



Worship

Worship services will be recorded and posted on the church website. 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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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, December 8 3pm -until gone

Locations for pick up

Corcoran

St. Thomas Catholic Church parking lot

Delano

Light of Christ Lutheran Church parking lot

St. Michael

Colonial Mall

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

Columbarium Committee Update

The Columbarium Committee has continued to meet - at least virtually—throughout the pandemic, with hopes of soon being able to present potential plans to both the council and the congregation. To date, bylaws have been created, columbarium location has been determined, soil tests have been completed, a tentative landscape design has been drawn and bids from three different columbaria suppliers have been received. We are hopeful to be able to present more information to the congregation in the coming months. We look forward to sharing more information with you as we solidify plans.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Columbarium Committee members, listed below:

Ann Bassett
Amy Bigot
Sharon McKisson
Tom and Sharon Sebelien
Bill Weis
Pr. Bruce Kuenzel

Love INC Christmas Store December 12 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Every year, Love INC and generous community members join hands to create a charming Christmas Store for neighbors in need. Families stroll through aisles of toys and other items and choose gifts to make the holiday season special. Consider supporting this program by purchasing gifts from our suggested lists, donating funds to let our shoppers do the work, or by volunteering to serve in a number of ways. For more information, email holidays@loveincheartland.org, or call our clearinghouse at 763-999-7082. This event takes place on Saturday, December 12th in Delano at Westpointe Church.

Fifth Sunday Offering Benefits St. Stephen's Ministry

The Fifth Sunday Offering for November benefited St. Stephen's in Minneapolis. St. Stephen's mission is to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness in achieving permanent, affordable housing. The following video has been provided to learn more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YEUuoKvrnU&t=11s>

In addition to a monetary gift, a collection cart has been set up for much needed outdoor gear: rain ponchos, tarps, 1-2 person tents, sleeping bags, and backpacks. Other needed items include emergency blankets, jackets, winter gloves, winter boots, **NEW** long underwear, etc. A full list of items can be found [Here](#). Ways we as a congregation can help St. Stephen's end homelessness:

- Donate through Light of Christ [Here](#) to enter your **Designated Gift** and mention *St. Stephen's Fifth Sunday*
- Donate to St. Stephen's directly at the following link: <https://ststephensmpls.org/donate>.
- Stop by the church Mon-Thurs between 8:30am-1:30pm to leave donated items in the collection cart. The cart is located by the office door entry. Please remember your mask and do your part to social distance.

Items will be accepted through December. **Please submit monetary donations before December 31.**



Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with LOC
Healing and Wholeness Ministry)



We are happy to announce that the Healing and Wholeness Ministry has our own dedicated page on the Light of Christ website:

www.lightofchristlutheran.com. It is meant to be a quick and easy way to find the help you need in a crisis or a difficult situation. Those of us who struggle with mental illness in ourselves or others are often at a loss as to where to start looking for help and information.

On the home page, just click on the heading "**Support.**" There you will find information about how to contact Pastor Bruce and resources to help you navigate mental health concerns for yourself or a loved one. You can also access information about the Prayer Chain, Meal Train, Caring Card Ministry, and the Birthday Ministry whether you need support or want to support and care for others.

SUPPORT GROUP: Please join our adult group for those who love/care for someone with a mental illness. If you are concerned about your own mental health, you may also want to give it a try. Please contact Sue Fink for a Zoom invitation at billandsue2931@gmail.com. Our next meeting is on Monday, December 14th at 7pm. (every 2nd and 4th Monday).

Let's practice gratitude this Advent season. Being grateful is a simple way to keep afloat and can help you **#BeTheDifference** for yourself and those around you. Read your Bible, pray, attend worship online, extend thoughtfulness and thankfulness to your family, coworkers and the cashiers as you shop! Be safe. We care about each of you!!

Items Needed at Delano Food Shelf

Light of Christ members have asked what items they might donate at this time to the Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf. Ideas include shampoo, conditioner, women's hygiene products, toothpaste, bar, dish and laundry soap, hand sanitizer, jello, pudding, tea, cake mix, frosting, taco shells and seasoning. Items, as well as monetary contributions, can be dropped off at the food shelf on Thursday afternoons between 1-4 or at JoMarie Williamson's home in Delano (536 Meadow Rose Ct.). Thank you for continuing to support those in need with these essential items!



Staying Vibrant!

If you haven't already completed your 2021 pledge form, please follow the link below to complete yours today. This helps council in planning and budgeting for next year's ministries. Thank you!

[CLICK HERE FOR PLEDGE FORM](#)



2021 Pledges & Online Giving

If you need to change your Simply Giving contribution amount due to your 2021 pledge, please log in to your [MyVanco account](#) or contact Terri in the church office to make the change. Your pledge card does not authorize the church to make these changes.

Check Your 2020 Pledge Status

The 2021 Stewardship Campaign is now underway. Just a reminder that members can check the status of their pledges for 2020 by logging in to the online member portal (<https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/lightofchristlutheran/login>). You can also access the portal log in page from the Light of Christ website (www.lightofchristlutheran.com) by clicking the "Member Portal" icon on the top toolbar. If you need assistance or if you need another "invitation link" emailed to you to create your sign in, please contact Terri in the church office. Invitation links expire after 2 weeks.



