



# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

*Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Berkeley*

**May-June-July 2015**

## **A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON [dated March 25, 2015]**

*"For he [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." - Ephesians 2:14*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We need to talk. Ferguson, Missouri; Norman, Oklahoma; Madison, Wisconsin; Staten Island, New York; and Charlottesville, Virginia: recent events in these and other places prove we are not living in a post-racial society. I know it's difficult to talk about race because too many Americans do not want to believe racism still exists in our country. Yet, as always, Christ promises to be alongside us, even in the most difficult of times, working for our reconciliation. Because of God's promise, we can and must have a deep, honest and even painful conversation about racism.



This month our country commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March and its significance in the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Lutherans were in Selma to join more than 70,000 people to remember and honor the courage of the veterans of the civil rights movement. Selma symbolized the very best of the human spirit to work cooperatively for change at any cost. Conversely, it also demonstrated the lowest levels of hatred, violence and resistance to change.

Overt forms of racism are no longer legally sanctioned, but the legacy of racism, sadly, endures. Institutional policies and practices still privilege some while limiting access and opportunities to others. Today, the Voting Rights Act has been weakened by the removal of federal oversight of local voting laws and millions of poor and people of color fill the cells of our criminal justice system.

We have said, "Racism – a mix of power, privilege, and prejudice – is sin, a violation of God's intention for humanity." (Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture, 1993) Ongoing racial justice conversations are occurring and work is happening. But in cases where these are not, we shouldn't wait until another racial event is widely reported before we talk. Here are a number of ways:

- Listen to and learn from the experiences of people of color in your communities.
- Contact the Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries and the Racial Justice Ministries at the churchwide organization. Connect with your synod anti-racism team.
- Be in conversation with your synod bishop and staff. Many of our synods are equipped to help connect you with local resources on anti-racism education and racial justice ministries.
- Learn more about our ongoing racial justice work. This church has helpful guidance in our criminal justice social statement and in the race, ethnicity, and culture social statement.\*
- Advocate for local, state and federal legislation and regulations that guarantee to all citizens the right to vote. Join the ELCA e-Advocacy Network at [www.elca.org/advocacy](http://www.elca.org/advocacy).

As a church called to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we must continue to listen deeply, to speak out about racial equity and inclusion, to respect and uplift the dignity and humanity of every person and to join with others in organizing for change. In baptism we have become part of the body of Christ and in Christ there is no barrier between us. I pray that our Lord will use us and this moment to make this baptismal promise a reality in our lives and in this church.

## 2015 MT. CROSS DAY CAMP

### WHEN IS DAY CAMP?

Day Camp is **Monday, June 15th-Friday, June 19th, 2015** at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Berkeley in cooperation with All Souls Episcopal in Berkeley.

The Day Camp runs from 9am-3pm with Extended Care until 5pm at no extra cost.

Who is Day Camp for? Day Camp is for kids ages 5 - 12, who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. There is a CIT program for junior high and high school youth.

### WHAT IS THE THEME?

**A Love that Never Ends** from the verse, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" found in **Deuteronomy 6:5**.

### WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost for the weeklong program is \$150 per child with scholarships available.

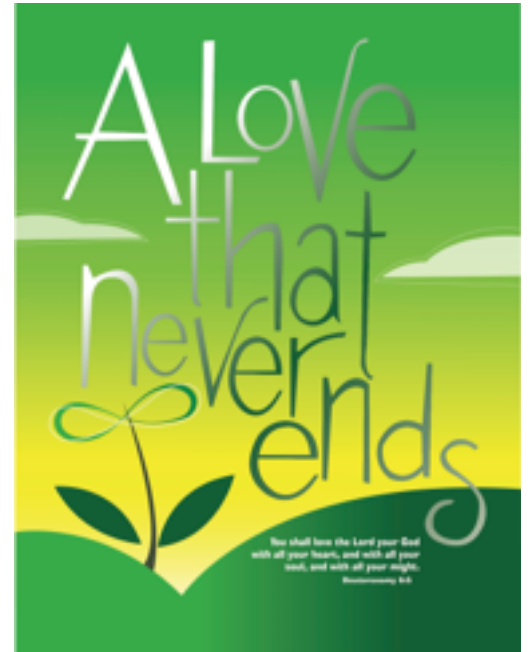
Please send registration materials and checks to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 401 Grizzly Peak Blvd, Berkeley CA 94708

### HOW DO I REQUEST A PACKET?

Please call Shepherd of the Hills at 510-524-8281 or All Souls at 510-848-1755.

