



Worship

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



Special Congregational Meeting—Sunday, November 17

The Church Council will be holding a Special Congregational Meeting immediately following the service where there will be a vote on calling the candidate, Tim Wheatley, to be our next Pastor. This meeting will also be available via Zoom at this link: [Zoom Meeting](#)



NourishingHOPE

Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, November 11th

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
Delano, MN 55328

Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church
1601 Highway 25 North
Buffalo, MN 55313

Maple Grove

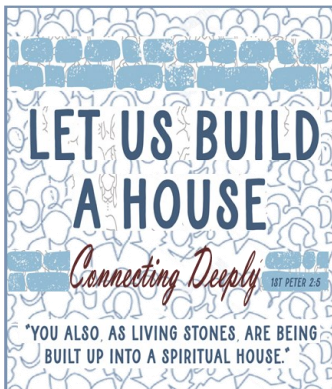
Rice Lake Bible Chapel
8801 Rice Lake Road
Maple Grove, MN 55369

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

Church Council 2024

Mike Boyack (vice pres.)
Laurie Brown (sec'y.)
Billie Chock
Tim Current (treas.)
Heidi Goldbeck
Luke Jeseritz
Lisa Krause
Natasha Werner (pres.)
Jon Wissink



Contact us!

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Monthly Food Distribution

The next food distribution is on **Monday, November 11th**. Shifts are available at 10:00 AM to about noon at Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford, and 3:30 – 4:30 PM here at Light of Christ. Sign-ups are at the links below or QR codes shown:

- **10:00 AM** packing food boxes (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- **3:30 PM** distributing boxes of food right here in our church parking lot (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)



Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)

What a Difference a Friend Makes

(NamiMN.org)



Imagine that you've just been diagnosed with a serious but treatable physical condition. You're scared and confused, so you tell a friend. How would you feel if your friend laughed, called you names, or told you to just snap out of it? People with mental illnesses face these reactions every day. We all know better than to hurt people, especially when they're already hurting. Mental illnesses cause painful physical, mental, and emotional symptoms. Uncaring responses are even harder to bear. Put aside any preconceived notions you might have about mental illnesses, and embrace a more helpful way of relating to people.

Instead of dismissing a person's worries, express your interest and concern. Don't change the subject when a mental illness diagnosis comes up. Ask questions, listen to ideas, and be responsive. Ask what you can do to help. If other people make insensitive remarks, don't ignore them. Educate them so that they understand the facts about mental illnesses. If somebody with a mental illness applies for a job or an apartment, don't discriminate. Treat people with mental illnesses like you would treat those with any other serious condition: with respect, compassion, and empathy.

Help a Friend

If your friend tells you they have a mental illness, you could respond in any or all of these ways:

- Express your concern and support.
- Ask for more details about the person's diagnosis and how he or she is managing. Really listen to the answers and continue the conversation. Make sure your friend understands that you honestly care.
- Ask what you can do to help. You can leave this open-ended, or you can suggest specific tasks that might help with a specific situation. Giving a ride to a medical appointment and keeping the person company in the waiting room is a great way to help. It can ease some of the anxiety and reluctance that people feel when faced with a life-changing diagnosis.
- Bring over a meal or send a card.
- You might also offer to help your friend with errands. Just be careful not to patronize or make them feel disempowered.
- Reassure your friend that you still care about them. Be sure to include them in your plans — going out to lunch, catching a movie, taking a walk. If your friend resists these suggestions, reassure and reinvoke without being overbearing.
- Remind your friend that mental illnesses are treatable. Find out if they are getting the care they need. If not, offer your help in identifying and getting the right kind of care.

In an Emergency

If a friend is having a mental health emergency, ask them what kind of help they need, and respond immediately. It is important to give them hope and encourage them to seek support.

Suicide is one of the most frightening possible outcomes of mental illnesses.

If you or someone you know needs help, **call 988** immediately. This is the number for the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. It is a free 24-hour service for anyone who needs help. Never ignore or underestimate remarks about suicide. Take them seriously, and make sure that the person in crisis is cared for. Also, if you think your friend is in immediate danger, do not leave them alone. Stay there and call 988, the local mental health crisis team, or 911. If you call 911, be sure to request a crisis intervention trained (CIT) officer and say that this is a mental health crisis. Immediate medical attention is also needed if somebody is very weak or ill from an eating disorder.

The more information you have, the more help you can be to a friend with a mental illness.

OUTREACH



Thank you, KIDS HOPE Mentors and Prayer Partners!

