



Worship

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



Light of Christ Kids Special Appeal

If you've pledged or given funds to support the *Kids Special Appeal*, thank you! If you haven't yet and would like to, please submit your pledge card **on or before Friday, March 1**. Pledge cards and more information can be found in the narthex, church office or online on the Give page of our website at <https://www.lightofchristlutheran.com/give>.



CONNECTING —2024—

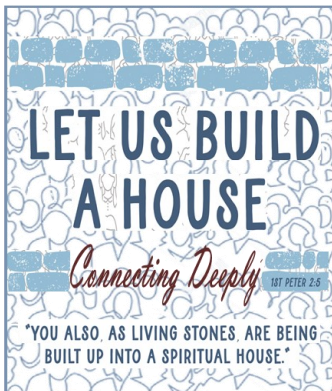
Church Council 2024

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A Great Way to Serve for about 8 weeks:

- Do you have a heart for **praying**, for helping to **deepen our spiritual walk with God and with one another**, then consider connecting with Lisa Spencer (shadybch@mchsi.com) and others with our Spiritual Life Team, a group who is organizing a couple of cool ideas for the month of April when we hold our Connecting Deeply capital appeal.
- Perhaps you've got energy for **event planning** and/or creating some good hospitality. Please reach out to either Derek Horeis (dkhoreis@yahoo.com) or Steven Dickey (sdickey016@gmail.com) as they make plans for an appeal kick-off event and for helping to make those April Sundays infused with some extra "something."
- If you're good at getting important information out to all of us through **mailings or other materials distribution**, consider reaching out to Terri Reuter (Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com) with some of our Admin tasks forthcoming.
- We're looking to make a connection with the call to generosity and deepening our connections with our **Children, Youth and Families**. Ready to invest a bit of time and faith into that endeavor, please reach out to either LaDonna (LaDonna.Ekern@locdelano.com) or Kirsten (Kirsten.Kelly@locdelano.com).
- What about **creative communication**? Like creating two-three minute brief videos of LOC folks sharing a bit of their faith story. Reach out to Laurie Brown (lauriebrown0716@yahoo.com). She'll help with some ideas.
- And if you think you'd like to share some of your time and talents but you're **not sure where or how**, reach out to Tim Johnson (tdale57@gmail.com). He'll help get you connected!

Connecting more deeply -- that's what this is all about! *"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."* 1st Peter 2:5



Contact us!

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Pack The Pews Sundays in March

March is Minnesota Food Share Month. Each year, Light of Christ has participated by "Packing the Pews" with donations for our local food shelf – Delano Helping Hands. Starting on Sunday, March 3rd through March 24th, please bring donations to the sanctuary or the donation cupboard outside the Living Room. Designated pews will be identified with signs made by our Voyagers (1-3 graders). Not sure what to donate? The following are items that are more costly to source by the food shelf.

- barbecue sauce
- oatmeal packets
- coffee/tea
- canned meals
- canned meats
- cereals (children's cereals are very popular)
- Paper products (toilet paper/paper towels/facial tissues/napkins etc)
- mayonnaise
- soups that can be meals
- pasta (other than spaghetti)
- feminine hygiene items
- jarred pasta sauce



Help Us Say Thank You!



Our Light of Christ Generosity Project continues to express our congregation's gratitude for others' partnership and service to the larger community. Please sign our big *Thank You* card in the Narthex on Sunday, March 3rd. We are expressing our appreciation to Our Father's Lutheran Church for their long-standing hosting of Nourishing Hope's monthly food distribution and also to the volunteers in our six-church partnership who do the food packing each month there.

Our plan: Share our big thank you card, have a moment to share our thanks through a few words of recognition, and then provide refreshments. We'll sign our big card on Feb. 25th and March 3rd, and then share our recognition and some goodies on Sunday, March 10th following worship service at Our Father's, and on Monday, March 11th at the 10 am start of food packing in Rockford for that day.

If you would like to be a part of either of those days, please reach out to either Lona Jose (lona.jose@ymail.com) or Tim Johnson (tdale57@gmail.com). Either way, please be a part of this month's Generosity Project by signing the big card in the narthex. Thank you!



Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)

As our Healing and Wholeness Ministry group has attempted to discern how best to meet the needs of our LOC family and community, grief support keeps coming up. How do we as a congregation comfort and support people as they grieve the death of a loved one? We have considered having a grief support group, and just recently I have researched this topic and found a wonderful ministry called *Grief Share*. It is a nation-wide program that provides materials and training for individual churches to be able to offer faith-based, in-person grief support.