### AFTER CARE

Extended care will be available at no extra charge until 5pm. Extended care offers a variety of activities, crafts and free time. Afternoon snack will be provided and all food restrictions will be followed. Other extended care will include Daily Craft Projects as well as other activities such as science projects, all group games, and ice cream making. The extended care program is run by volunteers from the congregations of All Souls Episcopal Church and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.



## JUNIUS COURTNEY BAND CONCERT

### DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS

The registrations are starting to come in and things are getting ready for another great week at Day Camp! The only way we can do this camp is with volunteer help. If you could help, even for an hour or two, please let Pastor Kim know. Keep watch in upcoming Life of SOTH emails for an electric signup.

We will have an informational meeting for all volunteers on Sunday, June 14th at 12pm at All Souls with lunch provided. The SOTH youth appreciate your support!

### DAY CAMP PROGRAM AND POTLUCK: THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH

On Thursday evening, June 18th at 6pm, the congregation is invited to a potluck dinner, followed by a special program put on by the campers and counselors, followed by a special treat. Please let Pastor Kim know if you plan on attending. This is not only a great opportunity to see our youth in action, it is an opportunity to meet and talk to the people from All Souls, our neighboring sisters and brothers.



### JUNIUS COURTNEY BIG BAND

You are invited on **Friday May 15th at 7:00pm** to come hear the sounds of Swing and Jazz inspired by such greats as Louis Armstrong and Etta James.

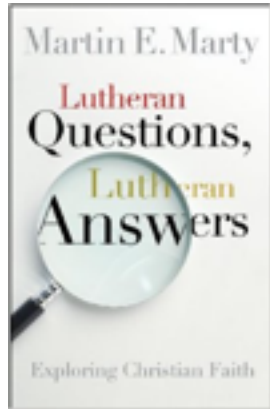
The Junius Courtney Big Band will provide a free (1 1/2 hour) concert at 7pm at Shepherd of the Hills Church. This is a gift they are giving us in exchange of us letting them use the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday night for their practice.

Come early at 6:30 to enjoy special beverages and other refreshments. Please invite your friends and neighbors and plan on joining us for this very special event!



## ADULT EDUCATION & SOCIAL CONCERNS

### PRISCILLA'S CIRCLE



Priscilla's Circle meets monthly for fellowship and study. Our meetings are usually on the third Tuesday of the month from 10 am through about 1 pm and include a bring-your-own bag lunch as well as hostess provided treats.

We will meet at the church on **Tuesday, May 19th** with Carol Starr hosting. We will be finishing the book, *Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers* by Martin Marty covering chapters 12-13. Newcomers are welcome! Pastor Kim has a copy of the book if you need one. Although this is an ongoing study each session can stand alone. Bring a bag lunch and join us! We will be looking at study options for next year.

We will be going out for lunch on **Tuesday, June 16th**. Please talk to Pastor Kim if you would like to join us! We will then take a break until September.

### REFLECTIONS



We have been enjoying reading the book *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor and will finish the book on **Thursday, May 7th from 10-11:30am**. Taylor shows us how to discover altars everywhere we go and in nearly

everything we do as we learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in. Join us at Esther and Gifford Dickel's, 1060 Overlook Rd in Berkeley. We will be picking our new book for the fall.

### ADULT EDUCATION | JOHN HOPKIRK

If you enjoy art exhibits, you may enjoy the current one at the de Young. It is "Botticelli to Braque: Masterpieces from the National Gallery of Scotland". June and I have not had an opportunity to see it, but it includes paintings by artists ("Catholic" and "Protestant") mentioned my earlier study of the art of the Reformation. At the Palace of the Legion of Honor, these artists are part of the permanent exhibit.

