



Worship

All worship services will be recorded and posted on the church website so you can watch and stay connected each week. Online worship will continue until the restrictions for large group gatherings are lifted.



Church Council 2020

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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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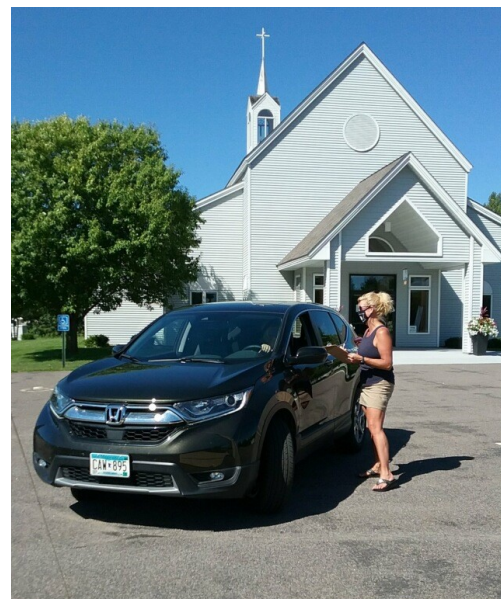
Fresh Produce and Dairy Distribution

In collaboration with Our Father's Lutheran Church/Nourishing Hope Food Drop and through generosity of Second Harvest Heartland, Light of Christ volunteers again distributed fresh produce to area residents.

Distribution took place at Light of Christ on Tuesday, August 11th with the generous help of Wendy Caslavka, Heather Dickey, JoMarie Williamson, Butch Priester and Jennifer, Peter, Rosie, Kiera and Sophie Grant – their continued help is a blessing and very appreciated! A special thank you to Wes Aylsworth for his organization and oversight of this program, and to both he and Jessie for their help in packing, transporting and distributing produce last week!

Light of Christ is extremely grateful to be included in this effort to assist area families in need. It is heartwarming to experience the willingness of so many to provide resources and assistance needed during this unsettling time.

A huge thank you to our Light of Christ volunteers and to all who continue to support this important service!



A Reflection on the Stewardship of Giving and Receiving

In recent months I have reflected on how much the world has changed. Thankfully, my family is healthy and my spouse and I remain gainfully employed. Our giving to the church has taken on new meaning. I am more mindful of the true value of our tithing as I reflect on the fragility of our comfortable life and how quickly things can change. I find solace in knowing that if (or when) my family is in need, our faith community will be at our side. Our church will be the first place we will go for support and guidance. Ironically, the more I contemplate all the positive aspects of giving the more at peace I am with the prospect of receiving support when we need it.

Stewardship Committee

Help Support August Fifth Sunday Cause

August 30th is a "Fifth Sunday." Donations specifically designated for Fifth Sunday offering will be supporting the ELCA missionary, Karen Anderson, in Chile. See more detailed information of her latest efforts in Chile in a separate congregational email appeal letter sent last week and on the [church website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. Karen Anderson will be here in person doing a temple talk at the outdoor service on Aug. 23rd to share information on her ministry. For more details on EPES programs, please view the attachments and video below:



[EPES Overview](#)

[May 2020 Newsletter](#)

[Stories of Hope](#)

There also is a video **EPES Celebrates 35 Years** that you can view at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVN44QxisgU&t=8s>





BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

AUGUST 19, 2020 | 5:00-6:30PM

Westpoint Church
9090 Hwy 12, Delano

STUDENTS K-12 FROM FAMILIES IN NEED WILL RECEIVE A BACKPACK, PRE-PACKAGED SCHOOL SUPPLIES, MEAL & FUN ACTIVITIES

- EVENT WILL BE HELD OUTDOORS
- FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE PREFERRED OVER SUPPLIES
- SPONSOR A STUDENT FOR \$50

DONATE
LOVEINCHEARTLAND.ORG
 318 RAILROAD AVE, DELANO

RECEIVE SUPPLIES
 763.972.6547 EXT 1
VOLUNTEER
 763.972.6547 EXT 3

CARING CORNER



Created by Light of Christ Healing and Wholeness Ministry

Well, friends, it seems the quarantine will be with us for the unforeseeable future. Summer has afforded lots of time to be outdoors and even gather with family and friends with masks and social distancing in mind. With the new school year soon upon us, it won't be back to life as usual. It's a great time now to think about taking care of ourselves, mentally, physically and spiritually. We'll offer a few tips each week to help you. We **ARE** in this together with God's help.

1. Stay hydrated and eat well. This may seem obvious, but stress and eating often don't mix well and we find ourselves over-indulging, forgetting to eat, or avoiding food. Drink plenty of water, eat some good and nutritious foods and challenge yourself to learn how to cook something new!
2. Give everyone the benefit of the doubt and a wide berth. A lot of cooped up time can bring out the worst in everyone. Each person will have moments when they will not be at their best. It is important to move with grace through blowups, to not show up to every argument you are invited to, and to not hold grudges and continue disagreements. Everyone is doing the best they can to make it through this.
3. Help others. Find ways, big and small, to give back to others. Support restaurants and local businesses, offer to grocery shop for someone, check in with elderly neighbors, call people you are thinking about from church or family. Keep yourself and others connected and feeling loved.

Keep reading the Bible, as God speaks to us across the generations. Remember that others have been through events such as these and come out stronger and wiser. Be gentle with yourself and others.

We miss you!

