



Worship

- In-person worship—
9:00 am Sundays
- Online worship
continues, and will be
posted on the [church
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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.**



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

GLOBAL BARNYARD COLORING CONTEST

Several of our kindergarten students have submitted their entries for the Global Barnyard coloring contest. Now, it is up to you! Voting is open! \$1 per vote. Please put money in the bag next to the picture for which you're voting. Thank you so much for your support!



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!

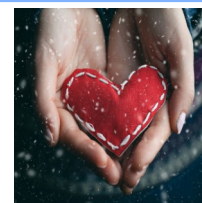
2022 Statistics:

- 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)



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

May Food Distribution

Our food distribution ministry, Nourishing Hope, needs volunteers for **Monday, May 8**. We have two time slots:

- **10:00 am** when we pack hundreds of boxes of food over at Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
 - **3:30 pm** when we distribute about 90 boxes of food right here in our church parking lot. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)
- Or speak with Tim Johnson (952-472-1755). Thank you!

We are excited to welcome new members!

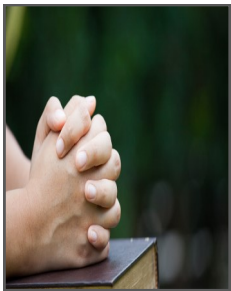


Please join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 7th immediately following the 9am worship service in the fellowship hall! The Community Life team will serve pancakes, sausages and fruit. Mark your calendars!



Global Barnyard Noisy Offering Sunday, 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](#).



Belize 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 6 this year). This summer we are looking for approximately 35 people who will commit to praying for our HS youth and adults as we head to Belize to serve, grow and learn from July 29 – August 6. [Click here to complete the short form](#) to indicate your interest. Thanks for your partnership in ministry!

A Light of Christ member has donated a brand new, still-in-package, boys' size small white baptism suit. If you or someone you know could use this, please contact Terri in the church office.



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!



Donate from Your Smart Phone

Light of Christ offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader or go to the [church website](#) and locate the online giving page.

When: Wednesday, May 17th –
6:30 to 8:00 pm

Where: Light of Christ Lutheran
Church, Delano

Who: Open to all!

Join us for a night of music and an encouraging message about youth and mental health on the theme, “You are Enough” with Minneapolis native, Rachel Kurtz!!

Raising awareness for world hunger, hurricane relief, and multi-cultural reconciliation, Kurtz’s powerhouse voice and heartfelt performances have been electrifying crowds in Atlanta’s Georgia Dome, New Orleans’ Superdome, Texas’ Alamo Dome, and hundreds of other concert venues from coast to coast. 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.



***Sponsored by the Healing and Wholeness Team and the Confirmation ministry at Light of Christ Lutheran.*



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 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)