



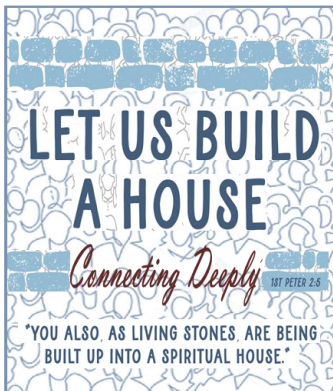
Worship

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



Church Council 2024

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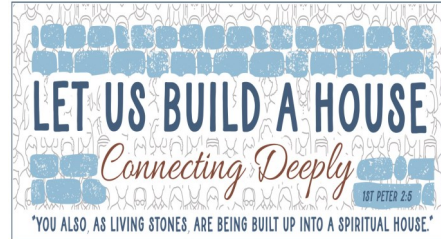


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Light of Christ Members/Partners,

We would like to update you on the projects approved from the Capital Appeal.

With the \$194,000 we have pledged over the next three years, the vote supported the following projects:

- Sanctuary live stream cameras: \$6,000
- Electronic Building Security: \$18,000
- Steeple/Ceiling Repair: \$15,000
- Parking Lot mill & overlay: \$71,00
- Remaining to Fellowship Hall: \$84,000

With contributions received through the end of July we have a balance of \$59,650 to spend on the approved projects. This allows us to complete the first three priorities. We have been working on the Steeple/Ceiling Repair (as you may have noticed), and we are moving forward on the cameras and security. We will activate work on the parking lot once we have received the full amount to pay the \$71,000.

As a reminder, the pledges were made over a three year period, so this may take some time. We are hopeful we can complete the parking lot in 2025, and will keep the congregation updated on timing once we know what that will be.

If you still want to pledge or want to increase your pledge, please email the Church Office or fill out a pledge card and drop it in the offering plate.

Thanks for your support!

Your Church Council, Appeal Leadership Team, and Building Committee

CONNECTING

— 2024 —



September Fifth Sunday Contributions

For the Fifth Sunday in September, we will be collecting contributions to help buy a van for Pastor Kebin's church in Belize. We have set up a link on the [online giving page](#) for you to contribute to the September Fifth Sunday offering, or you can designate your offering for the van in the offering plate, or you can also send a check to Terri at the office. Thanks for supporting all the efforts Pastor Kebin and his team do to support those in Belize.

KIDS HOPE USA

Light of Christ has been partnering with an exciting program called KIDS HOPE USA and Delano Elementary the last two school years and it has been VERY successful. We are excited to have most of last year's volunteer mentors return and are also hoping to add a few more mentors. Volunteer LOC mentors spend **one hour mentoring one child, one day a week at the elementary school during the school year and we do our best to work with your schedule.** Delano Elementary staff selects the students. The primary goal of this one hour is **building a friendship relationship with the student, having fun, and to help the child feel more comfortable in their school setting.** We are happy to tell you more about the program if you are interested in joining us. This very successful program has been helping kids for over 25 years and is located in more than 40 states including MN. We look forward to talking with you about Kids Hope. If you are interested, please talk to Terri at the LOC office and she will connect you with us. Thank you!



September Food Distribution

Thanks to so many of you who help this ministry serve our neighbors in need! Every month Light of Christ joins with five other West Metro churches to provide boxes of food -- dairy, produce, breads, other items. All six churches provide volunteers to help load some 700+ boxes of food at Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford from 10 AM to about noon. And then at 3:30 PM, another group of volunteers meet in our parking lot to prepare for 4-5:00 PM distribution to those who come. Many of our guests are further agents of compassion as some of them then deliver to other family or neighbors in need. All in all, this is a rewarding way to connect with other church members, express one's Christian faith, and make a real difference in the lives of others. Often, we offer faith and encouragement booklets to those interested, and we always pray for the needs of those who share their prayer requests with us.

Our next food distribution is **Monday, September 9th**. Below are the links to sign up. No experience necessary. We have grade school youth to retired folks in friendship and service together. Any questions, please reach out to Tim Johnson (952/472-1755). Thank you for praying for this ministry!

- **10:00 AM** packing food boxes—[click here](#)
- **3:30 PM** distributing boxes of food right here in our church parking lot—[click here](#)

Attention LOC Gardeners!

If your garden is overflowing with goodness, the Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf is happy to take any extra produce off your hands! You can drop off produce at the Food Shelf between 5-6 on Tuesdays or 9-11 on Thursdays. If those times don't work for you, call us at 763-972-4455 and leave a message. We will get back to you to schedule another drop off time. Or, text Jo Williamson at 602-501-7903 to make arrangements.



