



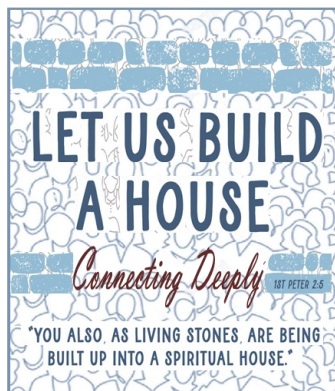
Worship

- In-person worship—
9:30 AM (new time)
Sundays
- Online worship
continues, and is live-
streamed to our
[YouTube](#) and
[Facebook](#) pages



Church Council 2023

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CONNECTING 2024

Congregational Annual Meeting January 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Members are encouraged to come and be a part of the decision-making process of Light of Christ Lutheran Church. The meeting will be livestreamed and childcare will be provided.

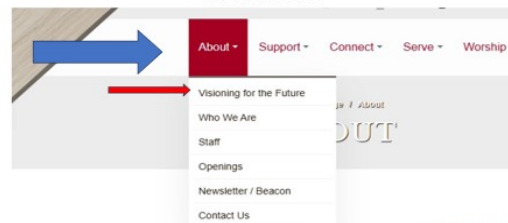


Below are some screenshots, showing where you can find information on our visioning/strategic plan resources on the church website: www.lightofchristlutheran.com

On our website Home Page we have a "revolving banner."
The image below is one of the prominent ways we alert people to the importance of this process.

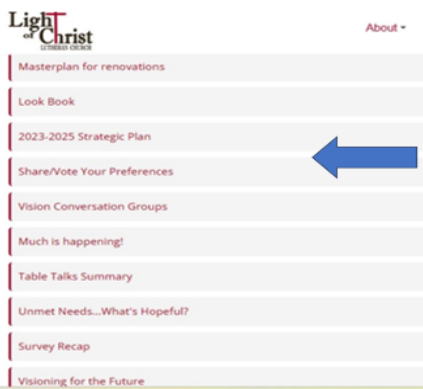


The tabs across the top give options for finding info about LOC. As you can see, Visioning for the Future shows up immediately under the About tab.



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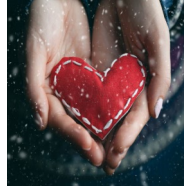
• Visioning for the
• Who We Are
• Staff



And then a wealth of
information is
immediately available
for learning

Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)



Happy New Year from your Healing and Wholeness Ministry Team! We have been richly blessed this past year as our Light of Christ family continues to grow in faith and caring for one another.

Through the guiding of the Holy Spirit, we have accomplished so much and remain energized and committed to move forward in 2024 with on-going education and projects toward ministering to those of us who struggle with mental illness, loneliness and life's ups and downs.

Please read our annual report for 2023 in the packet that comes out prior to the Annual Meeting this month to see what we have been up to. Thank you, God!

We want everyone to be reminded that we have an updated webpage under the LOC website. Search the "Support" and "Mental Health" tabs for important resources and education. Give it a look so you know what's there when you need support.

The **O.W.L.S** (Older Wiser Lutherans) group gathers on the **third Thursday of each month from 1 - 3PM**, so get ready to connect and have some fun together!! We have over 30 folks who signed up in October so let's get the ball rolling!! Please contact Sue Fink if you can help plan our activities or have questions/ideas.

We value and love each and every member of this church family and we want you to know it.

Sue Fink (chair), Lisa Hemmer, Lona Jose, Rachel Boyack, Elizabeth Kohlhof, Lisa Spencer

*"When you turn your worries into worship.
God will turn your battles into blessings."*

Thanks And Blessing From Love INC



We thank and pray for special blessings to all pastors, staff, church members, and volunteers who are committed and dedicated to sharing the Gospel.

Family Meals At Love INC Fresh Start Program

Serving a family meal at Love INC Heartland's Fresh Start Program is a simple, impactful way to show the love of Christ. We have multiple openings to fill from February to April. Sign Up On Meal Train: bit.ly/fsmeals23

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.





MEETING MINUTES

Stay Informed!

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

Sign Up to Serve a Lenten Supper!

Lenten suppers will be served prior to each Wednesday Lenten service from February 21 through March 20 (*no supper on Feb. 14/Ash Wednesday*). **Groups and/or individuals are invited to serve a Lenten supper.** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the office area; or you can contact Terri in the church office. A free-will offering taken at each meal may be used for a cause designated by the meal's hosts.



Lost & Found

Have you misplaced a travel mug? Hat? Scarf? Gloves? Please stop and check for any of your missing items on the table in the narthex.

These items will be donated to Love INC at the end of the month if not claimed.



