



January 1, 2020

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Our Sunday school children did a wonderful job telling the Christmas story at both services on December 15th. Thank you to all the parents, children, and volunteers who made this program a success.



Congregational Annual Meeting—January 26, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

All members are encouraged to come and be a part of the decision-making process of Light of Christ Lutheran Church.



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, January 5, 12, 19, 26

8:15 & 10:45 am
9:30 am Educ. Hour

- * Coffee with Council on 1/12
- * No Sunday school on 1/19
- * Annual Meeting on 1/26

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. Although intended as an exploration it is, at the same time, also an entry into membership at Light of Christ.

In preparation to welcome new Light of Christ members in spring of 2020, we are offering **three Discover Light of Christ sessions** in the first quarter of 2020. If you are interested in learning more about membership at Light of Christ, please mark your calendar to attend one of the following sessions – **Sunday, January 26th, Sunday, February 23rd or Sunday, March 29th**. All sessions will begin at 12:00 noon and will be held in the Light of Christ Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served and childcare will be available if requested. Please call the church office if you would like additional information or have questions. RSVP's for each session are appreciated **10 days prior** to the event – please call the church office (763-972-2400) if you plan to attend.



New members will be received during both 8:15 and 10:45 worship services on **Sunday, April 26th and Sunday, May 3rd**.

Thank You!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all our musicians at Light of Christ. I encourage the congregation to do the same! The Christmas season has been so wonderful thanks to all of you! Your hard work and sharing of God's gifts are very appreciated. I look forward to our continued collaboration!
Peace, Katie

Dear Light of Christ Lutheran Church members and Pastor,
Thank you for designating September 29th “5th Sunday Offering” to Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf. You also requested donations for an additional cart to be used when we are serving our clients. Because of the generous donations, we were able to buy 2 carts! Thank you! We love the carts—they are easy to fill and move around. Also, thank you for the excellent help from your church members. Very nice group. God Bless,
Jeanie Pilarski & Sandy Kremor
Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf

Thanks



If you need to change your Simply Giving contribution amount due to your 2020 pledge, please log in to your **MyVanco** account or contact Terri in the church office to make the change. Your pledge card does not authorize the church to make these changes.

Simply giving

CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

“Shared Leadership” is a critical factor in allowing Light of Christ to function at maximum capacity in providing necessary services and programming. It is active participation from every person that ensures the healthiest congregation. To function efficiently it requires approximately **100 persons** willing to contribute their leadership by serving a Light of Christ ministry through committee or church council participation.

Prayerfully revisit where you are currently sharing your time and consider what additional gifts you can contribute to the ministries at Light of Christ. Your leadership for terms beginning in 2020 will be a blessing to everyone in our congregation and extended church community!

We are thankful for a congregation of talented, generous and energetic people willing to share your gifts for ministry. Your participation in **“Shared Leadership”** will be rewarded in new friends made, new perspectives gained and faith strengthened!



Many Hands Lighten The Load...Where Could You Help?



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

Blaire Louise Friehl

Baptized: December 29, 2019
Parents: Jake & Katie Friehl
Sponsors: Jay & Rayme Bernick
Chris & Briana Wilcox

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Please join Light of Christ Church Council members for coffee and discussion in between the services on Sunday, January 12. Come with your questions and/or suggestions for anything regarding the present and future of Light of Christ.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



More pictures of our children telling the Christmas story on December 15th.



HS MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

The youth have recently started selling fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate and cocoa from Equal Exchange. All proceeds will benefit our high school mission trip youth going to Denver, CO in June of 2020. Sales will continue the first Sunday of every month beginning in January. To learn more about Equal Exchange and how their work promotes small farms, visit their website at <https://equalexchange.coop/story>. We hope you'll join us in supporting our youth while also making purchases that you can feel good about!



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: final deadline is **January 8th**.

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!



Are you ready to take control of your money? *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is a nine-lesson course designed to help you build a budget, dump debt, grow your wealth, and leave money stress behind! Each lesson, taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts, is based on biblical wisdom and common sense. In your FPU group, you'll be motivated and encouraged by others just like you! When you sign up for FPU, you'll get your member workbook and one free year of Financial Peace Membership, with access to exclusive online tools to help you on your journey. For more info, contact Light of Christ members, Scott or Brenda Dallmann (S: 612-240-6980 / B: 612-240-6885).

QUILTING

The LOC Quilters will resume their meetings in Room 106 on Monday, January 6th.



Coffee Connection

Thursday Mornings
9-11am



Grace Place, Montrose

*A place for community
conversation and connection.*

Love INC is looking to 2020 as a year that will be fast-paced, transformative and rewarding for all involved. With that, they have reached out to Light of Christ in hopes of finding a Light of Christ member who is interested in serving on the Love INC board. Love INC is a shared ministry of over 30 local churches serving needs in Delano as well as 14 other surrounding communities. Love INC programs focus on helping people move beyond their struggles toward self-sufficiency. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Love INC board please call the church office (763-972-2400). Your leadership will be a blessing to all that are



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](#)

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.

January Service Family Teams:

Matt & Becky Coyle
Patrick & Leah Custer
Stuart & Megan Dallmann
Lisa Donley
Tyler & Becca Finkelson
Sarah Gierke
Dan & Rachel Halbersma
Eric & Bridget Hanson
Janet Heinzen
Jessica Holmer
Toby Ingebrigtsen
Diane Irish
Greg & Mary Johnson
Marc & Elizabeth Kohlhof
Adam & Rachel Kopperud
Vernon Lange
Steve & Cynthia Moe
Donald & DeeAnne Palan
Nate & Jen Peterson
Benjamin & Lee Raskin
Barb Russell
Brandon & Wendy Sleyphen
Wade & Holly Sprengeler
Matt & Julie Strobl
Greg & Sarah Thorstad
Todd Williams
Kent & Julie Wischmann