



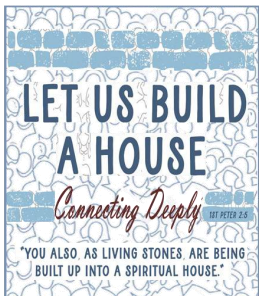
Worship

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



Church Council 2025

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Congregational Meeting Recap

In case you were not at the meeting on August 10th, the proposal to repair and pave the parking lot passed. We are targeting the project to be completed this fall, weather permitting.



A big **thank you** to LOC member, Donny Anderson, and Columbarium groundskeeper, Paul Gabrelcik, for all their hours of hard work last week, trimming bushes, removing dead shrubs, weeding, and adding river rock (donated by Donny) to some of the landscaping. Thank you for sharing your time and gifts in helping to beautify the church grounds!



The church office will be closed Thursday, August 21 through Monday, August 25.

Fifth Sunday Donations in August

Our Fifth Sunday contributions this August will be for our LOC Birthday Ministry. Several Light of Christ member 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. Your efforts will help make wonderful birthdays for these special young kids in need and bring them a bright star on their special day. **Thank you so much for your generous contribution!**



LOC September Gratitude Outreach

The Mission/Evangelism Committee will be doing a **Gratitude Outreach** for the Delano fire fighters to thank these volunteers for all they do for our residents. The fire department is having their annual Dad's Waffle Breakfast at the fire station and the Senior Center on **Saturday, September 6th from 7:30 to 11:30 AM**. The city will also have a silent auction and will accept donations to benefit the fire department and the senior center. Our committee will create a large *thank you* poster which we will ask our LOC members to sign. We will also create a fun activity for kids to thank our fire fighters. You can donate funds for them at the breakfast, or Lona Jose or Lisa Spencer will deliver any donations. We appreciate so much what these fire fighters do for us in the community and look forward to sharing this appreciation. We hope you can join us on September 6th!



Gardeners: do you have extra produce from your garden?

The Food Shelf is open to drop off donations from 5:00-6:00 every Tuesday evening and 9:00-11:00 every Thursday morning. If you want to arrange drop off at another time, please call the Food Shelf at (763) 972-4455 and leave a message. We will get back to you to arrange a drop off time.



Belize Adult/Family Mission Trip 2026

We will be having our first Belize Adult/Family Mission Trip meeting on **Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00 PM** in the Living Room. Our mission trip is scheduled for Saturday, February 28th through Saturday, March 7th, 2026. Come find out more about this life changing opportunity to listen, learn, love, and serve in the name of Christ.

Support the Back to School Bash!

WestPointe Church and Love INC Heartland are teaming up this August to provide free school supplies, food, and fun for K-12 families in need. Sponsor a backpack for \$50 or donate any amount to support this Gap Ministry at bit.ly/schoolbash23



