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# Messenger

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT



## OUR MISSION

The people of Immanuel Lutheran Church are living proof of the grace of God through salvation in Jesus Christ. Empowered by Christ, our mission is to reach out in love to those who have not yet responded to the Gospel that all may be united in Christ.

## School Mission

The Mission of Immanuel Lutheran School is to provide a loving atmosphere of academic excellence for children while developing in them and their families a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ.

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## March 24: PALM SUNDAY

8 am – **Divine Service with Holy Communion** live-streaming

10:45 am – **Divine Service with Holy Communion**

(Please note that the 10:45 am service includes the Confirmation of our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students.)

## March 28: MAUNDY THURSDAY

10:45 am and 7 pm – **with Holy Communion** (7 pm with live-streaming)

## March 29: GOOD FRIDAY

7 pm – **Tenebrae** live-streaming

## March 30: HOLY SATURDAY

7 pm – **Vigil of Easter / Service of Light** live-streaming

## March 31: EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 am **SONrise Service on Chippens Hill**

Hill Street (Water Dept. property), Bristol

8:00 am – **Divine Service with Holy Communion** live-streaming

10:45 am – **Divine Service with Holy Communion**

Join us for an Easter Morning Continental Breakfast! See details on page 4

## March for Life

Our Lutherans for Life ministry is encouraging you to join us for the CT March for Life at the state capitol in Hartford on March 20, 2024. Pro-Life organizations from around the state will be joining together to make their presence felt and voices heard by our elected officials. If you cannot join us, please pray that the hearts and minds of those opposed to life affirming agencies and policies will be changed. Holy Trinity Church in Terryville has generously invited us, and other district churches, to join us for a pre-march gathering. See Don Smuda if you have any questions.

### Gather At Holy Trinity - Terryville.

<b>9:00AM</b>	Breakfast.
<b>10:00AM</b>	Worship Service - President Beinke will be preaching the sermon.
<b>11:00AM</b>	Load up on the bus and travel to the Capitol.
<b>12:00PM</b>	Life Rally.
<b>1:00PM</b>	March begins.
<b>2:00 - 2:30PM</b>	Back on the bus and return to Holy Trinity - Terryville.



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Newsletter Editors

Deadline for submissions  
is the 19th of the month.

### **SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES**

**8:00 a.m.**

— (Live Streaming) —  
Holy Communion on the  
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday  
of the month.

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**10:45 a.m.**

Holy Communion on the  
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday  
of the month.

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### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

**9:30 a.m.**

— (Live Streaming) —



**WHEELCHAIR  
ACCESSIBLE**

Worship Services are  
broadcast each Sunday  
at 1:00 p.m. on

**WNTY Radio**

**AM 990**

**&**

**FM 96.1**

and online at

**KoolOldiesRadio.net**

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

# **“One Move...Is All We Need!”**

As our Lenten journey “marches” on this month, the following story – from San Diego, CA – reminds us of what our true focus needs to be during this time of spiritual reflection.

A ten-year old boy was in a devastating car accident in which he lost his left arm. He was determined to continue doing everything his friends did. He learned to shoot a basket and pitch a ball with one arm. When his friends decided to study martial arts, he resolved to do the same.

The boy began lessons with an old Japanese judo master. Every day, after school, he would head over to the studio. And every day, the sensei would show him only one move. Day after day, week after week, over three months of training, the master had taught him only this one move. “Sensei,” the boy finally said, “shouldn’t I be learning more moves, some blocks and kicks?”

“This is the only move you know,” the sensei replied, “but this is the only move you need to know.”

Not quite understanding, but believing his teacher, the boy kept training. Several months later, the sensei took the boy to his first tournament. Surprising himself, the boy easily won his first two matches. The third match proved to be more difficult, but after some time, his opponent became impatient and charged. The boy deftly used his one move to win the match. Still amazed by his success, the boy was now in the finals.

