



Pastor Tim Wheatley

July 14, 2025

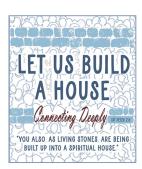
Worship

- In-person worship— 9:30 AM Sundays
- Online worship is live-streamed to our YouTube and Facebook pages



Church Council 2025

Laurie Brown (sec'y.) Billie Chock (pres.) Tim Current (treas.) Pat Czock **Brandt Dinger** Heidi Goldbeck Luke Jeseritz Lisa Krause (v. pres.) Ryan Tool Pastor Tim Wheatley



Contact us!

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Free Fresh Produce and Dairy



Monday, July 14th 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

Nourishing HOPE is a ministry of Our Father's Lutheran Church, in cooperation with 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

Food, Faith, and Fellowship: Your Impact

Each month, Light of Christ joins a network of five local churches to provide free food and prayerful support to nearly 90 of our neighbors. With produce, dairy, and essentials packed in boxes, we serve with joy-and your support fuels it all. **July 14th** is the next distribution.

"Serve one another humbly in love." — Galatians 5:13

As part of our **Together We Thrive** initiative, this ministry invites us to live generously with our time, talent, and treasure:

- 9:45 AM Help pack food boxes in Rockford.
- 3:30 PM Help unload and set up in our parking lot.
- Stay a bit to pray over the written requests we receive from our guests.

Your financial giving and volunteer efforts ensure that love is shared in tangible ways. Sign-up details are below—thank you for helping us thrive as a community of hope.

- 9:45 AM Food box packing. Sign up here: (https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food)
- 3:30 PM Food distribution. Sign up here: (https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1)







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, worshiping 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.

Shoe Collection/Recycling!

Donate and drop off your old tennis shoes at church. Shoes can be in ANY condition as long as they are athletic shoes. A collection bin can be found in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex at LOC.



Help Out with the Tour de Tonka!



Light of Christ is again hosting a rest stop in the city park during the **August 2**nd event and is looking for 9-10 volunteers to help from **7:30-11:00 AM** that day. If you are interested in helping, please complete the form at this link:

General Tour de Tonka Volunteer Sign Up. If you have any questions, contact Brad Spencer at 612-616-7548.

Support the Back to School Bash!



WestPointe Church and Love INC Heartland are teaming up

this August to provide free school supplies, food, and fun for K–12 families in need. Sponsor a backpack for \$50 or donate any amount to support this Gap Ministry at bit.ly/schoolbash23

Volunteer in Our Thrift Stores

We rely on dedicated volunteers to help our stores run smoothly. Our Howard Lake location is seeking more volunteers to add to our amazing team. Learn more by calling 763-999-7087 or sign up at bit.ly/loveincvolunteer



Join Us At Golf For Love - September 15

Tee off with us at Albion Ridges on September 15 for a day of friendly competition, community, and

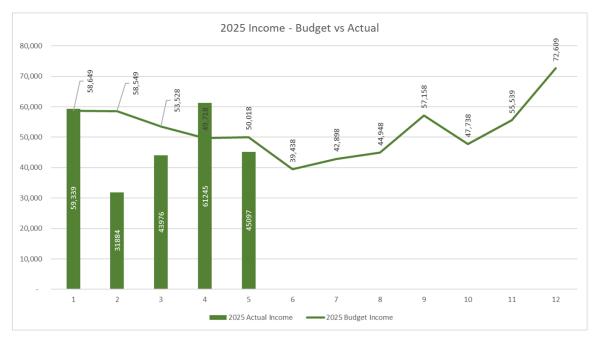
purpose. Event details, team tickets, and sponsorship packages available at bit.ly/golfforlove25

Gift A Meal At Our Fresh Start Program

Serving a meal at our *Fresh Start Program* is a simple, impactful way to show the love of Christ and gives the opportunity to build community! We have multiple openings available for September-December. Give a financial gift to support or sign up to serve a meal at bit.ly/fsmeals23

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



The HOOT!! OWLS Newsletter

OWLS summer events are canceled due to busy schedules. We look forward to resuming our monthly gatherings in September.

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 <u>AUGUST 11th</u>. Either email <u>Terriin the church office</u> 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.



Director of Children & Family Ministry Position

The Personnel Committee has posted this 20 hr/week position on the <u>LOC website</u>. Do you know strong candidates who should apply? Please inquire if interested.

Follow Us on Instagram!

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





Monday through Thursday 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

North Shore Mission Trip Prayer Partners

Each summer we ask our congregation family



to pray for our service trip participants as we prepare and then also while we are on our trip. We give each prayer partner an itinerary so that they know what we're up to each day and then encourage them to attend our return worship service after the trip (which is on August 3rd this year). This summer we are looking for approximately 32 people who will commit to praying for our HS youth and adults as we head to the North Shore to serve, grow and learn from July 26th – August 2nd. Click here to complete the short form to indicate your interest. Thanks for your partnership in ministry!



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



Confirmation Registration

Confirmation (7th-9th grade; 2025-2026 year): Early registration is now open at link below. Save \$20 if paid in full by August 1st. All registrations are due by August 15th. https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/ Confirmation2025-26

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, July 21
- Monday, August 25

On each of the above nights, we'll have two 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!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Give the Gift of Faith to a Child

The end of June, we had 11 youth attend Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI. Each kid that attends receives a scholarship (either \$50 or \$100, depending on which camp and how long they attend) and a care package from our congregation, which they receive while they are at camp. The care package includes treats, snacks, stickers, a Bible highlighter and small toys (some with encouraging Bible verses). Here is a card we received from one of the kids:

"Thank you so much for the scholarship towards my weekend at camp! And also for the fun care package. I had so much fun!! Love, Hattie S"

Thanks for your continued support of this important ministry, that builds a strong faith foundation for our youth!

Note: If you'd like to make a tax-deductible gift to our scholarship fund, please contact Kirsten Kelly.





