



A Letter From The Pastor

*"The one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion."
Philippians 1:6*

This month brings us to a new milestone in the life our congregation! On **Sunday, October 6th, 9:30 AM** we gather for a special congregational meeting, to consider extending a call to our recommended candidate. So it is, we trust that the good work God began together with us, and in us, for our interim journey - is coming to a healing conclusion!

Fall is the season when we find ourselves celebrating a number of transitions. Beginning a new school year, we paused last month in worship to offer this prayer: *Holy Spirit, source of all wisdom, bless all who teach. Fill their classrooms with learning and their hearts with compassion. Give them focus, patience and creativity as they educate children and youth. And remind them that we, their church family are here to support them.*

We celebrate with our **Director, Julie Welch**, our preschool being filled to capacity at 138 students! Thank you for holding our teachers in your prayers as they care for these young learners: **Kathy Nelson, Clarissa Dillinger, Betsy Mayer, Fae Heintz, Sue**

Johnston, Tina Dillman, Jody Bishop and Kelly Ginnunas. Our staff is working with diligence to prepare for their NAYCE accreditation review later this fall.

We're also grateful for the many members who have been inspired to share their faith with our children and youth in Sunday School and Confirmation: **Kathy Schwarz, Jerry & Christina Papaj, Julie Crissinger, Kelly Juniper, Marilyn Keane, Kathy Keeney, Megan Benton, Chrissy Hulet and Ryan Stagg.**

We're thankful for those who serve on our Preschool Ministry Team, providing oversight and vision for next steps: **Julie Welch, Liz Plummer, Peter Totten, Bob McFerin, Brynn Hoffman and parent, Sandi Douridas.**

Children, parents and teachers have been delighted by our improvements! Last year our property team oversaw the installation of new lighting. New blue tables have brightened classrooms. Chrome books were purchased, boosting our classroom technology. **Ted Plante and Roger Graves** recently installed new TV monitors in classrooms and hallways. All our teachers are now using these to provide instruction. And happily, a new app being used by teachers shows parents what their children are learning via short film clips.

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Pastor Leslie Fox

*"Know Christ—
Make Christ
Known"*

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NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Members of David Lutheran, Ryan & Pastor Leslie, we want to thank you for the love and prayer support you have given us during my recent hospital stay. We're grateful to say that recovery is going well and are so thankful for the wonder of God's bountiful grace in the midst of it all! All Blessings, **Mike & Cheryl Logsdon**

Our Preschool Staff and Sunday School teachers were honored last month with a cookie reception after a worship service offering prayers for the beginning of a new year of learning and growing with their students. We're grateful for those who provided hospitality that morning: **Kathy Keeney, Bob McFerin, Gail Heffner Charles and Liz Plummer.**

A shout out goes to **Elizabeth Wood** who helped Ryan in preparing a spaghetti dinner for our confirmation families for our orientation. Thanks also to **Angie Armstrong and Julie Crissinger**, our clean up crew! A cowgirl 'hats-off' to **Stacia Thornton** for rounding up volunteers and donations for our *October 12th* Harvest Hoe - Down outreach event! We're grateful to **Kenny Babbert** for providing leadership for our Labor Day Corn Booth, even while serving as emcee for the parade! Those who

staffed our corn booth at both our summer events are too numerous to mention by name! At the Blues and Rib Fest 26 volunteers served; our Labor Festival guests were greeted by 42 volunteers! Way to serve our community, David Lutheran friends! And thanks again, **David & Lisa Schacht**, for that great sweet corn!

Thanks goes to those who continue to keep our outdoor spaces tended! **Jim Hummel** cut up and removed a fallen tree from the back of our property. He has spread endless amounts of topsoil with a plan to seed these when fall temperatures will allow for growth. Jim also tidied up our preschool playground. **Phil Unger** trimmed and removed tree branches over the playground; did some lawn edging, and hosed off our front entry windows and ceilings. **Jeff Miller** worked to repair a fence and painted the playground's balance beam.

