



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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RALLY DAY: Sunday, September 11

- 9:00 am worship – **Blessing of Backpacks**—children are invited to bring their backpacks for a special blessing; **Bible Distribution** – we will be providing bibles to our 3rd and 7th graders.
- 10:15 am – **Carnival Fun** for everyone (we welcome donations of store-bought cakes for our cake walk). There will be a variety of games and challenges for kids 0-100.



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.



KIDS HOPE USA Update

We are pleased to share that we have 10 volunteers who wish to mentor Delano Elementary students beginning this fall through the school year, one student each for one hour per week. A big thank you to those who have volunteered. We are also contacting Light of Christ prayer partners who provide the prayers that each student and mentor need without having physical contact with the students. Light of Christ, along with Delano Elementary, is very excited to get



this program going. Kids Hope has been instrumental in serving many students in most of the 50 states for over 25 years. We will keep you updated on how it is going and the friendship and support that the selected students receive. WE ARE BLESSED!!

Caring Corner

(from Julie Wischmann of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)



It's hard to believe that it's "Back to School" time. 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>



IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD – This phrase is true within the Children Ministry Program here at Light of Christ. Wondering how you can be involved? Check out the following link for ways that your help would be welcomed as a gift. Thank you!

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/3ec5a1>

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 below, as well as on the website and usually in the Sunday bulletin. 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>

Adult Choir Begins!

Choir rehearsals will resume on Tuesday, September 13th, 6:30-7:30. Rehearsals occur weekly. All skill levels are welcome!! If you are interested in joining or have any questions, contact Katie at katie.kohler@locdelano.com. You can also attend a few rehearsals and try it out! Let us praise God in song together!



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.

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
Derek Horeis
Tim Johnson
Pastor Bruce Kuenzel
Lisa Spencer
Dave Wuerger

First Communion

We will be celebrating First Communion on Sunday, October 30. As we welcome all children to the table, it is left to the discretion of parents to determine when their child is ready to receive. To help parents discern if their child is ready, we are offering a First Communion information session for parents on **Sunday, Sept. 18 at 10:15 am** in the Living Room. First Communion instruction will be in person on Sunday, October 2 or Monday, October 3 from 6-7 (*families choose one*). The 2nd class will be held Sunday, October 9 or Monday, October 10 (*families choose one*). To register your child, click this link:

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/961297>



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.

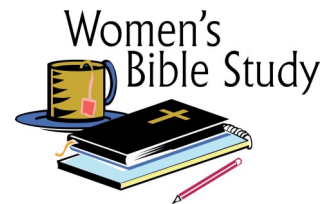
The women's bible study **meets the third Thursday of the month (Sept. – May), 6:30 – 8:00 pm in The Living Room at Light of Christ.**

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!



This summer we had 13 Light of Christ youth attend a week of camp at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI. You can see from the smiles that the kids had an amazing experience! Each youth that attends receives a \$100 scholarship from our congregation. Here are a few thank you notes from some of the youth that attended:

- “Thank you for supporting me going to Camp Wapo. I really had a great time!”
-Noah Rice
- “Thank you so much for the scholarship to attend Wapo! I had a great week with my friends and growing in my faith.”
-Alex Kelly
- “Thank you for sponsoring my camping trip! This is my first summer camp and church camp and I really enjoyed it! Thanks again!”
- Weston Gabrick

Thanks for your continued support of summer camp scholarships! It's an incredible week for our kids and truly helps them to grow in their faith and relationships with each other.



Connecting Parents and Youth for Babysitting Opportunities

Are you a youth looking for some new babysitting or nanny/manny opportunities? Are you a parent looking for responsible, reliable babysitters (or after-school care)? Complete this [short online form](#) to indicate your interest (if you are a youth) or what childcare needs you have (if you are a parent) and Kirsten will work to get you paired up a good fit!



Registration Information

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>

2022-2023
**LIGHT OF CHRIST
SUNDAY SCHOOL
REGISTRATION**

3 yr old thru 2nd grade

Sundays for
3 yr old thru 2nd grade



<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Sundayschool202130>

Wednesday Spark for
1st & 2nd graders
October 12th & 26th
November 2nd & 9th



<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Spark202194>

Contact us at:
children@locdelano.com

2022-2023
LIGHT OF CHRIST
3RD GRADE -6TH GRADE
REGISTRATION

Voyagers for 3rd & 4th graders

Wednesdays for
3rd & 4th graders
2:45-5:00pm



<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Voyager.2021668>

Club 5/6 for 5th & 6th graders

Wednesdays for
5th & 6th graders
5:00-6:15pm



<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Club56.20216>

*Refer to calendar on church website for class dates

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