LOC partnered with an exciting program called Kids Hope USA and Delano Elementary two years ago and it was VERY successful. We are excited to have most of last year's volunteer mentors return and have three new mentors join us. These mentors spend one hour/week with one child for the school year with the main emphasis on building relationships and confidence building. They make such a big difference in the lives of these kids! Thank you to mentors Lisa Spencer, Lisa Hemmer, JoMarie Williamson, Paul Nelson, Stan Droneck, LaDonna Ekern, Kirsten Kelly, Jinnelle Weis, and our three new mentors, Wendy Caslavka, Cheryl Minor, and Tracy Herkenhoff. We also want to thank the prayer partners who are keeping these mentors and kids in their prayers. They are Carmen Hanson, Jennifer Grant, Ann Bassett, Dennis Lohmann, Betty Pavik, Katie Horeis, Sue Fink, and Bea Zerull. If there are others who would like more information about being a mentor with Kids Hope, please contact Lona Jose or Terri at the LOC office.

Support the Christmas Store - Love INC Heartland



The Christmas Store gives Love INC families the option to shop for Christmas gifts for their children at no cost to them. You can support by giving a gift online today! bit.ly/loveincchristmas

Store Volunteers - Love INC Heartland

Our thrift stores in Delano and Howard Lake are in urgent need of volunteers to help stores run smoothly. Training provided and commitment is flexible. Volunteer as individual, family, or group today.
thrift@loveincheartland.org



Items Wanted

The church could use two stainless steel chafing dishes to serve hot food during funeral luncheons, and a metal two-drawer filing cabinet with a lock to store archived personnel files. If you have either of these items and are willing to donate them, **please contact Rhonda Current** at rkcurren1@gmail.com and I can arrange to pick them up or meet you at church to collect them. Thank you.

CHURCH NEWS



We welcomed the following
new Light of Christ Members/
Partners in Ministry on
November 10th:

Eric & Stephanie Bitterman
Joey, Rose

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!



Ringers and Singers

The Community Life Committee would like to invite you to a holiday outing that our own Marcus Hanson is a part of. It's the *Holiday for Orchestra with Ringers & Singers: Christmas Movie Edition* at the Buffalo High School Performing Arts Center on December 8. For more information or to sign up, please follow this link: Ringers & Singers. If you have questions, please call, text or email Kelly Harstad at 763-227-8246 or kellyharstad8@gmail.com.

CHURCH NEWS



(In case you missed this update from last Monday's email)

Dear Church Family,

Today's message is an introduction to our Pastor candidate, Pastor Tim Wheatley. Pastor Tim shared some information with all of us to get to know a little more about him. Also below is a reminder of the upcoming meeting on Sunday, November 17.



Greetings, I am Pastor Tim Wheatley. I grew up the son of a pastor and a teacher in Wyoming, MN. I married my not-quite-high-school-sweetheart (I didn't ask her out until the week after high school), and we have four beautiful children: Elijah 17, Annalise 15, Josiah 11, and Constantine 3. When I received my call to seminary, I knew that I would probably want to serve in Minnesota and so I chose to go to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. There I was well educated and ready to come back to serve the Southwestern Minnesota synod for the first 19 years of my ministry, currently at Evangelical Lutheran Church Cokato since 2012. I have a passion for family and ministry and have a strong conviction that we as Christians need to be connected to all ages. I love board games, reading, and camping — not always together. Although I am a decent enough singer, I find myself lucky enough to be the least musical one in my family. We play 15 instruments between us—Trombone (2), Organ (2), Clarinet (2), Tuba (1), Trumpet (1), Piano (3), Cello (2), Violin (1) and whatever Constantine hits his drumsticks on (1). We look forward to meeting you on November 10th!



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LOC Call Committee

THE HOOT NEWS for November from Sue Fink

Here's "The HOOT"



Make note on your calendars: We've moved the next OWLS event up a week, to **November 14th!!**

We have made reservations for a private educational tour of the Grimm Farm Historic Site in Victoria. It is the original homestead of a German immigrant who developed a winter hardy alfalfa which enabled dairy farming in Minnesota. This site is part of the Carver Park Reserve. Our tour will be mostly inside with a bit of outdoor walking, so come dressed for both.

We will plan to meet at church at 11:30 and stop for lunch on the way (details later/ideas welcome). Then we'll meet our guide, Josh, at the Farmstead at 2 PM. The address is 7025 Victoria Drive.

We had to pay in advance, \$90.00 for the reservation, so if 10 of you come, it will cost \$9.00 each, but if 15 sign up it's only \$6.00 each. Quite a bargain!

Remember, this event is this week, **so please sign up with Sue as soon as you can.**

Our December event will be the usual third Thursday, on December 19th, with plans for a Christmas potluck, fun, games, and prizes!!! We sure do have fun!

Peace in Christ,

Sue and the OWLS team

Together We Thrive: Time, Talents, and Treasure

The Gift of Treasure

Now we focus on treasure—the financial resources we steward for God's purposes. You make things happen in other people's lives! Your generosity enables Light of Christ to continue its mission and ministry in 2025. This Sunday, reflect on how God calls you to share your treasures and support the church's vision. Write your commitment on a leaf to place on our "Treasure" banner. Through giving, together we thrive and grow the ministry.



Please note: next week you are invited to fill out and return a financial pledge card and also your *Thriving through Time & Talents* sheet. These were in your mailing. But don't worry, we'll have extras here at church.