A couple times a year, a 13-week session is offered in various churches, several of which are near Delano and meet on various days and times to meet individual schedules. Each week a different topic is covered, starting with a video (presented by leading experts in grief counseling), then a workbook and leader-led group discussion. Currently this is the schedule for a few locations. They are currently in mid-session with classes ending in April. Some charge a fee of \$20 for all 13 sessions, others are free.

- ◇ Riverwood Covenant in Greenfield - Saturdays 9:30-11am (childcare offered)
- ◇ St. Paul's Lutheran in Hanover - Saturdays 9-11am
- ◇ Buffalo Covenant in Buffalo - Thursdays 4:30-6:15pm
- ◇ Freshwater Church in Waconia - Thursdays 6:30-8pm
- ◇ St. Mark's Lutheran in New Germany - Tuesdays 6:30-8pm
- ◇ Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove - Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm (runs through May 7)

There are many more location options which you can find online at griefshare.org. You can also register for an account for access to free videos, articles and other resources with insightful advice on how to handle common grieving situations, as well as daily emails that offer faith-based encouragement.

Since there are already many groups available, Healing and Wholeness feels it best to just offer the information rather than having our own group at this time. If you would like a companion to go along to get you started in a group, contact Sue Fink via the church office.

Lent Service Musicians

This year during Lent, we are once again singing the Holden Evening Prayer during our 7PM Wednesday services. If you would like to help song-lead or play an instrumental part for a Wednesday service, please contact Katie at katie.kohler@locdelano.com. Thank you!



Lent Musical Devotions

During the season of Lent, our Director of Worship and Music, Katie, will post recordings of musical devotions. The devotions will focus on songs she finds meditative/healing as we work our way through this Lent season. All recordings will be posted on our



YouTube page every Tuesday throughout Lent. The link to our YouTube page can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLKsWMFGKBf07k9w9MFFrqw>

Order Your Easter Flowers

Honor or remember a loved one with Easter flowers and help decorate the sanctuary for our Easter services. Click [here](#) to place your order. Deadline to order is **Sunday, March 10th**. Thank you for beautifying our church!




Youth Choir Rehearsals!

Youth choir rehearsals are now happening Sundays after worship. Ages for the choir are 3rd-6th grade. They will sing at the Palm Sunday service and the Easter services. We might share a recording for the Easter services depending on everyone's schedule. If your child is interested in joining youth choir, please contact Katie at katie.kohler@locdelano.com.



Lenten Worship & Suppers

 Weekly Wednesday Lenten worship is held at 7:00 PM and will incorporate the Holden Evening Prayer service, as well as feature the 10th graders' faith statements. A meal will be held at 6:00 PM prior to each service. Please join us!

Lenten Supper Schedule

- ⇒ **February 28**—various soups served by CFM Team
- ⇒ **March 6**—pulled pork served by Chicago Mission Trip youth
- ⇒ **March 13**—chicken wild rice soup, beef taco soup & more, served by Spencers and Hansons
- ⇒ **March 20**—walking tacos served by BWCA trip youth

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.



