



Pastor Tim Wheatley

March 24, 2025

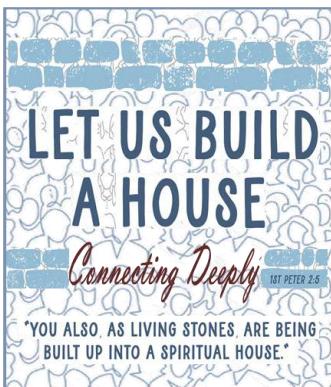
Worship

- In-person worship—9:30 AM Sundays
- Online worship continues, and is live-streamed to our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages



Church Council 2025

Laurie Brown (sec'y.)
 Billie Chock (pres.)
 Tim Current (treas.)
 Pat Czock
 Brandt Dinger
 Heidi Goldbeck
 Luke Jeseritz
 Lisa Krause (v. pres.)
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**Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction
raised \$3,700!**

Total raised on 3/16/25 \$12,073.12!



Thank you SO much for your support!

Thank You

Thank you to our 2025 Belize team below for all you did to make our MISSION FROM GOD so successful. Our mission was March 1-8 in Bella Vista, Belize.

Chelsea Brown
 Matt Coyle
 Tim Current
 Cassie Garrity
 Rosie Grant
 Jennifer Grant
 Sue Klosner
 Chris Meyers
 Vicki Noetzelman
 Lisa Spencer
 Pastor Tim Wheatley

This team raised over \$4,000, received donations/purchased toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, eyeglasses, glucose strips/monitors, medications, school supplies, clothes, prizes for Bible store, large parachute, candy, slingbags, and VBS supplies.

We traveled to Belize with 18 checked bags (50 lbs. each) plus carry-ons to deliver all the donations we needed.

We were able to use the money we raised to serve a dinner to 160 members of Pastor Kebin's church, host Vacation Bible School for 220+ children, deliver food packages to 20 homes, furnish a mini-propane stove, water, hot food, and chairs to a home visit, build 4 picnic tables, 4 bunk beds, 1 corn hole game, steps for church, 2 bike racks, and a gaga pit.

Our team was welcomed into Pastor Kebin's home for meals, worshiped together, shared our God sightings, enjoyed learning about the main industry in Bella Vista banana farming, and snorkeled as a team on Caye Caulker.

We so appreciate all the donations we received from LOC/LOC Youth and others in our community. We also thank Pastor Kebin Rosa's family and the people of Bella Vista who welcomed us with open arms and loved us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Listen, Learn, Love and Serve - we thank God for his strength, faith and love.

Belizeers 2025



PIC-COLL



Help Us Provide Food For Friends

What's Needed

BBQ sauce and other sauces	Pickles and olives
Coffee and Tea	Hearty Soups (they get lots of chicken noodle and tomato)
Tomato products	Menstrual Products
Jarred Pasta Sauce	Paper Products (especially tissues and napkins)
Pasta (They get lots of elbow and spaghetti)	Household Cleaning Products
Cereal (Children's cereals are popular)	
Canned beans and meats	

No expired food, please.

When and Where

We'll be collecting food through March 30. You can drop off your donation on the tables at the front of the sanctuary.

Is a Monetary Donation Okay?

Absolutely! You can contribute cash, check or donate electronically at delanohelpinghands.org/donate. Checks can be made out to **Delano Helping Hands**.

Thanks for Your Support!

Provide A Meal At Fresh Start Program

Build community by serving a meal at Love INC Heartland's **Fresh Start Program!**



Openings In April
Sign Up Today!
bit.ly/fsmealtrain



 love
in the spirit of Christ
Heartland

Our 2024 Impact

LOVE INC HEARTLAND



160
Initial Contacts



6,633
Needs Met



150
Class Sessions

youtube.com/@loveinch1

OUTREACH

Can You Help?

Take a look at our new **Time & Talent** board in the **Narthex**, across from the **Welcome Center**! You'll find large **Sticky Notes** with a variety of ways you can lend a hand.

It's easy to participate:

- Browse the notes** to see current needs.
- Find one that fits your gifts or schedule.**
- Take it with you** as a reminder to follow through!

Here are a few examples:

- **Write 1-2 notes of thanks** to an LOC volunteer or staff member.
- **Donate a box of non-perishables** for our Food Distribution Ministry.
- **Help format the Study Guide** for the upcoming *Unshaken* Bible study.
- **Wash 3-5 windows** in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex.

Have a short-term need? If you're on a team and could use extra hands, **add a Sticky Note** to invite others to help!

