



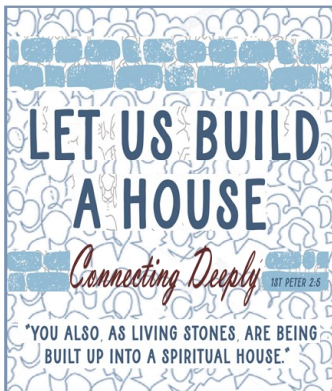
Worship

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



Church Council 2024

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Thank you from Call Committee

Light of Christ members,

Thank you for prayerfully journeying with us through the call process. We felt your support and appreciated your consistent prayers in search of our next pastor.

Please join us in thanking our chairperson, Paul Ludwig, for the hundreds of personal hours he spent leading this process. He navigated so many unexpected twists and turns, fielded (literally) thousands of emails, and remained a calm leader we all respected. We appreciated him and ask you, too, to thank him when you cross paths.

~Call Committee members

Thank
You

The Season of Advent Is Upon Us!

Below is our schedule for the upcoming Advent/Christmas worship services:

- ⇒ **12/01:** 1st Sunday of Advent, 9:30 AM
- ⇒ **12/08:** Lessons & Carols, 9:30 AM
- ⇒ **12/15:** Children's Christmas Program, 9:30 AM
- ⇒ **12/22:** 4th Sunday of Advent, 9:30 AM
- ⇒ **12/24:** 2, 4, 10 PM Christmas Eve Services

Gratitude Project for December

Every three months, the Mission/Evangelism Committee shows gratitude to a group out in the community for a job well done. With all of the work that our Church Staff and Call Committee have been doing during our transition between pastors, we want to show our gratitude to these lovely people right here in our church!

Our committee will be giving each Staff member and Call Committee member a thank you card and a gift. We are asking that the congregation help by filling out Gratitude note cards. Please do not address them to anyone specific; then we can evenly distribute the gratitude! Be on the lookout for the notes, along with boxes in the Narthex to turn them in. Let's show our Staff and Call Committee how grateful we are for all of their efforts! Thank you cards, gifts, and note cards will be given out in church on **December 8th**.

– The Mission/Evangelism Committee



OUTREACH



Christmas for a Cause

Hi, my name is Ashlynn Wortz and I will be organizing Christmas *Friends 4 A Cause* for my National Honor Society project. *Friends 4 A Cause* is

a local non-profit that helps Delano families, who may be going through tough times, have a brighter Christmas. Please check out the SignUp Genius link provided below for more information and ways to donate. Collection bins will be located in the Narthex.

Email kimw1517@gmail.com or call 952-457-9253 with any questions!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094EA5AF2BA75-53264935-locfriends>

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

WANTED

The church could use two stainless steel chafing dishes to serve hot food during funeral luncheons. If you have this item and are willing to donate it, please contact Rhonda Current at rkcurrent1@gmail.com and I can arrange to pick them up or meet you at church to collect it.

STAYING CONNECTED



THE HOOT NEWS

from Sue Fink

OWLS Christmas Party

Our December event will be on **Friday, December 20th at 1:00 PM** (please note day) with plans for a Christmas potluck, fun, games, and prizes!!! We sure do have fun!

Peace in Christ,
Sue and the OWLS team



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.



Online Christmas Devotions

Start your week off with a musical devotion! Beginning December 2nd, our Worship and Music Director, Katie Anne Kohler, will share musical devotions featuring our favorite Christmas carols. Videos will be posted to our Light of Christ Worship Services page each Monday. You can find the link here: <https://youtube.com/@lightofchristworshipservice6861?si=rLmYMIReX2eL6cJH>



Mark your calendars! Light of Christ's annual service of Lessons and Carols is December 8th, 9:30 AM. Come hear the Christ story alongside joyful music featuring all Light of Christ musicians. We can't wait for this musical celebration!

Christmas Ornaments

The Worship and Music Committee would like to offer everyone the opportunity to purchase ornaments and/or candles, made by the committee members, this Christmas season in honor or memory of loved ones. All ornaments will be placed on the Christmas tree in the Narthex until

after Christmas Eve, unless you wish to take yours home right away. Suggested amount for purchase is \$10. All funds will go toward the worship and music fund! We will have a table set-up in the Narthex for purchasing: 12/1-12/22. If paying by check, please make payable to *Light of Christ* and note Christmas Ornaments or Christmas Candles in the memo. Thank you and Merry Christmas!



2025 Pledges & Online Giving

If you need to change your automatic contribution amount due to your 2025 pledge, please log in to your [MyVanco account](#) or contact Terri in the church office to make the change. Your pledge card does not authorize the church to make these changes.

You might find it helpful to [watch this video](#), which will walk you through the steps to cancel your current transaction and then create a new transaction. Please contact Terri in the church office if you have any questions.

You are encouraged to still submit your 2025 pledge if you haven't already done so. Pledge cards can be found at the usher station or in the church office.



2025 Offering Envelopes

If you requested preprinted 2025 offering envelopes, (or did not opt out) they are now available to be picked up in the Narthex.



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!



Neither rain nor snow stops these young people from getting to Voyagers!



Each week at Confirmation we have some time for fellowship, games and connecting in faith. Your support allows us to purchase supplies for these games (such as balloons 😊) and also have board games and puzzles on hand for youth events. Thank you for supporting our Youth & Family Ministries and helping our youth grow in faith at Light of Christ!

💛 Your support makes a difference! 💛



Growing in faith together through
fun Confirmation Games!



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 LOC youth currently 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 North Shore, MN July 26-Aug. 2, 2025

We are excited for another awesome trip with our HS youth learning and growing together through service! Please check out the info below, prayerfully consider attending and talk to Kirsten about any questions.

What: A trip for LOC youth currently in grades 9-12 who want to grow in their faith, serve and learn together on a trip in northern MN!

Where: Two Harbors, Duluth & Grand Marais, MN

Cost: Approximately \$375

More Info: [Click here to view the info sheet](#) or pick one up at the office. If you missed the info meeting, here is the link of the recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vtVEeOd5Mw>

Register here (and pay your \$100 deposit) before **12/18/24** to secure your spot! <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/NorthShore2025>

“Buy with Heart” this Christmas

Equal Exchange (fair trade) items make great Christmas gifts. Find them in the Narthex or click [HERE](#) for our online store for some great gift options! Items for sale include, chocolate, coffee, tea, cashews, almonds, and dried mangos, LOC coffee mugs.



All sales support our summer youth trips as well as small farmers around the world! These items make great gifts for teachers or friends. 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 and for “shopping with heart.”

Confirmation Calendar



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

- **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!