Grow Impact As A Volunteer Group

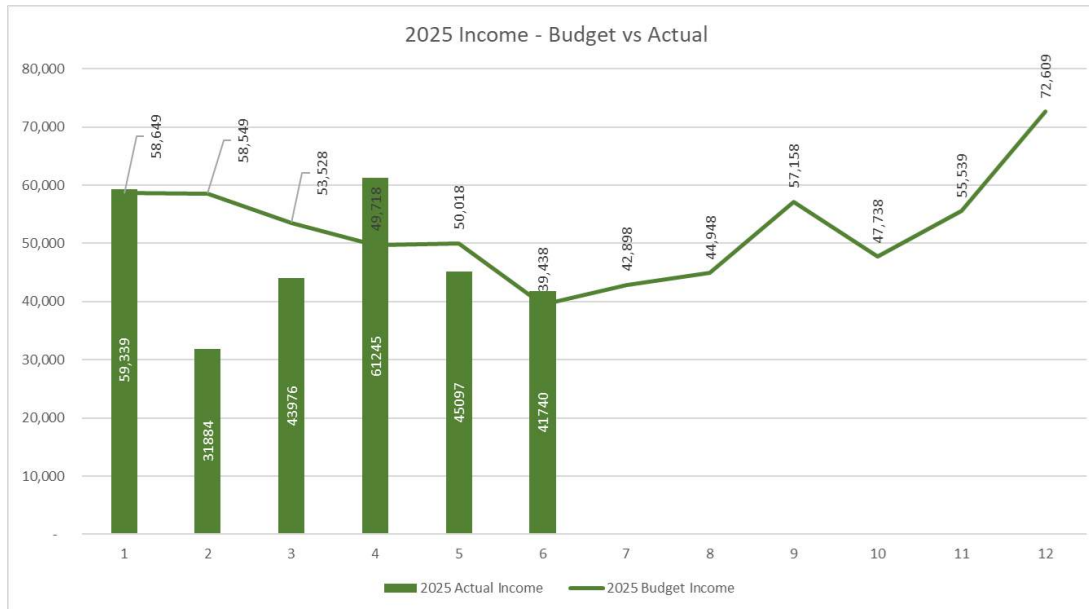
We rely on dedicated volunteers to help our office + stores run smoothly. Volunteer as a small group, family, or work team today! Learn more by calling 763-972-6547 or sign up at bit.ly/loveincvolunteer



Join Us At Golf For Love - September 15

Tee off with us at Albion Ridges on September 15 for a day of friendly competition, community, and purpose. Event details, team tickets, and sponsorship packages available at bit.ly/golfforlove25

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – June 2025

- YTD Budget \$309,900
YTD Actual \$283,280
- Year to Date Actual is **\$26,620** below budget
- June giving slightly above budget



August 31st Hymn Sing!

We will have a hymn sing in worship on **August 31st**! If you would like to hear some of your favorite hymns in worship, list it on the form in the Narthex!



Adult Choir Begins Soon!

Can you believe fall is almost upon us? That means adult choir is starting up again! Weekly rehearsals are Tuesdays 6:30-7:30, with the first rehearsal on **September**

9th. All skill levels are welcome! If you are interested or have any questions, talk to LOC's Worship and Music Director, Katie!

It's Almost Time— Rally Sunday Is September 7th!

On Rally Sunday we rally together to kick off another year of our fall programming. Following worship that day, we will have lots of activities, including a bounce house, games, prizes, food, and fellowship! Committee members will also be on hand after worship to answer questions about their respective committees.

Here's where you can help! We've compiled a list of specific items we could use. See the SignUp Genius link below or the QR code here. There is also a place on the sign-up for adults/youth to volunteer to help with the games on Rally Sunday. Thank you – your support of our Children's Ministry means the world! The children love the games, prizes, and getting excited for the year ahead! All are welcome!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-57858719-locrally>

Rally
SUNDAY

Coming This Fall: Deep Questions, Grounded Faith

Connecting Deeply with God and with One Another — Rooted, Growing, Bearing Fruit

This fall, we're diving into some of life's biggest and most important questions—questions that shape how we see God, ourselves, and the world. Our new six-week series, **Deep Questions, Grounded Faith**, will explore what it means to live fully rooted in God's grace, mercy, and love, and how that grounding leads us to actively engage the world around us.

Each week, we'll focus on one big question:

- What is faith—and why does it matter?
- Where is God when life hurts?
- What is my purpose?
- Can I really change—and how?
- What does it mean to be “saved”?
- What does it mean to live a good life?

As we explore these questions, we'll weave them into our seasonal imagery of **planting, nurturing, and harvesting**, seeing how faith grows when we tend it—and how it bears fruit in generosity, service, and love.

Whether you've been in church your whole life or you're simply curious, you're invited to join the conversation. Each session will include Scripture, reflection, discussion, and a practical takeaway for the week—something you can live out personally and share with others.

Watch for more information!

