



Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

July 3, 2023

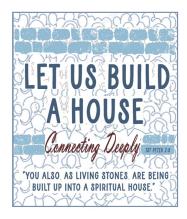
#### Worship

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



#### **Church Council 2023**

Mike Boyack Laurie Brown Billie Chock Tim Current (treas.) Steven Dickey (pres.) Derek Horeis (v. pres.) Dan Paulson Lisa Spencer (sec'y.) Natasha Werner Pastor Bruce Kuenzel



#### **Contact us!**

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# Free Fresh Produce and Dairy Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm—until gone

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

#### 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

For assistance locating a specific site or for questions, please contact us at nourishinghope.oflc@gmail.com or Facebook Messenger.

Food boxes are for anyone at all! Please come by to get one. Or, pass on the information to someone else!

# **July Food Distribution**

Ministry Partners are needed each month on the second Monday for the Nourishing Hope Distribution program we share with four other west metro churches. The next distribution is on July 10th. Shifts are available at 10:00 am to about noon at Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford, and 3:30 – 4:30 pm here at Light of Christ. Sign-up links are below:

- 10:00 am packing food boxes (https:// www.signupgenius.com/ go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food)
- 3:30 pm distributing boxes of food right here in our church parking lot (https:// www.signupgenius.com/ go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1)

Donations gratefully accepted, designated for LOC Food Distribution Ministry.









#### **OUTREACH**



# Thank You for Serving Others!

Thank you to all who worked at the Delano Food Shelf in June, one of Light of Christ's months. They are

Dave Anderson, Val Donahue, Cheri Ashfeld, Mary Ann McKay, Jewel Ekern, Luke Tuchtenhagen, Ann Bassett, Lowell & Maxine Johnson, Oda & Roland Carlson, Vicki Noetzelman, Bea Zerull, Don Anderson, Dee & Len Beilke, and Charlie & Lona Jose. Your service is such a gift to others!

#### A Wonderful Year for Kids Hope!

This past year Light of Christ and Delano Elementary teamed with Kids Hope USA for the first year. The ten LOC mentors volunteered their time to work with elementary children who were selected by school staff to have individual weekly 1-1 contact for one hour to strengthen the children's experiences in school and in life. These mentors, Maxine Johnson, Jinnelle Weis, Stan Droneck, Lisa Spencer, Kirsten Kelly, Deb Schantzen, Lisa Hemmer, JoMarie Williamson, LaDonna Ekern and Mary Ann McKay, were so committed and provided so many wonderful hours and experiences with their kids. We asked teachers and students to complete evaluations at the end of the school year and the results were so amazing and touching. All the teachers shared that their student could hardly wait for their mentor to arrive each week. Excellent reviews! Thank you again to these mentors and all they did to help their child have a better school year! Thank you also to the prayer partners who volunteered their time to support the mentors and their child. The mentors, school staff, children and their parents are excited to continue our Kids Hope program in the fall. Thanks to LOC for initiating this!



# 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. Our last fifth Sunday was in March and we collected donations for a much-needed van for the Delano Senior Center's transportation for many local people. 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. More information will be shared with you about Karen's latest efforts in Chile, a country with many needs.

#### 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: <a href="https://youtube.com/">https://youtube.com/</a>
@lightofchristdailydevotion5560

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

# How Do You Sign Up for Online Giving with Vanco Online, Our eGiving Provider?



It's easy! If you're a new giver to Light of Christ, visit the <u>Give tab on our website</u> to create a Vanco Online account. From there, you can read more about our mission and give to our ministries. There are also paper forms you can complete – contact Terri in the church office if you'd like to sign up this way.

If you already have a Vanco account, you can access your account at **this link** and click the "Log In" button at the top right of your screen. From there you can update scheduled donations or set up new recurring gifts by clicking "Profile" and then "View Scheduled Donations."

You can also check out this <u>Vanco Online How-To</u> <u>Guide</u> for step-by-step instructions.

#### **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 on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4. Terri will also be out of the office the rest of the week, but Debbie will be inoffice on Wednesday, should you need assistance. There will be no July 10<sup>th</sup> Beacon issue published.



Monday through Thursday7:30 am – 4:00 pm

### 2024 Offering Envelopes

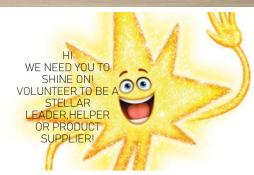
A growing number of members contribute weekly or monthly using electronic giving methods. However, we understand that many prefer placing an offering envelope in the plate. To



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 11<sup>th</sup></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!

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

If you are interested in being a STELLAR leader/assistant/decorator, contact LaDonna at 320-212-2583 or <u>LaDonna.Ekern@locdelano.com</u>. To help us keep costs down please check out the supplies needed at <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-stellar">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-stellar</a>





Register at this QR code or at the link below:

https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/859fd882



Feed My Starving Children mobile pack





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# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

The Happy 1-Day Campers

### We had so much fun at Camp WAPO!

Thank you to the congregation for your support, prayers and blessings. Our four 1-day campers attended an energizing chapel time full of songs and skits first thing in the morning, listened to a bible story, played on the beach and in the lake, did some art projects, played field games and spent the day outdoors with our friends enjoying God's green earth on a lovely day. We are very blessed!

# CAMP WAPO 1-DAY 2023! "Had A Blast!"



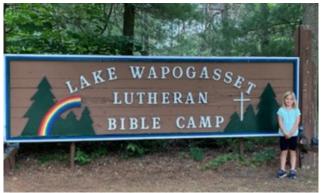
Made new friends



Wonderful time swimming and playing games

So excited to share the fun playing games, swimming, eating pizza having popsicles, making new friends





Can't wait until next year when I can stay longer!