Join Us for a Virtual Christmas Eve Celebration!



We will offer two worship services on Christmas Eve. The first is a family-friendly service that will incorporate traditional Christmas Eve elements, along with elements geared toward children. This service will host a variety of music styles as well; from boisterous organ music with brass to our children's choir singing beloved Christmas carols. Please note, while the service may be more family friendly, there are elements that everyone can enjoy! The second service is a candlelight service. This service will have a more meditative atmosphere, but will still bring the absolute joy of Christmas. Both services will be posted at 8 AM on Christmas Eve morning so you can watch at your convenience. Christmas blessings to all!

Choir Update!

Good news! Light of Christ adult choir is meeting two Mondays a month, 6-7 pm via Zoom. If you're interested in joining, contact Katie at locworshippmus@gmail.com. We're working on a mass choir recording for Christmas so come join the fun!



Communion Cups Available for Online Worship

We are now providing individual, disposable communion cups for pick-up at the church, which include wine/wafer, juice/wafer and wine/gluten free wafer options. Pre-packaged bags of communion cups are available for pick up and will be located on a table in the church library on Wednesday mornings during regular office hours (typically 8:00-11:30 AM). For anyone who is homebound and would like to have the pre-packaged communion cups, please email locvolunteer@frontier.com and we will make arrangements to deliver a supply to you.

Charitable Donations in lieu of Poinsettias

Due to logistical difficulties because of COVID-19 restrictions, we are not offering the option for members to purchase poinsettias this year. Instead, we invite you to donate to either **Love INC** or **Second Harvest Heartland**. If you would like to learn more about these charities or make your donation directly to them, please visit www.loveinc.org and www.2harvest.org. If you choose to donate using our online site, [click here](#) and please indicate the charity of your choosing in the **Designated Gift** line. If you would like to donate "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one, you may indicate that as well. If you run out of room when putting in names, please email the [church office](#) directly with the names of those you would like to honor. If you are mailing a check please make checks payable to **Light of Christ** with the charity of choice in the memo line. You may also indicate if your donation is "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one on a separate piece of paper. Please make your donations by **December 15th**.

Please note, these charities are separate from our Fifth Sunday Offering

We thank you for your continued flexibility!



The time is almost here for Light of Christ's virtual Christmas Program! Be sure to grab a cup of hot chocolate, snuggle under a warm, fuzzy blanket, and watch it online this Sunday, December 13th.

Although we miss seeing all the children's faces at church, we are still grateful for the technology as well as the talents of Ms. Katie Kohler that make this year's Christmas program still possible. Thank you to all the families who participated for providing all of our LOC members with some much-needed Christmas cheer!

Sunday School

Sunday school lessons are available on our YouTube channel for the 3-year-olds through 2nd graders. Our 3rd-6th graders are using the Wakelet platform to view their Sunday school lessons. Please contact Kim Wortz at locsundayschool19@gmail.com if you would like to receive those private links.



Sunday School Packet Pick Up

SS Packets are ready to be picked up. You can pick them up anytime Monday-Thursday 8:30-1:30 (during Head Start class times) by the church office. If you are not able to pick up during those times please contact Kim Wortz @ locsundayschool19@gmail.com.

Christmas Shopping with Heart

As you think about gifts for family and friends this Christmas, we invite you to consider giving Equal Exchange items such as coffee, tea, chocolate or nuts as a gift. They make great stocking stuffers or teacher gifts and also really help small farmers around the world. A small amount of proceeds also help our youth raise funds for summer trips such as Mission trips and Bible Camp. Order through our [online store](#). Thanks for your support!



Basketball Hoop

The basketball hoop that we have at church is very old and needs an update. If anyone has something they could donate (backboard with a rim and net) or is interested in making a donation, please talk to Kirsten. Thanks for your support!



Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

12/13- NO SS (Christmas Program)
12/20- Jesus is born
12/27- NO SS (Christmas Break)
1/3- The Magi

HS Fellowship

9th-12th grade youth are invited to join one of our discussion groups over the next few weeks. Here are the details about each group:

What: HS Discussion Group - Topic Based

When: Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 pm, December 16

Details: Join us live on Zoom for a chance to talk about what's going on in life and how we navigate it. On 12/16 we'll talk about Family - navigating time together at home. We'll also watch some helpful videos and play some online games. Click on the link below for more info and to sign up.

Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/oLibRZeKETLtJriC6>

What: HS Movie Discussion Group

When: Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30 pm, December 9 & 23

Details: We will all watch a movie on our own ahead of time and then talk about it when we meet. Movies will be social-justice oriented. Youth must have parent approval before participating. Click on the link below for more info and to sign up.

Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/7daraGwwEmvoJFzr6>

Advent Activities for Light of Christ Families

As we enter the 2nd week of Advent, we hope that the families who are participating in Advent activities at home are having fun doing so. Most importantly this Advent season, we hope you are feeling blessed by the true Christmas spirit—our Savior, Jesus Christ. We continue to welcome any pictures of your kids participating in Advent activities, which can be emailed to Catherine Borman at locfamilies@gmail.com. It is such a gift to see all the smiling faces of our LOC children. Covid-19 is certainly contagious, but so are the laughter and joy of children—which we especially need during this challenging time.

