



Worship

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



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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

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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

Delano

Light of Christ Lutheran Church
3976 County Line Road SE
Delano, MN 55328

Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church
1601 Highway 25 North
Buffalo, MN 55313

Hanover

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

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.



Fifth Sunday Offering for May

Our Fifth Sunday offering for May will be for the Eastern Europe Response through the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. This agency is accompanying companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia as well as the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and other needs. The funds donated are used 100% to provide support for people impacted by the conflict in this region. You can donate online from the [church website](#) and enter under "Designated Gift" or write a check to the **Lutheran Disaster Response**. Thank you for giving to those in dire need.

Jesus said, "For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat."
(Mt. 25:35)



Feed My Starving

Children is a ministry whose vision is: Through God, FMSC will strive to eliminate malnutrition and starvation in children throughout the world by helping to instill compassion in a generation that hears and responds to the cries of those in need until all are fed.

We are looking for 40 Light of Christ members and/or friends to help pack meals on Thursday, May 19th, from 6-8 pm at Delano United Methodist Church, just up the street from us. Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack nutritious **MannaPack**® meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. Meals are distributed to hungry and needy people all over the world.

We would also like to help to reach the \$25,000 weekend goal for this Mobile Packing project. If you would like to donate, you may do so at give.fmsc.org/delanoumc

To sign up to serve on that Thursday evening, please use the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-feed>

We'll simply meet there at Delano UMC. There are other days/times to serve that are open to the public.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian nonprofit committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for undernourished children. FMSC meals are donated to partners worldwide and distributed every day in schools, orphanages, clinics and feeding programs to deliver hope. Learn more at fmsc.org.

Questions? Ask Tim Johnson at 952-472-1755 or Tim.Johnson@locdelano.com.

Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with the Healing and Wholeness Committee)



Have you ever thought about your brain as a vital organ like your lungs, heart, liver, or pancreas? We don't hesitate, at least for long, to seek medical care for symptoms of a heart ailment, breathing problems like bronchitis or asthma, diabetes, or nagging pain.

Why is it we'll willingly accept and get treatment for a stroke, headaches, cancer, concussion, even constipation, but thought and behavior disorders are secret and shameful, or we somehow think they'll just go away on their own with time or if we Google for alternative self-help solutions?

Your brain is the main computer or motherboard that makes every part of your body function, react, move, and stay in balance. Thought disorders/mental illnesses throw a wrench into the workings of the brain and can make us so sick - emotionally and physically.

You'll go to a cardiologist, a urologist, a GI doctor, an internal medicine specialist...why not seek evaluation and treatment from a psychologist or psychiatrist for your brain symptoms?

If you're not sure where to start, make an appointment with your primary doctor or practitioner. Call 1-800-273-8255 or text 741741 to connect with trained mental health counselors. Talk to your teacher, best friend, Mom or other family member, or Pastor. Find education and resource information on our [church website](#) under **Support/Mental Health**.

Early intervention has the best outcome to get you back on track with anxiety, depression or other mental disorders. But even if you've been suffering for months or years, *there is hope for the quality of life you deserve!!!*
You are not alone.

*To support and raise awareness of mental illness in yourself or someone you care about, please join your Healing and Wholeness Ministry for our **"Walk-a-mile-in-my-Shoes" event on Sunday, May 22nd at 10:15** after the service. Wear green and your sneakers!!*

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 meet 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.



You're Invited!

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



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 May. 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!



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.

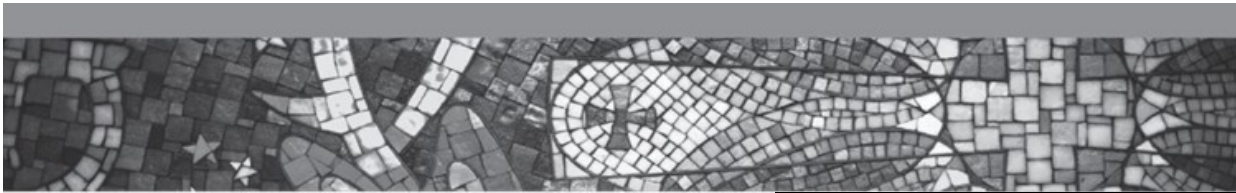
Heads-up.....on the MAP, there are a few questions on household income. Please be sure that only one person per household fill out this information. The others should bypass these. BTW, the entire questionnaire is anonymous. Paper copies of each survey are also available in the narthex.

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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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!



Sunday Greeters are a wonderful way to serve! This ministry of welcome is one of the ways we communicate the Lord's open embrace of everyone--receiving us just as we are, whether things are going well in life or if they feel like they're turned upside down. Greeters essentially communicate, "You are welcome here. We're glad that you're here. This is the place to be!" Sunday Greeters arrive at church about fifteen minutes before the service begins. Putting on a name tag and stationing yourself at the front doors to the church, you're ready to extend a friendly smile, a handshake, and a good morning. This ministry is perfect for singles, couples, families, younger and older folks. To sign up, click on this [SignUp Genius link](#). Any questions at all, reach out to Tim Johnson at 952-472-1755 or Tim.Johnson@locdelano.com.

Are you looking to get more involved in worship?

We are looking for new Altar Guild members!! As we are transitioning back to "normal" communion, we are in need of more help. It is a low commitment and a great way to volunteer at church. If you would like to become a member, please contact [Terri](#) in the church office or Kim Wortz at kimw1517@gmail.com.



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.



Light of Christ's Annual Summer Picnic Tuesday, June 7th from 6:00-7:30 pm at church, hosted by Community Life

We will provide a boxed lunch of either fried or grilled chicken along with potatoes, gravy, coleslaw and bottled water. Gluten free options are available as well. We will sit outside weather permitting, so please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Please [click this link](#) to sign up for the picnic and to choose your meal **by June 1st**. We will also be recognizing the newest members of Light of Christ that evening. Looking forward to seeing everyone there! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kelly Harstad by phone at 763-227-8246 or kellyharstad8@gmail.com or Heidi Goldbeck by phone at 612-418-0111 or heidigold100@gmail.com.





We had an awesome first "Parent's Night Out" event on Friday, April 29th! The kids that attended had a blast...playing games, eating pizza, singing karaoke and racing doing minute-to-win-it games! We hope to do more events like this in future and know we'll have even more kids join us next time! If you would like to be on a planning team for events like this, please talk to Kirsten.

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 now 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://lwlbci.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.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS *cont'd*

Here are some photos from our modified Confirmation “retreat” with grades 7-9.

Our group had a great night of fellowship and it was awesome to have time to connect at church! We are grateful for our new Living Room and Game Room space and all the things we can do in our own building. ***Thanks for your support of our youth ministries at Light of Christ!***



HS Fellowship!

The Living Room is open EACH Wednesday night starting at 7:45 pm (if we have something scheduled or not) if you'd like to hang out, play games or chat about anything. There is Confirmation from 6:30-8:00 pm, so Kirsten is normally here (and often done by 7:45 pm)! We always have service project ideas, so if you need hours (for Confirmation or NHS), please let us know.

Here is the Wednesday schedule for HS this spring:

- ◇ **May 11 = HS Bonfire/Volleyball/Gaga, 7:30-8:30 pm**
- ◇ **May 18 = Living Room open (9th grade Mentor meeting at 8 pm)**
- ◇ **May 25 = Living Room open (last night of Confirmation)**
- ◇ **June 1 = HS Bonfire/Volleyball/Gaga, 7:30-8:30 pm** (incoming Confirmation meeting at 6:30 pm)

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!

