



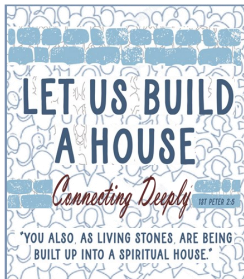
Worship

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



Church Council 2025

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NourishingHOPE

Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, April 14th

4:00-5:00 pm

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pickup on a first come, first serve basis at the following locations:

Corcoran

St. Thomas Catholic Church
20000 County Road 10
Corcoran, MN 55340

Rockford

Our Father's Lutheran
3903 Gilbert Ave SE
Rockford, MN 55373

Hanover

Influence Church @ City Hall
11250 5th Street NE
Hanover, MN 55341

Delano

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Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church
1601 Highway 25 North
Buffalo, MN 55313

Maple Grove

Rice Lake Bible Chapel
8801 Rice Lake Road
Maple Grove, MN 55369

For assistance locating a specific site or for questions, please contact us at

NourishingHOPE is a ministry of Our Father's Lutheran Church, in cooperation with area churches. Our vision is to relieve area food insecurity and promote wellness in mind, body, and spirit for people East-Central Wright County. For information on you or your organization partnering with NourishingHOPE, please visit our website at www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html

April Food Distribution

Serve a neighbor in need...help strengthen a ministry...put love and faith into action. Nourishing Hope Food Distribution. **Monday, April 14th**. Two opportunities:

- **10:00 AM** Food box packing. Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- **3:30 PM** Food distribution. Here at LOC. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)



THANK YOU!

Thank You for Your March Donations

Thank you for your generous donations for our March Food Month for the Delano Food Shelf. LOC has collected 481 lbs. in food donations as well as monetary contributions. Thanks also to those who contributed to Second Harvest for our March Fifth Sunday. We raised \$919 dollars to support this company that provides the food for our monthly food distribution and also provides food to the Delano Food Shelf. **Thank you for your continued generosity! It is God's wish that we help others in need.**

Shoe Collection/Recycling!

Do you have tennis shoes around home that you'd like to get rid of? We encourage you to drop them off at church to be recycled/donated through "Got Sneakers"! **Shoes can be in ANY condition as long as they are athletic shoes.** Old shoes will be recycled and newer ones will raise a small amount of money for our youth (a max of \$7/pair if they're in good shape). A collection bin can be found in the Fellowship Hall at LOC. *(Note: this project is being coordinated by Anneka Zaun for her National Honor Society project. Anneka went to Chicago last summer and is attending the N. Shore mission trip this summer!)*

EXTRA SHOES?



Be a part of a good cause and donate them!



Recycle



Re-use



Raise money

Drop your lightly used sneakers here!

600 million
people don't
even own a
pair of shoes

200 million
pairs of shoes
end up in the
landfill each
year

30-40 years
for shoes to
decompose



Here are a few of the LOC Helping Hands Food Shelf volunteers (left to right): JoMarie Williamson (Food Shelf co-director), Bea Zerull, Jewel Ekern, Maxine & Lowell Johnson, Sharon McKisson. Thanks for all you do to serve others!

We're Growing-Will You Follow Along?

Follow us on social media to stay updated on events, stories, and ways to get involved.



Join Our Social
Communities Here!
bit.ly/loveincsm



Heartland



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- ◇ **Maundy Thursday**, April 17th at 7:00 PM -
Worship with Holy Communion.
- ◇ **Good Friday**, April 18th at 7:00 PM -
"Service of the Nails," a meditative service
with scripture, prayer, and music.
- ◇ **Easter Sunday**, April 20th at 8:30 & 10:30 AM -
A blend of classic and contemporary worship
with many musicians, music, and plenty of
celebration!



The church office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

New Member/Partner Sunday

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Light of Christ, please contact the [church office](#) by **April 24th** for more information. Our next reception of new members/partners will be on **May 4th**.



THE HOOT NEWS

from Sue Fink

Happy SPRING!

Thanks to the folks at the Delano Senior Center for the wonderful meal and informative meeting on March 18th. We were pleasantly amazed that there is so much going on at the center, something to interest everyone. And, we're at just the right age to enjoy it. :)



This month, we are having a "Lunch and Learn" event on **Thursday, April 24th at noon**. We're having Subway sandwiches, chips, beverages and brownies. No need to bring any food this time. Please sign up so we know how much to order. Once we know the cost for each OWL, I'll let you know.

