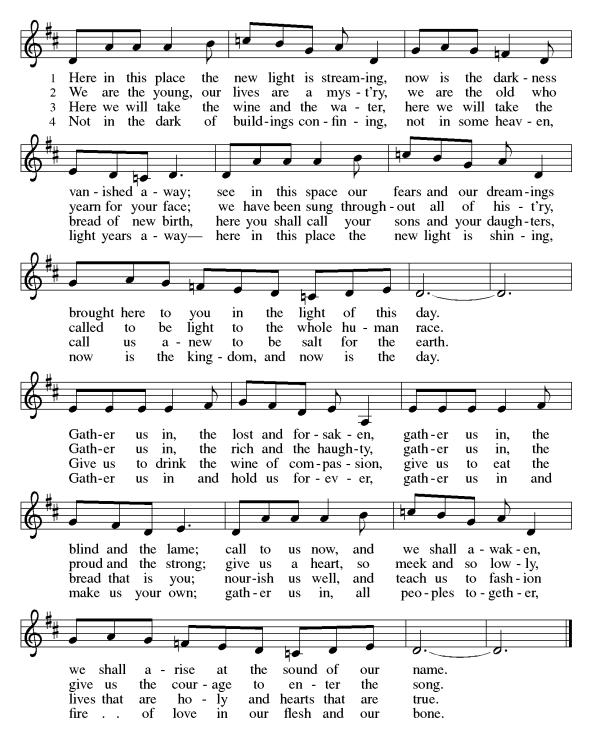
GATHERING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

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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 (verses 1 & 4)

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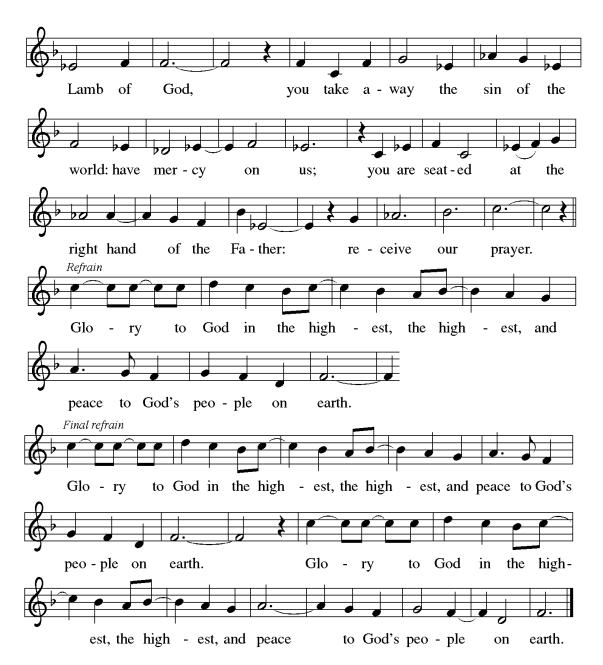
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HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

- ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!
- ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- ⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- ⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- ¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;

the desires of the wicked will perish.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

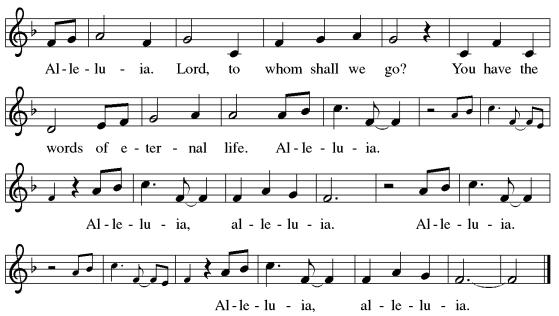
L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

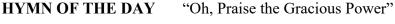
¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

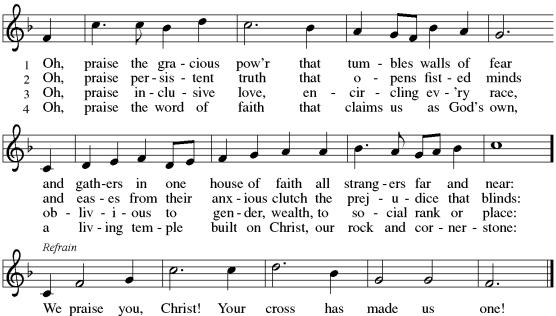
P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY



