



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 2021

Wes Aylsworth
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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*

Contact us!

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Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Sponsored by NourishingHOPE Food Drop and Second Harvest Heartland

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pick up on a first come, first served basis. All are welcome.

Tuesday, February 9
3pm - 4pm

Corcoran

St. Thomas Lutheran Church parking lot

Delano

Light of Christ Lutheran Church parking lot

St. Michael

Colonial Mall

Montrose

Montrose Lutheran Church parking lot

Rockford

Rockford Lutheran Church parking lot

Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church parking lot

**Rescheduled for
February 16
due to cold**

Appropriate distancing and COVID mitigation practices will be employed

Highlights from the Annual Meeting

Our first (and hopefully, our only) virtual Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 31st. Thanks to everyone who made this Annual Meeting a success!

Here are a few highlights:

We ended 2020 with a surplus of over \$21,000.

We adopted a balanced budget of just over \$516,000 for 2021.

We rejoiced in a gift of \$300,000 from a Light of Christ family for our New Day Capital Campaign. At the family's request \$280,000 was used to pay down the principal on our mortgage, and \$20,000 was put towards remodeling and updating our Youth Room.

Because of this major financial gift we look forward to paying off our mortgage in December 2021.

We approved the expenditure of \$60,000 from our reserve funds for several capital improvements: repairing some of our windows; repairing the roof around the steeple; upgrading the technology in the sanctuary and the education unit; and adding an additional \$10,000 to the Youth Room remodeling project.

The Endowment Committee is ready to begin awarding grants to various ministries, both within the congregation and beyond the congregation, that advance the mission and ministry of Light of Christ.

These are only a few of the many things for which we can give thanks over this past year. You can find out more in the Annual Report that was emailed to you or on the website ([click here](#)). Above all, I am thankful for your partnership in the Gospel as we seek to reflect the Lord's light and love wherever we are.

Peace and joy,

Pastor K

In Case You
Missed It!

**CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Light of Christ Council & Committee Opportunities



The new church year for 2021 is just beginning, holding grand expectations for a time when we can again be together in person to live out our ministry and programs with great enthusiasm! Do not miss being a "hands-on" contributor to all that Light of Christ has to offer to our congregation and our community.

There are many open opportunities for service as a member of Church Council or one of the many active Light of Christ Committees. Your involvement will be a blessing to so many as you also reap the benefits of new perspectives, new friendships, and closer relationships within your church family.

Please consider sharing your time and talents by joining with fellow congregation members currently serving on Church Council or Committee. Wherever your passions lead you, there is an opportunity to serve! The greatest immediate needs for additional participation are on Church Council, Evangelism Mission Committee, Healing & Wholeness Committee, Small Group Ministries, Stewardship Committee and Worship & Music Committee.

Please contact Jinnelle Weis by email at Jinnelle.weis@locdelano.com or by phone at 952-250-5527 to volunteer your services or to request additional information regarding any Light of Christ volunteer opportunity.

Thank you for your service!

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; please keep in mind office hours are currently limited to Wednesdays, 9:15-11:30 am) 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.



Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with LOC
Healing and Wholeness Ministry)



This Valentine's Day marks the start of "Random Acts of Kindness Week." How appropriate - the holiday of LOVE reminding us that Kindness radiates LOVE, *Christ's love through us*.

During this pandemic and with spending so much time at home surrounded (and sometimes, overwhelmed) by family, it's easy to get caught up in grouchiness, impatience and negativity.

Let's make an effort to start at home with random acts of kindness. Show your parents, spouses and kids how much you love and appreciate them. Just small things like a smile, a gentle touch, words of praise and encouragement can make their day. And it never hurts to apologize when we've hurt egos or feelings.

Then, also think about elderly relatives, neighbors and church members who may be feeling so isolated and lonely. Offer to shop, shovel, pick up mail. Give them a call or send a card or flowers, make some cookies.

There are always suggestions out in the community, such as paying it forward at a drive-through, sharing a kind word or smile, opening a door for someone, being a patient driver.

But also remember to be kind and loving to yourself. You are doing the best you can and God has you exactly where you're supposed to be right now. We can always strive to better ourselves with God's help.

These words of the Apostle Paul are a timely reminder:

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

***Love never gives up,
never loses faith,
is always hopeful,
and endures through every circumstance.***

Start Your Day with Prayer & Music

Devotions are posted on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Member song requests will be featured in Saturday's devotions. Click [here](#) for the latest devotional message. If you would like to submit your favorite hymn and how it has affected your faith journey, email Katie at Katie.Kohler@locdelano.com.

