



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, August 22

1:30 – 6:00 pm

The #MissingType movement is in the news! Types A, B, and O are our main blood groups, and when not enough people donate blood, supplies may be limited when a sick or injured patient arrives. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood – and that need is heightened now. But for the past four years, the number of new Red Cross donors declined by about 80,000 each year. We urgently need more donors to help fill in the gaps and prevent a summer shortage! You may go online or contact Robin Hampton or the church office to schedule an appointment.

Thank you for your donation.

Pastor's Thursday Morning Study Group at 10 am

Dead Sea Scroll are done... next?

The 10 am Thursday study group has finished (or will in a week) our series on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Next topic – we need to decide! --Seven Deadly Sins, Book of Daniel or Esther, a book or movie based exploration, a few of the historical "mystics" of the church, the Samaritans, or ... something else? Join us for that conversation, and for the next study we will be starting!

ST. LUKE'S WELCA will resume monthly meetings in September and invite you to join our community of women called to discipleship and engage in ministry and action.



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Pastor's Message: Needs and Dreams

It's summer. St. Luke's Youth and leaders recently returned from the ELCA National Youth Gathering. It was a great, wonderful, moving, growing, serving, spiritual adventure and experience.

It would not have happened without some folks dreaming of what could be... if... and other folks (most all of you, actually!) helping make that happen by encouraging, praying, contributing, participating, etc.

The youth group went. They were blessed. You'll hear more from them about it on Sunday, August 19. We will all be blessed through them – then, and forever more.

Their dream, its needs, our efforts and commitment, become a source for blessings.

Needs and dreams.

When we open our hand and hearts to the Spirit and pray and ask for guidance

Lord, let my heart be good soil ... lead me... lead us...

It is then that we can find the Spirit guiding us into new things that are exciting!

Thomas (and others) dreamed of going to the Gathering. And worked to make that happen.

As we work our way through the summer, and think about the upcoming Fish Fry, Ingathering and our 2019 Financial Plan for Ministry it is a GREAT time to pray that same prayer, and listen to the Spirit, and think about

We could _____ ! If we had _____

The "We could..." is the dream part. The "If we had..." is the need part.

What comes next is sharing that dream, sharing why is this important, hearing others thoughts and ideas on pros and cons and maybe variations and more. Talking, praying and figuring out

"Who would that serve or how would it make us stronger?"

As an individual, a committee or team, as a congregation, let's engage in those prayers and conversations, and see where the Spirit leads!

Pastor Scott

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

August:

5: Jennifer Perrell
12: Grover Holt
19: Jody Perrell
26: James Rollans

ACOLYTE

Audrey Weaver

ALTAR GUILD

Louise Cashion Alice Weaver
Jennifer Perrell Jody Perrell
Thomas Perrell

Council Tellers

Wesley Jones Chad Clawson

USHERS

Linda Pruettt Russell Pruettt
Clyde Harkey Chase Hovis

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

August 5: Deanna Allison
12: Julie Hoffner
19: Jennifer Perrell
26: Judy Getzlaff

GREETERS

August 5: Sandy Arrowood
12: Alice Weaver
19: Mary Harkey
26: Dianne Davis

NO Aerobics exercise in August.

We will resume in September.

Faith Basics

"Jesus - Life and Lessons of Jesus"

We welcomed 25-30 folks for the Faith

Basics: Jesus – Life and Lessons session on July 15. We'll have our next session in September, and hope you can join us!

Meals on Wheels

Volunteer Schedule

for August

August 2: Joan Kennerly
3: Jeff Poteat
7: Sally Morgan
8: Karen Moore
10: Ted Holt
14: Sally Morgan
16: Joan Kennerly
17: Nancy Harris
21: Alice Weaver
22: Don Morgan
24: Linda Clodfelter
28: Dianne Davis
29: Alice Weaver
31: Ted Holt

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ALTAR FLOWERS (\$60)

August 5- Mrs. Peggy Cress
12- Mrs. Rusty Shoe
19- Mrs. Nancy Harris
26 - M/M Larry Sheets

St. Luke's Church and Red Cross

Emergency Shelter Plan

St. Luke's and the Red Cross have been working to approve and prepare St. Luke's to be an official emergency shelter. A draft agreement has been prepared, and will be voted on by the congregation on Sunday, August 5. The summary and agreement are available in the InfoCenter/Team Resources section of the website, and copies also available in the narthex and office. Please take the time to review the plans and proposal for how we can help serve our community in times of need.

