



## 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

## Contact us!

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## Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Sponsored by NourishingHOPE Food Drop and Second Harvest Heartland

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pick up on a first come, first served basis  
All are welcome

## Tuesday, August 11th 3pm -until gone

### Locations for pick up

#### **Corcoran**

St. Thomas Catholic Church parking lot

#### **Delano**

Light of Christ Lutheran Church parking lot

#### **St. Michael**

St. Michael Elementary School parking lot

#### **Montrose**

Montrose United Methodist Church parking lot

#### **Rockford**

Our Father's Lutheran Church parking lot

#### **Buffalo**

Buffalo Covenant Church parking lot

Appropriate distancing and covid mitigation practices will be employed



## Light of Christ COVID-19 Preparedness Plan Now Available

In preparation for resuming in-person gatherings, Light of Christ has been required to develop and implement a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, which the Church Council has reviewed and approved. This plan meets the protocols provided by the Minnesota Department of Health. Please click [here](#) to view the plan.



## Help Support August Fifth Sunday Cause

August 30<sup>th</sup> is a "Fifth Sunday." Donations specifically designated for Fifth Sunday offering will be supporting the ELCA missionary, Karen Anderson, in Chile. More detailed information of her latest efforts in Chile will be shared in the next 2 Beacons and on the church website.



**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**  
AUGUST 19, 2020 | 5:00-6:30PM

Westpoint Church  
9090 Hwy 12, Delano

**STUDENTS K-12 FROM FAMILIES IN NEED WILL RECEIVE A BACKPACK, PRE-PACKAGED SCHOOL SUPPLIES, MEAL & FUN ACTIVITIES**

- EVENT WILL BE HELD OUTDOORS
- FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE PREFERRED OVER SUPPLIES
- SPONSOR A STUDENT FOR \$50

**DONATE**  
LOVEINCHEARTLAND.ORG  
318 RAILROAD AVE, DELANO

**RECEIVE SUPPLIES**  
763.972.6547 EXT 1  
**VOLUNTEER**  
763.972.6547 EXT 3

## Food Shelf Chair or Co-Chairs Needed



With the departure of two wonderful, long-time co-chairs, Jeanie Pilarski and Sandy Kremer, after providing 15 years of amazing leadership, the

Delano Food Shelf is now looking for replacements (one person for both positions or two for either) to start on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. If interested, please call 763-972-4455. Thank you Jeanie and Sandy for all you have done for the Delano community!!

## CARING CORNER



*Created by Light of Christ Healing and Wholeness Ministry*

Well, friends, it seems the quarantine will be with us for the unforeseeable future. Summer has afforded lots of time to be outdoors and even gather with family and friends with masks and social distancing in mind. With the new school year soon upon us, it won't be back to life as usual. It's a great time now to think about taking care of ourselves, mentally, physically and spiritually. We'll offer a few tips each week to help you. We **ARE** in this together with God's help.

1. Stick to a routine. Go to sleep and wake up at a reasonable time. Write a schedule that is varied and includes time for work as well as for self-care.
2. Dress for the social life you want, not for the social life you live. Get showered and dressed in comfortable clothes, wash your face and brush your teeth! Put on some bright colors. It's amazing how our dress can impact our mood.
3. Reach out to others at least once a day. Try to do FaceTime, phone calls, texting - connect with other people to seek and provide support. Remember to do this for your children as well - virtual playdates via FaceTime, Facebook Messenger Kids, Zoom, etc.
4. Pray throughout the day, try a self-guided Bible study alone or with family, tune in for LOC devotions and worship services. Stay connected with our church family.

We miss you!

## Call on the Light of Christ Prayer Chain

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12*

Are you in need of a prayer during these difficult days? Do you know someone else in need of prayer? If so, please feel free to engage the Light of Christ Prayer Chain. The process is simple and 100% confidential. All you need to do is contact the church office either by email, which is preferred—([lochrist@frontiernet.net](mailto:lochrist@frontiernet.net)), or phone (763-972-2400; please keep in mind office hours are currently limited to Wednesdays, 9:15-11:30 am) with your request. The church office then contacts the group of LOC members ready to 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.





## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



BOLT VBS continues to bring laughter and joy to our Light of Christ Families! Who knew that you could use crackers to stack on somebody's forehead to initiate some major "belly laughing"? Judging by the pictures being sent in, it's hard to tell who's having more fun with VBS this year - the kids, their parents, or their grandparents! You still have time to see what all the fun is about and can register directly here at **BOLT VBS Registration**. You will have access to the program until the end of August. Keep sending in those pictures of your kiddos participating in VBS. There's nothing like seeing the smiles of children to brighten one's day. If we can take anything away from this pandemic, perhaps we are all even more grateful for smiles and laughter than we once were - even behind the masks...



### Watch for Sunday School Registration



As the new school year approaches, so does the kickoff for Light of Christ's Sunday School year! Children, Youth & Family Ministries staff have been busy planning for Sunday School, which officially starts on September 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information to come, but for now we wanted to let LOC parents and caregivers know that we are still planning to have Sunday School in some sort of format. Registration will be available soon!

