



Worship

- In-person worship—
9:00 am Sundays
- Online worship
continues, and will be
posted on the [church
website](#) and [Facebook](#)
page



BINGO

The Sisters of LOC are hosting a night of bingo at the Delano American Legion Post 377 (240 Babcock Blvd W) on Thursday, May 4th. We will meet at the Legion at 5:30 pm for dinner and fellowship. You will order on your own from the menu. Bingo starts at 6:30 pm and the cost is \$14 for 14 games of bingo. Please [RSVP here](#) if you will be attending. We hope to see a lot of new faces. Please contact Kelly Harstad if you need a ride at 763-227-8246 or kellyharstad8@gmail.com.

Church Council 2023

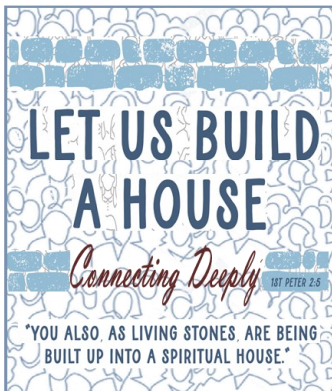
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Billie Chock
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Steven Dickey (pres.)
Derek Horeis (v. pres.)
Dan Paulson
Lisa Spencer (sec'y.)
Natasha Werner
Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

We are excited to welcome new members!



Please join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 7th immediately following the 9am worship service in the fellowship hall! The Community Life team will serve pancakes, sausages, and fruit.

Mark your calendars!



Contact us!

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A successful Chili Cook-Off event raising \$876 for our Belize youth... Thanks for your support!





May Food Distribution

Our food distribution ministry, Nourishing Hope, needs volunteers for **Monday, May 8**. We have two time slots—sign-up links below:

- **10:00 am** when we pack hundreds of boxes of food over at Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- **3:30 pm** when we distribute about 90 boxes of food right here in our church parking lot. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)

Or speak with Tim Johnson (952-472-1755). Thank you!



Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)



Happy May Day! Summer is coming soon!! Aren't you so ready? God is good.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Your Healing and Wholeness Ministry is co-sponsoring the Confirmation Family Matters Event on Wednesday May 17 6:30-8:00 pm in the sanctuary. Join us for a night of music and an encouraging message about youth and mental health on the theme, "You are enough" with Minneapolis native, Rachel Kurtz!!! THIS FREE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL. Invite all your friends!!

We are also planning our 3rd annual WALK-A-MILE-IN-MY-SHOES event on Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 am. Guess what? This year we are walking from Light of Christ a mile into Lake Rebecca Park for a Communing with nature" scavenger hunt to open our senses for mental wellness. We encourage families to join us. IT WILL BE SO FUN! Come rain or shine. Donations will go to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI MN)

Mental Health/Illness continues to be a daily topic in the news and in each of our lives. As a congregational family we want to erase the stigma associated with mental illness so that we can reach out for help or be supportive and accepting of one another. 1 in 5 adults and 1 in 6 youth experience a mental health condition each year and only half receive treatment. Half of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14 and 75% by age 24. Sadly, the average delay between the onset of mental illness symptoms and treatment is 11 years.

Unfortunately, our medical mental health care system is lagging way behind the increasing need for care, but improvements and innovations are in development. Early intervention is crucial for the best outcomes, so if you need help, see your doctor or therapist without delay. You can also call 988 or text 741741 to connect with a trained mental health counselor.

NAMI's mantra: "It's not your fault. You're not alone. There is hope."

Rachel Kurtz Coming to Delano!

When: Wednesday, May 17th – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Where: Light of Christ Lutheran Church, Delano

Who: Open to all!

Join us for a night of music and an encouraging message about youth and mental health on the theme, “You are Enough” with Minneapolis native, Rachel Kurtz!!

Raising awareness for world hunger, hurricane relief, and multi-cultural reconciliation, Kurtz’s powerhouse voice and heartfelt performances have been electrifying crowds in Atlanta’s Georgia Dome, New Orleans’ Superdome, Texas’ Alamo Dome, and hundreds of other concert venues from coast to coast.

