



Worship

Worship services will be recorded and posted on the church website. Online worship will continue until the restrictions for large group gatherings are lifted.



Church Council 2020

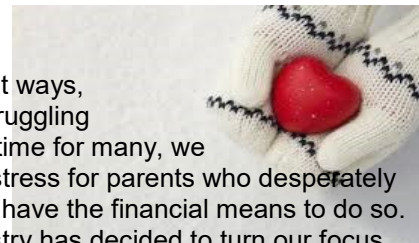
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The Marks of Discipleship

- ✝ 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

Helping Delano Families

This year has been challenging for everyone in different ways, but it has been particularly difficult for those who are struggling financially. Although the Christmas season is a joyous time for many, we must remember that it can actually bring about added stress for parents who desperately want to partake in the tradition of gift-giving, but do not have the financial means to do so. After careful consideration, our Children & Family Ministry has decided to turn our focus towards local families in need. We will be teaming up with a foundation called **Friends for a Cause**, which was started by Jill VanBeusekom, a Delano resident and social worker for Wright County. The foundation's mission statement is *"to celebrate that giving is greater than receiving through the connections of community and friendship."* This foundation is in partnership with the Delano Area Schools' counselors. Friends for a Cause will help over 50 Delano families and also 113 foster care kids in Wright county. Our CFM team has decided to "adopt" 10 local families. Click here for the **Sign Up Genius**. Drop off times will be **Sunday, December 6th from 1-3 pm, and Tuesday, December 8th from 5:30-6:30**. Please have all **Adult only gifts wrapped** and their **family number on all presents**. Any questions about this service event may be directed to Kim Wortz at locsundayschool19@gmail.com. In addition, if you would like to participate, but are unable to drop off the gifts, you may contact Kim to pick them up instead.



Please keep this great service project in mind when you are thinking about ways you can give back this holiday season. Let's help spread some Christmas cheer for some of our local families in need!
Thank you for your generosity!



Fifth Sunday Offering Benefits St. Stephen's Ministry

On November 29th, our Fifth Sunday Offering will benefit St. Stephen's in Minneapolis. St. Stephen's mission is to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness in achieving permanent, affordable housing. They do this through street outreach, shelter, and housing programs. Like many charities, St. Stephen's has seen an increase in need due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following video has been provided to learn more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YEUuoKvrnU&t=11s>

In addition to a monetary gift, a collection cart has been set up for much needed outdoor gear: rain ponchos, tarps, 1-2 person tents, sleeping bags, and backpacks. Other needed items include emergency blankets, jackets, winter gloves, winter boots, NEW long underwear, etc. A full list of items can be found [Here](#).

Ways we as a congregation can help St. Stephen's end homelessness:

- Donate through Light of Christ [Here](#) to enter your **Designated Gift** and mention **St. Stephen's Fifth Sunday**
- Donate to St. Stephen's directly at the following link: <https://ststephensmpls.org/donate>.
- Stop by the church Mon-Thurs between 8:30am-1:30pm to leave donated items in the collection cart. The cart is located by the office door entry. Please remember your mask and do your part to social distance.

Items and donations will be accepted through December.

Contact us!

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(763) 972-2400



LightOfChristLutheran.com
lochris@frontiernet.net

Produce Distribution Volunteers Needed

Light of Christ continues to distribute fresh produce to area residents in partnership with Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford through their NourishingHOPE ministry. This ministry is possible only with the help of dedicated volunteers giving of their time to assist in the overall goal of creating community connections by seeking to ease food insecurity. Upcoming distribution is scheduled for **December 8th** and we have a great need to **expand our list of Light of Christ volunteers available to help with this project.**



The distribution of produce takes place in the Light of Christ parking lot at **3:00 PM on the designated dates. All volunteers should arrive at the church by 2:45 PM** and are required to wear masks and bring gloves.

Please email Jinnelle Weis at locvolunteer@frontier.com or call my cell phone, 952-250-5527 if you can help and/or if you would like additional information. Thank you for your assistance in this extremely important effort to support our Light of Christ neighbors and extended community!