### Confirmation This Fall

Pastor Bruce and Kirsten have been meeting to make plans for fall. Decisions are still being made (and we are still waiting to hear school district decisions before we finalize plans) but registration links will be coming soon! Wednesday night Confirmation will continue to be held for 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades but what that looks like is still being determined. Confirmation youth should continue to work



on Worship Notes and Service Hours and complete the [online forms on our website](#). Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.



### Be a Star!

Our staff continues to welcome kids, youth, families and/or adults of all ages to help us with our video recording for worship! Parts of worship that we've been looking for include the Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed and First Reading. Confirmation youth can use this for Service Hours and HS youth could use this for NHS hours. Contact Kirsten Kelly or Katie Kohler if you'd like to participate and submit a recording!

### HS Fellowship Bonfire

Plans are underway for a physically distanced bonfire at Bill and Sue Fink's house on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. All HS youth are invited but must bring their own chair and anything to eat or drink. Watch your email for more details coming soon!



## 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"!

## How You Spend Your Money Makes a Difference!

Do you drink coffee or tea? Eat chocolate, nuts or dried fruit? Did you know that the Light of Christ high school youth sell Equal Exchange products, even during COVID? If you've never heard of Equal Exchange (EE), here is a **short video** about why EE purchases are important. Each purchase supports small farmers around the world (and now more than ever, we need to be supporting these small family-owned farms, which are struggling to survive) as well as our youth right here at Light of Christ! Order through our **online store** and have them delivered to your house **FOR FREE** (or to a friend to brighten their day)! You can make difference with your purchases!



## Outdoor Worship Together!

We have good news! Outdoor worship is returning on **August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am!** There are a few details we would like to share with the congregation ahead of time. In order to maintain a healthy environment the worship service will look a little different than our normal services:

- ◆ Masks will be required outdoors. We ask that each family remain at least six feet apart on the lawn.
- ◆ We ask congregation members to refrain from singing along with the songs as this is a high-risk activity in group settings.
- ◆ We will not participate in group prayer, since speaking together in a large group also raises the risk level.
- ◆ We will hold communion at the outdoor service. Each congregation member will receive a pre-packaged wafer and pre-packaged wine.
- ◆ We will pre-record a service that will be posted on our **YouTube page** as usual for those who cannot make it. There will be no Zoom communion, but we will include communion liturgy in the recorded service.
- ◆ Please bring your own chairs.
- ◆ If you are experiencing Covid-like symptoms or have been exposed to a person diagnosed with Covid, we ask that you remain at home.
- ◆ A Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon. We highly encourage all of you to sign up for the service ahead of time as it is helpful for us to know how many people will be attending so we can plan out spacing, volunteers, etc. Keep in mind that the limit on outdoor gatherings is 250 people.

We are so excited to give everyone the chance to worship together in person! We thank you ahead of time for your flexibility and willingness to follow all the instructions above. Our top priority is making sure our members stay happy and healthy!



## STAYING CONNECTED

### 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 [lochrist@frontiernet.net](mailto:lochrist@frontiernet.net). 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 adult \_\_\_ 30-60 \_\_\_ 60-100

*This outreach is provided by the  
Healing and Wholeness Ministry.*



### Snap a Family Picture for the Online Directory

Light of Christ Members: don't forget about pictures for the online Church Directory! While we are all spending more time at home, this may be a great time to gather the family members

and take a picture of the gang. All you have to do is email your picture to **Terri at the church office** who will coordinate adding it to our directory.

### Start Your Day with Prayer & Music



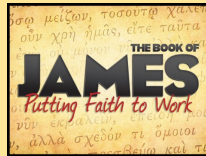
Our weekly devotion schedule is now three days a week –

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.** Members' favorite hymns will be featured in the Friday devotions. If you would like to submit your favorite hymn and how it has affected your faith journey, email Katie at ([locworshipmus@gmail.com](mailto:locworshipmus@gmail.com)). You can watch the latest video featuring members' submissions [here](#).

### Connect and Converse during Tuesday Bible Study

**Tuesdays 7-8:00 p.m. via Zoom**

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



Email Tim Johnson [tdale57@gmail.com](mailto: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.



### Stay Informed!

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

### Check Out the Church Library!

Even as public libraries are reopening, keep in mind that the church library has many books and resources for members to check out, and for all ages and topics. Just stop in during office hours (currently Wednesdays 9:15-11:30 am) to check it out while still remaining socially distant!



WCCA Head Start has openings at multiple centers for the 2020-2021 program year. Head Start offers a **free** comprehensive preschool program for children ages 3-5. Class days and times vary by location.

WCCA also offers Early Head Start for families with infants or toddlers, and expectant parents. Families in Early Head Start receive a home visit each week and two socialization activities each month.

The goal of the Head Start & Early Head Start programs is to provide every family in our program the best start for their children under 5. Services include age appropriate children's activities; developmental and hearing/vision screening; health and nutrition services; family engagement opportunities; and transportation whenever possible. WCCA provides services to all children, including those with any health, developmental or nutritional needs.

There is **no cost** for the Head Start or Early Head Start program. For more information, please call WCCA at **320-963-6500 x243** or visit us at [www.wccaweb.com](http://www.wccaweb.com).