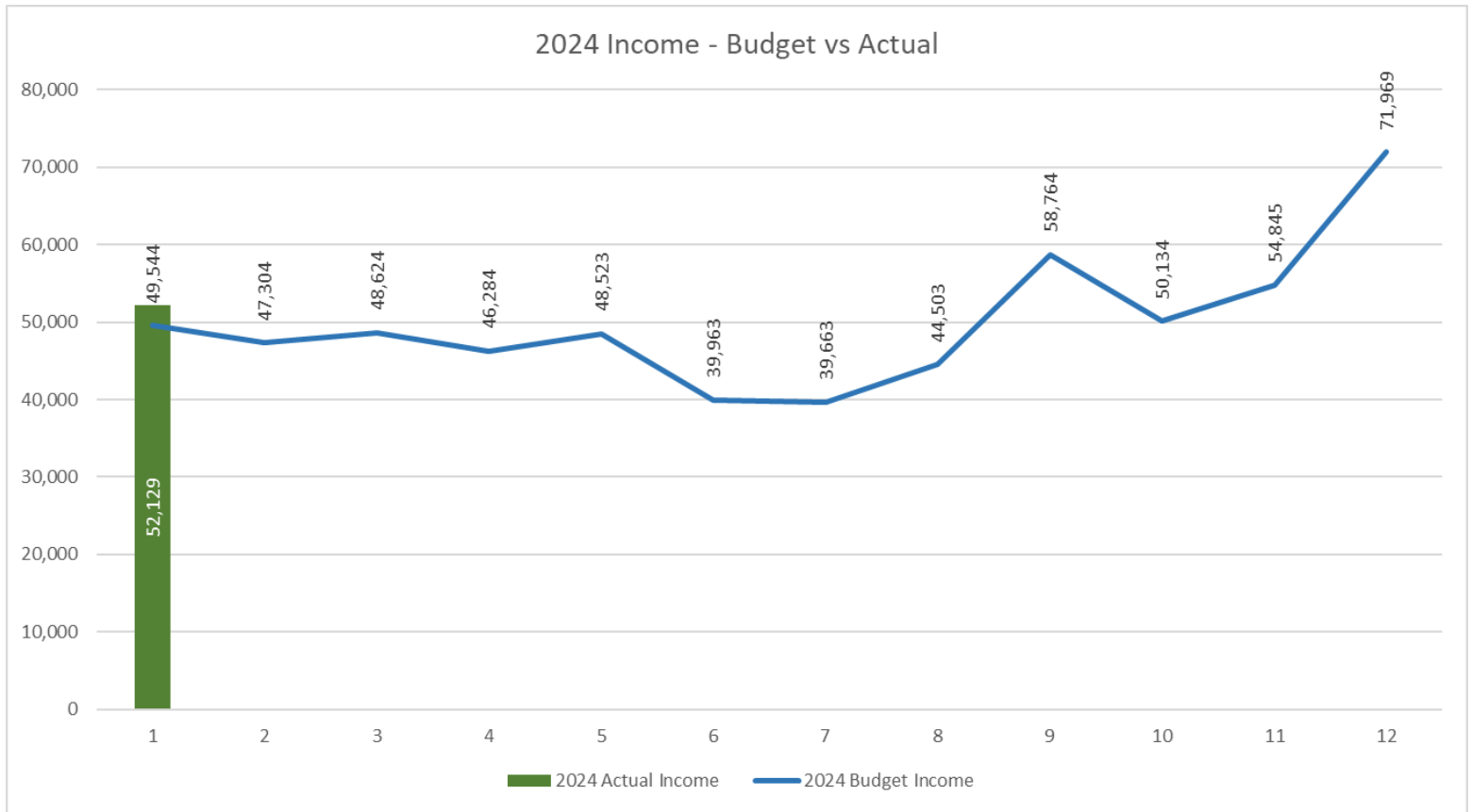
Choir Rehearsals Begin Soon!

Adult choir rehearsals resume on Tuesday, 2/27 for the Holy Week services. Rehearsal dates are 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, and 3/19, 6:30-7:30. The choir will sing at the Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter services. Attendance at all rehearsals/services is not mandatory. If you are interested in participating, please contact Katie at katie.kohler@locdelano.com or just come to a rehearsal and try it out!

Position Opening

As decided in the January Annual Meeting, the church is seeking an individual or firm to provide financial services on a contract basis. The annual budget sets aside \$10,000 for these services. These duties include accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, and monthly financial reconciliation and reporting. If you, or someone that you know feels called to provide these services, please contact Tim Current at current.tim@gmail.com for more details.

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary

- YTD Budget \$49,544
- YTD Actual \$52,129
- Actual \$2,585 better than Budget

Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Register for Summer Bible Camp

Registration is now open to the public. You can register at this link: <http://lwlbc.com/loc-delano>. If you are planning to have your child participate it is good to register now. If reserved spots are already filled, your child will be put on waiting list on a first come, first served basis.

Save The Date...and Your Donations!

We hope you'll join us for our annual youth fundraiser on **Sunday, March 17th** for a special St. Patrick's Day auction and dinner! We also invite you to consider making a donation (of new or gently used items) for the auction! Our top sellers are always gift cards, wine baskets or electronics but it helps to have a variety of items and values! Donations must be brought to church **no later than Monday, March 11th**, but the sooner the better (so that our volunteers aren't so overwhelmed the last few weeks leading up to the event). Some great donations include:

- Vacation rentals
- Gift cards
- Sports tickets
- Delano-themed basket or gear
- Toys
- Personal certificates (such as for a dinner, boat ride, yard work or babysitting)
- Unwanted Christmas gifts
- Jewelry
- Sports equipment
- Books or puzzles
- *No used clothing, please*

Our auction will be online again this year from 7:00 AM–5:00 PM on March 17th, with items on display at church from 2:30-5:00 PM, and then the dinner taking place from 5:00-7:00 (with the famous dessert auction at the end of the dinner). Tickets for the dinner are on sale now. Thanks for your support of our summer HS trips to Chicago and the BWCA!



