



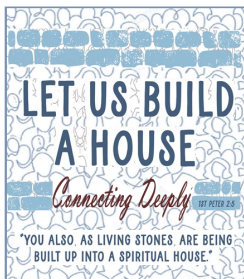
Worship

- 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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Grad Recognition Sunday 6/1/25

Summer Youth Activity Nights are back!

We invite youth to join us for a fun night of games, friends, food and fun on the following dates:

- Monday, June 23
- Monday, July 21
- Monday, August 25

On each of the above nights, we'll have 2 different gathering times:

- **6:00-7:30 PM** = Incoming 7th & 8th graders
- **7:30-9:00 PM** = Incoming 9th graders and up (including college-aged youth)

Friends are welcome and these nights are FREE (thanks to the support of our congregation). Hope to see you there!



June Fifth Sunday Offering for Kids Hope



In past years, we have donated in June to missionary Karen Anderson in Chile. She is retired and no longer in Chile. This year our Fifth Sunday contributions in June will go to Kids Hope, a national ministry organization that has been working for 30 years to connect needy students in a local school district with 1-1 mentor volunteers from a local church. Our LOC Kids Hope volunteer mentors and three others from local Delano churches meet with their student for one hour each week for the entire school year. Our mentors have been working with Delano Elementary to help students who are in need of relationship building and developing confidence and trust. These mentors are making a wonderful difference in these kids' lives. The feedback from Delano teachers and the students has been so positive and touching. Our church contributes annually to Kids Hope to support their work in 33 states engaging 17,000 students, mentors and prayer partners in 750 programs.

You can contribute during the entire month of June by [clicking this link](#), placing your check in the collection plate on Sundays (note for "**Fifth Sunday**"), or you can send your contribution to Terri in the church office. Thank you for helping these children who are so in need of this one-to-one relationship with their mentor.

Shoe Collection/Recycling!

Donate and drop off your old tennis shoes at church. **Shoes can be in ANY condition as long as they are athletic shoes.** A collection bin can be found in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex at LOC.

EXTRA SHOES?

Be a part of a good cause
and donate them!

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Recycle

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Re-use

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Raise money

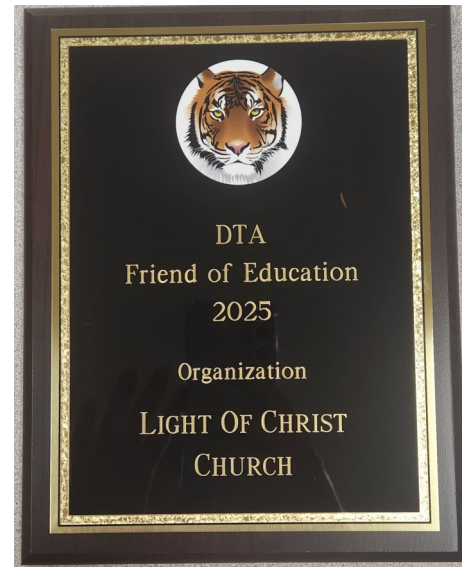
Drop your lightly used sneakers here!

<p style="font-weight: bold; color: #5da5da;">600 million people don't even own a pair of shoes</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: #5da5da;">200 million pairs of shoes end up in the landfill each year</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: #5da5da;">30-40 years for shoes to decompose</p>
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THANK YOU!

A message of thanks and congratulations from Teresa Langton, 3rd grade teacher at Delano:

For three years, our school has been fortunate to be partnered with Light of Christ Church through the Kids Hope program. This program provides adult mentors for students who are referred by their classroom teachers. Mentors and students meet for an hour each week during the school year. The impact these dedicated volunteers have made on their students emotionally, socially and academically is immeasurable. Thank you and congratulations to all of the Kids Hope mentors for making a real difference in the lives of our students.



