



Worship

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



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Global Barnyard Noisy Offering Sundays, April 23 & May 7

Making a joyful noise to
the Lord so all God's
children may be fed!
Donations can also be
made via the church
[Give site.](#)



Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser, April 23!

Join us at Lupine for a fun afternoon supporting some of our youth
going to Belize! Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

FUNDRAISER BENEFITING
LOC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MISSION TRIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

1-4PM

LIVE MUSIC BY
THE ABIDERS

PRIZES FOR
THE TOP 3

LUPINE

FREE TO COMPETE

\$5 DONATION GETS
YOU UNLIMITED
SAMPLES AND A
VOTE FOR YOUR
FAVORITE

248 RIVER ST,
DELANO

The April Fifth Sunday Offering will go to the Delano Senior Center

The Friends of the Delano Senior Center is seeking donations to go directly towards the purchase of a 14-passenger lift-equipped van. The current van is a 2009 model and is showing its age.

The Senior Center offers a variety of shopping and day trips for area seniors. In 2022, the center provided van service on **more than 100 occasions**, serving **more than 200 individuals** with a total of **more than 700 rides**. They provide a mix of basic, essential services and education/recreation trips:

For example....

- Shopping in Monticello, Ridgedale, Eden Prairie, Hutchinson, Maple Grove, and more!
- Transportation to and from our daily lunch program
- Educational trips to museums, cultural centers, etc.
- Fun and recreation – restaurants, performances, sports games, and more!

- ⇒ Total cost of new vehicle and lettering: **\$119,367.00**
- ⇒ City of Delano Senior Center Capital Fund Budget — **\$18,600.00**
- ⇒ Contribution from Gwen Kittock Memorial Fund (gift from a Delano resident who died in 2013)— **\$35,000.00.**
- ⇒ Estimated trade-in value of existing van— **\$12,500.00.**
- ⇒ Donations they need to solicit from senior center users and charitable organizations: **\$53,267.00**
They have raised \$22,000+ of the \$53,267 thus far!

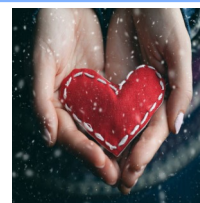
2022 Statistics:

- 2022 Trips Provided: 107
- 2022 Riders (total, including duplicates): 721
- 2022 Riders (individuals): 203
- 2022 Total Registered Senior Center Participants: 1,142
They serve many more people above and beyond this number at public events and via phone and email referrals.

Our monetary gifts from Light of Christ will go directly towards the purchase of this new vehicle. You can donate at church (please designate on your check or envelope “**April Fifth Sunday**”) or on the [LOC website](#) by clicking on the **Give** tab and then “**Click here to Give.**” Thank you for helping the Delano Senior Center!!

Caring Corner

(from Stacy VanCura
MS, LPCC, NCC, JVC's wife)



April is Counseling Awareness Month

If you (or your loved ones) are struggling with symptoms that negatively impact areas of your work, school, social, and/or family life, consider professional counseling. Counseling benefits our community; it fosters better communication skills, it promotes problem solving methods, and it provides relief from challenging mental health conditions.

If you are considering professional counseling, begin with a visit to your medical doctor, reveal your symptoms, and seek a referral.

Seek help finding the right therapist. Consult with family and friends; they might have a good recommendation. Your medical doctor might be able to recommend some quality mental health therapists for you. Insurance companies have lists of therapists, and if you have an insurance plan, your provider should be able to identify those therapists covered under your plan. Conduct an internet search for local mental health clinics. Many of these clinics have websites that provide descriptions of their therapists. Read the biographical descriptions to determine the counselor's area of expertise. Some therapists include faith-based sessions. Finding the right therapist is helpful.

Many therapists accept insurance, Health Saving Account, and/or cash payments - some therapists do not accept insurance payments. Some clinics offer a Sliding Fee Scale to help alleviate some of the financial burden.

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope." Psalm 130:5

Grow With Us At Love INC Heartland

We invite you to grow with us and learn how we wholistically help neighbors in need through Redemptive Compassion®. This seven-week class is hosted at WestPointe Church in Delano beginning Monday, May 1. A community meal is served at 5:15pm, and class starts at 6pm. Sign Up Online: bit.ly/loveincrc Questions? Contact Jim Holmlund at 763-999-7630



Affirmation of Baptism

On Sunday, April 16th, 27 tenth graders affirmed their baptism and confirmed their faith in Christ. We celebrate with these youth and hold them in prayer as they take this next step in their faith journey: Hunter Allen, Grace Caple, Ellie Chock, Jerried Curtis-Torgerson, Abby Gierke, Sophia Grant, Evalyn Green, Halle Lansing, Emily Lind, Max Lotzer, Kaci Malo, Isabelle Nee, Nathan Ness, Kayleigh Olson, Tate Olson, Kaitlyn Pink, Aidan Quandt, Corey Rice, Devin Schansberg, Madison Schansberg, Josie Strobl, Bradon Thomas, Maggie Thompson, Grace Ulberg, Henry Ulberg,



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

New Members will be received on Sunday, May 7th. If you are interested in joining Light of Christ or would like more information, please contact [Pastor Bruce](#) or [Terri](#) in the church office before April 27.