Women's Bible Study Resuming

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 **will meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at LOC. The first Monday of the month we will meet in the Living Room. The third Monday of the month we will meet in room 106. If you need to leave by 7:30 that is okay. We will use the last 30 minutes for social time if people want to spend some time visiting. We will meet September – April 7. We will not meet in December. The first meeting will be September 16. If you can't make it every time that is okay! We want you to come when you can.**

The study we will be doing for this session is "Meeting the Spirit" by Douglas Connelly. Below is a summary of the study. Source: [Meeting the Spirit, LifeGuide Topical Bible Studies: Douglas Connelly: 9780830830688 - Christianbook.com](http://Meeting%20the%20Spirit,%20LifeGuide%20Topical%20Bible%20Studies:%20Douglas%20Connelly:9780830830688-Christianbook.com)

"Who is the Holy Spirit? How does he change our lives? How does he work in the world? These ten studies will help you examine these and other critical questions. The Spirit of God is eager to work in your life and draw you to God. These studies cover the specific aspects of the Spirit, including "The Spirit Invades" and "The Spirit Transforms." Come and meet the Spirit."

If you are interested in participating, please respond to Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com
We hope to see you there!



Help Fill the Fridge!!!

As we all know, "Food is Fellowship!" And this includes having snacks and drinks for the youth as we gather throughout the year. We invite any donations of drinks or snacks for the Living Room that can be available to our youth when we gather on Wednesdays or for special events. Whether it's leftover soda or juice boxes from this summer (or grad parties) or something you're willing to purchase... we'd love to have our fridge and cupboards filled with drinks/snacks for upcoming Wednesday nights! Donations can be dropped off in the Living Room anytime. If you would like a charitable donation receipt, please contact Kirsten. Thanks for your partnership in ministry!



THE HOOT

Coming events for we "Older, Wiser Lutherans." Please join us!

Fall is coming and along with it, opportunities for crisp air and colorful scenery. Sooooo -

- * **September 19th** we are going to the Hemker Zoo in Freeport, a 1 hour 20 minute drive up I-94 west. It is a really special, up close and personal zoo with a huge variety of animals, including giraffes and rhinos! We will meet at LOC at 9am and carpool. Afterwards we'll stop half-way home at Silver Creek and have lunch at the "Up the Creek" Grill and Bar.
- * **October 17th** will be lunch at the Carlson Orchard near Winsted. They have new owners and the restaurant is reopening in September. Their pies are to-die-for, and you can get your supply of fresh apples and cider too.
- * **BIBLE STUDY resumes on September 15th** each Sunday after church service (we'll skip September 29th for Pastor Bruce and Cynthia's farewell reception). We continue with the "Growing Older and Wiser" book, lesson 5.

If you have any questions or ideas to offer, feel free to call Sue Fink at 612-270-0172. We can always plan some extra events, such as a cruise on Lady of the Lake in Excelsior or a trip to the Arboretum. I'd love for us to attend a holiday concert or play!



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Light of Christ, please contact the [church office](#) for more information, or watch for information on our next reception of new members/partners later this fall.

Light of Christ is turning 40!

2025 is the 40th anniversary of Light of Christ. The Church Council is planning to appoint a 40th Anniversary Committee of four to six people to spearhead our celebration. We'd like to have an anniversary committee that reflects the make-up of the congregation: male and female, different ages, long-time members/partners and newer members/partners, and so forth. If you'd like to be considered to serve on this committee, please let a member of the Church Council know of your willingness to serve. Thank you!



Adult Choir Begins Soon!

Adult choir rehearsals begin September 10th! All levels are welcome. We rehearse every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30. Attendance at all rehearsals is not mandatory. We will sing Sunday, September 29th at Pastor Bruce's farewell service as well. If you are interested in being a part of choir in general or just that performance, come to the first rehearsal! Contact Katie with any questions.

The Minneapolis Area Synod invites you



to a Festive Service of Holy Communion and the Installation of The Reverend Jen Nagel as Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod ELCA.

- * Saturday, September 21 at 10:30 AM
- * Central Lutheran Church, 333 South 12th St., Minneapolis
- * A light reception will follow the service



Rally Sunday!

Join us on **September 8th** for Rally Sunday as we kick off our fall programming! We are incorporating the start of our Global Barnyard mission activity so will have a barnyard theme, along with some bluegrass music. All are encouraged to dress up in their country best! We will have fellowship and games following worship. All are welcome!

While the children love the various games, they love getting prizes even more. We compiled a list of specific items we could use. See the SignUp Genius link below. There is also a place on the sign-up for adults/youth to volunteer to help with the games on Rally Sunday. Thank you – your support of our Children's Ministry means the world!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-50585841-rally>



Register Your Youth for Fall Ministries!

- ⇒ **Voyagers** (1st- 3rd grade; 2024-25 year): <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Voyagers.20216689919>
- ⇒ **Pathfinders** (4th-6th grade; 2024-2025 year): <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Pathfinders.202161654>
- ⇒ **Confirmation** (7th-9th grade; 2024-2025 year): <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Confirmation2024-25>