



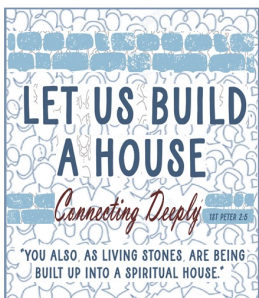
Worship

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



Church Council 2026

Fred Caslavka
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Annual Church Picnic—Sign-up will close at noon on Monday, June 8th!

Come and join us for fellowship and delicious food at the church picnic on **June 9th from 6:00-7:30** at LOC! See sign-up link below for more details!

[LOC Community Life: Church Picnic](#)



NourishingHOPE

Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, June 8th
4:00-5:00 pm

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pickup on a first come, first serve basis at the following locations:

Corcoran

St. Thomas Catholic Church
20000 County Road 10
Corcoran, MN 55340

Rockford

Our Father's Lutheran
3903 Gilbert Ave SE
Rockford, MN 55373

Hanover

Influence Church @ City Hall
11250 5th Street NE
Hanover, MN 55341

Delano

Light of Christ Lutheran Church
3976 County Line Road SE
Delano, MN 55328

Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church
1601 Highway 25 North
Buffalo, MN 55313

Maple Grove

Rice Lake Bible Chapel
8801 Rice Lake Road
Maple Grove, MN 55369

For assistance locating a specific site or for questions, please contact us at

NourishingHOPE is a ministry of Our Father's Lutheran Church, in cooperation with area churches. Our vision is to relieve area food insecurity and promote wellness in mind, body, and spirit for people East-Central Wright County. For information on you or your organization partnering with NourishingHOPE, please visit our website at www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html

Food Distribution Volunteer Sign-ups

Sign up to help with packing food boxes in Rockford or with distribution in the church parking lot on **Monday, June 8th**.

- **9:45 AM at Our Father's Lutheran** – Pack hundreds of boxes. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>
- **3:30 PM at Light of Christ** – Unload and distribute food right here. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>



Thank you for helping us thrive as a community of hope.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Mission and Evangelism Committee is seeking volunteers who would like to go to the Estates at Delano and spend time with the residents. Volunteers would be able to choose from a variety of activities such as playing Bingo, doing female residents' nails, playing cards or other games, hosting a movie afternoon or night, doing projects, gardening, or other activities of their choice, as new ideas arise. Participants would need to have a background check done prior to volunteering. The activities director will be out on maternity leave soon so this would be a great time to have people able and willing to provide activities while she is out. Time commitment would vary according to your availability. Contact Lisa Spencer for more information: lisaspencer864@gmail.com or 612-741-7504.



Thank You to Kids Hope Mentors

We want to thank our LOC Kids Hope mentors who have met with their Delano Elementary student each week for an hour for this school year. Their compassion and commitment to help their student experience a close relationship and feel the special connection has been great. A number of the kids have much happening in their life and so look forward to the special connection they feel and all the fun they have had with their mentor. Thank you, Wendy Caslavka, Stan Droneck, Kirsten Kelly, Lisa Hemmer, Vicki Noetzelman, Lisa Spencer, JoMarie Williamson and Tracy Herkenhoff. Thank you also to the prayer partners who have kept the mentors and their kiddos in their prayers. If you would like to be a mentor at Delano Elementary next school year, we would love to have you join us in our fifth year of Kids Hope here at LOC. Contact Lona Jose if you are interested.



“Go and do likewise,’ Jesus said after telling the story of the Good Samaritan—calling us to serve, love, and show compassion to neighbors in need.” (Luke 10:37)

Neighbors in Need Ministry—Serving in the Way of the Good Samaritan

Neighbors in Need is a new ministry at Light of Christ focused on offering care, support, and a sense of safety for vulnerable neighbors—especially immigrant families—as we walk alongside them in compassion, faith, and practical love.

To begin, we are collecting:

- dry pinto beans
- dry black beans
- white or long-grain rice

Collections will continue over the next few months. If possible, we encourage purchasing from local Hispanic/Latino grocery stores as a way of supporting our broader community.