Thank you for sharing your Time & Talents—Together We Thrive!



March Fifth Sunday Offering



In March our LOC Fifth Sunday offering will go to Second Harvest Heartland that provides food to the Delano Food Shelf and LOC's Nourishing Hope Food Distribution. **Second Harvest Heartland is one of the largest, most efficient and most active hunger-relief organizations in the nation** located in Brooklyn Park. As a food bank, they provide low cost or free food to food shelves, schools, community centers and other organizations in MN and western WI. Currently, they support over 1,115 organizations and more than 1,000 food shelves. Nearly 2/3 of the food they provide is fresh including meat, produce, bakery and dairy. Last year, they provided 128 million meals. For every \$1.00 donated, they can provide 3 meals to hungry neighbors. We are looking forward to providing food to as many Minnesotans as possible through our LOC Fifth Sunday donation. There is a link on our [LOC website](#) under the "Give" tab for donating. You can also donate by check or cash, specifying it for "**Fifth Sunday**" and placing it in Sunday's collection plate or sending it to Terri in the office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!!!



Dear Light of Christ,

The Delano Food Shelf would like to thank you for your generous contributions to our organization. The time, food donations, and financial gifts that you share enable us to support our neighbors in the area. We cherish our partnership with you and look forward to our continued relationship.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,
Delano Food Shelf

Your Gifts Make Ministry Happen

Every act of generosity—whether volunteering your time, sharing your skills, or giving financially—helps make ministry happen at Light of Christ. Because of your faithful stewardship, we are able to teach, serve, and worship in meaningful ways. When we come together in generosity, **we thrive** as a church family, strengthening our mission and ministry.



HEALTH & WELLNESS OPPORTUNITIES

Calm your spirit. Get in touch with your inner self to make room for more Jesus!



On **Thursday, March 27th, at 7 PM**, your Healing and Wholeness Ministry is planning a Meditative Yoga Hour with LOC member and longtime yoga instructor, Julie Wischmann. You'll be pampered with a gentle candlelit environment, prayer, and soft music as you do breath and yoga exercises. Healing refreshments will be served, such as infused water and teas. This event is open to all adults, 18 and over. This will be a very special, spiritual session as we strive to make a conscious effort to draw nearer to God during Lent and to calm our hearts and minds amidst our daily stress and anxiety.

Please sign up here by March 25th so we can prepare the space. We anticipate using classroom 101 unless we have a large group. Plan to wear comfortable clothes, bring your towel or yoga mat and prepare to unwind, refresh, and breathe into the love of Jesus.

Classes for Parents of Youth

As chair of the Healing and Wholeness Committee, I (Sue Fink) want to share some of the great classes offered by NAMI MN (National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota). These classes are specific for parents of youth and are ZOOM classes so perhaps you can give these a try from your own home or computer. There is a current calendar with all the classes offered on www.namimn.org and some great education and resources, too.



Lunchbox Talks: 30 minute online conversations

Have you ever wished that someone would give you one solid skill that you could use with your child right now? Well, here it is. Join us for a 30 minute conversation that will focus on one practical skill each month for parents and caregivers that can change the trajectory of your relationship with your child. Included in your time with us, you will receive a brief introduction to the skill, be offered hands-on practice, and be provided resources to support you.

Time: 12:00 – 12:30 PM

- Wed, April 2: How to Really Listen to Your Child
- Wed, May 7: The Power of Validation
- Wed, June 4: Empowering Kids through Boundaries
- Wed, July 9: De-escalating Intense Emotions
- Wed, Aug 6: Accepting the Way Things Are
- Wed, Sept 3: Building Family Wellness
- Wed, Oct 1: Supporting Kids Struggling with Executive Functioning
- Wed, Nov 5: Don't Forget About Self-compassion
- Wed, Dec 3: Building your Team

[Click for Zoom registration link](#)

Transitions

Learn how to help your teen or young adult access resources to succeed in school, employment and independent living. Understand the rights young adults gain when they reach 18 and how to help guide them if they are not ready for total independence. This class is for parents or caregivers of youth or young adults.

- Thursday, March 27, 2025: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

Understanding Early Episode Psychosis for Families

Learn about the signs and symptoms of psychosis, causes, treatment options and why early intervention is so important. Participants will learn how to advocate for and help a young person get back to work or school and achieve recovery. This class is for parents or caregivers of youth or young adults.

