

The Messenger

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Reformation
Outdoor Worship in the Parking Lot
Bring a chair and a mask
Sunday October 25, 2020 at 10:00am

As we slowly, mindfully and intentionally begin meeting in person again, please maintain physical distance, wear a mask and stay home if you are feeling ill. If you are not able to attend in person worship, but would like to receive communion, please contact Pastor Delaney at (414) 292-6164.



On October 25, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. A week and a half out from what is sure to be a very tense election day, in month seven of life in the midst of a pandemic, continuing to live in the ripples of a summer of activity within the racial justice movement, we will celebrate the Reformation. Although we will not be singing “A Mighty Fortress” in worship on Reformation day this year, in an effort to care for our neighbors in the midst of COVID-19, I

Pastor's Pen



wonder if the third verse of this familiar hymn might offer some grounding comfort for us in this season of life. In verse three, we read:

*Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.*

Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!

His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!

One little word subdues him.

In these days of so much tumult, we receive these familiar words again, assuring us that God is with us. Although we may feel overcome with fear or tumult, although the powers of this world may rage, God is more powerful. God is with us, and God's love and justice will prevail. One little word, the Word of God in flesh, has the power to subdue all that holds us bound.

This, my friends, is where my hope rests these days, in the power of God who is stronger than anything humanity can throw at God. -Pastor Delaney

The church office will be open on Tuesdays from 9am to 12:30pm. While the work of St. Paul's will still continue remotely from home, these hours have been set aside for our slow, but determined return to St. Paul's. We will observe CDC guidelines of physical distancing and wearing masks.



Returning to Church: Update October 2020

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

This is a strange time we are living in. A year ago, we had no idea we would be talking about online services or YouTube devotions! We are in uncharted waters as we move forward basing decisions on the recommendations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, Wisconsin Council of Churches, and other scientific reports.



We all long to gather together again as a congregation, but we are also aware that the pandemic is not over. In August, we enjoyed a beautiful outdoor worship experience in Lions Park, and in September and October we are gathering every other week in the church parking lot for worship. But we live in Wisconsin and know cold weather is inevitable. So, what do we do?

St. Paul's Council and Board of Worship & Music discussed this question at their respective September Zoom meetings and struggled to come up with a safer plan. Our discussions were grounded in our sense of responsibility for others, and love for our neighbor.

Beginning in November, church services will alternate between

an in-person service in the sanctuary and an online YouTube worship opportunity. We plan to provide a safer sanctuary environment by implementing the basic tools of risk mitigation: wearing face masks properly, physically distancing by staying 6 feet apart, washing hands, and increased cleaning practices. Attendance will be taken to make contact tracing possible in the event anyone contracts Covid-19.

There will be changes to the format of the in-person sanctuary services. The in-person service will be shortened to 30 minutes to reduce the chance of infection. I know it is hard for Lutherans, but singing during the service is not recommended. According to the latest Wisconsin Council of Churches report, "There is still no sound evidence for singing safely together. This is one of the riskiest things we can do. We continue to monitor for any news to the contrary. Though singing outdoors lowers the risk, it does not eliminate it and we recommend not singing even if you are gathering outdoors." Pews will be taped off to ensure physical distancing. Communion will be offered through the use of self-contained cups. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the church.

We also recognize that not all of our members will be comfortable in attending worship in person, so the services will also be live-streamed (as soon as we figure out how to set-up and use the new equipment!). A new digital camera, laptop, and WI-FI booster were purchased through a technology grant allowing us to increase our streaming capabilities.

Advent and Christmas are quickly approaching, and

unfortunately, we will have to adjust our expectations this year. Be assured Pastor Delaney and the Board of Worship & Music are already planning alternative ways to provide meaningful worship experiences in the coming months.

