

The Beacon

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

August 16, 2021

Worship

- Indoor worship—9am Sundays—masks required
- Outdoor worship-6:30pm Wednesdays, weather permitting
- Online worship will continue and will be posted on the church website.

Church Council 2021

Steven Dickey Carmen Hanson Jennifer Hinker Jon Holzer Derek Horeis Elizabeth Kohlhof Tom Sebelien Lisa Spencer Stacy VanCura Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

The Marks of Discipleship

- ₱ Pray daily
- **†** Worship weekly
- → Read the Bible
- Serve at or beyond **Light of Christ**
- P Relate to others for spiritual growth
- and resources

Contact us!

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The great thing about giving is...it surrounds stewardship



Giving is shown by giving our time and talents to teaching our youth through VBS, Sunday school, and confirmation. It is demonstrated through monetary gifts, big and small. And we see time and talents being shared through the youth room remodel, food distribution program, musical talents, and serving on committees. The list goes on and on! On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, we thank you for your continued gifts of time, talents, and treasures.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

- Natalie Dinger, Stewardship Committee

Food Distribution

On August 9, volunteers from Light of Christ packed and distributed 75 boxes of food, dairy, and produce to local residents. The next distribution date is September 13. Please contact JoMarie Williamson at lohwil@msn.com if you are interested in more information or in helping.





OUTREACH

Fifth Sunday Offering for August

We will be collecting donations for the Fifth Sunday offering this month. The funding will be sent to missionary Karen Anderson. Our



congregation has been supporting hers and others' missionary work in Chile. More information will be forthcoming throughout the month regarding their latest missions.

Love INC Happenings

- Fresh Start, our program of classes, is in need of a paid adult childcare worker for 2 hours on Monday evenings starting Sept 13. If interested, contact Lisa at lisa@loveincheartland.org
- Attn: Golfers! Save the date: September 27th at 1:00pm. The Love INC Golf Fundraiser is back! Location: Pioneer Creek Golf Course. Register by emailing: Golf4Love@loveincheartland.org
- Love INC-Heartland is looking for a Family Advocate, a part-time paid staff position.
 For more information, email director@loveincheartland.org

Thank you so much for your support of Love INC-Heartland!

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. **Email the church office**, which is preferred, or call 763-972-2400 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.

Announcing – Faith, Earth and Living Sustainably Discussion Group

Everyday there is more disturbing news about the health of our common home - earth. In Genesis we learn that God created the heavens and the earth and saw that it was good. We are called to steward the earth and it seems that we're failing. The press is good at reporting negative news, but not at what to do about it. So, if you're confused and don't know how to become better stewards you are not alone. This discussion group is being formed to give members who want to do more a place to share and learn - not only about the problems, but also about the steps we can each take to live more sustainably while being rooted in faith. Twelve Thursday night sessions are planned, starting in October and ending in January. The discussion group will be led by new Light of Christ member Paul Nelson. Paul is a trained facilitator and spent his career in the environmental field. Watch for more in-depth information regarding the class and how to register.

Help Name the New Youth Room

We're still looking for ideas for a new name for the youth room! The vision for this room, once it is completed, is to be a community room for us all to use. If you have any great name ideas, please email them to **Kirsten**. We are excited to hear the creativity from our members!



Donate from Your Smart Phone

Light of Christ offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader or go to the church website and locate the online giving page.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Orientation Days!!! Sept. 1st for 4-6 Graders; Sept. 7th-8th for K-3

We're excited!! On September 1st and September 7th-8th, when you stop at the school for open house or orientation, stop by the church as well. We will do individualized blessing of backpacks, will be offering a special gift, and will have a folder filled with a calendar and activities that are being planned throughout the school year! Sunday school, Spark, and Club 5-6 are all happening soon -- *Catch the excitement!!!!*

Does Your Child Need a Bible?

Sunday school will be starting in just a few more weeks! In response to our promise as a faith community at the time of baptism, we make available the Children's Whirl Bible as children begin Sunday school. Light of Christ also provides the NRSV Study Bible to those in 3rd grade and up. We are updating our records for this group as well, and we want to confirm if your 3rd or 4th grade children need bibles. Please let <u>LaDonna</u> or the <u>church office</u> know <u>by August 25th</u> if your child is in need of a bible and in what grade they are. Thanks much!



While not mandatory to do so, if you do need one and are able to contribute \$15 towards the cost of the bibles, it would be appreciated. We will present all bibles on September 19th at worship.



Where, oh where, has Flat Jesus all gone???

Remember to send in those pictures of all the places Jesus has hung out with you this summer!! Send your pictures to <u>LaDonna</u> or <u>Terri</u>.

Summer Fun

We had some awesome Wednesday evenings of Summer Fun events these past few months! On July 21st we played games, had a bonfire and assembled care packages for those experiencing homelessness. On August 10th we had a tire and hula-hoop race along with roasting hotdogs over the fire. We look forward to having everyone back together this fall for more great learning, service and memories!



