

# The Voice of Billingsville

## November 2023

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### THE DYING LEAF

As autumn approaches, we welcome the cooler temperatures and the changing of the seasons. We remember the promise of God to Noah,

“While the earth remains,  
Seedtime and harvest,  
Cold and heat,  
Winter and summer,  
And day and night Shall not cease.”  
(Genesis 8:22)

Along with the change in the weather comes the beautiful splendor of fall colors. We enjoy the reds, oranges, yellows, and all hues in between as the Lord’s nature gets ready for the coming winter. However, it is somewhat ironic that we take so much enjoyment in the dying leaf. All summer the leaves have provided oxygen to breathe and offered shade from the heat. But now they have run their cycle and soon the colors will fade, the leaf will fall, and eventually decay back into the earth.

Now consider how our lives resemble the dying leaf. Our lives are full, active, and productive. While serving God, we provide good things for others. Then, as the years pass, we grow old, fade away, and return to the earth. For the Christian, the journey and its end is a joyous one. Just as we celebrate the dying leaf, we look forward to being with our Lord forever. “For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” (2 Corinthians 5:1)



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, November 1:** Men’s Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am

**Thursday, November 2:** Friends, Fellowship, and Fun at 1:00 pm

**Sunday, November 5:** Holy Communion during morning worship

**Sunday, November 5:** Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection during morning worship

**Wednesday, November 8:** Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

**Sunday, November 12:** Penny Sunday for ECH; collection of Benevolence Offering

**Thursday, November 23:** Newsletter articles due

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## 30 YEARS, 200 MILLION SHOEBOXES

Since the 1993 formation of Operation Christmas Child (OCC), a division of Samaritan's Purse (SP), the ministry's goal has been to provide Christmas presents in shoeboxes to children while also showing them the love of God. What started as 28,000 shoeboxes in the first year has grown exponentially. As one of the world's largest Christmas projects of its kind, OCC has now delivered 209 million shoeboxes to more than 170 countries and territories around the world.

Not only do the children receive shoebox gifts, but they are also given a chance to hear and experience the gospel of Christ. After receiving their shoeboxes, the children are invited to attend OCC's discipleship program, "The Greatest Journey," at a local church. So far, over 50 million children have participated in the program.

Last year, SP packed and delivered its 200 millionth shoebox, a milestone for the ministry. This achievement was celebrated by a multitude of volunteers and staff at an OCC Processing Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. There SP President Franklin Graham led the celebration.

Elizabeth Groff, a former recipient of an OCC shoebox, was also present during the celebration. While in an orphanage in Ukraine, Groff received a shoebox when she was a young girl; she was adopted by an American family not long after. As an adult, Groff actively participates in OCC and was chosen to deliver the monumental 200 millionth shoebox.

Traveling around the U.S. with the symbolic shoebox, Groff visited different processing centers to encourage others as they packed and prepped shoeboxes for delivery. At each stop, she added a new item to the shoebox. On January 25, 2023, Groff finally returned to her home country for the first time in many years. Accompanied by Graham, she delivered this special shoebox to 8-year-old Natalya.

According to an OCC representative, Elizabeth Groff said, "[God] showed me that He loved and cared for me through a simple gift – through a shoebox. These children are receiving the news of the greatest gift of all, the eternal love and hope of Jesus. I think about when I received my box and how it changed my life. That's my prayer for these children. I want them to know Jesus and remember this special day for the rest of their lives."



Elizabeth Groff, an OCC representative, delivers the 200 millionth shoebox to an 8-year-old orphan named Natalya.

## **In Loving Memory of Karen Tempfel**

### **To the Memorial Fund**

Christine Angelo	Jeff & Bev Crawford
Ken & Linda Askren	Ron & Brenda Hodges
Mary Bail	David & Marianne Muntzel
Keith & Cathy Bail	Phyllis Reesman
Tom Clapp	Janet Stoecklein

### **To the Cemetery Fund**

Kenneth & Janet Stegner

## **PATIENCE AND TIME PAY OFF AGAIN**

The Sunday School has received \$60 from the Best Choice Labels. We sincerely thank everyone and especially our new members and friends for saving them for us. Please continue to save them as we will do this again in 2024!

