



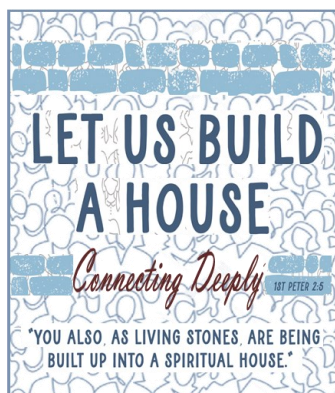
## Worship

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



## Church Council 2024

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The church office will be closed on Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18.

FYI



NourishingHOPE

## Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

**Monday, October 14th**

**4:00-5:00 pm**

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

Light of Christ Lutheran Church  
3976 County Line Road SE  
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### Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church  
1601 Highway 25 North  
Buffalo, MN 55313

### Maple Grove

Rice Lake Bible Chapel  
8801 Rice Lake Road  
Maple Grove, MN 55369

For assistance locating a specific site or for questions, please contact us at

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](http://www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html)

## October Food Distribution

Serve a neighbor in need...help strengthen a ministry...put love and faith into action. Nourishing Hope Food Distribution. **Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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>)

## Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)



WOW!!! What an event! We had over 100 LOC family members join in our Walk-a-Mile for Mental Health Awareness on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a beautiful day and everyone was so enthusiastic, wearing green clothes, bracelets and bandanas, carrying signs to spread the word about mental health awareness week, how we need to be open about our struggles and break the stigma so we get help as early as possible, and most importantly - **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

**THANK YOU** to Kirsten and LaDonna who taught our kids about mental health, to all the children, youth, parents, and others who participated in our program, walk and pizza dinner. We raised \$117.00 for NAMI Minnesota.

We have several books and resource materials appropriate for youth and parents on a table in the Narthex, so please browse and take home some vital information to have on hand when you need it! Remember that additional educational and resource information is also available on the **Support** tab of the [LOC website](#).

Can't wait until next year! You'll want to join in the fun and share such an important message.

**(See next page for pictures from the October 2<sup>nd</sup> event)**

## Adult Mission Trip to Belize 2025



We are excited for and have started planning for the LOC Mission trip to Belize March 1-8. We will be doing work in the village of Bella Vista (Pastor Kebin's area). We are planning on hosting a VBS/sports camp, food delivery/home visits, medical/eye clinic, building work (making picnic tables, bunk beds, helping with the church kitchen, helping work on Pastor Kebin's house). We have a few more spots left for the mission - we are hoping to take 14 people. So if you are interested in going let us know by **November 1, 2024**. If you have any questions please email Jennifer Grant at [jpcconnection.jg@gmail.com](mailto:jpcconnection.jg@gmail.com). Please prayerfully consider serving with Christ in Belize.

## 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.



## Golf For Love - \$18,000 Raised

We are praising and thanking God for our church partners, sponsors, volunteers, and local businesses that made this event a success. Thank you for your support!

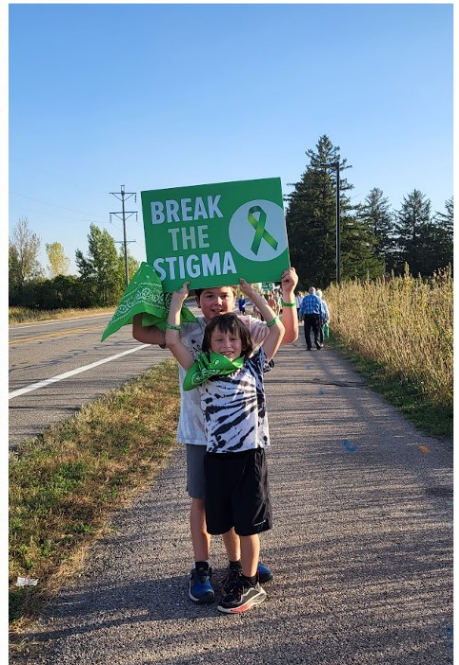


## Christmas Store Help - Love INC Heartland

The Christmas Store gives Love INC families the option to shop Christmas gifts for their children at no cost to them. Interesting in helping?