Lead A Group At Fresh Start



We are seeking to add more facilitators and small group leaders to our Fresh Start Program! Learn more about this life transformational ministry by calling 763-999-7085 or visit bit.ly/loveinchlfs

Join Us At Golf For Love - Sept. 15

Tee off with us at Albion Ridges on September 15, 2025, for a day of friendly competition, community, and purpose. Event details, team tickets, and sponsorship packages available at bit.ly/golfforlove25

Do You Like to Play Board Games?

Join Pastor Tim on **Wednesdays in June from 6:00-8:00 PM** in the fellowship hall to play board games! He will bring a selection of his games, or you are welcome to bring your own. All ages are welcome!



The HOOT!! OWLS Newsletter 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, 10:00 AM:** Bike/hike/yard games at Lake Rebecca Park. BBQ potluck for lunch.
- ◇ **July 17th, 9:00 AM:** 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

Planning to move?

Phone # or email address changed? Have you cancelled your landline? Please help us keep our records up-to-date by notifying [Terri in the church](#) office of any changes. Thank you!



Director of Children & Family Ministry Position

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 dedicated to the youngsters for the past 4 years.

2026 Offering Envelopes

A growing number of members contribute weekly or monthly using electronic giving methods. However, we understand that many prefer placing an offering envelope in the plate. To eliminate the ***purchased-but-unclaimed*** envelopes that are wasted, we're asking each family that ***wants*** pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by **AUGUST 11th**. Either email [Terri in the church office](#) or call 763-972-2400. This "**OPT IN**" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!

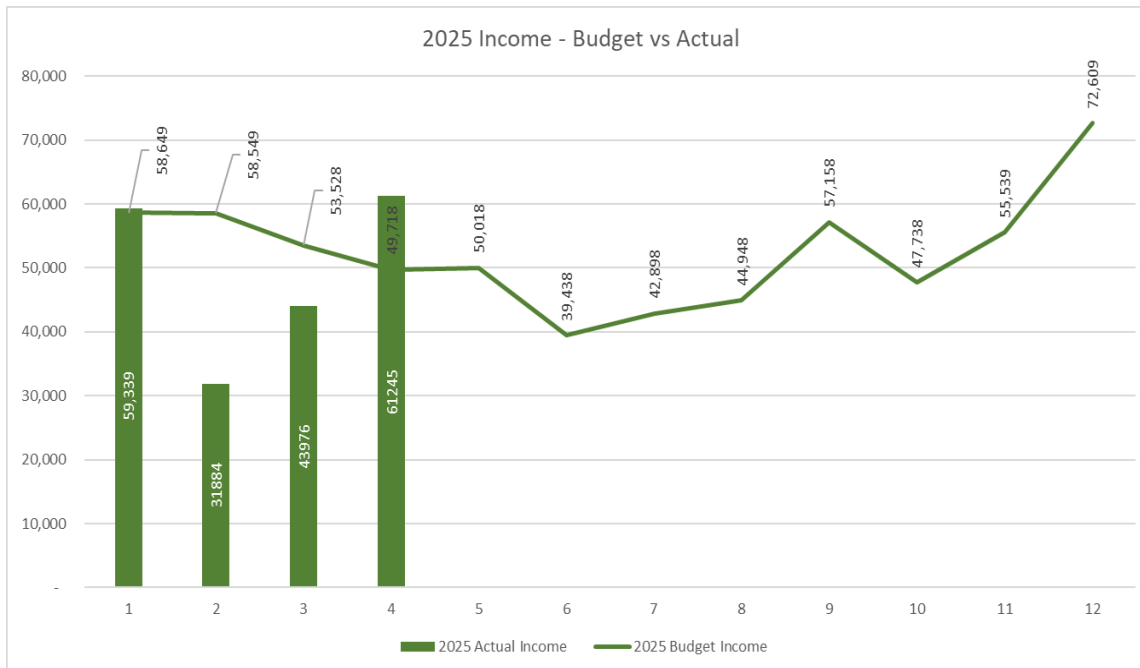


If you've already been receiving pre-printed envelopes each year, you will remain on the list until you request otherwise.



The church office will be closed on Fridays through August 29th.

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



What's So Good about Giving?

