



Worship

- **In-person worship—9:00 am Sundays—masks required**
- **Online worship continues, and will be posted on the [church website](#) and [Facebook](#) page**



Church Council 2021

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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**

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Word for the Week

C. S. Lewis once said: "Joy is the serious business of heaven." He was convinced that a grim, sour-faced, joyless spirituality was light years away from what God intended. Instead, God seeks to fill our lives and our world with genuine joy – a joy that is not dictated by the circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Martin Luther found the same thing to be true. Before he discovered God's grace for himself, his spirituality was a grim business. He tried, and failed, to make himself perfect before God. As a result, he came to hate God because he believed that God was demanding something—perfection—that Luther could never attain.

But once Luther discovered that God is a God of grace—and that God gives the very thing that God demands, Luther's spirituality, like his entire life, got turned upside down.

Luther began to advocate for a joyful spirituality. Luther believed that we should rejoice in all of God's gifts to us. Consequently, Luther thoroughly enjoyed life. He enjoyed wife, Katie, and their children. He enjoyed good food and a good beer (he was German after all!). He enjoyed his work as a professor of the Old Testament. He enjoyed his colleagues and his friends. He enjoyed making, and even composing, music. So take to heart the opening stanza of one of Luther's most famous hymns:

*Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
and, with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
proclaim the wonders God has done, proclaim the victory God has won,
how precious was our ransom.*



Beloved Children. Yes, that's who we each are...and Children, Youth and Families are also at the heart of our Light of Christ ministry! Your love, prayers, time and financial support help us love kids!

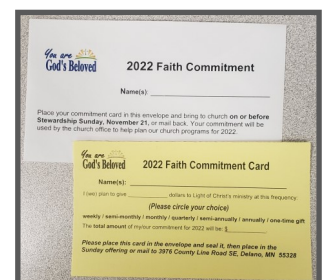
- Head Start children and families are being blessed here at Light of Christ each and every week.
- Spark, VBS, Sunday school, Summer camp, Confirmation, First Communion are all ways that our Beloved Children grow in Christ.

The video link below shares some wonderful images of the Beloved Children here at LOC: [Beloved Children of God \(2\).mp4 - Google Drive](#)

We're all Beloved Children. And as such, we're all gifted with a spirit of generosity, much as most all children are naturally generous. Please help LOC be a place of great blessing on into our 2022 shared ministry by filling out and returning a pledge card. Cards are available in the narthex or church office, or you can complete an online form at this link:

<https://bit.ly/LOC-Campaign-2022>

Thank you in advance for partnering in loving and blessing children!



Donations Needed for Homeless Kits

The Confirmation youth will be making Homeless Kits at church on 11/3, 11/10 and 11/17. Supplies have already been purchased but if you would like to make a monetary donation to help cover supply costs, these will be accepted **through November 17**.

Upcoming Food Distribution Dates:

- * **Monday, November 8 @ 4pm**
- * **Monday, December 13 @ 4pm**

Please contact JoMarie Williamson at jmw2158@gmail.com if you are interested in more information or in helping with any of these dates.



Food Delivery Assistance Is Needed

THANK YOU to those volunteers who pick up donated food every Thursday morning from Delano's Coborn's and Kwik Trip. Food is donated every week for the Delano Food Shelf, the Senior Center and others in need in the Delano area. JoMarie Williamson coordinates this effort. She has a need for two volunteers to assist one Thursday morning in each of the upcoming months of January and February to pick up this donated food and distribute to the above locations. If you are available to volunteer with this effort, please email JoMarie at jmw2158@gmail.com or contact Terri in the church office for her phone number.

Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with LOC Healing and Wholeness Committee)



Your Healing and Wholeness

Committee is *excited* to invite you all to a special event on **Saturday, November 13th at 10:00 am**. We will be hosting a NAMI Minnesota program called "In Our Own Voice" to help bring awareness to mental illness, break the stigma associated with having mental illness, and share the good news that once correctly diagnosed, a person with a mental disorder can manage his or her symptoms with therapy, medication and support.

