

Worship

Through May 23, there will be outdoor worship at 3pm, weather permitting. Online worship will continue and will be posted on the [church website](#) until the restrictions for large group gatherings are lifted.



Church Council 2021

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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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Youth Room Construction Update

Progress is continuing to be made on our Youth Room remodel. The door to the banner room as been removed and relocated around the corner. This will help the entrance be more warm and welcoming. The planning of paint, carpet, furniture, etc. has started. Our youth have been great in helping with this process and have produced some great ideas. We want to thank Gretchen Ness, Erin Green, Jenna Bunker, Brenna Durick, and Andrew Ihde. Their time and dedication on the Youth Room Committee have been greatly appreciated. If you'd like to see the space in person, we'd love to give you a tour following outdoor worship on Sunday afternoons! Thanks for your support!



Free Items!

As we remodel the Youth Room space, we have several items that are available for free if you, or anyone you know, are interested. Currently, we have two heavy doors (interior) and a small TV stand. If you would like more information, please contact Kirsten Kelly.





Volunteers who helped with loading and transporting food for the April 13th distribution (left to right): Wes Aylsworth, Paulette Podratz, John McClelland, Lowell Johnson. Thank you for all your work in helping provide this wonderful service to our community!

Free Fresh Produce & Dairy

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, May 11
3pm—until gone**



In Light of Christ Church parking lot

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.*

Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with LOC
Healing and Wholeness Committee)



May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

We are excited to share a weekly article with you during the month of May from members of our Healing and Wholeness Committee! They will include: Talking to Kids about Mental Illness, Self-care and Wellness, and education about mental illness.

Get ready to join us on **Sunday, May 23rd at 2pm** for an event to bring awareness about mental health. NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) has a tradition in May called, "**Walk a Mile in My Shoes**," so we will plan to walk a mile, wear red because it's also Pentecost Sunday, and return before the 3pm outdoor service to self-serve snacks and drinks. Bring the whole family! Let's erase the stigma of mental illness and support one another through mental health challenges. Any donations will support NAMI Minnesota.

Please take a few minutes to check out the **Support** tab on [LOC's website](#). See how to:

- Contact Pastor Bruce
- Access the Power of Prayer with a link to request a prayer chain for yourself or loved one
- Find mental health resources and a newly created education tab
- Request a card of caring, sympathy, encouragement or praise be sent to a member.
- Need a Meal Train for a person or family in need? Click [HERE](#) for the info you need!

NAMIMN.ORG is the link to the National Alliance on Mental Illness for Minnesota. They have loads of Zoom classes, especially this month. Here's just a sampling:

- **Tuesdays, May 4 - June 29, 10:00-10:15am:** Positive Psychology Series
- **Wednesday, May 5, 6-7pm:** Transitions - help your teen access resources to succeed in school, employment and independent living
- **Thursday, May 6, 11am-12pm:** Substance Use Forum - increase in drug use during pandemic
- **Thursdays in May, 4:30-5pm:** Helping kids/teens build resilience
- **Tuesday, May 18, 11am-12pm:** OCD Presentation (obsessive compulsive behavior)

Please contact the church office or Sue Fink if you have an interest on serving on our Healing and Wholeness Committee. Our ideas are overflowing and in need of many hands. Thanks and God bless each of you!

STAYING CONNECTED

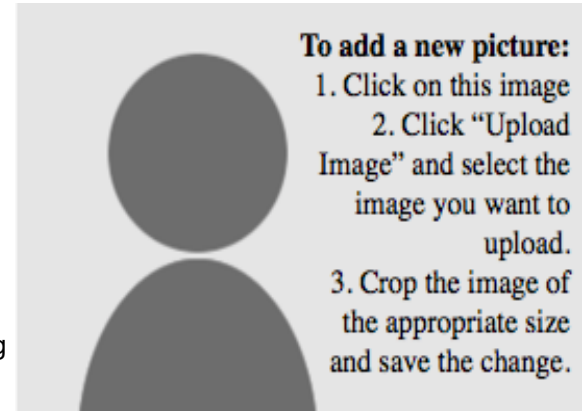
Just a friendly reminder...

Have you signed up for your Light of Christ Breeze account yet? If not, members are invited to **create your member account by clicking here**, allowing you to view and update your own information, view your giving history, and more. This **Member Tutorial video** may be helpful as you learn this new tool!

Member pictures that were included in the previous online directory were transferred to the new database. Adding or updating your pictures is a "breeze"! See graphic to the right for step-by-step simple instructions. If you need assistance adding

your picture(s), please email Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com.