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Congratulations to St. Luke's Men's Softball team for winning the regular season and tournament championship.

June/July Council Meeting Notes

A reminder: Council meetings are normally open for all members to attend and detailed minutes are on record, if desired. . Notable actions and decisions include:

The Congregation Council met the morning of Sunday June 24. *Because of that late date, June council notes are being published in the August newsletter.*

Council approved minutes and treasurer's report

--Finance reported preparation for a mid-year report to congregation and plans for a new and better phone/email/text messaging system

--Property reported about service plan for generator (council approved).

Other updates and decisions included:

--Back/north stained glass windows are all that remain to be completed.

--Jackie Webb will begin work on narthex/sanctuary doors, with partial advance payment for materials (council approved);

--No additional bids/proposals for cleaning activity building/fellowship hall

--Red Cross shelter first draft contract is under review;

--Senior Respite Care proposal from Trinity Care/Lutheran Services Carolinas anticipated later this fall.

--St. Luke's pastor and laity delegates attended Synod Assembly in Raleigh, and council approved reimbursement for necessary hotel expenses if requested.

July Council Meeting Notes-July 15

Council approved minutes and treasurer's report

--Treasurer noted quarterly expenses for tax withholding payments to the IRS and state.

--Evangelism reported they are reviewing/ exploring goals and mission, guest and new-comers ministries, and special emphasis at the moment on improving the space and processes for the nursery, etc.

--No additional progress in last month on the stained glass windows.

--Jackie Webb has started work on the sanctuary/narthex doors

--No additional bids/proposals on cleaning for activity building/fellowship hall. Property will write up request notice for newsletter.

--Treasurer directed to consolidate various accounts holding capital campaign funds and make a lump-sum principle payment that would leave \$20,000 in the Capital Campaign fund.

--Ingathering is 4 months away – time to begin soliciting congregation and committees for needs & dreams projects, perhaps some for preparation for 150th anniversary

--Additional playground equipment has been offered to be donated to St Luke's. Council approved accepting the equipment pending evaluation of condition.

--Red Cross Shelter contract has been drafted. Council reviewed and approved, pending congregation approval at a congregation meeting to be held Sunday, August 5.

Next meeting: Sunday, August 19, 7:30 am

Thank You to the Youth of St. Luke's:

Thank you so much for your work in Houston, Texas. What a difference you made for our neighbors. Thank you especially for packing over 30,000 meals for our Blessings in a Backpack program. What a gift! Your efforts will ensure hunger-free weekends for thousands of food insecure families. Thank You for being the hands and feet of Christ in Houston! *Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack* (A ministry of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church)

For our Faith - Lay preaching certification

Preaching is proclaiming God's word. Sometimes that is done in worship, by a pastor. Sometimes, the message is shared by laity. That's all good! The Spirit speaks and leads, and each of us has a story to tell of God and God's grace, Word and calling. Here at St Luke's we've heard many "Ministry I Love" and similar messages that are just about, almost, a miniature sermon or homily. I'm convinced there are folks here that could preach – and preach well!

Perhaps...maybe... you feel a little of that calling? An interest, a curiosity, and wondering... about sometimes sharing a sermon here, or somewhere else? GREAT NEWS! We can help nurture that calling. As Pastor, I'll gladly work with folks to explore and craft a message. Even better, the NC Synod is now offering some dedicated training seminars to help.

