



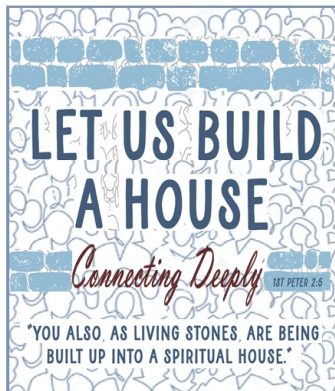
Worship

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



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Walk a Mile in My Shoes

Light of Christ Lutheran Church Wednesday, October 2 at 5 pm



We'll have a short program followed by a walk. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children/youth.

- *5:00 pm - Meet in the Sanctuary at Light of Christ for a short presentation.
- *5:15 pm - Leave LOC for the "Walk a Mile in my Shoes" event. We will walk the sidewalk from LOC to the cemetery down County Line Road and back.
- *5:45 pm - Pizza and fellowship

Please RSVP (scan the QR code to the right) if you will be joining us for free pizza dinner served at 5:45 pm.



*The first week of October is Mental Illness Awareness Week.
Join the Healing and Wholeness Committee and Children and Youth
Ministries to bring awareness to mental health.*

Wear green for mental health!

Call Committee Update

We hope this message finds you well. We want to provide you with an update regarding our search for a new pastor. We are excited to share that we have identified a candidate of interest who aligns well with our church, community, and values.

However, we want to be transparent that there are some obstacles to work through before the candidate can make a final decision. We are working closely with both the candidate and the church council in this process and we are committed to navigating these challenges thoughtfully. We will continue to keep you informed as best we can as we progress through the process.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this important time for our church. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work toward a positive outcome.

The Call Committee



Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)

Hello, Light of Christ Family! The first week of October is Mental Illness Awareness Week. The Healing and Wholeness Ministry has moved the *Walk-a-Mile-in-my-Shoes* event from May to **October 2nd** in order to collaborate with our youth and confirmation programs. As you know, sadly, mental illnesses such as anxiety and depression are now so common among our children. We encourage all to learn more and be able to support anyone struggling with their emotions and thoughts, and we feel strongly that youth and caregivers need to be equipped to recognize, come alongside, and help in these situations.

LaDonna and Kirsten have created a special evening to include Mental Health awareness and education for our kids and confirmation students, but we invite **ALL** LOC members to join in our one-mile walk at 5 PM and then enjoy pizza (funded by the Healing and Wholeness Ministry) and fellowship. We will have resources available but also encourage you to find a wealth of information on <http://www.lightofchristlutheran.com> under *Support/Mental Health*.

We will collect donations for NAMI Minnesota!

Your sign-up is important to assure we order the right amount of pizza!!! Please watch for the QR code included in the flyer being distributed via Facebook, the Beacon (*page 5*), and the bulletin so you can sign up online. If needed, you may call the church office to RSVP. Thanks!

Wednesday October 2nd

***5:00 PM - Meet in the Sanctuary at Light
of Christ for a short presentation.***

5:15 - Walk to Elm Ave and back

5:45 - PIZZA for all who walk

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Wear green for mental health!

(See flyer on page 1 for QR code to sign up)



Thank you

Thank you to the Healing & Wholeness Committee, and Kirsten and LaDonna, for organizing the mental health walk happening on October 2nd. Awareness of mental health is so important and needed.

Al Bunker

THANK YOU!

October Food Distribution

Serve a neighbor in need...help strengthen a ministry...put love and faith into action. Nourishing Hope Food Distribution. **Monday, October 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>)



FYI

The church office will be closed on Monday, October 7th.

September Fifth Sunday Contributions

For the Fifth Sunday in September, we are 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. Please make your donation by **October 3**.



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.

Volunteer in Love INC Heartland Thrift Stores

It takes many hands to support our Thrift Stores. Curious to learn more? Fill out an interest form today: bit.ly/loveincvolunteer



Serve a Meal at Love INC Heartland

Build community by serving (or financially sponsoring) a meal at our Fresh Start Program beginning in September! Fresh Start is a series of life skills courses we offer to our neighbors in need. Before each class, we serve a meal to promote a sense of family. Sign Up Today: bit.ly/fsmealtrain

Finding Your Stories

We become who we are by the stories we tell and the listeners who hear them. Simply put, stories can be a powerful way of sharing our faith or transformative moments in our lives. But sometimes, we convince ourselves our stories aren't worthy, and once we've done that, we have difficulty hearing other people's stories. At other times, we live in such small spaces that the set of stories we have available is pretty limited (thank you, social media).

