



Worship

- In-person worship—**9:30 AM (new time)** Sundays
- Online worship continues, and is live-streamed to our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages



Church Council 2024

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Help a Fellow Light of Christ Family

A couple of weeks ago, Stan and Edie Droneck lost their house to a fire so will need to rebuild. If you'd like to donate to help, a fund has been set up at **Bankwest**. Money can be deposited in person (*Rockford, Buffalo, Hanover branches*) or mailed to **Bankwest** to the *attention of the Droneck account*: 5921 Main St., Rockford 55373.



NourishingHOPE

Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, March 11th
4:00-5:00 pm

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pickup on a first come, first serve basis at the following locations:

Corcoran

St. Thomas Catholic Church
20000 County Road 10
Corcoran, MN 55340

Rockford

Our Father's Lutheran
3903 Gilbert Ave SE
Rockford, MN 55373

Hanover

Influence Church @ City Hall
11250 5th Street NE
Hanover, MN 55341

Delano

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Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church
1601 Highway 25 North
Buffalo, MN 55313

Maple Grove

Rice Lake Bible Chapel
8801 Rice Lake Road
Maple Grove, MN 55369

For assistance locating a specific site or for questions, please contact us at

NourishingHOPE is a ministry of Our Father's Lutheran Church, in cooperation with four area churches. Our vision is to relieve area food insecurity and promote wellness in mind, body, and spirit for people East-Central Wright County. For information on you or your organization partnering with NourishingHOPE, please visit our website at www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html

Monthly Food Distribution

The next food distribution is on **Monday, March 11th**. Shifts are available at 10:00 AM to about noon at Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford, and 3:30 – 4:30 PM here at Light of Christ. Sign-ups are below:

- **10:00 AM** packing food boxes—[click here](#)
- **3:30 PM** distributing boxes of food right here in our church parking lot—[click here](#)



Pack The Pews Sundays in March

March is Minnesota Food Share Month. Each year, Light of Christ has participated by "Packing the Pews" with donations for our local food shelf – Delano Helping Hands. Sundays through March 24th, please bring donations to the sanctuary or the donation cupboard outside the Living Room. Designated pews will be identified with signs made by our Voyagers (1-3 graders).

Not sure what to donate? The following are items that are more costly to source by the food shelf.

- barbecue sauce
- oatmeal packets
- coffee/tea
- canned meals
- canned meats
- cereals (children's cereals are very popular)
- Paper products (toilet paper/paper towels/facial tissues/napkins etc)
- paper products (toilet paper/paper towels/facial tissues/napkins etc)
- mayonnaise
- soups that can be meals
- pasta (other than spaghetti)
- feminine hygiene items
- jarred pasta sauce



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.*

March Fifth Sunday Offering

In March, our Fifth Sunday offering will go to Second Harvest Heartland – a food bank located in Brooklyn Park, MN. As a food bank, they provide low cost or free food to food shelves, schools, community centers and other organizations in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Currently, they support over 1,115 agencies/organizations. Nearly two-thirds of the food they provide is fresh including meat, produce, bakery and dairy. Last year, they provided food to over 813,000 people.

Light of Christ has local connections to Second Harvest as well. Second Harvest provides food to Delano Helping Hands – our local food shelf. They also provide the food distributed through Nourishing Hope. Nourishing Hope provides food to six local churches for monthly distribution. Light of Christ has been one of the participating churches since 2020.

For every \$1.00 donated, they can provide 3 meals to hungry neighbors. We are looking forward to providing food to as many Minnesotans as possible through our Fifth Sunday donation in March. You can donate under the *March Fifth Sunday Offering* tile on our *Give* page, found by going to the LOC website. You can also designate a check or cash specifically for *Second Harvest* in Sunday's collection plate or send it to Terri in the office. You can help feed a hungry family and make a difference! Please donate what you can.

We Are Love INC Heartland

That doesn't stand for incorporated but rather

In the Name of Christ.

Together we can give the gift of hope, get involved today! Learn More: bit.ly/werloveinc



Serve Meals at

Fresh Start

Serving a family meal at Love INC Heartland's *Fresh Start Program* is a simple, impactful way to show the love of Christ. We still have a few openings available. Sign Up: bit.ly/fsmeals23



New Member/Partner Sunday April 21st

We will be receiving new members/partners on Sunday, April 21st. If you are interested in more information about joining Light of Christ, please contact the church office before April 10th at terri.reuter@locdelano.com.

Dad's Night Out

Calling all dads -- young dads, old dads, in-between dads, granddads, gonna-be dads, and any other dads. Pastor Bruce is leading a small group for dads of every kind. The goal of the group is to connect more deeply with Christ and with one another. Our next gathering is **Tuesday, March 12th** from 7:45 - 8:45 PM at the Brickside Grill. No need to register. Simply come as you are. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Pastor Bruce.