You may also give financially to **Wright County Immigrant Aid** by scanning the QR code below. The code will take you to the **United Faith Community Church** website. Please donate to the *general fund and email the church office indicating that you would like your gift designated for Wright County Immigrant Aid*. Donations help provide food, personal care products, rent assistance, gas cards, and other everyday essentials.

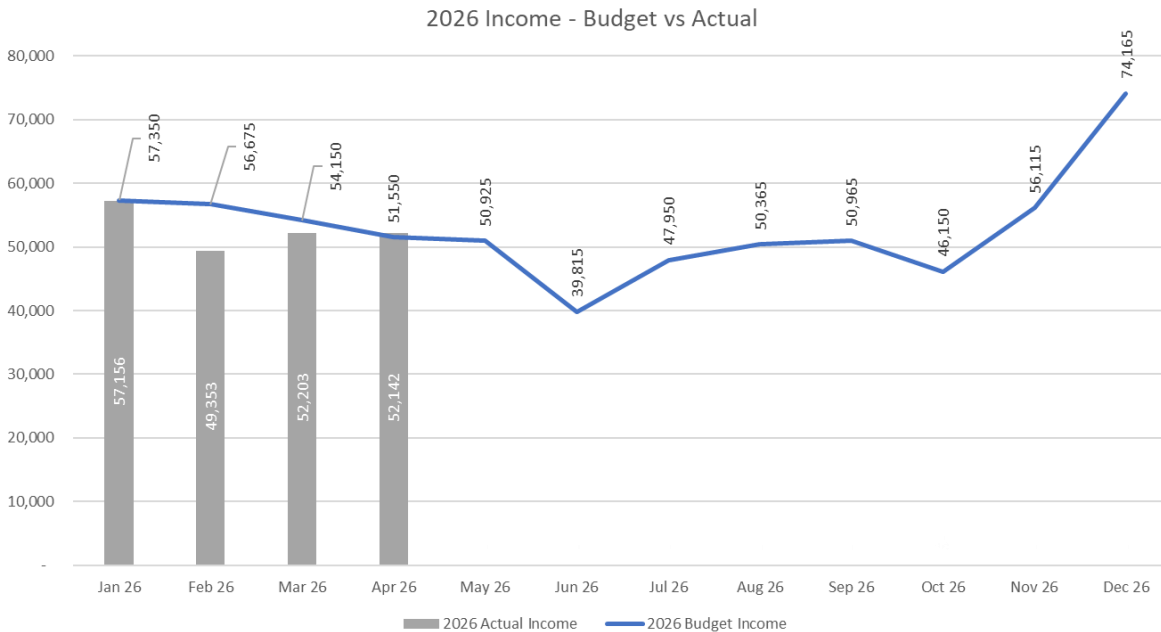
Thank you for helping us take these first steps—together—as we seek to “*go and do likewise*” by serving, loving, and caring for neighbors in need.

For more information, please contact:

Katie Kohler, Jennifer Grant, Jo Marie Williamson, Rhonda Current, Pastor Tim, or Tim Johnson



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



YTD Summary April 2026

- YTD Budget \$219,725
- YTD Actual \$210,854
- Year to Date Actual is **\$8,871** below budget



An Invitation to Continue

We invite you to continue growing in generosity. Every gift—whether regular, increased, or above and beyond—is received with deep gratitude and makes a lasting impact.

The Generous Life: Six Practices that Shape Our Faith



The Generous Life: *Give Proportionally*

Proportional giving invites us into intentional, growing generosity.

In Scripture, giving is often described as a portion or percentage—an approach that allows each person to give faithfully according to what they have received.

Proportional giving creates a pathway for growth. It's not about comparison—it's about commitment.

What this looks like in everyday life:

A member chooses a percentage of their income to give. For some, it begins at a smaller percentage; for others, it grows toward a tithe (10%). Over time, they increase that percentage as they are able.