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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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

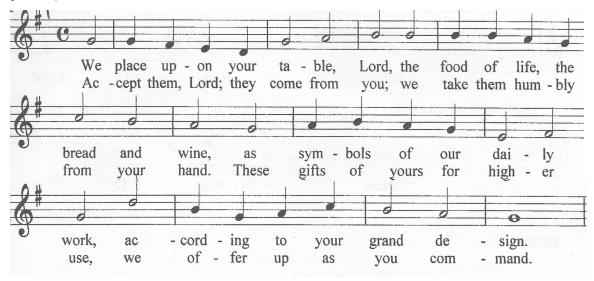
(Response after each petition)

P: Merciful God.

C: receive our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)



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P: Let us pray...Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

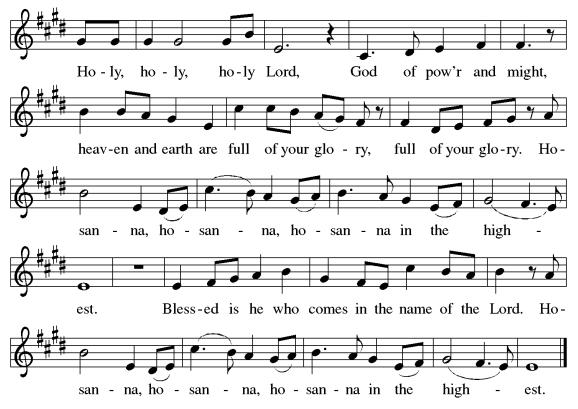
P: Lift up your hearts.

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way...(concluding)...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

P: The kingdom of God is set before us. Eat and rejoice.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)



COMMUNION HYMN

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

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

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C: Amen.

P: Let us pray...Loving God,

C: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in us; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill our hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless us and give us peace.

C: Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of Kimberly Moors Given by Gerri Moors

IN OUR PRAYERS

Anna Lewis, Nancy Platt, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Joanne Kindt, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Lisa Creger, Lynsie, Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Daphne Flack, Brenda Donajkowski, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's

grandson) - deployed overseas and Amelia Berles - pilot training. We also remember the families of Jeanne Pankey and Alfonse Kamyszek (Shirley Diemond's Father), who passed away this past week.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Funeral Service Groups at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Bread of Life Lutheran Church/Hudsonville, Rev. David Besse; and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

PRAYER LETTERS

Please sign the prayer letter(s) each week that we send out telling other churches and ministries they have been included in our prayers. Fill the page with our names. The letter(s) are on the podium by the table in the Office Lobby.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - AUGUST 31

Walter Brueggemann Eminent Old Testament Scholar

Walter Brueggemann died in June. Considered one of the most influential OT Biblical Scholars of our time. In his understanding, the Old Testament was not old or irrelevant to the world today. His work on the prophets brought their words to today's world and issues. Join us as we consider his work and what we can take from the Old Testament for our living today as Christians, particularly the role and function of prophets in the world today. We meet at 11 in Lounge.

MUSIC AT GRACE

Choir and Bell Choir are starting up in September! If you are interested in either, please sign up in the lobby or contact Claire by email: sclaire489@gmail.com. There will be a music potluck on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:00pm to go over further information and details. If you would like to bring a dish, you can sign up in the lobby as well.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

So many wonderful and healthy fruits and vegetables from the garden are now available and if you have any extras please donate to our pantry. We are also in need of small jars of peanut butter and loaves of bread. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Rummage Sale. Your donations and help were greatly appreciated. We raised a total of \$1,400 which will help us buy supplies needed to make quilts which are distributed locally and throughout the world.

COUNCIL BRIEFS FOR THE 6:00 P.M. AUGUST 19, 2025 MEETING

All council members were in attendance

Correspondence and Communication - church received a thank you note from Senior Citizens Center for monetary donation and Larry Garant reinstated his membership.

Pastor's Report - addressed activities for May, June and July and will be posted.

Treasurer's and Finance Report - May, June, July reports were given by Dennis Werblow and are posted. Motion made by Sharon Engstrom and seconded by Donna Morgan. Motion passed.

