

The white rose this week commemorates the life of Charles Branan, friend of Patti Siriani.

New this week: Caleb Meshnick, family of Betsy Erickson and Barbara McCall; Julie Pincak, niece of Frankie Leisering.

Covenant members: Margie Coons; Stephen Resan; Evelyn McMillan.

Covenant friends & extended family: Mariah Zoroufy, granddaughter of Mary Zoroufy; Aria Marie Singh, daughter of Emily and Dill Singh, sister of Damien and granddaughter of Rhonda and Doug Rohn; Amy Drachenberg, friend of Sondra and Mike Jordan; Susan, sister of Fern Kanitz; Emilia Ivana Becerra Songolo, daughter of Tosha and Rogelio Becerra Songolo, sister of Nova Imani and granddaughter of Emilie and Aliko Songolo.

Covenant family & friends mourning the death of: Joy Miller, mother of Cindy Lovell; Arnold Hulshof, cousin of George Douma. Tom Green, uncle of Bailey Green; Ed Bolt, brother-in-law of Rosemary and Lee Jones; Marilyn Unruh, Covenant member; Patty West, Covenant member; Mary Jones, Aunt of Deb Morris; Rosanne Jacks, mother of Lisa Cantrell; Sally Jamison, Covenant member.

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; 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.

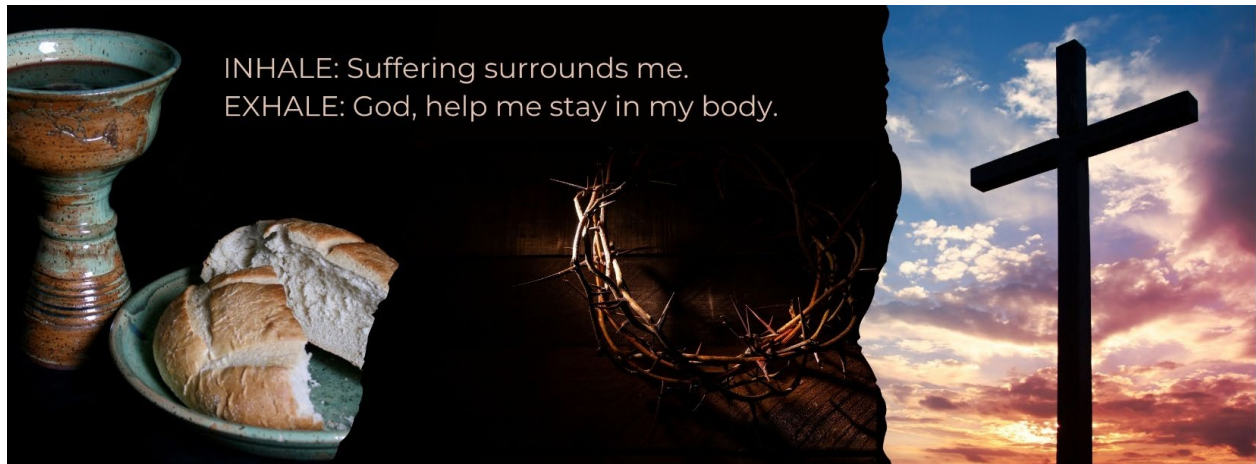
Birthdays

Anne Gustafson (4/13); Linda Graebner, Craig Wilson (04/14); Ingo Bensch, Randy Holveck, Betsy Saar (04/15); Marketa Rasmussen, Celeste Smith (4/16); Tom Blewett, Diana Whayland (4/17)

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

“Then Jesus poured water into the basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, ‘Lord, are you going to wash my feet?’ Jesus answered, ‘You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.’” (John 13:5-7)



Cole Arthur Riley invites us to the breath prayer above in her Maundy Thursday entry in *Black Liturgies*. She writes: “Christ’s death begins with a meal. ‘Eat, drink.’ That we would remember him in our bodies. Then, God kneels in his body to wash the bodies in his company. This is more than mere symbolism. The path to liberation is to stay in our bodies” (*Black Liturgies*, p 257).

She offers the following prayer as well:

Embodied God, at the door of trauma, you remind us that it is glory to be in your own flesh. We thank you that when you asked us to remember you, you asked us to eat, to drink – that we would meet something of you in the act of nourishment. Guide us back to an embodied existence, and help us to be patient and gentle with those times when we feel we must leave our bodies to survive. God, we ache. The traumas and tragedies of this world land heavily on our physical selves. Would you grant us a liberation that is not simply a project of the mind or the spirit, but that has implication for our daily physical conditions. That as we attune of our bodies, our shoulders could relax, our jaws slacken, our breath become deep. As we move toward justice and solidarity, may we befriend the gloried physical in all tenderness and compassion. *May it be so.*

Inhale: Suffering surrounds me.
Exhale: God, help me stay in my body.