In Christ,

Jeri Jende, Board of Worship & Music

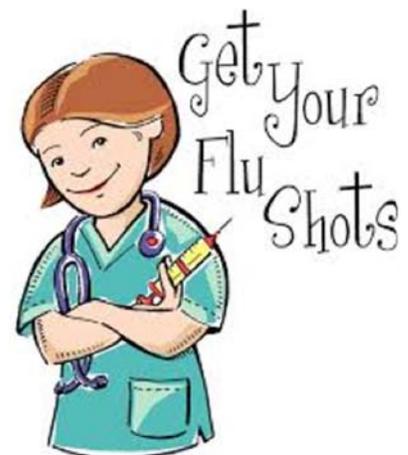
For Further Reading:

- **Returning to Church:**
https://www.wichurches.org/2020/07/30/returning-to-church-july-2020-recommendations/?fbclid=IwAR3c3pXI4UKWwU1fyI5Es6ugU-I9_XiX4JKhLuxJonYsCsFCPUY2HXJVwts
- **Church Music in the Age of Covid-19:**
<https://www.wichurches.org/2020/05/08/church-music-covid19/>

Flu Season is Here!

Public Health officials are encouraging people to get their flu vaccinations before the end of October.

Stay Safe!



UPCOMING

WORSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

This fall, we are trying some new worship opportunities, so that we can worship in person and keep folks safe. This is going to be a Holy Experiment that we can all figure out as we go!

- **Sunday, October 11 at 10am:** Drive in communion with prayer in the St. Paul's parking lot
- **Sunday, October 25 at 10am:** Reformation in the Parking Lot (Details TBD) Bring a chair and a mask

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 John Eastberg | 27 Irene Wink |
| 4 Brad Carter | 29 Penny Zobel |
| 9 Bill Mueller | |
| 11 Jonathan Vannavong | |
| 12 Darrell Smith | |
| 13 Suzie Moylan | |
| 14 Nancy Day | |
| 19 Phil Vannavong | |
| 24 Mark Eastberg | |





From Pastors Angie and Benjamin Smith

We have decided not to reopen Amazing Faith as a traditional church again at St. Paul's but will transform it to a community base organization branched off Daddy's.

We have accepted pastorate positions under Bishop Monica Price at Mt. Zion Healing Assembly here in Milwaukee. This appointment is immediate, leaving us to move our office items into our new space.

Although I know the will of God it still saddens me that our path does not continue in the way we wanted it to as you all have been the epitome of Christian love and care! For the past five years your support carried us and kept us! We'll talk more I'm sure and know we are here for whatever you may need when you are implementing community events.

Love you guys!



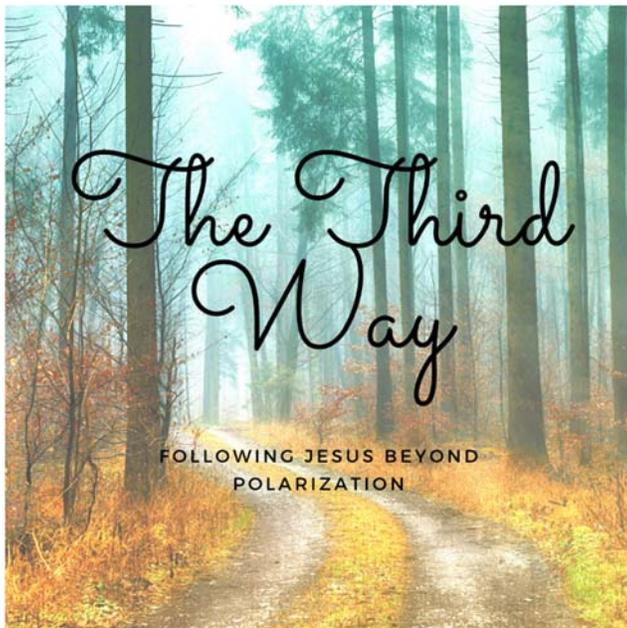


RIC Corner

From ReconcilingWorks via Facebook:

“It is with great joy and excitement that we share with you our NEW Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Logo!

ReconcilingWorks believes representation matters. Inspired by the Progressive Pride Flag design, these updates to the RIC logo include the colors blue, pink, and white to represent our transgender siblings, as well as a black and brown stripe to represent the fullness our Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) community bring to the queer community.”