This time, his opponent was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. For a while, the young boy appeared to be overmatched. Concerned that this newcomer might get hurt, the referee called a time-out. He was about to stop the match when the sensei intervened. “No,” the sensei insisted, “let him

continue.” Soon after the match resumed, his opponent made a critical mistake: he dropped his guard. Instantly, the boy used his move to pin him. The boy won the match and the tournament. He was the champion.

On the way home, the boy and his sensei reviewed each move in every match. The boy finally summoned the courage to ask what was really on his mind. “Sensei, how did I win the tournament with only one move?”

“You won for two reasons,” the sensei answered. “First, because you studied nothing else, you have mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defense for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm.”

The event that draws our attention throughout the Lenten Season – the death of our Lord Jesus Christ – isn’t just one Bible story among many; one mighty move of God along with many others. It is *the* act of God, the *one*, the whole story. Every page of Scripture, every Lesson we hear read all year, everything God does for us every day, is about and because of Jesus extending His two arms on the cross to defeat our every enemy and bring us back together with God.

And that one move is all we need.

Pastor Karner

*1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

## **Mid-Week Lenten Services**

March 6 - The Facets of Forgiveness: - Fixed

March 13 - The Facets of Forgiveness: - Far

March 20 - The Facets of Forgiveness: - Paid

***Make plans to join us!***



*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. — 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

## ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Church News ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

### Young at Heart

Here it is March already and Daylight Saving Time begins on March 10, so you can change your clocks ahead. It's a busy month ahead with the first day of Spring on the 19th, and even Easter Sunday is this month on the 31st. Although we do not start our Lunch program yet, you should plan on going to our church and school potluck lunch in the gym on March 3 at noon. Another time for fellowship is after our Lenten morning services in the Parish Center for a Soup lunch.

Our Planning Committee met in February and decided to continue our activities as we did previously, except that we will invite senior members from our Terryville church, Holy Trinity, to join us for lunch as if they were members of Immanuel. We are always looking for more folks to join us in their 60s for these lunches which include an interesting program at a cost of \$5

or \$2 if you add to our buffets.

Our first lunch of 2024 will be our annual Pizza Party on Thursday, April 4, after Easter, when we will enjoy all kinds of pizza and salad and desserts and beverages for \$5. Mark your calendars for May 2 when Greer's Chicken will be on the menu and June 6 we will have our Picnic lunch. We are working on interesting programs for you as we enjoy our Christian fellowship together. If you would like to put on a program for us showcasing your hobby, talent, or special interest, please contact Julie Follo, our Program Director at 860-261-7228; we would love to hear from you.

Watch the glass-enclosed bulletin boards by the back parking lot entrance for photos and new information on our activities and those at area Senior Centers. Remember to greet one another in church at our Wednesday Lenten services and Sundays!



**Daylight-Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour the night before!*




**The  
First Day of Spring  
March 19**

#### Reminder about Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice dollars from 2023 must be directed by March 31.

If you need assistance, go to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or call 1-800-847-4836.

From your **Parish Nurse**

**CARDS** – Every Monday at 1:00 pm. in the Parish Center. Open to all adults. Please join us for an afternoon of laughs. **(No Cards on March 25)**

**WALK AND TALK** – Every Tuesday, at 9:30 am. in the Parish Center. Open to all adults. Please join us. **(No Walk & Talk on March 26)**

**LADIES LUNCHEON** – Tuesday, March 12, at 12:30 at BARC. Bring a friend, men are welcomed.

**Blood Pressure if requested after 8 am service in the church office.**

Roberta Kuhr,  
Parish Nurse  
home #860-621-0230



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We welcome our  
new members  
thru Reaffirmation of Faith  
*Clara Mason*

thru the Rite of Adult Confirmation  
*Renee Karner*

NED President Robert Beinke, and his wife  
Lorayne, are transferring their membership from  
St. Peter Lutheran in Norwalk to Immanuel.  
Take a moment to welcome our newest members.



### CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Ernest "Jay" Pickhardt, Jr.  
March 7, 1930 — February 6, 2024



### Immanuel's Easter Morning Continental Breakfast!

Celebrate Easter morning with us at our continental breakfast and fellowship gathering. Bring your appetite to enjoy a spread of pastries, donuts, assorted quiches, fresh fruit, and beverages including coffee, tea, and juice. The breakfast starts right after the SONrise service and continues until the beginning of the 10:45 AM service. We extend a warm invitation for you to join us in this special Easter morning occasion in the gym.

### Orphan Grain Train (OGT) New England Manna From Heaven - Appalachia

The truck has been confirmed for Wednesday, March 13, starting at 9am for a shipment to the Manna from Heaven mission we support in Appalachia. We need more food and some furniture to fill the trailer based on what we have on hand. So, if you can donate some items for this shipment, that would be great.

Thanks and Blessings,  
Paul & Rich

Items may be dropped off on Monday mornings from  
9:00 am until 12:00 noon at the OGT warehouse  
located at 33 S. Main Street in Terryville.

### Youth Group

The youth of Immanuel will once again be collecting your returnable cans and bottles during the month of March!

**Please leave them in the kitchen near the gym. Thank you for your support!**



### Forward In Faith

Please consider a gift to the Forward In Faith Fund today!

*We always move forward in faith even through the difficult times.*

*We can move forward in faith knowing God is guiding our steps.*

*We must move forward in faith to fulfill our mission.  
We know moving forward in faith works!*





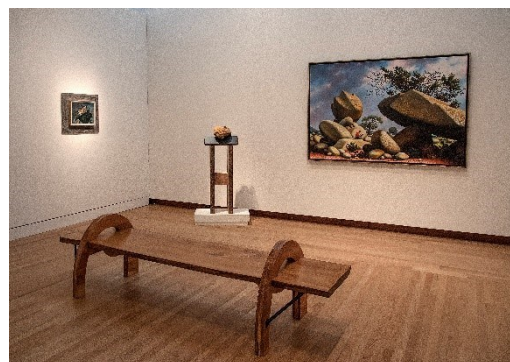
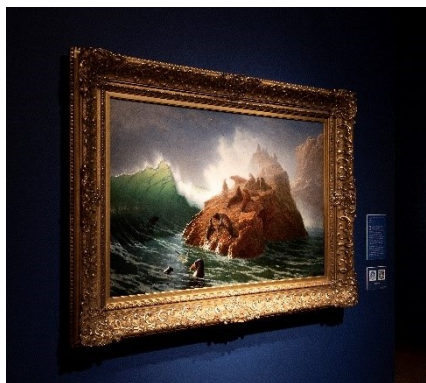
## The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

# Paintings can be *Photographic Art*!

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The New Britain Museum of American Art is the first institution dedicated solely to American art. It spans four centuries of American history. The Museum's permanent collection is nationally renowned for its colonial portraiture. Photography is allowed and admission is free on Saturdays. Bring your camera. Use the lighting and the people as well as the paintings to bring another layer of art to your photograph.

By the way, don't bother saying hello to the Security Guard standing in the lobby. He's made of wax.

