



Worship

Worship services will be recorded and posted on the church website. Online worship will continue until the restrictions for large group gatherings are lifted.



Church Council 2020

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The Marks of Discipleship

- † Pray daily
- † Worship weekly
- † Read the Bible
- † Serve at or beyond Light of Christ
- † Relate to others for spiritual growth
- † Give of my time, talents and resources

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Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Sponsored by NourishingHOPE Food Drop and Second Harvest Heartland

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pick up on a first come, first served basis
All are welcome

Tuesday, January 12 3pm -until gone

Locations for pick up

Corcoran

St. Thomas Catholic Church parking lot

Delano

Light of Christ Lutheran Church parking lot

St. Michael

Colonial Mall

Montrose

Montrose United Methodist Church parking lot

Rockford

Our Father's Lutheran Church parking lot

Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church parking lot

Appropriate distancing and COVID mitigation practices will be employed

Congregational Annual Meeting (virtual) January 31, 2021

Watch for an email soon with more information about this year's annual meeting, which will be held virtually.


ST. STEPHEN'S
Ending Homelessness

Thank you to all those who gave donations of money and much needed items for St. Stephen's Ministry. We raised \$550 and collected various winter items to help those in need such as gloves, hats, sleeping bags, ponchos, long underwear, etc. Your generosity is very much appreciated!
Mission/Evangelism Committee





January Fifth Sunday Offering Benefits Feed My Starving Children

January's Fifth Sunday Offering's focus is on raising funds to help Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) to continue to provide nutritional meals to the world's most vulnerable starving children in these challenging times. For a time in 2020 FMSC had to stop their packing events (including one that was to have been in Delano last June), but they continued to pursue other ways to still provide food to the hungry. View this video to see how they found new ways to pack food during this time: <https://youtu.be/DyQ-ANaxrus>. Later they were able to reopen their permanent sites for packing events per Covid-19 guidelines, but still were not able to do their mobile pack events out in communities.

Undernourished children are more susceptible to infectious diseases like Covid-19. The World Food Programme says that 2021 will be a "make or break" year as many countries dealing with starvation could be overwhelmed from the effects of Covid-19. FMSC believes hope starts with food. For the amount of just one quarter one meal can be provided – for every \$1 four meals can be provided – think of the difference your donation could make.

- \$88 feeds a child for a year
- \$365 feeds a family for a year
- \$1,866 provides a pallet of food
- \$10,000 feeds a village

To see some of the ways your donation could make a difference view these two videos – "Food at Work: Brian's Story" - <https://youtu.be/nrXQ1legCSY> and "Update from the Field – Haiti" - <https://youtu.be/aeAi0vnsz9M>, or go to their website <https://www.fmsc.org>.

Your gift could go a long way to help fight world hunger.

"For I was hungry and **you gave** me something to eat." (Matthew 25:35)

Items Needed at Delano Food Shelf

Light of Christ members have asked what items they might donate at this time to the Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf. Ideas include shampoo, conditioner, women's hygiene products, toothpaste, bar, dish and laundry soap, hand sanitizer, Jello, pudding, tea, cake mix, frosting, taco shells and seasoning. Items, as well as monetary contributions, can be dropped off at the food shelf on Thursday afternoons between 1-4 or at JoMarie Williamson's home in Delano (536 Meadow Rose Ct.). Thank you for continuing to support those in need with these essential items!



Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with LOC Healing and Wholeness Ministry)



Prayers for a blessed and healthy 2021 for all of you!

The Healing and Wholeness Ministry becomes an official committee for LOC this month. We have accomplished a lot in our first full year, bringing awareness and education about mental illness, creating a new webpage on the LOC website with support and resources quickly accessible, providing encouragement and information via the Caring Corner, and gathering books and a multitude of resources available on our Mental Health Resource cabinet in the Narthex. Our support groups have been sluggish in getting started but we're hopeful new year's resolutions toward self-care will bring participants. Please check our webpage for information for yourself or recommend it for a friend.

In spite of our safe-distancing guidelines we continue to be excited and are moving forward with the leading of the Holy Spirit, with new ideas and goals for 2021 toward personal healing and wholeness. Stay tuned...

True faith is keeping your eyes on God when the world around you is falling apart.

Caring Cards

Is there someone you would like to receive a personally written message of support or encouragement from the Light of Christ family? Please complete the information below and send to the church office or email to terri.reuter@locdelano.com. A card will be created and sent to the intended recipient.

