



December 1, 2019

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5th Sunday Offering – Did you know?

Light of Christ has a long tradition of outreach to those in need in our own communities and in the world at large. When a month has five Sundays, Light of Christ takes a special offering that is given to a charity selected by our Evangelism/Mission committee.

In December we will have another 5th Sunday and we are excited to have chosen St. Stephen's as the charity who will receive our offering!

St. Stephen's is based out of Minneapolis and their mission is to end homelessness. They support individuals and families experiencing homelessness in achieving permanent, affordable housing. They meet people where they are and work together toward self-sufficiency and housing stability. You can learn more about St. Stephens by visiting their website www.ststephensmpls.org.

We hope that you will consider making a donation on December 29th to help St. Stephens work toward their goal of ending homelessness!

Here is a closer look at our 5th Sunday offerings in 2019.

March: Delano Food Shelf - \$1282

June: ELCA Missionary Karen Anderson - \$221

September: Delano Food Shelf – \$546 – Funds went toward buying carts that the Food shelf uses on a regular basis.

***It is important for you to know, that there is a difference between your annual pledge and the 5th Sunday offering. Contributions received on the 5th Sunday only count toward this if they are placed in the 5th Sunday envelope or you designate your desire on the check. In addition, if you want credit for tax purposes, you should place your name on the envelope if you are donating cash.*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR LESSONS & CAROLS!

Light of Christ's Lessons & Carols service will take place on December 8th at both services. Come hear the Christmas story along with wonderful music provided by LOC musicians!



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

Worship Schedule

Sundays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

8:15 & 10:45 am

9:30 am Educ. Hour (Sunday school on 12/8 only; no Adult Ed. on 12/1, 12/22 or 12/29)

Christmas Program at both services on 12/15

Blue Christmas Service on 12/15 at 5 pm
Christmas Eve Worship at 2:00, 4:00 and 10:00 pm

Service of Carols at both services on 12/29

We welcome the newest members of Light of Christ, who joined on November 17, 2019:



John & Megan Behnke
Isaac, Micah, Mia, Isaiah, Cameron

Diane Irish

Bruce & Deb Schantzen

Jay & Karolyn Thompson
Maggie, Natalie

Ryan & Anna Tool
Carter, Taylor, Samantha



We rejoice as we recently welcomed into our church family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

Porter Timothy Pearson

Baptized: October 20, 2019

Parents: Paul & MJ Pearson

Sponsors: Joe & Meg Pint

Jack Robert Erickson

Baptized: November 24, 2019

Parents: Dylan & Stephanie Erickson

Sponsors: Courtney Beer
Scott & Nicole Droegemueller
Christopher Sieberg

HELP NEEDED! We need volunteers to help decorate for Christmas on **Saturday, December 7th at 9:00 am.** We also need some strong arms to help assemble the large Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. All ages are welcome! This is a great way for families to help make our church beautiful during this joyous season. Please contact Kim Wortz with any questions @ kimw1517@gmail.com



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

We are currently looking for families to participate in the advent wreath lighting on Sunday mornings! We will be lighting the advent wreath for the four Sundays in advent (12/8, 12/15, and 12/22) at the beginning of each service. If you would like to help out or have more questions contact Katie at locworshipmus@gmail.com.



CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Your Gifts of Time & Talent are needed and an open position on Church Council or Committee is waiting for you to fill it! Commitments are needed to fill all open council and committee positions prior to confirming our volunteer slate at the annual meeting in January. All Light of Christ committees and church council have openings for terms beginning in 2020. Your participation will greatly benefit any group you choose to serve with and in serving you will receive the gift of new friends, new perspectives and strengthened faith. Please contact the church office (locvolunteer@frontier.com or 763-972-2400) if you need additional information or if you already know where the spirit is leading you to serve. Participation from everyone is needed to provide all the programs and services (internal & external) supported by Light of Christ. We are blessed with a congregation of extremely gifted, energetic and highly committed members - it is with everyone contributing that we ensure a healthy church with a culture of volunteerism and service. We all grow in our faith walk as we exercise our gifts by serving. **Thank you for taking your place in shared leadership at Light of Christ!**



SAVE THE DATE FOR HOLIDAY CHEER Sunday, Dec. 8th, 6:00 pm

Come celebrate the holiday season with other members (21 & over) of Light of Christ for an evening of carols and beers, songs and drinks! Pastor Bruce will lead us in a night of singing at Pig on the Porch in Loretto. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm with singing at 7:15 pm. **RSVP to Becky Coyle (text or call 763-300-2719 or email bcoyle@diversifoam.com) by December 1st.** Pig on the Porch will provide a select menu selection for us and all kinds of drinks. Everyone will be responsible for their own tab.

