

TOTENFEST REMEMBRANCE – 2015

Pastor- Today is a day to remember our loved ones, family and friends, who died this year. At the same time, we continue to remember all our loved ones who have gone before us, from this life to the next.

People- May their memory be a part of us forever!

Pastor- Time has passed, our grief has slowly softened, and still we feel them near us. The place where they once stood is empty, yet we feel them near us. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing will never be broken.

People- May their memory be a part of us forever!

Pastor- As a people of faith we remember men and women of our congregation and community, those who lived for God, cared for others and served the church. May God give us strength to carry on in faithful service and in ministry, for now the task is ours.

People- May their memories and the bond of faith be a part of us forever.

Pastor- Gracious and merciful God, we give you thanks for the blessings of family and friends. We praise you, O God, for our loved ones who have gone before us and entered into your eternal rest. We remember the gifts of love that we shared with them and the faith that sustained them and us in the most difficult moments of life and loss. While, at times, we are still filled with sorrow, we thank you for the rich memories that live within us and the comfort we have in knowing that your promise of abundant and eternal life has been fulfilled for them. Strengthen our faith. Assure us that one day we too will be gathered into your glorious Kingdom. And lead us through the way of life, through the grace and love of Jesus our Savior. **AMEN.**

Cherishing memories that are forever sacred, sustained by a faith that is stronger than death and comforted by the hope of a life that shall endless be, we remember:

Ernest Shupp	father of Linda and Charles	December 8, 2014
Betty Seiscio	mother of Bert	December 8, 2014
Donald Weber	husband of Fern	March 1, 2015
Margaret Gehman	aunt of Heidi and John McDonough	March 5, 2015
Mary Elizabeth Freeman	wife of Paul, mother of Robert and Nelson	May 26, 2015
Alan Hassler	father of Craig	June 4, 2015
Samuel Robert Fichthorn	father of Eric, Ross, Kurt and Lise	June 5, 2015
Kenneth Hopkins	husband of Anna, father of Gerry Ann	June 12, 2015
Lester Youndt	husband of Dolly, father of Lois and Sandy	July 2, 2015
Clay Rolinski	friend of Mark Kline	July 4, 2015
Melvin Bowman	father of Robert, David and Melvin	July 10, 2015

Sherry Soliday	friend of Sue and Ed McIlMoyle	August 8, 2015
Dana Keckler	friends of the Baileys and Hofferts	September 15, 2015
James Ruth	uncle of Donna Reinhart	September 27, 2015
James Huck	friend of Mel and Marian Gerhart	October 17, 2015
Kathryn Light	sister of Esther Schlouch	October 26, 2015

Pastor- In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

People- In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

Pastor- In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

People- In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

Pastor- In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

People- In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

Pastor- When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

People- When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

Pastor- When we have joys we long to share, we remember them.

Unison- For as long as the Lord our God lives in the highest heavens, so will those whom we love and so shall we! Blessing and Honor, Glory and Power, be unto God forever and ever. AMEN!