Discipleship -given by Donna Morgan indication that the Block Party was a great success, Feeding Kids Ministry and beach clean up were other activities for this time period.

Little Food Pantry - report was given by Mary Lappan and use of the pantry continues along with donations.

Little Free Library - more contributions of books and use continues.

Education -Elsa Phillips said Sunday School will start the third week of September and 4 teachers will continue volunteer again.

Fellowship - This group is planning a trivia night in October and the quilters are planning an upcoming card night.

Finance and Stewardship - no report at this time.

Property - Ed Czarnecki gave a report including a slide presentation on repairs done and concerns in the future.

Worship - report was given by Sharon Engstrom on choir, Time and Talent survey, increased costs of flowers (\$20) for altar, team for funerals, music, Confirmation and possibly additional banners.

Old business - Constitution Committee will look at mandates and recommended changes. Getting quotes on a new copier.

Chris Christopherson updated council on cemetery items and asked us to look at what constitutes a member and clarify language for memorials. Council will look into it.

New business - budget committee to meet to discuss next year, annual meeting will be November 9, 2025, discussion on building fund policy, and health insurance issue for Pastor Tom.

Meeting ended at 8:35 p.m. with Lord's Prayer

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.



Anniversaries of Baptism



September 1 Britni Nowak

September 2
Joanne Kindt

September 5 Jon Crow Aaron Nowak

September 10 Dawn Gentry Jim Hansen Brian Nelson

September 13 Izzy Szymanski

September 14 Astrid Fitzpatrick

September 20Mark Freel
Caileigh Nitchman

September 22 William Whitscell September 27 Jonathan Lang Wayne Lewis Marco Wade

Owen Wade

September 28
Rachel Engstrom

September 29 T. J. Lappan Chuck McKay

Birthdays



September 4 Marcie Law

September 10 Ryan Werblow

September 11 Donald Cross Steven Garant

September 12 Shane Bullard Jacquelyn R. Timm

September 14 Izzy Denstaedt Nic Timmreck

September 15 Thomas Bertrand

September 17 William Bock September 18 Maia Slominski

September 24 Judith Douglas

September 26 Joseph Gentry

September 27 Cheryl Lang

September 28 Darlene Freel Ann O'Connor

September 29 John Kuligowski Jessica McKenzie Dennis Werblow

September 30 Ella Sandula Kady Sandula Connie Suszek



Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross 11th Jim & Laurie Hansen 16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie 17th Gordon & Karen Suszek 19th Joel & Cindy Suszek 29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey 30th Alan & Sally Brilinski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –31st 9:30 am 11:00 am	Worship Adult CE - Lounge
Monday - 1st Church Offic 8am-2pm	e Closed - Labor Day Kitchen Reserved
Tuesday - 2nd 8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge
Wednesday - 3rd 8am-noon 7:00 pm	Church Office Open MLK Committee-Lounge
Thursday - 4th 8am-noon	Church Office Open

Kitchen Reserved

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Friday - 5th	
8am-noon	
8am-2pm	

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Saturday - 6th
5:00 pm Worship

SERVING AUGUST 30/31

<u>SEI</u>	RVING AUGUST 30/31
	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Witt
Recorded Accor	mpanimentKat Tomaszewski
	Joe Gentry
Lector	Dawn Anderson
Ushers	Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom
	Cindy Domrase (Saturday)
Greeters	Rich & Sherie McTaggart
Altar Guild	Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
	mDawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters	Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
	Darlene Freel
Coffee Hour	Jeff & Sandy Welch
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SERVING SEPTEMBER 6/7	
Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Witt
Recorded Accor	mpanimentKat Tomaszewski
	Sherie McTaggart, Jo Ann Smith
	Pat Daly
Ushers	Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
_	Wayne Lewis (Saturday)
	Joel & Cindy Suszek
Altar Guild	Mary Rowader,
	Jewel Lancaster (Sat. Set Up)
Livestream Tea	mDawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters	Cheryl Lang, Sherie McTaggart,
	Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	Anne Gentry, Brandi Stone,
	Jo Ann Smith

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