



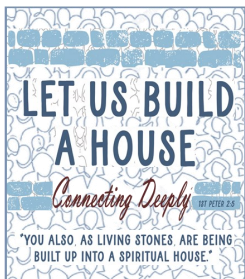
Worship

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



Church Council 2025

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NourishingHOPE

Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, June 9th
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 Ministry: Volunteers Needed!

Every second Monday of the month, Light of Christ partners with local congregations and organizations to care for neighbors through our Food Distribution Ministry. Volunteers are needed in two shifts:

- **9:45 AM at Our Father's Lutheran, Rockford** – Help pack ~700 boxes alongside friends from six churches.
- **3:30 PM at LOC parking lot** – Help distribute about 90 boxes to our community guests.

Food is provided by local growers and Second Harvest Food Bank. It's a rewarding way to meet people, serve others, and live your faith.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." – Matthew 25:35

June 9th is the next distribution. Sign up below:

- **9:45 AM** Food box packing. Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- **3:30 PM** Food distribution. Here at LOC. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)

Contact Tim Johnson with questions: tim.johnson@locdelano.com.

June Fifth Sunday Offering for Kids Hope



In past years, we have donated in June to missionary Karen Anderson in Chile. She is retired and no longer in Chile. This year our Fifth Sunday contributions in June will go to Kids Hope, a national ministry organization that has been working for 30 years to connect needy students in a local school district with 1-1 mentor volunteers from a local church. Our LOC Kids Hope volunteer mentors and three others from local Delano churches meet with their student for one hour each week for the entire school year. Our mentors have been working with Delano Elementary to help students who are in need of relationship building and developing confidence and trust. These mentors are making a wonderful difference in these kids' lives. The feedback from Delano teachers and the students has been so positive and touching. Our church contributes annually to Kids Hope to support their work in 33 states engaging 17,000 students, mentors and prayer partners in 750 programs.

You can contribute during the entire month of June by [clicking this link](#), placing your check in the collection plate on Sundays (note for "**Fifth Sunday**"), or you can send your contribution to Terri in the church office. Thank you for helping these children who are so in need of this one-to-one relationship with their mentor.

Shoe Collection/Recycling!

Donate and drop off your old tennis shoes at church. **Shoes can be in ANY condition as long as they are athletic shoes.** A collection bin can be found in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex at LOC.

EXTRA SHOES?

Be a part of a good cause and donate them!

Recycle

Re-use

Raise money

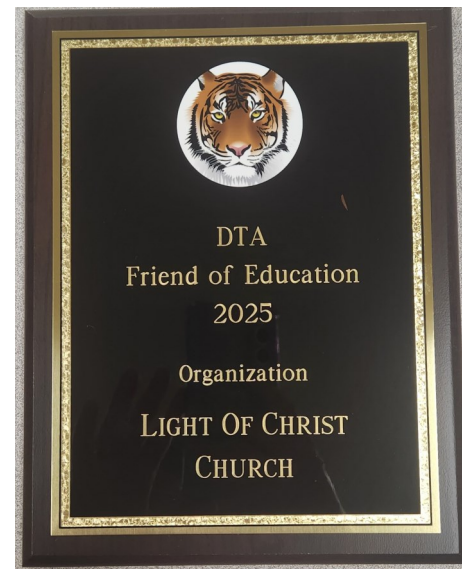
Drop your lightly used sneakers here!

<p style="font-weight: bold; color: #28a745;">600 million people don't even own a pair of shoes</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: #28a745;">200 million pairs of shoes end up in the landfill each year</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: #28a745;">30-40 years for shoes to decompose</p>
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Each year Delano School District recognizes *Friends of Education*, which is an award that goes to individuals and organizations that work hard to make a positive impact on our students. Light of Christ was nominated for this award by third grade teacher Teresa Langton, in recognition of our work with the Kids Hope mentorship program and won this year's organization award!

The award was presented at the end-of-the-school-year district breakfast on Wednesday, June 4 in the Delano High School cafeteria. Thank you and congratulations to all who are involved with the Kids Hope ministry!



Lead A Group At Fresh Start



We are seeking to add more facilitators and small group leaders to our Fresh Start Program! Learn more about this life transformational ministry by calling 763-999-7085 or visit bit.ly/loveinchlfs

Join Us At Golf For Love - Sept. 15

Tee off with us at Albion Ridges on September 15, 2025, for a day of friendly competition, community, and purpose. Event details, team tickets, and sponsorship packages available at bit.ly/golfforlove25

Do You Like to Play Board Games?

Join Pastor Tim on **Wednesdays in June from 6:00-8:00 PM** in the fellowship hall to play board games! He will bring a selection of his games, or you are welcome to bring your own. All ages are welcome!