Food Shelf Volunteer Opportunities

Light of Christ will provide volunteers for the Delano Food Shelf for the months of December, March and June. The hours are 1:45-4:00 pm each Thursday of those months, as well as 4:00-6:00 pm the last Thursday of the month if there are customers. The exception this year is Wednesday, December 23rd which will be the last December date because of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve falling on Thursdays. Volunteer numbers will be minimized to allow social distancing and masks will be worn. To keep volunteers and customers safe during this Covid time, customers will not be entering the building but will do curbside pickup. If you have not been contacted regarding volunteering and you are interested, please call Lona Jose at 320-241-3943. Thank you!



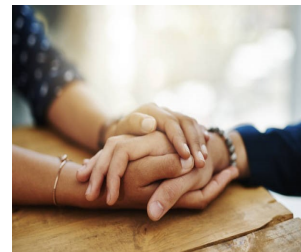
Items Needed at Delano Food Shelf

Light of Christ members have asked what items they might donate at this time to the Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf. Ideas include shampoo, conditioner, women's hygiene products, toothpaste, bar, dish and

laundry soap, hand sanitizer, jello, pudding, tea, cake mix, frosting, taco shells and seasoning. Items, as well as monetary contributions, can be dropped off at the food shelf on Thursday afternoons between 1-4 or at JoMarie Williamson's home in Delano (536 Meadow Rose Ct.). Thank you for continuing to support those in need with these essential items!

Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with LOC
Healing and Wholeness Ministry)



Important notice: Anyone wanting to join our adult support group for those who love or care about a person experiencing mental illness, we will add a Zoom option for you. We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7-8:30pm in the church library. If you wish to join us, but are concerned about in-person meetings, please email Sue Fink at billandsue2931@gmail.com and she will email your Zoom invitation to you.

Happy Thanksgiving from your Healing and Wholeness Ministry team!

Lona Jose, Cat Borman, Stacy VanCura,
Bill and Sue Fink, Elizabeth Kohlhof

May God bless your small gatherings in big ways!

Here is a Thanksgiving prayer to share:

Thank you, Father, for having created us
and given us to each other.

Thank you for the abundance of blessings beyond our
needs, especially for this Thanksgiving feast.

Help us to remember and serve those who are lacking,
those who are lonely and
those who are ill in mind or body.

Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows,
for your comfort in our sadness,
your companionship in our loneliness.

Thank you for the memory of loved ones who leave
empty chairs at our table today.

Thank you for yesterday, today and tomorrow
and for the whole of our lives

Thank you for friends and family, health and for grace.

May we live this and every day be
conscious of all that has been given to us.
Amen.

Take good care of your mental and emotional wellbeing this holiday season. **My Quiet Cave** is offering a women's faith-based online support group on Tuesdays at 7pm now through January 5th called *Anchor for Women*. Go to www.mqc.com to register.

Staying Vibrant!

If you haven't already completed your 2021 pledge form, please follow the link below to complete yours today. This helps council in planning and budgeting for next year's ministries. Thank you!

[CLICK HERE FOR PLEDGE FORM](#)



2021 Pledges & Online Giving

If you need to change your Simply Giving contribution amount due to your 2021 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.

Check Your 2020 Pledge Status

The 2021 Stewardship Campaign is now underway. Just a reminder that members can check the status of their pledges for 2020 by logging in to the online member portal (<https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/lightofchristlutheran/login>). You can also access the portal log in page from the Light of Christ website (www.lightofchristlutheran.com) by clicking the "Member Portal" icon on the top toolbar. If you need assistance or if you need another "invitation link" emailed to you to create your sign in, please contact Terri in the church office. Invitation links expire after 2 weeks.



Communion Cups Available for Online Worship

During COVID, Light of Christ has been providing individual, disposable communion cups for Sunday in-person worship. We would like to offer the same communion cups to the many LOC attendees who continue to worship with us through our online recorded worship service. Availability includes wine/wafer, juice/wafer and wine/gluten free wafer.

