



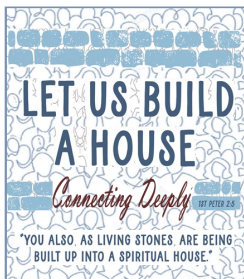
Worship

- 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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Light of Christ Columbarium – Ultimate Gift to Your Loved Ones

In April the Light of Christ OWLs hosted a lunch and learn sharing information on “End of Life Planning.” Light of Christ is blessed to have been able to highlight our own **Columbarium and Memorial Garden** as a wonderful option in end-of-life planning. Offering a Columbarium on the grounds of Light of Christ fulfills the church’s mission to oversee the spiritual life of its congregation from baptism through life to death. Beautiful landscaping provides a peaceful space for prayer, remembrance and meditation.



The Light of Christ structure houses 96 niches with each niche built to accommodate two urns. Current and past members of Light of Christ and members of their immediate families are eligible to choose the Columbarium as their final resting place.

We invite you to take a moment to visit our **Columbarium and Memorial Garden** and experience first-hand the tranquility and beauty it has to offer. Then consider the gift you give to your family and loved ones by making end-of-life plans prior to death. A gracious gift providing peace of mind and a forever beautiful place of remembrance.

If you have questions or would like additional information regarding the Light of Christ Columbarium and Memorial Garden contact the following Board of Trustee members (Ann Bassett; Tom Sebelien; Jinnelle Weis) or the church office.

We’d Like Your Feedback!

A worship survey was sent out last Monday to gauge interest and feedback for the possibility of adding a second service in the future. Check your emails (or [click this link](#)) and complete the survey by **June 2nd**! Thank you!



**Starting on May 30th,
the church office will
be closed on Fridays
through August 29th.**

Blessed Monday to you!

There is an old song that goes, “don’t build your house on a sandy land, don’t build it too near the shore...” it goes on to talk about how if your faith isn’t resting on Jesus, life will blow you around. However, if you rest your faith in Jesus, you will have solid foundations. It is based on Matthew 7 and through the storms last week it kept running through my head. The best news is that our faith **is** built on the solid rock of Jesus.



The good news is that so is our church (metaphorically and physically). The bad news is that our parking lot is not. The ground that the south part of our parking lot is built on a bad foundation and the quote we got last year did not take that into account. You may have noticed as you drove in that the south side of the parking lot has broken up far more than the north half. When the company looked at this, they thought we were lucky we did not do the work that was bid last year, because the next time we had a bad winter it would once again need major repair. Instead, they believe we need to put a better foundation under the south side of the parking lot.

Here is what we know right now:

- 1) The company advised us not to do the work that we accepted last year at the special meeting in July, because if we execute the former bid, they do not believe it will last without fixing the foundation.
- 2) They have issued us new bids with the foundational work included, which not surprisingly, are higher.
- 3) The council, because of the increase, has asked for at least another bid to be sought on this work.
- 4) After the new bids have come in, we will need to have a congregational meeting to use more of the funds that are being collected for the capital appeal to fund the parking lot (as long as the congregation is willing to allocate those further funds to this project).
- 5) We are looking for ways to act on the worst spots of the parking lot right now while this process moves forward.

If you have questions or concerns, you can come and talk to me or your council representatives. Know that we know how much the parking lot needs fixing but also do not want to waste the resources that God (and you!) have provided by patching a parking lot instead of fixing it the right way.

Blessings,

Pastor Tim

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Sunday Announcements



If you would like to share any church-related announcements on Sunday morning, please let Katie know by the Wednesday prior to the service. We will do our best to accommodate, but there may be Sundays where we cannot fit it in, and another Sunday may work better. Thank you!

Donate from Your Smart Phone

Light of Christ offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader or go to the [church website](#) and locate the online giving page.





The HOOT!! OWLS Newsletter for May 2025 by Sue Fink

With the warm weather back, it's time for some outdoor fun with the OWLS!! Your planning committee has lots of great events ahead!

- ◇ **June 26th, 10am:** Bike/hike/yard games at Lake Rebecca Park. BBQ potluck for lunch.
- ◇ **July 17th, 9am:** Annual Art Fair at Munsinger Gardens in St. Cloud. There will be over 60 artists, food, live music.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a season (a time appointed) for everything and a time for every delight and event or purpose under heaven-"
Amplified Version

Annual Church Picnic

Join us for fellowship and fun at the Church Picnic on **Tuesday, June 10th from 6:00-7:30PM**. We will be serving dinner in the front of the church. Let us know how many will be attending! Picnic food includes: chicken (grilled or breaded), Jojo potatoes, coleslaw, and bread catered by Coborn's. All you need to bring is a lawn chair and your appetite! Sign up **by June 8th** on the SignUp Genius link here if you can attend. Please indicate if you would prefer grilled or breaded chicken.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D48AFA729A1FF2-56944617-church>



Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).

Follow Us on Instagram!

Check out our new Instagram page! Our handle is **@delanolightofchrist**. Scan the QR code to get directly to the page.



