

The Beacon

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

July 24, 2023

Worship

- In-person worship— 9:00 am Sundays
- Online worship continues, and will be posted on the <u>church</u> <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u> page



Church Council 2023

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"I'm bored!!"

CHILDREN

Parents, have your kids burned through all the activities you planned for summer break? Are you at *your* breaking point? Check out these resources in Light of Christ's library. The categories (highlighted in grey) are labeled on library shelves.



Kindness Counts	Learn to be kind while learning basic math skills.
God has Big Plans for You, Esthe	r Explore Washington, D.C., and learn about when Esther became queen (activity book)
Wrong Way, Jonah!	Jonah and the whale (activity book)
You Don't Need Words	Learn signals and ways people "talk" without words
Come to Church	Children explore the church
CHRISTIAN LIVING	
Year of Plenty (Craig Goodwin)	One family, four rules, 365 days of homegrown adventure
The Kids' Guidebook (Trudy Harris)	Helping kids deal with large and small problems.
Mental Health	
Anger Management Workbook for Kids (Samantha Snowden)	50 fun activities to help children stay calm and make better choices when they feel MAD
Right Now I Am Fine (Daniella Owen)	Help children deal with stress and anxiety, and learn a calming routine
Parenting	
<i>Parents and Adolescents</i> (Marion Forgatch)	Strategies for resolving problems and managing difficult issues
For Heaven's Sake! (Marilyn Sharpe)	Parenting preschoolers
Just Family Nights (Susan Vogt)	Activities to keep your family together

OUTREACH

July's Fifth Sunday Contributions to Karen Anderson

As many of you know, each month of the year that has five Sundays our congregation collects



donations for a special need. In the past, we have contributed to many agencies that provide support to those in serious need. Each year our generous congregation has picked one fifth Sunday of the year to donate to **Karen Anderson, our missionary in Chile**, who provides many much-needed services in that country. In **July** we will be collecting donations for Karen's missions. <u>Click here</u> for Karen's May update, detailing her latest efforts in Chile, a country with many needs.

Love INC Opportunities

Back To School Bash

Support this Love INC Gap Ministry led by fellow partner WestPointe Church.





Donate \$50 to give a school-ready backpack to a child in need <u>bit.ly/</u> <u>schoolbash23</u>.

Be a volunteer before/during the event on Wednesday, August 16 at 6pm in Delano.

Questions? Contact 763-972-7087 or info@loveincheartland.org

Golf For Love - Team Registration

Have you been practicing your golf swing? Then gather your golf buddies and register for our four-person scramble tournament! Learn more and register: <u>bit.ly/golfforlove23</u>. Contact 763-972-6547 or info@loveincheartland.org



Caring Corner

(for the month of July) (from Elizabeth Kohlhof of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)



Welcome, Summer! If your home is anything like ours, summer is a busy time filled with celebrations, time at the lake, planting (and caring for) the garden, and making all the efforts to spend as much time outdoors as possible (hello, Vitamin D!). It's also a beautiful time to open up new space and opportunities to reconnect and refresh our mind and body. The long-anticipated summer season can force us to overpack our schedule which can overextend us and bring undue stress. Take the time to slow down, relax, and think about some of the ways you can care for your body and mind this summer.

Here are 10 ideas for you to consider:

- 1. Go on an outdoor ABC Scavenger Hunt
- 2. Shop fresh at a local farmer's market
- 3. Try outdoor meditation or yoga
- 4. Camp in your backyard
- 5. Walk around a lake or park
- 6. Play Frisbee (or any game) with a friend
- 7. Find a cozy spot outside and read a book, or journal
- 8. Take a road trip and explore a new city
- 9. Spend time in water, or run through the sprinklers
- 10. Wake up early and watch the sunrise

Let's pray,

Lord God, Creator of all things, thank you for Summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the beauty that surrounds us. Help us appreciate the gifts and blessings you've provided this season. Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts. We pray we make our homes and hearts a place of relaxation, joy, and love. May we be generous and considerate by helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime. In your name, we pray. Amen.

CHURCH NEWS

Summer Musical Series Based on *All Creation Sings*



Join our Director of Worship and Music,

Katie Anne Kohler, every Wednesday as she shares music and information about the new ELW Hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*. Videos will be posted every Wednesday on our Light of Christ Devotions YouTube page, found at this web address: <u>https://youtube.com/</u> @lightofchristdailydevotion5560



Monday through Thursday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm



Conate from Your

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 <u>church website</u> and locate the online giving page.

Call Committee Nominees

The Church Council is seeking the names of people who are interested in serving on the Call Committee which will spearhead the search for our next pastor here at Light of Christ. The Call Committee will be elected this coming September or October at a special congregational meeting and serve until the new pastor is installed. According to our congregational constitution, the Call Committee must be comprised of seven members. The Council is planning to submit a slate of nominees that has a balance of ages, genders, and length of membership. If you are interested in being nominated, or know if someone who is, please submit your/their name to a member of the Church Council by **August 1**. If you are interested in learning more about the work of the Call Committee -- length of service, scope of work, time commitment, and so forth -- please reach out to a member of the Church Council or to Pastor Kuenzel. Thank you!



The church office will be closed the week of July 24th while Terri is on vacation. The building will be open if other staff are on-site. There will be no July 31st Beacon issue.

2024 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 elimi-



nate the *purchased-but-unclaimed* envelopes that are wasted, we're asking each family that <u>wants</u> pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by <u>AUGUST 11th</u>. Either email <u>Terri in the church office</u> or call 763-972-2400. This "OPT IN" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!



Starting July 30th, we are adding our YouTube page as a source of live-streaming. Please note, we will continue streaming on Facebook as well! Links to both our YouTube and Facebook pages can be found at <u>https://</u> www.lightofchristlutheran.com/worship/worship -schedule

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Summer Youth Activity Night July 17



Bocce ball and beanbags

Pickle ball





Volleyball