



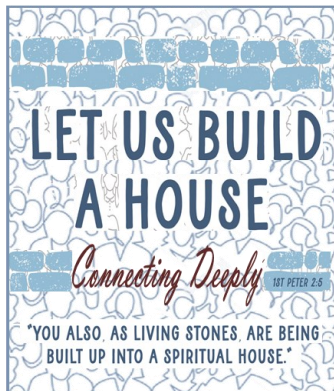
## Worship

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



## Church Council 2024

Mike Boyack (vice pres.)  
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The church office will be closed Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, December 25th.

There will not be a standard Beacon issue on December 30th.

## Christmas 4 a Cause Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make *Christmas for a Cause* a success! LOC helped 5 families which included a total of 24 children. This year Friends 4 a Cause helped a total of over 40 Delano families, 60 foster children, and helped fill the Love INC store. Many families will feel the love of their community this Christmas. Please continue to pray for them throughout the year. Blessings, *Ashlynn Wortz*



## Delano Food Shelf Thank You

Thank you to all of those from LOC who volunteered at the food shelf in December including Dave Anderson, Oda Carlson, Cheri Ashfeld, Vicki Noetzelman, Wendy Caslavka, Sharon McKisson, Laurie and Harlan Grimm, Paulette Podratz, Jewel Ekern, Maxine and Lowell Johnson, Lisa and Randy Hemmer, Ken Almquist, MaryAnn McKay, Cheryl and Don Collins, Dewey Swenson, Bea Zerull, Jon Wissink, Steve Freese, Paul Nelson, and Charlie and Lona Jose. You all make a difference by helping so many people in need!! March will be the next LOC month for volunteering at the food shelf. Although there are LOC members, including confirmation youth, who assist the managers weekly with tasks, and their time is most appreciated. Thank you also to JoMarie Williamson for being one of two who do an excellent job of managing the food shelf. You are doing a great job!!

## Fifth Sunday Donations in December

Our Fifth Sunday contributions in December will help those in need who live locally. Two organizations have been brought to our attention at LOC. As always, we can bring a bright star to those in need. **Thank you so much for your generous contribution!**

### LOC/Love INC Birthday Ministries

Light of Christ volunteers work in collaboration with the Delano Love INC chapter to provide birthday gifts and supplies for children ages 10 and under throughout the year. Families in need are selected by Love INC. LOC volunteers each month receive a list of eligible children and purchase birthday gifts as well as birthday supplies for these children/families. Light of Christ totally funds the cost of this program and there is no cost to the recipient families. We so appreciate your financial contributions for this monthly effort for these young children for the coming year. Your efforts will help make wonderful birthdays for these special young kids.



### Residents of The Estates at Delano Nursing Home

At times there are residents who are admitted to the Estates at Delano Nursing Home who do not have adequate clothing and personal items. Many do not have family or adequate funds that can help them with these needs. Lisa Spencer, who has worked at the Estates, recommended to the Mission/Evangelism committee that we reach out and help purchase items for these selected residents. Lisa will work with management staff to identify any resident needs and purchase gift cards from the Delano Love INC thrift store to assist these residents. Other hygiene items needed will also be purchased locally. This effort will help these residents maintain the dignity that they deserve.



### Thanksgiving - Love INC Heartland

A special thank you to The Highlands and Lyndale Lutheran church partners!



Through partnership with Love INC Heartland, 35 Thanksgiving meal baskets and 30 turkeys were provided to neighbors in need. We value you and your commitment to our mission to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

### Serve A Meal - Love INC Heartland

Build community by serving (or financially sponsoring) a meal at our Fresh Start Program! Fresh Start is a series of life skills courses we offer to our neighbors in need. Before each class, we serve a meal to promote a sense of family. Sign Up Today: [bit.ly/fsmealtrain](http://bit.ly/fsmealtrain)



### Help Us Support LOC's Mission to Belize March 1-8, 2025

During our mission trip, we will be doing building projects, hosting a VBS camp, helping with small projects at home visits, hosting a medical/eye/dental/nutrition clinic and feeding 200+ people of Bella Vista San Iglesia Church (Pastor Kebin's church) on March 2<sup>nd</sup> before Sunday night worship.

On **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will be showing videos of the church and asking for donations to fund our projects. If you want to donate earlier, please make checks payable to LOC (note *Belize mission* in memo) and put in offering plate or drop off at the church office. We appreciate and thank LOC for praying for our mission and helping us fund our ministry projects and spreading God's love.



## THE HOOT NEWS

OWLS Newsletter  
for December 2024

Merry Christmas to all our OWLS!  
(Older Wiser Lutherans)

Our Planning Flock consists of Sue and Bill Fink, Jinnelle Weis, Jewel Ekern, and Lona Jose. Share any ideas you have for fun or adventure with any of us.

For January we're moving the date to the **23<sup>rd</sup>** and will have a soup and bread cook-off and games in the Living Room.

**February 20<sup>th</sup>** will be a Valentine theme and potluck. In March we'll resume monthly outings when the weather warms up. For now, let's snuggle in together and keep each other warm and loved!

**Reminder-** our Advent Bible Study dates are **January 5 & 12.**

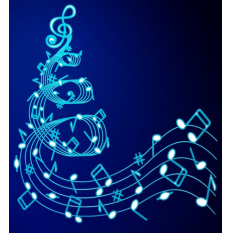
## Women's Bible Study



The women's bible study resumes in January and **meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at LOC through April 7.** If you are interested in participating, please respond to Lindsay Lindall at [lindsay.lindall@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.lindall@gmail.com) We hope to see you there!

