



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

Contact us!

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Congregational Annual Meeting (virtual) January 31, 2021

Watch for an email in January with more information about this year's annual meeting, which will be held virtually.

Change to Staff Email Addresses

Light of Christ staff will be transitioning to new email addresses as of January 1, 2021. Emails sent to our old addresses will be forwarded to the new addresses temporarily, but please update your information as soon as possible to make this adjustment. The new staff addresses are listed below:



Bruce Kuenzel	Bruce.Kuenzel@locdelano.com	Pastor
Katie Kohler	Katie.Kohler@locdelano.com	Worship & Music Director
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Terri Reuter	Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com	Office Administrator

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!



Fifth Sunday Offering Benefits St. Stephen's Ministry

Monetary gifts or any much needed item listed below are still welcome to benefit St. Stephen's Ministry. 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](#). 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.**



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. 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, 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.

Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with LOC
Healing and Wholeness Ministry)



The Light of Christ Healing and Wholeness Ministry wishes all our church family God's blessings of new hope, connection, direction and good health in 2021.

So far, we have had no interest in our adult support group for those affected by mental illness. We will cancel the group scheduled for Dec. 28th. We are aware the pandemic and all the increased demands it causes in our busy lives is, perhaps, preventing those who really need to talk and connect with others from doing yet another thing, another Zoom.

Hopefully as we settle into 2021 a New Year's resolution for self-care will motivate you to join us. We will continue to offer a Zoom support group the 2nd and 4th Monday each month at 7pm starting in January. Please contact Sue Fink at billandsue2931@gmail.com for an invitation.

The following is a poem included in last week's Encouragements from Interfaith Network on Mental Illness:

First Coming By Madeleine L'Engle

*He did not wait till the world was ready,
till men and nations were at peace
He came when the Heavens were unsteady
and prisoners cried out for release.*

*He did not wait for the perfect time.
He came when the need was deep and great.
He dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine. He did not wait*

*till hearts were pure. In joy he came
to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.
To a world like ours, of anguished shame
He came, and his Light would not go out.*

*He came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.*

*We cannot wait till the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!*

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.

Connect and Converse during Zoom Bible Study

Sundays 5:00-6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Come to explore what God's Word says for life today. Each week we take a portion of Scripture. All are welcome!

In order to get a Zoom link, email Tim Johnson at tdale57@gmail.com

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.

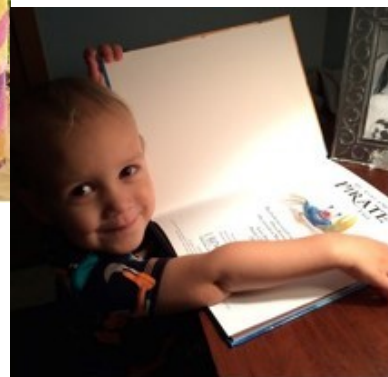
Communion Cups Available for Online Worship

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.



Virtual Story Time Is Starting Soon!

Attention parents of LOC children in preschool through 2nd grade! Catherine Borman will be hosting virtual story times over the next few winter months. Mrs. Borman's favorite activity is reading and she loves to share her passion for books with others. Have your children join virtually to first hear her read a story and then stay for some online fellowship. The schedule will be as follows: **Preschoolers** and **Kindergartners** will meet for story time on the 1st Sunday of every winter month at 6:30 p.m. starting on January 3rd. **First** and **Second graders** will have story time on the 3rd Sunday of every winter month at 6:30 p.m. starting on January 17th. Wearing comfy pajamas and snuggling up with a favorite blanket and/or cuddly toy is highly recommended. Catherine is super excited to share some wonderful stories about many of Jesus' virtues as well as His everlasting love.



Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

1/3- The Magi

1/10- Jesus is Baptized

1/17- NO SS (MLK break)

Sunday School

Our LOC kids have been enjoying their online Sunday School lessons via YouTube and Wakelet.

Please share the links with friends, neighbors, grandchildren, or contact

Kim @ locsundayschool19@gmail.com to be added to the SS emails. Let us help spread God's love to all the children, especially during this time when they need to feel it the most.