This approach brings clarity, consistency, and a sense of purpose to giving.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give...” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

(We will feature a new practice every couple of weeks)

The GIVING CORNER

Gifts of in-kind assets beyond stock (mutual funds, bonds, sometimes other property)

Charitable giving does not have to be cash only. Many organizations can accept in-kind gifts like marketable securities, including mutual funds and bonds, and in some cases other assets. The potential benefit is similar to donating appreciated stock. You may be able to deduct the fair market value and avoid triggering taxable gains that would occur if you sold the asset first. The practical side matters here. Some charities have limited ability to receive certain assets, and some gifts require extra paperwork, valuation, or appraisals. Still, for someone with low cost-basis investments, in-kind gifting can be a strong way to be generous while also cleaning up a portfolio in a tax-aware way.

Article Submitted by Brad L. Spencer, CPWA®

Capital Appeal Update: Let's Finish Strong!

Great news! **Parking lot work has begun!**

Thanks to your incredible generosity through our capital appeal, *"Let Us Build a House...Where Love Can Grow,"* we've made strong progress, completed important improvements, and are now moving into one of our most significant remaining projects.

This is exciting—and it's also a key moment.

Where We Stand

- **Total Pledged:** \$232,130
- **Total Received:** \$189,709
- **Total Expected:** \$242,550

Because of your giving, we are essentially at the point of moving ahead with the parking lot project. Thank you! What a blessing—and what a testimony to what we can accomplish together.

Now, we need your help to **finish strong**.

If you still have a remaining pledge balance, this is a wonderful time to complete your commitment if you are able. And if you are in a position to make an **extra gift**, your support can help us confidently cross the finish line—especially as final costs and pricing continue to fluctuate.

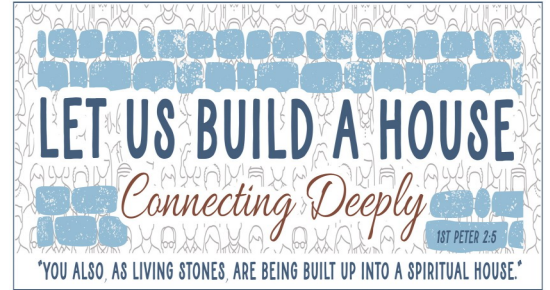
Every gift matters. Every fulfilled pledge helps. Every extra contribution moves us forward.

Together, we can:

- ✓ Complete the parking lot project well
- ✓ Strengthen our readiness for final expenses and rising costs
- ✓ Position ourselves for future improvements that support hospitality, connection, and ministry

We've accomplished much already. Let's not lose momentum now. Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and your investment in a church home where worship happens, people connect, faith grows, and lives are touched.

We are close. Let's keep going. Let's finish strong—together.



 **Help Needed**
Learn what's involved in caring for our church and get to know staff by volunteering for **1 hour, two days a week every 5-6 weeks**. Duties involve emptying waste-baskets, filling towel dispensers, and vacuuming the office entryway as needed. We welcome men or women with availability on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Contact Terri in the office if interested.

The church office will be closed on Fridays through September 4th.



2027 Offering Envelopes

A growing number of members contribute weekly or monthly using electronic giving methods. However, we understand that many prefer placing an offering envelope in the plate. To eliminate the **purchased-but-unclaimed** envelopes that are wasted, we're asking each family that **wants** pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by **AUGUST 14th**. Either email [Terri in the church office](#) or call 763-972-2400. This "OPT IN" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!



If you've already been receiving pre-printed envelopes each year, you will remain on the list until you request otherwise.

CHURCH NEWS

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

I know we are just winding down one programmatic year, but that means that the staff and I are already getting ready for the next one. This last week we gathered together to put things on the calendar for September already! Many of them will be familiar to you: Rally Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, start of Advent, etc. However, two of them are going to look very different. The first is we are going to have Confirmation on Reformation Day, which in 2026 is **October 25th**. Now if you don't have a 10th grader this might not look so different, just another worship opportunity on October 25th.

However, you will notice that during the summer months we will have the youth give their faith statements. So, we want you to come worship and hear about the youth's faith this summer to support them.

Another change for next year is happening on Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Day. We will have a very special service on that day, filled with lots of music and readings while Pastor/artist Paul Oman paints a Biblical work of art. His ministry is called "Drawn to the Word" and he is led by the Holy Spirit to create the artwork that will adorn our sanctuary for years to come. It will be an amazing experience for all ages and involve the gifts of many in our congregation.