CHILD OF GOD

Harper Kay Callander was welcomed as a child of God in the sacrament of Holy Baptism on September 22nd. We lift Harper, her parents Kaylin and Michael, her sponsor Keara Totten in our prayers that together their faith may be strengthened!

“I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers”

Ephesians 1:16



GRIEF SHARE®

We have partnered with Asbury United Methodist Church South to bring this amazing ministry to you. *GriefShare* is a group discussion lead by support leaders, who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. They understand how you feel, because they've been there. With the group, you will walk on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

The program is 13 weeks and each session is "self contained," so you do not need to attend in sequence. You will be able to pick up any session you missed. Each week, there will be a video seminar, small group discussion, and journaling/ personal study. Weekly topics range from Challenges

of Grief, Guilt and Anger, Heaven, and What to do next. The next group starts October 2nd, 2019 and will run through January 22nd, 2019. Meetings are Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Asbury UMC South, which is located just down the road on Winchester Pike. The group will also have a "Coping with the Holidays" seminar, with the date being announced late.

To register or to ask questions, you can contact Connie Stephens (614.369.7964), Teri Karr (614.271.4233), the Asbury church office (614.837.4601) or our church office (614.837.7041). You are also encouraged to visit the website, www.griefshare.org

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Our Communications Team, **Ryan Stagg, Ashley Stahurski and M.J. Clark** researched software which turns TV monitors on and off, linking these with multimedia announcements. This allows visitors to be invited into our ministries; parents will learn about upcoming preschool events.

Facebook discussion posts have been inspired by **Ashley, our Minister of Communications**. These are fun, thoughtful daily life explorations and a great way to connect with one another in faith. Our team is searching next for ways to share our experience of Sunday worship with others. Let them know if you have any suggestions.

In coming months youth and adults will work together, hosting our Hoe Down Event, Trunk or Treat, Founder's Day Pie Fund Raiser, Reformation Breakfast, Christmas in the Village and more! Inside this newsletter edition, you'll read about the number of ways you can connect with others to make known the love of Christ in our community.

Dear friends, it's a wonder to see the Spirit of God alive in our midst, as we serve together in His name!

Walking with you in God's Amazing Grace,
Pastor Leslie, Intentional Interim

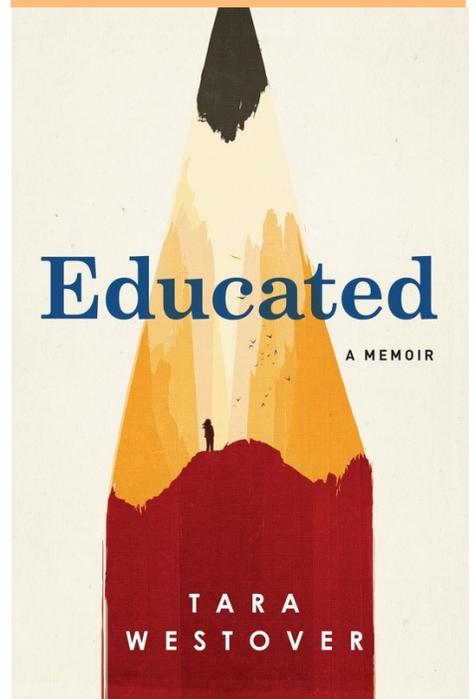
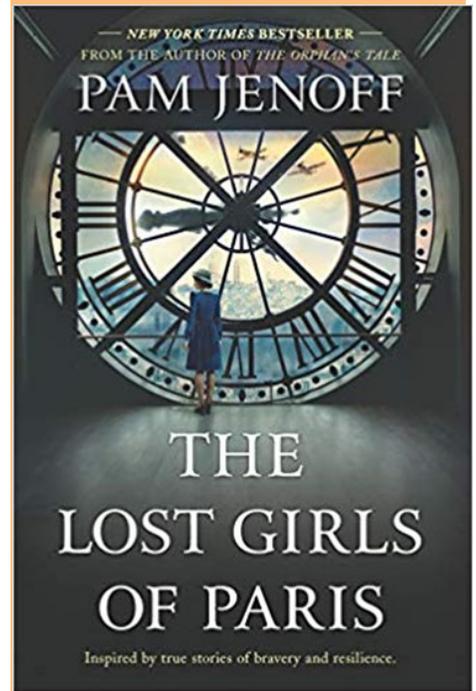
BOOK CLUBS

Evening Book Club will read, *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff. We will meet on *Thursday, October 24th at 6:30pm at the Herrenhaus Eflein Winery, which is located at 800 Winchester Southern Rd. Ashville, OH 43103.* Friends and bibliophiles are welcome!