When we visited the exhibit in December of last year at the Legion of Honor, Grant noted that in paintings of the baby Jesus, he was often shown as a miniature adult, not as a baby. I was fascinated by the background artwork. In one painting, the background was darkened to represent a village at nighttime. A tiny spot of light, one centimeter square, was discovered upon closer examination to be a view of a bakery with a baker putting bread in the oven to bake.

Background art is often more interesting than the main subject; the background was often painted by one or more artists. Audubon painted only birds -- someone else painted the plants in the background. If you like nature paintings, check out Botticelli. He was one of the first artists to paint animals and plants in true detail.

## ADULT EDUCATION & SOCIAL CONCERNS

### SOTH BOOK CLUB

One of the suggestions that occurred during our fall conversations was a desire for the renewal of the SOTH book club. So far we have gathered together twice to discuss interesting books. We invite you to join us! This May we are reading *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* by Salman Rushdie. This is a story with an exotic landscape, magicians and talking animals. Many high schoolers are required to read this and love it. We will gather on **Tuesday, May 26th at 6:30pm** for our discussion. If you have any interesting reads to suggest to the book group, please let Lillian Howan know.



### YOGA

The large wall of glass overlooking the trees and leaves has inspired several at SOTH to think that the fellowship hall would be a great place to have a YOGA class at SOTH. We would get a qualified instructor to come and lead us. Would you be interested? If so, please contact Laurie with times that would work best for you at [laurelh@berkeley.edu](mailto:laurelh@berkeley.edu).

### QUILTING GROUP

We will be continuing sewing and tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief for the coming year on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Upcoming dates are: **Wed, May 13th, Wed, June 10th and Wed, July 8** in the Fellowship Hall. If

you can't be here at 1:30pm, come when you can. No quilting experience needed (non-sewers are busy tying the quilts.)

### HANDWORK GROUP

The Shepherd of the Hills Handwork Group will meet **Sunday, May 17, from 2 pm to 4 pm** at Candy Simonen's home, 2200 Los Angeles Ave., Berkeley.



The group gets together monthly to knit or crochet scarves for the San Francisco Night Ministry and baby blankets and baby caps for World Health Ministries.

Check with the Church calendar, the weekly email or the church bulletin for the **June and July meeting dates** or call Candy at 558-8142.

Join us for conversation, handiwork and refreshments. Newcomers and all ages are welcome. Instruction and materials are available.

If you can't come but would like to knit or crochet for us here are the directions:

- Scarves should be 6 to 7 inches wide and 50 to 60 inches long.
- Baby blankets should be about 30 inches by 30 inches and can be any color.
- Baby caps should have a circumference of about 15 inches – not tight.

## YOUTH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### YEAH WORKDAY

Unfortunately, due to budget cuts, YEAH needed to close down early this year. Although they usually are open until the end of May, this year they closed mid-April. There is need for volunteers to help clean and close down. If you are interested in helping either clean the kitchen or there storage area, please let Pastor Kim or Sam know. Thank you to all who helped serve this year.

### THANK OFFERING | CROP WALK



Shepherd of the Hills has participated again in the Berkeley Area Crop Walk for Church World Service on Sunday, April 19th. We had some of the youngest walkers who chanted and carried signs

calling for the end of world hunger. Money raised will go to local organizations like YEAH. You can still participate by giving money in the Thank Offering or be adding money to your regular offering listing Crow Walk in the other line. Together we can not only help bring awareness to hunger but be active in solving the issue.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The youth have been busy! Easter was full of fun activities for the youth. On **April 26th**, the youth led the service and had a very important message of the Good Shepherd and all being invited to the Lord's Table in their skit. We also had an opportunity in worship to thank all the many volunteers who helped make our children's ministry possible at SOTH!

**The last Godly Play will May 17th.** Stay tuned for additional youth opportunities in the summer!

### CONFIRMATION/JOINT PENTECOST

#### WORSHIP | MAY 24TH AT 10:30AM

To celebrate the unity found in Acts 2, we will gather with LCC in Berkeley and Christ in El Cerrito at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary on **Sunday May 24th at 10:30am** for Henry Andersen's confirmation and special joint worship. Pr Katy Grinberg, Assistant to the Bishop in the Bay Area office will be our guest preacher. There will be a lot of great music and activities for the youth.