We would like your input in choosing the theme for that day, which will be reflected through the music, readings and the painting Paul brings to life.

Here are the three themes that I have been dreaming about. Please pray on it and vote at the link below for your favorite as we bring this unique worship and art to Light of Christ.

All Saint's Sunday theme options for 2026:

1) Drawn to the Light of Christ: Our mission is to shine Christ's light so the world may see him reflected in our love.

John 1:1-6

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

2) Christ the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow: Christ has called all people to himself, which means we connect to Moses, our grandparents, and all those generations yet to come!

Hebrews 13:5-8

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

3) We are Citizens with all God's Saints: God has cast a wide net and we gather with all the saints of Delano, surrounding areas and the world!

Ephesians 2: 17-21

¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; ²¹ in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

We will be allowing you to talk with your friends and vote on your favorite of these three options. I am turning this update over to Terri who will let you know what to do to vote! Because though I know scripture well I don't yet know all of our computer systems.

Pastor Tim signing off so Terri can fill you in.

Please follow this link to place your vote for your preferred theme for this special service on November 1st!

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



Beauty Amidst the Mess

As we work to finish our parking lot, staff is parking behind the church and walking to the back doors. This week we discovered a beautiful robin's nest nearby one of the doors. It will be fun to watch the baby birds as they hatch and grow!

It's a reminder that we can always find God's beauty amidst the messy and stressful times in life. Don't forget to watch for God this summer!



Light of Christ members are given access to *Breeze*, our online member portal and directory. Members were sent an invite to create their account when we first converted to Breeze. If you have not yet created your account, [please click here to do so](#). You will be asked to enter your name and email address to receive an invite link by email. The name and email must match what is in our profile information for each of you. If you have any issues, please contact Terri in the church office to assist you.

Your account access will allow you to view and update your own information, view your giving history, and add or update your profile pictures.

Additionally, you will be able to search the database to view general contact information for other Light of Christ members listed in the online directory.

After creating an account, you can conveniently access our church's Breeze account by bookmarking this link: lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com and then can log into your account at any time. You can also access the portal login page by clicking "Member Portal" at the top of our church website home page (www.lightofchristlutheran.com).

Here is a great 2½ minute [Member Tutorial video](#) that may be helpful as you learn this tool! (*Please note: the video mentions online giving offered through Breeze. Our online giving platform is currently through **Vanco Payment Solutions**, so please disregard that towards the end of the video.*)



Confirmation Faith Statements

Over the summer, the upcoming 10th grade confirmands will be giving their faith statements. Those worship services are:

- Wednesday, June 10
- Wednesday, July 1
- Sunday, July 12
- Wednesday, August 12
- Sunday, August 16
- Sunday, September 20

Please attend or watch online to support these youth sharing their faith!

Do You Like to Play Board Games?

Join Pastor Tim again this summer for some game nights on **Wednesdays, June 24, July 29, and August 19 from 6:00-8:00 PM** in the fellowship hall! He will bring a selection of his games, or you are welcome to bring your own. All ages are welcome!



Congrats 2026 Light of Christ Grads!



The 2026 Grads with their Prayer Quilts



An adventure you'll fall for!



New friends 🌿 Amazing experiments 🌿 Creative games
Super-fun snacks 🌿 Surprising adventures 🌿 Incredible music

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 12th – Wednesday, July 15th

Sunday: 4:30PM – 7:15PM

Monday–Wednesday: 5:00PM – 7:15PM

Register online

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



We'd love your help with VBS!

Use these links below to get involved:

Volunteer sign-up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-62220163-vbs2026>



VBS Supply list sign-up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

Summer Camp at Wapo

Register now for summer camp at Wapo! Below are the dates LOC is planning to be there but you can register for any Wapo camp or Week. **LOC Weeks:**

Wapo Youth (Gr 4-9) June 21-26, 2026

Wapo Youth (Gr 4-9) July 26-31, 2026

Wapo One Day (K-2) June 24, 2026

Wapo Seeds (Gr 1-4) June 19-21, 2026

Here is our church-specific registration link to ensure you register for the correct week and program: <http://lwlbci.com/loc-delano>. Please reach out with any questions!