Connecting Parents and Youth for Babysitting Opportunities

Are you a youth looking for some new babysitting or nanny/manny opportunities? Are you a parent looking for responsible, reliable babysitters (or summer care)? Complete this [short online form](#) to indicate your interest (if you are a youth) or what childcare needs you have (if you are a parent) and Kirsten will help you get connected!



Rachel Kurtz Coming to Light of Christ!

Join us on **Wednesday, May 17th from 6:30-8:00 pm** in the Sanctuary for an awesome night of music, Biblical storytelling and encouragement about how “you are enough”! Rachel is a national singer/songwriter based out of Minneapolis and she’ll be coming for our Family Matters Night (required for all Confirmation youth but **OPEN TO ALL!**). The Light of Christ sophomores heard and got to know Rachel at the 10th grade Confirmation retreat last fall (at Wapo in Amery, WI). We fell in love with her there and are SO excited to have her at Light of Christ for a night! A remarkable vocalist and magnetic stage presence, Kurtz has released a new 13-song collection of original soul, Americana, and blues tracks backed by some of Minneapolis’ finest session musicians. This event is sponsored by the LOC Healing & Wholeness Committee, but free will offering will be accepted to help cover the costs. We hope you’ll tell your friends and join us – you don’t want to miss it!



Check out more about Rachel here: <https://www.rachelkurtz.com/about>

Our VBS this year is going to be STELLAR! We are partnering with Trinity Lutheran in Long Lake and Cross View Lutheran in Edina in order to make this an absolutely STELLAR experience for our young people. We can use your help. There is a gift registry of items we need to provide for VBS. Your willingness to purchase some of these items will help keep our cost down. Thank you! The link below connects you to our Vacation Bible School Amazon gift list : <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3URJYNF9RYYGK>



Spring Confirmation Retreat!

We're excited to be going on our Spring Confirmation Retreat to Wapo this May! This overnight retreat will largely be fellowship time but we'll also have campfire worship and great discussions. There will be awesome time with friends, great food and hopefully lots of time outdoors (where we can see the incredible stars at night)! This retreat is *expected* for all Confirmation youth and we also encourage Jr. Guides (or other HS youth that want to help lead games) to attend! We will also need several adult leaders, so please talk to Kirsten if you're interested in attending this awesome weekend! Here is more info:

Who: Confirmation youth, grades 7-9 (Jr. Guides and adult leaders too!)

What: Overnight Retreat – Faith, Fellowship, Food and FUN!

Where: Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI (about 2 hours east of Delano)

When: Friday, May 12 (5:30 pm)-Saturday, May 13 (5:30 pm)

Lodging: In the Cross Fire building at Wapo (rooms with 4-5 bunkbeds, each with their own bathroom & showers)

Cost/Person: \$100 – covers transportation, food, lodging and a bit to help cover the cost of adults/Jr. Guides

Registration: Emailed out to all Confirmation families



High School Fellowship

Join us for nights of fellowship, friends, faith, food and FUN!

HS Fellowship Schedule:

- ⇒ **April 19** = Just Dance & Other Games
- ⇒ **April 26** = Belize Update Meeting
- ⇒ **May 3** = Fleece Tie Blankets for Grads
- ⇒ **May 10** = Trivia Night
- ⇒ **May 17** = Rachel Kurtz, Family Matters (6:30-8 pm)



Raising funds so all
God's children can eat!

The challenge this year
is to raise \$2000!

Our **Bible Story Crew** has accepted the challenge to raise \$2000 for God's Global Barnyard. Today they donned barnyard animal hats (cow, goat, sheep, chicks, rooster, bees) to start this challenge, and they invite you to help them meet their goal!



COLORING CONTEST

The Bible Story Crew (ages 3-2nd grade) will have the opportunity to compete in a coloring contest. Entries are to be on display beginning Sunday, April 16. All participants will receive a prize at the end of year celebration. Light of Christ friends and family will be able to vote for their favorite picture for \$1 per vote.

Piggy Banks are a great way for all of us to raise funds. We have banks for everyone! Take one home or put one at your workplace. Great for any and all spare change! Thanks for your help!

