



Worship

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



Church Council 2021

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Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

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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The church office will be
closed until January 26.

Time

Time—something we often wish we had more of and something we often state there is not enough of. If I'm being honest, it can be hard to find time to devote to our faith and church. With that being said, it is so important and fulfilling when we do find time for our faith and church community. When asked to serve as a confirmation guide, and later on the Stewardship Committee, I was a little apprehensive because of the thought of "not enough time." However, after joining these church communities I have grown closer to members of the church, grown in my faith, and felt overall closer to our church. We want to say **thank you** all for the time you find to devote to Light of Christ Lutheran Church in various ways! We are looking for members to join our various committees, including the Stewardship Committee! Please consider joining our team or one of the other wonderful committees we have at Light of Christ!

~Natalie Dinger Stewardship Committee



Celebrating the newly remodeled youth room, "The Living Room"

This past Sunday, we blessed and celebrated the completion of The Living Room. The following people gave generously of their time on the Youth Room Remodel Task Force. This group met bi-weekly for several months in the beginning of 2021 and truly led the process from start to finish! Today we thank all of them for their time, along with so many other volunteers (too many to name!) who made this project a reality. We want to say a special thank you to Brandt Dinger, Jennifer & Peter Grant, John McClelland, Josie & Josh Bragg, and Sarah Ness for their countless hours on this project. You are a gift to God and to our youth and families at Light of Christ!

Youth Room Remodel Task Force: Catherine Borman, Jenna Bunker, Scott Dallmann, Brandt Dinger, Brenna Durick, Jennifer Grant, Kiera Grant, Erin Green, Andrew Ihde, Kirsten Kelly, Pastor Bruce Kuenzel, Gary Prinsen, Gretchen Ness, Kim Wortz

Click [here](#) for a slideshow of the remodel project from start to finish.



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. The next scheduled distribution and need for volunteers is for **Monday, February 14:**



- 11:30 am at Our Father's for packing boxes
- 3:30 pm here at LOC for distribution of the boxes

⇒ **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.



People Serving People

Fifth Sunday Offering for January – People Serving People in Minneapolis

Our 5th Sunday offering for January will go to support *People Serving People*, the largest and most comprehensive emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness in Minnesota.

The 99 hotel-style emergency shelter housing units for children and families experiencing homelessness include a bathroom, beds, basic furniture, and a door families can lock behind them to feel safe. Three nutritious meals are served daily in the cafeteria (currently, due to covid-19, meals are delivered to each housing unit), and diapers and other basic necessities are provided free of charge. After immediate basic needs are met, families are provided access to the following comprehensive Engagement Services to move towards stability (among others):

- Early Childhood Development Program
- Family Activities such as movies, board games, bingo or other special events
- Financial Fitness Classes for adults to learn basic financial skills
- K-12 Programs including one-on-one tutoring, homework assistance, and enrichment activities.

For more information you can watch this 2 minute 26 second video: <https://vimeo.com/106210315> OR visit their website at <https://www.peopleservingpeople.org/>

Our Congregation can help in the following ways:

- Donate through Light of Christ Here to enter your designated Gift and mention *People Serving People Fifth Sunday*
- Donate to People Serving People directly at the following link: <https://www.peopleservingpeople.org/individual-donations/>

Caring Corner

by Sue Fink with the
Healing and Wholeness Committee)



This is our final week for 31 Days 2

Pray 4 Families dealing with mental illness. *Thank you* to all who have prayed with us and who have become more aware of all the challenges faced by people with mental illness and those who love and care for them. *Thank you* to the many friends who have expressed the importance and impact of this effort/theme personally. Among them are the following emails:

"Please pass a thank you along to your committee – the 31 days 31 ways is so helpful and inspiring – it comes at a perfect time and seems like a wonderful way to approach - helping people understand the enormity of these situations and the hopefulness of help and healing – a new normal to work with – I think we are lucky to have you right now right here."

"I just wanted to say, I'm really loving these daily prayers. It's such a great way to bring awareness to some of these mental health issues and also is very calming to read some of these that I can relate to. I think January is such a great month to do this as well, since winter can be so depressing!"

The author of 31 Days, Catherine P. Downing, has blogged on sparksofrediscovery.com, her four prayer principles that have helped her remain steadfast in her faith and hopeful in the face of her son's serious mental illness challenges with bipolar disease. She blogged: "In recent years my beliefs about prayer, tested on the battlefield of my son's mania and repaired in the infirmity of sweet stability, have settled into a courageous trust in the One whose love, power and goodness are unfathomable and unstoppable."

Week #4: "Finally, because God draws near to those who draw near to him, I am emboldened to express the reality of my wobbly faith ("I do believe, help my unbelief," as in Mark 9:24) and in doing so, I am able to rest in the truth that he alone is the giver and sustainer of life. Prayer places me close enough to God to "touch the hem of his garment" (Matthew 9:20-21), and there I find peace and hope."

"Prayer, I have found, is the journey into extravagant grace. Prayer, indeed, is the tether that ties us to the only One who is loving enough to listen compassionately, and the only One wise enough to answer rightly, the only One mighty enough to respond thoroughly and the only One kind enough to wait with us as his own goodness unfolds."

John 14: 27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Children's Ministry Community Service Project

The Sunday School classes and Club 5/6 will be putting together hygiene kits for the homeless shelter. The kids will be putting these kits together on **Sunday, February 13th & Wednesday, February 16th**. We are looking for donations of travel size items or a monetary donation to help purchase the items.