## WORSHIP NEWS

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY: MAY 29TH-31ST



Pastor Kim and Dan Kreter-Killian will be headed to Sacramento for the annual synod assembly as voting members for SOTH. The theme is "Connections" based on Ezekiel 37:7-10:

*"So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. Then he said to me, 'prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.*

Dr. Colleen Windham-Hughes with CLU, will be our Keynote Speaker and The Rev. Jeffrey Thiemann with Portico Benefit Services, will be our Bible Study Leader. Please pray for the discussions and connections that will be made as we make plans for the direction and finances of the synod's ministry. Pentecost Pick-Up Choir Conversations are occurring with the hope to have a leader for a pick-up choir at Pentecost Worship on May 24th. At this point, plan on coming to PLTS at 9am that Sunday morning to participate and learn the music prior to worship at 10:30am. If you can join, please let Pastor Kim know.

### SUMMER WORSHIP: FAVORITE HYMNS AND SPECIAL MUSIC

This summer we will continue our practice of beginning our worship with favorite hymn requests. If your favorite hymn is not in the ELW, please let Gretchen know and we can get a copy ready for everyone. Since it is first thing in the morning, please try avoid picking hymns with too many sharps and flats!

The summer is also a great time to share any special music. If you play or sing, talk to Gretchen to share your gift in worship! I know that we have a lot of talent in the pews!

### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS/FLOWERS

Did you know that in our baptism we are all called ordained? That we all are called to serve and lead and minister? Worship is a great way to do that! Pastor Kim has felt a little lonely during worship. Why not sign up on the volunteer list to join her as acolyte, assisting minister, or communion assistant? If you are new to an area, let her know and she can give you a quick orientation before worship. Please, sign up today!

If leading worship isn't your cup of tea, offer to bring flowers! After worship, take them home with you to remind you of our time in community. Thanks!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### THE 15 MINUTES AFTER

This summer, after worship and the gathering of our coffee and goodies, we will have an informal conversation called the 15 Minutes After. The conversations will be led by YOU! You can talk about your work, an interesting story, a personal topic, your favorite scripture passage, a meaningful faith memory, an organization you are involved in . . . the sky's the limit on the topic for your 15 minutes. If you have a date in mind that you would like to speak, schedule it with John Hopkirk. This is a great opportunity to continue connection with each other, sharing our stories.

### SF-MARIN FOOD BANK

This season, we have been collecting our thank offering for ELCA World Hunger. To understand the needs of hunger even more deeply and closer to home, we will be working at the SF Food Bank on **Sunday, May 3rd from 12:30-2:30pm.** All 4+ are invited to this opportunity. Please wear comfortable layers and closed toe shoes. We will be carpooling from the church right after worship. If you and your family are available to join us, please contact Sam at [sarriola@gmail.com](mailto:sarriola@gmail.com).



### NEW SOTH WEBSITE

Our website is now live and online at <http://www.sothb.org>. Stop by and take a look! You

should also be aware that there is a member specific area on the site: In this area, you can have access to special documents such as forms, a link to the volunteer signup sheet, and an online version of the PDF directory. We encourage all members to create an account by clicking on the link at the right of the banner that reads "Login/Sign up", entering your email address and a password, reentering the password, and click, "Go". You will receive an email as soon as the account is approved, and



then will be able to access the members area of the website.

### PLTS GRADUATION AND TRANSITION

Please keep the students at PLTS in your prayers. Graduation will be on Saturday, May 23rd at 11am. Students are also preparing for internship, CPE and first call interviews. Specifically, keep Emily Olsen in your prayers with her own Master's graduation and first call interviews in Michigan!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### THE LAST SUPPER | GRANT RICKETTS

During our recent trip to desert locations in the southwest we came across a ghost town east of Death Valley near the Nevada town of Beatty with a 'resident' outdoor artist at Goldwell Open Air Museum.