- Thursday, April 3, 2025: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

You're the Expert

This class stresses the value of parent engagement and advocacy to ensure the best care and treatment for your child in the doctor's office, the mental health system, and in public education settings. We focus on self care so parents and guardians can effectively advocate for their loved one in all settings.

- Thursday, May 22, 2025: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

[Zoom Registration Link](#)



Become Part of Our Church Family New Member/Partner Sunday

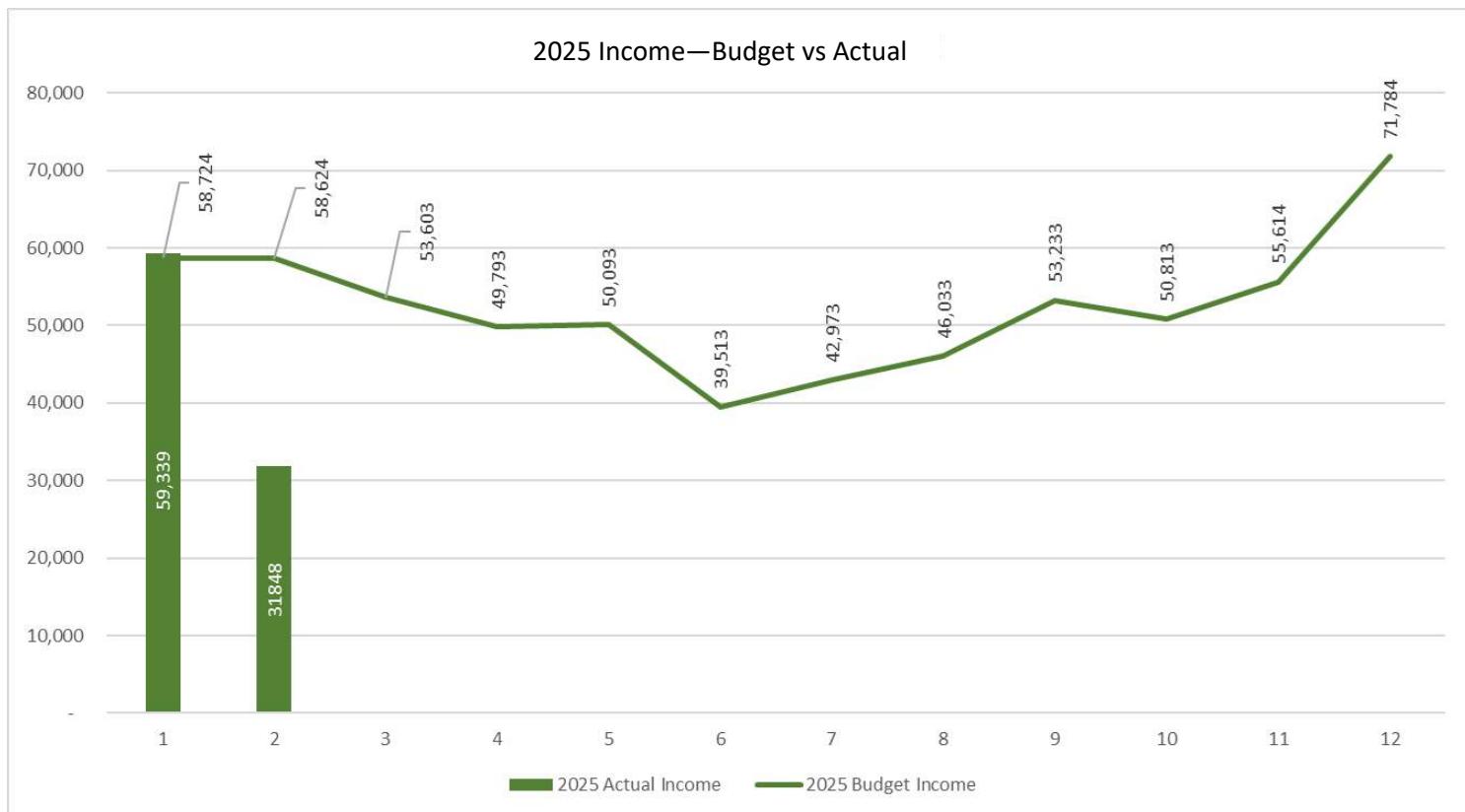
There will be a new member orientation on **Sunday, April 13th from 5:30-6:30 PM**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Light of Christ, please contact the [church office](#) for more information. Our next reception of new members/partners will be on **May 4th**.

Follow us on Instagram!

Check out our new Instagram page! Our handle is **@delanolightofchrist**. Scan the QR code to get directly to the page.



