

## Worship

- Indoor worship—9am Sundays
- Outdoor worship—6:30pm Wednesdays (starts 6/2)
- Online worship will continue and will be posted on the [church website](#).



## Church Council 2021

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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

## Blessings to Our 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands!

The past two Sundays, the 10<sup>th</sup> graders affirmed their baptism through a special online service and individual time of blessing (and laying on of hands) with their family and friends in the Sanctuary at church. We celebrate with these youth as they take the next step in their faith journey: McKenna Allen, Kohlton Beck, William Brown, Chase Christenson, Andrew Ihde, Ashlynn Kley, Samantha Krampf, William Wagner, Kaitlyn Malo, Natalie McClelland, Corbyn Menz, Hailey Ness, Ava Reiersen, Alexis Rothstein, Nora Slipka, Nicholas Truax. God bless and guide you all the days of your life!



Dear LOC Congregation,

Thank you so much for all your support while I have worked in our Children & Family Ministries at Light of Christ. This church and job opportunity have both been huge blessings in me and my family's life and I am truly grateful. Thank you especially to Kirsten Kelly for welcoming me and Kim Wortz as we stepped into our roles almost 2 years ago. Thank you, Kirsten, for your guidance, patience, and encouragement as we navigated uncharted territory. Thank you, Kim, for serving alongside of me and for laughing *with* me and not *at* me as we both adjusted to the "working world" again. And thank you, Pastor Bruce, for all your support. You are truly the best boss anyone could ever ask for. Although I am leaving as an employee, I plan to become an even more "active" member now because of all the relationships I have built with so many amazing people at Light of Christ.

thank  
you!

Catherine Borman

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## Youth Room Remodel Update

Over the past few weeks, we have accomplished a lot on our remodeling project! Here is a list of what has been done:

- ⇒ Further progress on electrical as well as light fixtures chosen
- ⇒ Electrical and structural inspections completed
- ⇒ Carpet (and some paint) selected
- ⇒ Ceilings scraped, mudded and taped
- ⇒ Sheetrock close to being finished along with the mudding and taping
- ⇒ Dumpster filled (garage cleaned out!) and taken away

We want to say a huge thank you to Brandt Dinger for his continued time coordinating this project (and contractors), as well as doing much of the construction work. Thanks also to Scott Dallmann and Randy Hildebrandt for volunteering with scraping ceilings and hanging sheetrock. In the coming weeks we will be painting, having the floors finished and installing cabinets. Thanks for your continued support as we work to complete this space...we are excited to share it with you! Please stop by to see it after worship sometime!





## Fifth Sunday Offering (May 30<sup>th</sup>) Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis

Our Fifth Sunday offering in May will be going to support the Justice Fund at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Since its founding in 1904, Holy Trinity has been a church deeply rooted in the diverse, immigrant-rich Longfellow neighborhood, in an appreciation for learning, in traditional worship, and in a commitment to social justice.

Holy Trinity is located just east of the Minneapolis 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct, and its neighborhood was where protests sprang up in the hours and days following George Floyd's death. Since that time the Church has seen an increase in the amount of people needing assistance. Pastor Ingrid Arneson Rasmussen has said they are most in need of donations to their Justice Fund to continue its work in the neighborhood. To find out more you can visit <https://htlcmpls.org/>

Ways we as a congregation can help:

- Donate through Light of Christ [Here](#) to enter your **Designated Gift** and mention *Holy Trinity Lutheran Justice Fund Fifth Sunday*

**\*\*\*IF DONATING, PLEASE SEND IN  
YOUR DONATION BY JUNE 1st.\*\*\***

- Donate to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church directly at the following link: <https://htlcmpls.org/donate/> - select *Justice Fund* in the Fund dropdown



## Love INC Needs Volunteers

Love INC's Fresh Start group is starting to meet again in person on Monday nights and is in need of adults to help watch children (ages approx. 4-10) while the group meets. Fresh Start is a class series designed to help adults learn new skills and set goals to break the cycle of poverty. Interested folks can contact Doug Stewart (the Executive Director) directly at [director@loveincheartland.org](mailto:director@loveincheartland.org).

## Gift from Endowment Fund to NourishingHOPE

Your Light of Christ Endowment Fund has provided a \$500 gift to NourishingHOPE.

NourishingHOPE, based out of Our Father's Church in Rockford, has provided food support to our community through the monthly food drops held at Light of Christ and other churches in our area as well.

NourishingHOPE will use this gift towards the purchase of a refrigerated truck. This truck will enable NourishingHOPE to store and preserve free produce for distribution in our community. Last summer NourishingHOPE was unable to accept countless bushels of donated fresh produce as they had no cold storage to preserve it. A refrigerated truck allows them to accept this free produce and share it freely with those in need of supplemental food.

Please consider supporting Light of Christ's Endowment Fund. The fund is invested with the ELCA Foundation and the growth and interest from the fund is used to support ministry, not only at Light of Christ, but also within our community and out into the world.

Questions? Contact Brian Harstad, Jonathan Ness, Amy Bigot or Pr. Bruce.



Because you give...Light of Christ serves the greater Delano community. Your offerings help provide for staff, space, and a spirit of generosity that translates into love for our neighbors. Checkout our [website](#) for giving options. Know you make a difference...thank you!



