



Worship

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



Church Council 2022

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The Marks of Discipleship

- † Pray daily
- † Worship weekly
- † Read the Bible
- † Serve at or beyond Light of Christ
- † Relate to others for spiritual growth
- † Give of my time, talents and resources

Contact us!

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Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, May 9th
4:00pm – 5:00pm

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pickup on a first come, first serve basis at the following locations:

Corcoran

St. Thomas Catholic Church
20000 County Road 10
Corcoran, MN 55340

Rockford

Our Father's Lutheran
3903 Gilbert Ave SE
Rockford, MN 55373

Hanover

Influence Church @ City Hall
11250 5th Street NE
Hanover, MN 55341

Delano

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3976 County Line Road SE
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Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church
1601 Highway 25 North
Buffalo, MN 55313

For assistance locating a specific site or for questions, please contact us at nourishinghope.oflc@gmail.com or Facebook Messenger.

NourishingHOPE is a ministry of Our Father's Lutheran Church, in cooperation with four area churches. Our vision is to relieve area food insecurity and promote wellness in mind, body, and spirit for people East-Central Wright County. For information on you or your organization partnering with NourishingHOPE, please visit our website at www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html

Food boxes are for anyone at all! Please come by to get one. Or, pass on the information to someone else!

Food Distribution Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in helping folks in and around our Delano community by distributing fresh food from Second Harvest food bank and other food sources? Two ways to serve: helping to pack the boxes over at Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford in the morning; or by helping to distribute the boxes here at church later in the afternoon—sign up at links below. The next scheduled distribution and need for volunteers is for **Monday, May 9:**

- 11:30 am at Our Father's for packing boxes (register at link below): (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- 3:30 pm here at Light of Christ for distribution of the boxes (register at link below): (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)

⇒ **Special need for anyone who can pick up the trailer at Delano Rental and be the transportation point person.**

We also invite prayer requests from those we serve. Let [Tim Johnson](#) (email or call 952-472-1755) know if you would like to join a group to pray for special needs.



Caring Corner

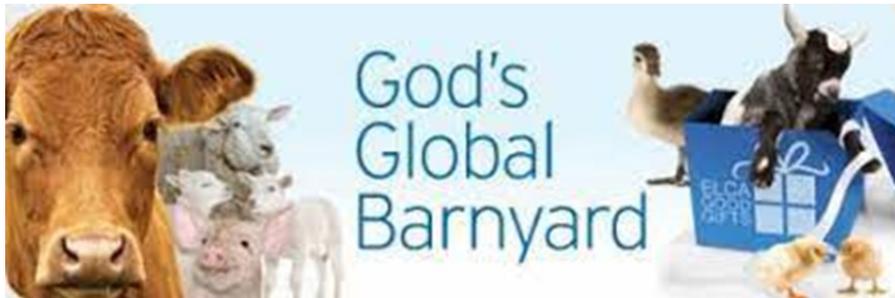
(by Sue Fink with the Healing and Wholeness Committee)

Easter Blessings to our Light of Christ family from your Healing and Wholeness Ministry!

Hasn't it been the longest winter ever? We certainly could use some warmth, sunshine and the smell of growing things to rejuvenate our spirits! I don't know about you, but I have been struggling with feeling overwhelmed and helpless in the midst of the news of war and crime and disasters and climate change, etc. The best thing for me has been the ability to worship together without masks and distancing, seeing members of our church family return "home." Our Holy Week services were wonderfully meaningful and brought me closer to my God and my church family!!

May is Mental Health Awareness month when we will once again feature temple talks, prayers, and services targeted toward mental health. We are also planning our second annual "Walk a Mile" in my shoes event to bring awareness and connectedness in our mental health journeys. This event will take place on **Sunday, May 22**, so stay tuned for details.

As a reminder, if you need help or informational resources for yourself or someone you love struggling with mental illness, please call Pastor Bruce and check out the LOC [website](#). Click "Support" then "Mental Health" then "Resources" or "Education" as you need. We also encourage you to browse the Mental Health Resource cabinet and bookshelf in the Narthex for additional resources. Finally, our Prayer Chain is ready to pray for you and your loved ones through life's struggles and mental or physical illness. Simply call or [email Terri](#) at the church office. We care about you!