The NC Synod is offering an opportunity that will, for the first time, lead to the commissioning of lay preachers to serve in our congregations throughout the synod. Lay preachers will serve at the endorsement of Bishop Smith after completing training and practicum. Training will include two weekend retreats: Retreat I on **September 7-9: Reading & Interpreting Scripture**; and Retreat II on **January 25-27, 2019: Crafting & Delivering Sermons**. Also, participants will work in small groups via monthly video conference with a coach to hone skills needed in preaching: September to December, group *Lectio Divina*; February to April, group preaching. **Registration is open now; sign up today!** Questions may be directed to **Pastor Sara Ilderton** at 704-680-9556.

Refreshments on the lawn after worship

Thanks to all who donated refreshments this summer! *Serving in Aug.:*

Aug. 5 – Karriker Family

Aug. 19 – Merry Lauder/Julie & Lonnie Hoffner

Aug. 12 – Fellowship Committee

Aug. 26 – Alice Weaver/Gail Kerr/Lela Ijames

St. Luke's Music Ministry

Summer is quickly moving towards Autumn. Time certainly has a way of sneaking past us as we live our lives! Music Ministry at St. Luke's continues to move forward, too.

The Chancel Choir continues to rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7 to about 8:15. Each of the members are looking forward to having other voices join them to create a fuller sound as we worship God through song. The beginning of another school year can be a great time to start something new, like joining (or re-joining) the choir!

Please consider joining us! Anyone who simply enjoys singing, from high school age to our most life experienced, is welcome!

There is also a form in the narthex for those interested in being a part of our Christmas Choir this year. Laurie is currently researching cantatas, and wants to choose one that best fits our voices and instruments. So, please add your name and your voice part/instrument to the Interest in Cantata Participation form. Also, please indicate your preference for rehearsal times.

Many sermons have been recorded and are available on St. Luke's church website.

St. Luke's Youth (SLY)

On August 19th, SLY will present a recap of their This Changes Everything trip to Houston.

Regular Youth meetings resume in September with a possible one-day planning retreat and back to school kick off early September.

ELCA Youth Gathering

Over the course of the Youth Gathering, participants had plenty of opportunities to give.

In the Interactive Learning Center there were barber chairs so folks could donate their hair for children with hair loss.

And, thanks to the Red Cross, 987 people who were often sweaty and tired were able to donate 1,248 units of blood.

Blast Off for Books gave donated books to kids at 15 book fairs which happened in the Houston area on Saturday of the Gathering.

Grace bags and kindness project rocks were made by tAble participants at the pre-gathering event. These were hidden around the city with words of encouragement and grace.

700 participants did service at MYLE and on their Service Learning Day.

\$260,000 raised in offerings for the Global Farm Challenge. What can we say? Way to go, church!

GIFTS AT THE GATHERING

- 437 hair donations** to Children with Hair Loss
- 1,248 units of blood** donated from 987 donors
- 40,000 books** donated at Blast Off for Books
- 200 grace bags** and 100 kindness project rocks made by tAble participants
- 700 individuals** attended MYLE and visited 13 service sites.
- \$260,000 +** raised for ELCA's Global Farm Challenge

Thanks to **31,242** registered Gathering participants!

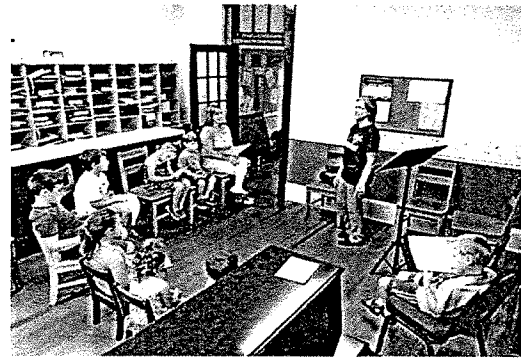
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Update: Generator Windows and Doors

The Sanctuary building stained glass windows interior glazing renovation continues. Narthex and sanctuary windows completed, rear windows in Sunday School and choir areas underway (slowly).

Contractor has begun work on crafting the narthex entry doors.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



THE MOOSE IS STILL ON THE LOOSE!!!!
Join us for Kingdom Kids in the fall!