## STAYING CONNECTED



- ✠ Sunday indoor worship at 9:00 am
- ✠ Wednesday evening outdoor worship at 6:30 pm—**begins June 2<sup>nd</sup>**



### Light of Christ Annual Summer Picnic

Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM –  
LOC Parking Lot

This is going to be tailgate style, so please bring your own lawn chairs. All food will be catered, and beverages and dessert will be provided. **Please RSVP no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>** at this [SignUp Genius link](#), indicating your choice of boxed lunch. You'll have a choice of a 2-piece fried chicken dinner, a 2-piece grilled chicken dinner, a vegetarian or a gluten free option.

Free-will donations will be collected to be used for the youth mission trip. We will also be assigning prayer partners with the youth group as well.

We hope you can make it, so pray for good weather! If you prefer not to RSVP via SignUp Genius, you may RSVP to Heidi Goldbeck at [heidigold100@gmail.com](mailto:heidigold100@gmail.com) or you may call her at 612-418-0111.

### 2022 Offering Envelopes

A growing number of members contribute weekly or monthly using electronic giving methods. However, we understand that many prefer placing an offering envelope in the plate. To eliminate the ***purchased-but-unclaimed*** envelopes that are wasted, we're asking each family that ***wants*** pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by **AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>**. Email [Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com](mailto:Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com) or call 763-972-2400. This "OPT IN" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!



We are asking for our Light of Christ members to help us come up with a new name for the youth room! The vision for this room, once it is completed, is to be a community room for us all to use. If you have any great name ideas, please send them to Kirsten at [Kirsten.Kelly@locdelano.com](mailto:Kirsten.Kelly@locdelano.com). We are excited to hear the creativity from our members!

### Unwanted School Supplies

If you have a lot of opened or partially used supplies at home that could still be used instead of thrown away (notecards, markers, pens, colored pencils - however, we ***do not need*** any crayons), please keep us in mind! Email our CYF staff if you have something that you think could be donated. Thanks for your partnership in ministry! -Kirsten Kelly



### Updated Staff Office Hours

The church office will re-open on Wednesday, June 2 with summer office hours of Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am-4:00 pm. Pastor Bruce Kuenzel and Katie Kohler will be in-office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They will also be working out of office Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays, but will be available at the church as needed. Pastor LaDonna Ekern and Kirsten Kelly will typically be in-office and working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Finance administrator, Debra Johnson, is in the office on Wednesday mornings. All staff may be reached by email as well.

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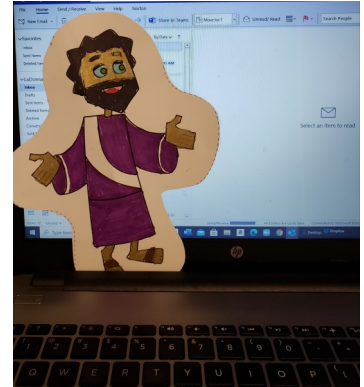
## Beloved Children of God ~

Did you know that Jesus loves to hang out with all his beloved children whether they are age 0-100+? On Sunday we were introduced to Flat Jesus. This is my Flat Jesus. Hopefully you have yours; if not, let us know and we will make sure you get one!

I hear Jesus loves to hang out with people at ball games, dance recitals, camping or fishing. He loves to travel by plane, train, automobiles, bikes. Where will Jesus all go this summer with you?

**SUMMER ASSIGNMENT:** Take Jesus with you wherever you go. Take a picture – selfie, group or Jesus enjoying an activity. Send pictures to either myself, [LaDonna.Ekern@locdelano.com](mailto:LaDonna.Ekern@locdelano.com) or Terri at [Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com](mailto:Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com). At our FireFest event in the fall, we will have various categories with various surprises so wherever you go – take along Jesus and be sure to tell us all about it!

Blessed Summer, beloved children! *LaDonna*



## VBS Is Coming Soon!



**Parents of current preschoolers-4<sup>th</sup> graders:** look at your calendar and set aside the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July for Light of Christ's Vacation Bible School! We are excited to welcome back the children in-person. More details about each program and access to registration links are given below:

**LOC's Preschool VBS** is for children who turn 3-years-old by July 20<sup>th</sup> up to those entering kindergarten in the fall of 2021. The theme for this camp is "Through Life's Ups and Downs, Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through." This program will run daily from 4:00-5:00 pm Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be led by Kirsten Kelly. More details can be found and registration may be completed at [LOC Preschool VBS](#). There are currently 17 children enrolled.

**LOC's VBS led by Shetek Lutheran Ministries** is for children who will be entering grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in the fall of 2021 and will be led by Shetek Lutheran Ministries. The theme for this camp is "Dwell Faithfully" based upon the bible verse John 15:9. This program will run daily from 9:00 am-2:30 pm Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. More details can be found at [LOC VBS led by Shetek Lutheran Ministries](#). There are currently 24 children enrolled for this program.

## Register for Summer Camp!

Join us at camp this summer! We encourage you to invite a friend and sign up for *any* week that works for your family!

**Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp** (<https://lakewapo.org/>)

So far, we have 15 youth signed up to attend Wapo this summer. Wapo is welcoming church staff to visit kids for at least a day. So, if that helps you feel more comfortable to register your child, know that we will be there at least one day to check in and give you an update!

- **June 27-July 2:** completed grades 4-12
- **July 25-30:** completed grades 4-12
- **July 21-23 (Wapo Seeds):** completed grades 1-3



**Green Lake Lutheran Ministries** (<https://www.gllm.org/>) - Currently, we do not have any LOC youth registered at GLBC.

LOC will offer scholarships again to any youth who attends Bible camp (\$100 for week-long and \$50 for the "abbreviated" camp). Families are encouraged to register for the camps even if it means getting on a wait list since they are hoping to open up more spaces for each week at camp as it gets closer to summer. Please contact our staff with any questions you have.