



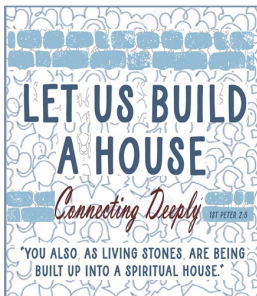
Worship

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



Church Council 2025

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VBS starts next week!
Sign up now if you haven't already!

Looking for Mountains of Fun?



You Otter Be Here!

Sunday, July 13th – Wednesday, July 16th

5:00PM – 7:15PM

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/TrueNorth>

Supplies Needed:

Donation <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-56877244-vbs2025>

Artificial Christmas Trees: We are looking for artificial Christmas trees to borrow to make our main display look like a real forest! (The trees will only be used for decoration and will not be used for any activities). Borrowed trees will be available for pickup at the church immediately after VBS and throughout July during normal office hours. Signups for trees are included in the above donations link.

Volunteers Needed:

We are still looking for two crew leaders, junior crew leaders and volunteers to help with decorating and clean up. We hope to see you there!

Volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-56878197-vbs2025>

OUTREACH

You Make This Ministry Possible

Thanks to your ongoing support, our **monthly Food Distribution Ministry** reaches about **90 individuals and families**—providing produce, dairy, and essentials, all wrapped in care and prayer.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others...” — 1 Peter 4:10

It's one more way that **Together We Thrive**—serving others with our **time, talents, and treasures**:

- **9:45 AM at Our Father's Lutheran** – Pack hundreds of boxes.
- **3:30 PM at Light of Christ** – Unload and distribute food right here.
- Stick around to **pray over our neighbors' requests**, offered with faith and hope.

This ministry—and many others—are sustained by your **generosity and engagement**. **Sign up below and thank you for helping our community thrive in Christ!**

- **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>)



Check Out Time & Talent in Action

On any day, Light of Christ is a hub of volunteer activity: VBS supplies arriving, Time & Talent tasks completed, committees working, and members involved in countless ways.

And then there's Paul Gabrelcik, who transitioned from paid custodian to dedicated volunteer. Though he is contracted to maintain the Columbarium garden area, he also consistently donates his time and skills (and sometimes the cost of supplies, like new mulch) to benefit much of the other church grounds. In these pictures, his goal was to help LOC shine during the July 4th holiday weekend.

Thank you, Paul! And thank you to **all** LOC volunteers. Your hands-on work is greatly appreciated.

~Stewardship and Property Committees



Join Us At Golf For Love - September 15



Tee off with us at Albion Ridges on September 15, 2025, for a day of friendly competition, community, and purpose. Event details, team tickets, and sponsorship packages available at bit.ly/golfforlove25



SUMMER Office Hours

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

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 ***AUGUST 11th***. Either email [Terri in the church office](#) 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 [LOC website](#). Do you know strong candidates who should apply? Our kids deserve a leader with high energy and a huge heart — just what LaDonna dedicated to the youngsters for the past 4 years.



The HOOT!! OWLS Newsletter by Sue Fink

With the warm weather back, it's time for some outdoor fun with the OWLS!!

- ◇ **July 17th, 9:00 AM:** Annual Art Fair at Munsinger Gardens in St. Cloud. There will be over 60 artists, food, live music.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a season (a time appointed) for everything and a time for every delight and event or purpose under heaven—" Amplified Version



Follow Us on Instagram!

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

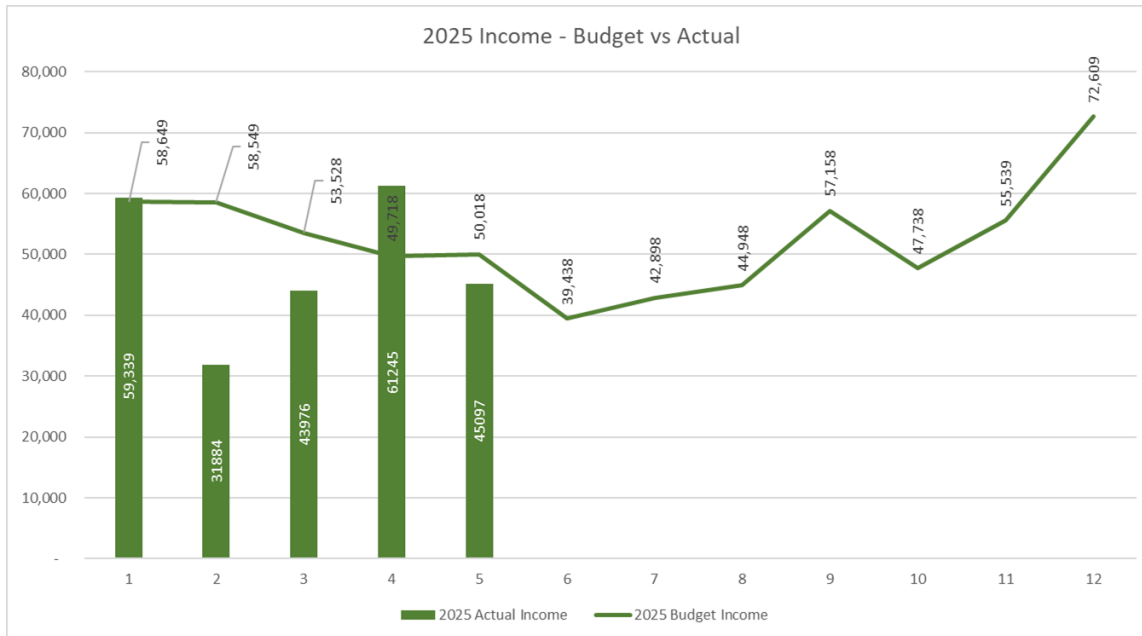
Belize Adult/Family Mission Trip 2026

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, worshipping 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.



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

A Loving Nudge Toward Generosity

Light of Christ has always been a church filled with generous hearts and faithful people. Right now, our income is running behind our expenses, and we invite every partner in ministry to consider where they stand with their giving. If you've fallen behind on your pledge, this is a great time to catch up. And if you're able to give a bit more—out of love for God and gratitude for this church—please know that every gift makes ministry possible.

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” – Winston Churchill

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give...for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7



Did you leave your chair at LOC after the church picnic in June? If this looks familiar, you can pick it up in the church library.



What Is a Memorial Garden?

A memorial garden is a space designed to honor and remember the life of a loved one. A private place for reflection, remembrance and meditation. A beautiful spot creating a serene and reflective environment. Light of Christ is blessed to have our own beautiful setting right outside our entrance. We invite you to take a moment to visit our **Columbarium and Memorial Garden** to share in the tranquility and beauty it has to offer!



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:

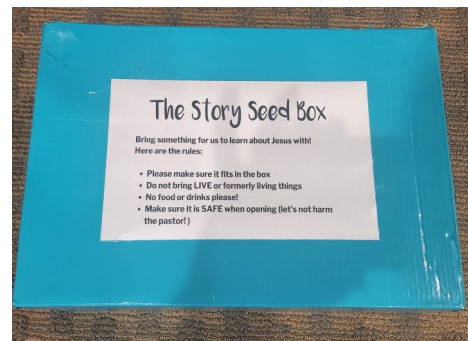
- **6:00-7:30 PM** = Incoming 7th & 8th graders
- **7:30-9:00 PM** = Incoming 9th graders and up (including college-aged youth)

Friends are welcome and these nights are **FREE** (thanks to the support of our congregation). Hope to see you there!

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>

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



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.