Pre-packaged bags of communion cups are available for pick up and will be located on a table in the church library on Wednesday mornings during regular office hours (typically 7:30-11:30 AM).

For anyone who is homebound and would like to have the pre-packaged communion cups, please email locvolunteer@frontier.com and we will make arrangements to deliver a supply to you.

Thank you for your continued connection with Light of Christ during these unsettled times – your vibrancy and support for Light of Christ and each other is a blessing!



Stay Informed!

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

Choir Update!

Good news! Light of Christ adult choir is meeting two Mondays a month, 6-7 pm via Zoom. If you're interested in joining, contact Katie at locworshipmus@gmail.com. We're working on a mass choir recording for Christmas so come join the fun!



Connect and Converse during Zoom Bible Study

Sundays 6:30-7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Come to explore what God's Word says for life today. Each week we take a portion of Scripture. All are welcome!

In order to get a Zoom link, email Tim Johnson at tdale57@gmail.com

You may be as active in the discussion as you like. We all learn a little something from each other as we ponder the power and beauty and truth of God's Word.

Help Keep Our Online Member Directory Up to Date!

Light of Christ Members: let's stay connected while having to be apart from one another! Don't forget about pictures for the online Church Directory. All you have to do is email your picture to [Terri at the church office](#) who will coordinate adding it to our directory.





We are so grateful to all the families who signed up to participate in this year's virtual Christmas Program! Thank you to the children for reading, singing, and dressing up in costumes and thank you to the parents for all your hard work behind-the-scenes to make the program possible. For those who signed up their children to wear the church's Christmas costumes, you may pick them up by the church's front office this **Tuesday, November 24 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.** Pictures of your child wearing the costumes will need to be emailed to Katie Kohler at locworshipmus@gmail.com by **Friday, December 4**. For those who signed up as readers and singers, your videos will also need to be emailed to Katie by **December 4**. We greatly look forward to seeing Light of Christ's first (and hopefully last) online Christmas Program in its entirety on Sunday, December 13th! Blessings to all!

Sunday School

Sunday school lessons are available on our YouTube channel for the 3-year-olds through 2nd graders. Our 3rd- 6th graders are using the Wakelet platform to view their Sunday school lessons. Please contact Kim Wortz at locsundayschool19@gmail.com if you would like to receive those private links.



Sunday School Packet Pick Up

If you have signed up to receive the SS materials, you can pick those up in the church's front office on Tuesday, November 24th between 1:00 and 5:00 pm. If this time does not work for you, please contact Kim Wortz.

Masks and T-Shirts for Sale

Staff had extra Light of Christ masks and t-shirts made and they are available for sale on our [online store](#). Masks are \$5 each and shirts are \$10. Shirts are available in youth sizes XS through XL. After you place your order, payment can be made [online](#) or when you pick up the item/s. The office is open Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30.



The season of Advent officially starts this coming Sunday, November 29! Families who signed up to receive Advent materials may pick up their individual bags by the church's front office this **Tuesday, November 24th between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.** Please let Catherine Borman know if this time slot does not work. Blessings to you all as we enter this holy season!

Christmas Shopping with Heart

As you think about gifts for family and friends this Christmas, we invite you to consider giving Equal Exchange items such as coffee, tea, chocolate or nuts as a gift. They make great stocking stuffers or teacher gifts and also really help small farmers around the world. A small amount of proceeds also help our youth raise funds for summer trips such as Mission trips and Bible Camp. Order through our [online store](#). Thanks for your support!



Basketball Hoop

The basketball hoop that we have at church is very old and needs an update. If anyone has something they could donate (backboard with a rim and net) or is interested in making a donation, please talk to Kirsten. Thanks for your support!

HS Fellowship

Due to the "pause" put on activities over the next several weeks, we will not be meeting in person for HS Fellowship until later notice. However, we will be doing 2 different discussion groups between now and the new year... a movie discussion group as well as a topic-based group (both via Zoom). So watch your email for more details and sign-up forms.