Here are some good reasons we give. There's a blend of what is spiritual and springs from our faith as well as some that engage the practicality of a life of generosity.

- ⇒ **It's a Response to God's Generosity**
"We love because he first loved us." – 1 John 4:19

Giving is a natural response to all we've received from God—life, salvation, hope, and purpose.

- ⇒ **It Grows Your Faith**

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – Matthew 6:21

When you give, you trust God more. It strengthens your spiritual priorities and deepens your dependence on Him.



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!



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.



In anticipation of the Delano 4th of July Celebration, we invite you to join us for the Community Worship Service on **July 6th at 10:00 AM** at Central Park. Our theme will

be *Freedom for Christ* focusing on scripture 1 Peter 2:4-10. We will **not** have the 9:30 service at LOC, so please join us for worship at the park. Please bring your lawn chair and join us to praise the Lord, and feel free to invite your friends and family!



What Is a Memorial Garden?

A memorial garden is a space designed to honor and remember the life of a loved one. A private place for reflection, remembrance and meditation. A beautiful spot creating a serene and reflective environment. Light of Christ is blessed to have our own beautiful setting right outside our entrance. We invite you to take a moment to visit our **Columbarium and Memorial Garden** to share in the tranquility and beauty it has to offer!

Mental Health Connect: A Compassionate First Step Toward Healing

Navigating mental health challenges can be overwhelming, but you don't have to face them alone. Mental Health Connect (MHC) offers free, confidential, and individualized support to help you or your loved ones access the right resources for your unique situation. Whether you're seeking counseling, addressing substance use concerns, or simply need someone to talk to, MHC's trained Navigators are here to assist. Reach out by calling or texting 612-642-1220, or emailing navigator@mhconnect.org, Monday through

Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM. You can also fill out a simple contact form online (scan the QR code). A caring Navigator will respond promptly to guide you toward the support you need.



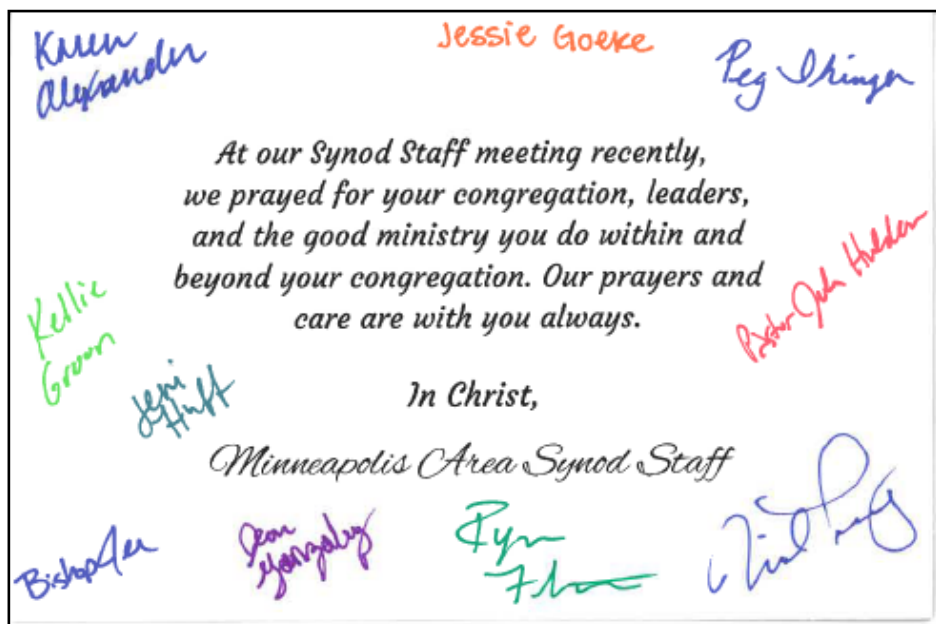
Follow Us on Instagram!