Once you've created your account, you will be able to search the database to view general contact information for other Light of Christ members listed in the online directory. (If you would prefer that other members not see your contact information, please go to the **Contact** section of your profile, click to edit section, scroll down to "**Opt into Online Directory**," click the "**No**" button and then click "**Save**." If you have children, you will also need to go to their profile and repeat this process.) You can access the LOC online directory by selecting the **People** tab. From there you can scroll through the list of member names.



Save the date for the annual church picnic, hosted by the Community Life Committee on Tuesday, June 8th at 6pm. More details to follow!

Mark your calendar!



Connect and Converse during Zoom Bible Study

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

More comments from current bible study attendees:

"It has been interesting getting to know the individual members of the bible study group."

"Responding to questions about how I feel about various bible verses, and the individual writers, helps me to talk about my Christianity."

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

To get your Zoom link for the study, 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.

Light of Christ Lutheran Church is seeking a Director of Children and Family Ministry to work in close collaboration with the Director of Youth and Family Ministry in providing a dynamic vision that leads this program forward. If you can see yourself working with our congregation to equip children and families to understand and live out their role as beloved children of God, please contact JoMarie Williamson (lohvil@msn.com) with your interest or for more information. The full job description is available through the church office (Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com), or on the **church website**.

Light of Christ Lutheran Church is seeking a Shared Ministry Coordinator to help build and coordinate a spiritual gifts ministry where peoples' gifts and areas of interest are matched with opportunities for service and ministry. If you can see yourself supporting our congregational membership process by actively connecting visitors and members with the life of the congregation and engaging people in their areas giftedness and passion, please contact Jo Williamson at lohvil@msn.com with your interest. The full job description is available through the church office (Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com), or on the **church website**.

A Great Start to Spark for 5th & 6th Graders!

Both groups learned about the value of trust -- trusting oneself, trusting others, and most importantly, trusting God. The kids started off with a "Trust Walk" activity in which two teams competed against one another to be the first team to complete their assigned course blind-folded. They quickly learned that it was important to have good communication with their teammates in order to be successful. Then, the kids got to play a fun game involving PVC pipes, toilet paper, and pool noodles. Once again, the competition was fierce as each team raced to knock off all the toilet paper of their assigned structure. After the kids got a good sweat on, they wound down with a cross craft activity consisting of pony beads and safety pins. Then, the group gathered together and talked about the importance of trust and how it takes a long time to rebuild once it's broken. Before everyone went home, they got to participate in one last activity that involved trusting others to catch them while they fell backwards off of a picnic table. There was lots of giggling, but everyone managed to get through the activity safely. Both Spark sessions ended in prayer, thanking God for always being the One we could trust. Spark for 4th graders is this coming Wednesday, May 5th after school. We look forward to seeing more faces of kids that we haven't seen in awhile. Thanks for letting us be part of your child's faith journey!



First Communion

Over the last year, we have been unable to hold an indoor class for First Communion instruction. We hope to be able to offer 2 options this next school year: one this fall and another in the spring of 2022 (during Lent). Please watch for details in future publications and talk to Pastor Bruce or Kirsten Kelly if you have any questions. Thank you for your patience!

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

5/9—The Ascension

5/16—The Holy Spirit at Pentecost

5/23—Year End Celebration!
(More info coming soon)

In-Person Sunday School Now Through May 23rd!

- ◆ It will take place outdoors immediately following 3:00 pm worship, approximately 4:00-5:00 pm, for all children ages 3-years-old through 6th grade.
- ◆ All parents are welcome to stay, but we specifically ask that **3- to 4-year-old children have at least one adult stay with them the entire time.**
- ◆ **We are in need of volunteers**, if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Kim at Kim.Wortz@locdelano.com.
- ◆ Outdoor Sunday school sign up for 5/9: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/sundayschool983159>
- ◆ Are you new to Sunday school or didn't sign up last fall and want to join in on the fun? **Please register here first before signing up:** <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/de815b>



EVERY MEAL
FIGHTING CHILD HUNGER

Sunday School Offering Project

Our Sunday school children are collecting their offerings to help support Every Meal Fighting Child Hunger (formally Sheridan Story).

- Every Meal focuses on the weekend food gap, summers, and extended breaks when children are not able to receive meal programs at school.
- They help Minnesota students in 300 schools; since the pandemic they have doubled this program to 550 schools.
- \$250 can provide meals to one child for an entire year!
- If you would like to contribute to this cause, please go to our website, click on the **Give** tab and under **"Designated Gift,"** please type **"Sunday School Offering"** in the field.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim at Kim.Wortz@locdelano.com.