Hi, everyone! We had a wonderful time at VBS this year! We learned all about the forgiveness Jesus gives us and how we should give that same forgiveness to others! The Moose was on the loose all around St. Luke's as we participated in music, crafts, snacks, recreation and bible stories each day! A big thank you to all who helped in any way!

We will continue with the Moose on the Loose theme for the fall during our Kingdom Kids meetings! Starting in September we invite all children in grades K-5 to join us from 6:00-7:30 the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month! We will have dinner, bible study, craft, recreation and music at each of our meetings!

Please let me know if you have any questions! We cannot wait to see you in September!!

Shana Putnam

COMPLIMENTS!

From you, to you.

Keep thinking about the folks who make this place special and share your compliments! Many thanks to:

- Chad & Allison Clawson and Frances Hoffner for homemade ice cream for May 27th meal
- Johnny & Karen Moore for sweet corn and all you do for SLY
- The stitching women of the church for the beautiful dresses and shorts
- Pastor Scott for bringing our church into the 21st century
- Marian and other adult leaders for taking our HS youth to the Gathering
- All our committee and team leaders working hard to make everything happen
- Grover, James, & Micki for helping lead recent Faith Basics session

Ingathering – 4 months away: Needs and Dreams?

St. Luke's will be celebrating its annual Ingathering event this fall. As members and committees and teams, what do you see are the needs and dreams for our ministries that might be "ingathering projects"? Is there things that can help us do something we cannot do today? Something that can help us prepare for our 150th anniversary next year? Something that can help us serve our congregation, guests and community that is outside the normal annual budget?

How might you complete the following sentence and questions:

- We could _____ if we had _____
- Why is this important?
- Who would that serve or how would it make us stronger?

Discipleship Explorers – 2018

What does "discipleship" mean to you? What does the Bible teach?

What can we learn from new and ancient voices and teachers?

How do we live it out? How do we teach it to "make disciples"?

Last year a small group walked through some of these questions and helped create our Leadership retreat and then our 2018 Lenten Wednesday series.

We'd like to invite others on this path of exploring as well.

We'll meet once a month, read, talk, study, pray and share, and imagine

"what if" for us and St. Luke's.

Are you interested? Talk to Pastor Scott!

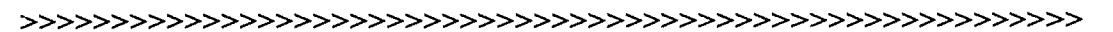
Make Your Marriage Better" Series – Sunday nights Aug/Sept/Oct

Grab a flyer to share with a neighbor or friend!

Married? Planning on it? Maybe someday, out there, you don't even know who? This series is for you! Our "Make Your Marriage Better" series combines materials from Mark Gungor's "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" and Danny Aiken's "A Biblical Marriage in a Broken World." *You may choose to participate in one, a few, or all seven sessions:*

Topics: (1) Personalities, (2) Men and Women, (3) Our One True Love, (4) When A Man Loves A Woman, (5) Putting Your Husband Where Your Heart Is, (6) Getting Along Together, (7) Getting "Real" for a Great Relationship

Good stuff for guys, and gals, and great for both, young and old, married or dating or planning to someday. *We'll be starting our 7-week series on Sunday evening August 19, from 6:00 -7:30 pm (we'll skip Labor day holiday weekend)*



Fish Fry Community Support-Request for Funds page may be found in the Info Center in the narthex. Council will review proposals in August, so we can share with the congregation in September and publicize the event. Please complete and return the form to the church office.

Friends and Relatives on our Prayer List



We thought it might be helpful if all of us know the relationship to our congregation of the people on our friends and relatives prayer list. We ask that as names need to be added or removed, you contact the church office. Prayer is a powerful entity and as we pray for our church members and others, we strengthen our faith in love and service.