SISTERS OF LOC COOKIE EXCHANGE

Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm in Classroom 101

Bring 3 dozen of one kind of cookie and a copy of the recipe for a recipe book given out to all who attend. Refreshments and holiday dessert will be served. Wear something festive! **Please RSVP by Friday, Dec. 6th** to Jennifer Grant at jpcconnection.jg@gmail.com with what cookies you will bring to avoid duplicates.





FAMILY ADVENT EVENT

LOC Families participated in our first Advent event. They made an advent wreath and countdown paper chain with daily bible verses to take home.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Sunday School children will be telling "The Christmas Story" at both the 8:15 and 10:45 services on December 15th.

HS MISSION TRIP 2020

Youth (completed grades 9-12) are invited to join us on an awesome adventure in Denver, CO in June 2020! Here are some details:



When: June 10-17, 2020 (dates subject to change based on airfare, etc.)

What: Service and fellowship in Denver, Co with other LOC youth

Registration: Early bird by 12/4, final deadline is January 8th. \$50 discount for early bird registration.

Cost: Approximately \$700 but LOC will scholarship at least \$100/youth (and many fundraising opportunities will be available!)

Volunteers: We will need about 2-3 other adults to join Pastor Bruce on this trip. Please prayerfully consider your involvement!

Questions: Talk to Pastor Bruce or Kirsten Kelly for more info

SPARK

This great after-school ministry is for grades 2-6. Busing is provided from Delano schools. Register online at least **one week** before your child's grade begins. Hope you can join us!

- **Second grade**, Lord's Prayer (January 8, 15, 22, 29)
- **Fourth grade**, Baptism (February 5, 12, 19, 26)
- **Sixth grade**, Worship (March 4, 18, 25, April 1)

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

All high school youth are invited on Wednesday evenings to join us in the youth room from 7:30 –8:45 PM for faith and fellowship activities. Each week we have snacks and lots of fun! Hope you can join us!

- ⇒ **Wednesday, December 4** = Nooma Video "Corner" (on gratefulness) and discussion
- ⇒ **Wednesday, December 11** = Game Night
- ⇒ **Wednesday, December 18** = Christmas Party



CHECK YOUR 2019 PLEDGE STATUS

The 2020 Stewardship Campaign is now underway. Just a reminder that members can check the status of their pledges for 2019 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.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Follow the links below to sign up for any of our worship assistant opportunities!

[Acolyte](#)

[Lectors](#)

[Greeters](#)

[Soundboard](#)

[Children's Sermon](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Communion Assistant](#)

LIBRARY NOTES

Check Out:

What – children's books, fiction, self-help, inspirational books, and gospel CDs

Where – church office lobby

When – church office hours and Sunday mornings

Who – all readers and CD listeners

The self-checkout is easy and has no due dates. Read at your leisure and return at your convenience.



GRACE PLACE

Here are some wonderful ways to serve this holiday season. Both events are hosted at the community center in Montrose attached to the fire hall.

- Montrose Community Food Drop, December 17, 4-7pm
- Montrose Community Meal, December 19, 5-7 pm



QUILTING

The LOC Quilters meet weekly on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 106 at the church. Everyone welcome! No quilting experience necessary!!



MONTHLY SERVICE TEAM

Members of Light of Christ are dedicated to serving the Lord by sharing, caring and loving, and do so through the work of Monthly Service Teams, serving at funerals, Sunday morning coffee time and other functions.



December Service Team families:

Ken & Rhonda Almquist
Brian & Lori Anderson
Ryan & Kali Anderson
Amy Bigot
Lori Checkal
Jim & Michelle Chiapetta
Jason & Stacie Engel
Peter & Kelly Froehle
Jeff & Lori Graunke
Chris & Melanie Gross
Matt & Molly Hagen
Josh & Heidi Hiltner
Lowell & Maxine Johnson
Mike & Kristy Klaphake
Greg & Lisa Maschino
Jordan & Kayle Myhre
Jon & Robin Olson
Gary & Sally Prinsen
David & Linda Rosaaen
Aaron & Elizabeth Sievers
Jeff & Sue VanDenEinde
Mark & Lori Vatnsdal
Murray & Janet Way