"1946 Manhattan. One morning while passing through Grand Central Terminal on her way to work, Grace Healey finds an abandoned suitcase tucked beneath a bench. Unable to resist her own curiosity, Grace opens the suitcase, where she discovers a dozen photographs—each of a different woman. In a moment of impulse, Grace takes all of the photographs and she then quickly leaves the station. Grace soon learns that the suitcase belonged to a woman named Eleanor Trigg, leader of a network of female secret agents who were deployed out of London during the war. Twelve of these women were sent to Occupied Europe as couriers and radio operators to aid the resistance, but they never returned home, their fates a mystery. Setting out to learn the truth behind the women in the photographs, Grace finds herself drawn to a young mother turned agent named Marie, whose daring mission overseas reveals a remarkable story of true friendship, valor and betrayal. Vividly rendered and inspired by true events, *New York Times* bestselling author Pam Jenoff shines a light on the incredible heroics of the brave women of the war and weaves a mesmerizing tale of courage, sisterhood and the great strength of women to survive in the hardest of circumstances." (from the Amazon book site)

The **Daytime Book Club** will meet on Thursday, October 12th at 1pm in the Chapel at David Lutheran. Discussion will cover the book, *Educated* by Tara Westover. The memoir tackles Westover's journey from survivalist in the mountains of Idaho, to her first experience in a classroom, and on her quest for knowledge. Her tenacity to gain an education, transformed her. She traveled over oceans and across continents, went to Harvard and to Cambridge. Only after all of her travels, would she wonder if she'd gone too far and if there was a way back home.

We encourage anyone who would like to join us to do so! In November, we will be reading *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Marla Semple. This is a comedic novel about an agoraphobic architect and mother, who goes missing prior to a family trip. It is narrated by Bee Branch, the woman's 15 year old daughter.





CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Congregational Life worked diligently to do fundraising during the Rib and Blues Festival and the Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival. Due to the hard work of our faithful volunteers, we were able to collect \$3,362. We will be selling pies, hot chocolate, and coffee at the first ever Canal Winchester Founders Day! This event will be *Oct. 19th from 10am to 2pm in downtown Canal Winchester at the train depot*. Please look for a sign-up sheet to donate pies on the office window. Our last event of 2019 will be in *December*, when we sell chili and hot chocolate in downtown Canal for the Christmas in the Village holiday event. Thank you in advance for your donations and efforts with these events!

Rebekah Circle will be meeting October 15th at 11am in the Chapel. Bonnie Babbert will be the hostess and Janet Mara will lead the group in Bible Study. The meeting will cover the second session from the Gather magazine entitled, *No Hard Feelings? Session Two—The Ache of Grief*. You are encouraged to bring a sack lunch and to come fellowship.

DARTBALL will be practicing starting Monday Oct. 7th. If you are interested in joining or want to practice, please contact Rick Wetherill for additional details.

On *Tuesday, Oct. 1st from 6:30 to 8pm*, our **Safety Team** will host an “Active Shooter Training” in our Sanctuary. This training conducted by the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office will share ways to prevent, as well as to react to an actual threat. All members are encouraged to attend. We will be extending an invitation to our community’s congregations to participate as well. Let us know if you’d like to be present, so we can plan for refreshments by contacting the church office. Please connect with our Safety Team Chair, Jim Hummel, to learn more!