Allen Bailey *friend of David Arrowood*
 Dorothy Baker *sister of Russell Pruett*
 Lennie Cauble *sister of Bonnie Russell*
 Liam Clary *grandson of Ty & Debbie Clary*
 Betty Click *sister-in-law of Ruth Hodge*
 Kim Denning *sister of Grover Holt*
 Chuck Dudding *son-in-law of Mary Harkey*
 Todd Getzlaff *son of Judy Getzlaff*
 Kay Hammill *friend of Sandy Arrowood*
 Debbie Hampton *sister-in-law of Joe Hampton*
 Glenn Hester *friend of Jason Connelly*
 Elvin Holt *father of Grover Holt*
 Leslie Houston *wife of Preston Houston*
 Mildred Huffman *mother of Micki Karriker*
 Coyt Karriker *cousin of Joe Hampton*
 Don Killian *friend of David Arrowood*

Marketta McIntosh *sister of Tracy Phillips*
 Bill McLaughlin, Jr. *nephew of Larry Poteat*
 Mary Myers *cousin of Sandy A. & Johnny M.*
 Carol Null *sister-in-law of Margaret Morgan*
 Jerry Overcash *cousin of Bonnie Russell*
 Lester Peeler *husband of Faye Peeler*
 Rachel Peeler *sister-in-law of Faye Peeler*
 Diane Rivers *friend of Alice Weaver*
 Stephanie Robinson *sister of Tracy Phillips*
 Chris Shiflett *step-sister of Lisa McBride*
 Alice Stephens *former organist at St. Luke's*
 Betty Stewart *aunt of David Arrowood*
 Jimmy Stewart *uncle of David Arrowood*
 Dot Walker *aunt of David Arrowood*
 April Weaver *wife of Jonathan Weaver*
 Len Wilson *Ashe Co. resident*
 Tom Wilson *friend of Johnny Moore*

Members and Friends Serving in the Military

Eric Corriher *husband of Dana Corriher*
 Jon Faust *son of Margaret Faust*

Vince Price *nephew of David Arrowood*
 David Terry *son of Beverly Terry*



Thank You to everyone who said a prayer, made calls, sent cards, provided food, and any other deed of kindness during the time of Terry's death. The support of our friends and church family have meant so much to us.

Frances Hoffner and Family

Thank You for the prayers, cards, food, visits, flowers, and other deeds of kindness shown.

Evelyn Foster

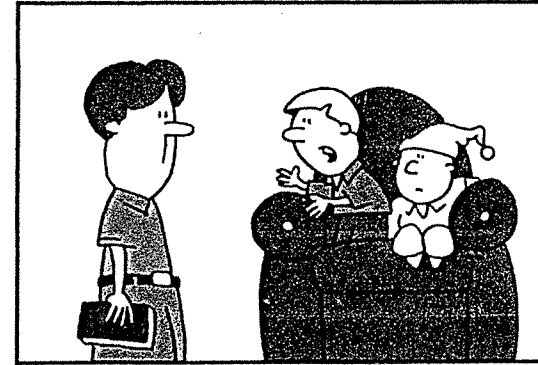
Thank You for prayers, cards, and other kind deeds. Also, for the gift card at Homecoming.

Rose Bolick

Prayer & Spiritual Direction - Wednesdays at 2 pm
 Do you have a desire, or possible interest, in learning more about prayer and the art of listening for God's voice? Exploring many different kinds and styles of prayer, and what might work best for you? Perhaps a desire to intentionally discuss and work to discern God's working in your life, and how you might make yourself more open to the Holy Spirit?

Join Pastor Scott on August 1 at 2 pm

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YEAH DAD, WE KNOW THE DRILL ... FIRST YOU READ TO US ABOUT SHADRACH, THEN YOU READ TO US ABOUT MESHACH AND THEN TO BED WE GO

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DEDICATION OF DRESSES AND SHORTS FOR CHILDREN in Swaziland, Africa was held on July 8. Many Thanks to all who helped with making the 25 dresses and 10 shorts for this ministry.