June Birthdays

Janet	Heinzen	June 01
Brandon	Johnson	June 01
Megan	Arneson	June 02
Sean	Ihde	June 02
Michael	Klaphake	June 02
Jeanne	Schansberg	June 02
Kim	Linder	June 02
Adam	Brown	June 03
Tanner	Sievers	June 05
Benjamin	Evjen	June 06
Amy	Murphy	June 06
Louisa	Jaunich	June 06
Beckett	Hiltner	June 07
Lydia	Wissink	June 07
Adam	Johnson	June 08
Jodi	Lind	June 08
Bridget	Mielke	June 08
Bruce	Schantzen	June 08
Katie	Vatnsdal	June 08
Kirby	Quamen	June 08
Charlie	Reiffenberger	June 08
Ann	Bassett	June 09
Dakota	Kuchenmeister	June 09
Sean	Lohmann	June 10
Natalie	Dinger	June 11
Collin	Schmidt	June 11
Cecilia	Jaunich	June 11
Norah	Berscheid	June 12
Kimberlee	Knisley	June 12
Jordan	Wiest	June 12
Annelie	Lundstedt	June 12
Benjamin	Kelly	June 13
Sidney	Schmit	June 13
Kimberly	Beyer	June 13
Justin	Lindall	June 13
Oliver	Reiffenberger	June 13

The Community Life Committee wants to celebrate your birthdays! Next Sunday, June 14th after 9:30 AM worship, we will have birthday treats to celebrate June, July, and August 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, & love.

Brady	Green	June 13
William	Lundstedt	June 13
Ella	Brown	June 14
Chet	Graunke	June 14
Alice	Hanson	June 15
Sarah	Thorstad	June 15
Ian	Caple	June 15
Roland	Carlson	June 16
Gabriel	Custer	June 16
Ryan	Thomas	June 16
Jon	Arneson	June 17
Gage	Olson	June 17
Jacob	Heinzen	June 17
Nolan	Wortz	June 18
Isaac	Schoen-Behnke	June 18
Joelle	Wallace	June 19
Devin	Crawford	June 20
Sadie	Russenberger	June 20
Terri	Reuter	June 20
Mia	Behnke	June 20
Brynlee	Crawford	June 21
Daniel	Lind	June 21
Kaitlyn	Malo	June 21
Michael	Hartnett	June 21
Shirley	Banick	June 22
Isaiah	Behnke	June 22
Abigail	Gierke	June 23
Brad	Spencer	June 24
Tyler	Miller	June 24
Lucas	Checkal	June 25
Brynn	Caslavka	June 26
Shane	Caslavka	June 26
Ross	Hemmer	June 27
Brian	Harstad	June 29
Maxine	Johnson	June 29
Lucas	Olson	June 29



July Birthdays

Cora	Boyack	July 01
Stephanie	McClelland	July 01
Deanna	Olson	July 01
Annika	Reierson	July 01
Kim	Haley	July 02
Mathew	Noetzelman	July 02
Mitch	Rue	July 02
Kayla	Banick	July 03
Joshua	Holzer	July 03
Lilly	Holzer	July 03
Kim	Wortz	July 03
Lydia	Nelson	July 04
LaDonna	Ekern	July 05
Kyle	Jerke	July 05
Camdyn	Kohlhof	July 06
Liesel	Kohlhof	July 06
Angela	Malo	July 06
Samuel	Fink	July 07
Samuel	Haley	July 07
Christopher	Meyer	July 07
Ryan	Anderson	July 09
Barry	Graunke	July 09
Taran	Allison	July 10
Brantley	Fritz	July 11
Janine	Holter	July 11
Anne	Rothstein	July 11
Kiera	Grant	July 12
Chris	Andrews	July 13
Jeff	Caple	July 13
Abigail	Coyle	July 13
Jenna	Bunker	July 14
Holly	Mikkelsen	July 14
Tara	Olson	July 14
Finnley	Lundstedt	July 14
Daniel	Halbersma	July 15
Laurie	Brown	July 16
Gracie	Peterson	July 17
Jackie	Peterson	July 17
Seth	Wiest	July 18