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



Minneapolis Area Synod
of the ELCA

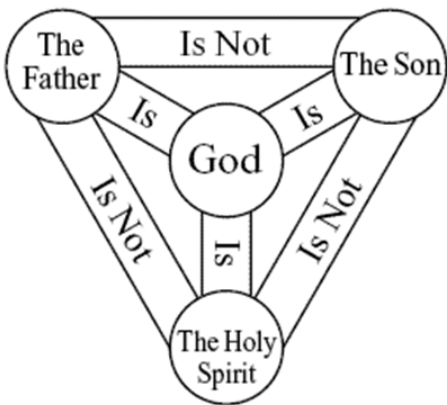
We received this note from the Synod office, letting us know the Synod Staff prayed for our congregation recently.





Belize Adult/Family Mission Trip 2026

We will be going back for our third mission trip to Bella Vista, Belize on Saturday, February 28 through March 7, 2026. We will be again hosting a Vacation Bible School, hosting a health clinic, worshiping and serving dinner at Pastor Kebin Rosa's church, going on home visits, working with the Bella Vista School on an education initiative, and also helping with some church projects. Please email or text Jennifer Grant if you are interested or have questions (Jpconnection.jg@gmail.com or 612.226.8181). We will be having our first meeting in August. We would love to have you prayerfully consider this life-changing opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.



In the Book of Concord, (a collection of early Lutheran writings that witness to the Lutheran understanding of God's revelation in scripture) there are three creeds which are set up as ecumenical creeds. These three were all agreed to by a council of all the churches before the 9th century. The three creeds are the Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian. Most of us are probably familiar with the Apostles' and Nicene creeds; we go through the Apostles for confirmation and the Nicene gets used on the highest Holy days. However, the Athanasian creed is much less familiar—although I did make us confess it yesterday! It was written in a time when Arianism (not the Aryanism of the Nazis) and the Goths and Visigoths of the north were threatening the Christian faith. Arianism said that God the Father was the true God and had created Jesus. Jesus therefore was the first thing created, but not actually God. This threatens our understand-

ing of who God is! And to clarify the Trinity, we adopted the Athanasian creed. The main purpose of this creed is to firmly set out the doctrine of the Trinity—God in three persons. This concept was described to us by the scriptures but took many years for people to understand and put into a creed. The above shield is often used to try and visually show the working of the Trinity. While all are God (and the same God), no two persons are equal to each other. Traditionally this creed is attributed to Athanasius of Alexandria, it was most likely written a century later defending the same belief that he held. While parts of it may seem archaic and others might annoy us. It is powerful to look at the documents that we hold to and talk about their importance both historically and what they tell us about our faith. So if you missed it on Sunday feel free to read this ancient creed and maybe even watch the sermon as we celebrate this week of Trinity and God's amazing ability to be bigger than our understanding in order to be big enough for all of our needs.

- Pastor Tim



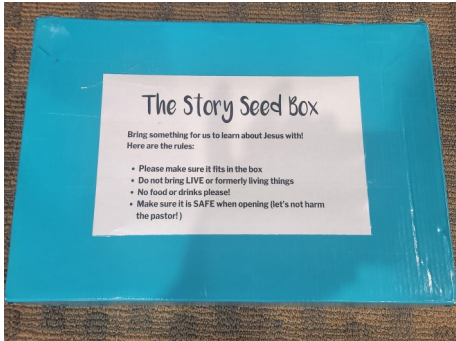
Twin Cities 7th/8th Grade Mission Trip



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



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>

Looking for Mountains of Fun?



You Otter Be Here!

Sunday, July 13th – Wednesday, July 16th

5:00PM – 7:15PM

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/TrueNorth>

Register by June 20th to guarantee your child receives a shirt and gift bag!

Supplies Needed:

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

Artificial Christmas Trees: We are looking for artificial Christmas trees to borrow to make our main display look like a real forest! (The trees will only be used for decoration and will not be used for any activities). Borrowed trees will be available for pickup at the church immediately after VBS and throughout July during normal office hours. Signups for trees are included in the above donations link.

Volunteers Needed:

We are still looking for two crew leaders, junior crew leaders and volunteers to help with decorating and clean up. We hope to see you there!

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