The HOOT!! OWLS Newsletter by Sue Fink

With the warm weather back, it's time for some outdoor fun with the OWLS!! Your planning committee has lots of great events ahead!

- ◇ **June 26th, 10:00 AM:** Bike/hike/yard games at Lake Rebecca Park. BBQ potluck for lunch.
- ◇ **July 17th, 9:00 AM:** Annual Art Fair at Munsinger Gardens in St. Cloud. There will be over 60 artists, food, live music.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a season (a time appointed) for everything and a time for every delight and event or purpose under heaven-"
Amplified Version

Sunday Announcements



If you would like to share any church-related announcements on Sunday morning, please let Katie know by the Wednesday prior to the service. We will do our best to accommodate, but there may be Sundays where we cannot fit it in, and another Sunday may work better. Thank you!



Director of Children & Family Ministry Position

The Personnel Committee has posted this 20 hr/week position on the [LOC website](#). Do you know strong candidates who should apply? Our kids deserve a leader with high energy and a huge heart — just what LaDonna dedicated to the youngsters for the past 4 years.

What Is a Memorial Garden?

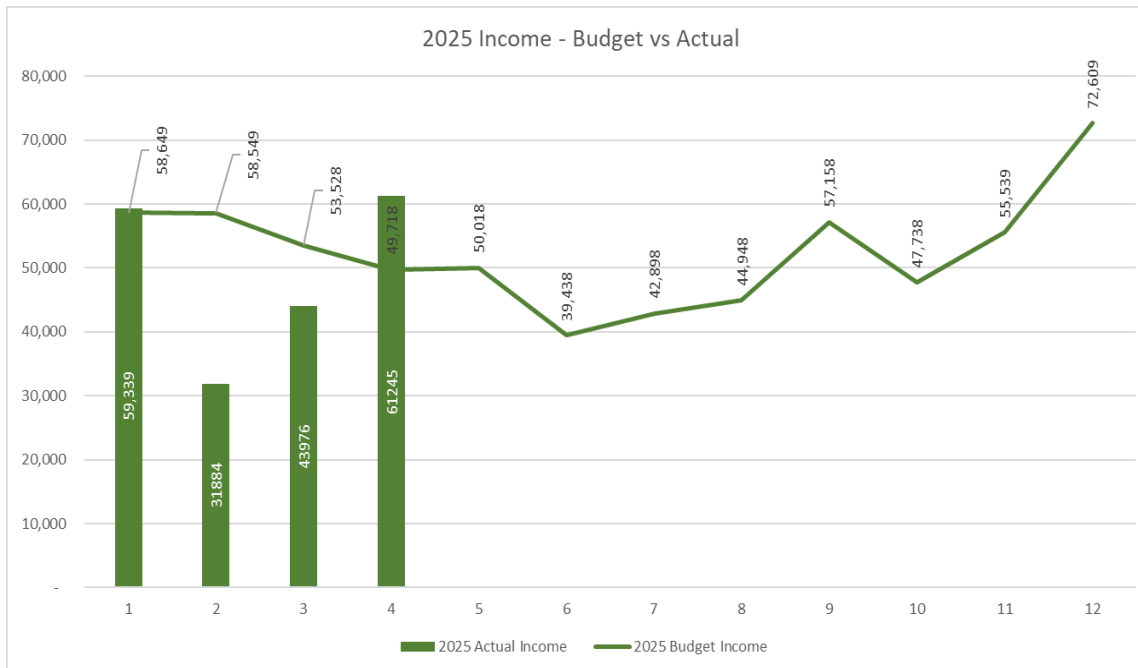
A memorial garden is a space designed to honor and remember the life of a loved one. A private place for reflection, remembrance and meditation. A beautiful spot creating a serene and reflective environment. Light of Christ is blessed to have our own beautiful setting right outside our entrance. We invite you to take a moment to visit our **Columbarium and Memorial Garden** to share in the tranquility and beauty it has to offer!



The church office will be closed on Fridays through August 29th.



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – April 2025

- YTD Budget \$220,444
- YTD Actual \$196,444
- Year to Date Actual is **\$24,000** below budget
- Increased giving in April



A Loving Nudge Toward Generosity

Light of Christ has always been a church filled with generous hearts and faithful people. Right now, our income is running behind our expenses, and we invite every partner in ministry to consider where they stand with their giving. If you've fallen behind on your pledge, this is a great time to catch up. And if you're able to give a bit more—out of love for God and gratitude for this church—please know that every gift makes ministry possible.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give...for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7



Centralized Sign Up

We have a new way of sharing volunteer sign-ups... all in one spot! Scan this QR code or go to this link (www.linktr.ee/lightofchristvolunteers) to view the new *LOC Volunteer Sign Up Page*. We hope this will make it easier to find the sign-ups and to volunteer!



