

The Beacon

February 15, 2020

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Youth Fundraiser... A Fantastic Success!

With your support, our Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser raised just over \$11,500!!! So many people contributed to this success and we truly cannot thank you enough for your support! Because of you, 18 youth will be serving and sharing God's love in Denver, CO! **Grazie** (Italian for "thank you!")!!



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

February 26, 6:00 & 7:30 pm

with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Supper served from 5:00-7:15 pm



Wednesday evenings during Lent

6:00-6:50 pm Supper in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Worship in the Sanctuary

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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February Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am

Education & Sunday School 9:30 am

- * 2/16: No Sunday school, "Ask the Pastor"
- * 2/23: Lent Family Event
- * 2/26 Ash Wednesday Worship, 6 & 7:30 pm; Lenten Supper, 5:00-7:15 pm

DISCOVER LIGHT OF CHRIST SESSIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Discover Light of Christ is intended to serve two functions – it is an opportunity to explore the Lutheran faith and church – it is an introduction to the Lutheran way of being a Christian. This is a time to ask questions, to search the Scriptures, to build relationships and to make a deeper commitment to Christ and his church. Although intended as an exploration it is, at the same time, an entry into membership at Light of Christ.

In preparation to welcome new Light of Christ members, we are offering **Discover Light of Christ sessions on both Sunday, February 23rd and Sunday, March 29th**. If you are interested in learning more about membership at Light of Christ, please mark your calendar to attend one of the sessions. Sessions begin at 12:00 noon in the Light of Christ Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served and childcare will be available if requested. RSVP's for each session are requested – response for the February session is appreciated **by noon on February 17th** – response for the March session is appreciated **by March 20th**. Please call the church office (763-972-2400) if you have questions, would like additional information or plan to attend one of the sessions.

New members will be received during both 8:15 and 10:45 worship services on Sunday, April 26th and Sunday, May 3rd. There will be a welcome fellowship time between services on both new member Sundays.



SHARED LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION

All Light of Christ Church Council and Committee members will meet for a combined orientation/training session on **Tuesday, March 3**. The orientation session will run from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Light of Christ Fellowship Hall. Committee meetings regularly scheduled for March 10th may want to adjust meeting times to before or after the orientation time on the 3rd.

The session will provide a time to introduce new committee and council members. Information and discussion will be helpful in planning priorities for 2020 and beyond. Respective roles of council, committees, staff and congregation will be discussed as we take a closer look at Shared Leadership at Light of Christ.

All returning and new members serving on church council and all church committees are asked to mark your calendars and plan to attend this important kick-off to 2020!



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

Max Nathan Wiyninger

Baptized: February 16, 2020

Parents: Brad & Megan Wiyninger

Sponsors: Josh & Melanie Eckstein
Dan & Cortney Wiyninger

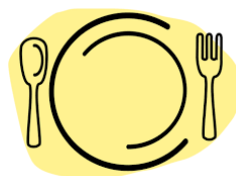
2019 CONTRIBUTOR STATEMENTS

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 at www.lightofchristlutheran.com). 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.



GUESS WHO'S GOING TO DINNER

Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 6:00 pm – Please join fellow members of LOC at Brickside Grille in Delano for an evening of dinner, dessert and good conversation. This will be like a progressive dinner, but we will just be moving to different tables between courses to get to know each other better. The cost is \$30 per person. We will be served a house salad, a choice of 3 entrees, and 2 desserts will be available to choose from. Drinks will be an additional amount to be paid individually. We can unfortunately limit this event to only 40



people, so don't delay and RSVP to Kelly Harstad at kellyharstad8@gmail.com. Brickside Grille is located at 203 Bridge Ave. E. in Delano. (**Prepayment of \$30 is required** per person with checks made payable to **Light of Christ**.)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

Journeys of Hope and Healing. Over the next few months you are invited to read the book *Troubled Minds: Mental Illness and the Church's Mission*. The book is written by Amy Simpson, who speaks out of her own personal experience of having a family member who has a mental illness. She writes about the experience of her family but also includes surveys of pastors as well as the latest clinical research. She reminds us that people with a mental illness are our neighbors and our sisters and brothers in Christ, and thus, we cannot do what the culture often does, which is to reduce them to caricatures and ghosts, or worse yet, pretend that don't exist. Amy calls us to love everyone and she provides practical strategies and recommendations for living Christ's love for all in our personal lives and in our congregation.



We will also be discussing this book in our Adult Education class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. This book discussion is a part of our strategic initiative to be a community of hope and healing for all who suffer because of a mental illness.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

TIE BLANKET PROJECT

The Sunday school children are participating in an offering drive to help purchase supplies for our tie blanket event. We hope to make 20 blankets that will be distributed to The Ronald McDonald house and St. Stephen's Ministry.



