

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday January 12, 2026 - Psalm 40:3

**3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.**

Read Psalom 40 for meditation and inspiration.



An Attitude of Gratitude

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

It's clear that many people feel as though we are living in difficult days. Perhaps you are among them. In an apparent response to that mood, there was an amusing image portrayed in a popular magazine. Pictured in a department store is a shopper standing in front of an attractive display of neatly stacked pillows. The store clerk is pointing to the shelves as he says, "No. These are pillows for screaming into. You'll find our sleeping pillows on the second floor."

Of course, difficult days summon in us a variety of emotions. And while screaming into our pillows is far better than taking out our frustrations on those closest to us, the Gospel writers tell us, over and over again, that there is a Truly better way. Put your faith and trust in God's plan for living, and you will be blessed. Your faith will bring you happiness. Your faith will bring you fulfillment. Your faith will bring you ever closer to becoming the person God created you to be. Indeed, it is your steadfast faith that will transform your most difficult experiences into blessed days of fulfillment.

We remember that Jesus was baptized in the Jordon River by his cousin John to begin his ministry and mission and came to this moment of recognition and blessing from His Father in heaven. He was facing a temptation by Satan in the wilderness, his suspicion of the Jewish leaders, his slander by the religious leaders of his day, the betrayal by one of his trusted disciples, he came to see the hatred of the crowd calling for his death and the desertion of all disciples, family and friends in the end.

Yet, we hear the echo of his words, “Not my will but Thy will be done.”

There is the prescription for ministry, for our lives and our calling for service by our Heavenly Father. We will be ready to pick up our own cross and Follow wherever he leads us. We must cultivate in our spirits and deed into our souls the attitude of gratitude!!!

An Attitude of Gratitude will keep us on track and send us up to the second floor pillows for sleeping not screaming.

Blessing in Gratitude,

Roger

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ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

January 12 – Set up for the Election

January 13 – Special election

January 18 – Peace and Justice Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:

- a. **Fsmily and friends of Amy Elise – (friend of Nancy Jones)**
- b. **Bob Beatty - (friend of Hunter Morgan)**
- c. **Lou Berdoll – (brother of Larry Berdoll)**
- d. **Rev. Paul Beresford**
- e. **Judy Breeden**
- f. **Blanche Burdge**
- g. **Paul Cavanagh (son in law of Chris Stewart)**
- h. **Amy Clark – mother of Clara, Colin, and Clark Aliapoulios**
- i. **Anne Conway – (aunt of Scott Thompson)**
- j. **Lorna Conway (cousin of Scott Thompson)**
- k. **Ferguson family**
- l. **Sandy Hancock – (friend of Nancy Bailey and Fran Thew)**
- m. **Donna Harris**
- n. **Gail Howell**
- o. **David Kraftchak**
- p. **Chris Lambert**
- q. **Philip Littles (friend of Fran Thew)**
- r. **Gina Linsley (friend of the Seemanns)**
- s. **Peggy Losyk**
- t. **Ellie Manzano**
- u. **Mark Martel**
- v. **Jay Martin**
- w. **Helen Martin – Darcy Hall**
- x. **Joan Maybury**
- y. **Joann McCranel - (mother of Tammy Dugal)**
- z. **Sandra McPeters (niece of Nancy Brock)**
- aa. **Peter Melching (nephew of Deborah Morgan)**
- bb. **Donna Miglets (niece of Nancy Mae Beggrow)**
- cc. **James Morgan (son of Deborah Morgan)**
- dd. **Barbara Morton**
- ee. **Martha Musgrove**
- ff. **Amy Nesbit**



gg. Sam Nossiter - (son of friend of Diane and Ben Walton)
hh. Daniel O'Connell (cousin of Ben Walton and friend of David Pugh)
ii. Laurie Paisley
jj. Mary Page - (niece of Bobbie Odell)
kk. Donna Perez (friend and neighbor of Rich Zehl)
ll. Raquel Peterson (friend of Deborah Morgan)
mm. Denise Proffit
nn. Annette and Brian Ramkerrysingh
oo. Leslie Randolph (wife of Skip Randolph)
pp. Tammy Redfield
qq. Jane Richards (sister of Nancy Brock)
rr. Richardson family
ss. Clark and Gail Risley (parents of Mark Risley)
tt. Pam Ross (daughter of Peggy Losyk)
uu. Jeff Seemann (brother of Ken Seeman)
vv. Joan Seemann
ww. Moe Smith (cousin of Susan Halliday)
xx. Sarah Smith (granddaughter of Sally Becker)
yy. Mary Thew – (niece of Fran Thew)
zz. Meghan Thew – (niece of Fran)
aaa. Mark Thompson (brother of Scott Thompson)
bbb. Elaine Thrasher
ccc. Mark Verdieu
ddd. Samuel Verdieu (husband of Junia)
eee. Selma Verse (wife of Rev Roger Verse)
fff. Rebb Wallace – brother of Diana Walton
ggg. Rich Zehl