

# The Beacon

March 15, 2020

[LightofChristLutheran.com](http://LightofChristLutheran.com)

## March brings opportunities to feed our neighbors

### HELP US PACK THE PEWS DURING MARCH

Respond to food insecurity in our own community by filling a grocery bag with much-needed food and household items for our local food shelf. Often needed items:



- Proteins: canned meat, fish and beans, nuts and nut butters
- Fresh or dried herbs and spices
- White/wild/brown rice varieties
- Gluten-free flour and flour blends
- Personal care items: shampoo, soap, deodorant, tooth brushes and tooth paste, feminine hygiene, diapers, toilet paper
- Household supplies: laundry and dish soap, kitchen and bathroom cleansers, paper towels

PACK THE PEWS is organized by the Mission/Evangelism Committee.

### AND LOOKING AHEAD....

Light of Christ volunteers staff the Delano Food Shelf on Thursday afternoons during June and December. Most volunteers work a two-hour shift twice per month. If you'd like to join this group, contact Dee Beilke at [dnlb2@frontiernet.net](mailto:dnlb2@frontiernet.net).

### SIGN UP TO SERVE A LENTEN SUPPER ON APRIL 1

**COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:** This is a great opportunity to foster relationships among congregation members. You may also raise funds for a church-related project since a free-will offering is taken at each meal. A sign-up sheet in the Narthex has openings. **SIGN UP TODAY!**



### DELANO SENIOR CENTER MEAL PROGRAM IS OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OFFERING

The Delano Senior Center program provides a full noon meal and a social environment for local seniors, serving 5,000+ in 2019. The \$4.50 meal cost goes entirely to the five restaurants providing the food.

**This is our March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering!**

Donations will:

- Provide meals for seniors who cannot afford to purchase them.
- Purchase supplies and supplemental food, including: hairnets, gloves, milk, butter, condiments, fresh fruit

The senior center also relies on volunteers to serve lunch, wash dishes, and help with various activities. Please call 763-972-0574 to learn more about volunteering.

### 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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### March Worship Schedule

**Sunday Worship** 8:15 & 10:45 am  
**Education & Sunday School** 9:30 am  
**Wednesdays** Lenten Supper at 6:00 pm  
Lenten Worship at 7:00 pm  
\* 3/22: Tie Blanket Family Event at 9:30

## DISCOVER LIGHT OF CHRIST SESSION 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.

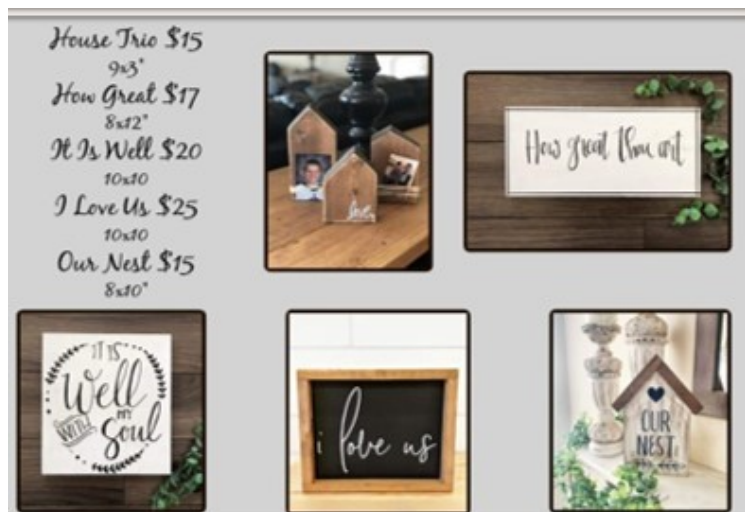


It is also an entry into membership at Light of Christ. In preparation to welcome new members, we are offering a **Discover Light of Christ session at noon on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in learning more about membership here, please mark your calendar to attend. A light lunch will be served and childcare will be available if requested. Please RSVP **by March 20<sup>th</sup>** by calling the church office at 763-972-2400.

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

## SIP, EAT & CRAFT WITH THE SISTERS OF LOC

The Sisters of LOC March event will be held Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the 221 Common House building in Delano from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will sip, eat, and craft a project with Annie Hayes of Studio 527. There will be 5 craft choices ranging from \$15 to \$25: *House Trio* 9x3" \$15; *How Great* 8x12" \$17; *It Is Well* 10x10 \$20; *I Love Us* 10x10 \$25; *Our Nest* 8x10" \$15. See below for examples of projects. **Please RSVP to Jennifer Grant at 612-226-8181 by Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** with the project you want to make. You will pay for your craft the night of the event. See you on the 26<sup>th</sup> for Sister fun!



