



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**

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First Communion

Blessings to the twelve amazing young people who celebrated their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 14: Evan Amdor, Avery Bragg, Kendall Geistfeld, Lydia Gierke, Kinslee Gross, Caleb Hanson, Andrew Kelly, Olivia Kopperud, Eva Nohner, William Nohner, Boden Rosaaen, Griffin Rosaaen. May each of you know not only God's love and forgiveness, but also how in God's house and at God's table there will always be a place for you! You are a beloved child of God with whom God is well pleased.



Affirmation of Baptism

On Sunday, April 24, fifteen 10th graders affirmed their baptism and confirmed their faith in Christ. We celebrate with these youth as they take the next step in their faith journey: Ben Cederberg, Teague Collings, Benjamin Engel, Halle Gallus, Jacob Heinzen, Grant Horeis, Benjamin Kelly, Sarah Klinkner, Cael Olson, Nolan Peterson, Sidney Schmit, James Stigman, Brogan Stoddard, Taylor Tool, and Luke Tuchtenhagen.



Food Distribution Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in helping folks in and around our Delano community by distributing fresh food from Second Harvest food bank and other food sources? Two ways to serve: helping to pack the boxes over at Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford in the morning; or by helping to distribute the boxes here at church later in the afternoon. The next scheduled distribution and need for volunteers is for **Monday, May 9:**

- 11:30 am at Our Father's for packing boxes (register at link below):
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- 3:30 pm here at Light of Christ for distribution of the boxes (register at link below):
(<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 prayer requests from those we serve. Let [Tim Johnson](#) (email or call 952-472-1755) know if you would like to join a group to pray for special needs.

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 the information below and send to the church office or email to Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com. 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

(by Sue Fink with the Healing and Wholeness Committee)



Easter Blessings to our Light of Christ family from your Healing and Wholeness Ministry!

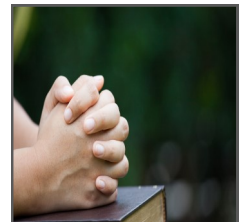
Hasn't it been the longest winter ever? We certainly could use some warmth, sunshine and the smell of growing things to rejuvenate our spirits! I don't know about you, but I have been struggling with feeling overwhelmed and helpless in the midst of the news of war and crime and disasters and climate change, etc. The best thing for me has been the ability to worship together without masks and distancing, seeing members of our church family return "home." Our Holy Week services were wonderfully meaningful and brought me closer to my God and my church family!!

May is Mental Health Awareness month when we will once again feature temple talks, prayers, and services targeted toward mental health. We are also planning our second annual "Walk a Mile" in my shoes event to bring awareness and connectedness in our mental health journeys. This event will take place on **Sunday, May 22**, so stay tuned for details.

As a reminder, if you need help or informational resources for yourself or someone you love struggling with mental illness, please call Pastor Bruce and check out the LOC [website](#). Click "Support" then "Mental Health" then "Resources" or "Education" as you need. We also encourage you to browse the Mental Health Resource cabinet and bookshelf in the Narthex for additional resources. Finally, our Prayer Chain is ready to pray for you and your loved ones through life's struggles and mental or physical illness. Simply call or [email Terri](#) at the church office. We care about you!

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.





I would like to extend a special thank-you to all the musicians and soundboard volunteers who devoted so much time and energy during Holy Week. I'm beyond

blessed to be a part of a church family with so many talented people! If you see someone who was a part of the Holy Week services, I encourage you to extend a special thank-you if you are comfortable doing so. Happy Easter, everyone! He is risen!

Peace,

Katie Kohler

Stay Informed!

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



Fueling the Fire

Growing our impact; growing our reach. You're invited to help fuel our ministries forward by making a special gift -- a contribution that is a "second mile gift" above and beyond what you planned to give in 2022. Delano is growing. Our staff has grown to meet this growing opportunity. But resourcing our shared ministry has plateaued. And so this is an invitation to help fill that gap through a gift or increased pledge for this year. Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to do. And respond by filling out and returning a Fueling the Fire pledge card at anytime through the month of April. Brochures and pledge cards were mailed out, but you can also find them in the narthex; or you can pledge online at [this link](#). Thank you for your great generosity!



We'd like to hear from you!

As a part of our visioning for the future process here at Light of Christ, all confirmed and older members are asked to give input into **TWO** surveys. Together they'll take you fifteen, no more than twenty, minutes to complete. We'll learn a lot about what's unique about us, what our sense of priorities should be, how open we are to change, what influences our generosity, how connected we feel, and much more.

Two surveys: **MAP** -- Missional Assessment Profile. And, **i-MAP** or Internet Missional Assessment Profile. The first one is a bit longer. But you'll find them easy to do. Click on the first link. And when you complete it, be sure to then click on the second survey link.

