

The Messenger

A BODY OF MANY MEMBERS

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. – 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Sometimes we think of Church as one organization among many. In most organizations, we get to choose who we associate with. We gather over common ideas, we tend to stay within our socio-economic class, we have common interests, views, backgrounds, cultures, opinions, etc. We come together based on similarities between ourselves.

The church is not this way. We don't get to choose who is in the church. We may have little in common with our fellow members. Nonetheless, we have been made one body in Christ Jesus, for in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. God has put us together. While we have differences of opinions, and in some cases we would never choose to be in a group with one another, the fact remains, we are a people according to God's choosing. What unites us is not the similarities we share with one another, but rather the common Lord to whom we have been called.

Therefore, the Church is made up of Jews and Greeks, slaves and free, groups that don't normally go together. This means we have a unique challenge. We are a hodge-podge of sinners brought together by the Spirit under the lordship of Jesus Christ, who daily and richly forgives our sins and grants us life.

There will be disagreements among us. As long as these disagreements are not over the Gospel, they should not divide us. Covid-19 is testing us. The devil is tempting us. Our emotions and sinful pride are deceiving us. If we are to exist together in harmony, our focus needs to be entirely on what (actually who) we have in common—our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are being conformed to the image of the Son. We have the mind of Christ. We love one another, bear with one another, and forgive one another, knowing God has forgiven us in Jesus and we are one in Him. He has joined us together in His body and will preserve us together in the faith unto life everlasting. He is Lord, and we are all here by His grace.

-Pastor Bayer





The New Normal

School will not look like it has in the past. We will have a “new normal” for our daily operation. Our children will be dropped off or brought to the front doors of the school. They will be greeted by Pastor Bayer, myself or one of our teachers. They will all be wearing masks when they arrive and while they are in the hallway. When they are in the classroom, they may be allowed to take off their masks when they are socially distanced. They will put on their masks when they are in the hallway going out to recess or any other time that they are out of the classroom. We will eat at the picnic tables outdoors when the weather permits, and when there is rain or it is too cold, they will eat in their classroom. At the end of the day they will again wear their masks and will be dismissed to their parents or the bus.

How does this influence those of you who don't have children at school? We ask that you not come to the school or office during school hours unless you have business that needs to be taken care of. When you do come during school hours, you will need to wear a mask unless it is impossible due to a medical condition. We would invite you to come to church on Wednesdays at 9:00 to join us in worship. Again, we will maintain social distancing. After the children are dismissed, Pastor Bayer will commune any adults who desire to receive the body and blood of our Lord. What a great opportunity to help us in our fight against the devil, the world and our own sinful nature. For me this is especially important as I deal with the “new normal” at school and in my personal life.

I have never had to deal with a situation like this in my over 50 years in education. I can remember talking with my mother about the flu epidemic of 1918 when she nearly lost her life. We have all been through trying times and as we look back, we give thanks that our Lord was with us to sustain us. We will get through the “new normal.” Perhaps our children will be able to tell their children about the great Covid-19 epidemic of 2020. However, we can all rely on our Savior to be with us in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead.

Join us as we focus on our theme for the year ----

“God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

II Timothy 1:7

His Servant,

Paul Weismantel

Principal/Administrator



YOUTH NEWS

For the past month or so, we have been promoting the “Can/Bottle Return” service project at St. Peter involving our youth for the benefit of our church members! During COVID 19, so many of us have stockpiled our cans and bottles as we have either stayed home, or when traveling, have been limited to the store return policy for these items.

I am happy to report that of this writing, our youth have returned almost 3000 cans/bottles! It has been decided that we will continue this project until August 30, with periodic updates to the congregation to include their support!

For those participating, we have either, 1) had them return to the church office/fellowship hall in bags, or 2) call the church office and someone has picked them up at their residence.

At conclusion, our youth will be invited to a “Sundae Sunday” ice cream party with their parents at a site to be determined.

Thanks to all who have participated in this endeavor, especially our youth, whom by giving of their time and service, will be “good stewards” to our church and school by the amount of money raised for St. Peter benefit.

A “special” shout out to the Watson family, whom have really given 100% participation of their time and energy!!

We CAN do this and other future youth activities together for the glory of our Lord and Savior!

In His Service,

Dick Stout
Youth Ministry Coordinator

The School needs your help!

Please continue to save Coke products caps or the codes inside the boxes for money for the school.