Below is just one of the sections of the new Time and Talent form. Each week we're highlighting one part of the form. There are two forms in each household's stewardship mailing. Please use one of those (or we'll have more at church), fill it out, and return it on November 17th.

Some options:

Onsite or at a specific location, but you determine when

- ☐ Inventory altar guild supplies
- ☐ Purchase altar guild supplies / deliver to church
- ☐ Help with periodic church cleaning – pews, kitchen, etc.
- ☐ Perform Property Committee or outdoor property tasks / care
- ☐ Food rescue – pick up donated food and deliver to the Food Shelf or Senior Center
- ☐ Monthly LOC food distribution – sign up as you're able!
- ☐ Prepare candles for Christmas Eve candlelight service prior to Christmas
- ☐ Decorate church for Christmas / Easter or takedown decorations

LIGHT OF CHRIST PAINT NIGHT



WELCOME TO THE LADIES FROM LIGHT OF CHRIST CHURCH ON THEIR ANNUAL NIGHT OUT. JOIN US NOV. 21ST FOR A NIGHT OF PAINTING. WE WILL MAKE THESE CUTE PAINTINGS THAT MEASURE 6x8. COST IS \$30 THAT INCLUDES ALL THE SUPPLIES. FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR BEVERAGE OF CHOICE FOR THIS FUN EVENT.

Sisters of LOC Paint Night November 21

Join us for a night of painting and fellowship. Sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4AA5A62CA64-52945235-sisters#/>; pay and register via QR code below.



REGISTER
HERE



The Global Barnyard Mission Fundraiser took in \$1101.62!

We purchased:

A family farm: 1 cow,
2 goats, 2 pigs, 12 chicks,
1 rooster, a bee colony, farm
& garden seeds, & tools

PLUS

A fully stocked fish farm
complete with training in
ongoing care

PLUS

We had enough left to feed
a starving child for 2
months!

**THANK
YOU!!!!**



**Our Voyagers began to work
on Christmas cards for our
local care facility!**

**May everyone this Christmas know
they are loved and not forgotten!**





7th/8th Grade Mission Trip

Twin Cities, MN June 8-12, 2024

We are excited to offer our very first 7th and 8th grade mission trip this upcoming summer! It'll be a shortened trip (4 nights) and always be local—probably in the Twin Cities area. Please check out the info below, prayerfully consider attending and talk to Kirsten about any questions!

What: A trip for current LOC youth in grades 7 and 8 who want to grow in their faith, serve and learn together on a trip in Minnesota!

Where: Staying at Luther Memorial Church in South St. Paul, MN

Cost: Approximately \$375

More Info: [Click here to view the info sheet for more details](#). If you missed the info meeting, here is the link of the recording: <https://www.youtube.com/@lightofchristdelano9722>

Register here (and pay your \$100 deposit) before **12/18/24** to secure your spot! <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/TwinCities2025>

HS Mission Trip Info Meeting

Our 9th-12th grade youth are headed back to the N. Shore next summer to serve and learn together! We will stay in Two Harbors again and serve at local social-service agencies. The trip will take place the end of July. Join us for our info meeting to get more details!

Info Mtg: Wednesday, November 13th, 8:00 PM

Where: Sanctuary at LOC

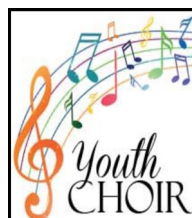
Who: Youth in grades 9-12 and parents

Confirmation Calendar

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



- 11/13 = Teaching Night
- 11/20 = Teaching Night
- 11/27 = *No Confirmation (Thanksgiving)*
- 12/4 = Service Night at Delano Food Shelf
- 12/6 = [Friday Night Lights!](#) (7-10PM)
- 12/11 = Service Night at Love INC
- 12/18 = Christmas Party!



Youth Choir Rehearsals Begin Soon!

Youth choir rehearsals begin in November! Attendance at all rehearsals is not mandatory. Rehearsals take place after worship and last for 30 minutes. The listed ages are 3rd-6th grade, but if your child is out of that age range and interested, talk to Katie. If you would like to sign-up for youth choir, use this QR code and fill out the form! Contact Katie at katie.kohler@locdelano.com with any questions.



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!



Fall Confirmation Retreat

We had 42 youth (grades 7-9) attend our Fall Confirmation Retreat at Camp Wapo on November 1-3, 2024. We had a great weekend growing in faith, learning more about prayer and developing stronger relationships with each other and God! It was an awesome experience and a ton of fun! Below and on the next pages are some photos from our weekend. Thank you to the adult leaders for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend and lead our youth... Brenna Demeules, Carrie Quamen, Jennifer Slipka and Brad Wyninger (along with staff Kirsten Kelly and Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley).



**"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love."
Ephesians 5:1-2**





Brad Winyinger

**THANK YOU to the
amazing Confirmation
Retreat Adult Leaders!**

**Kirsten
Kelly**

**Carrie
Quamen**

**Jennifer
Slipka**

**Brenna
Demeules**