Join us for a workshop with Dr. Mary Hess, professor of educational leadership at Luther Seminary, who will share a simple recipe for listening to, and then telling, a story. Don't worry about whether or not you have a story to tell; simply join us after worship on a Sunday morning for a fun experience. We will meet for an hour and a half on October 13th at 11 AM, and again on October 27th for an hour of optional practice and a time of story sharing. To sign up, contact Paul Nelson at pnnelspa@gmail.com.



Women's Bible Study

The women's bible study **meets 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 through April 7. We will not meet in December. 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. If you are interested in participating, please respond to Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com We hope to see you there!

New Member/Partner Sunday

If you or someone you know is interested in joining



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Light of Christ, please contact the [church office](#) for more information, or watch for information on our next reception of new members/partners on **November 10th**.

THE HOOT

September 2024 Newsletter for the OWLS (*Older Wiser Lutherans*) by Sue Fink



The cooler fall weather is upon us and with it some fun and interesting outings/offerings:

- ♦ **October 17th** we head to Carlson Orchard near Winsted to purchase apples, pies, and gifts, and have lunch at their newly owned restaurant. Details to follow.
- ♦ Bible Study meets after Sunday service at 11:00 AM. We continue our study of *Growing Older and Wiser*. Please invite others and contact Sue Fink if you need a book or lesson copies.

Thanks to Jinnelle, Lona, and Jewel who have volunteered to help plan our monthly gatherings. Please share any ideas you have with them.

I encourage you to check our bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for events and services announced in the Delano Senior Center Newsletter.



Adult Choir has resumed

Adult choir rehearses every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 PM. Attendance at all rehearsals is not mandatory. Contact Katie with any questions—
katie.kohler@locdelano.com



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!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

An important aspect of both Voyagers and Pathfinders is the Readers Theater telling of the Bible Story. In Voyagers, the Readers Theater group is a highlight as our children are always attentive and engaged. In Pathfinders, our small groups do the Readers Theater in their unique manner. Below is our 5th grade group!



Explorers—Adult Assistants Needed!

Explorers are our 3-year-olds -- 2nd graders that are dismissed from Sunday worship service following the Children's Message. They gather for approximately 20 minutes for an age-appropriate Bible story and activity. We have several dedicated people who have agreed to take the lead teacher position for Explorers. Keeping with our Safe Sanctuary policy to keep kids safe, we do need a second adult to be present with the class and to assist as needed. Please sign up to help keep our Explorers exploring God's Word. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-50886125-explorers>

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!



God's Global Barnyard

Global Barnyard is part of the ELCA Good Gifts program. An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Some animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops, wool to make clothes, and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



Last year the children of Light of Christ, with your help and support, raised **\$1524.52** for the Global Barnyard. There are several ways you can help.

- ⇒ **PIGGY BANKS:** Take a piggy bank – fill it and bring it back **October 27**.
- ⇒ **GIVE ONLINE:** Go to [Light of Christ's home page](#) – click the **GIVE** tab – it will take you to the link to give online.
- ⇒ **NOISY OFFERING:** Save up those coins and bring them on **Sunday, October 27** for our Noisy Offering! What a treat to help others get out of poverty!

Confirmation Corner

This year we have 63 youth in our Confirmation ministry (grades 7-9) along with 21 adult Guides/Subs and many HS Junior Guides! We also have a great group of 10th graders that are going through their Mentoring sessions before being confirmed next spring. *Thank you for keeping these ministries, volunteers, youth, and their families in your daily prayers throughout the year!* If you are reading this and want to support the youth and families involved in this ministry, we ALWAYS welcome donations to our scholarship fund...this mainly helps with more expensive things like retreats, camps, and trips. **THANK YOU** for your partnership in ministry (and support of our youth)!



Confirmation Jr. Guides

Youth in grades 10-12 are invited to help as a Jr. Guide for Confirmation! This is a great way to connect with other HS youth, grow in your leadership skills (and put on applications/resumes) and have a lot of fun! Youth can help as little or as much as they are able. Talk to Kirsten if you are interested! Here's what the Wednesday schedule will look like:

- 6:45-7:15 PM = Meet with Heidi Wuerger (and other trusted adults) in the Living Room to hang out, have snacks/pizza and share highs and lows
- 7:20-8:00 PM = HS Youth meet with the Confirmation small groups to assist the Guides

Fall Confirmation Retreat!