Our agenda for after lunch:

- **1 pm:** Andrea Karels with Iten Funeral Home will be speaking about the gift and importance of preplanning your funeral, both for peace of mind for you and your family, and to save future costs.
- **1:30 pm:** Rozlyn and Amy, lawyers in Buffalo, will join us to talk about estate planning and Elder Law.
- **2 pm:** Pastor Tim will provide forms and information so we can make our own choices for our church service, whether it be a funeral or Celebration of Life. This form, once completed, will be kept at LOC, and you're also encouraged to give one to a designated family member.
- **2:45 pm:** We'll hear from Jinnelle Weis regarding our Columbarium options, and someone from the Funeral reception volunteers will give us information and guidelines for serving our friends and family here at LOC.

Please bring your appetites and questions. It promises to be another enlightening afternoon! *Please COME!*

Your friends in Christ, *Sue, Bill, Jewel, Laurie, and Lona*

P.S. Our OWLS Bible study group is open to everyone. Come as you're able. We have 1 session left in our "Twelve Disciples" book. We next meet after service on **Sunday, April 27th at 10:45**.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Serve Day... Coming on May 10th!

On **Saturday, May 10th**, Light of Christ will be hosting our first annual Serve Day! On this day, we will all come together to help and support our church and community. Some of the projects may include volunteering at the Delano Food Shelf, Feed My Starving Children, local nursing homes, Love INC, as well as projects around church (light maintenance and cleaning, making cards for military members, outdoor projects, etc.). We know this is a busy weekend (with fishing opener and Mother's Day) but it would be wonderful if we could all come together to serve others and give back! Here is the link with more information and to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-56175820-serve#/>



This project is being coordinated by HS youth, Abby Gierke, for her NHS project (along with Kirsten Kelly). Thank you!

Classes for Parents of Youth

As chair of the Healing and Wholeness Committee, I (Sue Fink) want to share some of the great classes offered by NAMI MN (National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota). These classes are specific for parents of youth and are ZOOM classes so perhaps you can give these a try from your own home or computer. There is a current calendar with all the classes offered on www.namimn.org and some great education and resources, too.



Lunchbox Talks: 30 minute online conversations

Have you ever wished that someone would give you one solid skill that you could use with your child right now? Well, here it is. Join us for a 30 minute conversation that will focus on one practical skill each month for parents and caregivers that can change the trajectory of your relationship with your child. Included in your time with us, you will receive a brief introduction to the skill, be offered hands-on practice, and be provided resources to support you.

Time: 12:00 – 12:30 PM

- Wed, May 7: The Power of Validation
- Wed, June 4: Empowering Kids through Boundaries
- Wed, July 9: De-escalating Intense Emotions
- Wed, Aug 6: Accepting the Way Things Are
- Wed, Sept 3: Building Family Wellness
- Wed, Oct 1: Supporting Kids Struggling with Executive Functioning
- Wed, Nov 5: Don't Forget About Self-compassion
- Wed, Dec 3: Building your Team

[Click for Zoom registration link](#)

You're the Expert

This class stresses the value of parent engagement and advocacy to ensure the best care and treatment for your child in the doctor's office, the mental health system, and in public education settings. We focus on self care so parents and guardians can effectively advocate for their loved one in all settings.

- Thursday, May 22, 2025: 6:30 – 8:00 PM—[Zoom Registration Link](#)

Can You Help?

Take a look at our new **Time & Talent board** in the **Narthex, across from the Welcome Center!** You'll find large **Sticky Notes** with a variety of ways you can lend a hand.

It's easy to participate:

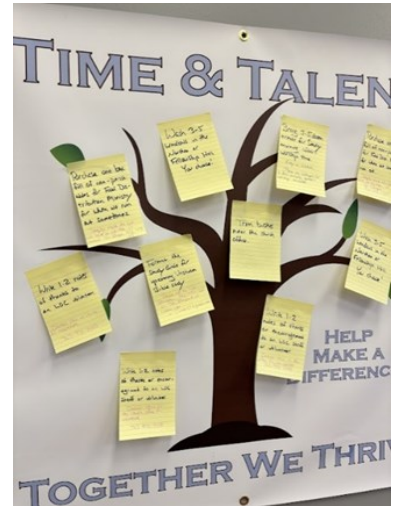
- ✓ **Browse the notes** to see current needs.
- ✓ **Find one that fits your gifts or schedule.**
- ✓ **Take it with you** as a reminder to follow through!

