



Worship

- **In-person worship—9:00 am Sundays**
- **Online worship continues, and will be posted on the [church website](#) and [Facebook](#) page**



Church Council 2022

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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*

Congratulations to these 8 young people, who received their First Communion on Sunday, May 22: Carina Borman, Brantley Fritz, Chloe Fritz, Edie Henson, Nathan Knisley, Carter Larison, Emme Savage, and Lydia Sievers. May you know God's love and forgiveness each and everyday.



Sign Up Soon for Light of Christ's Annual Summer Picnic! Tuesday, June 7th from 6:00-7:30 pm at church, hosted by Community Life

We will provide a boxed lunch of either fried or grilled chicken along with potatoes, gravy, coleslaw and bottled water. Gluten free options are available as well. We will sit outside, weather permitting, so please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Please [click this link](#) to sign up for the picnic and to choose your meal **by June 1st**. We will also be recognizing the newest members of Light of Christ that evening. Looking forward to seeing everyone there! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kelly Harstad at 763-227-8246 or kellyharstad8@gmail.com or Heidi Goldbeck at 612-418-0111 or heidigold100@gmail.com.



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Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with the Healing and Wholeness Committee)

Over 40 Light of Christ members joined our Walk-a-Mile-in-my-Shoes event on Sunday, May 22! A huge thanks to all planners and participants!! Our church family is growing in awareness, education, and support for mental health.

You can continue to advocate for the 1 in 6 children and 2 in 5 adults currently challenged by a mental illness by donating to namimn.org, starting hard conversations, and passing along these messages:

- * You are NOT alone.
- * It's not your fault.
- * Break the stigma.
- * There is help and hope.
- * You are a beloved child of God!!
- * You are fearfully and wonderfully made!

Remember to access our Mental health resource page on lightofchristlutheran.com

God's blessings!



Food Distribution Volunteer Opportunities

Food Distribution is set for **Monday, June 13th**. Two shifts available for volunteers: 11:30 am at Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford, where we'll work with four other churches to pack all the boxes; and 3:30 pm here at the church parking lot to hand out the boxes.

- ⇒ To help pack boxes in Rockford, please click on [this link](#).
- ⇒ To help distribute boxes in church parking lot, please click on [this link](#).



Fifth Sunday Offering for May

Our Fifth Sunday offering for May will be for the Eastern Europe Response through the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. This agency is accompanying companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia as well as the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and other needs. The funds donated are used 100% to provide support for people impacted by the conflict in this region. You can donate online from the [church website](#) and enter under "**Designated Gift**" or write a check to the **Lutheran Disaster Response**. Thank you for giving to those in dire need.



CHURCH NEWS



Special thanks to the person who made the drawers for our pray ground area. These are perfect!



**Monday through Thursday
7:30 am – 4:00 pm**

The Great Thing About Giving Is ... it gets the wheel turning

Prior to Covid, I took Light of Christ's smooth-turning "wheel" for granted. The shutdown was shocking.

But we're back! And I am super grateful for every usher and musician and Sunday School teacher and worship assistant who is re-engaging as a volunteer. *Welcome* to every member returning to in-person worship. Thanks to you, the wheel is turning again!

And these key efforts *need your shoulder to the wheel*:

- ⇒ meeting the people sharing your pew
- ⇒ volunteering for a Sunday service role
- ⇒ joining a service project or study group
- ⇒ increasing your financial support
- ⇒ inviting visitors and welcoming new members

It takes everyone's strength to turn such a large wheel. Just picture where that wheel can roll with all of us pushing and giving our all!

--Cheri Ashfeld, Stewardship Committee



Fueling the Fire

Thanks to everyone who has helped to fuel our ministries a bit further! You have given over \$20,000 to our efforts. Thank you! We welcome any extra pledges or gifts toward our effort. Each of you help make Light of Christ's important ministries thrive and to share the light of Christ. Thank you!



Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).

Coffee and Sundays go hand in hand. Well, if you like coffee, that is ☺.

You may have noticed, we've been putting the coffee (and donuts, etc.) out on Sunday morning more and more.

Sometimes it's just because; sometimes a group may be raising money for their ministry. Either way, we'd love to encourage you to "take a Sunday," either as a ministry, a family, a team or committee, or as friends. And you can do it simply to create some good Sunday hospitality or to raise awareness.



We've got a couple of folks who will get the coffee brewing in the morning. But it's your call as to whether you'd like to pick up some donuts, muffins, cookies, whatever...and set them out. If it's a fundraiser, we'll invite your group to cover that cost. If it's just to provide Sunday hospitality, we'll cover the costs.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up. While you have more than one or two who will cover bases, each Sunday only has two slots. But recruit your servers as you'd like. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Shared Ministry Director, Tim Johnson, at (952) 472-1755.

CHURCH NEWS

We are one step closer to having the Living Room fully complete! The barn doors have now been installed and it looks so awesome... it really completes the space! We invite you to stop by and check it out next time you're at church. This new space truly is a gift to our congregation!



Thanks to everyone who helped with the mobile food pack with Feed My Starving Children this past week! We had 31 Light of Christ volunteers measure, mix, bag, stack, pack, and pray for the thousands of meals that will be shipped globally (and here in the States) to hungry people.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development.

FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential.

To donate or help pack meals, contact www.fmsc.org

Share Your Talents

Each of us has a contribution to make, a role to play, a ministry to share. Each Sunday morning, we have opportunities to serve as greeters, ushers, those who help Holy Communion happen (altar guild), sound board, singers, coffee/refreshments makers, live-stream monitoring, readers, and more.

And to make many more ministries express the hope and light of Jesus, we have various teams and committees. Not only do these many opportunities make use of your gifts or talents, but they help you to have a deeper experience of the church, and, of course, you help make important ministries happen.

Pray about where you might serve. Or reach out to our Shared Ministry Director, Tim Johnson at tim.johnson@locdelano.com or 952/472-1755.



"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands."
Psalm 63:3-4

When we're most deeply in touch with God's amazing grace and love, we know that this is in fact "better than life." Our response? To glorify and praise God, to lift up our hands....to worship!

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am or online streaming by going to our [Facebook page](#).



Opportunities for Children at Light of Christ

- **MEGA SPORTS CAMP:** our Vacation Bible School for children 3-years through 4th grade runs **July 24-27** from 5:30-8 pm. [Click here to register](#).
- **WAPO BIBLE CAMP:** While students may register to attend any time during the summer, designated Light of Christ weeks are **June 26-July 1** and **July 31-August 5**. Register at this link: <http://lwlbci.com/lightofchrist>
 - There is a Wapo one-day camp on **August 3** for those who completed K-4th grade to experience what camp is like.



HS Fellowship!

The Living Room is open EACH Wednesday night starting at 7:45 pm (if we have something scheduled or not) if you'd like to hang out, play games or chat about anything. There is Confirmation from 6:30-8:00 pm, so Kirsten is normally here (and often done by 7:45 pm)! We always have service project ideas, so if you need hours (for Confirmation or NHS), please let us know.

Here is the upcoming Wednesday schedule for HS:

- **June 1 = HS Bonfire/Volleyball/Gaga, 7:30-8:30 pm** (incoming Confirmation meeting at 6:30 pm)

Mark Your Calendars!

- ♦ **Incoming 7th Grade Confirmation Info Meeting:** We invite current 6th grade youth and parents to attend a short informational meeting on **Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. Please attend if you are planning to start Confirmation this fall at Light of Christ or even if you would just like more information.
- ♦ **Grad Sunday, June 5th:** Light of Christ seniors... please mark your calendar for the blessing and celebration of our graduates at 9 am worship!