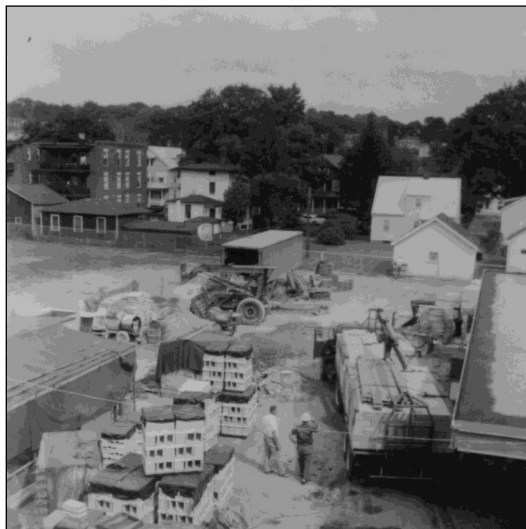


**Join us!** Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00pm in the  
Parish Center.



## HISTORY REMEMBERED

By Vern Koch  
Construction Begins





*With you in His service,*



## THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FOUNDATION

### Call for Grant and Scholarship Applications

Thanks to a generous gift, the Immanuel Lutheran Foundation has been serving diverse needs of the Immanuel Lutheran Church since 1997. The “General Fund has provided financial support through a Grant Application Process to do those important “non-budgeted” things “for which we never seemed to have the money”.

All this for one  
reason.

*To provide  
continuing support for  
the Ministry of our  
Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ through  
the Immanuel  
Lutheran Church  
here in Bristol.*

While the Foundation’s General Fund earnings are directed to the support of *non-budgeted items*, the earnings of the Westfall Endowment Funds established some years later are directed to specific needs. These include; local expenses, school expenses, and the maintenance and upkeep of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Provisions have also been made to award five scholarships each year. One is offered to an Immanuel member entering “Preaching and Teaching” ministries of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Four are available to members of Immanuel and/or graduates of the Immanuel Lutheran School enrolled in an accredited College or University with a preference given to applicants aspiring to enter the ministry, or a career in medicine, law, or engineering.

### ***It's Time!***

2024 Grant Applications are being accepted now for review beginning in April. Forms are available thru the Church Office and returned there when complete. Westfall Scholarship Applications are also available in the office and must be completed and returned to the office no later than **Sunday, June 16, 2024.**

The Directors begin the Grant Review Process in April and continue throughout the year as funding remains available.

Questions? Contact one of the Directors; Bill Wentland, Andy Helming, Bob Wollenberg, and Diane Read.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Applications are available in the church office:

We are accepting applications for Immanuel Lutheran Church Scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded to members of Immanuel Lutheran Church or graduates of Immanuel Lutheran School.

Applications are due on **Sunday, June 16, 2024** in the church office.

**These scholarships  
will be awarded in August.**



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

We kicked off the month of February with our "Sweetheart Dance" for girls and their dads, or special adult male in their life. There was lots of dancing and laughter, and fun was had by all.

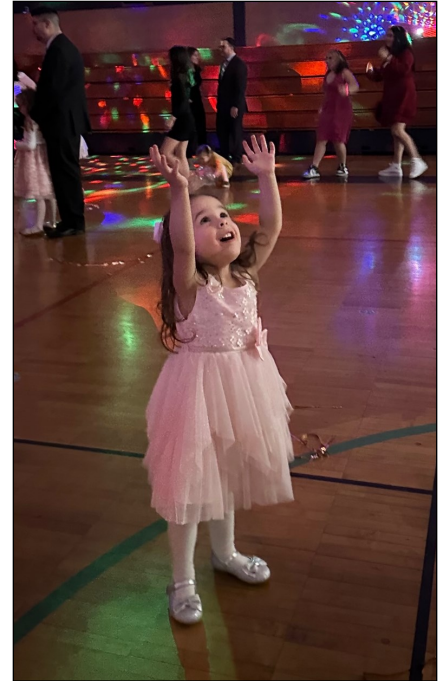
The boys and girls basketball teams have been competing well this year, and they are coming to the end of their season. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication!

Students have been successfully practicing our crisis management plans for emergency situations, and we now have 3 AEDs installed on our campus for medical emergencies. Most of our staff is certified in first aid and CPR, and we continue to do more training.

Our toddler room renovations are almost complete, and our early childhood programs continue to grow. Please spread the word about our school and all of our programs to neighbors, family and friends!

May God continue to bless us and help us grow, according to His good and gracious will!