Moms, Grandmas, God Moms, and Motherly figures are encouraged to sign up for the reformation of **ACTS for Moms**. This group gives moms an opportunity to mentor and support one another. While there is no official first meeting date set currently, we are gaging interest. If you would be interested or would like more information, it would be appreciated if you sign up on the sheet, located on the office window. You can contact Julie Crissinger (614.452.0331 or jcrissinger@sbcglobal.net) or Stacia Thornton (419.305.9836 or stacia.anne.thornton@gmail.com)



Lutheran Disaster Response
HURRICAN DORIAN



Hurricane Dorian has hit with devastating force, leading to major damage and a growing number of reported deaths in the Bahamas, and threatening the Carolinas with dangerous winds and storm surge. In the Bahamas, where the impact of the hurricane has been devastating, Lutheran Disaster Response and the Florida Bahamas Synod are collaborating to assess the immediate need for relief and recovery. Lutheran Disaster Response is also in communication with the South Carolina Synod, the North Carolina Synod, Lutheran Services Carolinas and other partners who are preparing to respond. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can provide survivors of this hurricane and others like it with immediate relief and can accompany them on the long road to recovery.

Your gifts designated for “Hurricane response” will be used entirely (100%) for direct response until it is complete.

Together, we can support those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes.

To donate, you can give through your congregation or make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Please write “Hurricane Response” or “Where needed most” on your check’s memo line.

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap Bountifully”

2 Corinthians 9:6



YOUTH AND FAMILY

Young Adult and Families will meet on Oct. 19th from 6 to 7:30pm at the Campbell Family Home (6620 Clay Ct. Canal Winchester, OH 43110). You are encouraged to come and celebrate the fall season together!

Our high school students are invited to join our **High School Bible Study**. Come enjoy snacks and walk with us as we journey through the Bible, using the Think.Believe.Do curriculum. We will meet Oct. 6th at 11am in the conference room.

The **PreK through 5th grade families** will have an outing to Pigeon Roost Farm on Oct. 13th. The cost is \$8 per person, but the fun is limitless! Pigeon Roost has a ninja warrior course, slides, corn maze, and hay rides! It's going to be fun for EVERYONE!!!

High School Reflections has a wonderful opportunity to learn about Jacob's Porch, the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Ohio State University. On Monday, Oct. 14th from 6:30 to 8pm, we will have pizza and conversation with the leaders of Jacob's Porch.

We have chosen to serve the *Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina for our Mission Trip in 2020*. **Youth in 6th through 12th grade** are welcome to join us June 7th through the 12th. There will be plenty of opportunities to participate in meaningful service, while deepening your faith during this trip! Deposits are due by Sunday Oct. 13th. If you have any questions, please see Ryan.

Reformation Breakfast will be Oct. 27th from 8:30 to 9:30 am. This is a great opportunity for every generation to gather together before our single service, as we celebrate Reformation. The youth planning to attend the Mission Trip in 2020, will be serving breakfast and all money raised will go to support their trip.

David Lutheran Church's
Trunk - or - Treat
Sunday October 27th from 3:30 to 5pm

"Trunk - or - Treat" is an opportunity for kids to enjoy trick or treating, but in a safe environment; all while being an exciting treat - giving experience for the adults! It allows us to gather as a church family.

This event is open to ALL church families, preschool families, and members of the community. We are looking forward to seeing all of our treaters dressed up and ready for fun!

To be a success, we need kids of any age to come dressed up and ready to "trunk - or - treat!" We need adults to bring their cars, equipped to pass out candy to approximately 200 kids. We also need donation of snacks and craft items (lists will be posted in the Narthex).

For those unsure of what to expect, here is a brief overview: Arrive between 3:30 and 4:15pm, cars can be decorated and treats readied. Treaters will also gather during this time inside the church. They will play Halloween themed games, make crafts, and share a Bible message. Snacks will also be provided for our hungry young goblins. At roughly 4:30, we will start our "trunk - or - treating" around the parking lot.

We are looking forward to this intergenerational community event! If you would like to participate by providing your "trunk" or if you have additional questions regarding this event, please contact Ryan Stagg at rstagg@davidlutheran.org or call 614.837.7041 ext. 8. Please sign up to host a trunk in the narthex, so we can have idea of how many cars to expect. Thank you in advance for your participation as we look forward to a

"Spooktacular" church event!