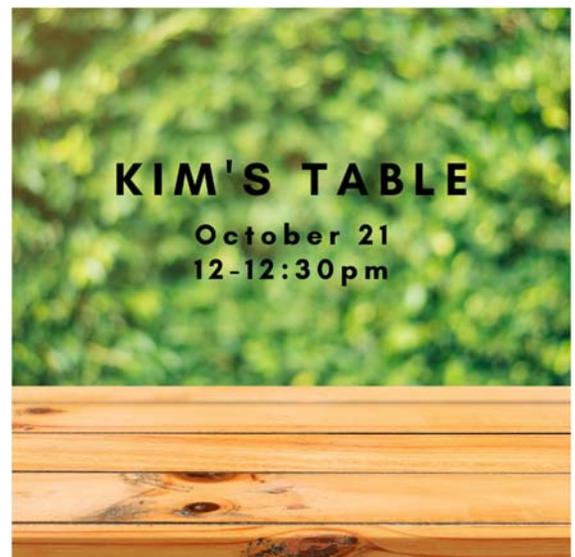
The Third Way: Following Jesus Beyond Polarization

Are you concerned about the polarization in our country? Have you noticed it is hard to talk with people you care about regarding topics you care about if you disagree? Have you ever wondered what your Christian

identity has to do with how you can live in a world of differing viewpoints? This fall, we are going to spend 8 weeks developing tools for responding to our world of either/or with the third way of “both/and” that our faith offers. **This study will meet on Zoom from 6:30-7:30pm on 8 consecutive Sunday evenings, beginning October 4 and continuing through November 22.**

Kim's Table

The next Kim's Table is Wednesday, October 21st from noon to 12:30 pm. Volunteers are always welcome! If you are interested in helping to serve our neighbors, please contact Nancy Day at naday56.nd@gmail.com or Pr. Delaney.



God's Work Our Hands Sunday

Thank you, friends, for once again showing your generosity by contributing to the food pantry at Neighborhood House! In addition to the check and non-perishable food items, over \$100 dollars was also

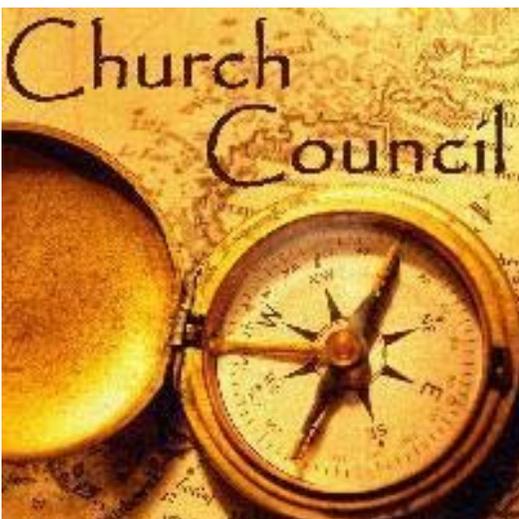
collected. Pictured is Saige Matson, Food Pantry Coordinator at Neighborhood House along with Nancy Day, and Pastor Delaney.



St. Paul's Church Council met over Zoom on Tuesday, September 8th. Council reviewed ongoing outreach and worship activities, including Kim's Table and God's Work Our Hands Sunday on Sept. 13th. In addition, Council discussed worship options for the Fall, including the potential for additional outdoor services. Council was also notified by Pastor Angie of Amazing Faith Ministries that they will be

ceasing operations immediately and vacating their space at St. Paul's. Amazing Faith will continue as a community organization, while its pastors join the ministry of an established church in the area.

Pastor Angie expressed gratitude for St. Paul's support and partnership over the years. — Elaine Disbro





Our New Neighbor: Pathways High School

On September 21, Pastor Delaney and I visited our new neighbors at Pathway High

School and toured the building. We met Kim Taylor, School Director Stacy Knetter, principal, Michelle, administrator and other staff. We learned quite a bit about the school and we are hopeful for a future partnership between their students and St. Paul's.

