

# February 2021 Newsletter



## St. Peters Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Our Mission Statement:

**"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done."**

**Psalms 105:1**



## What is This Doxology Thing?

Many of you might have heard that Pastor has attended Doxology and maybe you remember that as a congregation we have been putting into a fund for Doxology. We (Pastor, Elders, and Voters) want to make sure the whole congregation understood what Doxology is and why we as a congregation would be supporting it. In short, Doxology is a time of rest and renew for pastors. It is born out of people seeing the need to help take care of pastors so they can continue to care for their people. But it might be best to let Doxology speak for itself:

DOXOLOGY offers an innovative program of advanced study retreats to strengthen pastors for the task of faithfully shepherding the souls entrusted to their care.

DOXOLOGY provides pastors with a unique study and renewal experience, rooted in the classic art of the care of souls (*cura animarum*) and informed by the insights of contemporary Christian psychology.

The primary purpose of our organization is to provide training, mentoring and consultation services for pastors seeking to enhance their ability to help people struggling with the ever-increasing personal, family and social complexities of contemporary life. The retreat training environment, grounded in Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, ensures that pastors will be emotionally and spiritually refreshed and equipped by their participation. The Center provides a safe environment for clergy to reflect on their own spiritual and emotional health and assists them to review and enhance their professional competencies and skills as servants of Christ and stewards of God's sacred mysteries. DOXOLOGY strengthens pastors so they can more faithfully pastor others.

(<https://www.doxology.us/us/> 01/23/2021 1610).

Knowing this and having a desire to help all pastors be strengthened so they can more faithfully pastor others St. Peters three years ago joined with the other congregations in the Freeman Circuit (that is our circuit) to help provide funds for pastors to attend. We joined together because the cost for Doxology is \$2200 to the congregation and \$100 to the pastors. This includes the conference fee, food, and lodging. This does not include travel to and from the conference for the three sessions in the year. God guided the congregations of the Freeman circuit to help with this cost so all pastors in the circuit could go.

The fund for this is managed through the South Dakota District Office in Sioux Falls. When someone donates to Doxology from St. Peters the Treasure sends the money to the District Office and they keep it in a separate account. When a pastor wants help with going to Doxology all the pastor's in the circuit are made aware and they decide how much help the circuit can give to the pastor. To date Rev. Thomas Christopher has gone to what is called Doxology Classic and Rev. Adam Welton and Rev. Nabil Noir have gone to the Take Heart three day Retreat.

If you have any questions feel free to ask Pastor or you can visit [www.doxology.us](http://www.doxology.us) and read more about the program.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Welton

# **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

## **LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

### **Newsletter article – February 2021**

“I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: “But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It’s not so much that we stop giving, but we don’t put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God’s Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service. Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.

# 2020 CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

OCTOBER ~ NOVEMBER ~ DECEMBER

Baptized membership	242
Confirmed membership	185
Households	121

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**(Does not include the shut-ins)**

**13 Sunday Worship Opportunities this Quarter:**

Avg. **Sunday** attendance this quarter - **members** 62

**26%** of Baptized members attended per **Sunday** this quarter

Avg. **Sun.** attendance this quarter - **members & visitors** 71

[# counted w/visitors from attendance book] **Average # of visitors this quarter** 09

**6 Saturday Worship opportunities this quarter:**

Avg. **Saturday** attendance this quarter – **members** ~ 19 or **0.08%** of Baptized members

