

The Lucke Family Newsletter

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1998 Birthdays!!

Birthdays have always been special days in our Family. Mom (Child #11, Anna) told us: "God gave us a wonderful present on the day you were born, and we want to celebrate." So that we can celebrate with you the "present" of your births, we are again setting aside a monthly **Prayer Day** for our relatives who were born that month. The "birthday people" as well as their Families are invited to pray for one another. A listing of 1998 birthdays is enclosed, with the monthly **Prayer Day** shown in **BOLD** print.

We dubbed 1998 as "**The Year of Oblation.**" The word is derived from the Latin *oblatio* for offering, especially sacrificial offering; something offered in worship or devotion; a holy gift; it refers to the gift to be offered as well as the act of offering. Recently we came across **Prayer Cards** from the **Apostleship of Prayer**, showing the *Morning Offering* and have enclosed one for you. It seems very appropriate for this year and could especially be used on the **Prayer Day**.

♥ Congratulations ♥

♥ *Theresa and Steve Hanson* are the proud parents of their 3rd son, *Cole Barton Hanson*, born in July 1997 in Kennesaw, Georgia. Theresa is Dottie Gucker's daughter, #7, Carlie's granddaughter.

‡ Prayer Requests ‡

‡ *Robert Michael Magee*, son of Bob and Anne Magee, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please keep him, his wife Barbara and their daughter, Sarah Lijun, in your prayers.

The Lucke 31

In our previous issue, we completed the stories of the 13 children of *Caspar and Mary Elizabeth* Lucke. If anybody would like a composite printout of The Thirteen, we'll be happy to send it to you.

Now we will begin to compile the stories of the next generation - that is, the children of The Thirteen. Interestingly enough there were 31 of us.

In our next issue, which is planned for this Spring, we will tell the stories of *Mary Dorothy Crossan* and *Rita Muller*, Daughters of Child #1, Mary. We ask those of you who knew Mary Dot and Rita growing up - and later - to send along some stories and anecdotes.

Later this year we plan to write about the Children of #2, Frank and #3, Leo. For Frank's children, we ask that the families of *Clement, Agnes and Gertrude* take on the responsibility of writing their stories. Please include whatever you know of *Cecilia* also. For Leo's children we ask *Patricia, Dan and Casey Galligan* for stories on *Edward, Leo and Mae*.

The Internet

We are considering creating a **Lucke Family Webpage** on the Internet. However we don't know if there are enough Family members online to make this feasible. If you do use the Internet and have an email address, please send it to arcyc@aol.com.