



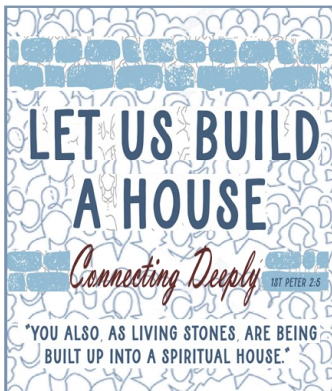
Worship

- In-person worship—**9:00 am Sundays**
- Online worship continues, and will be posted on the [church website](#) and [Facebook page](#)



Church Council 2023

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Annual Meeting Update

Thank you to everyone who helped make for a great start to 2023. In case you missed it, here's a link to a highlights video of 2022: https://youtu.be/EmZ-CgfSb_4 So very many things to celebrate! Thank you to each of you for helping so much ministry to happen!

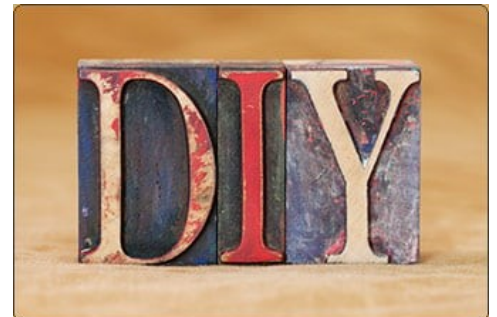
Important ministry and priorities give us opportunity to help make them happen. An increase of dollar a day. For 2023. That's what it would take from each Light of Christ household to meet our ministry needs for this new year. An important part of this is an increase in our youth ministry. As this ministry continues to grow, including some 35 (!!) youth signed up for this summer's mission trip, our need for sufficient staffing hours increases. Thankfully, Kirsten Kelly is at a place to grow in her role even as our ministry needs increase. A strong children, youth and family ministry is foundational to the vitality of our church. Thank you for considering an increase in your financial support of our ministry!

A full slate of new and returning Council, Committee and Team members were voted upon. We are committed to helping everyone find their best way to serve and to feel supported in their ministry. Most of our committee and team ministry happenings can be found [here on our website](#). Or, please reach out to any staff member with questions or to get connected. Many thanks for all who serve in these important ways!

A Strategic Plan was also shared which outlines some important priorities and steps forward in the coming year. Please [click here](#) for a copy of these areas of focus.

Sisters of LOC February Event

Please join the Sisters of LOC for a night of custom candle making and fellowship on Thursday, February 23rd from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Living Room (youth room). The cost is \$30 per candle and can be paid for by check to Kelly Harstad or venmo [@Kelly-Harstad](#). You may choose your own scent and customize your candle label. Refreshments will be provided. We hope you can make it! Sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4AA5A62CA64-candle>



Monthly Food Distribution

Our food distribution ministry, Nourishing Hope, needs volunteers for **Monday, February 13**. We have two time slots:

- **11:00 am** when we pack hundreds of boxes of food over at Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- **3:30 pm** when we distribute about 75 boxes of food right here in our church parking lot. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)

Or speak with Tim Johnson (952-472-1755)
Thank you!



The Delano Helping Hands food shelf is happy to take any donations of food and personal or cleaning products that are unopened and not expired. Our greatest need now is for the following:

- * Coffee/tea
- * Barbecue sauce
- * Sauce/spice packets (such as taco mix, chili mix, etc.)
- * Hearty soups that can be a meal (we get lots of tomato & chicken noodle)
- * Oatmeal and cereal
- * Paper products (paper towels and toilet paper)
- * Depends (for either men or women)



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.*

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.



Belize Fundraiser

March 5, 2023

-Auction = 3-5 pm

(begins online at 10 am)

-Spaghetti Dinner = 5-7 pm

(tickets go on sale beginning 1/29)

-Live Dessert Auction = 6:30 pm



Auction Donations Needed!

We'd love your help to make our fundraiser on Sunday, March 5th a HUGE success! One way you can do that is by thinking of items for auction donations. We encourage you to be creative and think outside the box... maybe you have a cabin or are willing to host a boat/dinner cruise? Do you have sporting tickets that you're willing to donate? Maybe you have a business or make awesome items that could be a great addition to our event... or maybe you have some things at home that have great value that you don't want or need any longer. This isn't a garage sale, but often there are items in our own homes that are new or *gently* used that would be great for our event! If you have questions, please contact Kirsten Kelly, Jennifer Slipka or Lesley Berscheid. **Donations are due by Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.** Thank you SO MUCH for your support!

New Invitation Team is forming!

This might be your opportunity to be involved. Here's some of what we'll be focusing upon:

- **Creating an outreach plan** to get the word out more effectively *into the community* about our church. As more and more people move into the Delano area, we want to have a strategy to connect with and invite our new neighbors. Think: publicity, mailings, social media, signs, flyers, and the like.
- While we need to create an outreach/invitation plan, we also want to focus on our own **personal invitations**, as well. Think: knowing one's own story, why you might invite someone, who you might want to engage, how to best reach out to someone.
- And when folks arrive, our team will oversee **exceptional hospitality**. Think: how our guests and members are greeted, how our after-worship hospitality best connects people, being genuinely welcoming of all.
- **Visitor follow-up** communicates that we know you were here. Think: how to best meet our guests' needs, how to best connect them with our church's programs and ministries, how we say thank you for being here...we'd love to see you again, what can we do for you?



If you're interested in more information or in serving on this new team, please contact Tim Johnson, tim.johnson@locdelano.com.

CHURCH NEWS



Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship on February 22nd. A meal will be served starting at 6 PM, with the service beginning at 7 PM, held in-person and live-streamed. There are options for you to participate in the imposition of ashes at home. If you would prefer “pre-made” ashes, we will have a limited supply available for pick-up at the church on Ash Wednesday, between 7:30 AM and 1:30 PM. We will also hold weekly Wednesday services beginning on March 1st. These services begin at 7 PM and incorporate the Holden Evening Prayer service. Supper will be served by the youth at 6 PM, preceding each Lenten service. They will continue through the season of Lent.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Voyagers (3rd & 4th graders) worked hard building the walls of Jericho. Trivia question: *to act out this story, the group walked around the city how many times before the wall fell?*



High School Fellowship

Join us for nights of fellowship, friends, faith, food and FUN! Here is our upcoming schedule (Wednesdays from 7:30-8:45 at LOC):

- Feb. 8—Karaoke Night
- Feb. 15—Spaghetti Dinner Placemats

Sign Up for Bible Camp!

Light of Christ spots reserved for dates listed until February 15

Congregation Registration Link: <http://lwlbc.com/loc-delano>

CHILDREN Kindergarten-2nd Grade

WAPO 1 DAY: K – 2nd June 28th Registration paid by LOC

CHILDREN Grades 1-3

WAPO SEEDS: Grades 1-3 June 23-25 LOC provides \$50

CHILDREN 4th-9th Grade

WAPO YOUTH: June 25-30, Aug 13-19 LOC provides \$100

GRANDPARENTS/GRANDKIDS

Grandparent Camp: July 18-21

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP WAPO

<https://lakewapo.org>



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