

This week's white rose commemorates the life of Rosanne Jacks, mother of Lisa Cantrell; Sally Jamison, Covenant member.

The red rose celebrates the birth of Emilia Ivana Becerra Songolo, daughter of Tosha and Rogelio Becerra Songolo, sister of Nova Imani and granddaughter of Emilie and Aliko Songolo.

New this week:

Covenant members: Tom Hershberger; Chris Gomez-Schmidt; Marilyn Unruh; Marge Resan; Avery Windsor-Leonard.

Covenant friends & extended family: Savanna Adney, niece of Eileen and Gordon Durand; Emma Jane Long, daughter of Steven Long and Breanna Loving, granddaughter of Gwen and Jim Long; David Karbler, Covenant friend; Jean Geier, sister of John Swartz; Ed Bolt, brother-in-law of Rosemary and Lee Jones; Kaian Xander, son of Julia Fillingame Farrokhnia and Kemal Farrokhnia and grandson of Kathy Schlimgen and Bob Fillingame; Joel Herron, brother of Cara Cavin; Cassidy Kirkpatrick and son, Caynan, friends of Jacqueline Whitley; Nolana Marion Naify, great granddaughter of Marion Peterson; Keith Schaffer, nephew of Bob and Nancy Schaefer; Ryan, friend of Art Kanitz; Karen Fries, friend of Melissa Hinz; Charlotte Scholl, niece of TJ & Kate Sargent and cousin of Theo; Family of Rev. Shirley R. Funk; Christie, friend of Nancy McCulley; Vicki, friend of Rhonda Rohn; Lucy, granddaughter of Paula and Richard Rasanen.

Covenant family & friends mourning the death of: Donald Barth, brother of Lonna Peterson; Ikse Hough, friend of Bailey Green; Brian Courtney, father of Craig Courtney; Edward Voss, father of Bob Voss.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: Marion Peterson; Helen Madsen; Scott Anderson; Don Schalch; Jack & Joannie Carter; Tom Schuster; Sandi Thompson-Royer, Covenant friend; Troy Griswold, nephew of Lori Voss; Sarah Day; Mark Middleton; Sally Nesser; Bill Wood; Brenda Moten; Pat Thielbar; John Wedberg; Cindy Blewett; Nancy McCulley; Larry and Barb Larsen; Patty West; Russ and Evelyn McMillan; Virgil Landry; Margaret Hickman; Joseph Hack; Gina Fritz; Eve Casta; Jan Schaefer, sister-in-law of Bob and Nan Schaefer; Tim Wade, father of Janna Doney; Charlene Duranceau, sister of Jan Schuster; Jane Stark; Bonnie Cameron, cousin of Jan Minardi; Robert Hill, father of Melissa Hardy; Jorge Asencion, Covenant friend; Gary Van Ess and John Van Ess, brothers of Vicki Alexander.

World Mission: Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta PC(USA) in Indonesia; Jed and Jenny Koball PC(USA) in Peru; Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather PC(USA) in South Sudan; Medical Benevolence Foundation in Haiti; Eric Miller in Kenya. People of Guatemala.

Our elected leaders: President Trump, Rep. Pocan, Sen. Johnson, Sen. Baldwin, Gov. Evers, and Mayor Rhodes-Conway.

Birthdays

Doc Parker (3/09); Tim Smeeding (3/11); Rodrigo Morales (03/13); John Strikwerda, Nan Zimdars Hoesly (3/15)

Names will ordinarily stay on the prayer list for five weeks. If you would like to remain on the list longer, please contact the church office at 608-233-6297, Pastor Charlie Berthoud, Pastor Megan Berry, Pastor Jess Scholten, or Melissa Hinz, Minister of Music and Pastoral Care. You may also email us at info@covenantmadison.org.

Prayer

Ash Wednesday Prayer and Breath Prayer from Cole Arthur Riley in *Black Liturgies*: p 247

God of the Ashes,

Today, let us hold the tension of the story of our making – born of the dirt, beautifully connected to the earth we walk on. And yet, possessing the knowledge of our own mortality – that our common decay cannot be escaped. As we begin Lent, help us to become honest about the ways our societies and selfhoods are marred by injustice, cruelty, neglect, and greed.

Help us to see our own role in the degeneration of the world; that as we push back evil around us, we might also admit those secret evils that dwell in us. As we name how we have been complicit in the ashes of this world, help us to bear them in solidarity and hope.

Amen.

Breathe

Inhale: I will carry the ashes.
Exhale: God, bring rest to the suffering.

Inhale: There is breath in these ashes.
Exhale: No death is final.