**Join us
on 3/17
for our
youth
fundraiser!**

March Birthdays

Lee	Bunker	March 01
Pamela	Hoshal	March 01
Melissa	Sandberg	March 01
Evan	Lemmerman	March 01
Aidan	Quandt	March 01
Lexi	Thomas	March 01
Betty	Pavik	March 02
Cheryl	Schleper	March 02
Samantha	VanCura	March 03
Peter	Grant	March 04
Adam	Wortz	March 06
David	Motzko	March 06
Emerson	Hinker	March 06
Taylor	Williams	March 07
Terence	Albers	March 08
Rachel	Miller	March 08
Allison	Goldbeck	March 08
Cameron	Behnke	March 08
Cheryl	Collins	March 09
Rhonda	Almquist	March 09
Dan	Torgerson	March 09
Annette	McClelland	March 09
Sam	Cederberg	March 09
Meagan	Boecker	March 10
Carol	Anderson	March 11
Carissa	Rootes	March 11
Vernon	Lange	March 13
Jordan	Myhre	March 13
Gretchen	Ness	March 13
Sophia	Grant	March 13
Rosalie	Grant	March 14
Madison	Hinker	March 15
Billie	Chock	March 16
Josh	Streich	March 16
Katie	Henson	March 16
Ronan	Mullen	March 16
Tory	Spanier	March 17
Nora	Slipka	March 17
Britta	Reierson	March 18
Jeffrey	Olson	March 18
Carol	Bruhn	March 19
Greg	Johnson	March 20
Nicole	Rubertus	March 20
Cole	Winyninger	March 21

Do you remember when we used to list members' birthdays in the Beacon? Community Life Committee is bringing this back! Next Sunday, March 3rd after 9:30 am worship, we will have birthday treats to celebrate March, April, & May birthdays! We will continue to celebrate birthdays quarterly so everyone's birthday will be acknowledged. Don't forget to wish someone a Happy Birthday this quarter!

For those celebrating, may blessings be upon you and let faith guide your heart all year. We hope your birthday is one of joy, peace, and love.

Sarah	Klinkner	March 22
Carina	Borman	March 22
Taylor	Kriesel	March 23
Dave	Henson	March 24
Ashley	Jeseritz	March 24
Andrew	Ihde	March 24
Kay	Klason	March 25
Hattie	Savage	March 25
Lynda	Pavlovich	March 26
Alaina	Grant	March 26
Lisa	Hemmer	March 27
Emily	Lind	March 27
Midge	Amend	March 28
LoyAnn	Anderson	March 28
Bonnie	Lotzer	March 28
John	Zerull	March 28
Troy	Malo	March 28
Kirsten	Kelly	March 28
Alisha	Klason	March 28
Lindsay	Wallace	March 28
Alex	Williams	March 28
Grace	Nohner	March 29
Nick	Mullen	March 29
Linda	Rosaaen	March 30
Jack	Erickson	March 30
Blake	Miller	March 30
Amber Dawn	Andrews	March 31
Michael	Heinzen	March 31
DeeAnne	Palan	March 31



April Birthdays

Patrick	Custer	April 01
Alexis	Rothstein	April 01
Jay	Thompson	April 01
Wendy	Haley	April 02
Tyler	Malo	April 02
Derek	Horeis	April 03
Jennifer	Almquist	April 04
Cheryl	Gielau	April 04
Cynthia	Kuenzel	April 04
Dan	Paulson	April 04
Jessica	Schultz	April 04
Brad	Beyer	April 05
April	Fritz	April 05
Stephanie	Gallus	April 05
Heather	Dickey	April 06
Drew	Kelly	April 06
Wade	Sprengeler	April 07
Matt	Strobl	April 07
Anna	Tool	April 07
Leah	Custer	April 08
Jean	Detwiler	April 08
Deborah	Oelrich	April 08
Leighton	Peterson	April 08
Natalie	Thompson	April 08
Brooks	Weldon	April 08
Elizabeth	Coulombe	April 09
Carter	Tool	April 09
Tim	Allison	April 10
Cheri	Ashfeld	April 10
Dawn	Cook	April 10
William	Hartnett	April 11
Judy	Schuette	April 11
Eileen	Torgerud	April 11
Rebecca	Finkelson	April 12
Rachel	Halbersma	April 12
Charlie	Jose	April 12
Kayleigh	Olson	April 12
Porter	Pearson	April 12
Steven	Macks	April 13
Jack	Schnettler	April 13
Leslie	Anderson	April 14
Jason	Engel	April 14
Nolan	Kane	April 14
Brant	Olson	April 14
Eilee	Olson	April 14
Daniel	Peterson	April 14
Gavin	Carson	April 15
Ethan	Thomas	April 15