LENT FAMILY EVENT

The Lent Family Event will take place on Sunday, February 23 during the education hour starting at 9:30 am. Each *family* will have the opportunity to put together their own wooden cross to bring home. Each *child* will get to make two different crafts including a "Good Deeds Basket" that serves as a great reminder to "be like Jesus" during the Lenten season. Caregivers will need to attend the event with their children since the crafts will require some adult assistance. There will be coffee and a special treat provided as well. Come for the fun and fellowship as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

ASH WEDNESDAY TACO BAR YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Join us on Wednesday, February 26 for a taco dinner before Ash Wednesday worship. Food will be served from 5 to 7 PM with worship at 6 and 7:30 PM. All proceeds will go to benefit our summer youth trips.



UPCOMING FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

will take place on Sunday, February 23 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 29 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Children will learn about the meaning of communion and participate in several related activities. They will get to make and sample communion bread as well as decorate their own chalice and banner to be used at their first communion. A snack will be provided towards the end of each class. Children need to be accompanied by a caregiver for the duration of the class. First Communion Services will take place on the following dates: Sunday, March 22 and Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m., and Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#) Please register 3 days prior to each class in order to participate so that we can have enough supplies ready.

LOC TUMBLERS FOR SALE

Our summer Mission Trip Youth are selling tumblers (coffee mugs) with the Light of Christ logo. They are available in red, black and grey and are \$20 each or 2 for \$35. Get one today in the office or on Sundays in the Narthex before/after worship!



TAKING IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

Confirmation and HS youth had a great night with Family Matters speaker, Rick Rassier, on Wednesday, February 5th! Rick did several "hands-on" activities to challenge the kids to be and do their best (take it to the next level). Activities included blindfolded dodgeball, a large group jump rope challenge, a rope/partner challenge and some balancing activities and much more! Check out our [Facebook page](#) for more great photos and videos!



SUMMER BIBLE CAMP DATES

Children and youth who have completed grades 1 and up are invited to attend Bible Camp this summer with Light of Christ! We are offering two different camp weeks when staff will be present to support families and connect with kids. We will be going to [Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp \(and Ox Lake\) in Amery, WI](#) the week of June 19-26 (dates vary by age group - see LOC website for specific info) and [Green Lake Bible Camp \(and Shores of St. Andrew\) in Spicer, MN](#) from July 21-24. We have a limited number of spots reserved at each camp, so please sign up soon if you want to attend! Please visit our [website](#) for registration links and more info.



SIGN UP TO SERVE A LENTEN SUPPER

ATTENTION COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:

How about serving a Lenten Supper? This is a great opportunity to help the congregation, as well as raise funds for a church-related project (a free-will offering is taken at each meal). A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. **SIGN UP TODAY!**



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!!



Coffee Connection

Thursday Mornings, 9-11am

Grace Place, Montrose

A place for community conversation and connection.



Love INC Opportunities

- We are holding a Redemptive Compassion 6-week class at the St John's Church in Howard Lake on Sundays, Feb 16-March 22 at 4:45 pm. It is a one-hour DVD/discussion on a Biblical wholistic way to help Neighbors-in-Need move into self-sufficiency. This training gives practical insight on how best to help and not hurt people in need. Please let Lisa know if you would like to attend. 763-972-6547 opt 3
- Love INC- Heartland Annual Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 25 at the Montrose United Methodist Church, 230 Central Ave S. We would love for you to join us for a time of celebration and recognition of our former Executive Director, Terri Harris and outgoing board members at 6:30 pm and the annual meeting at 7 pm.
- The Love INC- Heartland Fresh Start program is looking for more churches to come and serve a simple meal on a Monday night. We are looking for help in our childcare as well. Please let Lisa know if you would like more information. 763-972-6547 opt 3



Every worship service needs 15 volunteers

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



[Acolyte](#)

[Lectors](#)

[Greeters](#)

[Soundboard](#)

[Children's Sermon](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Communion Assistant](#)

FEBRUARY SERVICE TEAMS

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.



February Service Family Teams:

John & Megan Behnke
Jim & Jen Burbach
Michael & Sharla Burley
Fred & Wendy Caslavka
Jennifer Droneck
Darrell & Gwen Egly
Brad & Heidi Goldbeck
Harlan & Laurie Grimm
Del & Carolyn Hirsch
Henry & Eileen Huetteman
Kevin & Laura Jaunich
Kurt & Carol Lofrano
Chris & Kristine Lotzer
David & Jessica Motzko
David & Stacie Nelson
Kevin & Erin Olson
Brad Pappas
Mitch & Rebecca Rue
Sue Stahlke
Jay & Karolyn Thompson
Ryan & Anna Tool
Jeremiah & Natasha Werner