## Online Christmas Devotions

Start your week off with a musical devotion! Through December our Worship and Music Director, Katie Anne Kohler, will share musical devotions featuring our favorite Christmas carols. Videos will be posted to our Light of Christ Worship Services page each Monday. You can find the link here: <https://youtube.com/@lightofchristworshipservice6861?si=rLmYMIReX2eL6cJH>



## 2025 Pledges

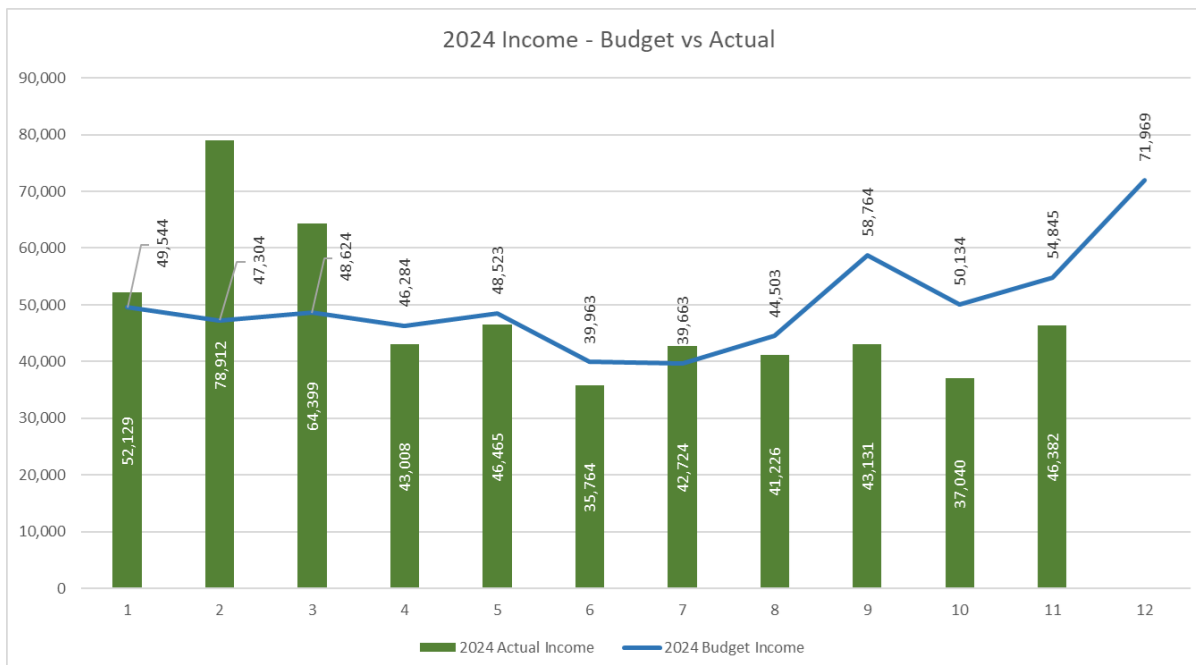
Your financial pledge is a cornerstone to the health and vitality of our stewardship and thus to our mission and ministry. Thanks to those who have pledged! And, if you haven't made a financial commitment or estimate of giving for 2025, we very much encourage you to do so.



There are pledge cards in the pews at church. You can fill one out at any time and either drop it off at the office or place it into the offering plate. As well, [click here](#) to complete your pledge form online:

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and in Christ's ministry through Light of Christ!!

## LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



## Year To Date Summary – November 2024

- YTD Budget \$528,151
- YTD Actual \$531,179
- Year to Date Actual Income \$ 3,028 better than Budget
- Income in last four months lower than budgeted



### The Light of Christ Children's Christmas Program 2024 The Grinch and the Traditional Christmas Program

There was a Grinch that was seen lately at Light of Christ Lutheran Church. He came just in time to hear the Traditional Christmas Story. The good news of having the Grinch be a part of our Christmas program is that he reminds us to be kind and spread love all year, not just at Christmas. We discover that the Grinch didn't really hate Christmas, he hated the hypocrisy. Deep down, he just wanted to feel loved, even though he was different. Once someone showed him kindness his heart grew bigger, and everything changed.

Thank you, Explorers, Voyagers,  
& Pathfinders!



## Save The Date...and Your Donations!

We hope you'll join us for our fabulous youth fundraiser on **Sunday, March 16th!** Please remember the youth with any donations you might have that would be good for the auction... **new and gently used** items such as:

- Gift cards
- Toys
- Unwanted Christmas gifts
- Event tickets
- Cabin rentals
- Personally hosted events, such as dinners/boating
- Handmade items
- Jewelry
- Sports equipment
- Books
- *No used clothing, please*



**SAVE THE DATE! Join us on 3/16/25 for the youth fundraiser supporting our 7th-12th grade youth going on the Summer 2025 trips!**

Our auction will be online again this year from 8:00 AM–5:00 PM on March 16th, with items on display at church from 3:00-5:00 PM and then the dinner taking place from 5:00-7:00 PM. Tickets for the dinner will go on sale beginning Sunday, February 23rd. Thanks for your support of our summer 2025 trips!



## “Buy with Heart” this Christmas

Equal Exchange (fair trade) items make great Christmas gifts. Find them in the Narthex or click [HERE](#) for our online store for some great gift options! Items for sale include, chocolate, coffee, tea, cashews, almonds, and dried mangos, LOC coffee mugs

All sales support our summer youth trips as well as small farmers around the world! These items make great gifts for teachers or friends. Items can also be delivered for free around the Delano area and you can include a note and even gift wrapping. Thanks for your support and for “shopping with heart.”



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



For there is  
born to you this day  
in the city of David a  
Savior, who is Christ the Lord.  
And this will be the sign to you:  
You will find a Babe wrapped in  
swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.

Luke 2:11-12