NAMI Minnesota has asked two volunteers to speak about their journeys living with mental illness and achieving recovery. The presentation includes personal stories and video clips as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

This 90-minute program is open to the public and we encourage you to invite your families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Flyers have been posted in Delano and surrounding area churches and places of business.

You can attend in-person in the sanctuary wearing masks. (Speakers will not wear masks during their presentation so everyone can hear their message.) As an alternative, the event will be livestreamed on our Light of Christ [Facebook page](#). Simply "LIKE" *Light of Christ Lutheran Church of Delano, MN* and you can view it live at 10am on November 13th. It will be recorded as well, so you can also view it later on our [YouTube page](#). Contact Terri in the church office if you need help with this technology.

Let's have a great turnout and demonstrate LOC's commitment to Healing and Wholeness!!! We ask for your prayers to help us reach out to our church family and neighbors in need through this event.



Please note: the church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 3rd from 9am-3pm while the staff is on a staff retreat.

Becoming More Like Jesus— Luke's Portrait of Jesus

Pastor Kuenzel will be leading a six-week Bible study of the Gospel of Luke, which started yesterday, Oct. 31st. We will get a grasp of Luke's portrait of Jesus using the Bible Project website, a wonderful on-line resource for growing in our understanding of the Bible. The goal of this study is to help us know Jesus in a deeper way so that we can become, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to become more like our Lord. The Bible study will be held from 10:10 – 11:10 in our new Youth Room (the Living Room). No need to register. Just come, bring your favorite Bible, and dive in.

Stay Informed!

Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).



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Christmas Program planning time is here!

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be shown in worship and online on Sunday, December 19. This is a virtual program. All the recording will occur at Light of Christ. The Sunday school classes will record on December 5 from 10:30-noon. This recording time includes a recording party complete with pizza!!! There are various options for child(ren) parts as well as adult helpers. Please follow the links below to sign up:

PRE-K:

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/223d26>

1st- 4th Grade:

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/e1a60c>

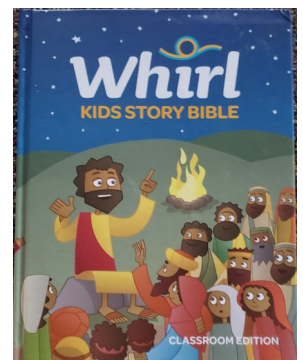


The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, That's the Book for Me!

An invitation to help our young people connect with the whole church family and the Book that is so central for our lives...

Recently our young people received Bibles. I'm working on a project that hopefully helps them see why this book called the Bible is so important. If you would be so kind as to share your favorite Bible passage and briefly state why this verse is so important, I would greatly appreciate it. You can [email it to me](#), text or call me (320-212-2583), or put it in the basket by the Bibles in the church entry way.

Thanks much! *LaDonna*



HS Bible Study – Donuts & Discussion

We are starting a new Bible study for HS youth called Donuts & Discussion (D&D). We will meet once/month on Sunday mornings, typically the first Sunday of the month, at 10:10 am in the newly remodeled space. Our youth will be joining the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study group (that is meeting weekly on Sundays at 10:10) for a cross-generational conversation about faith and life. Here is the schedule for the first 3 times. We hope you can join us for this great opportunity (and some delicious donuts)!



- ⇒ Sunday, November 7th, 10:10 am
- ⇒ Sunday, December 5th, 10:10 am
- ⇒ Sunday, January 9th, 10:10 am

Confirmation Service Events

We continue to strive to be God's hands and feet in the world through our love and serving. A group of 60 Confirmation youth packed meals at Feed My Starving Children on October 27. During November, all of our Wednesday nights will be dedicated to service...making homeless kits, volunteering at local organizations and helping with lawn work. Please contact Kirsten if you'd like to volunteer with us or if you need help with any outdoor projects (if you are unable to do them on your own). Thanks for your prayers and support!