Box Tops, pictures have to be taken of the receipts. The list is included in what gives the school 10 each.

They have discontinued Aunt Millie's Bread, Tyson and Shoparoo.

Thank you for your support,
Pam

ELDER CONTACT INFORMATION

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Ryan West	517-977-5078	westpropertyservices@live.com
Ken Bond	989-640-2380	kbbenji88@yahoo.com

Pastor Timothy Bayer email: pastorbayer@gmail.com



Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call Liz in the church office (989) 224-3178 during office hours. If in the evening or weekend, please call Pam Mohr (989) 292-1686.

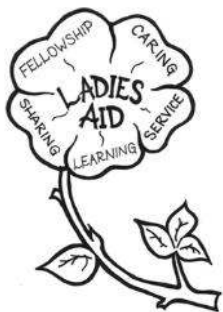
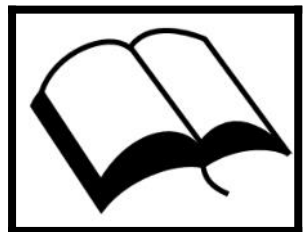


REMINDER:

MITES SUNDAY IS SEPTMEBER 27TH

ST. PETER 150TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORY BOOKS FOR SALE

\$7.00 a book. Make checks payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church. Contact the church office if you would like to purchase a book at 989-224-3178 or church@stpeterriley.org



LADIES AID QUILTING...The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, September 3rd for potluck and meeting at noon. At 9:00 a.m. our ladies will be in the Ladies Aid Room making quilts.

All of us will need to use the door by the kitchen to enter and leave the building. There will be disinfecting wipes available.



Stewardship Newsletter article

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to God’s will) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

Taken from [LCMS.org/stewardship/September2020newsletter](https://www.lcms.org/stewardship/September2020newsletter)



Confirmation

What a joy Sunday, July 5th was. On this day, Lydia Bloom, Gabe Schneider, Savana Watson, and Skylar Watson were confirmed in the faith and received their First Communion. We give thanks to God for the gift of faith that He bestowed on them in Baptism and for their continued instruction in the Word of God that led them to this special day.

Now we can begin thinking about the next round of catechumens. I want each of you to help me reach out to young people you know to invite them to participate in Confirmation instruction. Think broadly; these do not need to be only young people from our congregation. They just need to be young people whose parents would be supportive of them doing this. In fact, inviting people outside of the congregation to participate has the potential of bringing entire families into our communion, as parents will learn alongside their children throughout this process.

My beginning target age for catechesis leading to Confirmation and First Communion is children going into 5th grade. And there is no top age! Anyone who would like to be confirmed and begin receiving their Savior's body and blood are welcome to this time of instruction. And why stop ourselves there?—if you are already confirmed, but would like a refresher, come to as many or as few of the classes as you would like. They are open to all and are another weekly opportunity for instruction in the Word of God.

An informational meeting will be held in the school gym / fellowship hall Sunday, August 16th, at 3:30 pm. At that time, students will be registered, we will discuss the process, and schedules will be distributed. This will be a year-long process, with the incoming students being confirmed next summer. The year will include a Confirmation Retreat in February that is a great opportunity for youth to go on a trip together and strengthen not only their understanding of the faith but their ties to their peers in the body of Christ.

Think of young (or old) people you know and invite them to the informational meeting on August 16th.

In Christ,
-Pastor Bayer



LADIES AID SALE

We welcome donated items for Ladies Aid Sale. We have a display case in the hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall. Drop off your donated items at the church office or at church on Sundays. Proceeds go towards the Ladies Aid to support the needs of the congregation, charities we give to and the seminary student we support. There will be a payment box on the Ladies Aid display. Makes checks payable to St. Peter Ladies Aid.

Sunday Morning Bible Hour

Beginning in September, we will be trying something new for the Bible Class and Sunday School hour from 8:45-9:45 am on Sundays. Instead of an adult Bible class and separate Sunday School classes, we will be having a combined all-ages Bible hour. We will all meet in the gym/fellowship hall for a Bible lesson and catechism instruction. By meeting together, parents and children will be involved in the same discussion, providing potential for the conversation to continue at home as we learn together from God's Word.

See you at Bible hour at 8:45 am on Sundays!

-Pastor Bayer



PICNIC TABLES...The school is looking to "borrow" a few picnic tables so the kids can eat lunch outside as much as possible with weather permitting. If you have a table we can borrow please contact the church office and the tables can be dropped off by the basketball hoop near the parking lot. Thank you!



