



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.



I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the lectors and musicians who participated in worship services this Christmas season. Thank you to our Sunday School children as well for their hard work and participation. You all have made our services extra special, and your ministry is very appreciated! I feel so blessed to be a part of a church family so willing to share their talents and gifts. Merry Christmas!

Peace, Katie Kohler



Church Council 2020

Kylee Amdor
Wes Aylsworth
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Jennifer Hinker
Jon Holzer
Elizabeth Kohlhof
Dan Langner
Tom Sebelien
Stacy VanCura
Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

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

Contact us!

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Congregational Annual Meeting (virtual)

January 31, 2021

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

Happy New Year

GOD IS ALL YOU NEED

let spirituality
be your new years resolution
may God bless you
we wish you the happiest of years
God is all you need to succeed



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)



The Light of Christ Healing and Wholeness Ministry wishes all our church family God's blessings of new hope, connection, direction and good health in 2021.

So far, we have had no interest in our adult support group for those affected by mental illness. We are aware the pandemic and all the increased demands it causes in our busy lives is, perhaps, preventing those who really need to talk and connect with others from doing yet another thing, another Zoom.

Hopefully as we settle into 2021 a New Year's resolution for self-care will motivate you to join us. We will continue to offer a Zoom support group the 2nd and 4th Monday each month at 7pm starting in January. Please contact Sue Fink at billandsue2931@gmail.com for an invitation.

The following is a poem included in last week's Encouragements from Interfaith Network on Mental Illness:

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.

Call on the Light of Christ Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please feel free to engage the Light of Christ Prayer Chain. Contact the church office either by email, which is preferred (terri.reuter@locdelano.com), or phone (763-972-2400; please keep in mind office hours are currently limited to

Wednesdays, 9:15-11:30 am) with your request, which remains confidential. The LOC Prayer Chain will pray for you as requested. Feel free to call on this team in your time of need. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain should contact the church office.



First Coming By Madeleine L'Engle

*He did not wait till the world was ready,
till men and nations were at peace
He came when the Heavens were unsteady
and prisoners cried out for release.*

*He did not wait for the perfect time.
He came when the need was deep and great.
He dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine. He did not wait*

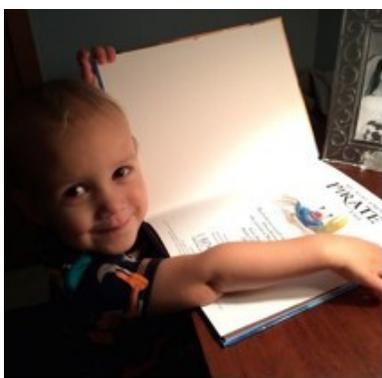
*till hearts were pure. In joy he came
to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.
To a world like ours, of anguished shame
He came, and his Light would not go out.*

*He came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.*

*We cannot wait till the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!*

Virtual Story Time Is Starting Soon!

Attention parents of LOC children in preschool through 2nd grade! Catherine Borman will be hosting virtual story times over the next few winter months. Mrs. Borman's favorite activity is reading and she loves to share her passion for books with others. Have your children join virtually to first hear her read a story and then stay for some online fellowship. The schedule will be as follows: **Preschoolers** and **Kindergartners** will meet for story time on the 1st Sunday of every winter month at 6:30 p.m. starting on January 3rd. **First** and **Second graders** will have story time on the 3rd Sunday of every winter month at 6:30 p.m. starting on January 17th. Wearing comfy pajamas and snuggling up with a favorite blanket and/or cuddly toy is highly recommended. Catherine is super excited to share some wonderful stories about many of Jesus' virtues as well as His everlasting love.



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):

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

January 13 – Unit 2, lesson 1 (The Birth of Jesus),
6:30-8:00 pm

January 20 – Unit 2, lesson 2 (Good News for the Poor),
6:30-8:00 pm

January 27 – Unit 2, lesson 3 (The Prodigal Son),
6:30-8:00 pm

Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

1/10- Jesus is Baptized
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

Sunday school supplies pick up will be on **Thursday, January 7th from 4:30-6 pm**. Please contact Kim @ kim.wortz@locdelano.com if those times do not work for you.

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.