Member Spotlight

Even as a young man, **Dan Armstrong** was eager to embrace adult responsibilities. At age 17, he jumped at the chance to take a military entrance exam, curious to learn if this could lead to further opportunities. An army reserve recruiter visited the Armstrong family home, describing to this high school senior the opportunity to serve part-time while attending college with tuition assistance. With the support of both his parents, Dan enlisted.

Months after high school graduation, Dan completed eight week basic training in Fort Knox, Kentucky. His initial nervousness about this experience giving way to the fun of a new adventure. Twenty weeks of training followed to become an X-Ray Technician at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, with another twenty-two weeks for reserve training at Fort Mead, Maryland.

He was assigned to a unit in Canton, Ohio, attending college at Akron University and Kent State. In 1999, he met and later married Angie, the love of his life. Three daughters, Rylee, Reagan and Raquel, keep their household lively!

Dan served as a Nuclear Medical Technician in Portsmouth, Virginia and was transferred to Walter Reed Medical in Washington D. C. At this time he completed his tour of duty, discharged as Specialist, E-4. In 2004 his family moved to Canal Winchester. When his position at OSU Medical was ended with downsizing, this resilient young man began studying for his nursing degree, grateful for the Veteran's Administration covering the cost of tuition.

His goal completed in 2011, Dan began a fulfilling vocation as a registered nurse, serving in Cardiac Care at Mt. Carmel West Hospital. Since 2015 he's served at the V.A.'s ambulatory care clinic here in Columbus.

This army veteran's continued sense of adventure combines with his ongoing commitment to provide service. A special program of the V.A. mobilizes emergency personnel in times of crisis. As a result, Dan volunteered to be sent to North Carolina and Puerto Rico to assist in the aftermath of major hurricanes. "I was part of a Mobile Command Center, set up to respond quickly to people in need. People there were upbeat, even as they coped without power. It was gratifying to be able to offer care and comfort."

We're grateful for our brother Dan... a dedicated husband, dad, practitioner of the healing arts, member of David Lutheran, and child of God!

BEFORE YOU GO

TRINITY SEMINARY CHOIR along with Carol Ann Bradley, as the organist will sing Brahms Requiem at the All Saints Choral Evensong. This 50 voice choir will delight you with their musical talents within the Evening Prayer service. The event will be *Friday, November 1st, with Prelude beginning at 7:30pm and service at 8pm. Trinity Lutheran Seminary is located at 2199 East Main Street, Columbus, OH 43209.* Parking is free and offering is freewill. You may also see some familiar faces in the tenor and alto sections, as Don Plummer and Gail Heffner-Charles will be singing.

The 9th Annual Spence Funeral Home Shred Day and Electronics Recycling will take place on *Saturday, October 5th from 9am to 1pm at 650 W. Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, OH 43110.* Royal Document Destruction is offering FREE onsite shredding of all paper documents and TRD Recyclers is offering FREE recycling of most electronics. TVs will have a \$1 charge per inch. The Lions Club will accept used eyeglasses as donations. St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting clothing and household items. The Canal Winchester Food Pantry will be collection non-perishable food items.

Join the **CW High School Students** making a change in the community! *On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month, students will be collecting recyclable goods at all of the CW elementary schools from 9am to Noon.* These supervised collections will have items sorted appropriately, so that they can be recycled properly.

Madel O'Neil invites you to join her and other David Lutheran members to get to know our fellow members at First English Lutheran, close to downtown Columbus. For several years, we have partnered with St. John's Lutheran in Lithopolis, our two congregations serving evening meals together with First Lutheran members - seeking to reduce hunger in their neighborhood. Delicious meals are prepared by contributing churches, served family style, as volunteers join the guests for dinner in conversations about life and faith. Contact Madel through the church directory if you'd like more information about carpooling to serve. Our service dates included last month, September. We serve again in 2020 on the following dates: January 23, March 26, March 28, July 30, September 24.