Yours in Christ,  
Debbie Krueger



## Women of Immanuel



### LCMS-NED 2024 District Convention

April 26-27, 2024,  
Marriott Hotel,  
Trumbull, CT

Theme: "SONGS IN THE NIGHT"

**Where is God my Maker, who gives songs in the night, (Job 5:10).**

**Convention Goal:** Encourage each woman to rejoice, give thanks, and sing praises to God for His great love, grace and mercy in sending His Son to die for us, even when facing the trials of this life.

**Keynote Speaker:** Katie Schuermann: author, speaker, and musician, and wife of an LCMS Pastor serving the Lord in central Illinois. Katie is the author of numerous books including: *He Remembers the Barren*, *He Restores My Soul*, *Pew Sisters*, the acclaimed *Anthem of Zion* fiction series and her most recent, *The Saints of Whistle Grove*. Katie has graduate degrees in music and will also share her musical talent with us.

### Bible Study Leader, Rev. Nathan Erb

The Rev. Nathan Erb has served as the Pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Trumbull, Connecticut, since July 2021. Prior to this he served for 12 years as a DCE and Assistant Pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Garden City, New York.

**Focus Forums** The Focus Forums are break-out sessions of 45 minutes in length. Each session will be offered three times allowing you to attend three of the four offerings.

**Katie Schuermann** will speak on the topic: *When God's People Suffer: Why do bad things happen to Christians? Let's talk about what life looks like when lived under the cross of Christ.*

**Kathy Pavelock**, the National LWML Vice President of Communi-

cations, will share what your mite offerings are accomplishing throughout the world as well as the many available LWML resources.

**The Rev. James Krikava**, Associate Executive Director of the LCMS Office of International Mission, will share his experiences as a missionary and share the mission work of the LCMS.

**The Rev. Gregory Wismar** will speak on the topic: *Eternal Anthems*. He will share stories of our well-loved hymns. Be prepared to sing!

### Convention Registration Information

The convention registration fee is \$190 and must be received by April 19, 2024. Please note this includes dinner on Friday evening (choice of chicken, salmon, or vegetable ravioli), breakfast buffet on Saturday morning, and lunch on Saturday (choice of beef short ribs, chicken, or sweet potato gnocchi). The registration fee to attend for one day is \$125.

### Convention Hotel Information

**MARRIOTT HOTEL—TRUMBULL, CT** The Koinonia Zone in southwestern Connecticut welcomes you! We are again hosting our convention at the beautiful Trumbull Marriott Hotel. It is easily accessible from both the Merritt Parkway (Route 15) and Route 8 off I-95. We have reserved rooms at the special rate of **\$149 plus tax** for up to 4 people per room. To receive this rate, based on room availability, reservations must be received by the hotel no later than **March 26, 2024**. Make your hotel reservations with the Marriott by calling **1-203-378-1400**. When calling for a reservation, identify yourself as being with the "**Lutheran Women's Missionary League**." You may also book by using the direct booking link: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1690568111474&key=GRP> For information you can contact Linda Wall or Claudia Bishop.



# Easter Flowers

Quantity			Totals
# _____	6" Lily	@ \$14.00	
Make checks out to:	Immanuel Altar Guild	Total Amount	\$



In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will pick up after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. \_\_\_ I will help deliver this flower to a shut-in.

If you would like to order an Easter Lily for the altar for Easter, please fill out the order form and attach cash or check (made out to Altar Guild) and leave it in the Altar Guild mailbox in the office. **Last day to order is Monday, March 11.**