Heads-up.....on the MAP, there are a few questions on household income. Please be sure that only one person per household fill out this information. The others should bypass these. BTW, the entire questionnaire is anonymous. Paper copies of each survey are also available in the narthex.

Thank you in advance! Our Vision Team will share results, and together we'll be better suited in our decision-making in moving forward.

Here is the **MAP Link**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LOCDelanoMN22>

Here is the **iMAP link**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LOCDelanoiMAP22>





Table Talks are an important way to connect with other Light of Christ folks and to help build community. Table Talks

are small group gatherings of 4-8 people for just over an hour. A wonderful opportunity to get to know others a bit more deeply. Plus, we'll take some of this time to share ideas about Light of Christ's future priorities as a congregation. Click this [link](#) or sign up in the Narthex.

Are you looking to get more involved in worship?

We are looking for new Altar Guild members!! As we are transitioning back to "normal" communion, we are in need of more help. It is a low commitment and a great way to volunteer at church. If you would like to become a member, please contact [Terri](#) in the church office or Kim Wortz at kimw1517@gmail.com.



A Way to Connect; A Way to Serve

Ushers are needed for our worship services. Each time we gather, Light of Christ ushers help to greet and otherwise help members and guests to feel welcomed as they come to worship. We need three ushers for each service. Ushers are asked to arrive about 10-15 minutes early, pick up some bulletins and prayer cards, and then be at one of the three doors coming into the sanctuary. A warm greeting along with passing out these worship helps will create for an important hospitality job to happen.



Please [click here to sign up](#) for any upcoming Sunday. Thank you! You help Light of Christ be a place of genuine warmth and welcome to guests and members alike!

Coffee and Sundays go hand in hand. Well, if you like coffee, that is ☺.

You may have noticed, we've been putting the coffee (and donuts, etc.) out on Sunday morning more and more. Sometimes it's just because; sometimes a group may be raising money for their ministry. Either way, we'd love to encourage you to "take a Sunday," either as a ministry, a family, a team or committee, or as friends. And you can do it simply to create some good Sunday hospitality or to raise awareness.

We've got a couple of folks who will get the coffee brewing in the morning. But it's your call as to whether you'd like to pick up some donuts, muffins, cookies, whatever...and set them out. If it's a fundraiser, we'll invite your group to cover that cost. If it's just to provide Sunday hospitality, we'll cover the costs.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up. While you have more than one or two who will cover bases, each Sunday only has two slots. But recruit your servers as you'd like. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Shared Ministry Director, Tim Johnson, at (952) 472-1755.



You're Invited!

Weekly worship at Light of Christ at 9:00 am or streaming online via our [Facebook page](#).



Parent's Night Out... High School Night In!

On Friday, April 29th, we are having a special event for parents and also for HS youth. Here's the scoop:

5:30-8:00 pm: Parent's Night Out Event!

[Sign up here](#) to drop your kids (ages 2 through 4th grade) off at church for a fun night of games, pizza and a movie... while you get a few hours "off"! The cost is \$25 for the first child and \$20 for each subsequent child from a family (which includes dinner, childcare, snack and craft). We will need older youth to help lead this event (7th grade and up) - [register here to volunteer](#). Those that help will receive Confirmation Service Hours, raise money for their trips or to help pay their registration fees for other events (such as retreats, etc). Registration for this event (for kids to attend and older youth to help) will be sent in a separate email this week... but save the date!

8:00-11:00 pm: HS Night In!

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to spend a fun night of fellowship at church... invite a friend and [register here](#) by **Wednesday, April 27th** to attend! All are welcome ☺ Cost is \$10/youth (to cover snacks, drinks, pizza, etc).



Opportunities for Children at Light of Christ

SUNDAY SCHOOL: for children 3-years through 4th grade – Sundays from 10:10-11:10 am

CLUB 5-6: for youth in grades 5 and 6. We meet on Wednesdays from 5-6 pm **through May 25.**

SPARK: 3rd and 4th grade Spark will meet for an additional 2 weeks on **May 18 and 25** – Sign up is now available at <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/2b64f1>.

MEGA SPORTS CAMP: our Vacation Bible School for children 3-years through 4th grade runs **July 24-27** from 5:30-8 pm. [Click here to register](#).

WAPO BIBLE CAMP: While students may register to attend any time during the summer, designated Light of Christ weeks are **June 26-July 1** and **July 31-August 5**. Register at this link: <http://lwlhci.com/lightofchrist>

- There is a Wapo one-day camp on **August 3** for those who completed K-4th grade to experience what camp is like.