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date
Summary –
February 2025

- YTD Budget \$117,198
- YTD Actual \$91,223
- Year to Date Actual is \$25,975 below budget

STAYING CONNECTED

THE HOOT NEWS for March from Sue Fink

On April 24th (note the change in week due to Holy Week), we are going to have a "Lunch and Learn" event in the Living Room. We'll start at noon with a Subway sandwich lunch and at 1PM we have 2 speakers scheduled. Andrea Karels, with Iten Funeral Home, is going to offer information on end-of-life/funeral planning. She is also enlisting a lawyer-friend from Buffalo who will speak on financial planning, "getting your ducks in a row," so to speak. We'll also have information on LOC's columbarium and new funeral reception guidelines. Should be a very informative day!



In May we will have our *first summer outing (yay!)* -- either a fun show or field trip, *to be determined soon*. If you have any fun ideas, please let your OWLS planning committee members know: Lona Jose, Jewel Ekern, Laurie Grimm, Sue and Bill Fink.

Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day of the Lord drawing near."

When Fear Holds Us Back

Fear can keep us stuck—hesitant, worried, unsure. But scripture reminds us that God's presence and promises give us courage. This week in *Unshaken: Trusting God in an Anxious World*, we'll

explore how to move forward in faith, even when fear tries to hold us back. Curious? New to Bible study? No problem! Everyone is welcome to join the conversation. **Thursday at 9:30 AM or 7:00 PM**—bring a friend or just yourself!

SESSION ONE from our Unshaken Bible Study is available for you. Following are two links. One is for a [PDF document for you to print](#). And another is for the [recorded session with Tim Johnson](#).

Everyone is invited to participate by attending our Thursday 9:45 AM session here at church or our 7:00 PM study session, also here at LOC. Or, you can use the above links.



Lenten Worship

Weekly Wednesday
Lenten worship is at 7:00 PM
and will incorporate the

Holden Evening Prayer service, as well as feature the 10th graders' faith statements. A meal will be held at 6:00 PM before each service. The 7th grade families will be serving pulled chicken sandwiches on March 26th.

Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).



LIGHT OF CHRIST CHURCH Paint night



JOIN US ON APRIL 3RD FOR A NIGHT WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WOMEN'S GROUP.
THE FUN STARTS AT 6:30PM IN THE DOWNTOWN SOCIAL (OLD LUPINE) BUILDING.
CHOOSE FROM THREE DIFFERENT PROJECTS TO CREATE. COST \$30

STUDIO527

REGISTER AT WWW.STUDIO527MN.COM OR
CLICK ON THE QR CODE



Upcoming LOC Sisters & Community Life event

Please sign up using the QR code in graphic above or at this link: <https://www.studio527mn.com/collections/adult-workshops>

STAYING CONNECTED



Serve Day... Coming on May 10th!

On **Saturday, May 10th**, Light of Christ will be hosting our first annual Serve Day! On this day, we will all come together to help and support our church and community. Some of the projects may include volunteering at the Delano Food Shelf, Feed My Starving Children, local nursing homes, Love INC, as well as projects around church (light maintenance and cleaning, making cards for military members, outdoor projects, etc.). We know this is a busy weekend (with fishing opener and Mother's Day) but it would be wonderful if we could all come together to serve others and give back! More info (and a sign up link with project times/info) will be coming soon... but save the date! This project is being coordinated by HS youth, Abby Gierke, for her NHS project (along with Kirsten Kelly). Thank you!



Successful youth fundraiser on Sunday, March 16th—thanks for your support!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Sign Up for Summer Bible Camp and VBS!

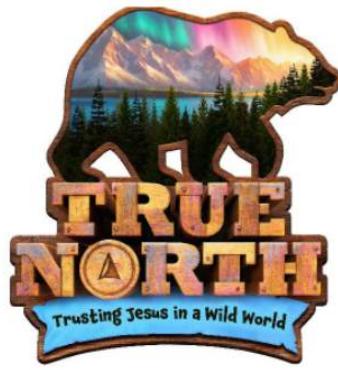
Registration for camp at Camp Wapo!
Scholarships will be provided again this year!
Invite a friend and join us for a life-changing
week at camp this summer!

- Seeds (Grades 1-3): June 20-22
- Wapo Youth (Grades 4-8): June 22-27 and July 27-August 1
- Wapo One-Day (Grades 1 & up): June 25

LOC Specific Registration Link: <https://lwbcil.com/loc-delano>



Looking for Mountains of Fun?