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

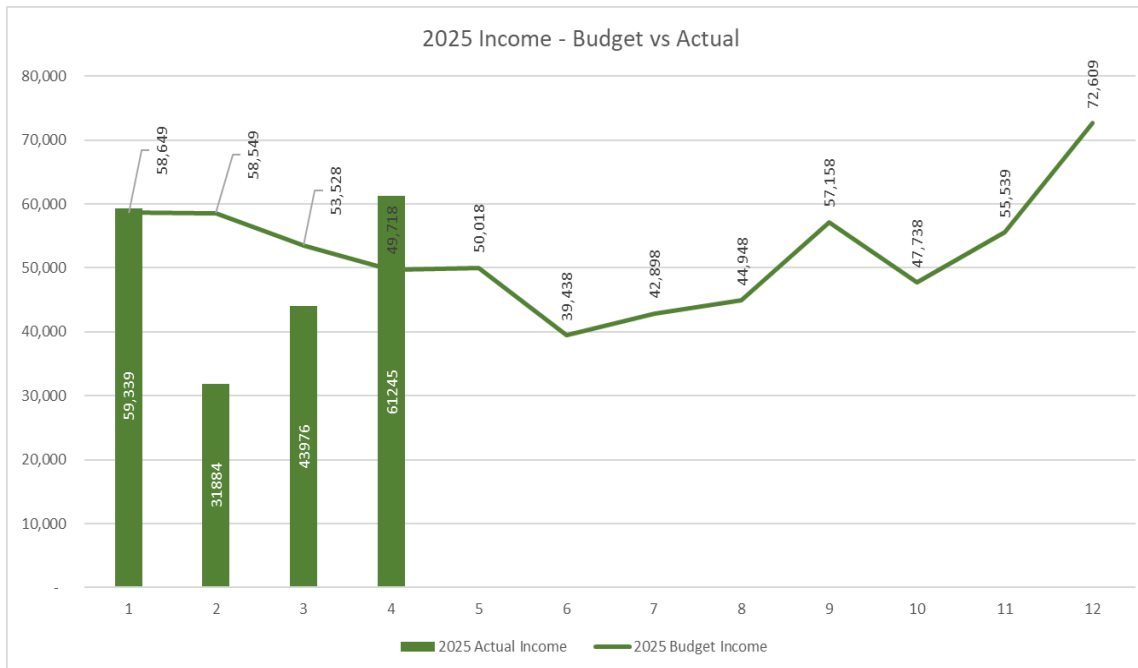
200 million
pairs of shoes
end up in the
landfill each
year

30-40 years
for shoes to
decompose

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 or Narthex 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!)

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – April 2025

- YTD Budget \$220,444
- YTD Actual \$196,444
- Year to Date Actual is **\$24,000** below budget
- Increased giving in April



Investing in Ministry Together

Our ministry is strong, our mission is clear, and our calling is shared. But like many churches, Light of Christ is currently behind on giving compared to our expenses. We all share in the joy and responsibility of fueling the work God has entrusted to us. Please take a moment to assess your giving. Can you catch up on your pledge? Could you make an extra gift as a statement of your faith and commitment to what God is doing among us? Your generosity matters.

💬 *“You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.” – Amy Carmichael*

📖 *“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.” – Proverbs 3:9*

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!

Director of Children & Family Ministry Position

OPEN POSITION

The Personnel Committee has posted this 20 hr/week position on the [LOC website](http://www.lightofchristvolunteers.com). 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



**Feed My
Starving
Children
Serve Day
Project
5/10/25**

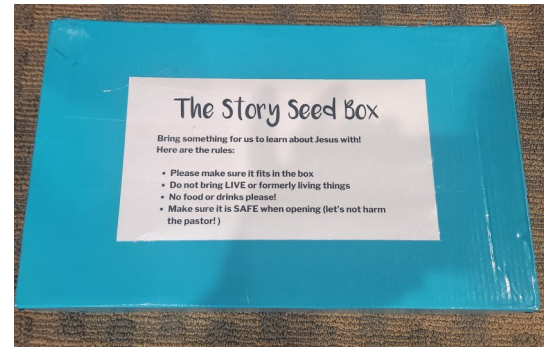


Serve Day

5/10/25

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

This is a question that Pastor Tim will not be able to answer until he opens the box in worship. During the children's message, Pastor Tim receives the box, opens it and then will connect what is in the box to the children's message. Does your child think they can stump Pastor Tim? Here's the chance to find out! Sign up your child (1 year old-2nd grade) for a Sunday when you will be in worship. You can pick up the box the Sunday prior or during the week (the box will be on a shelf in the church library). If you want, your child can bring the item on Sunday and sneak it into the box without Pastor Tim seeing it before worship. Sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-56773893-thebox>



Volunteer or Donate Supplies for VBS

We are also looking for your help with donating supplies and volunteering your time. We are looking for volunteers the week of VBS to be a Crew Leader, Jr Crew Leader, or Registration Leader! We are also looking for volunteers to help with decorating and clean up. Please review both Sign-Up Genius links below and come join in our fun!! We hope to see you there! Thank you for helping to make VBS a great experience for our kids at Light of Christ! Please contact Brittany Hartnett at loc.vbs@yahoo.com with any questions.

Thank you, *Children Family Ministry Team*

Donations: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-56877244-vbs2025>

Volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-56878197-vbs2025>

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

Register online at link or QR code below:
<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/TrueNorth>