Here are a few examples:

- **Write 1-2 notes of thanks** to an LOC volunteer or staff member.
- **Donate a box of non-perishables** for our Food Distribution Ministry.
- **Help format the Study Guide** for the upcoming *Unshaken* Bible study.
- **Wash 3-5 windows** in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex.

Have a short-term need? If you're on a team and could use extra hands, add a Sticky Note to invite others to help!

Thank you for sharing your Time & Talents—*Together We Thrive!*



The final Lenten supper on April 9th was served by the Church Council. (left to right: Brandt Dinger, Pat Czock, Tim Current, Lisa Krause, Luke Jeseritz, Laurie Brown, Billie Chock, Heidi Goldbeck) Thanks to all the groups that served delicious meals! Great fellowship was had by many!

STAYING CONNECTED



Are you missing a coat, hoodie, cap, coffee/water mug, book, or something that you might have

left at church? Please check out the table of Lost & Found items in the fellowship hall entry area. Items not claimed by **May 1st** will be donated to Love INC.



Strength in Surrender

Sometimes, the harder we try to control everything, the more anxious we become. But what if surrendering to God actually makes us stronger? This week in *Unshaken: Trusting God in an Anxious World*, we'll explore how letting go deepens our trust and brings unexpected peace. If you've never been to a Bible study before, this is a great place to start! **Join us Thursday at 9:30 AM or 8:00 PM (note change in evening time this week due to Maundy Thursday)**—new faces always welcome.



SESSION FOUR from our Unshaken Bible Study is available for you. Contact the church office for a copy.

Everyone is invited to participate by attending our Thursday 9:30 AM session here at church or our 7:00 PM study session, also here at LOC.

Centralized Sign Up



We have a new way of sharing volunteer sign-ups... all in one spot! Scan this QR code or go to this link (www.linktr.ee/lightofchristvolunteers) to view the new *LOC Volunteer Sign Up*

Page. We hope this will make it easier to find the sign-ups and to volunteer!

CFM Position Will Open upon Retirement

OPEN POSITION

The "countdown to retirement" is both exciting and bittersweet. Light of Christ members and staff feel these same emotions for LaDonna Ekern as she anticipates her final workday as our Director of Children & Family Ministry on May 11th. Mark your calendars for an after-service celebration with LaDonna and Jewel on **Sunday, May 11th**.

The Personnel Committee has posted this 20 hr/week position on the [LOC website](#). Do you know strong candidates who should apply? Our kids deserve a leader with high energy and a huge heart — just what LaDonna has dedicated to the youngsters for the past 4 years.



Follow Us on Instagram!

Check out our new Instagram page! Our handle is [@delanolightofchrist](#). Scan the QR code to get directly to the page.

Planning to move?

Phone # or email address changed? Have you cancelled your landline? Please help us keep our records up-to-date by notifying [Terri in the church](#) office of any changes. Thank you!



April Friday Night Lights

Our next Friday Night Lights for youth in grades 7-12 will be on **April 25th**! But get ready for an off-site adventure, because Kirsten is planning something different! More details will be coming soon but talk to your friends, save the date and don't miss it! Note: this event might be a longer time frame (possibly 5 or 6 pm to 10 pm), so plan accordingly.



Bible Study/Discussion Group for Mom's of Pre-Teens/Teens

As we work to be a community where all feel connected and cared for, we are trying a new time/group for moms of pre-teens and teens. Join us on **Thursday, April 17th from 8:15-9:30 AM** (right after school drop-off) to meet with some other moms and talk about life, faith and parenting. This will be very laid back with zero prep or expectation. Coffee, creamer and treats provided. We'll discuss future meetings & times with those who attend or express interest... so email Kirsten if you're interested but cannot attend on 4/17. Please also contact Kirsten about any specific food needs/requests. Hope to see you there!



Sign Up for Summer Bible Camp and VBS!

Registration for camp at Camp Wapo! Scholarships will be provided again this year! Invite a friend and join us for a life-changing week at camp this summer!

- **Seeds (Grades 1-3): June 20-22**
- **Wapo Youth (Grades 4-8): June 22-27 and July 27-August 1**
- **Wapo One-Day (Grades 1 & up): June 25**

LOC Specific Registration Link: <https://lwlbc.com/loc-delano>



Looking for Mountains of Fun?



You Otter Be Here!

◇ New Friends ◇ Amazing Experiments ◇ Creative Games ◇ Super-Fun Snacks
◇ Surprising Adventures ◇ Incredible Music

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 13th – Wednesday, July 16th

5:00PM – 7:15PM

Register online:

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