Connect and Converse during Zoom Bible Study

Sundays 5:00-6:00 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.

High School Bible Study

Pastor Bruce often describes the Bible as an "epic narrative" like that of *Harry Potter* or *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Yet we don't seem to be as fascinated in the story of the Bible or read it as often as we do other novels. Join us to learn more about the Bible and the Bible's big story... and also some suggestions on how to read the Bible. We'll explore some Bible Project videos (www.bibleproject.com) and talk about how the Bible applies to our daily life. You'll learn some practical tools to help you feel comfortable navigating the Bible, which may even help you as you head off to college. We'll meet online the first two Wednesday nights in February from 8:30-9:30 pm. Email or message Kirsten to "sign up" and she'll send you the Zoom link.

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

2/14- NO Sunday School due to Presidents weekend

2/21- Jesus turns water into wine

2/28- Jesus feeds 5,000

Sunday School

Our LOC kids have been enjoying their online Sunday School lessons via YouTube and Wakelet. Please share the links with friends, neighbors, grandchildren, or contact Kim @ Kim.Wortz@locdelano.com to be added to the SS emails. Let us help spread God's love to all the children, especially during this time when they need to feel it the most.



Sunday School Packet Pick Up

SS materials are ready for the month of February. You can pick them up Monday-Thursday, 8:30-1:30 pm. If these times don't work for you, please contact Kim @ Kim.Wortz@locdelano.com to set up a different time.

Upcoming Confirmation Schedule (all taking place via Zoom):

February 10 – Unit 2, lesson 4 (The Crucifixion of Jesus), 6:30-8:00 pm

February 17 (Ash Wednesday) – Unit 3, lesson 5 (The Resurrection of Jesus), 6:30-8:00 pm

HS Mission Trip

We have made a reservation through the same organization as last year (Service Learning Camps) in hopes that we can do a HS Mission Trip to Denver, CO the week of July 11, 2021. Kirsten will be emailing out an online registration form soon. We hope to have kids registered soon so we can have a modified fundraiser yet this spring! Travel arrangements have not yet been decided so exact dates aren't set but check your calendar and start talking about if your child would like to attend. This trip will be open to current grades 9 - 12.





Bible Camp Information for Summer 2021

Summer Bible Camp registration is open (or opening soon) and we wanted to share info with you about our plans for Summer 2021. One major change for this summer is that our church staff is not able to attend camp with our kids due to Covid restrictions set at the camps. We will miss this time with the kids dearly and we realize this may change whether you are comfortable sending your kids to camp or not. We still encourage camp attendance, but we will also be providing other opportunities for Light of Christ kids/youth where our staff can connect with kids. Plans are being made and we will share more info with you soon about these opportunities.

We do have some spaces reserved for LOC youth this summer at Lake Wapogasset but due to Covid restrictions, our numbers were significantly reduced. We encourage families to sign up during our designated week, if possible. However, youth are welcome and encouraged to register to attend Bible camp at any time that it works for them (and with those they would like to attend). Since we are unable to attend with the kids, we will not have a “designated” LOC week at Green Lake Bible Camp (GLBC) this summer. Again, this summer, we will offer scholarships to any youth who attends Bible camp. \$100 will be given to those who attend week-long camp and \$50 for those who attend an “abbreviated” camp.

Here is some specific info about each camp. Please contact our staff with any questions you have:

Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (<https://lakewapo.org/>)

- ✚ Online registration opened **February 1** to church “blocks” (see LOC reservations below – use this link to register: <http://lwlbci.com/loc>)
- ✚ Online registration opens to the public beginning March 1st (and reserved church spaces are released – all can register online on a first come, first served basis)
- ✚ Light of Christ reservations:
 - **June 27-July 2**
 - ◇ 5 spaces reserved at Ox Lake Youth (completed grades 7-8)
 - ◇ 6 spaces reserved for Wapo Youth (completed grades 4-8)
 - ◇ HS youth are welcome to register for Servant Leadership Camp (at Wapo) or HS Summer Camp (at Ox Lake) during any week of the summer.
 - **July 21-23 (Wed-Fri)**
 - ◇ 7 spaces reserved for Wapo SEEDS (completed grades 1-3)



Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

(<https://www.gllm.org/>)

- ✚ We did not reserve any spots specifically for LOC this summer. Youth are welcome to register for any week that works for them.
- ✚ Online registration opened to all beginning **January 25th**.
- ✚ If you register **before March 1st**, you will receive a \$40 discount per registration.