The Museum began in 1984 with the creation and installation of a major sculpture by Belgian artist Albert Szukalski titled "The Last Supper"—a ghostly interpretation of Christ and his disciples sited against the backdrop of the expansive Amargosa Valley.



To make the life-size ghost figures, Szukalski wrapped live models in fabric soaked in wet plaster and posed them as in the painting "The Last Supper" by Leonardo Da Vinci. When the plaster set, the model was slipped out, leaving the rigid shroud that surrounded him. With more refining, Szukalski then coated the figures with fiberglass making them impervious to weather.

In subsequent years, six additional pieces were added to the site by three other Belgian artists who, like Szukalski, were major figures in European art with extensive exhibition records.

Check out their website at <http://goldwellmuseum.org/>.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION PLANS FOR PASTOR KIM

From **July 20th-24th**, Pastor Kim will be at a training at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA entitled: Executive Skills for Pastors. The courses will be taught by the faculty of the School of Management with themes of Stewardship, Leadership, Marketing, Technology and Strategic Direction. Thank you for this opportunity to strength my skills for ministry here at SOTH.

### NEW SOTH DIRECTORY

Have you picked up your new SOTH directory? Did you know you can look at an e-version on our website? This is a tool to help us know each other, to call and talk and pray with and for one another. Thank you for all the updated pictures!

#### CONTACT

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#### WORSHIP

Sunday 10:00 A.M.  
*Childcare is available.*

#### STAFF

Pastor: Kim Swenson  
Administrator: Cary Bass-Deschenes  
Music Director: Gretchen Kell

#### OFFICE HOURS

*Administrator*  
Tues-Thurs 10am-2pm

*Pastor*  
Tues, Thurs 9am-12pm

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| CALENDAR |
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May 2015

|   |   |   |                                       |   |                    | Fri             | 1                          | Sat                       | 2  |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----|
| <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> 3<br>10a Worship w/Godly Play<br>10:45 Congregation Mtg<br>11:30 SF - Marin Food Bank | <b>Mon</b> 4                            | <b>Tue</b> 5<br>6:30p Adult Ed.               | <b>Wed</b> 6<br>7p Building & Grounds | <b>Thu</b> 7<br>10a Reflections         |                    |                 | 8                          |                           | 9  |
| <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> 10<br>10a Worship w/Godly Play  |   | 11  | 12                                    | 13<br>1:30p Quilting<br>6p Confirmation | 14                 |                 | 15<br>7pm Big Band Concert |                           | 16 |
| <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> 17<br>10a Worship w/Godly Play<br>2p Handwork Group                                   |   | 18  | 19<br>10a Priscilla<br>7p Council     | 20                                      | 21                 |                 | 22                         | 23<br>11a PLTS Graduation |    |
| <b>Day of Pentecost Confirmation</b> 24<br>9a Pick-up Choir<br>10:30a Worship @ PLTS                              |   | 25  | 26<br>6:30p Book Club                 | 27                                      | 28                 |                 | 29<br>Synod Assembly       | 30<br>Synod Assembly      |    |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b> 31<br>Synod Assembly<br>10a Worship<br>6p Last Sunday Supper                                  | <b>June 2015</b>                        |   |                                       |   |                    |                 |                            |                           |    |
|   | 1                                       | 2   | 3<br>7p Building & Grounds            | 4<br>10a Reflections                    |                    | 5               |                            | 6                         |    |
| <b>2nd Sun after Pentecost</b> 7<br>10a Worship   |   | 8   | 9<br>7p Finance                       | 10<br>1:30p Quilting                    | 11                 | 12              |                            | 13                        |    |
| <b>3rd Sun after Pentecost</b> 14<br>10a Worship<br>12p Day Camp Volunteer Mtg                                    | 15<br>Day Camp                          | 16<br>Day Camp<br>11a Priscilla<br>7p Council | 17<br>Day Camp                        | 18<br>Day Camp<br>6p Pot Luck / Program | 19<br>Day Camp     | 20              |                            |                           |    |
| <b>4th Sun after Pentecost</b> 21<br>10a Worship<br>2p Handwork Group   |   | 22  | 23                                    | 24                                      | 25                 | 26              |                            | 27                        |    |
| <b>5th Sun after Pentecost</b> 28<br>10a Worship<br>6p Last Sunday Supper   | 29<br>Pastor Kim on vacation until 7/13 | 30  | <b>July 2015</b>                      |   |                    |                 |                            |                           |    |
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| <b>6th Sun after Pentecost</b> 5<br>10a Worship   | 6                                       | 7   | 8<br>1:30p Quilting                   | 9                                       | 10                 |                 | 11                         |                           |    |
| <b>7th Sun after Pentecost</b> 12<br>10a Worship  | 13<br>Amharic camp                      | 14<br>Amharic camp<br>7p Finance              | 15<br>Amharic camp                    | 16<br>Amharic camp                      | 17<br>Amharic camp | 18              |                            |                           |    |
| <b>8th Sun after Pentecost</b> 19<br>10a Worship<br>2p Handwork Group   | 20<br>Pastor                            | 21<br>Kim                                     | 22<br>at                              | 23<br>Continuing                        | 24<br>Education    | 25              |                            |                           |    |
| <b>9th Sun after Pentecost</b> 26<br>10a Worship<br>6p Last Sunday Supper   | 27                                      | 28  | 29                                    | 30                                      | 31                 | <b>August 1</b> |                            |                           |    |

