



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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Details About the 2021 Annual Meeting on January 31—9:30 AM



The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 9:30 AM. We will be conducting the meeting via Zoom so we'll be sending out an email with the Zoom link the week prior to the Annual Meeting. We will begin logging people into the meeting at 9:15 AM.

You will be asked to sign into the meeting using the chat feature on Zoom. We will have you give your name and how many people in your home are participating in the meeting. This will give us an accurate count for a quorum.

We will be voting using a voice vote for all our resolutions. If the voice vote is not clear or decisive, we will use the "private chat" feature to have everyone vote on any resolutions that require a tabulation of the votes.

You will be able to ask questions and to make comments during the meeting. You can do that either by unmuting yourself and making a comment or asking a question, or by using the chat feature on the screen.

The Annual Report was sent out by email last Friday. You are encouraged to read through it in advance of the meeting. This will help the meeting move along more smoothly.

Please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Bruce or Kylee Amdor, our Council President, with any questions or concerns you may have about this Annual Meeting.



Food Distribution

Through the generosity of Second Harvest Heartland and in collaboration with Our Father's Lutheran Church/NourishingHOPE, Light of Christ volunteers again distributed assorted food items to area residents. Food entrees were loaded for transportation to Delano with the help of Wes Aylsworth, Lowell and Maxine Johnson, and John McClelland.

Distribution of those items took place at Light of Christ on Tuesday, January 12th with nourishment being provided to approximately 67 families. Distribution was accomplished with assistance from Cheri Ashfeld, Wes Aylsworth, Wendy Caslavka, Steven Dickey, Kiera and Rosie Grant, Paul and Lydia Nelson, Butch Priester, Joyce and Cliff Specht and Jinnelle Weis. The continued help of volunteers dedicated to this necessary ministry is a blessing and very appreciated!

Light of Christ is grateful to be included in these efforts to assist area families in need. It is heartwarming to experience the willingness of so many to provide resources and assistance needed during this continued unsettling time of COVID pandemic.

A huge thank you to our Light of Christ volunteers and to all that continue to support community members in so many ways!





January Fifth Sunday Offering Benefits Feed My Starving Children

January's Fifth Sunday

Offering's focus is on raising funds to help Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) to continue to provide nutritional meals to the world's most vulnerable starving children in these challenging times. For a time in 2020 FMSC had to stop their packing events (including one that was to have been in Delano last June), but they continued to pursue other ways to still provide food to the hungry. View this video to see how they found new ways to pack food during this time: <https://youtu.be/DyQ-ANaxrus>. Later they were able to reopen their permanent sites for packing events per Covid-19 guidelines, but still were not able to do their mobile pack events out in communities.

Undernourished children are more susceptible to infectious diseases like Covid-19. The World Food Programme says that 2021 will be a "make or break" year as many countries dealing with starvation could be overwhelmed from the effects of Covid-19. FMSC believes hope starts with food. For the amount of just one quarter one meal can be provided – for every \$1 four meals can be provided – think of the difference your donation could make.

- **\$88** feeds a child for a year
- **\$365** feeds a family for a year
- **\$1,866** provides a pallet of food
- **\$10,000** feeds a village

To see some of the ways your donation could make a difference view these two videos – "Food at Work: Brian's Story" - <https://youtu.be/nrXQ1leqCSY> and "Update from the Field – Haiti" - <https://youtu.be/aeAi0vnsz9M>, or go to their website <https://www.fmsc.org>.

Your gift could go a long way to help fight world hunger.

"For I was hungry and **you gave** me something to eat." (Matthew 25:35)

Thank You from St. Stephen's Ministry

WOW—I just picked up and dropped off all the donations of gloves, blankets, sleeping bags, hats and other items from Light of Christ. On behalf of all the people we serve, **THANK YOU!!** It's been a tumultuous year for everyone, but especially those we serve, many of whom have fewer safety nets and are already living in daily crisis. We are so grateful for our partners in the community like Light of Christ who did not look away from the difficulties that others were facing this past year. The challenges will continue, but thanks to your generosity, many will have a little more comfort and space to navigate those challenges.

Wishing you all New Year filled with peace, good health, and joy.

Warmly, Amber Becker (St. Stephen's Ministry)

Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with LOC
Healing and Wholeness Ministry)

Prayers for a blessed and healthy
2021 for all of you!