A remarkable vocalist and magnetic stage presence, Kurtz has released a new 13-song collection of original soul, Americana, and blues tracks backed by some of Minneapolis’ finest session musicians.

***Sponsored by the Healing and Wholeness Committee and the Confirmation ministry at Light of Christ Lutheran.*



Global Barnyard Noisy Offering Sunday, May 7

Making a joyful noise to the Lord so all God’s children may be fed! Donations can also be made via the church [Give site](#).

Connecting Parents and Youth for Babysitting Opportunities

Are you a youth looking for some new babysitting or nanny/manny opportunities? Are you a parent looking for responsible, reliable babysitters (or summer care)? Complete this [short online form](#) to indicate your interest (if you are a youth) or what childcare needs you have (if you are a parent) and Kirsten will help you get connected!



Belize Prayer Partners

Each summer we ask our congregation family to pray for our service trip participants as we prepare and then also while we are on our trip. We give each prayer partner an itinerary so that they know what we’re up to each day and then encourage them to attend our return worship service after the trip (which is on August 6 this year). This summer we are looking for approximately 35 people who will commit to praying for our HS youth and adults as we head to Belize to serve, grow and learn from July 29 – August 6. [Click here to complete the short form](#) to indicate your interest. Thanks for your partnership in ministry!



Donate from Your Smart Phone

Light of Christ offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone’s QR code reader or go to the [church website](#) and locate the online giving page.



Fun Confirmation Games!



High School Fellowship

Join us for nights of fellowship, friends, faith, food and FUN!

HS Fellowship Schedule:

- ⇒ **May 3** = Fleece Tie Blankets for Grads
- ⇒ **May 10** = Trivia Night
- ⇒ **May 17** = Rachel Kurtz, Family Matters (6:30-8 pm)

Spring Confirmation Retreat!

We're excited to be going on our Spring Confirmation Retreat to Wapo this May! This overnight retreat will largely be fellowship time but we'll also have campfire worship and great discussions. There will be awesome time with friends, great food and hopefully lots of time outdoors (where we can see the incredible stars at night)! This retreat is *expected* for all Confirmation youth and we also encourage Jr. Guides (or other HS youth that want to help lead games) to attend! We will also need several adult leaders, so please talk to Kirsten if you're interested in attending this awesome weekend! Here is more info:

Who: Confirmation youth, grades 7-9 (Jr. Guides and adult leaders too!)

What: Overnight Retreat – Faith, Fellowship, Food and FUN!

Where: Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI (about 2 hours east of Delano)

When: Friday, May 12 (5:30 pm)-Saturday, May 13 (5:30 pm)

Lodging: In the Cross Fire building at Wapo (rooms with 4-5 bunkbeds, each with their own bathroom & showers)

Cost/Person: \$100 – covers transportation, food, lodging and a bit to help cover the cost of adults/Jr. Guides

Registration: Emailed out to all Confirmation families



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Thank you! We knew we could count on you!
The totals thus far have been amazing!



The PreK-2nd grade Coloring Contest has made \$15 and continues through May 7.



Online donations & noisy offering
on 4/23 were \$702.97!



\$30 Piggy Bank—
turned in early



The Voyager farm animal
Easter baskets made \$140!

CURRENT TOTAL: \$887.97! THANK YOU!
YET, WE ARE NOT DONE!

Piggy Banks and Coloring Contest continue until Sunday, May 7, at which time we will have another noisy offering! Donations can also be made online via the [church website](#) by clicking on the *Give* tab and then "*Click here to Give.*"



Our VBS this year is going to be STELLAR! We are partnering with Trinity Lutheran in Long Lake and Cross View Lutheran in Edina in order to make this an absolutely STELLAR experience for our young people. We can use your help. There is a gift registry of items we need to provide for VBS. Your willingness to purchase some of these items will help keep our cost down. Thank you! The link below connects you to our Vacation Bible School Amazon gift list : <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/quest-view/3URJYNF9RYYGK>

THANKS MUCH – YOU ARE STELLAR BUNCH!