Avg. **Saturday** attendance this quarter – **members & visitors** 20

**6 Special Services this quarter:**

Avg. member attendance ~ 44 or 18% of Baptized members

Avg. mem/vis attendance ~ 61

**3 Saturday & 8 Sunday Communion opportunities this quarter:**

Avg. **Sunday** attendance: 43 or 23% of **communicant membership**

Avg. **Saturday** attendance: 13 or 0.07% of **communicant membership**

**2 Special Communion opportunities this quarter:**

Avg. attendance mem: 21 or 11% of communicant membership

**Sunday School age enrollment: Pre – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 38 (8 regular visitors)**

Average attendance of enrolled members: 19

Average attendance of members/visitors: 23

Average number of visitors: 04

**Youth Group enrollment: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 18**

Not enough attendance numbers for correct outcome

## Official Acts:

**Wedding:** Katie Lyn Cacho (Reck) & David Clayton Hantz ~ November 7, 2020

Treasurers Report  
Year ending December 31, 2019

**St. Peters Lutheran Church**  
**Inflows & Outflows by Class**

Cash Basis

October through December 2020

	Building		Total unclassified		TOTAL	
	Oct - Dec ...	Jan - Dec ...	Oct - Dec ...	Jan - Dec ...	Oct - Dec ...	Jan - Dec ...
<b>Income</b>						
4001 · Interest Income	0.00	0.26	0.06	0.18	0.06	0.44
4011 · General Fund	0.00	0.00	49,845.58	174,938.24	49,845.58	174,938.24
4014 · VBS	0.00	0.00	0.00	168.20	0.00	168.20
4015 · Sunday School Donations	0.00	0.00	253.65	484.96	253.65	484.96
4019 · Refunds	0.00	0.00	408.38	545.38	408.38	545.38
4020 · Building Fund	2,170.00	11,566.70	0.00	0.00	2,170.00	11,566.70
4052 · Memorials	0.00	0.00	25.00	200.00	25.00	200.00
4053 · Designated Funds	0.00	0.00	105.00	1,576.80	105.00	1,576.80
4080 · Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,153.07	0.00	22,153.07
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,170.00</b>	<b>11,566.96</b>	<b>50,637.67</b>	<b>200,066.83</b>	<b>52,807.67</b>	<b>211,633.79</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
5180 · District/Synod Support	0.00	0.00	1,947.49	7,819.96	1,947.49	7,819.96
5182 · Together in Mission	0.00	0.00	987.51	3,950.04	987.51	3,950.04
5186 · Conference & Workshops	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	175.00
5189 · Mission Work - local	0.00	0.00	372.00	1,488.00	372.00	1,488.00
5190 · Designated Funds Expen...	0.00	0.00	150.00	2,071.80	150.00	2,071.80
5195 · Sunday School-mission ...	0.00	0.00	262.25	656.92	262.25	656.92
5201 · Pastor's Salary	0.00	0.00	10,024.98	40,099.92	10,024.98	40,099.92
5202 · Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	12,000.00	3,000.00	12,000.00
5203 · Social Security Offset	0.00	0.00	779.90	3,119.30	779.90	3,119.30
5205 · Worker Benefit Plan	0.00	0.00	7,725.43	30,771.28	7,725.43	30,771.28
5206 · Church - Health Savings ...	0.00	0.00	600.00	2,500.00	600.00	2,500.00
5207 · Pastor's pymts to HSA	0.00	0.00	900.00	3,600.00	900.00	3,600.00
5209 · Mileage	0.00	0.00	987.12	1,926.47	987.12	1,926.47
5220 · Vacancy Pastor	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
5301 · Organist Salary	0.00	0.00	1,890.00	4,200.00	1,890.00	4,200.00
5322 · Service Bulletins	0.00	0.00	0.00	872.78	0.00	872.78
5640 · Sunday School	0.00	0.00	0.00	159.99	0.00	159.99
5641 · Vacation Bible School	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.64	0.00	134.64
5644 · Lutheran Witness	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,110.78	0.00	1,110.78
5680 · Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.23	0.00	57.23
5690 · Publications	0.00	0.00	891.80	4,844.96	891.80	4,844.96
5695 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	196.43	1,473.86	196.43	1,473.86
6001 · Secretary's Salary	0.00	0.00	3,150.00	13,650.00	3,150.00	13,650.00
6020 · Office Expense	0.00	0.00	987.21	1,602.03	987.21	1,602.03
6030 · Postage	0.00	0.00	166.40	667.43	166.40	667.43
6051 · Service Contract	0.00	0.00	247.87	913.80	247.87	913.80
6070 · Telephone/Internet	0.00	0.00	307.54	1,221.77	307.54	1,221.77
6301 · Janitor's Salary	0.00	0.00	1,725.00	6,900.00	1,725.00	6,900.00
6320 · Janitorial Supplies	0.00	0.00	364.81	401.51	364.81	401.51
6335 · Sales & Use Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	201.34	0.00	201.34
6344 · Copier Lease	0.00	0.00	362.13	1,448.52	362.13	1,448.52
6345 · Furniture & Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,490.99	0.00	1,490.99
6372 · Utilities - Church	0.00	0.00	1,820.70	12,731.13	1,820.70	12,731.13
6373 · Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,400.71	0.00	5,400.71
6374 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	1,734.69	2,910.77	1,734.69	2,910.77
6560 · Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	372.94	1,572.11	372.94	1,572.11
6564 · Interest Expense	34.33	752.73	0.00	0.00	34.33	752.73
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>34.33</b>	<b>752.73</b>	<b>41,954.20</b>	<b>174,295.04</b>	<b>41,988.53</b>	<b>175,047.77</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,135.67</b>	<b>10,814.23</b>	<b>8,683.47</b>	<b>25,771.79</b>	<b>10,819.14</b>	<b>36,586.02</b>