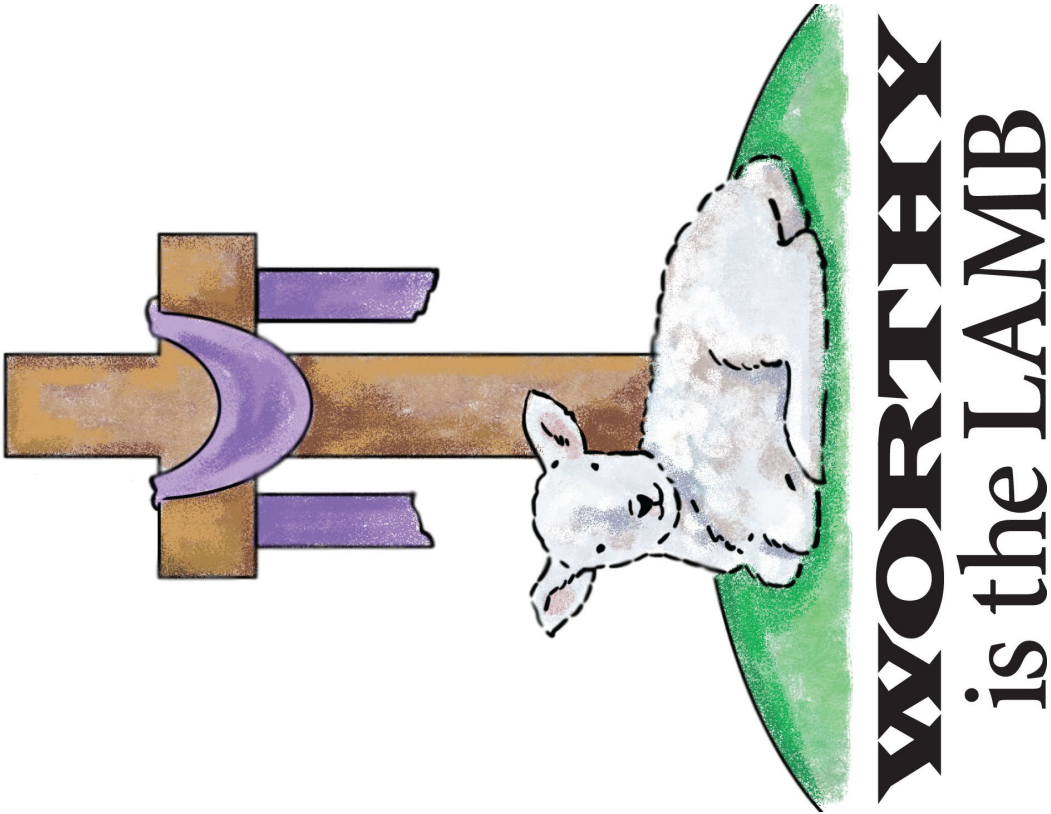
## Altar Guild Flower Fund

I prefer not to order a lily but would like to contribute to the Altar Guild flower fund. This fund will guarantee that flowers are provided for the altar on Sundays when no one has specially ordered arrangements.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## MARCH 2024 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> David Hintz William Jabs Sue Simons	<b>2</b> Michele Dubois Andrew Massaro Julie Stringer Jonathan Wegner
<b>3</b> Zachary Schab	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Elaine Larson	<b>6</b> Justin Behrendt Nate DeAngelo Aaron Gorneault Marilyn Stone	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Angelina Croce Tammy Croze Sheilah Newcity	<b>9</b> Amanda Doncet Justin Kirschner Chris Schab
<b>10</b> Linda Beck Myles Matthews William Niemand-Evans	<b>11</b> Samantha Buden Diane Ruffino	<b>12</b> Nathan Bentivengo Rob Redman, Jr.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Christina Curry Jackson Mitchell Kevin Reich	<b>15</b> Donna Bell Sienna Galindo	<b>16</b> Nathan Desjardins
<b>17</b> Jordan Boucher Scott DeAngelo	<b>18</b> David Werner	<b>19</b> Alexandria Segal	<b>20</b> Deborah Martin Dominick Ruffino	<b>21</b> John Helming Michael Krampitz	<b>22</b> Stephen Helming	<b>23</b> Andreia DeAngelo Gregory Newcity
<b>24</b> Craig Lejeune	<b>25</b> Zachary Bodick	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Katie Boucher Philip Wells	<b>28</b> Emilee Mowatt	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Ryan Bodley Hannah Mora Terri Pesce
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