You Otter Be Here!

- ◆ New Friends
- ◆ Amazing Experiments
- ◆ Creative Games
- ◆ Super-Fun Snacks
- ◆ Surprising Adventures
- ◆ Incredible Music

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 13th – Wednesday, July 16th

5:00PM – 7:15PM

Register Online:

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/TrueNorth>



March Birthdays

Lee	Bunker	March 01
Evan	Lemmerman	March 01
Aidan	Quandt	March 01
Melissa	Sandberg	March 01
Lexi	Thomas	March 01
Betty	Pavik	March 02
Cheryl	Schleper	March 02
Eric	Bitterman	March 02
Samantha	VanCura	March 03
Peter	Grant	March 04
Emerson	Hinker	March 06
David	Motzko	March 06
Adam	Wortz	March 06
Taylor	Williams	March 07
Linda	Rundle	March 07
Allison	Goldbeck	March 08
Rachel	Miller	March 08
Rhonda	Almquist	March 09
Sam	Cederberg	March 09
Cheryl	Collins	March 09
Annette	McClelland	March 09
Dan	Torgerson	March 09
Meagan	Boecker	March 10
Annalise	Wheatley	March 10
Carol	Anderson	March 11
Carissa	Rootes	March 11
Sophia	Grant	March 13
Jordan	Myhre	March 13
Gretchen	Ness	March 13
Rosalie	Grant	March 14
Madison	Hinker	March 15
Billie	Chock	March 16
Katie	Henson	March 16
Josh	Streich	March 16
Ronan	Mullen	March 16
Nora	Slipka	March 17

The Community Life Committee wants to celebrate your birthdays! Next Sunday, March 30th after 9:30 AM worship, we will have birthday treats to celebrate March, April, & May birthdays! We celebrate birthdays quarterly so everyone's birthday will be acknowledged. Don't forget to wish someone a Happy Birthday this quarter!

For those celebrating, may blessings be upon you and let faith guide your heart all year. We hope your birthday is one of joy, peace, and love.



Tory	Spanier	March 17
Jeffrey	Olson	March 18
Britta	Reierson	March 18
Carol	Bruhn	March 19
Greg	Johnson	March 20
Nicole	Rubertus	March 20
Cole	Wiyninger	March 21
Carina	Borman	March 22
Taylor	Kriesel	March 23
Dave	Henson	March 24
Andrew	Ihde	March 24
Ashley	Jeseritz	March 24
Kay	Klason	March 25
Hattie	Savage	March 25
Alaina	Grant	March 26
Lynda	Pavlovich	March 26
Lisa	Hemmer	March 27
Emily	Lind	March 27
Mary Jane	Amend	March 28
LoyAnn	Anderson	March 28
Kirsten	Kelly	March 28
Alisha	Klason	March 28
Bonnie	Lotzer	March 28
Troy	Malo	March 28
Lindsay	Wallace	March 28
Alex	Williams	March 28
John	Zerull	March 28
Ray	Emmer	March 28
Grace	Nohner	March 29
Nicholas	Mullen	March 29
Linda	Rosaaen	March 30
Blake	Miller	March 30
Amber Dawn	Andrews	March 31
Michael	Heinzen	March 31
DeeAnne	Palan	March 31

April Birthdays

Jay	Thompson	April 01
Patrick	Custer	April 01
Alexis	Rothstein	April 01
Wendy	Haley	April 02
Tyler	Malo	April 02
Derek	Horeis	April 03
Cheryl	Gielau	April 04
Dan	Paulson	April 04
Jessica	Schultz	April 04
Jennifer	Almquist	April 04
Stephanie	Gallus	April 05
Brad	Beyer	April 05
April	Fritz	April 05
Heather	Dickey	April 06
Drew	Kelly	April 06
Wade	Sprengeler	April 07
Matt	Strobl	April 07
Anna	Tool	April 07
Deborah	Oelrich	April 08
Jean	Detwiler	April 08
Leah	Custer	April 08
Natalie	Thompson	April 08
Leighton	Peterson	April 08
Brooks	Weldon	April 08
Elizabeth	Coulombe	April 09
Tim	Wheatley	April 09
Carter	Tool	April 09
Tim	Allison	April 10
Cheri	Ashfeld	April 10
Dawn	Cook	April 10
Judy	Schuette	April 11
Eileen	Torgerud	April 11
William	Hartnett	April 11
Charles	Jose	April 12
Rebecca	Finkelson	April 12
Rachel	Halbersma	April 12
Kayleigh	Olson	April 12
Steven	Macks	April 13
Jack	Schnettler	April 13
Leslie	Anderson	April 14
Jason	Engel	April 14
Daniel	Peterson	April 14
Nolan	Kane	April 14
Brant	Olson	April 14