Come ready to listen, share, and grow. Your questions are welcome here—and together, we'll discover how deeply God's answers can take root in our lives.



Attention, Women! As life and schedules get busy for the fall, please consider taking time out for yourself and joining us for the women's Bible study starting in September. Participating in a Bible study is a great way to dive deeper into the word and gain new insights that strengthen our faith.

The women's Bible study will meet **the first and third Mondays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at LOC**. The first Monday of the month we will meet in the Living Room. On the third Monday of the month we will meet in room 106. If you need to leave early at any point that is okay. **We will meet September – June. We will not meet in December. The first meeting will be September 15th.** If you can't make it every time that is okay! We want you to come when you can.

We will be doing **two Bible studies by Nancy Guthrie**. The first half of our time together we will study her book *God Does His Best Work with Empty*. The second half we will study her book *Even Better than Eden*.

God Does His Best Work with Empty

Join Nancy Guthrie in discovering why emptiness has never been, and never will be, a problem to God. As Nancy pulls back the curtain on God's work to fill up emptiness as revealed throughout the Bible, you'll experience page after page of grace and hope that your emptiness can and will be filled. You'll begin to see that God really does do His best work with empty—as he fills it with Himself.

Source: [God Does His Best Work with Empty: Guthrie, Nancy: 9781496439697: Amazon.com: Books](#)



Even Better Than Eden

Experienced Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie traces 9 themes throughout the Bible, revealing how God's plan for the new creation will be far more glorious than the original. But this new creation glory isn't just reserved for the future. The hope of God's plan for his people transforms everything about our lives today.

Source: [Even Better than Eden: Nine Ways the Bible's Story Changes Everything about Your Story: Guthrie, Nancy: 9781433561252: Amazon.com: Books](#)

We hope to see you in September! If you are interested in participating, please contact Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com

Children's Ministry Registrations

- ⇒ **Voyagers** (1st-3rd grade; 2025-26 year): All registrations are due by **August 29th**. <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Voyagers.2025-2026>
- ⇒ **Pathfinders** (4th-6th grade; 2025-2026 year): All registrations are due by **August 29th**. <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Pathfinders.2025-2026>
-  **Voyagers & Pathfinders Program Dates:** Voyagers and Pathfinders will run from **September 10, 2025 through April 29, 2026**.
-  **New This Year:** With the school district introducing **early release days on the third Wednesday of each month**, we are excited to offer **Voyagers a longer day** - starting after school - filled with some **extra fun activities** on those days!!



Confirmation Calendar



If you have not yet registered for Confirmation, please do so ASAP at this link: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Confirmation2025-26>

- **9/10/25, 6:30-7:30 PM** = Confirmation Orientation for all youth (grades 7-9) and at least one parent/guardian - LOC Sanctuary
- **9/10/25, 7:30-8:30 PM** = Guide Orientation/Training - LOC Sanctuary
- **9/17/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Small Group Night at LOC
- **9/24/25, 6:00-9:30 PM** = FMSC Service Night - Chanhassen
- **10/1/25, 5:45-6:15 PM** = SLICE available ([Sign up here by 2 pm](#) if you plan to attend!)
- **10/1/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Confirmation "Teaching Night"
- **10/8/25, 5:45-6:15 PM** = SLICE available ([Sign up here by 2 pm](#) if you plan to attend!)
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- **10/15/25** = No Confirmation (MEA)



One More Summer Youth Activity Night in August!

We invite youth to join us for a fun night of games, friends, food and fun on **Monday, August 25th**! We'll have two different gathering times:

- **6:00-7:30 PM** = Incoming 7th and 8th graders
- **7:30-9:00 PM** = Incoming 9th graders and up (including college-aged youth)

Friends are welcome and these nights are **FREE** (thanks to the support of our congregation). Hope to see you there!

HS Mission Trip 2025



Games, fellowship, swimming and more!



Devotions, hiking and quiet time on Lake Superior



Serving - all around Two Harbors