## **In Loving Memory of Kent Michael Kammerich**

### **To the Schler Educational Endowment Fund**

Lisa & Cedric Alvis & Family	D J & Jeanne Muse
Mike & Debby Bader	Ed & Doreen Painz
Keith & Cathy Bail	Jerry & Debbie Rapp
Marlene Bodine	Jerry & Helen Reuter
Ronnie & Gayle Borgmann	Roger & Jenny Rudkin
Daryl & Cathy Brown	Richard & Sheryl Schiller
Phil & Debbie Caslemen	Ed & Lynnd Schler
Canette Catlett	Jon & Tammy Schler
Dan & Karen Clapp	Larry & Nancy Schler
Doug Darling & Family	Leola Schler
Byron & Joy Dillner	Matt & Pam Schler
Ralph & Annette Dumas	Phil & Kim Schler
Pastor Jim & Sharon Elliott	Rosie Schler
Ellen Garrett	Sarom EK & Lori Schmitt
Bill & Marilyn Geiger	Chris & Karen Schupp
Larry & Jeanna Glaubitz	Chris & Ali Schupp
Laura Grathwohl	James & Rosie Schuster
John & Linda Graves	Chris & Debbie Schuster
Marty Hartman	Brenda & Vernon Sharp
Linda Simmons & Donnie Helmerich	Kevin & Heather Simmons & Family
Rhea Helmerich	Carolyn Snell & Steve Scott
Christie Hinerman	Class of 2014 SSPP
Huber & Associates	State Data Center Group
Diana James	Jamie & Shawn, Brooklyn Swalwell
Don & Dianne Kammerich & Family	Jeff & Marla Thelen
Wayne & Karen Kammerich	Steve & Sarah Turner & Family
Scott & Nancy Kammerich	Terry Lang & Linda Twenter
Buster & Birdie Kueckelhan	James & Mary Vollmer
Don & Jan Lang	Arlene Vore
Karen Lynum	Ernie & Sharon Walther
Darrell & Kathy Meisenheimer	Rosemary & Larry Wilmsmeyer
Charlie Melkersman	Jim & Lori Woods

**In Loving Memory of Kent Michael Kammerich  
To the Cemetery Fund**

Mary Bail	Warren & Debbie Kraus
Paula Bishop	Tim & Julie Kueckelhan
Terry Booker	Ted & Billie Litton
Linda Burnett	Nancy Meyer
Kevin & Monique Caldwell	David & Ann Muntzel
Dean Castleman	Jerry Newkirk
Isaac & Elizabeth Christy	Ed & Doreen Painz
Bud & Virginia Class	Janice Palmer
Steve & Denise Day	Randy & Jean Reynolds
Jerry & Paula Dilliner	Bonnie Salmon
Darrell & Connie Eckerle	Tom & Brenda Schupp
Jerry Lammers & Donna Farmer	Shirley Schuster
Jim & Sonya Farris	Gordon & Tammy Shay
Steve & Sarah Friedrich	David Simmons Family
Pat Friedrich	Steve & Sharon Smith
Nancy & Mike Gentzsch	Darrell & Majorie Spaedy
Carl & Judy Gerhardt	Kenneth & Janet Stegner
Glenn & Teresa Grissum	Susan & Ron Templemire
Scott & Peggy Grissum	Tom & Debbie Trey
Clark & Retta Hamilton	Steve & Sarah Turner
Vicki & Pat Hilden	Carol & Noel Twenter
Jason & Tara Holmes	Mark & Linda Vollrath
Jason & Melissa Hundley	Eddie & Linda Wassmann
Cheri & Howard Jones	Jimmie & Melody Willis
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Kammerich	Donnie & Kathy Wilmsmeyer & Family
Peggy Kammerich	Marilyn Wirths
Janice Knollmeyer	

**In Loving Memory of James Robert Gerhardt**

**To the Cemetery Fund**

Mary Bail  
Kenneth & Janet Stegner  
Carl & Judy Gerhardt  
Kathleen O'Brien  
Eddie & Linda Wassmann

**To the Memorial Fund**

Paul & Teresa Carlson  
Tim & Karen Harvey  
Tim & Julie Kueckelhan  
Steve & Sharon Smith

*In Christian Sympathy*

Bernadine Wassman passed away on Monday, October 2, at the age of 102. She will be dearly missed. Please keep Eddie, Brenda, Darlene, and all of Bernadine's family in your prayers.