[info@loveincheartland.org](mailto:info@loveincheartland.org)









Dear friends in Christ,

Cynthia and I want to thank all of you for such a wonderful farewell celebration. It was a morning filled with love and laughter (and a few tears). Thank you for a beautiful worship service. Thanks as well for your kind words, your well-wishes, and a wonderful meal. Thank you for the cards, the memory book, the flowers, the banner, and for the beautiful painting of the sanctuary. We will always think of you whenever we look at them.

Thanks especially for your presence and prayers, not just on our farewell Sunday, but over the past eight years. You have been a blessing and a gift to us in so many ways and we will always hold you in our prayers and deep in our hearts.

Peace and joy always,

*Bruce and Cynthia Kuenzel*

## Finding Your Stories Rescheduled

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. The time for the workshop has been **revised to have only one workshop on October 27<sup>th</sup> for an hour and a half**. *There will no longer be a workshop on October 13.* To sign up, contact Paul Nelson at [pnnelspa@gmail.com](mailto:pnnelspa@gmail.com).



## 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!

## THE HOOT NEWS for October from Sue Fink



Hey everyone! Happy Fall!!!! I sure have been hearing real owls hooting at night lately :) Enjoy the beautiful season, God's gift to us.

So, here's "The HOOT"

Attention, OWLS **Bible study** group: As per my email to this group, we met on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> on Lesson 8. Now we have just one more lesson, #9, which we will do November 3<sup>rd</sup> after the service. Please let Sue know if you have any ideas for a winter study. We have a great group and are learning and growing wiser and closer to our Lord together. We welcome anyone to join us. If you're interested, let Sue know so I can get you on the email list.

This week, Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>, we are heading to Carlson Orchard in Winsted. We will meet at church at 10:15 AM to carpool. We'll have an early lunch at 11:00 in their restaurant. I have let the manager know to expect 15-20 of us. Please let Sue know whether you can join us! We can buy apples and pies after lunch to take home!

Our new planning team (Lona, Jewel, Jinnelle, Sue and Bill Fink) has ideas for the next couple of months:

- November we may do a service project to help at Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf on days not open to the public. Stay tuned for dates and projects we can help with such as cleaning, organizing and stocking shelves. It's a busy and essential place so our helping hands are important.
- December we're planning to have a Christmas party!!! Likely a potluck, fun and games, and white elephant gifts on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Adult Choir

Adult choir rehearses every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 PM. Attendance at all rehearsals is not mandatory. Contact [Katie](#) with any questions.



## New Member/Partner Sunday



If you or someone you know is interested in joining Light of Christ, please contact the [church office](#) for more information. Our next reception of new members/partners will be on **November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 1:00 PM, Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

**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://lwlbc.com/ignite2024>





## 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!

## Confirmation Calendar

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

**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!**

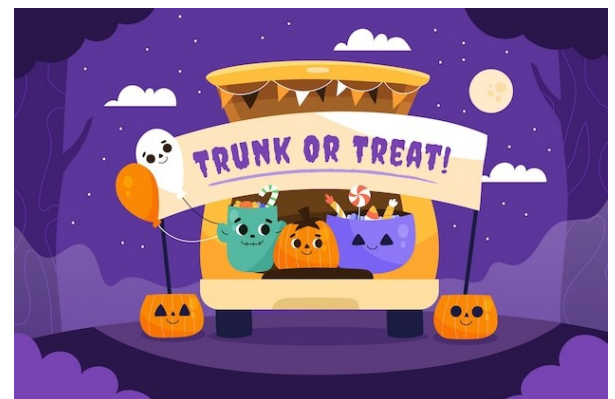


## Trunk or Treat!

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). Sign up at this link for either:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-51909660-trunk#/>

Please contact Kirsten with any questions [Kirsten.Kelly@locdelano.com](mailto:Kirsten.Kelly@locdelano.com)!







## 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!

Beautiful fall days and energetic Voyagers equals a great afternoon full of discovering the wisdom of following God.



## Explorers—Adult Assistants Needed!

Explorers are our 3-year-olds -- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>



## Children's Christmas Program Sign Up!

Yes, it's that time of year! If you have a child who is 3 years-6<sup>th</sup> grade, please take a moment to sign up your child for the Christmas program (or let us know that they will not be able to attend). We will be assigning parts on Wednesday, October 23.

Please fill out following link by **Wednesday, October 16:** <https://lightofchristdela-breezechms.com/form/d371a4>





**Friday Night Lights 10/ 4/ 24**



**"Bonkers" Confirmation  
Game 10/ 9/ 24**