The Healing and Wholeness Ministry becomes an official committee for LOC this month. We have accomplished a lot in our first full year, bringing awareness and education about mental illness, creating a new webpage on the LOC website with support and resources quickly accessible, providing encouragement and information via the Caring Corner, and gathering books and a multitude of resources available on our Mental Health Resource cabinet in the Narthex. Our support groups have been sluggish in getting started but we're hopeful new year's resolutions toward self-care will bring participants. Please check our webpage for information for yourself or recommend it for a friend.

In spite of our safe-distancing guidelines we continue to be excited and are moving forward with the leading of the Holy Spirit, with new ideas and goals for 2021 toward personal healing and wholeness. Stay tuned...

*True faith is keeping your eyes on God
when the world around you is falling apart.*

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 Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com. 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.*

Is Your Online Giving Up to Date?

If you contribute online and haven't updated your transaction to reflect your 2021 pledge, please log in to your [MyVanco account](#) or contact Terri in the church office to make the change for you. Your pledge card does not authorize the church to make these changes.



Stay Informed!

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

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

Individual, disposable communion cups are available for pick-up at the church, including wine/wafer, juice/wafer and wine/gluten free wafer options. The pre-packaged bags 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

Jinnelle.Weis@locdelano.com and we will make arrangements to deliver a supply to you.



2020 Contributor Statements

Your contributor statements are now available to print at your own convenience from the Light of Christ online member portal (click on **Member Portal** icon on the [church website](#)). Due to this electronic conversion, we will not be mailing out statements. If you have any questions, or do not have internet access, please contact the church office.



START YOUR DAY WITH PRAYER & MUSIC

Devotions are posted on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Member song requests will



be featured in Saturday's devotions. Click [here](#) for the latest devotional message. If you would like to submit your favorite hymn and how it has affected your faith journey, email Katie at

Katie.Kohler@locdelano.com.

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 (Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com), 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.



Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!

And let's go sledding! LOC 3rd-6th Graders, bundle up and bring along your sled and at least 1 adult to Baker Park's Sledding Hill in Medina this coming Sunday, January 24th. We will meet right outside the clubhouse (brown, chalet-type building) facing the sledding hill at 2:00 pm. If needed, there are public restrooms and a concession stand that sells hot chocolate in the building. Adult supervision for this activity is required since there are not enough LOC staff members to monitor the activities of children in the 4 different grades. Should the weather or sledding hill conditions not be ideal that day, we will no longer meet up to go sledding. Catherine Borman will send out an email by noon the day of the event to inform families of the postponement. Although winters in Minnesota can be long, we should still thank God for one of his many beautiful creations, SNOW-otherwise referred to as "Magic From the Sky" by Catherine's mother who first saw it after she emigrated to the U.S. from the Philippines. So, bring on the magic and let's go sledding!

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

1/24- The Good Samaritan

1/31-The Prodigal Son

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 @ kim.wortz@locdelano.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.



High School Bible Study

Pastor Bruce often describes the Bible as an "epic narrative" like that of *Harry Potter* or *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Yet we don't seem to be as fascinated in the story of the Bible or read it as often as we do other novels. Join us in January to learn more about the Bible and the Bible's big story... and also some suggestions on how to read the Bible. We'll explore some Bible Project videos (www.bibleproject.com) and talk about how the Bible applies to our daily life. You'll learn some practical tools to help you feel comfortable navigating the Bible, which may even help you as you head off to college. We'll meet online on Wednesday nights in January from 8:30-9:30 pm. Email or message Kirsten to "sign up" and she'll send you the Zoom link.

Upcoming Confirmation Schedule (all taking place via Zoom):

Note Our schedule got moved back one week due to Internet outages on January 6.

January 20 – Unit 2, lesson 1 (The Birth of Jesus), 6:30-8:00 pm

January 27 – Unit 2, lesson 2 (Good News for the Poor), 6:30-8:00 pm

February 3 – Unit 2, lesson 3 (The Prodigal Son), 6:30-8:00 pm

February 10 – Unit 2, lesson 4 (The Crucifixion of Jesus)

February 17 (Ash Wednesday) – Unit 3, lesson 5 (The Resurrection of Jesus)

Sunday School Packet Pick Up

SS materials are ready for the month of January. You can pick them up Monday-Thursday, 8:30-1:30 pm. If these times don't work for you, please contact Kim @ kim.wortz@locdelano.com to set up a time.