Mary	Schultz	July 18
Jeffrey	Sjulstad	July 18
Kayla	Myhre	July 19
Melissa	VanCura	July 19
Constantine	Wheatley	July 19
Kevin	Rothstein	July 20
Theresa	Wallace	July 20
Drew	Kane	July 21
Gordon	Torgerud	July 21
David	Anderson	July 21
Emilia	Olson	July 21
Dorothy	Henry	July 22
Jana	Lundstedt	July 22
Elizabeth	Kohlhof	July 23
Patrick	Nee	July 23
Nathan	Nielsen	July 23
Ian	Alviani	July 23
Maggie	Klason	July 24
Becky	Arneson	July 25
Nicholas	Holmer	July 25
Rick	Schmit	July 25
August	Jaunich	July 26
McKenna	Allen	July 26
Sabrina	Kolleck	July 26
Jordan	Lemmerman	July 27
Ethan	Underhill	July 27
Grant	Prinsen	July 28
Eileen	Huetteman	July 28
Lindsay	Lindall	July 28
John	Lundstedt	July 28
Sue	Fink	July 29
Julie Ann	Wischmann	July 29
Tate	Olson	July 29
Andelyn	Streich	July 29
Marc	Kohlhof	July 30
Bill	Fink	July 31
Ava	Werner	July 31
Mya	Werner	July 31
Bryce	Beyer	July 31

August Birthdays

Lindsay	Wallace III	August 01
Cora	Evjen	August 03
Bridget	Hanson	August 03
Jeffrey	Boecker	August 04
Douglas	Schaust	August 04
Weston	Gabrick	August 05
Sarah	Spanier	August 05
Cody	Hanson	August 08
Rhonda	Current	August 09
Travis	Knisley	August 09
Jessica	Prinsen	August 09
Zachary	Miller	August 09
Jeremiah	Lundstedt	August 09
Sarah	Gielau	August 10
David	Gast	August 10
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Joseph	Emerson	August 10
Jill	DeMars	August 11
Tara	Holmen	August 11
Monica	Gabrick	August 12
Lydia	Hemmer	August 12
Eric	Mikkelsen	August 12
Allison	Warne	August 12
Tyler	Finkelson	August 13
Caron	Ihde	August 13
Michael	Pink	August 13
Hailey	Anderson	August 13
Blake	Mullen	August 14
Jewel	Ekern	August 14
Rose	Alviani	August 14
Kathryn	Sandberg	August 15
Amanda	Thonn	August 15
Craig	Schansberg	August 16
Levi	Peterson	August 16
Amy	Graunke	August 16
Chase	Wortz	August 17
Ryan	Green	August 18
Breck	Johnson	August 18



Emerson	Brown	August 18
Kali	Anderson	August 19
David	Robinson	August 19
Emma	Knisley	August 22
Scott	Sandberg	August 22
Natasha	Werner	August 22
Dalton	Curtis	August 23
Charlie	Lockrem	August 23
Aveline	Samuel	August 23
Lisa	Andrews	August 24
Isabel	Fink	August 24
Levi	Haugen	August 24
Beckett	Ludwig	August 24
Janelle	Russenberger	August 24
Landon	Lundquist	August 25
James	Stigman	August 25
Brandt	Dinger	August 26
Carter	Larison	August 26
Eric	Sandberg	August 26
Char	Sorenson	August 26
Traci	Torgerson	August 27
Ken	Almquist	August 28
Sarah	Evjen	August 28
Carter	Schmidt	August 28
Kristy	Klaphake	August 29
Caleb	Prickett	August 29
Bob	Slipka	August 29
Al	Bunker	August 30
Mya	Sievers	August 30
Brock	Wuerger	August 30
Gretchen	Wuerger	August 30
Jennifer	Droneck	August 31
Teagan	Spanier	August 31
Nicholas	Truax	August 31
Nathan	Ness	August 31
Griffin	Pohlen	August 31