The children at Light of Christ want to thank you for your support of the Global barnyard. Between their boxes full of coins, to the congregation noisy offering of support, the Sunday school was able to buy 12 chicks, 10 pigs, 5 fish (which equaled a whole fish farm), 2 goats, a bee colony, and 3 shares of a cow. There was still money left so they also bought food for a child for a month! This activity not only helps people in need, it also proves how when we work together, we can make a world of difference! Thank you!



We welcome the newest members of Light of Christ, who joined on May 1, 2022:



Lois Abel-Priester
Leslie & Betty Anderson
Elisa Carson
Jean Detwiler
Mike Ingebrigtsen
Jill Johnson & Kim Minkel
Paul & Lydia Nelson
Dan & Jackie Peterson, Levi
Nate & Jessica Schultz, Dalton
Al & Leanne Stoeckman

Fueling the Fire

Growing our impact; growing our reach. You're invited to help fuel our ministries forward by making a special gift -- a contribution that is a "second mile gift" above and beyond what you planned to give in 2022. Delano is growing. Our staff has grown to meet this growing opportunity. But resourcing our shared ministry has plateaued. And so this is an invitation to help fill that gap through a gift or increased pledge for this year. Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to do. And respond by filling out and returning a Fueling the Fire pledge card at anytime through the month of April. Brochures and pledge cards were mailed out, but you can also find them in the narthex; or you can pledge online at [this link](#). Thank you for your great generosity!



Adult Education – The Holy Spirit in the Bible and in Our World Today. Pastor Bruce continues a study on the person and power of the Holy Spirit, both in the Bible and in today's world. We will be using videos from the Bible Project to explore this facet of our spiritual lives in a deeper way. We will be meeting from 10:10-11:10 AM in Room 108 on Sundays through May 15. There is no need to register. Please come with an inquisitive mind and an open heart.



We'd like to hear from you!

As a part of our visioning for the future process here at Light of Christ, all confirmed and older members are asked to give input into **TWO** surveys. Together they'll take you fifteen, no more than twenty, minutes to complete. We'll learn a lot about what's unique about us, what our sense of priorities should be, how open we are to change, what influences our generosity, how connected we feel, and much more.



Two surveys: **MAP** -- Missional Assessment Profile. And, **i-MAP** or Internet Missional Assessment Profile. The first one is a bit longer. But you'll find them easy to do. Click on the first link. And when you complete it, be sure to then click on the second survey link.

Heads-up....on the MAP, there are a few questions on household income. Please be sure that only one person per household fill out this information. The others should bypass these. BTW, the entire questionnaire is anonymous. Paper copies of each survey are also available in the narthex.

Thank you in advance! Our Vision Team will share results, and together we'll be better suited in our decision-making in moving forward.

Here is the **MAP Link**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LOCDelanoMN22>

Here is the **iMAP link**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LOCDelanoiMAP22>





Faithful Stewards. Lasting Impact.

Your passion...

Your plan ...

Your gift for those you love, and for
God's work in the world!

You are invited to explore how you can
make a difference in the lives of your loved
ones and to ministry, both now and in the
future.

On Friday, May 20th, at 11:30 a.m.,
Becky Palmgren with the ELCA
Foundation will be here to share information
on how to best distribute your assets. This
information will get you thinking about the
gifts you've received from God throughout
your lifetime, and how your family and ministry
can benefit from these gifts to make a lasting
and meaningful impact in this world.

Please join us for this thoughtful conversation!

As a resource from our church, the ELCA,
Becky will include an overview of how to
make informed decisions -- while always
considering your current needs as well as
your loved one's future needs. One on one
follow up appointments will answer your
personal questions, confidentially.
This service is free and has no solicitation of
products.



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God's work. Our hands.



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**A light luncheon
will be served.
Please RSVP by
May 15th to the
church office**

**at 763-972-2400 to
help us plan.
We hope to see
you there!**



Table Talks are an important way to connect with other Light of Christ folks and to help build community. Table Talks are small group gatherings of 4-8 people for just over an hour. A wonderful opportunity to get to know others a bit more deeply. Plus, we'll take some of this time to share ideas about Light of Christ's future priorities as a congregation. Click this [link](#) or sign up in the Narthex.

