

The Beacon

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

June 28, 2021

Worship

- Indoor worship—9am **Sundays**
- Outdoor worship— 6:30pm Wednesdays, weather permitting
- Online worship will continue and will be posted on the church website.

Church Council 2021

Steven Dickey Carmen Hanson Jennifer Hinker Jon Holzer Derek Horeis Elizabeth Kohlhof Tom Sebelien Lisa Spencer Stacy VanCura Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

The Marks of Discipleship

- ₱ Pray daily
- **†** Worship weekly
- → Read the Bible
- Serve at or beyond **Light of Christ**
- P Relate to others for spiritual growth
- and resources

Contact us!

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MOVING THE GRANITE COUNTERTOPS















Youth Room **Remodel Update**

This week, we want to give a big shout out to Steve Bobick (and Northstar Granite in Maple Lake, MN) for the time that was invested to install our granite countertops. It was definitely a group effort, but Steve donated his expertise and time, even though he's not a member of our congregation.

We also want to say a big thank you to John McClelland for his work to make sure the countertops are safe and secure, coming up with a unique design to hold the 600+ pound granite top on the island.

Lastly, thanks to all of the volunteers who helped last week: Brandt Dinger, Jennifer & Peter Grant, John McClelland, Dave Kelly, Brad Goldbeck and Bryan Royle (from The Highlands Church, who had been storing the used granite).

This week we are looking forward to:

- Light fixtures being installed
- LVT flooring installed

Thanks for your continued prayers and support!

Upcoming Food Distribution Dates:

- Monday, July 12 @ 4pm
- * Monday, August 9 @ 4pm
- * Monday, September 13 @ 4pm
- Monday, October 11 @ 4pm
- Monday, November 8 @ 4pm
- Monday, December 13 @ 4pm

Please contact JoMarie Williamson at lohwil@msn.com if you are interested in more information or in helping with any of these dates.



Caring Cards

Is there someone you would like to receive a personally written message of support or encouragement from the Light of Christ family? Please complete the information below and send to the church office or email to Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com. A card will be created and sent to the intended recipient.

Please send a card to:

Name: Address:				
This person needs support dealing with: grief depression, brokenness illness family discord				
optional details:				
To ensure an age-appropriate message, please indicate the recipient's age.				
youth-young adult30-6060-100				
This outreach is provided by the Healing and Wholeness Ministry.				



Because you give...you make your faith real and tangible. Your love is expressed in a specific way. What we have matters to us, including our resources. Giving is an act of faith in God—that giving is indeed God's way to make life and goodness happen.

New Light of Christ member, Paul Nelson, has shared the information below for an upcoming event. He is considering attending and would be willing to drive if anyone else from LOC would like to attend. If you are interested, please contact Paul directly at pnnelspa@gmail.com.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2

The Ecumenical Water Initiative is hosting a family friendly, community event to share stories about water and watersheds in our lives. Join us **July 11 from 3:00-4:00 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church** at 1800 Glenwood Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55405 or on Facebook live at MN Ecumenical Water Initiative as we celebrate and are refreshed by the water we all share.

We ask that you wear a mask at this event and bring your own chair if possible. Questions can be directed to Madeline Troyer (m.troyer@mpls-synod.org).

Call on the Light of Christ Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please feel free to engage the Light of Christ Prayer Chain. Contact the church office either by email, which is preferred (**Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com**),

or phone (763-972-2400) with your request, which remains confidential. The LOC Prayer Chain will pray for you as requested. Feel free to call on this team in your time of need. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain should contact the church office.



STAYING CONNECTED

New Fire Pit

Thanks to Madeline Engel and her parents, Stacie and Jason, we have a new and improved fire pit at church! Madeline reached out to Kirsten this spring, in hopes of doing a National Honor Society project at church. Over the last few months they arranged the details and it was completed this past weekend. The project only cost a little over \$100 (funds were taken from our general budget) and the time/work was completely donated by the Engel family. Next time you are at outdoor worship, we hope you'll come and check it out. Thank you to Madeline for her time, organization and leadership on this project!



We are asking for our Light of Christ members to help us come up with a new name for the youth room! The vision for this room, once it is completed, is to be a community room for us all to use. If you have any great name ideas, please email them to **Kirsten**. We are excited to hear the creativity from our members!

Stay Informed!

Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the **church** website.



2022 Offering Envelopes

A growing number of members contribute weekly or monthly using electronic giving methods. However, we understand that many prefer placing an offering envelope in the plate. To eliminate the *purchased-but-unclaimed* envelopes that are wasted, we're asking each family that *wants* pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by <u>AUGUST 1st</u>. Email <u>Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com</u> or call 763-972-2400. This "OPT IN" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!





A Special Message for Summer Travelers

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account or credit card, as you probably do with other obligations?



Light of Christ offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings.

- Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.
- Online Giving lets you go to the <u>church</u>
 <u>website</u> Give page at any time to set up an
 automatic donation plan, change your donation
 plan, make a one-time donation or view your
 online donation history. Just click on "Click here
 to Give" which will bring you to the online
 donation page.
- Use your smartphone to scan the QR code above to bring you directly to our online giving page.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

2-3 VBS Day Camp Staff from Shetek Still Need....



from July 18-22. Contact <u>LaDonna.Ekern@locdelano.com</u> if you would like to help!

Vacation Bible School -Registration goes until June 30

Dwell Faithfully – July 19-22

Light of Christ Lutheran Church is excited to host a summer day camp led by Shetek Lutheran Ministries this coming summer! The theme for this camp is "Dwell Faithfully" (As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. John 15:9). Children who will be entering 1st-5th grades in the fall of 2021 are invited to participate in the four-day camp that will take place at church Monday, July 19th-Thursday, July 22nd. Programming will start promptly at 9:00 am and run through 2:30 pm each day. In order to attend, please complete this form as well as the registration on the Shetek Lutheran Ministries website at https:// shetek.org/summer. Click "Register," which is highlighted in orange at the top right of their website. Our church's group hold code is LIGHTDAY. Due to a new policy, Shetek will NOT be accepting payment on their website. Instead, you may take care of payment at https://www.lightofchristlutheran.com/give and note payment is for **Shetek VBS**. Shetek Lutheran Ministries charges \$55 per camper for its day camp program. However, Light of Christ is giving a \$20 scholarship to each child who registers—many thanks to the Endowment Fund Committee for making this possible! Thus, families will need to pay just \$35 per camper in order to participate. If you are able to pay the full \$55/child, the additional scholarship money will be given to families in need. Keep in mind that there are additional scholarships available for children who would like to attend, but whose families are facing financial hardship. Light of Christ's Children & Family Ministry looks forward to working with Shetek Lutheran Ministries in providing a fun and rewarding opportunity for children to continue to grow in their faith!

Rocky Railway – July 20-22

Light of Christ Lutheran Church is excited to provide a Vacation Bible School program this summer for children who turn 3-years-old by July 20th up to those entering kindergarten in the fall of 2021. The program will take place at the church and will run daily from **4:00-5:00 pm Tuesday**, **July 20th-Thursday**, **July 22nd**. The cost is \$10 per camper, which helps cover the cost of the curriculum, materials for crafts and games, and snack food. Payment can be made at https://www.lightofchristlutheran.com/give, designating it for *Preschool VBS*. Parents have the option of either staying with their child/ren or dropping them off. We hope your child/ren will join us for this fun opportunity to play games, make crafts, and sing songs while learning more about Jesus and some important faith topics!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS cont'd

Summer Bible Camp!

This week, 7 youth (and friends) from Light of Christ are attending Bible camp at Lake Wapogasset in Amery, Wisconsin. Please keep the following youth in your prayers as they experience God, grow in their faith and in relationship with one another:

Peyton Doboszenski, Olivia Kissner, Kali Larson, Nicolas Oestmann, Joshua Rothstein, Maggie Thompson, Natalie Thompson

We also have 8 youth attending Wapo the week of July 25. If you are still interested in signing up to attend camp this summer, please contact **Kirsten** or **LaDonna**... **it's not too late!**





Where Is Jesus?

Jesus was spotted having ice cream in Brainerd last week with Kirsten and Drew. Where else has he been? Please send in your pictures to <u>LaDonna</u> or <u>Terri</u>.

Summer Fun Days!

Youth are invited to join us after Wednesday outdoor worship on specific days for some time of fun and fellowship! When we meet we'll have games, snacks and a bonfire. We hope your child/family will also join us for worship on these days (and each Wednesday this summer)! Below is the schedule. Youth do not need to sign up in advance and friends are always welcome...hope you can join us!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Completed Grade	<u>Notes</u>
Wednesday, June 30 th	7:30-8:30 pm	7 th & 8 th grade	We'll have a short service project also so you'll get an hour of service too!
Wednesday, July 21 st	7:30-8:30 pm	6 th grade	We'll have a short service project also so you'll get an hour of service too!
Wednesday, August 11 th	7:30-8:30 pm	6 th & 7 th grade	We hope to have Confirmation groups formed to share with incoming 7 th grade!



Summer HS Fellowship/Bonfires

This summer we'll have a monthly fellowship event for HS youth on Wednesday nights (schedule below). Hope you can join us for a bonfire, volleyball, food and fun!

- Wednesday, June 30th, 8:30-9:30 pm
- Wednesday, July 21st, 8:30-9:30 pm
- **Wednesday, August 11th,** 8:30-9:30 pm (this night will be a "welcome to HS" event for incoming 9th graders)