David Lutheran Church presents the 2nd Annual

HARVEST HOEDOWN

You are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and fall fun!
Pumpkin activities, square dancing, outdoor games!
Hoffman hog roast provided – bring a dish to share!

When: Saturday, October 12th

Time: Activities at 4:30pm

Dinner at 5:30pm



OCTOBER 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, October 1st

6:00 pm Safety Team Training

Wednesday, October 2nd

9:00 am Quilters

Thursday, October 3rd

10:30 am CW Chorale

Friday, October 4th

Saturday, October 5th

9:00 am Sew Happy

Sunday, October 6th

8:00 am Worship

9:30 am Special Meeting

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Scouts

6:00 pm Confirmation

Monday, October 7th

6:30 pm Worship and Music Team

Tuesday, October 8th

6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Practice

7:00 pm Preschool Ministry Team

Wednesday, October 9th

9:00 am Quilters

Thursday, October 10th

6:30 pm Relay for Life

Friday, October 11th

Saturday, October 12th

4:30 pm Harvest Hoedown

Sunday, October 13th

8:00 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

3:00 pm Scouts

4:00 pm Synod Resource Team

5:00 pm Scouts

Monday, October 14th

Columbus Day - Office Closed

8:30 am Synod Resource Team

6:30 pm High School Reflections

Tuesday, October 15th

8:00 am Synod Resource Team

11:00 am Rebekah Circle

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 16th

9:00 am Quilters

Thursday, October 17th

6:00 pm Finance Committee

6:30 pm Stephen Ministry

7:00 pm Executive Committee

Friday, October 18th

Saturday, October 19th

Sunday, October 20th

8:00 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

2:30 pm Jacob's Porch

5:00 pm Scouts

6:00 pm Confirmation

Monday, October 21st

7:00 pm Council

Tuesday, October 22nd

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 23rd

9:00 am Quilters

11:00 am Forever Young

Thursday, October 24th

Friday, October 25th

Saturday, October 26th

Sunday, October 27th

8:30 am Reformation Breakfast

10:00 am Worship

3:00 pm Scouts

3:30 pm Trunk - or - Treat

5:00 pm Scouts

Monday, October 28th

Tuesday, October 29th

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

5:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 30th

9:00 am Quilters

Thursday, October 31st



Anniversaries

10/2 - Wendy and Jeff Miller
10/6 - Jill and Jim Hummel
10/11 - Ellen and Ted Plante
10/11 - Kenzie and Bryce Palsgrove
10/14 - Jamie and Ralph Lusher
10/18 - Celia and Zeke Alspach
10/18 - Penny and Kenny Babert
10/18 - Elizabeth and Spencer Wood
10/23 - Shirley and Melvin Babbert
10/23 - Pat and Dennis Badgerow
10/23 - Keara and Peter Totten
10/24 - Danielle and Jacob Hummel
10/25 - Kathy and Massimo Babusci



Birthdays

10/1 - Carol Christy	10/10 - Michael Frank	10/17 - Collin Bolyard ©	10/27 - Tucker Palsgrove ©
10/1 - Robin Hummel	10/11 - Elizabeth Kinsel	10/17 - Alison Stagg	10/27 - Doug Snyder
10/2 - Connor Clark	10/12 - Bruce Allen	10/21 - Barbara Coci	10/30 - David Wynkoop
10/3 - Kara Cassidy	10/12 - Kathy Dobda	10/21 - Dorothy Hockman	10/31 - David Schacht
10/3 - Michael Hummel	10/14 - Jeff Miller	10/21 - Sandra Lingner	10/31 - Stanley Smith
10/4 - Tyler Papaj ©	10/14 - Dale Schacht	10/23 - Matthew Morris ©	
10/6 - Leah Seufer ©	10/15 - Allyse Myers	10/25 - Penny Babbert	
10/7 - Laurel Combs	10/16 - Reagan Armstrong ©	10/25 - Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry	
10/8 - Lindsay Webb	10/16 - Rylee Armstrong ©	10/26 - Josh Fearing ©	
10/9 - Reagan Fagrell	10/16 - Danielle Hoops ©	10/26 - Scarlet Juniper ©	

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