Please consider signing up at this [Sign-up Genius link](#) to help us with this community service project. **We would like to get all donations dropped off at the church office by Friday, February 4th before noon.**

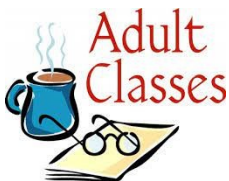
There are two totes available to leave your donations in: one in the narthex and one in the fellowship hall entrance area.



Adult Education in February

The Holy Spirit—Then and Now – The Holy Spirit is probably the least understood person of the Holy Trinity. Yet the Holy Spirit is a vital, vibrant presence in our lives. So, how do we learn to be more aware, more awake, and more in tune to the presence of the Spirit within us and around us and between us? One way is to study the Book of Acts. The full title of Acts is *The Acts of the Apostles*, but it could also be titled *The Acts of the Holy Spirit*. In Acts, we see the Holy Spirit at work transforming lives, communities, and situations.

Pastor Bruce will be leading a four-week series on the Book of Acts. We will meet on **February 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:15 AM** in the new Living Room (old Youth Room). We will be using the Bible Project videos for the basis for our learning and discussion. No need to register. Just come with your Bible and a mind and heart that is open to the transforming presence of the Holy Spirit.



SERVING IS CENTRAL

For Christians, serving is central to our lives. A few verses from Scripture:

- * "God will not forget your work and **the love you have shown him as you have helped his people** and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10
- * "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love.**" Galatians 5:13
- * Jesus said: "**Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be.** My Father will honor the one who serves me." John 12:26

Being God's beloved children means helping and serving within God's beloved community, the church, for the sake of this beloved world that God so loves.

While there are countless ways to live out your faith in service, one of them is to find your place of service within and for God's church. We all have gifts and talents to share. We all have some uniqueness to what our contributions might be. **You have a place where you fit.**

In this new year here at Light of Christ, we will be imagining and discussing how best to be a beloved place of blessing and service. We need to love and care for each other deeply. We need to extend the love and compassion of Christ to those who are hurting outside of our church. This mission invites that **each of us commit to plugging in and serving in some way.**

Our many ministry teams and committees are in need of members to serve. We will be electing these new members at our Annual Meeting at the end of January. If you are interested in serving or in more information, please contact either one of us. **We are grateful for all who serve and will help new folks to get connected!**

Kylee Amdor, Nominating Committee
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Tim Johnson, Shared Ministry Director
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Watch for Tax Forms!

With our updated church management software, we have the capability to easily email out your contribution statements for 2021.

Watch for an email in the coming weeks with your giving statement attached. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Terri in the church office (terri.reuter@locdelano.com or 763-972-2400)



Stay Informed!

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



You're Invited!

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



Congregational Meeting



**Congregational Annual Meeting
January 30, 2022 at 10:15 am**

Update or initiate online giving for 2022!

<http://bit.ly/LOGiving>



Online Donation

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If you've already created a profile, please "Log In" on the right, otherwise continue.

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-A NEW DAY CAPITAL APPEAL:

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Donation Information

For credit or debit card transactions, please consider opting to offset the 2.75% merchant fee normally paid by the receiver by checking the box below your account information. Thank you.

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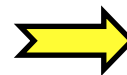
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2022 Pledges & Online Giving

If you need to change your automatic contribution amount due to your 2022 pledge, please log in to your [MyVanco account](#)—instructions on doing so, or for initiating online giving, can be found in the image to the left. You can also contact Terri in the church office to make the change for you. Your pledge card does not authorize the church to make changes to your online giving.



2021 Youth Mission Trip Recap

Thank you to the Denver Service Learning trip participants for sharing their stories in worship yesterday. The trip took place on July 10-17, 2021. Those who participated worked with various inner-city social service agencies and had an incredible week serving, learning and growing together in faith! Youth and leaders who attended the trip were: Claire Arveson, Nick Egly, Sophia Grant, Erin Green, Evalyn Green, Andrew Ihde, Sean Ihde, Ben Kelly, Kirsten Kelly, Sarah Klinkner, Taylor Kriesel, Willie Wagner, Natalie McClelland, Gretchen Ness, Hailey Ness, Lexi Rothstein

Click [here](#) for a slideshow of highlights from the 2021 mission trip.

Online Store—Support Our Youth

We invite you to visit our Equal Exchange (fair trade) table in the Narthex or click [HERE](#) for our online store for some great gift options! Items for sale include:

- Chocolate
- Coffee
- Tea
- Cashews
- LOC coffee mugs
- LOC masks

All sales support our summer youth trips as well as small farmers around the world! These items make great gifts for teachers or friends. Our Light of Christ kids shirts are also available for \$10 each and would make a great gift for your kids, if they don't already have one! Items can also be delivered for free around the Delano area and you can include a note and even gift wrapping. Thanks for your support of our LOC Youth!



High School Ministries

- **Donuts & Discussion** – We have started a new Bible study for HS youth called Donuts & Discussion (D&D). We will meet once/month on Sunday mornings, typically the first Sunday of the month, at 10:10 am in the newly remodeled space (The Living Room). We had originally planned to join the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study group but changed this and now will be meeting just as a HS group. These mornings will be a chance to hang out, talk about our highs and lows (faith and life) and have donuts. We hope you can join us for this great opportunity!
 - ⇒ **Sunday, February 6th, 10:10 am**
 - ⇒ **Sunday, March 6th, 10:10 am**
- **HS Fellowship** – Each week our 9th-12th grade youth will meet as a group on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:45 pm (but come when you are able) in the new Living Room space to share time with friends, have food, fellowship and fun! Bring a friend and enjoy some time in a safe space where all are welcome!