You're Invited!

Weekly worship at Light of Christ at 9:00 am or streaming online via our [Facebook page](#).



A Way to Connect; A Way to Serve

Ushers are needed for our worship services. Each time we gather, Light of Christ ushers help to greet and otherwise help members and guests to feel welcomed as they come to worship. We need three ushers for each service. Ushers are asked to arrive about 10-15 minutes early, pick up some bulletins and prayer cards, and then be at one of the three doors coming into the sanctuary. A warm greeting along with passing out these worship helps will create for an important hospitality job to happen.



Please [click here to sign up](#) for any upcoming Sunday. Thank you! You help Light of Christ be a place of genuine warmth and welcome to guests and members alike!

Coffee and Sundays go hand in hand. Well, if you like coffee, that is ☺.

You may have noticed, we've been putting the coffee (and donuts, etc.) out on Sunday morning more and more. Sometimes it's just because; sometimes a group may be raising money for their ministry. Either way, we'd love to encourage you to "take a Sunday," either as a ministry, a family, a team or committee, or as friends. And you can do it simply to create some good Sunday hospitality or to raise awareness.

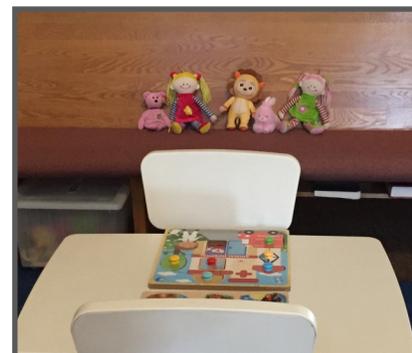
We've got a couple of folks who will get the coffee brewing in the morning. But it's your call as to whether you'd like to pick up some donuts, muffins, cookies, whatever...and set them out. If it's a fundraiser, we'll invite your group to cover that cost. If it's just to provide Sunday hospitality, we'll cover the costs.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up. While you have more than one or two who will cover bases, each Sunday only has two slots. But recruit your servers as you'd like. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Shared Ministry Director, Tim Johnson, at (952) 472-1755.



Pray Ground

The Pray Ground, found on the front right side of the sanctuary, provides our young ones with a comfortable space to worship and to develop an identity as a child of God that is a valuable member of our community. This area is geared towards young children (0-3 years old) and provides space for our youngest members to play while also being a part of the worship service. Parents/caregivers can sit in a pew directly behind the pray ground or sit with children on the floor.



And Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." -Matthew 19: 14



Moms 'n Muffins

On Sunday, May 8th the Sunday school children will be making a special Mother's Day gift for Mom! While they are busy making this special gift, moms are invited to enjoy some mom and muffin time in the Living Room. Happy Mother's Day!

Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ **Incoming 7th Grade Confirmation Info Meeting:** We invite current 6th grade youth and parents to attend a short informational meeting on **Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30 PM** in the Sanctuary. Please attend if you are planning to start Confirmation this fall at Light of Christ or even if you would just like more information.
- ◆ **Grad Sunday, June 5th:** Light of Christ seniors... please mark your calendar for the blessing and celebration of our graduates at 9 am worship!



Opportunities for Children at Light of Christ

SUNDAY SCHOOL: for children 3-years through 4th grade – Sundays from 10:10-11:10 am

CLUB 5-6: for youth in grades 5 and 6. We meet on Wednesdays from 5-6 pm **through May 25.**

SPARK: 3rd and 4th grade Spark will meet for an additional 2 weeks on **May 18 and 25** – Sign up is now available at <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/2b64f1>.

MEGA SPORTS CAMP: our Vacation Bible School for children 3-years through 4th grade runs **July 24-27** from 5:30-8 pm. [Click here to register.](#)

WAPO BIBLE CAMP: While students may register to attend any time during the summer, designated Light of Christ weeks are **June 26-July 1** and **July 31-August 5**. Register at this link: <http://lwlbc.com/lightofchrist>

- There is a Wapo one-day camp on **August 3** for those who completed K-4th grade to experience what camp is like.

