



Worship

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



Church Council 2022

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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**

Attention Women!

As life and schedules get busy for the fall, please consider taking time out for yourself and joining us for the women's bible study starting in September. Participating in a bible study is a great way to dive deeper into the word and gain new insights that strengthen our faith.

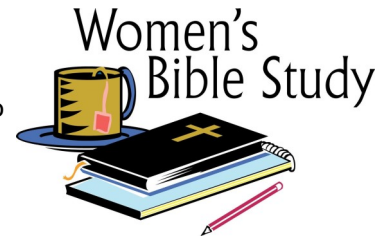
The women's bible study **meets the third Thursday of the month (Sept. – May), 6:30 – 8:00 pm in The Living Room at Light of Christ.**

The study we will be doing for this session is "The Promised One" *Seeing Jesus in Genesis* by Nancy Guthrie.

Below is a summary of the study. Source: [The Promised One \(A 10-week Bible Study\): Seeing Jesus in Genesis \(Volume 1\): Guthrie, Nancy: 9781433526251: Amazon.com: Books](#)

"After the resurrection, when Jesus used Scripture to explain who he was and why he came, where did he start? In the Old Testament. And this is where *The Promised One* begins to look for Christ, finding him in the people, promises, and patterns of the Old Testament scriptures."

If you are interested in participating, please respond to Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com. We hope to see you in September!



Much is happening!

Watch for coming **Vision Conversation Groups** beginning in September. Small gatherings to share with you some of our discoveries and ideas for moving forward as a congregation. We're looking forward to some good conversation and your feedback on a couple of fronts:

- **Mission/Ministry Initiatives** -- special objectives or areas of focus that will sharpen some of our energies and resources for the next 3-4 years
- **Facilities/Campus/Building improvements**— everything from redoing our parking lot to refreshing our bathrooms and kitchen to enlarging our main entry and narthex/gathering area to better conferencing possibilities to building security to improving our outdoor worship space and playground to, well, yes, probably a new hot water heater. We're excited to see what you think. These aren't proposals, but an opportunity to share, have some dialogue and to consider together how these improvements might best bolster our mission and ministry.

Our Vision Team, the Facilities Exploration Team, Church Council and Staff have weighed in so that we feel good about presenting these ideas. Our hope is that with some more of your dialogue and input, we'll be able to sharpen these important vision pieces and present them as recommendations at our 2023 Annual Meeting.

Please continue praying for the Spirit's leading us as we discern how best to shine the life-giving life and hope of Jesus Christ out into our community and beyond.

Reach out to any of us on the Vision Team at any time:

Kylee Amdor
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Contact us!

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KIDS HOPE USA

Thank you to all of those who have signed up to become a mentor for Kids Hope at Light of Christ. Your service is so needed and will be a joy as you see the difference it makes in a young child's life. We hope there will be other Light of Christ members who will hear the calling and join our team. We are also looking for a prayer partner for each child the mentor works with. If you want more information about volunteering with our Kids Hope program which will be starting in late September, contact Lisa Spencer or Lona Jose, check out the table in the narthex or visit the [Kids Hope USA website](#) to learn more about this amazing



service to young children. **Your commitment will be meeting with one elementary child for only one hour/week during the school year. Please consider joining our team. We'll make it work into your busy schedule. Thanks!!**

Caring Corner

(for the month of August from Julie Wischmann of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)



It's hard to believe that August is upon us and it's time to start thinking about going "Back to School." This time of year can be difficult for students and parents alike.

There are many resources available to ease fears and anxieties. Below is a link to the many offerings that NAMI has to offer.

NAMI Shares Fall 2022 Back-to-School Resources

It's back to school time, and to help teachers, parents and students prepare and prioritize youth mental health, we have a suite of resources to share.

<https://www.nami.org/About-NAMI/NAMI-News/2022/NAMI-Shares-Fall-2022-Back-to-School-Resources>



Monthly Food Distribution

The next scheduled distribution and need for volunteers is for **Monday, September 12**. Join the effort and have your faith make an immediate difference for people in need. Links to sign-ups are below. Our guests persistently express their gratitude for this ministry. Thank you for your time, talents and treasures which make this possible!

- **11:00 am at Our Father's** for packing boxes (register at this link: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>))
- **3:30 pm here at LOC** for distribution of the boxes (register at this link: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>))

Special need for anyone who can pick up the trailer at Delano Rental and be the transportation point person

We also invite guests to share prayer concerns. Please email Tim Johnson if you would like to be a part of our Light of Christ family who keeps our neighbors in prayer.

Tim.Johnson@LOCDelano.com.



Columbarium Update

This past week further construction of our columbarium has taken place. As you can see the initial structure is taking shape! More work to come, including masonry work on the top and sides of each unit and landscaping, which will include perennial gardens, a bubbling rock, benches, and lovely trees and shrubs. There will be opportunities in the coming weeks to purchase memorials through sponsoring some of these features. Watch for more information from our committee members, as they will be hosting a table in the narthex beginning next week after services. Thank you for your continued support of our columbarium and memorial garden!



ROOM ALERT!!!

Room 110 is full of items waiting for you to claim as treasures. No-longer-needed-items from various storage areas have made their way to Room 110. Please stop and take a look. If there are any items you could use, please feel free to take. There is also a piano and music books available. Anything left in the room on September 1st will be donated or disposed of.



Table Talk Summary



A number of Table Talks were held in the spring at Light of Christ. These were designed as an outreach to all members, recognizing that the past couple of years have been a challenge and that many aren't as connected as they might like to have been. Many different days and times were offered to the congregation. Checking in with one another, sharing some thoughts and experiences, and dreaming a bit about future steps as a congregation were all a part of meaningful conversation.

[Click here](#) to go to a summary containing some insights and reflections.

Share your talents!

Volunteering is not only a great way to put your faith into action, but also an important way that you help make our ministry happen at Light of Christ. As you might imagine, there are many ways to serve. Just a few include helping worship and fellowship to be a blessing to people's lives.

Ushers. Greeters. Prepping Sunday coffee...purchasing/bringing treats. Helping to run the soundboard or online streaming. Altar Guild. Communion assistants. Readers/lectors. Special music. Praise band. Choir.

Training is available for each of these. Links to sign up are in Sunday bulletins, on the website and often in the weekly Beacon newsletter (see below). Or for more information, reach out to Tim Johnson:

Tim.Johnson@LOCDelano.com. Thanks for all you do!



Ushers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-spring1>

Greeters: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-sunday2>

Hospitality: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-sunday1>

Soundboard: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-outdoor1>

Communion Asst.: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-light>

Lectors: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-lectors>



Low commitment volunteer opportunity – help is needed to keep the oil filled in the sanctuary candles as levels get low. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Linda Rosaaen at 763-478-6298.

Youth Activity Nights

We had several fun evenings with 7th through 12th grade youth at our church playing games, having ice cream and hanging out! Here are some photos from our events on July 18 and August 8. We decided to add one last summer night... so join us on **Wednesday, August 31st from 7-8:30** at church for a bonfire and games!



Confirmation registration link is now live for all current 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. Register at the link below!

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Confirmation2022-23>