Cash Basis

**St. Peters Lutheran Church**  
**Account Balances**  
As of December 31, 2020

	<u>Dec 31, 20</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Great Western - Checking	20,053.22
1015 · Great Western - Improvement FD	1,645.76
1016 · Great Western - Building Fund	495.25
Total Checking/Savings	<u>22,194.23</u>
Total Current Assets	22,194.23
Other Assets	
2020 · SD District Ext - Scholar-#4806	1,535.00
Total Other Assets	<u>1,535.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>23,729.23</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
3900 · Retained Earnings	-12,856.79
Net Income	36,586.02
Total Equity	<u>23,729.23</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>23,729.23</u></u>

<b>Financial Secretary</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Offerings</b>	
<b><u>October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020</u></b>	
Sunday school	\$253.65
Reimbursements	\$466.92
Missions	\$20.00
Memorial Fund	\$25.00
Main Street Living	\$55.00
Lutheran Hour Ministries	\$20.00
Lutherans For Life	\$30.00
General Fund	\$49,787.04
Furnance Fund	\$750.00
Building Fund	\$1,420.00

# **St. Peters Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

## **UNOFFICIAL Voters meeting minutes**

January 17 2021

President Shawn Martin called to order the Voters meeting of St. Peters LCMS at 10:30 am on January 17, 2021 at St. Peters fellowship hall.

**Attendance:** Dan Alfson, Jerry Gehrels, Dave Beeck, Terry Reck, Mike Tammen, Jon Gehrels, Kory Reck, Todd Keupp, Kasey Gehrels, Gale Maas, Shawn Martin, Mark Limmer, Matt Tweet, Mikeal Tammen, Chuck Eppe, Scott Feige, Ashes Dean, Jeff Arneson, Pastor Welton, Loren Lindholm, Jason Fischer

Pastor Welton opened with Devotion and Prayer.

Minutes from Last meeting were read by Dan Alfson. Jeff Arneson requested a wording change from Air Conditioner to Furnace on loan payoff discussions.

**Financial Report:** Presented by Todd Keupp

**Treasurers Report:** Presented by Dave Beeck

**Elders Report:** Presented by Terry Reck. Terry added a reminder to those attending of the duties and responsibilities of an elder, and said they are not the controlling body.

**Board of Education:** Presented by Scott Feige. Scott mentioned that Volunteers and Substitute teachers are always needed.

**Trustees Report:** Presented by Matt Tweet. Matt and Jerry did a walk through and made some notes.

**Pastors Report:** Presented by Pastor Welton. Pastor Welton mentioned he will be attending Doxology on January 28 and 29.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** There was discussion on the Synodical convention dates. Motion by Jerry Gehrels, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gale Maas to approve the change to the dates as recommended by the Synod for the district convention. Motion Carries.

Pastor Welton mentioned there will be a meeting for discussion on setting up an endowment fund.

Discussion on the copier contract. Motion by Jeff Arneson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kory Reck to approve a contract extension with the current provider. Motion Carries.

Terry Reck made recommendation for the Trustees to purchase a new ladder. The cost would be within the spending limit. The old ladder is unsafe.

There was additional discussion on Doxology funding with no motion made

Motion by Kory Reck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gale Maas to adjourn. Motion carries

Meeting closed at 11:13.

Submitted by Dan Alfson.