Please send a card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

This person needs support dealing with:

___ grief ___ depression, brokenness

___ illness ___ family discord

optional details:

To ensure an age-appropriate message, please indicate the recipient's age.

___ youth-young adult ___ 30-60 ___ 60-100

This outreach is provided by the Healing and Wholeness Ministry.

Virtual Story Time!

Virtual Storytime with Mrs. Borman officially kicked off on Sunday, Jan. 3rd for preschoolers and kindergartners. It started off with each of the children getting a chance to share about one thing they did over winter break. Ice fishing and sledding were both popular events. Then Mrs. Borman read the book, *All the Colors of Christmas*, by Matthew Paul Turner. He is the bestselling author of the popular children's books, *When God Made You* and *When I Pray for You*. As Catherine read the book, she showed different things made of the colors that the story mentioned, including a sparkly, gold, angel ornament. The children then searched for items that were made up of 2 colors that were not mentioned in the book (purple and pink) and then took turns sharing what they found. Overall, it was a great time for LOC's youngest members to connect! The next Virtual Storytime with Mrs. Borman will be for 1st and 2nd graders and takes place on Sunday, Jan. 17th at 6:30 p.m. As mentioned before, wearing comfy pajamas and snuggling up with a favorite blanket and/or cuddly toy is highly recommended.

Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

1/17- NO SS (MLK break)

Sunday School

Our LOC kids have been enjoying their online Sunday School lessons via YouTube and Wakelet. Please share the links with friends, neighbors, grandchildren, or contact Kim @ kim.wortz@locdelano.com to be added to the SS emails. Let us help spread God's love to all the children, especially during this time when they need to feel it the most.



Sunday School Packet Pick Up

SS materials are ready for the month of January. You can pick them up Monday-Thursday, 8:30-1:30 pm. If these times don't work for you, please contact Kim @ kim.wortz@locdelano.com to set up a time.

Communion Cups Available for Online Worship

Individual, disposable communion cups are available for pick-up at the church, including wine/wafer, juice/wafer and wine/gluten free wafer options. The pre-packaged bags are available for pick up and will be located on a table in the church library on Wednesday mornings during regular office hours (typically 8:00-11:30 AM). For anyone who is homebound and would like to have the pre-packaged communion cups, please email locvolunteer@frontier.com and we will make arrangements to deliver a supply to you.



High School Bible Study

Pastor Bruce often describes the Bible as an "epic narrative" like that of *Harry Potter* or *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Yet we don't seem to be as fascinated in the story of the Bible or read it as often as we do other novels. Join us in January to learn more about the Bible and the Bible's big story... and also some suggestions on how to read the Bible. We'll explore some Bible Project videos (www.bibleproject.com) and talk about how the Bible applies to our daily life. You'll learn some practical tools to help you feel comfortable navigating the Bible, which may even help you as you head off to college. We'll meet online on Wednesday nights in January from 8:30-9:30 pm. Email or message Kirsten to "sign up" and she'll send you the Zoom link.

Upcoming Confirmation Schedule (all taking place via Zoom):

Note Our schedule got moved back one week due to Internet outages on January 6.

January 13 – Parent/Youth Meeting, 6:30-7:00 pm; Confirmation small groups, 7:00-7:45; Guide Meeting, 7:45-8:00 pm

January 20 – Unit 2, lesson 1 (The Birth of Jesus), 6:30-8:00 pm

January 27 – Unit 2, lesson 2 (Good News for the Poor), 6:30-8:00 pm

February 3 – Unit 2, lesson 3 (The Prodigal Son), 6:30-8:00 pm

February 10 – Unit 2, lesson 4 (The Crucifixion of Jesus)

February 17 (Ash Wednesday) – Unit 3, lesson 5 (The Resurrection of Jesus)

Still Time to Pledge for 2021!

If you haven't already completed your 2021 pledge form, please follow the link below to complete yours today. This helps council in planning and budgeting for next year's ministries. Thank you!

[CLICK HERE FOR PLEDGE FORM](#)

2021 Pledges & Online Giving

If you need to change your Simply Giving contribution amount due to your 2021 pledge, please log in to your [MyVanco account](#) or contact Terri in the church office to make the change. Your pledge card does not authorize the church to make these changes.