Here is some information from their website:

Pathways High is a free public charter school, authorized by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, enrolling students from diverse racial, socioeconomic, and ethnic backgrounds across Milwaukee and the surrounding counties. Pathways High graduates:

- ~ Own their learning and self-advocate
- ~ Build strong relationships within the community
- ~ Integrate knowing and doing
- ~ Excel at EMPOWER Skills

Our Academic Program: The real world defines rigor for our students. Interdisciplinary seminars, frequent interactions with business and community members, and real-world projects make Pathways High students ready for what's next: employment, apprenticeships, industry certifications, and two and four-year postsecondary education. All graduates are required to earn 26 credits across six foundational areas. Students demonstrate their strengths by earning one or more advanced credits in areas of high interest. For more information, please visit their website at

www.pathwayshigh.org

-Dianne Polinske

October

2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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4 Online Worship	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11 10am Prayer & Communion in St. Paul's Parking lot	12	13	14	15 	16	17
18 Online Worship	19	20	21 Noon Kim's Table	22	23	24
25 Reformation 10am Worship in St. Paul's Parking lot	26	27	28	29	30	31 

NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

Bring your loose change for special offering collection at the Worship Service every first Sunday of the month.

The Gathering – Milwaukee

Since we will not be meeting for worship on October 4th, please consider a donation to The Gathering. Here is the link:

<http://www.thegatheringwis.org/donate>



Join neighbors helping neighbors in efforts to fight hunger in the midst of a pandemic. We are providing meals to-go in service to Milwaukee's hungry and homeless populations.

We provide ten to eleven free meals each week, cooked on site at four Milwaukee locations, to those who would otherwise go hungry. So far in 2020 (January-June), The Gathering has served 21,459 meals to our guests through our sites.

Thank you to our partners at Galilee Lutheran!



Mary Winter, and her fellow Partnerships coordinator, Shelly, purchased and assembled hygiene packs, and kindly donated them for our Kim's Table! Thank you, Mary and Shelly, for your generosity & for dropping them off at St. Paul's!

SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

October 4 - 25

<p><u>October 4</u></p> <p>Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46</p> <p><i>Semicontinuous</i> <i>First Reading and Psalm</i> Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19</p>	<p><u>October 11</u></p> <p>Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14</p> <p><i>Semicontinuous</i> <i>First Reading and Psalm</i> Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23</p>
<p><u>October 18</u></p> <p>Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22</p> <p><i>Semicontinuous</i> <i>First Reading and Psalm</i> Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99</p>	<p><u>October 25</u></p> <p>Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46</p> <p><i>Semicontinuous</i> <i>First Reading and Psalm</i> Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17</p>



October Wedding Anniversary
9th Mark and Arleen Voelz

Worship at Home

Have you been tuning in to our St. Paul's YouTube channel, receiving our email newsletter, and participating in Sunday morning Bible class via Zoom? If you have not been receiving these at home worship resources but would like to, please email either Pastor Delaney (dschlakekruse@gmail.com) or the church office (StpaulsMKE@yahoo.com) to get connected!