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.



Seeing more videos on our Light of Christ Worship Services YouTube page?

We are currently transferring videos from our Devotions YouTube page to our worship page. That way we have all your videos in one place! If you would like to view them in a more organized manner, click on the "playlists" tab. There the videos will be divided into three different categories: Devotions, Sermons, and Worship Services. Please note, all YouTube live videos are listed under the "live" tab and are not in the "Worship Services" playlist.



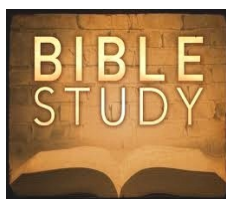
Women's Bible Study

The women's bible study has resumed and meets the **first and third Thursdays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Living Room at LOC through March.** The study we will be doing for this session is *Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation* by Nancy Guthrie. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com



Tough Questions for 21st Century Christians

Pastor Bruce will be leading a Bible study on the tough questions that we face as 21st century Christians today. We will meet on the **first and third Tuesdays** of the month in the Living Room from 7:45 - 8:45 PM. There is no need to register ahead of time. Just come as you are. There will be time for checking in, praying, conversation, and a biblical/theological presentation by



Pastor Bruce. The presentation will be recorded and posted on the Light of Christ website for those who can't participate in person. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Bruce with any questions you may have.

Confirmation Corner

(all nights are 6:30-8:00 PM
unless noted otherwise):



- ◇ **January 24** = Content Night
- ◇ **January 31** = Content Night
- ◇ **February 7** = Content Night
- ◇ **February 14** = Ash Wednesday (start of Lent—worship as a family)



7th grade serving at the Delano food shelf



**Jan 17,
2024**



Summer Trips Meeting!

- ◆ **What:** Meeting to learn more details about the March 17 fundraiser and also some Chicago trip details
- ◆ **Who:** Chicago & BWCA youth, adult leaders and at least one parent for each youth attending
- ◆ **When:** Wednesday, January 31
- ◆ **Time:** 8-9 pm
- ◆ **Where:** Sanctuary at LOC

Save The Date...and Your Donations!

We hope you'll join us for our fabulous youth fundraiser on **Sunday, March 17th** for a special St. Patrick's Day auction and dinner! And as you are doing "post-Christmas clean up," please remember the youth with any donations you might have that would be good for the auction... new and *gently used* items such as:



- Toys
- Unwanted Christmas gifts/gift cards
- Christmas Décor
- Jewelry
- Sports equipment
- Books
- No used clothing, please

Our auction will be online again this year from 7:00 AM–5:00 PM on March 17th, with items on display at church from 2:30-5:00 PM and then the dinner taking place from 5:00-7:00. Tickets for the dinner will go on sale beginning Sunday, February 25th. Thanks for your support of our summer HS trips!



Join us
on 3/17
for our
youth
fundraiser!





Register for Summer Bible Camp!

Registration opens today (**January 15**) for the reserved camp spots. The dates we have reserved are:

- WAPO Seeds (Grades 1-3): June 21-23
- Youth (Grades 4-6): June 23-28
- WAPO Youth: July 28-Aug 2, Aug 11-16

The registration link for Light of Christ congregation is <http://lwbci.com/loc-delano>.

HS Fellowship Begins on Sunday Nights!

After a few months of not having HS Fellowship on Wednesday nights (and trying Friday Night Lights instead), we've decided that we need a new time/event for our 9th - 12th grade youth to gather on a regular basis. Friday Night Lights will still take place the 2nd Friday of each month (and is open to 7-12 grade youth), but we've found this to be largely attended by grades 7 and 8, which is awesome!

So, we are going to give Sunday nights a try for grades 9-12 to gather. Beginning **Sunday, January 28th**, we invite our HS youth to hang out in the Living Room and have some time to connect and have fun with friends at church! Here are the details:



HS Fellowship for grades 9-12 starting again on Sunday nights!

Who: 9-12 grade youth (ALL are welcome, including friends)

What: Fellowship, food, fun and games at church!

When: Once a month on Sunday nights (first one on 1/28)... typically the last Sunday of the month. Future dates will be 2/25, March is TBD (with spring break and Easter), and 4/28. May is also TBD.

Time: 5-8 pm (supper included - won't always be pizza; some nights we'll cook together at church)

Cost: \$5/youth (to help cover the cost of food). Some nights might be more, depending on the meal.

Note: This will be an "open house" style where youth can come late or leave early, if needed.

Sign Up: Youth are encouraged to [sign up here](#) by noon the day of the event... but can also just show up. Signing up in advance will help Kirsten plan for food and adult leaders.

So, spread the word and we look forward to seeing you at the first one on January 28th!