*Congratulations!*

Megan Kosnopfal received her white coat in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Missouri. She will be doing her clinical education for the next 2 years.

**SHOEBOX UPDATE**

Please bring your shoebox gift(s) on Sunday, November 5. Thank you for all of your time and efforts to prepare a box and bring Joy and Jesus to brighten a child's life. You are making an eternal difference!

If you are unable to pack a box, but would like to participate, please donate \$10 for each box for postage to send the box. Please make your check to Samaritan's Purse and give to Marg. Thank you for your generosity to send these boxes around the world.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES**  
**October 4, 2023**

Jared Kueckelhan called the meeting to order; present Scott Grissum, Linda Burnett and Vicki Hilden.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers' reports were discussed, and decisions made. Reports were approved.

Discussion was held on the removal of the old garage and building of the new one; with what needs to be done and when.

Vicki reported that all Sundays are filled through Dec 31st.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Vicki Hilden*, Secretary

**FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!**

Our next afternoon for Friends, Fellowship, and Fun will be Thursday, November 2, from 1:00p.m.-3:30 p.m. downstairs. Bring a friend, a game, and a snack to share. We will have napkins, plates, cups, and water. We hope to see many of you there!

*Thank You!*

Thank you to Scott Grissum, Kenneth & Janet Stegner, Wayne Kanenbley, Don Warnke, Tim Kueckelhan and Justin Kueckelhan for tearing down and removing the old garage in preparation for the new storage building to be built in November!

**OCTOBER STATISTICS**

	<b>Offering</b>	<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
01	\$1,870	\$50	28
08	\$3,650	\$5 Penny Sun: \$34.76	38
15	\$821	\$50	32
22	\$786	\$25	26
29	\$2205	\$0	35

**CONGREGATIONAL QUARTERLY MEETING NOTES**

**October 17, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Jared Kueckelhan at 11:40am. The minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting and the Special Congregational Meeting were read and approved

Treasurers' Reports were presented to the congregation and approved.

The new storage building should be built in November. Scott mentioned the need for help in clearing the building.

Laura Grathwohl gave a report on Growing Hope Globally. Kenny and Eddie harvested the corn on Rhea's donated land. Seed was donated by Joe Miller and chemicals donated by MFA. It made 160 bushels an acre.

Ed Wassman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scott Grissum.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Vicki Hilden*, Secretary

	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers</b>	<b>Messenger</b>
05	Angie Hackman	Donna Kammerich & Volunteer	Rev. Andy Mockridge
Communion Prep: Linda Burnett      Communion Cleanup: Volunteers			
12	Rhea Helmreich	Melissa Hundley & Volunteer	David Muntzel
19	Donna Kammerich	Ginger Wenger & Rhea Helmreich	Rev. Andy Mockridge
26	Marg Scott	Rhea Helmreich & Volunteer	Kurt Grathwohl



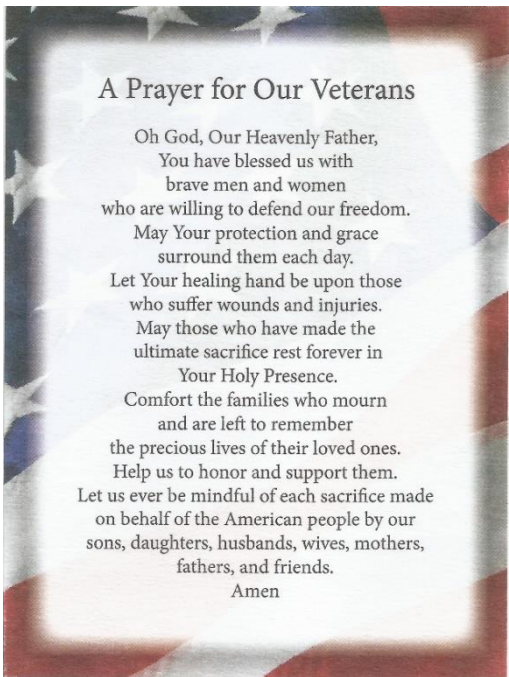
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Nichole Burnett	02
Donald Warnke	07
Shauna Bohlken	12
Don Scott	17
D. J. Muse	21
Pastor Jim Elliott	23
Andrew Inskeep	28