Duplain Church of Christ is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, September 3rd from 12:00-5:45pm. Donors will get a \$5 Amazon.com gift card and donors will receive an email for a free haircut at participating Sports Clips locations. For an appointment visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.



Debbie and I would like to thank Frank & Diane Hart, Barry & Judy Boettger, Al & Renee Schmitzer, Harold Anderson, Mark & Jackie Zamarron for all their help over the past four years. Also thanks to Liz Stevens and Corrine Fletcher for keeping us on track to get things done. You guys are amazing and I could not have done it without you. I would be amiss if I didn't thank the council for their guidance and support.

Gods Blessings to you all
Dan Besemer



SCRIP cards can be purchased at this time by contacting the church office. Orders can be dropped in the black Scrip box outside the office any time. Please contact Ann Shellito at 517-626-2302 with any questions.

Scrip is a year-round fund raising program run by the Great Lakes Scrip Center in Grand Rapids. You can buy gift cards from hundreds of different retailers at their face value, and the company gives back a rebate which can be put towards school tuition bills. You can use these cards to give as gifts or to pay for your own purchases. This is an easy way to reduce tuition costs. It just takes some planning to develop a new spending habit. Over the last 3 years, parents have reduced their tuition as a whole by an average of over \$4000 each year. You can designate a student or family that you would like your rebate to go towards if you wish or it will go towards the church general fund. We thank you for helping our St. Peter school families.





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CLIP: Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but you can still send unexpired clips to school. Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢.



SCAN: If you see this label, do not send it to school. Use the new Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

BEVERAGES

- Nestlé® Pure Life® Fruity Water Apple 6.75 oz 8-Pack
- Nestlé® Pure Life® Fruity Water Watermelon 6.75 oz 8-Pack
- Nestlé® Pure Life® Fruity Water Tropical Twist 6.75 oz 8-Pack
- Nestlé® Pure Life® Water .5-Liter 24, 28, 32, 35-Packs
- Nestlé® Pure Life® Water 8 oz. 6, 12, 24 & 56-Pack
- Nestlé® Pure Life® Water 11.15 oz 6-Pack

MEALS & SIDES

- Annie's® Mac & Cheese
- Annie's® One Pot Pasta
- Annie's® Soup
- Hamburger Helper™
- Chicken Helper™
- Tuna Helper™
- Old El Paso™ Beans
- Old El Paso™ Taco Kit
- Old El Paso™ Tortillas
- Old El Paso™ Shells

SNACKS

- Annie's® Bunny Cookies
- Annie's® Bunny Grahams
- Annie's® Cheddar Bunnies
- Annie's® Cheddar Squares
- Annie's® Cookies
- Annie's® Crackers
- Annie's® Fruit Snacks
- Annie's® Granola Bars
- Annie's® Popcorn
- Annie's® Snack Bars
- Annie's® Snack Mix
- Bugles™
- Cascadian Farm™ Granola
- Cascadian Farm™ Granola Bars
- Cascadian Farm™ Protein Bars
- Cereal Treat Bars
- Chex™ Mix
- Fiber One™ Bars
- Fiber One™ Brownies
- Fiber One™ Cheesecake Bars
- Fiber One™ Cookies
- Food Should Taste Good™ Chips
- Fruit by the Foot™
- Fruit Roll-Ups™
- Gardetto's™
- General Mills™ Fruit Snacks
- Gushers™
- LÄRABAR™ Kid
- LÄRABAR™ Minis Multipack
- LÄRABAR™ Original Multipack
- LÄRABAR™ Protein Multipack
- Mott's® Fruit Snacks
- Nature Valley™ Bars
- Nature Valley™ Biscuits
- Nature Valley™ Bites
- Nature Valley™ Granola Cups
- Nature Valley™ Layer Bars
- Nature Valley™ Snack Mix
- Nature Valley™ Squares
- Nature Valley™ Wafer Bars

