



Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

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STELLAR VBS 2023

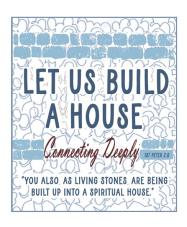
Worship

- In-person worship— 9:00 am Sundays
- Online worship continues, and will be posted on the <u>church</u> <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u> page



Church Council 2023

Mike Boyack Laurie Brown Billie Chock Tim Current (treas.) Steven Dickey (pres.) Derek Horeis (v. pres.) Dan Paulson Lisa Spencer (sec'y.) Natasha Werner Pastor Bruce Kuenzel



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COSMIC BLAST-OFF AND LANDING



(VBS pictures continued on page 4)

OUTREACH



A Wonderful Way to Put Faith into Action

Light of Christ monthly food distribution is always the **second Monday of each month.** Two opportunities to serve. At

10:00 am at Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford, we join with the other four churches to pack hundreds of boxes of various food items. We also load up our own LOC trailer with the boxes we distribute later in the day. <u>Click here</u> to sign-up for this shift.

You may also serve our neighbors and guests by coming to the church parking lot at **3:30 pm** to help us set-up for a 4:00 pm distribution of the boxes. Elementary school-aged through retired make up our wonderful team each month. <u>Click here</u> to sign up.





Love INC Opportunities

Back To School Bash Support this Love INC Gap Ministry led by fellow partner WestPointe Church.





 Donate \$50 to give a school-ready backpack to a child in need <u>bit.ly/</u> <u>schoolbash23</u>.

• Be a volunteer before/during the event on Wednesday, August 16 at 6pm in Delano.

Questions? Contact 763-972-6547 or info@loveincheartland.org

Golf For Love - Team Registration

Have you been practicing your golf swing? Then gather your golf buddies and register for our four-person scramble tournament! Learn more and register: <u>bit.ly/golfforlove23</u>. Contact 763-972-6547 or info@loveincheartland.org



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CHURCH NEWS

Light of Christ – Transitions and Planning



As you know,

Pastor Bruce will be retiring at some point in the next 12-18 months. We have a few important things guiding us forward. Our Strategic Plan (click link to Let Us Build a House.pdf

(lightofchristlutheran.com)) is an overview of our vision which will enable us to continue growing our ministry while making plans for leadership transition. You've seen some invitations for you to consider serving on the upcoming Call Committee. But you may not know that there is another team already working behind the scenes – our Light of Christ Transition Team.

The focus of our Transition Team is to prepare the Mission Site Profile, which is a foundational resource for the Call Process. It essentially describes our church – the Mission Site – and many of the things that make us unique. As well, it describes some of the qualities or attributes/skills of what we imagine will be important for our future Pastor. This Profile is a key document for our Call Committee, our Synod (the Bishop and other staff), and potential pastoral candidates. You might say it's a snapshot of who we are and what we feel is important to us and our ministry.

Serving on our Transition Team are Derek Horeis, Lisa Spencer, Dave Wuerger, Tim Johnson and Pastor Bruce.

The Transition Team is relying heavily upon congregational input that has been gathered over the past year+. The MAP – Mission Site Profile, Table Talks, staff and leader conversations, Community Leader Gathering input, and more. There will be opportunity to learn more and to provide some more input.

Please continue to pray that God inspires this process and our ministry as we continue to share the Light of Christ's love, compassion, grace and importance for all!



Monday through Thursday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

2024 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 <u>wants</u> pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by <u>AUGUST 11th</u>. Either email <u>Terri in the church</u> office or call 763-972-2400. This "OPT IN" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!

Attention, Women! Women's Bible Study is resuming on Sept. 7th!



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 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Living Room at LOC. We will meet September – March. We will not meet in December. The first meeting will be 9/07. The study we will be doing for this session is "Blessed" Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation by Nancy Guthrie. More information will be shared next week!

Live-streaming to YouTube!

We have added our YouTube page as a source of live-streaming. Please note, we will continue streaming on Facebook as well! Links to both our YouTube and Facebook pages can be found at <u>https://www.lightofchristlutheran.com/worship/</u> worship-schedule

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

A skit to introduce the theme of the day





Imagination Station A place where children who imagine what it is like to make stars, launch rockets, explore planets and dream dreams.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Daily Bible adventures



Out of this world games!

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LIGHT OF CHRIST IS STELLAR!

Thank you so much for all you do to support our children's ministry!

Thank you to our Stellar VBS Crew:

Pastor Bruce, Cynthia Kuenzel, Erin Olson, Ashley Jeseritz, Jessica Motzko, Lindsay Lindall, Katie Kohler, Kirsten Kelly, Gracia Macks, Paul and Marcie Ludwig

Thank you to our Stellar Crew Leaders and Jr. Leaders:

Cora Boyack, Amber Eichten, Alex Kelly, Emery Klaphake, Maddie Knisley, Mackenzie Motzko, Isabelle Nee, Kaitlyn Pink, Sydney Pink, Grace Reiffenberger, Lindsay Sjulstad, Andelyn Streich, Anna Streich, Anna Tool, Taylor Tool, Noah Rice, Ellie Rice

Thank you to our Stellar Support Staff:

Susie Larison, Kim Wortz, Kim Knisley, Laura Jaunich, Jennie Clark, Lori Prickett, Caleb Prickett, Mike and Rachel Boyack, Betty Pavik, Kevin Olson, Terri Reuter, Debra Johnson, Paul Gabrelick, Trintiy and Cross View Lutheran Church

<u>Thank you to all the amazing people who</u> <u>donated food, money and supplies and</u> <u>those who prayed for VBS!</u>

Thank you to the 42 young people who participated in STELLAR and to their families for bringing them each day!

THANK YOU – YOU ARE STELLAR: SHINE ON!

