

The Beacon

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

March 30, 2020

April Worship

All worship services will be recorded and posted on the <u>church website</u> so you can watch and stay connected each week. Online worship will continue until the restrictions for large group gatherings are lifted.



Church Council 2020

Kylee Amdor Wes Aylsworth Carmen Hanson Jennifer Hinker Jon Holzer Elizabeth Kohlhof Dan Langner Tom Sebelien Stacy VanCura Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

The Marks of Discipleship

- Pray daily
- Worship weekly
- Read the Bible
- Serve at or beyond Light of Christ
- Relate to others for spiritual growth

Contact us!

Light of Christ Lutheran 3976 County Line Road SE Delano, MN 55328 (763) 972-2400

LightOfChristLutheran.com

Staying Connected/Helping Where Needed

A priority for Light of Christ in our commitment to "Stay Vibrant Despite the Virus" is our ability to aid any member in need of support.

This can mean running errands for essential items such as groceries, health & personal needs, prescriptions, etc. It could potentially mean rides to necessary clinic or other appointments. It may be to offer pet care/dog walking etc. It might include assistance in paviga



offer pet care/dog walking, etc. It might include assistance in navigating on-line ordering of items. It may be as simple as a phone call merely to check-in and ask how someone is doing.

We have several Light of Christ members willing to reach out and provide services to anyone who may not currently be able to do such things for themselves. If you or someone you know could benefit from this support, please email **locvolunteer@frontier.com** or call Jinnelle Weis at 952-250-5527. I also invite anyone who is able to help and would like to support this effort to email or call me and I will add you to the group!

In these uncertain times of safe-distancing and self-quarantine it is more important than ever to nourish relationships, connect in ways possible and to care for each other. Please reach out if you need support or are in a position to support others. With these efforts we will "Stay Vibrant – Stay Connected and Stay Strong" together!

Discover Light of Christ Postponed

The **Discover Light of Christ session for Sunday, March 29**th was temporarily postponed and currently does not have a date for rescheduling.

For anyone interested in learning more about membership at Light of Christ, please watch for future notices regarding a new date and time for this gathering. Updates will be provided in the Light of Christ Beacon and available on the Light of Christ website. You are also encouraged to call the church office (763-972-2400) if you have questions or want additional information.

Until further notice, Sunday worship services are being recorded and posted on our website for online viewing. New members were tentatively scheduled to be received during both 8:15 and 10:45 worship services on your choice of Sunday, April 26th or Sunday, May 9th. In-person services have been cancelled through April and the May date may be subject to change – please watch for further information regarding all reinstatement of Light of Christ onsite worship and programs.

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.

Staff Contact Information

Since our staff will be doing much of their work remotely, we want to make sure that you can easily reach us. So here are our work email addresses and preferred phone numbers.

Catherine Borman Associate Director of Children and locfamilies@gmail.com	d Family 612-423-2616
Paul Gabrelcik, Custodian	612-816-9377
Debbie Johnson, Bookkeeper locfinance@frontier.com	612-747-7063
Kirsten Kelly, Director of Youth ar locchildren@gmail.com	nd Family 612-220-7464
Katie Kohler, Director of Worship locworshipmus@gmail.com	
Bruce Kuenzel, Pastor locpastor@frontier.com	505-412-3013
Terri Reuter, Office Administrator lochrist@frontiernet.net	612-419-3272
Jinnelle Weis, Shared Ministry Director locvolunteer@frontier.com 952-250-5527	
Kim Wortz, Associate Director of locsundayschool19@gmail.com	-

Free meals for seniors 60+

Wright County Community Action and the Delano Senior Center are working together to provide **Wright County seniors (age 60 plus)** ten frozen meals each, delivered to their door. Meals are going out this week, and we plan to continue this program as long as is needed during this crisis. If you know of any seniors who could benefit from this program, please have them call 763-972-0574 or e-mail **senior@delano.mn.us** to sign up, or contact the senior center, and staff or volunteers will get in touch with the seniors.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Zoom HS Fellowship

High school youth are invited to join us each Wednesday night from 8:00-9:15 on Zoom for our HS Fellowship time! Grab a snack and a soda and we'll see you online for some time to connect. (Watch your email for the Zoom link or contact Kirsten for more info!)

Zoom for LOC Tweens

Parents, are you looking for a way for your kids to connect with their peers at church? We are planning to try a few Zoom meetings with our intermediate aged kids so see how it goes... and then possibly add other ages in future weeks. Below is the schedule and grades. Kids should come ready to share their "Highs and Lows" the first week. Zoom links will be emailed out to parents in the next few days. Hope you can join us!

> 4th grade = Tuesday, March 31, 3 pm 5th grade = Wednesday, April 1, 3 pm 6th grade = Thursday, April 2, 3 pm

Online Faith Resources

We will be updating the church website regularly with online resources that are pertinent during this time. Please feel free to share ideas with our staff as well! We hope these links will support you in faith and help with some ideas during this time at home. Blessings!

www.group.com/free - This is a great site for families, individuals and kids of all ages! There are Bible studies, reflective coloring pages, devotionals and lessons for anyone to use at home!

Announcements from Love INC-Heartland:

In response to the Covid-19 outbreak, Love INC has temporarily closed both thrift stores and is not accepting merchandise donations. We have also postponed our spring gala fundraiser, our volunteer appreciation event and our Fresh Start classes. Although our stores are closed, our phones are on! We will continue to support neighbors in need in many ways. Ways you can help:

- Donate personal care items that are needed--liquid hand soap, toilet paper, Kleenex, baby wipes, toothpaste, paper towels. To make arrangements for a drop-off, please call 763-972-6547.
- Volunteer we are identifying areas of need which may include drivers, grocery shoppers, out-bound callers, and more. Contact us if you are willing to help out.
- Support us financially. Some of our main sources of funding have been put on hold, but the need for our services is expanding. Donate online at www.loveincheartland.org or mail to: 318 Railroad Ave, Delano, MN 55328
- Pray for those in need, for Love INC and for leadership in our churches, state and nation.