Bradon	Thomas	April 16
Siri	Bartlein	April 17
Lettie	Eichten	April 17
Eric	Hanson	April 17
Reagan	Krysan	April 17
Bella	Dinger	April 18
Olivia	Kopperud	April 18
Michael	Larison	April 19
Christopher	Sandberg	April 19
Sydney	Strobl	April 19
Chloe	Fritz	April 21
Lowell	Johnson	April 21
Mark	Vatnsdal	April 21
Anna	Wischmann	April 21
Taylor	Tool	April 23
Ally	Underhill	April 23
Jim	VanCura	April 23
Susie	Larison	April 24
Jeanie	Stigman	April 24
Jennifer	Grant	April 25
Carrie	Klinkner	April 25
Nolan	Peterson	April 25
Sydney	Pink	April 25
Carolyn	Hirsch	April 26
Griffin	Rosaaen	April 26
Rebecca	Rue	April 26
Alice	Evjen	April 27
Jack	Janike	April 27
Briana	VanCura	April 27
Wendy	Caslavka	April 28
Theodore	DeMars	April 28
Alexander	Hartnett	April 28
Katherine	Behm	April 29
Lola	Haugen	April 29
Kimberly	Kane	April 29
Marcie	Ludwig	April 29
Cael	Olson	April 29
Brynn	Spanier	April 29
Hunter	Allen	April 30
Daniel	Eichten	April 30
Jack	Tuchtenhagen	April 30

May Birthdays

Erin	Olson	May 01
Jacob	Olson	May 01
Braylee	Rue	May 01
Sue	Heinzen	May 02
Bill	Weis	May 02
Eden	Henson	May 03
John	McClelland	May 03
Carmen	Hanson	May 04
Dalton	Schultz	May 04
Owen	Borman	May 05
Brooks	Gabrick	May 05
Avery	Klaphake	May 05
Emery	Klaphake	May 05
Annika	Quamen	May 05
Brogan	Stoddard	May 06
Scott	Dallmann	May 07
David	Danielson	May 07
Halle	Lansing	May 08
Hayden	Rue	May 08
Zachary	Henson	May 09
John	Magner	May 09
Mara	Myhre	May 09
Carol	Kocina	May 10
Emma	Meyer	May 10
Kaci	Malo	May 11
Betty	Anderson	May 12
Melanie	Paulson	May 12
Bryn	Beyer	May 13
Bria	Barfnecht	May 15
Leo	Hanson	May 15
Brandon	Heinzen	May 15
Jeannie	Ludwig	May 15
Jennifer	Slipka	May 15
Sydney	Wuerger	May 15
Benjamin	DeMars	May 16
Jennifer	Hinker	May 16
Michael	Bunker	May 17
Robin	Olson	May 17
Anika	Paulson	May 17
Bob	Gielau	May 18
Jonathan	Olson	May 18
Taylor	Olson	May 18
Diane	Schmidt	May 18
Tom	Screeden	May 18
Daniel	Chock	May 19
Christopher	Mikkelsen	May 19
Navy	Eichten	May 21



Halle	Gallus	May 21
Matthew	Kane	May 21
Bonnie	Snaza	May 21
Brooks	Halbersma	May 22
Delwood	Hirsch	May 22
Jill	Johnson	May 22
Siena	Dinger	May 23
Devin	Schansberg	May 23
Madison	Schansberg	May 23
Dave	Kelly	May 24
Vicky	Rootes	May 24
Anna	Streich	May 25
Blair	Berscheid	May 26
Cameron	Berscheid	May 26
Micah	Behnke	May 27
Cody	Bigot	May 27
Curtis	Czock	May 27
Lindsey	Thompson	May 27
Aaron	DeMars	May 28
Emma	Lotzer	May 28
Wendy	Anderson	May 29
Abigail	Froehle	May 29
Matthew	Schuetz	May 29
Brian	Anderson	May 30
Grant	Dallmann	May 30
Brad	Goldbeck	May 30
Kristi	Hoffmann	May 30
Tate	Olson	May 30
Gabrielle	Mielke	May 31