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
Jason & Angie Hackman	01
Frank & Marty Eastman	21

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠	
Kamrynn Sue Hundley	02
Morgan E. Kueckelhan Hawley	05
Justin Lee Kueckelhan	09
Gerald Wayne Dick	12
Donna Sue Schler Kammerich	18
Shirley Ann Johnston	26

**Serving in our military:**

Landon Bail	Natalie Meng
Jeff Burgoyne	Blayne Vickery
Tony Davis	James Walker



**Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.**  
**Arlene Friedrich**  
*Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276*  
**Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)**  
*MO Veterans Home 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265*  
**Ruth Searfoss**  
*Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276*  
**Dorothy Vieth**  
*Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201*

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Avery Beach, brain cancer  
 Angie Carmichael, cancer  
 Jim & Sharon Elliott  
 John Ferguson, heart issues  
 Courtney Franklin, brain cancer  
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)  
 Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments  
 Nancy Kueckelhan  
 Ava LeCave  
 Don & Mary Neckermann  
 Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer  
 Clifford Richey (Charles' friend), moved to Katy Manor  
 Karen Schnetzler  
 Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)  
 Vicki Simmons, cancer  
 Carol Snyder, lung cancer  
 Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues  
 Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident  
 Darrin Walker, cancer  
 Cora Louise Wisdom

**IN THE MAIL**

The family of Bernadine Wassmann would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers and memorials in honor of our mother.  
 Thanks to Rev. Tim Fairley, Linda Burnett, and David Muntzel for the lovely service.  
 Also thanks to the ladies and men for the food and who served the delicious meal.  
 In the last few years thanks to all the people who sent cards, made phone calls and came to visit her. She really enjoyed hearing from everybody. Her family, friends and church family meant a lot to her.  
 Eddie & family; Brenda & family; Darlene & family

# Veterans Day

## Word Search



AIR FORCE  
AMERICAN  
ARMISTICE  
BRAVE  
COURAGE  
DUTY  
HERO  
HONOR  
MARINE

MEDAL  
MEMORIAL  
MILITARY  
NAVY  
NOVEMBER  
PARADE  
PATRIOT  
PEACE  
PRIDE

SACRIFICE  
SERVICE  
SOLDIERS  
THANKS  
TRIBUTE  
VETERANS

## LECTIONARY READINGS

	<b>First reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
November 5, 2023	Joshua 3:7-17	Micah 3:5-12	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
November 12, 2023	Joshua 24:1- 3a, 14-25	Wisdom of Solomon 6:12- 16	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
November 19, 2023	Judges 4:1-7	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14- 30
November 26, 2023	Ezekiel 34:11- 16, 20-24	Ezekiel 34:11- 16, 20-24	Ephesians 1:15- 23	Matthew 25:31-4

## **HEALTH FACTS**

### **Acute Sinusitis**

Acute sinusitis causes the spaces inside the nose to become swollen, keeping the mucus trapped and possibly allowing bacteria to be present.

The cause can be from a common cold, allergies, nasal polyps, and/or breathing smoke.

Symptoms can be thick, yellow or green mucus from the nose, pressure around eyes, and cheeks, ear pressure, headache, aching in the teeth, change of smell, cough, bad breath and/or fever.

Treatments can be OTC medication and saline nasal spray.

If symptoms do not improve in a week to 10 days, see your health care provider for treatment.

Nancy Meyer  
Health Minister

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