We are SO excited to have a fall Confirmation retreat again this year (after not being able to find dates that worked last year). All youth (grades 7-10) are expected to attend (and truly won't want to miss out!). Here are the details:

When? 5:30 PM, Friday, November 1st – 1:00 PM, Sunday, November 3rd

Where? Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI

Who? Grades 7-10 and adult volunteers from LOC

What? An incredible faith and relationship-building weekend filled with campfires, games, important conversations, time with friends and lots of good food 😊

Why? We know that these longer times together provide a unique opportunity to grow deeper together in our friendships and relationship with God. We love our Wednesday nights, and yet these retreats are often “where the magic” happens – that so many youth talk about in their Faith Statements when they are confirmed! For that reason, we say that these retreats are “required” for all Confirmation youth, because we know how important and significant they are! Please put it on your calendar and make it a priority... you'll be glad you did.

Cost? \$225/youth – this covers the retreat fee (\$185), transportation, supplies, snacks and adult costs (our adults attend free). If this fee is prohibitive, **PLEASE** reach out to Kirsten. We want all youth to attend, no matter what. Partial or full scholarships are available!!!

Register online at this link: <https://wlbc.com/ignite2024>



Friday Night Lights!

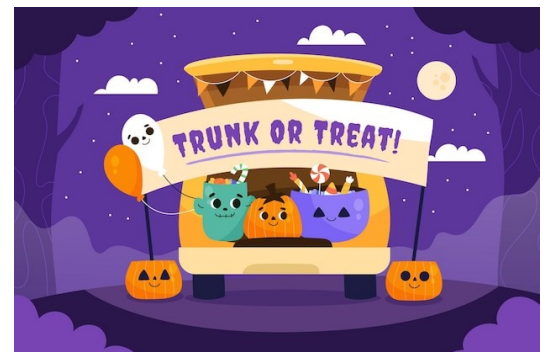
This fall, we will have our first Friday Night Lights (FNL) event on **October 4th**. These nights, for grades 7-12, are open to all youth... so invite a friend and come hang out at church! We'll have snacks, pizza, night games and more! Since we have our Confirmation Retreat on November 1-3 (for grades 7-10), that will take place of our November FNL. More details to come about future FNL dates. Here are the details for October:

- **Who:** 7-12 grade youth and friends!
- **Where:** Living Room at Light of Christ
- **When:** Friday, October 4th
- **Time:** 7:00-10:00 PM
- **Sign Up:** [Online by 4 PM the day of the event](#)



Trunk or Treat this Fall!!

We are hosting Trunk or Treat at Light of Christ again this fall on **Sunday, October 27 from 3-5 PM!** This is a fun, family event where kids of all ages can dress up and go "trunk to trunk" to get a treat and have fun at church! We are looking for people/families to put together a theme-based trunk and also need donations to hand out (candy, pencils, snacks, etc). If you are interested in hosting a trunk or possibly even working with Kirsten on some of the details, please contact her at Kirsten.Kelly@locdelano.com!





Boxes packed: 96
Meals: 55,296
Kids fed a daily meal
for a year: 151
Cost: \$16,035

Confirmation Service Event at Feed My Starving Children 9/25/24

Confirmation Calendar

(All events are 6:15-8:00 PM unless noted otherwise. See more details included on this page.)

10/2 = Teaching Night & "Walk A Mile" Event
(see article below for more info)

10/9 = Teaching Night

10/16 = No Confirmation

10/23 = Teaching Night

10/30 = Teaching Night (and Mission Trip Info Meeting/Registration Opens!)

11/1-11/3 = Fall Retreat for grades 7-10!



Join us on October 2nd... all are welcome!

Join us for a special event to raise awareness for Mental Health on Wednesday, October 2nd! Here's the schedule:

- **5:00 PM** - Meet in the Sanctuary for a short presentation
- **5:15 PM** - Leave LOC for the "Walk a Mile in my Shoes." We'll walk from LOC to Elm Ave. and back. Each participant will receive some fun things and snacks!!
- **5:45 PM** - Free pizza provided by Healing & Wholeness Team!
- **6:15-8:00 PM** - Confirmation Teaching Night

Other notes:

- All are welcome but we strongly encourage Confirmation youth and families to attend before Confirmation that night!
- This will be the activity that night for Pathfinders (4th-6th grade). Parents are encouraged to stay and participate!!
- [Sign up here to register for pizza that night!](#)