## EASTER FLOWERS CAN BE ORDERED

Honor or remember a loved one with Easter flowers decorating the sanctuary on April 12. The order form will be in Sunday bulletins.

**Deadline to order is March 22.**

Thank you for beautifying our church!



## 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](http://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.



## 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*, 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.

## CARING CORNER



Welcome to our new Caring Corner from The Healing and Wholeness Ministry. Our plan is to keep LOC members updated with how the Holy Spirit is leading us to becoming an inclusive and caring Christian family.

We now have an awesome Mental Health display shelf in the Narthex thanks to Bill Fink. Please help yourself to the resources.

The Library Committee has offered to purchase books that may help people and loved ones navigate and cope through experiences of mental illness and emotional upheaval. Look for them on the display and feel free to use them and return when you're finished. If you have any books to donate, leave them in the bottom cabinet of the display - thank you! God's peace.



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



We recently had 32 children (ages 3 to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) participate in our First Communion instruction at Light of Christ. These children will celebrate their First Communion in worship on either March 22, March 29 or April 9. Over the next few months, you will notice younger and younger children coming up to receive the sacrament. Each family will decide on their own as to when their child will participate in the instruction. If you are assisting with communion in worship and a child comes forward with their hands open, please assume that they are receiving communion, unless a parent lets you know otherwise.

If you have further questions about First Communion at Light of Christ, please refer to the information and sermons on our [website](#).

We celebrate with our children and families on these special days and work to continue to live into our belief that “all are welcome”!



## 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 19-24. 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.



## TIE BLANKET PROJECT

The Sunday school children are participating in an offering drive to help purchase supplies for our tie blanket event on **March 22 at 9:30 am**. We hope to make 20 blankets that will be distributed to The Ronald McDonald house and St. Stephen's Ministry.



## 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.



## HS MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

The youth are 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. 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!



## 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!



## EVERY WORSHIP SERVICE NEEDS 15 VOLUNTEERS



Follow these links to sign up for  
a worship assistant position!

[Acolyte](#)

[Lectors](#)

[Greeters](#)

[Soundboard](#)

[Children's Sermon](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Communion Assistant](#)

## QUILTING

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

## LOVE INC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

There are various shifts and days of the week available. For details call (763)-972-6547. Please consider volunteering at either location.

**Howard Lake office**--Computer data entry and phone help

**Delano and Howard Lake thrift stores**- warehouse, sorters, showroom prep, cashiers

**Fresh Start classes**--Child and youth care

### Coffee Connection

Thursday Mornings, 9-11am

Grace Place, Montrose

*A place for community conversation and connection.*



## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

We will have a Lenten Supper from 6-7:00 PM, with worship at 7:00 PM. For our Lenten worship we will hearing stories of healing and wholeness from five of our Light of Christ members:

**March 18:** Stacy VanCura

**March 25:** MJ Pearson

**April 1:** Lona Jose

### Supper Menu:

Soup & Chili

Baked Potato Bar

### Served by:

Mission Trip Youth

Community Life



## MARCH 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.



### March Service Family Teams:

Tim & Tammy Allison

Midge Amend

Amber Dawn Andrews

Bev Bauman

Greg & Sarah Bersie

Corey & Brenda Black

Luke & Catherine Borman

Randy & Shannon Durick

Greg & Melanie Elstad

Rick & Wendy Haley

Brian & Kelly Harstad

Dave & Louise Hauge

Sean & Caron Ihde

Shane & Kristen Johnson

Gary & Amy Kroells

Randee & Karen Kyrola

Scott & Kathy Sandberg

Doug & Judy Schuette

Courtney & Melissa Spicer

Ryan & Maggie Thomas

Jason & Janie Thompson

Joe & Karla Vieau

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"The Holy Spirit: Past, Present, and Future" is the topic again for our Women's Bible Study this year. We will continue to explore questions like "What does the Bible and Christian history teach us about the power and presence of the Holy Spirit? How is the Holy Spirit at work in our lives and our world today? Where is the Holy Spirit leading us as we move into a new future?" We will look at the experience and witness of the Christians mystics of the Middle Ages, the Reformers of the sixteenth century, and the modern Pentecostal movement. Come and join us for prayer, study, and conversation about the least known and least understood person of the Holy Trinity. **We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM.**

