



## Worship

All worship services will be recorded and posted on the church website so you can watch and stay connected each week. Online worship will continue until the restrictions for large group gatherings are lifted.



## Church Council 2020

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## The Marks of Discipleship

- ✝ Pray daily
- ✝ Worship weekly
- ✝ Read the Bible
- ✝ Serve at or beyond Light of Christ
- ✝ Relate to others for spiritual growth
- ✝ Give of my time, talents and resources

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## Outdoor Service Brings Congregation Back Together!

Members of all ages gathered on the grass on July 19 for Light of Christ's first in-person worship service in months. Behind the masks, smiles beamed and hymns hummed along!





## "It's a talent" to be a good steward of your talents

While it may seem obvious to use our talents as a means of stewardship, I often find myself questioning how valuable my talents and areas of expertise may really be. It feels like "If I am good at something, it must be easy for others too."



As you consider opportunities for stewardship, don't overlook your very personal talents. That which is easy or routine for you may be just the skill that is needed.

God gives all people TALENTS when we are born. Each of us can share in God's plan in his or her own way.

*We all have different gifts. Each gift came because of the grace God gave us. Whoever has the gift of prophecy should use that gift in a way that fits the kind of faith they have. Whoever has the gift of serving should serve. Whoever has the gift of teaching should teach. Whoever has the gift of comforting others should do that. Whoever has the gift of giving to help others should give generously. Whoever has the gift of leading should work hard at it. Whoever has the gift of showing kindness to others should do it gladly.*

As you consider this passage, ask yourself what gifts you have that could be used to make a difference at Light of Christ, in the community or within your social groups.

Stewardship Committee

## Your 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Gifts Support Second Harvest Heartland!



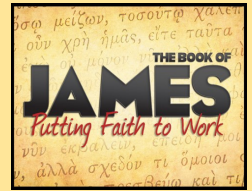
**Thank you** for responding to May's 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Special Offering benefitting Second Harvest Heartland.

A total of \$1,420 was contributed to support this vital program. Second Harvest Heartland is helping many during this uncertain time and increasing needs. Thank you for your generosity and help for our neighbors in need.

Jessie Aylsworth, Chair  
Evangelism/Mission Committee

## Connect and Converse during Tuesday Bible Study Tuesdays 7-8:00 p.m. via Zoom

The Tuesday evening bible study group is transitioning to a study of the Book of James. It's the perfect time to join!



Email Tim Johnson (tdale57@gmail.com) for a Zoom link. Everyone is welcome! You may be as active in the discussion as you like. We all learn a little something from each other as we ponder the power and beauty and truth of God's Word.

## Thanks, Distribution Volunteers!

Light of Christ volunteers again distributed fresh produce and dairy products to area residents on July 15. Thank you for your generous help: Wes Aylsworth, John McClelland, Brad Pappas, Wendy Caslavka, Heather Dickey, Kim and Ashlynn Wortz, JoMarie Williamson and Butch Priestler. Fifty boxes of fresh produce and dairy products were supplemented by Untied's donated cucumbers and Sheridan Story packages for kids.

LOC is extremely grateful we can help assist area families in need. It is heartwarming to experience the willingness of so many to provide resources and assistance needed during this unsettling time.

A huge thank you to our Light of Christ volunteers and to all that continue to support this important service!

## CARING CORNER



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Do not feel  
**TOTALLY,**  
*personally,*  
**IRREVOCABLY**  
**RESPONSIBLE**  
for everything.

That's my job. Love, God.



### There is still time! Register for Summer Bolt VBS

Did you miss the July 12 VBS registration deadline? **Your child is still welcome to participate!**

We can send you the VBS links but now you'll have to provide your own supplies. We ordered extra t-shirts, so your \$10 registration comes with a shirt, OR register and participate for free (or make a donation, if you'd like).

Please complete the form below in order to receive the at-home VBS links! If you have any questions, please email Kirsten Kelly at [LOCchildren@gmail.com](mailto:LOCchildren@gmail.com). Thank you!

### VBS Registration Link



### You Can Help Us Make Worship More Vibrant!

Light of Christ staff is looking for families to help with our Sunday worship services by contributing a recording to be a part of the service (such as the Lord's Prayer, scripture lesson, Apostle's Creed, etc). If your family would be willing to help in this way, please click [here](#) to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Kirsten Kelly, Katie Kohler or Pastor Bruce. We are thankful for the work of our entire church family as we continue to find creative ways to grow and connect in faith!

### Why Buy Equal Exchange?

Did you know that most "regular" chocolate you purchase in a store is not fair trade and might possibly support child labor? Do you want to be a "smart consumer" and make sure you are purchasing responsibly?

The youth at Light of Christ sell Equal Exchange chocolate, coffee, tea, nuts, and dried fruit, which are all fair trade products. This means the farmers that grow the produce to make the products are paid a fair, living wage and **don't exploit children**. Watch this two-minute video to learn more about Equal Exchange chocolate.

During this time of being apart, you can still order LOC Equal Exchange items online! Proceeds will benefit future summer trips. Order through our [online store](#) and have them delivered to your house **FOR FREE** (or to a friend to brighten their day)! Thanks for supporting our youth and farmers all over the world!



## First Communion and Confirmation Celebrations Rescheduled

Light of Christ staff and Council have been talking about the celebrations that we missed this spring since we could not worship together in person. First Communion and Confirmation Sunday both got postponed due to Coronavirus. Here are details about our plans for these faith milestones to take place later this summer:

- ✚ Each celebration will have a recorded worship service that families can watch at home.
- ✚ There will be two dates when kids/families can sign up for a 10-minute time slot to come to the Sanctuary at Light of Christ, receive the blessing/First Communion and take photos.
- ✚ These personal sessions will also be live on Zoom so that extended family members can join.

Here are the dates when we'll be offering sign-up times for families:

### Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)

Sunday, August 23 (12-2 pm)

or

Wednesday, August 26 (5-7 pm)

### First Communion

Sunday, August 30 (12-2 pm)

or

Wednesday, September 2 (4-7 pm)

We are also in need of a few volunteers on the dates listed above to be at church to help "direct traffic" and answer questions. If you'd like to help, please contact Kirsten Kelly or Pastor Bruce. COVID health guidelines will be followed. Thank you for keeping our children, youth and families in your prayers!

## Sunday School and Confirmation Guide Input Needed!

Were you a SS teacher or Confirmation Guide this past year? If so, we invite you to join Pastor Bruce and CYF staff in a conversation via Zoom about fall planning. We truly value your input as we navigate this foreign and changing time. Zoom links will be sent closer to the meeting date. Here is the date/time info:

- Monday, July 13 at 7:30 pm = **Confirmation Guides**
- Monday, July 13 at 8:30 pm = **SS Teachers**



## Change for Children

Our children and youth are organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Change for Children to raise money for the ELCA Global Barnyard. (Watch a short video about the Global Farm Challenge!)



Last spring, this project exceeded our expectations and we raised \$1,447.97! This allowed us to purchase 2 cows, 3 goats, 3 pigs, 100 chicks and 4 sets of seeds and gardening tools (which are given to families around the world to create sustainability and food for their families). To learn more about the ELCA Good Gifts program.

This year we are setting our goal a bit higher and hope to raise \$1,500 over the summer months! We encourage families to make a Change for Children jar at home and later in the summer we will share details about how you can drop off your donation. Donations can also be made online on our giving page (make sure to indicate "**Change for Children**"). Thanks for your support as we collect change and come together to make "Change for Children"!