Parent Support Group

Many parents are experiencing feelings of anxiety and uncertainty as we plan for the upcoming school year. If you would like to learn more about Light of Christ's Christ-centered parent support group starting this fall, please email our facilitators, MJ Pearson (mjpearson.msw@gmail.com) and Catherine Borman (catborman@gmail.com). This group will follow social distancing protocol and will meet outside. We will meet in our outdoor worship space so that parents of young children can utilize the playground during our meetings. Please let us know your preference for meeting time whether it be a specific evening during the week, every other Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon.

Watch for Sunday School Registration



As the new school year approaches, so does the kickoff for Light of Christ's Sunday School year! Children, Youth & Family Ministries staff have been busy planning for Sunday School, which officially starts on September 20th. There will be more information to come, but for now we wanted to let LOC parents and caregivers know that we are still planning to have Sunday School in some sort of format. Registration will be available soon!

Change for Children

Our children and youth are organizing the 2nd Annual Change for Children to raise money for the **ELCA Global Barnyard**. (Watch a short [video about the Global Farm Challenge!](#))



Last spring, this project exceeded our expectations and we raised \$1,447.97! This allowed us to purchase 2 cows, 3 goats, 3 pigs, 100 chicks and 4 sets of seeds and gardening tools (which are given to families around the world to create sustainability and food for their families). To learn more about the ELCA [Good Gifts program](#).

This year we are setting our goal a bit higher and hope to raise \$1,500 over the summer months! We encourage families to make a Change for Children jar at home and later in the summer we will share details about how you can drop off your donation. Donations can also be made [online on our giving page](#) (make sure to indicate "**Change for Children**"). Thanks for your support as we collect change and come together to make "Change for Children"!



Confirmation This Fall

Pastor Bruce and Kirsten have been meeting to make plans for fall. Decisions are still being made (and we are still waiting to hear school district decisions before we finalize plans) but registration links will be coming soon! Wednesday night Confirmation will continue to be held for 7th-9th grades but what that looks like is still being determined. Confirmation youth should continue to work on



Worship Notes and Service Hours and complete the [online forms on our website](#). Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

How You Spend Your Money Makes a Difference!

Do you drink coffee or tea? Eat chocolate, nuts or dried fruit? Did you know that the Light of Christ high school youth sell Equal Exchange products, even during COVID? If you've never heard of Equal Exchange (EE), here is a [short video](#) about why EE purchases are important. Each purchase supports small farmers around the world (and now more than ever, we need to be supporting these small family-owned farms, which are struggling to survive) as well as our youth right here at Light of Christ! Order through our [online store](#) and have them delivered to your house **FOR FREE** (or to a friend to brighten their day)! You can make difference with your purchases!



Be a Star!

Our staff continues to welcome kids, youth, families and/or adults of all ages to help us with our video recording for worship! Parts of worship that we've been looking for include the Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed and First Reading. Confirmation youth can use this for Service Hours and HS youth could use this for NHS hours. Contact Kirsten Kelly or Katie Kohler if you'd like to participate and submit a recording!



Worship Outdoors Together!

We have good news! Outdoor worship is returning on **August 23rd at 9:00 am!** There are a few details we would like to share with the congregation ahead of time. In order to maintain a healthy environment the worship service will look a little different than our normal services:

- ◆ Masks will be required outdoors. We ask that each family remain at least six feet apart on the lawn.
- ◆ We ask congregation members to refrain from singing along with the songs as this is a high-risk activity in group settings.
- ◆ We will not participate in group prayer, since speaking together in a large group also raises the risk level.
- ◆ We will hold communion at the outdoor service. Each congregation member will receive a pre-packaged wafer and pre-packaged wine.
- ◆ We will pre-record a service that will be posted on our [YouTube page](#) as usual for those who cannot attend. There will be no Zoom communion, but we will include communion liturgy in the recorded service.
- ◆ Please bring your own chairs.
- ◆ If you are experiencing Covid-like symptoms or have been exposed to a person diagnosed with Covid, we ask that you remain at home.
- ◆ A Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon. We highly encourage all of you to sign up for the service ahead of time as it is helpful for us to know how many people will be attending so we can plan out spacing, volunteers, etc. Keep in mind that the limit on outdoor gatherings is 250 people.

We are so excited to give everyone the chance to worship together in person! We thank you ahead of time for your flexibility and willingness to follow all the instructions above. Our top priority is making sure our members stay happy and healthy!



Snap a Family Picture for the Online Directory

Light of Christ Members: don't forget about pictures for the online Church Directory! While we are all spending more time at home, this may be a great time to gather the family members and take a picture of the gang. All you have to do is email your picture to **Terri at the church office** who will coordinate adding it to our directory.



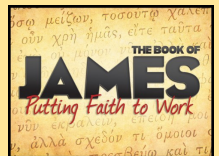
Stay Informed!

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

Connect and Converse during Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays 7-8:00 p.m. via Zoom

The Tuesday evening bible study group has transitioned to a study of the book of James. It's the perfect time to join!



Email Tim Johnson tdale57@gmail.com for a Zoom link. Everyone is welcome!

You may be as active in the discussion as you like. We all learn a little something from each other as we ponder the power and beauty and truth of God's Word.

Start Your Day with Prayer & Music

Our weekly devotion schedule is now three days a week –

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Members' favorite hymns will be featured in the Friday devotions. If you would like to submit your favorite hymn and how it has affected your faith journey, email Katie at locworshipmus@gmail.com. You can watch the latest video featuring members' submissions [here](#).

