

The Beacon

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

December 27, 2021

Worship

- In-person worship— 9:00 am Sundays masks required
- Online worship continues, and will be posted on the <u>church</u> <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u> page



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
- Relate to others for spiritual growth
- Give of my time, talents and resources

Contact us!

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Congregational Meeting January 30, 2022 at 10:15 am

You're Invited!

Weekly worship at Light of Christ at 9:00 am or streaming online via our **Facebook page**.



Niche Discount Price Deadline

To those who may be interested in purchasing a Columbarium niche, this is a friendly reminder that the special price of \$3610 **expires on 12/31/21.** After the new year the niche price will be \$3800/niche. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Bigot at amybigot@gmail.com.



STAYING CONNECTED

OUTREACH



The church office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 31.

Our Worship and Music Director, Katie Kohler, would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the musicians, soundboard volunteers, greeters, and readers who have gone the extra mile this



Christmas season! Thank you for sharing your time and talents during this busy time of year!

Thank you to all the children, parents, Sunday School leaders, and volunteers who helped make the 2021 Christmas program happen! The kids did a wonderful job in spreading Christmas joy to the Light of Christ family!

Stewardship 2022

If you haven't already submitted it, you can **complete** your 2022 pledge online at https://bit.ly/LOC-Campaign-2022

OR

Place your yellow pledge card in the offering plate

OR

Mail your pledge card to the church office at 3976 County Line Road SE Delano, MN 55328

God's Beloved 2022 Faith Commitment but commitment card in this envelope and bring to church on or before dship Sunday, November 21, or mail back. Your commitment will be the church office to help plan our church environment for 2022. Selved 2022 Faith Commitment Card in the anvelope and seal it, then place in the

2022 Pledges & Online Giving

If you need to change your automatic contribution amount due to your 2022 pledge, please log in to your <u>MyVanco account</u> or contact Terri in the church office to make the change. Your pledge card does not authorize the church to make these changes.

Caring Corner



by Sue Fink with the Healing and Wholeness Committee)

Your Healing and Wholeness Committee wishes you all God's blessings in the New Year!

We're starting out 2022 with a month spent praying together: privately, as a family, and as a congregation. The theme for January will be "31 Days, 31 Ways 2 Pray 4 Families," from author Catherine P. Downing. She writes from her strong base of Christian faith and a mother whose son has a chronic and serious mental illness.

Her introduction to this exercise explains it best:

"Families who walk alongside their loved ones in the labyrinths of mental illnesses are often hesitant to ask for prayer. They might feel others will judge them or their loves one, offer uninformed advice or initiate the gossip chain. But friends who observe or are aware of their journey don't necessarily need specific details to pray effectively."

Please join us in a daily prayer you will find on the Light of Christ Facebook page, in a daily email, or on our <u>website</u>. There will be printed copies of the entire month of prayers in the Narthex for you to take home, as you desire. This theme will also be featured in our Sunday services.

If you or someone you love lives through the ups and downs of mental illness, we pray for healing and peace that comes from nurturing and being rooted in our faith and trust in our God.

Catherine Downing wrote a blog on <u>sparksofre-</u> <u>demptpivegrace.com</u> called *Mental Illness, Prayer and Extravagant Grace* in which she shares her four personal prayer principles. We will highlight one each week of the month.

John 17:33: (Jesus) "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." **Amen!**

"Buy with Heart" this Christmas season

We invite you to visit our Equal Exchange (fair trade) table in the Narthex or click HERE for our online store for some great gift options! Items for sale include:

- Chocolate
- Coffee
- Теа
- Cashews
- LOC coffee mugs
- LOC masks

All sales support our summer youth trips as well as small farmers around the world! These items make great gifts for teachers, friends or stocking stuffers. Our Light of Christ kids shirts are also available for \$10 each and would make a great gift for your kids, if they don't already have one! Items can also be delivered for free around the Delano area and you can include a note and even gift wrapping. Thanks for your support and for "shopping with heart" this Christmas.





Summer 2022 HS Trip... Save the Dates!

We hope you can join us for a special trip this summer for HS youth... we will be attending the National Lutheran Youth Gathering on July 24-28, 2022! This gathering takes place every 3 years and rotates to different cities around the US... this summer it is taking place in Minneapolis at US Bank Stadium! Kirsten is working to arrange some service days following the trip so we'll most likely be gone from July 24-30, but more details will be coming soon! For now, put the dates on your calendar and talk to any LOC friends! Official registration will open on Sunday, January 23... which is when we will be sharing about our Summer 2021 Denver Trip in worship at 9 am. Thanks for your interest and support

of our youth ministries!



High School Ministries

Donuts & Discussion – We have started a new Bible study for HS youth called Donuts & Discussion (D&D). We will meet once/month on Sunday mornings, typically the first Sunday of the month, at 10:10 am in the newly remodeled space (The Living Room). We had originally planned to join the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study group but changed this and now will be meeting just as a HS group. These mornings will be a chance to hang out, talk about our highs and lows (faith and life) and have donuts. We hope you can join us for this great opportunity!

\Rightarrow Sunday, January 9th, 10:10 am

HS Fellowship – Each week our 9^{th} -12th grade youth will meet as a group on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:45 pm (but come when you are able) in the new Living Room space to share time with friends, have food, fellowship and fun! Bring a friend and enjoy some time in a safe space where all are welcome!