Fun and Service!

Confirmation small groups have been meeting outdoors at Guide's homes over the past several weeks. During this time they have been learning about the book of Acts (and Paul's ministry) and also doing some service and fun events! Here are some photos of small groups participating in various activities. Thanks for your patience and flexibility this year and for all the learning, relationships, service and fellowship!



Thank You to Our Confirmation Guides!

We want to say a **HUGE** thank you to all of our Confirmation Guides who led groups this past school year. It was a very different (and sometimes challenging) year and we truly could not have kept Confirmation going without all of you! Please help us to lift up these adults by thanking them next time you see them:

Lesley Berscheid
Brenda & Corey Black
Holly Caple
Natalie Dinger
Ryan & Angie Green
Laura Heideman-Carlson
Katie Horeis
Kristy Klaphake

Cynthia Kuenzel
Gina Nee
Tara Olson
Andrea Quandt
Jeanne Schansberg
Crystal Stahlke
Jeanie Stigman
Wendy & Anton Towne

VBS Is Coming Soon!

Spring is here and summer will follow soon enough! **Parents of current preschoolers-4th graders:** look at your calendar and set aside the 3rd week of July for Light of Christ's Vacation Bible School! Although VBS had to be done virtually last summer and will be running a little differently this summer as well, LOC is excited to welcome back the children in-person. We hope you will keep LOC in mind as you make your summer plans. More details about each program and access to registration links are given below:

LOC's Preschool VBS is for children who turn 3-years-old by July 20th up to those entering kindergarten in the fall of 2021. The theme for this camp is "Through Life's Ups and Downs, Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through". It is taken from the Rocky Railway VBS program that LOC was supposed to do last summer but was unable to due to the pandemic. This program will run daily from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Tuesday, July 20th-Thursday, July 22nd and will be led by Kirsten Kelly. More details can be found and registration may be completed at **LOC Preschool VBS**. There are currently 10 children enrolled.

LOC's VBS led by Shetek Lutheran Ministries is for children who will be entering grades 1st-5th in the fall of 2021 and will be led by Shetek Lutheran Ministries. The theme for this camp is "Dwell Faithfully" based upon the bible verse *As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love*-John 15:9. This program will run daily from 9:00 am-2:30 pm Monday, July 19th-Thursday, July 22nd. More details can be found at **LOC VBS led by Shetek Lutheran Ministries**. There are currently 14 children enrolled for this program.

10th grade Confirmation Fellowship Event

On **Wednesday, May 12th from 6:30-8:00 pm**, we are going to have a fellowship event for all 10th grade youth who will be getting confirmed this spring, **AND their parents**. We will meet in the parking lot for a bonfire and grill some brats and hotdogs. We'll hang



out, play some games and also get a group photo of this year's Confirmation class... don't miss it! Note: in case of bad weather, we'll move it back to 5/19.



HS Mission Trip

We currently have 15 youth registered for our HS Mission Trip to Denver, CO through **Service Learning Camps**! Assuming it is safe to travel, the trip will take place July 10-17 and we plan to fly.

Registration is open to youth currently in grades 8-12 and we have 20 spaces total. Registration and more info can be found online **through this link**. Please contact Kirsten with any question and ***sign up soon!***

Register for Summer Camp!

Join us at camp this summer! We encourage you to invite a friend and sign up for *any* week that works for your family!



Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (<https://lakewapo.org/>)

So far, we have 15 youth signed up to attend Wapo this summer (7 kids each of the following weeks: June 27 and July 25). Wapo is welcoming church staff to visit kids for at least a day. So, if that helps you feel more comfortable to register your child, know that we will be there at least one day to check in and give you an update!

- **June 27-July 2:** completed grades 4-12 (25 spaces remaining)
- **July 25-30:** completed grades 4-12 (full but get on the waiting list in case spots open up!)
- **July 21-23 (Wapo Seeds):** completed grades 1-3 (many spaces available)

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries (<https://www.gllm.org/>) - Currently, we do not have any LOC youth registered at GLBC.

LOC will offer scholarships again to any youth who attends Bible camp (\$100 for week-long and \$50 for the "abbreviated" camp). Families are encouraged to register for the camps even if it means getting on a wait list since they are hoping to open up more spaces for each week at camp as it gets closer to summer. Please contact our staff with any questions you have.