CEREAL & BREAKFAST

*Bagged cereals do not participate

- Ancient Grains Cheerios™
- Annie's® Cereal
- Annie's® Toaster Pastries
- Apple Cinnamon Cheerios™
- Apple Cinnamon Toast Crunch™
- Banana Nut Cheerios™
- Basic 4™ Cereal
- Big G Cereal Breakfast Pack (8 Pouches)
- Berry Berry Kix™
- Birthday Cake Cookie Crisp™
- Blueberry Cheerios™
- Blueberry Chex™
- Blueberry Toast Crunch™
- Boo Berry™
- Cascadian Farm Cereal™
- Cheerios™
- Cheerios™ Oat Crunch Cinnamon
- Chocolate Cheerios™
- Chocolate Chex™
- Chocolate Lucky Charms™
- Chocolate Peanut Butter Cheerios™
- Chocolate Toast Crunch™
- Cinnamon Chex™
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Churros
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Shreds
- Cocoa Puffs™ Cereal
- Cookie Crisp™ Cereal
- Corn Chex™ Cereal
- Count Chocula™
- Dippin Dots™ Cereal
- Drumstick™ Cereal
- Fiber One™ Cereal
- Fillows™ Cereal
- Franken Berry™
- French Toast Crunch™
- Frosted Cheerios™
- Frosted Lucky Charms™
- Fruity Cheerios™
- Girl Scouts™ Cereal
- Golden Grahams™
- Honey Kix™
- Honey Nut Cheerios™
- Honey Nut Cheerios™ Crunch
- Honey Nut Chex™
- Kix™ Cereal
- Lucky Charms™
- Maple Cheerios™
- Mermaid Cereal
- Multigrain Cheerios™
- Nature Valley™ Cereal
- Nature Valley™ Granola
- Oatmeal Crisp™ Cereal
- Peach Cheerios™
- Peanut Butter Chex™
- Peanut Butter Chocolate Shreds™ Cereal
- Protein Cheerios™ Oat & Honey
- Pumpkin Spice Cheerios™
- Raisin Nut Bran™
- Reese's Puffs™
- Rice Chex™
- Star Wars™ Cereal
- Strawberry Toast Crunch™
- Sugar Cookie Toast Crunch™
- Toasted Coconut Cheerios™
- Total™ Cereal
- Trix™ Cereal
- Vanilla Chex™
- Very Berry Cheerios™
- Wheat Chex™
- Wheaties™

SCHOOL & OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Boise® POLARIS® Premium Paper
- Boise® X-9® Paper
- Paper Mate® Arrowhead® Erasers
- Paper Mate® Clearpoint® Mechanical Pencils
- Paper Mate® Colored Pencils
- Paper Mate® Comfortmate Ultra™
- Paper Mate® Correction Pens
- Paper Mate® DryLine® Products
- Paper Mate® Eagle® Pens
- Paper Mate® Eraser Mate®
- Paper Mate® Expressions® Erasers
- Paper Mate® Flair® Felt Tip Pens
- Paper Mate® Flexgrip® Elite
- Paper Mate® Flexgrip® Ultra
- Paper Mate® Gel Pens
- Paper Mate® Flexgrip® RT
- Paper Mate® Handwriting
- Paper Mate® Holiday
- Paper Mate® Infinite Lead
- Paper Mate® Inkjoy® Ballpoint Pens
- Paper Mate® Inkjoy® Gel Pens
- Paper Mate® Inkjoy® Stylus 2-in-1
- Paper Mate® Lead Refills
- Paper Mate® Liquid Flair®
- Paper Mate® Liquid Paper® Fast Dry
- Paper Mate® Markers
- Paper Mate® Mirado® Woodcase Pencils
- Paper Mate® Pens
- Paper Mate® Pink Pearl® & White Pearl® Erasers
- Paper Mate® Profile®
- Paper Mate® Profile® Elite
- Paper Mate® Quick Flip™
- Paper Mate® Sharpwriter® Mechanical Pencils
- Paper Mate® Speederase
- Paper Mate® Write Bros. Pens
- Paper Mate® Write Bros. Mechanical Pencils

BAKING

- Annie's® Biscuits
- Annie's® Cinnamon Rolls
- Annie's® Cookies
- Annie's® Crescents
- Annie's® Dry Baking Mix
- Annie's® Dry Brownie Mix
- Annie's® Dry Cake Mix
- Annie's® Dry Cookie Mix
- Betty Crocker™ Cookie Mix
- Immaculate® Biscuits
- Immaculate® Cinnamon Rolls
- Immaculate® Cookies
- Immaculate® Crescents
- Immaculate® Pie Crust
- Pillsbury™ Birthday Cake Bars 6ct
- Pillsbury™ Chocolate Fudge Brownies 6ct
- Pillsbury™ Grands!™ Refrigerated Biscuits
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Biscuits
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Breadsticks
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Brownies
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Cinnamon Rolls
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Cookie Dough
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Crescent
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated French Bread
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Pie Crust
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Pizza
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Shape Cookies