Eilee	Olson	April 14
Gavin	Carson	April 15
Ethan	Thomas	April 15
Bradon	Thomas	April 16
Eric	Hanson	April 17
Siri	Bartlein	April 17
Reagan	Krysan	April 17
Lettie	Eichten	April 17
Bella	Dinger	April 18
Olivia	Kopperud	April 18
Michael	Larison	April 19
Christopher	Sandberg	April 19
Sydney	Strobl	April 19
Lowell	Johnson	April 21
Mark	Vatnsdal	April 21
Anna	Wischmann	April 21
Chloe	Fritz	April 21
Jim	VanCura	April 23
Taylor	Tool	April 23
Ally	Underhill	April 23
Jeanie	Stigman	April 24
Susan	Larison	April 24
Jennifer	Grant	April 25
Nolan	Peterson	April 25
Sydney	Pink	April 25
Carolyn	Hirsch	April 26
Rebecca	Rue	April 26
Grace	Reiffenberger	April 26
Griffin	Rosaaen	April 26
Briana	VanCura	April 27
Alice	Evjen	April 27
Jack	Janike	April 27
Wendy	Caslavka	April 28
Theodore	DeMars	April 28
Alexander	Hartnett	April 28
Katherine	Behm	April 29
Kimberly	Kane	April 29
Marcie	Ludwig	April 29
Cael	Olson	April 29
Brynn	Spanier	April 29
Lola	Haugen	April 29
Daniel	Eichten	April 30
Hunter	Allen	April 30

May Birthdays

Jacob	Olson	May 01
Erin	Olson	May 01
Braylee	Rue	May 01
Susan	Heinzen	May 02
Bill	Weis	May 02
Edie	Henson	May 03
John	McClelland	May 03
Carmen	Hanson	May 04
Dalton	Schultz	May 04
Owen	Borman	May 05
Brooks	Gabrick	May 05
Avery	Klaphake	May 05
Emery	Klaphake	May 05
Annika	Quamen	May 05
Brogan	Stoddard	May 06
Scott	Dallmann	May 07
Rose	Bitterman	May 07
Hayden	Rue	May 08
Halle	Lansing	May 08
Zachary	Henson	May 09
John	Magner	May 09
Mara	Myhre	May 09
Elijah	Wheatley	May 09
Carol	Kocina	May 10
Emma	Meyer	May 10
Kaci	Malo	May 11
Melanie	Paulson	May 12
Betty	Anderson	May 12
Bryn	Beyer	May 13
Bria	Barfnecht	May 15
Leo	Hanson	May 15
Brandon	Heinzen	May 15
Jeannie	Ludwig	May 15
Jennifer	Slipka	May 15
Sydney	Wuerger	May 15
Benjamin	DeMars	May 16
Jennifer	Hinker	May 16
Mike	Bunker	May 17
Robin	Olson	May 17



Anika	Paulson	May 17
Bob	Gielau	May 18
Jonathan	Olson	May 18
Taylor	Olson	May 18
Diane	Schmidt	May 18
Tom	Screedon	May 18
Nolan	Lockrem	May 18
Daniel	Chock	May 19
Christopher	Mikkelsen	May 19
Navy	Eichten	May 21
Halle	Gallus	May 21
Matthew	Kane	May 21
Bonnie	Snaza	May 21
Brooks	Halbersma	May 22
Delwood	Hirsch	May 22
Kiptyn	Lansing	May 22
Jill	Johnson	May 22
Jackson	Gilman	May 22
Siena	Dinger	May 23
Devin	Schansberg	May 23
Madison	Schansberg	May 23
David	Kelly	May 24
Vicky	Rootes	May 24
Anna	Streich	May 25
Blair	Berscheid	May 26
Cameron	Berscheid	May 26
Curtis	Czock	May 27
Lindsey	Thompson	May 27
Aaron	DeMars	May 28
Emma	Lotzer	May 28
Wendy	Anderson	May 29
Abigail	Froehle	May 29
Matthew	Schuette	May 29
Brian	Anderson	May 30
Grant	Dallmann	May 30
Brad	Goldbeck	May 30
Tate	Olson	May 30
Kristi	Hoffmann	May 30
Gabrielle	Mielke	May 31