



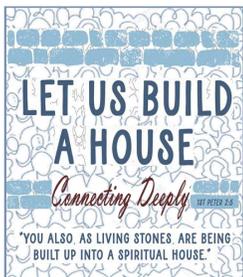
Worship

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



Church Council 2025

Laurie Brown (sec'y.)
Billie Chock (pres.)
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Congratulations, Confirmands! April 27, 2025

Affirmation of Baptism

On Sunday, April 27th, 15 tenth graders affirmed their baptism and confirmed their faith in Christ. We celebrate with these youth and hold them in prayer as they take this next step in their faith journey: Jackson Althoff, Camden Bidle, Cayden Bragg, Ian Caple, Danny Chock, Addison Dallmann, Brady Green, Brayden Gross, Emerson Hinker, Grace Horeis, Kali Larson, Katelyn Nielsen, Tate Olson, Taylor Olson, and Collin Schmidt.



April 30th was the last day of Voyagers & Pathfinders for the school year.

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!)*

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
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Gift A Meal at Fresh Start



Sharing a meal gives opportunity to build community. Sign up to serve a meal bit.ly/fsmealtrain or give a gift of \$150 to support a meal for this program bit.ly/give2loveinc Spring session begins on Monday, May 5, 2025.

Volunteer In Our Thrift Stores

We rely on dedicated volunteers to help our stores run smoothly. Our Howard Lake location is seeking more volunteers. Become a store volunteer today: bit.ly/loveincvolunteer

“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” – 1 John 3:18
Connecting with Our Neighbors

May Food Distribution

Each month, *Light of Christ* shares food and kindness with our community as part of *Nourishing Hope's* network of six churches. We distribute nearly 100 food boxes—no sign-ups, no qualifications, just a warm welcome.



On the second Monday of each month, our *Truck Bosses* pick up a trailer, load collected empty boxes (thanks to our friends at the liquor store who call us the *Happy Church* ☐), and deliver them to *Our Father's Lutheran* in Rockford. There, volunteers from six churches pack about 700 boxes with fresh produce, dairy, and more before reloading them onto trailers for distribution. In the afternoon, volunteers gather at *Light of Christ* to unload, sort additional items (like milk), and prepare for distribution. Before opening, we pause for introductions, scripture, and prayer. As we serve, we collect basic info from recipients and offer prayer cards. Our volunteers are a true blessing, sharing not just food but kindness and care. At day's end, we pray over the submitted prayer concerns before passing them to *Pastor Tim* so our whole church can lift up our neighbors in prayer. You're invited to serve! Sign up at links below:

- **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>)
- 📅 **Next Distribution: May 12th** Your time, talent, and treasure make this ministry possible—thank you!



Serve Day... Coming on May 10th!

On **Saturday, May 10th**, Light of Christ will be hosting our first annual Serve Day! On this day, we will all come together to help and support our church and community. Some of the projects may include volunteering at the Delano Food Shelf, Feed My Starving Children, local nursing homes, Love INC, as well as projects around church (light maintenance and cleaning, making cards for military members, outdoor projects, etc.). We know this is a busy weekend (with fishing opener and Mother's Day) but it would be wonderful if we could all come together to serve others and give back! Here is the link with more information and to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-56175820-serve#/>



We welcomed the following new Light of Christ Members/Partners in Ministry on May 4th:



