



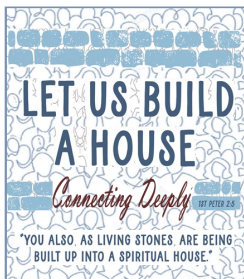
Worship

- 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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The church office will be
closed on Monday, June 23rd.

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>

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>

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.

Birthday Ministry for Love INC

LOC Birthday Ministry volunteers assembled the bags below for this month's birthday recipients, as part of the gap ministry we oversee for Love INC. Please pray for the kids who receive these birthday bags!



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

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

Final Game Night with Pastor Tim

Join Pastor Tim on **Wednesday, June 25th** 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!



Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).

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!



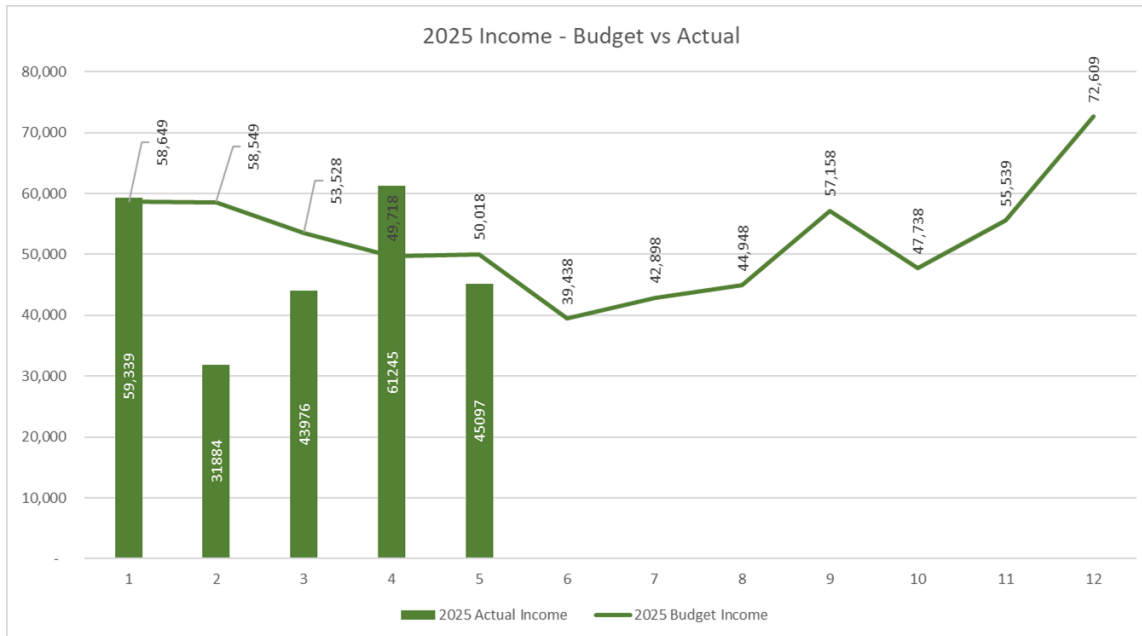
If you've already been receiving pre-printed envelopes each year, you will remain on the list until you request otherwise.



**Monday through Thursday
7:30 am – 4:00 pm**

CHURCH NEWS

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – May 2025

- YTD Budget \$270,462
- YTD Actual \$241,541
- Year to Date Actual is **\$28,921** below budget
- May giving below budget



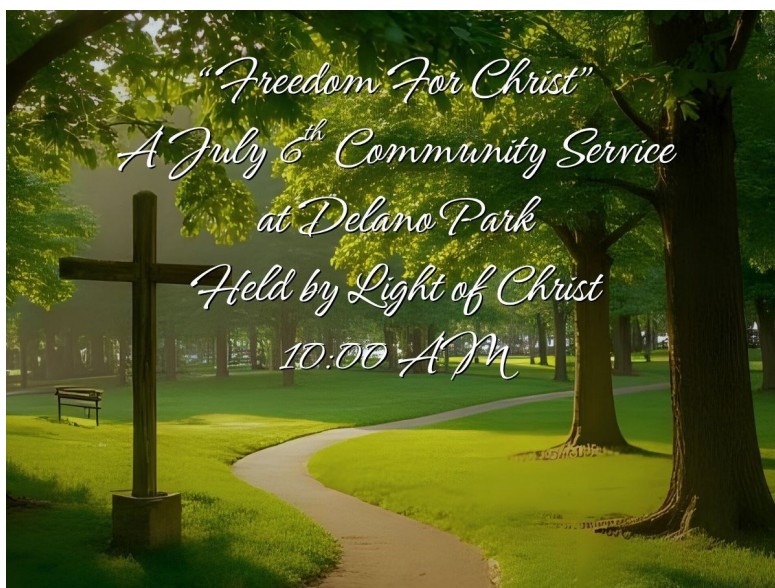
Investing in Our Mission

When you give to Light of Christ, you are investing in something bigger than yourself—the mission of sharing Christ's love. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure enable us to serve, teach, and reach those in need. **Together We Thrive** as we invest in God's work and trust in His provision. Thank you for your faithful investment!



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!



We invite you to join us for worship on July 6th at 10:00 AM at Central Park. We will **not** have the 9:30 service at LOC, so please join us at the park, and remember your lawn chairs!



Called to Care: Everyday Acts of Healing

Our church has shared many great resources on health and mental well-being. But healing isn't just the work of professionals—it's a calling we all share.

From loneliness to grief, many people need simple acts of care. As followers of Jesus, we're invited to be present, compassionate, and connected.

Ways to extend care and perhaps bring a little bit of hope and healing to someone else:

◇ **Invite Someone for Coffee or a Meal**

A simple shared moment breaks isolation and builds trust.

"They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." – Acts 2:46

◇ **Walk With Someone Through Grief**

You don't need to say the perfect words. Your presence is the gift.

"Mourn with those who mourn." – Romans 12:15

◇ **Offer a Ride or Run an Errand**

Transportation or small tasks can be a barrier for those who are ill, aging, or anxious.

"Carry each other's burdens." – Galatians 6:2

◇ **Text or Call Someone You Haven't Seen in a While**

Reach out to someone who has been missing from church or community.

"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away..." – Matthew 18:12



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!

Follow Us on Instagram!

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

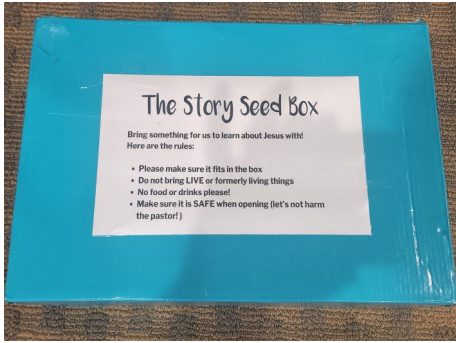


Belize Adult/Family Mission Trip 2026

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, worshipping 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 text or email Jennifer Grant if you are interested or have questions (612.226.8181 or Jpconnection.jg@gmail.com). 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.



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>

Join us TONIGHT for our first



Summer Youth Activity Night!

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!