Donate from Your Smart Phone



Light of Christ offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader or go to the [church website](http://churchwebsite) and locate the online giving page.



Grad Recognition and Tie Blankets

On Sunday, June 1st, Light of Christ honored 29 graduates and gifted them each with a special tie blanket. Many hands went into making these blankets...Vicki Noetzelman (and daughter, Sam) did the shopping for the fleece; Cynthia Kuenzel put time into applying for a Thrivent Action Grant to help with the funding of the fabric; Taylor Berscheid, Sydney Pink and Marshall Thorstad prepped/cut all of the fabric (as a part of their NHS Independent Service Project) so they were ready to be tied; and then the Confirmation youth tied the blankets as a part of their year-end party on 5/14/25. Thanks to all who helped with this special gift! Each graduate got to choose a blanket and then received a card with this note from the congregation:

Dear Graduates from Light of Christ,

*God loves you so much! The warmth of God's love in our lives is both a comfort and a motivation to share that warmth with others. We present you with this gift, a fleece prayer quilt made by your Light of Christ family, as a reminder of God's love and the nurturing of our faith community. As you begin new adventures, we hope you will bring this quilt with you... so that you **remember who you are and whose you are.***

Beloved child of God, we bless you and thank God for you.

*Wherever you go, may you share your gifts and shine your light, knowing that you are always a part of our faith community at Light of Christ. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Wherever you go, may your blanket remind you of God's comforting love and warmth. **Congratulations class of 2025!***

Thanks also to Jennifer Slipka and Natasha Werner (Youth & Family Ministry Team Members) for helping at Grad Sunday with photos and refreshments! And congrats to our LOC graduates!

Hunter Allen
Grace Caple
Connor Carlson
Ellie Chock
Jerried Curtis-Torgerson
Abby Gierke
Sophia Grant
Evalyn Green
Cecile Hempel (exchange student)
Halle Lansing
Emily Lind

Max Lotzer
Kaci Malo
Isabelle Nee
Nathan Ness
Kayleigh Olson
Tate Olson
Kaitlyn Pink
Aidan Quandt
Corey Rice
Devin Schansberg

Madison Schansberg
Carter Schmidt
Josie Strobl
Bradon Thomas
Maggie Thompson
Grace Ulberg
Henry Ulberg
Ally Underhill
AJ VanCura
Anneka Zaun

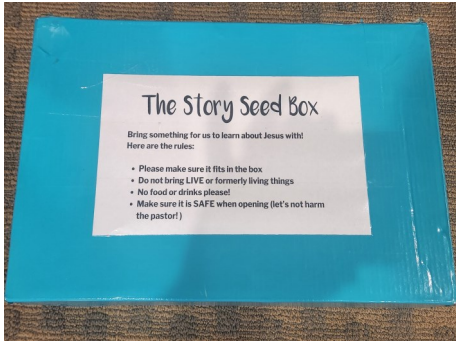


Class of 2025 with their Grad Quilts



Congrats 2025 LOC Grads!

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?



This is a question that Pastor Tim will not be able to answer until he opens the box in worship. During the children's message, Pastor Tim receives the box, opens it and then will connect what is in the box to the children's message. Does your child think they can stump Pastor Tim? Here's the chance to find out! Sign up your child (1 year old-2nd grade) for a Sunday when you will be in worship. You can pick up the box the Sunday prior or during the week (the box will be on a shelf in the church library). If you want, your child can bring the item on Sunday and sneak it into the box without Pastor Tim seeing it before worship. Sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-56773893-thebox>

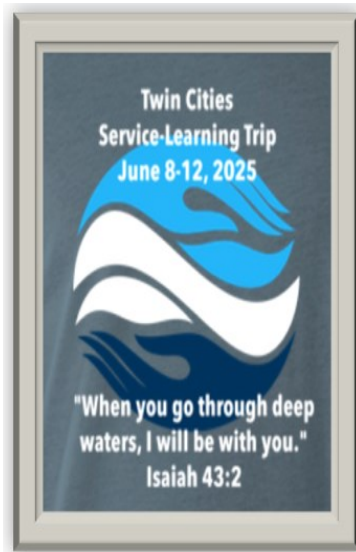
Volunteer or Donate Supplies for VBS

We are looking for volunteers the week of VBS to be a Crew Leader or Jr Crew Leader! We are also looking for volunteers to help with decorating and clean up. Please review both Sign-Up Genius links below and come join in our fun!! We hope to see you there! Thank you for helping to make VBS a great experience for our kids at Light of Christ! Please contact Brittany Hartnett at loc.vbs@yahoo.com with any questions. Thank you, *Children & Family Ministry Team*