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**St. Peters Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**  
**UNOFFICIAL Special Voters Meeting Minutes**  
**12/20/2020**

**Attendance:** Jeff Arneson, Shawn Martin, Jerry Gehrels, Dan Alfson, Pastor Welton, Mikeal Tammen, Terry Reck, Chuck Eppe, Drew Hemmer, Kasey Gehrels, Loren Lindholm, Jon Gehrels, Mike Tammen, Kory Reck.

Meeting called to order by President Shawn Martin.

Pastor opened with prayer.

Motion by Jerry Gehrels, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Arneson to nominate Kory Reck for position of Elder.

Shawn Martin made 3 calls for additional nominations.

Motion by Terry Reck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kasey Gehrels for nominations to cease.  
Motion carries.

Kory Reck elected to position of Elder by unanimous ballot.

Motion to Adjourn by Terry Reck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Arneson. Motion Carries.

Submitted by Dan Alfson





Supper will be served before ALL Wednesday services from 5:30 – 6:30 pm (except for Ash Wednesday)

**Let Us Pray  
As Our Lord Jesus Has Taught Us  
2021 Lenten Series**

Over the last two years we have looked at the Law, the Ten Commandments, and the Gospel, The Apostle's Creed, and now we come to the beginning of the Christian life. The Christian life after having been forgiven comes with speaking with our Heavenly Father. We speak to God through prayer. Here we are called by God to call on Him in every prayer, praise, and give thanks. As we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we learn from Him how we are to pray. We will be looking at the Lord's Prayer taught to the disciples and given to us in Matthew's Gospel and Luke's Gospel. Here we will learn how to talk to God, how to beseech God for all that we need, how to trust God will provide for us.

**Wednesday, February 17 ~ Ash Wednesday w/Holy Communion**

**Text:** Joel 2:12-19; 2 Peter 1:2-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Wednesday, February 24 ~ Lent 1: Intro to Prayer**

**Text:** Luke 18:1-8

**Wednesday, March 03 ~ Lent 2: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Petitions**

**Text:** Isaiah 6:1-7; Col 1:8-14

**Wednesday, March 10 ~ Lent 3: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Petitions**

**Text:** Exodus 16:9-12; Matthew 26:36-56;

**Wednesday, March 17 ~ Lent 4: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Petitions**

**Text:** Ephesians 4:25-32; James 1:2-4

**Wednesday, March 24 ~ Lent 5: 7<sup>th</sup> & Close Petitions**

**Text:** Daniel 3

**Thursday, April 01 ~ Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion**

**Text:** Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; John 13:1-15, 34-35

**Friday, April 02 ~ Good Friday Service**

**Text:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12; 2 Corinthians 5:14-2; John 18:1-19:42

**Sunday, April 04 ~ 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion**

**7:30 am - 8:30 am Easter Breakfast**

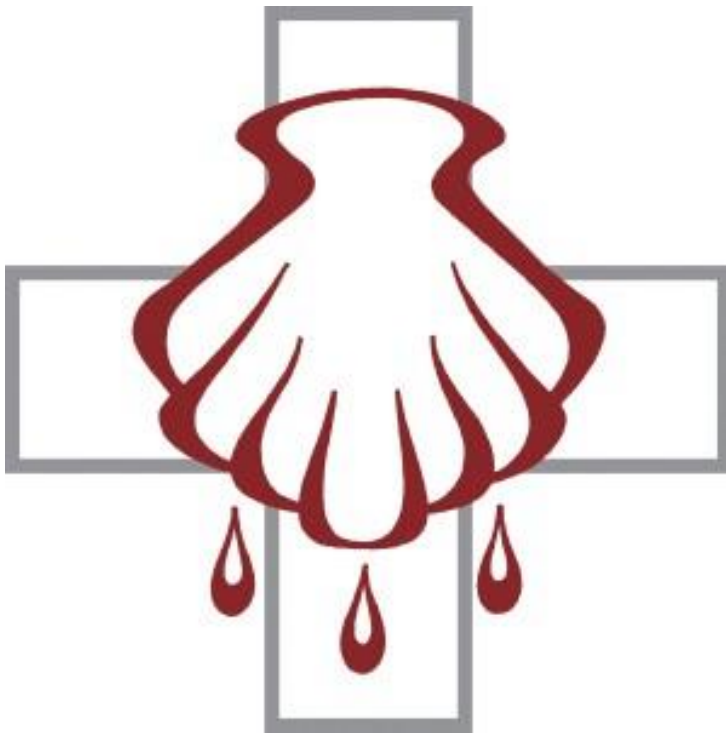
**Sunday, April 04 ~ 9:00 am Easter Sunday Service w/Holy Communion**