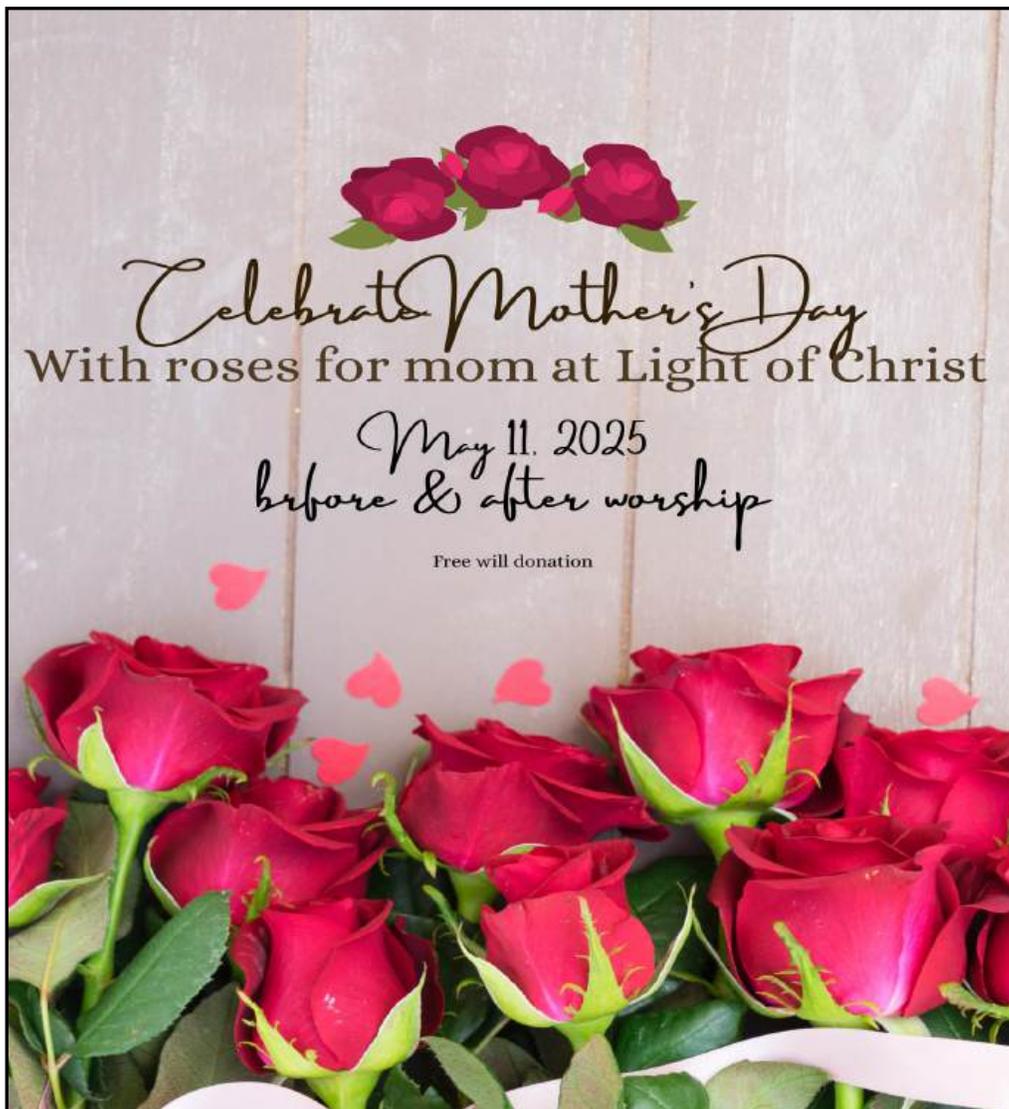
- ◆ Steve & Flo Shrode
- ◆ Jeff & Lindsey Sjulstad
Reagan, Paisley, Paxton, Waverly

THANK YOU!
Thank you!

Light of Christ,

Thank you for your generous donation. We appreciate your support to Delano Helping Hands and our community!

Delano Helping Hands



Covenant of Conduct

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

One of the things I have seen that can do a lot of damage in the church is “some people.” Now I do not mean any specific people by “some people,” it is rather a shadowy unspecified group that is out there who speakers refer to when they want a change in the church or something accomplished. If you are well versed in the church you too may have encountered the in statements like, “Some people told me we need new carpet in the fellowship hall” and “Some people think the sermons are getting too long,” or even “I was talking to some people and they thought that we should have communion less often to keep it special.” If you have encountered “some people” you can know how it feels to deal with them. They are shadowy and ethereal. They are elusive and very difficult to please (because you cannot ask clarifying questions!).

To many pastors and council members, “some people” are frustrating. Personally I can deal with John being mad at me, I can talk to him and repent if I am in the wrong; I can deal with Martha about the carpet because I can find out what her feelings about the carpet are and tell her why we can or cannot replace it, but “some people” are hard to please.

That is why the Church Council and I have adopted the [Covenant of Conduct which is linked here](#). It is based on Jesus’ commands in Matthew 18 and gives us a clear way forward if there are issues between people in the church or indeed in the church itself. It is a way for us to speak truth in love to one another—when we need to! It involves us claiming our own opinions or when we are speaking for others letting their names be known too. It is also important for you all to know that as partners of Light of Christ, your opinions and feedback really matter and that you do not have to talk to “some people,” you can talk to me as your pastor or the council representatives.

Now some of you are worried that a storm is brewing over at LOC, it isn’t; but isn’t the best time to talk about how to handle conflict, when things are going well? So please read the Covenant of Conduct, and if you have questions or concerns don’t talk to “some people” but come talk to us about it so that we can practice speaking truth in love to each other in ways that please God! Amen.



OPEN POSITION

CFM Position Will Open upon Retirement

The "countdown to retirement" is both exciting and bitter-sweet. Light of Christ members and staff feel these same emotions for LaDonna Ekern as she anticipates her final workday as our Director of Children & Family Ministry on May 11th. **Mark your calendars for an after-service celebration with LaDonna and Jewel on Sunday, May 11th.**

The Personnel Committee has posted this 20 hr/ week position on the [LOC website](#). 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.



The church office will be closed on Friday, May 9th.

Follow Us on Instagram!

Check out our new Instagram page! Our handle is [@delanolightofchrist](#). Scan the QR code to get directly to the page.



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!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



The last day of Voyagers and Pathfinders was on April 30th. The weather was perfect. The kids were great and our time together super.



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>



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>



Friday Night Lights
at Activate – MOA
4/25/25