## SOTH IN PICTURES

SPRING CLEANUP DAY



YEAH! DINNER SERVING



MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER



EASTER EGG DECORATING



GAWLIKOWSKI BABY SHOWER



For more pictures visit online at  
<http://www.sothb.org/#!/photo-galleries/c3gs>

## SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY, JUNE AND JULY

### BIRTHDAYS

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|------|--------------------------|
| 5/3  | Lars-Henry Raedeker      |
| 5/8  | Michael Wehling          |
| 5/9  | Gina Minudri             |
| 5/11 | Liz Kreter-Killian       |
| 5/12 | Henry Andersen           |
| 5/13 | Malik Hassan             |
| 5/14 | Sam Rothstein            |
| 5/15 | Angela Gawlikowski       |
| 5/18 | Natalia Gawlikowski      |
| 5/23 | Brianna Heggeseth        |
| 5/23 | Ava Robertson            |
| 5/24 | Nathan Beadles           |
| 6/3  | Magdalena Muñoz-Martinez |
| 6/5  | June Hopkirk             |
| 6/9  | Will Traynor             |

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| 6/10 | Rune Storesund           |
| 6/12 | Sonja Stott              |
| 6/13 | John Hopkirk             |
| 6/18 | Nathaniel Wolfson-Seeley |
| 6/19 | JoAnne Skinner           |
| 6/22 | Christina Kessler        |
| 6/23 | Jake Wallin              |
| 6/26 | Gary Andersen            |
| 7/1  | Connor Robertson         |
| 7/9  | Gabriela Gerlach         |
| 7/15 | Frida Flath              |
| 7/21 | Felicia Robertson        |
| 7/22 | Florence Hultgren        |
| 7/22 | Lucas Punz               |
| 7/23 | Tito Muñoz-Martinez      |
| 7/24 | Jacob Punz               |

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| 7/28 | Natalie Kreter-Killian         |
| 7/28 | Johanna Rencke                 |
| 5/29 | Holland, Steve & Laurie        |
| 5/30 | Raedeker, Franziska & Johannes |
| 6/5  | Kessler, Christina             |
| 6/5  | Traynor, Kim & Tom             |
| 6/7  | Gerlach, Gabriela              |
| 6/9  | Bass-Deschenes, Cary & Michael |
| 6/10 | Cranston, Philip & Meg         |
| 6/14 | Gawlikowski, Angela & Nicholas |
| 6/17 | Larsen, Christopher & Deborah  |
| 6/27 | Simonen, Tom & Candy           |
| 7/22 | Wallin, Jeff & Jeanette        |
| 7/24 | Flath, Robert & Frida          |

### ANNIVERSARIES



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