To read the Bible in one year:  
**SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS  
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>
February 1	Luke 2:29-32	Exodus 1-3
February 2	Psalm 59	Exodus 4-6
February 3	Psalm 60	Exodus 7-9
February 4	Psalm 61	Exodus 10-12
February 5	Psalm 62	Exodus 13-15
February 6	Psalm 63	Exodus 16-18
February 7	Psalm 64	Exodus 19-21
February 8	Psalm 65	Exodus 22-24
February 9	Psalm 66	Exodus 25-27
February 10	Psalm 67	Exodus 28-30
February 11	Psalm 68	Exodus 31-33
February 12	Psalm 69	Exodus 34-36
February 13	Psalm 70	Exodus 37-38
February 14	Psalm 71	Exodus 39-40
February 15	Psalm 72	Leviticus 1-3
February 16	Psalm 73	Leviticus 4-6
February 17	Psalm 74	Leviticus 7-9
February 18	Psalm 75	Leviticus 10-12
February 19	Psalm 76	Leviticus 13-15
February 20	Psalm 77	Leviticus 16-18
February 21	Psalm 78	Leviticus 19-21
February 22	Psalm 79	Leviticus 22-24
February 23	Psalm 80	Leviticus 25-27
February 24	Psalm 81	Numbers 1-3
February 25	Psalm 82	Numbers 4-6
February 26	Psalm 83	Numbers 7-9
February 27	Psalm 84	Numbers 10-12
February 28	Luke 2:29-32	Numbers 13-15

## February Baptismal Birthdays

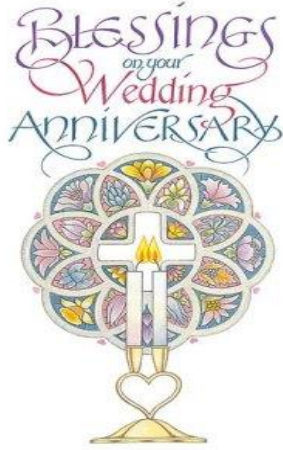
February 01, 2004	Emma Margaret Eppe	22983 460 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
February 02, 1964	Loren Carl Lindholm	46038 234th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
February 02, 2014	Cameron Allen Maas	46330 231 <sup>st</sup> St. Wentworth, SD 57075
February 03, 2013	Tracer David Feige	45955 230th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
February 08, 1991	Jonathan Dean Gehrels	46330 230th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
February 09, 2020	Reagan Marie Baumberger	927 Jennifer St. Madison, SD 57042
February 10, 2008	Grace Hazel Lindholm	PO Box 134 Wentworth, SD 57075
February 13, 1977	Charles Eppe	22983 460 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
February 14, 1999	Garret Thomas Olson	103 E. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. Humboldt, SD 57035
February 17, 2013	Jayden Delfs	PO Box 118 Chester, SD 57016
February 20, 2005	Logan Konrad Reck	PO Box 112 Wentworth, SD 57075
February 24, 1929	Delores Ida Beeck	911 S. Egan Ave Suite 105 Madison, SD 57042
February 24, 2002	Isaac Andrew Heidelberger	24312 467 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Chester, SD 57016



*Happy Baptismal birthday from  
your Brothers and Sisters in  
Christ ☺*

*"Whoever believes and is  
baptized will be saved" Mark  
16:16a*

## FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Arlyn & Liz Tammen February 6, 1965  
(Celebrating 56 years of marriage)

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 8, 1991 Jonathan Gehrels

February 11, 1967 Amy Lindholm

February 11, 1977 Charles Eppe

February 16, 1946 Ted Lindholm

February 22, 1949 Dan Lindholm

February 22, 2005 Layne Hess

February 23, 2003 Nathan Gerry

February 26, 1982 Tara McManus

February 28, 2018 Nora Baumberger

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!