Donations: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-56877244-vbs2025>

Volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-56878197-vbs2025>

7th/8th Grade Service-Learning Trip



Our very first Light of Christ 7th/8th Grade Service-Learning Trip is taking place on **June 8-12**. There will be 9 youth and 3 adults serving in the Twin Cities and staying at a church in St. Paul for the week. Please keep the following trip participants in your prayers as we prepare for our trip; serve, learn and grow during the trip; and then come home to share our experiences and what we learned with others. Thanks for your partnership in ministry!

7th/8th Grade Trip Participants:

Meg Arneson
Bryn Beyer
Emilia Bidle
Cora Boyack
Mike Boyack (Adult Leader)
Weston Gabrick
Kirsten Kelly (Adult Leader)
Kim Knisely (Adult Leader)
Maddie Knisley
Noah Rice
Pastor Tim Wheatley (Adult Leader)
Cole Wiyninger

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

Register online at link or QR code below:

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



Kids who sign up by June 20th will receive a free t-shirt!

June Birthdays

Janet	Heinzen	June 01
Brandon	Johnson	June 01
Jeanne	Schansberg	June 02
Sean	Ihde	June 02
Michael	Klaphake	June 02
Meg	Arneson	June 02
Adam	Brown	June 03
Joe	Schleper	June 05
Tanner	Sievers	June 05
Amy	Murphy	June 06
Ben	Evjen	June 06
Louisa	Jaunich	June 06
Lydia	Wissink	June 07
Beckett	Hiltner	June 07
Bruce	Schantzen	June 08
Jodi	Lind	June 08
Kirby	Quamen	June 08
Adam	Johnson	June 08
Katie	Vatnsdal	June 08
Bridget	Mielke	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
Kimberlee	Knisley	June 12
Jordan	Wiest	June 12
Norah	Berscheid	June 12
Justin	Lindall	June 13
Kimberly	Beyer	June 13
Ben	Kelly	June 13
Sidney	Schmit	June 13

The Community Life Committee wants to celebrate your birthdays! Next Sunday, June 15th after 9:30 AM worship, we will have birthday treats to celebrate June, July, & 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, and love.

Brady	Green	June 13
Oliver	Reiffenberger	June 13
Chet	Graunke	June 14
Ella	Brown	June 14
Sarah	Thorstad	June 15
Ian	Caple	June 15
Alice	Hanson	June 15
Roland	Carlson	June 16
Ryan	Thomas	June 16
Gabriel	Custer	June 16
Jon	Arneson	June 17
Jacob	Heinzen	June 17
Gage	Olson	June 17
Mariah	Fryer	June 18
Nolan	Wortz	June 18
Joelle	Wallace	June 19
Devin	Crawford	June 20
Terri	Reuter	June 20
Sadie	Russenberger	June 20
Brynlee	Crawford	June 21
Michael	Hartnett	June 21
Dan	Lind	June 21
Kaitlyn	Malo	June 21
Shirley	Banick	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
Maxine	Johnson	June 29
Brian	Harstad	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
Tate	Gallus	July 06
Camdyn	Kohlhof	July 06
Liesel	Kohlhof	July 06
Angie	Malo	July 06
Samuel	Fink	July 07
Samuel	Haley	July 07
Chris	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
Lanaya	Schnettler	July 14
Madeline	Engel	July 15
Dan	Halbersma	July 15
Laurie	Brown	July 16
Gracie	Peterson	July 17



Jackie	Peterson	July 17
Seth	Wiest	July 18
Mary	Schultz	July 18
Jeff	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
Elizabeth	Kohlhof	July 23
Patrick	Nee	July 23
Nathan	Nielsen	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
Jordan	Lemmerman	July 27
Ethan	Underhill	July 27
Grant	Prinsen	July 28
Eileen	Huetteman	July 28
Lindsay	Lindall	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
Bryce	Beyer	July 31
Ava	Werner	July 31
Mya	Werner	July 31

August Birthdays

Lindsay	Wallace	August 01
Wyatt	Wray	August 02
Cora	Evjen	August 03
Bridget	Hanson	August 03
Jeffrey	Boecker	August 04
Doug	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
Sarah	Gielau	August 10
David	Gast	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
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
Adam	Schleper	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
Aveline	Samuel	August 23
Charlie	Lockrem	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
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
Jessica	Cook	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