

# The Beacon

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

October 24, 2022

### 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**

Mike Boyack Tim Current Steven Dickey Carmen Hanson Jennifer Hinker Jon Holzer Derek Horeis Lisa Spencer Natasha Werner Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

#### The Marks of Discipleship

- ₱ Pray daily
- → Worship weekly
- → Read the Bible
- Serve at or beyond Light of Christ
- P Relate to others for spiritual growth
- and resources

#### **Contact us!**

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On Sunday October 30, 7 of our young people will be celebrating their First Communion. Please keep Abigail Froehle, Lauren Krysan, Caden and Adelyn Jeseritz, Breck Johnson, Brooks Halbersma, and Nolan Wortz in your prayers as they prepare for this special moment in their life of faith.





### **OUTREACH**

## Fifth Sunday Offering (October 30<sup>th</sup>): Birthday Ministry for Love INC

Light of Christ works in collaboration with
Love INC to provide birthday gifts and
birthday party supplies to families of children ages 12
and under. Families selected are vetted by Love INC
and meet all requirements for assistance. The Light of
Christ Birthday Ministry Committee is responsible for
securing items needed including gifts, gift bags,
wrapping paper, plates, napkins, balloons, cake mix,
frosting, etc. Committee members then assemble the
birthday bags, which are picked up by Love INC for
distribution to the families for a great birthday party!

The Birthday Ministry is fully funded by Light of Christ congregation members, and our October Fifth Sunday Offering has been selected to help support this important ministry.

Two ways to contribute to this ministry:

 Donate through Light of Christ <u>Here</u> and click on the "Donate now" button under the October Fifth Sunday offering tile

OR

Designate the offering you put in the October 30<sup>th</sup> collection plate for the *Fifth Sunday Offering/Birthday Ministry*. Special envelopes will be located at the usher station.



## Caring Cards

Is there someone you would like to receive a personally written message of support or encouragement from the Light of Christ family? Please complete the information below and send to the church office or email to <a href="mailto:Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com">Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com</a>. A card will be created and sent to the intended recipient.

Please send a card to:
Name:
Address:
This person needs support dealing with:
grief depression, brokenness
illness family discord
optional details:
To ensure an age-appropriate message, please indicate the recipient's age.
youth-young adult30-6060-100
This outreach is provided by the Healing and Wholeness Ministry.



## **Light of Christ Gratitude Project**

Show your gratitude to Sign the card!



## **Monthly Food Distribution**

The next distribution will be on **Monday, November 14**<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information or would like to sign up to help, please reach out to Tim Johnson.... or click on one of the following links:

- 11:00 am at Our Father's for packing boxes (register at this link: (<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/">https://www.signupgenius.com/</a> go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food)
- 3:30 pm here at LOC for distribution of the boxes (register at this link: (<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1</a>)

Thanks to all who help in this ministry!

## Call on the Light of Christ Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please feel free to engage the Light of Christ Prayer Chain. **Email the church office**, which is preferred, or call 763-972-2400 with your request, which remains confidential. The LOC Prayer Chain will pray

for you as requested.
Feel free to call on this team in your time of need. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain should contact the church office.



## **STAYING CONNECTED**

Psalm 107:1 reminds us: "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

Thank you for helping to create our wonderful Gratitude Chain! These blessings surround us as we worship together. Some words from our Gratitude Chain:



## Advent Charcuterie FundraiserSave the Date!

When: Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

**Time**: 5-7 pm

Where: LOC Fellowship Hall

<u>What</u>: Great food, fellowship, music (by Katie Kohler & Marcus Hanson), Advent hymn sing, small "youth services" live auction and optional wine/beer tasting!

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Who: Adults 21 and up

**Registration:** Coming soon!

**Proceeds:** Benefit the youth going to Belize





Thank you! So far we have received 60 pledges for our 2023 shared ministry. Pledges help in our planning, and pledges are a great way to prioritize our own giving as families and individuals. So, if you haven't, please consider a weekly or monthly pledge for giving for next year. Pledge cards are in the narthex or you can pledge online on our website or at <a href="https://bit.ly/3RloNar">https://bit.ly/3RloNar</a>.

Here at Light of Christ, each one of us is a part of something larger than ourselves. Our mission to bless others with Christ's love and gospel of grace happens in so many ways. Thank you for ensuring that lives are touched and blessed by the Holy Spirit!

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

## 2023 HS Service Trip

We are so excited to announce that our HS Service Trip in Summer 2023 will be going to Belize!! Registration for youth (grades 9-12) and adults is now open at this link. A few notes:

- Youth registration deadline = Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Adult Leader/Participant registration deadline = Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Tentative dates for the trip are July 29-August 5, 2023

Reach out to Kirsten if you have any questions. Thank you for your prayers as we plan for this incredible adventure!



## LOC SPARK!

Our first 4-week session of SPARK has 14 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders learning about Old Testament people of faith! Week 1 is learning about Esther!





The Youth & Family Ministry Team has been talking for awhile about hosting more events for our youth that are focused on connecting and fellowship. So we're excited to share with you that we'll be having our first "HS Friday Night Lights" event in November! We are still finalizing details, but the night will include several events in and around Delano involving fun lights (possibly cosmic bowling, laser tag, etc)...and we always want to share our light, so we'll incorporate some fun service as well! More details to come but for now, **SAVE THE DATE**... you won't want to miss it! Here are the details:

Who: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth and friends

<u>What</u>: Overnight fellowship event to connect and have fun!

When: 7 pm, 11/18 – 8 am, 11/19 Where: Light of Christ and beyond

Ever wonder what all the youth at LOC are up to? Interested in seeing updates of all the fun, their growth and amazing adventures they are sharing together (and also know about upcoming events)? Please take a moment to "follow" our Light of Christ Youth Instagram page (username is *locyouth*)!

