



## 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

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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## 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 can be found on the [church website](#). 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.



## 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.

## 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.



## STAFF NEWS

Dear sisters and brothers of Light of Christ,

I'm writing on behalf of the Church Council to inform you that we have accepted the resignations of Jinnelle Weis, our Director of Shared Ministry, Catherine Borman, our Associate Director of Children & Family Ministry-Family Events Coordinator, and Kim Wortz, our Associate Youth Director-Sunday School Coordinator. We accepted these resignations with regret, but also with thanksgiving for the work that each of them has done. Their letters of resignation are below. We will be working diligently with the Personnel Committee and the remaining staff to fill these positions in the coming months. Please join us in thanking Jinnelle, Catherine, and Kim for the contributions to our life as a faith community and please hold our congregation in prayer as we move forward in the search process.



Grace and peace,

*Pastor Bruce Kuenzel*

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel,

Please accept this letter as notice of resignation of my position as Shared Ministry Coordinator at Light of Christ Lutheran Church. My last day of employment will be Friday May 14, 2021 or earlier as noted below.

I do not know if the Church Council and/or Personnel Committee will choose to disburse my job responsibilities among other Light of Christ staff members/volunteers or will choose to replace my position. If a person will be hired to fill this role and the person is available to begin work **prior** to May 14, 2021, please know that I am flexible and will exit sooner if an earlier start date is preferred by a replacement.

The past three plus years of working in this capacity at Light of Christ has been a blessing both in working with a wonderful Light of Christ staff/congregation and in giving me the opportunity to slowly transition into full-time retirement. As our church home for 35 plus years, Light of Christ has played an important part in every aspect of our lives and the opportunity to have been on staff has been equally valued and appreciated.

Thank you for your leadership and mentoring over these years – working with you and with all Light of Christ staff has been a very rewarding experience.

Jinnelle Weis

Dear Pastor Bruce and Church Council:

Please consider this letter as my formal notification that I am resigning from my position as Associate Director of Children & Family Ministry-Family Events Coordinator for Light of Christ Lutheran Church. My last day will be June 1st, 2021 unless someone else is ready to replace me before then.

This has been a very difficult decision for me because I have been so happy in my position. I have absolutely loved working for our church. I cannot ask for a better supervisor or for better co-workers. They have all been extremely supportive and wonderful to work with. However, an unexpected job opportunity to teach again fell into my lap in December and so I am now working part-time teaching English Learner students at Delano Elementary School. Although it has been a pleasure working with the children and families at Light of Christ, teaching is my passion and God has led me back to it. My dream is to go back to full-time teaching in the fall of 2021. Thank you so much for the opportunity to work for such a great church led by an amazing staff. I pray that it will be a smooth transition moving forward as well as for God's blessing on all of Light of Christ's members.

Sincerely,

Catherine Borman

Dear Light of Christ church council,

I would like to notify you that I am resigning from my position as Associate Youth Director-Sunday School Coordinator. My last day of employment will be Tuesday May 25, 2021.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity you have given me. I have enjoyed working at Light of Christ and I could have not asked for a better staff. This position has been so rewarding and has helped me grow in my faith. My heart is leading me to my passion of Floral designing. I was blessed to be a stay-at-home mom for 11 years and now that all my children are in school, I am looking forward to getting back into the field that I love.

Please let me know how I can help during this transition. God Bless!

Sincerely,

Kim Wortz



## 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)

## 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](mailto: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.



## Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with LOC  
Healing and Wholeness Ministry)



January is Mental WELLNESS Month! Usually our longest and coldest month of the year, it is also a time most of us make resolutions and set new goals. However, many of us find ourselves in a mental slump. This year with social distancing, working, learning and eating at home most of the time, we can find ourselves down in the dumps and stressed. Here are some tips for mental wellness, actions you can take to move yourself forward in a positive way:

- Try daily mindfulness, which means intentionally focusing on what is happening right now, what you're eating, engaging with the ones you're with, being aware of your emotions and taking steps to calm the moment. It allows you to gain control and be more positive.

- Clean negativity out of your life and make a practice of turning to positivity. You can do this by avoiding things like scary or crime dramas, violent video games, dwelling on the news all day. Input the positive by intentionally bringing positive thoughts into your work, school and personal relationships. Open yourself to God's love and guidance - pray, worship, read your Bible.

- Take good care of yourself, you deserve it! Eat well, get some fresh air and sunshine, exercise regularly, take a warm bath, take the dog for a walk, watch uplifting movies, dance around, go off the grid now and then, SMILE!!

**"Sometimes we don't need to add new activities to get more pleasure. We just need to soak up the joy in the ones we've already got."**

*Romans 12:12 "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."*

**A note about our support groups:** The adult group for people who experience mental illness in themselves or loved ones will have **one last group tonight, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. If no interest, we will cancel until we are able to meet in person. The support group for parents struggling with kids with behavior issues, the pandemic survival, etc. is being postponed until we can meet in person. Any concerns please email Sue Fink at [billandsue2931@gmail.com](mailto:billandsue2931@gmail.com).



### 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](mailto:Katie.Kohler@locdelano.com).



### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](http://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.

### Virtual Story Time

**Attention parents of preschoolers through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade!**

After having completed 2 virtual story times, Catherine Borman is making a few changes. Moving forward, each virtual story time will be for **ALL** children in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The 6:30 pm story time will still take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the winter months. However, because the attendance was so low on the holiday weekend, a makeup session is offered for Sunday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Borman will do a repeat session of the Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> story time and she hopes to see many little faces on her screen this Sunday!

### Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

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](mailto: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.



### 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](mailto:kim.wortz@locdelano.com) to set up a time.

### Upcoming Confirmation Schedule (all taking place via Zoom):

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

**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)