Quote

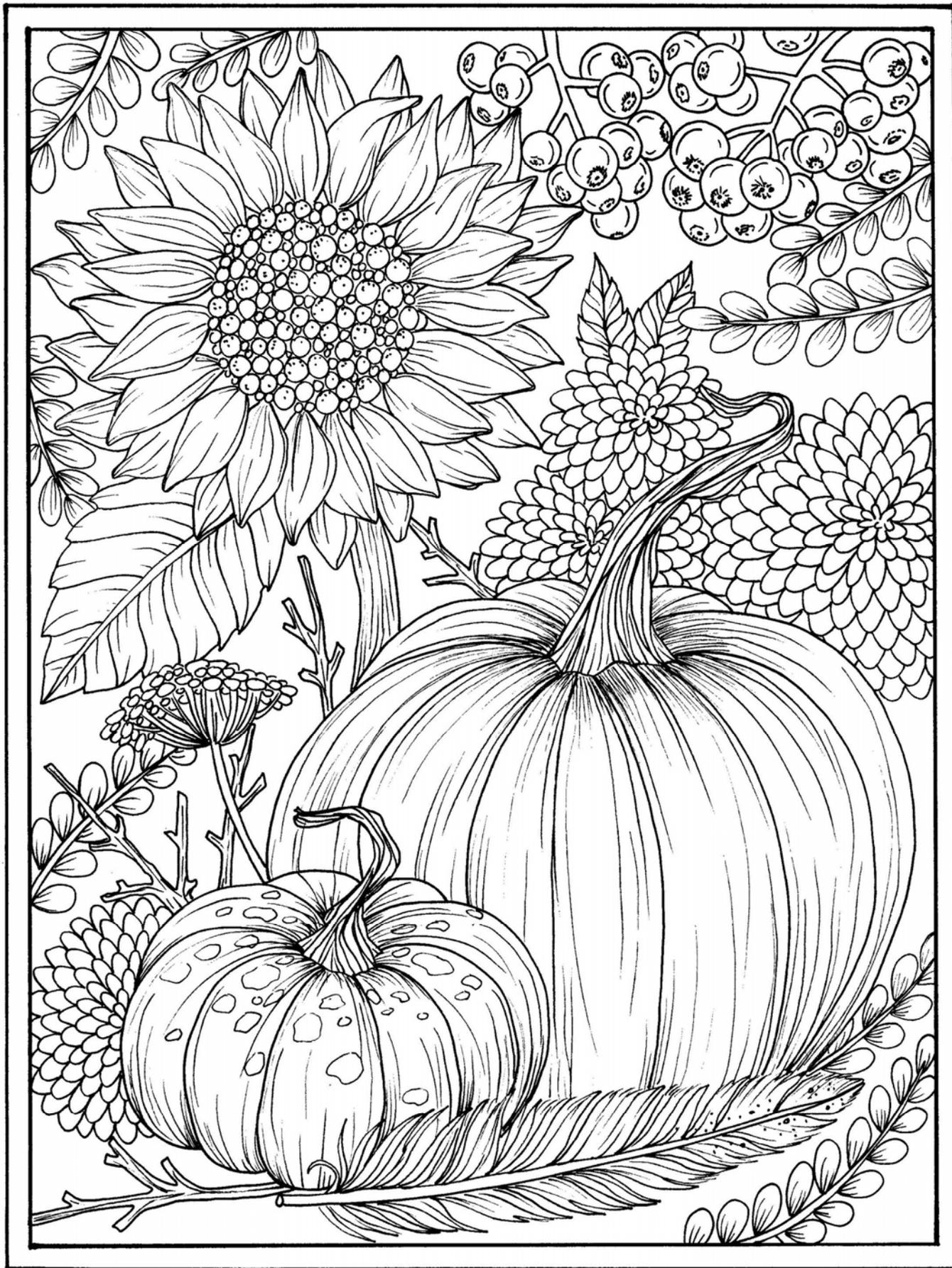
"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

- from the 1908 novel Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Crayons, markers, colored pencils, whatever! Because this edition of The Messenger is online OR a page or two are required for printing purposes, here are extra FUN activity and color pages. Feel free to post your completed art work on our Facebook page. Enjoy!







WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: October 2020

	October 4 Pentecost 18	October 11 Pentecost 19	October 18 Pentecost 20	October 25 Reformation
Type of Worship	On line	Drive in Communion	On line	Worship in the Parking Lot
Assisting Minister	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day
Usher Team	3	4	1	2
Altar Guild	Nancy Day Mark Van Engen	Ethel Walter Judy Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson Marcia Mikich	Jane Prahlow Marilyn Zirbel
Greeter(s)	~~	~~	~~	~~
Communion Assistant	Mary Klug Mark Van Engen	Judy Gilbertson	Wayne Ringwolski	Tim Kitzman
Communion Type	~~	~~	~~	~~
Open	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen
Close	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek
Counting Team	4	1	2	3