



June Worship

All worship services will be recorded and posted on the [church website](#) so you can watch and stay connected each week. 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

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Produce Distribution – Helping to Feed our Community

On May 26th and 27th Light of Christ volunteers had the privilege to work with Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford and Second Harvest Heartland in packing and distributing produce. 200 boxes holding fresh fruit and vegetables were provided to area residents. It is heartwarming to know how much our efforts mean to the recipients and to share in their gratitude.

The response, each time Light of Christ has participated, is indicative of the current need in our community and the positive impact we can have with this collaboration. The hope is this program will be available for additional dates during the summer months and that Light of Christ will again provide a location for distribution and willing volunteers to pack and distribute.

A huge thank you to the following Light of Christ volunteers working last week to construct boxes, provide vehicles, pack, load and distribute produce – Aaron Amdor, Cheri Ashfeld, Wes & Jessie Aylsworth, Rayme, Hanley and Olive Bernick, Wendy Caslavka, Gwen Egly, Jennifer, Kiera and Sophia Grant, Grant Horeis, Kirsten and Ben Kelly, Pastor Bruce Kuenzel, Dan Langner, Chrissy Lotzer, John McClelland, Brad Pappas, Jinnelle Weis, JoMarie Williamson, Julie Wischmann.



Thank you

Thank you to everyone for your kind words of encouragement, cards, flowers, food, and memorials—feeling blessed.

The family of Tom McKay

Love INC Has Some Great News!

Love INC- Heartland stores are now open on a limited basis with **safe practices in place**. We would love for you to join our team of volunteers! Our stores are open for business on these days:

- Delano Store, Tuesdays/ Fridays 9-noon
- Howard Lake Store, Wednesdays/Saturdays 9-noon

We welcome volunteers on both business days and non-business days. Please call Love INC- Heartland for more details, 763-972-6547 opt 3.

We are unable to take donations at this time as we are very full in our warehouses. We hope to reopen for donations soon as we implement more volunteers to sort the items. Please bring your own mask to wear.

Our phones at Love INC- Heartland have continued to be on during this time as we support our Neighbors-in-Need during this pandemic. Our Fresh Start program of classes has continued on Zoom. Many families are so grateful for the connections we continue to maintain with them. Thank you to all the churches for your support to Love INC- Heartland.

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 this **form** and email or send to the church office. Or email the information below to lochrist@frontiernet.net. 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 adult ___ 30-60 ___ 60-100

*This outreach is provided by the
Healing and Wholeness Ministry.*

CARING CORNER

(Created by Light of Christ
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Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change.
The courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is;
Not as I would have it;
Trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely
happy with You forever in the next.

AMEN

courageouschristianfather.com

Reinhold Niebuhr



Call on the Light of Christ Prayer Chain

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12

Are you in need of a prayer during these difficult days? Do you know someone else in need of prayer? If so, please feel free to engage the Light of Christ Prayer Chain. The process is simple and 100% confidential. All you need to do is contact the church office either by email (preferred—lochrist@frontiernet.net) or phone (763-972-2400; please keep in mind office hours are currently limited to Wednesdays, 9:15-11:30 am) with your request. The church office then contacts the group of LOC members ready to 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Thank you, Guides!

Thank you to all of our Confirmation Guides for a great year of growing in faith and relationships! We couldn't do it without you and we're SO grateful for your time and dedication to our youth!



Confirmation Christmas Party

Confirmation Students & Guides at
Feed My Starving Children



Change for Children

This summer, even though we cannot gather for worship, our children and youth are organizing the 2nd Annual Change for Children offering project to raise money for the **ELCA Global Barnyard**. Last spring, this project exceeded our expectations and we raised \$1,447.97! This allowed us to purchase 2 cows, 3 goats, 3 pigs, 100 chicks and 4 sets of seeds and gardening tools (which are given to families around the world to create sustainability and food for their families). To learn more about the ELCA Good Gifts program, go to <https://goodgifts.elca.org/how-it-works-o>.

This year we are setting our goal a bit higher and hope to raise \$1,500 over the summer months! We encourage families to make a Change for Children jar at home and later in the summer we will share details about how you can drop off your donation. Donations can also be made online on our giving page (make sure to indicate "Change for Children"). Thanks for your support as we collect change and come together to make "Change for Children"!



Equal Exchange Online Store with FREE Delivery... order for yourself or brighten someone's day!