FROZEN

- Annie's® Bagel Pizzas
- Annie's® Pizza Bagels
- Annie's® Pizza Poppers
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Bites
- Pillsbury™ Mini Cinnis
- Pillsbury™ Pancakes
- Pillsbury™ Toaster Scambles
- Pillsbury™ Toaster Strudel
- Totino's™ Party Pizza (4-pack only)
- Totino's™ Pizza Rolls

REFRIGERATED & DAIRY

- Mountain High™ Yoghurt
- Oui™ Multipack
- Yoplait® 32oz Tubs
- Yoplait® Go-GURT® Yogurt
- Yoplait® Go-Gurt® Dunkers
- Yoplait® Kid
- Yoplait® Multipack
- Yoplait® Single Cups (Purchased in Increments of 5)

HOUSEHOLD CLEANING

- Lysol® Disinfectant Spray
- Lysol® Disinfecting Wipes
- Lysol® Toilet Bowl Cleaner

CLIP-ONLY PRODUCTS

A few brands have opted not to participate in the digital program; however, you can still find Box Tops clips on these products during the packaging transition. Be sure to send them to your school before they expire.

- Annie's® Condiments
- Betty Crocker™ Suddenly Salad
- Betty Crocker™ Suddenly Potatoes
- Bisquick™
- Cascadian Farm™ Frozen Fruit
- Cascadian Farm™ Frozen Vegetables
- Select Finish® Products
- Select Hefty® Products
- Select Kleenex® Products
- Old El Paso™ Seasonings
- Old El Paso™ Sauces
- Pillsbury™ Frozen Biscuits
- Select Reynolds® Products
- Select Scott® Products
- Totino's™ Single Serve Pizza
- Select Ziploc® Products



*“Laying the Foundation to Build on the Rock of Christ.
Study the Word, Seek the Lost, and to Serve our Neighbors”*

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday: Matins Service 9:00am
Bible Study:6:00pm (Library)

Sunday: Worship Services 10:00 am
Bible Hour 8:45 am-9:45 am
(All ages Bible Hour)



Shut-In Visit List Weekly Visits

Shirley Edwards
Ethel Flegler
Bill Horman
Tom & Julie Johnson

Charlie Silm
John Sillman
Lois Sillman

Albert Smith



Check out our website!
www.stpeterriley.org

Be sure to check our website for event or service updates and cancellations. Also on our website you are able to download the monthly newsletter, bulletin and calendar. We are continuously updating and making changes to the website so if you have not logged on the website lately check it out see what's new.



9/1/20 Elders Meeting 6:00pm (Library)
9/2/20 Matins Service 9:00am
Bible Study 6:00pm
School Board Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
9/3/20 Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
Ladies Aid 12:00pm (Library)
9/4/20 Over 50's Group 6:30pm (Gym)
9/7/20 *Labor Day (Office Closed)*
9/8/20 Council Meeting 6:30pm (Gym)
9/9/20 Matins Service 9:00am
Bible Study 6:00pm
9/10/20 Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
9/14/20 First day of Preschool
9/16/20 Matins Service 9:00am
Bible Study 6:00pm
9/17/20 Quilting (Ladies Aid Room)
9/21/20 Newsletter deadline
9/23/20 Matins Service 9:00am
Bible Study 6:00pm
9/24/20 Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
9/27/20 Mites Sunday
9/29/20 St. Michael and All Angels Service 7:00pm
9/30/20 Matins Service 9:00am
Bible Study 6:00pm

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of

Lee Chant \$740.00

Colleen Haag \$20.00

Forest Swatman \$35.00

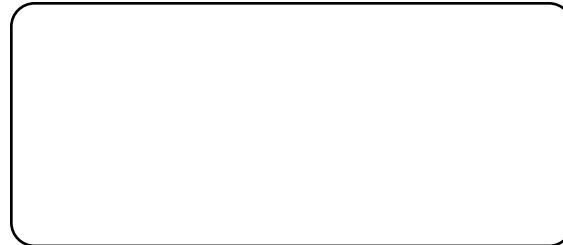
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Sherry Stearns, Henry & Doretta Witt, Robert & Shirley Sampson \$900.00*



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