Capital Campaign update

2017 "Mortgage Free & A Blessing Be"

June contributions of \$3,112 brings the total contributions to \$84,129 after 18 months. Mortgage balance is \$90,707. Capital Campaign account has balance of \$25,464 as of June 30. Council is discussing another lump-sum payment toward principle.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report

	Current	Benevolence	Restricted	Capital Campaign	Total
Beginning Balance 6/1/18	\$25,157.19	\$0.00	\$87,484.27	\$24,656.13	\$137,297.59
Receipts June 2018	\$14,336.97	\$476.00	\$4,004.24	\$3,208.07	\$22,025.28
Charges/Fees June 2018	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfers June 2018	\$476.00	(\$476.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements June 2018	(\$22,647.36)	\$0.00	(\$5,658.29)	(\$2,400.00)	(\$30,705.65)
Ending Balance 6/30/18	\$17,322.80	\$0.00	\$85,830.22	\$25,464.20	\$128,617.22

MIF Balance as of 6/10/18

\$90,707.91

Offerings and Attendance

	Current	Benevolence	Worship	S.S.
June 3	\$ 4,881.28	\$ 61.00	91	33
June 10	4,124.90	272.20	87	32
June 17	3,136.96	87.80	116	---
June 24	2,128.22	55.00	118	28



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August

19 Marriage Enrichment Series Sunday evening
(7-week series continues on 8/26, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23,
9/30 and 10/7)
22 Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30-6:00 pm

September

3 Labor Day
9 God's Work, Our Hands Ministry
30 Blessing of Animals 4/4:30 pm

AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO THE PAMPERED CHEF PARTY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, AT 6:00 PM.			8-10:30 am 1 Walk in Gym 2:00 pm Prayer/Spiritual Dir. 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	10:00 am 2 Pastor's Study Group	8-10:30 am 3 Walk in Gym	4
11 th Sunday of Pentecost 5 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Blood Pressure Screening 6:00 pm – Worship & Music Comm.	8-10:30 am 6 Walk in Gym	7	8-10:30 am 8 Walk in Gym 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	10:00 am 9 Pastor's Study Group 6:30 pm Pampered Chef Party	8-10:30 am 10 Walk in Gym	11
12 th Sunday after Pentecost 12 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship/Communion	8-10:30 am 13 Walk in Gym	14	8-10:30 am 15 Walk in Gym 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	10:00 am 16 Pastor's Study Group	8-10:30 am 17 Walk in Gym	18
13 th Sunday after Pentecost 19 7:30 am – Cong. Council 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 6:00-7:30 pm – Marriage Enrichment	8-10:30 am 20 Walk in Gym	Newsletter article 21 Deadline	8-10:30 am 22 Walk in Gym 1:30-6:00 pm Blood Drive 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	10:00 am 23 Pastor's Study Group	8-10:30 am 24 Walk in Gym	25
14 th Sunday after Pentecost 26 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship/Communion 6:00-7:30 pm – Marriage Enrichment	8-10:30 am 27 Walk in Gym	28	8-10:30 am 29 Walk in Gym 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	10:00 am 30 Pastor's Study Group	8-10:30 am 31 Walk in Gym	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Beverly Terry	1
Glenn Hoffner	1
Leigh Beth Shafer	2
John Michael Presley	5
Larry Poteat	8
Scottie Clary	10
Mark Kennerly	15
Jillian Clary	16
Deanna Allison	18
Kallie Clawson	20
Kristen Frederick	20
Tanner Putnam	24
Alice Weaver	27
Margaret Faust	29

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Katie Sheets	2
Ryan Clary	4
Cathy Wright	7
Lori Corriher	7
Jack Weaver	10
Todd Wright	12
Evan Massey	14
Amanda Wirz	14
Mary Beth Stanley	15
Grey Braddy	17
Steve Massey	22
Shelly Braddy	23
Wade Jones	23
Adam Gardner	24
Brinlee Duganne	24
Alison Clawson	24
Eric Corriher	25
Belinda Corl	26
David Parrish	26
Faye Peeler	27
Beverly Terry	30