



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

Kylee Amdor
Wes Aylsworth
Carmen Hanson
Jennifer Hinker
Jon Holzer
Elizabeth Kohlhof
Dan Langner
Tom Sebelien
Stacy VanCura
Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

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



Join Me in a "Stewardship of Milestones"

My mother was born at the height of the 1918 Spanish Flu. She thrived, but I'm sure her parents always linked her birth year with the pandemic year. Déjà vu. Our Light of Christ families are welcoming babies, graduating youth, and saying final goodbyes – all forever linked to another pandemic date.

Milestones deserve celebrations, and we've seen creative alternatives for every occasion. As we search for ways to stay connected with our church family, why not create a new LOC milestone: marking our anniversaries of serving and learning through Light of Christ membership?

I joined LOC in October 2004. This year I'll make an *anniversary gift to the church* in appreciation of all it is, all it serves, and all of *you* who are my church family. When is your anniversary?

Stewardship Committee

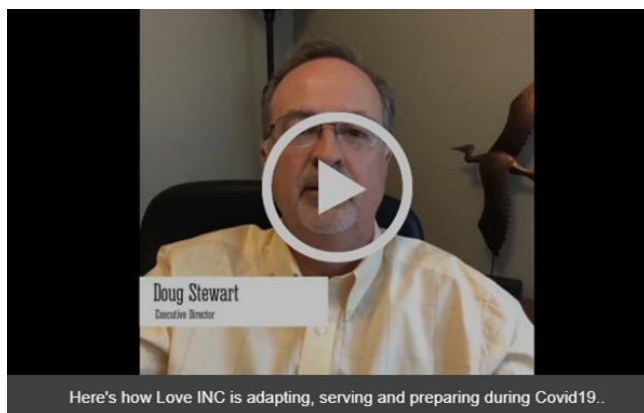
Backpacks Are Back!!

Love INC is delighted to announce that Westpointe Church in Delano will once again be providing backpacks and school supplies to families in need in August. The event will be held outdoors with consideration for social distancing and supplies will be mostly pre-packed. For this reason, **we suggest a financial gift rather than a gift of supplies.** Donations may be made at loveinheartland.org/donations (with a notation for the **Backpack Program**) or checks may be mailed to: **Love INC-Heartland, P.O. Box 143, Delano, MN 55328.** Volunteers needed—please contact Lisa at 763-972-6547, ext 3.



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

A Message from Love INC



Click the above thumbnail for a video update from Love INC-Heartland's new executive director, Doug Stewart, regarding how Love INC is adapting and serving during the pandemic.

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 1st**. 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

Our Healing and Wholeness committee is planning to start a couple of support groups in the fall, initially by Zoom or in small, socially distant groups. In the meantime, we continue to do reading and research on how best to lead Light of Christ toward acceptance and support for those who experience all forms of mental illness in themselves or loved ones.

Bill and Sue Fink recently read "Blessed Are the Crazy" by Sarah Griffith-Lund, a pastor who experienced life with a father who had untreated bipolar disease and a brother with severe depression. She refers to the family tendency toward mental illness as "crazy in the blood" and writes in a way to show the truth in the difficulties people go through with mental illness in their lives, but also to advocate and teach us all how to come alongside the struggling in a Christian way. She gives lots of encouragement and hope through the darkness. This is her personal rewrite of the 23rd Psalm:

Jesus is my light and gives me all that my spirit needs to carry on. God invites me to trust in divine love so that when the still water runs thick with crazy blood my soul is restored. God leads me down paths of giving my testimony for the sake of healing. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of mental illness I will fear no evil, for God is with me. God's Spirit comforts me. God prepares a table for all who carry the cross of mental illness. God makes sure there's abundance, more than enough of everything for everybody. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my crazy life. And I will be in the blessed presence of God's healing light and love now and forever.

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), 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 has gotten off to a great start for many Light of Christ families! It is wonderful seeing pictures of all the kids participating along with their parents and even some grandparents. It looks like everyone is having fun with the online VBS program and so we are grateful for this opportunity to still provide VBS even though we cannot all be together at this time. If you have not registered yet, you still may do so directly at [BOLT VBS Registration](#). We are no longer providing the supplies to go with BOLT VBS, but there are still some LOC t-shirts available. You will have access to the program until the end of August. We continue to pray for all our LOC children as we move forward towards the new school year.



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!

Change for Children

Our children and youth are organizing the 2nd 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"!



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 **2-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



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 lochris@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



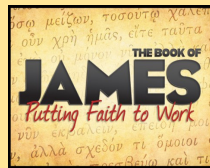
Our weekly devotion schedule is now three days a week –

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). 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 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.

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.