Light of Christ (LOC) youth are beginning a new "Online Store" with Equal Exchange items (coffee, chocolate, tea, nuts, etc.) as well as LOC Tumblers. You can order items online (<https://forms.gle/Td7By6ugsStCBALW7>) and then choose to have them delivered to someone's house to brighten their day (gift wrapping available) or order for yourself and have it delivered to your home! If you order for someone else, we encourage you to include a special note so they know who it is from. Payment for items can be made online or you can mail a check, but items will not be delivered until payment is received. Once the order is complete, a high schooler from LOC will deliver the item/s to the specified address (free within Delano and surrounding communities). We will make sure to follow CDC and social distancing guidelines during the entire process. All proceeds will benefit future youth trips/camp. What a great way to send a "thank you" to your child's teacher, get a gift for a birthday, or just brighten someone's day! (Please note: since we're not sure how popular this will be, we are starting with the inventory that we currently have available. If we find that it goes well, we will order more Equal Exchange items and have them available once they arrive. Thanks for your patience and understanding. And we invite your feedback and input!)



Final Zoom Meetings

4th graders and 5th graders met via Zoom for the last time this school year. We played a few games and the kids all shared how excited they were for school to end and for their summer vacation plans. Some things never change! We wish all Light of Christ families a safe and happy summer break.

Summer Ministry Opportunity

Light of Christ staff is looking for families to help with our Sunday worship services by contributing a recording to be a part of the service (such as the Lord's Prayer, scripture lesson, Apostle's Creed, etc). If your family would be willing to help in this way, please contact Kirsten Kelly, Katie Kohler or Pastor Bruce. We are thankful for the work of our entire church family as we continue to find creative ways to grow and connect in faith!

Virtual Happy Hour Connect

The Community Life Committee and Sisters of LOC are hosting virtual connect events for our members at Light of Christ. The purpose is to create connection and informally give people the chance to connect for some fun conversation and camaraderie.



We currently have two events scheduled for **Thursday, June 4th** and **Thursday, June 18th**. Events will take place from 7-8pm. If you are interested in joining either event, please contact Elizabeth Kohlhof at elizabeth.kohlhof@gmail.com for the Zoom meeting links.

Vibrant | Connected | Serving

With the Minnesota “Safer at Home” continuing, Light of Christ staff and congregation renew our commitment to staying connected, providing support, and giving assistance within and beyond our congregation. Although some activities have slowly begun to open, we continue to have friends, family and community persons that are vulnerable.

If you or someone you know is in need of support, please email locvolunteer@frontier.com or call Jinnelle Weis at 952-250-5527. If you can **provide** support, please call or email and I will gladly add your name to a list of volunteers. If you have suggestions for additional ways in which we can give a helping hand, please let me know.

Light of Christ members have been active in a multitude of different initiatives. Area residents have benefited by Light of Christ volunteers who have willingly packed and distributed fresh produce in collaboration with Our Father’s Lutheran Church and Second Harvest Heartland. We have connected with a simple “how are you doing” phone call or a personal note of caring or gratitude. We continue saying “thank you” and express our heartfelt gratitude to all those on the front lines – our medical personnel, public and private school educators, grocery store employees and so many more.

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who have actively participated in nourishing relationships, in caring for each other and in finding ways to stay connected even when we cannot do so face to face. Your hands and feet are doing God’s work in this time of need and we are truly blessed!

"Finding Peace in These Times"

Tuesday Evening Bible Study/ Conversation



Small things....

Faith as a mustard seed...

The speck in your brother's eye...

The small rudder of a ship...

The tongue is a small part of the body, and yet...

In a world of bigger is better, what does the Bible say about small things?

How about just a little faith? Is that enough?

What about critiquing something small that, well, just needs to be pointed out?

How about small thoughts? Do they matter?

What part of your life is most important to control?

Does a single word matter?

All are welcome to our Light of Christ Tuesday Evening Study/Conversation gathering via Zoom at 7-8 p.m.

No experience necessary

A little bit of Bible

A little bit of conversation

A little bit of inspiration and learning

A little bit of community

...not bad for a Tuesday evening



Email Tim Johnson, our discussion host, for more information or for a Zoom link at tdale57@gmail.com

Next week: What the Bible says about Simple Living (in this sometimes too complex world of ours)

Get Your Daily Devotions

Our weekly devotion schedule will change to three days a week –

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday –

beginning June 1st. Members' favorite hymns will be featured in the Friday devotions. If you would like to submit your favorite hymn and how it has affected your faith journey, email Katie Kohler at locworshipmus@gmail.com. You can watch the latest video featuring members' submissions [here](#).



Quick Tip!

If you subscribe to our YouTube channels for

devotions and worship services you will automatically receive notifications when a new video is posted.

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