Lenten Worship & Suppers

Weekly Wednesday Lenten worship is held at 7:00 PM and will incorporate the Holden Evening Prayer service, as well as feature the 10th graders' faith statements. A meal will be held at 6:00 PM prior to each service. Please join us!

Lenten Supper Schedule

- ⇒ **March 13**—chicken wild rice soup, beef taco soup & more, served by Spencers and Hansons
- ⇒ **March 20**—walking tacos served by BWCA trip youth

Holy Week Schedule

- **Palm Sunday**, March 24th at 9:30 AM
- **Maundy Thursday**, March 28th at 7:00 PM - Worship with Holy Communion
- **Good Friday**, March 29th at 7:00 pm - "Service of the Nails," a contemplative service with scripture, prayer, meditation, and music.
- **Easter Sunday**, March 31st at 8:30 & 10:30 am - A blend of classic and contemporary worship featuring a variety of music and plenty of celebration!



**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

Lent Musical Devotions

During the season of Lent, our Director of Worship and Music, Katie, will post recordings of musical devotions. The devotions will focus on songs she finds meditative/healing as we work our way through this Lent season. All recordings will be posted on our



YouTube page every **Thursday** throughout Lent. The link to our YouTube page can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLKsWMFGKBf07k9w9MFFrqw>



Adult Choir Rehearsals

Adult choir rehearsal upcoming dates are 3/12 and 3/19, 6:30-7:30. The choir will sing at the Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter services. Attendance at all rehearsals/services is not mandatory. If you are interested in participating, please contact Katie at katie.kohler@locdelano.com or just come to a rehearsal and try it out!

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.

Position Opening

As decided in the January Annual Meeting, the church is seeking an individual or firm to provide financial services on a contract basis. The annual budget sets aside \$10,000 for these services. These duties include accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, and monthly financial reconciliation and reporting. If you, or someone that you know feels called to provide these services, please contact Tim Current at current.tim@gmail.com for more details.

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee is pleased to provide an update on our search for our next Pastor. We recently concluded the first round of interviews with five highly qualified candidates who expressed interest in serving our congregation.

We were very impressed by the caliber of the candidates we met. Each person brought unique strengths and experiences to the table, and the committee had thoughtful discussions following our interview process.

At this time, we have narrowed our scope of candidates. The committee is carefully reviewing the information gathered during the interviews, visiting the candidates' current churches either in person or virtually, and setting up second-round interviews in mid-April.

We understand your eagerness to learn more about the search process. The Call Committee will continue to provide updates to the congregation monthly or as appropriate. In the meantime, we kindly ask for your continued prayers for wisdom and guidance as we discern the best candidate to lead our congregation forward.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Sincerely,

The Call Committee

CONNECTING

2024



THE HOOT— O.W.L.S NEWS

Hello, OWLS! (Older Wiser Lutherans)

Happy March!

On March 21st we are going to meet at LOC at 9:30AM and carpool to the Annandale Art and Textile Center followed with lunch at the Thayer House. See our OWLS bulletin board or artandweaving.com for more information. We will be meeting and observing the Heart of the Lake Weavers at work on their looms and have an opportunity to shop for unique items made from the beautiful textiles or other crafts from local artists. Please join us! **Contact Sue Fink (billandsue2931@gmail.com or 763-972-6005) by March 19th to sign up as we need to inform them each of number in our group.**

We will soon be starting our first Bible study called "Growing Older and Wiser." We'll meet 4 weeks this spring and finish up in the fall. Day and time to be determined. Stay tuned. The book is available through Sue Fink for \$8.00. Currently 14 folks have signed up. Give it a try!

Ideas coming up in the next few months:

- Art in Bloom at the Minneapolis Institute of Art on April 25th
- Barn Party at Finks with silly yard games
- Big Stone Mini Golf
- Gathering at Lake Ann at Dick and Beth Coulombe's
- Visit to St. John's University



Sisters of LOC—Bingo Night!

Meet at 5:15 PM for dinner and fellowship (order from the menu and pay for your own meal and bingo)

Bingo starts at 6:15 PM

Please click the link below to sign up—thank you!

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024

Time: 5:15 PM

Location: Delano American Legion

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4DA5AA29A0FD0-48178639-bingo>

Light of Christ Lutheran Church presents... The 2024 Youth Summer Trips Fundraiser!



Featuring Spaghetti Dinner, Online & Dessert Auctions!

Sunday, March 17, 2024

- 7:00 am Auction opens online (32auctions.com)
- 2:30 pm Auction in-person viewing at LOC (until 5 pm)
- 3:30 pm Wine/Beer Sampling & Entertainment
- 5:00 pm Auction closes/Spaghetti Dinner Begins
- 6:30 pm Live Dessert Auction
- 7:00 pm Auction Item Pick-Up



Online
Auction
QR Code

Spaghetti Dinner Tickets:

- * Ages 13+ = \$15
- * Ages 4-12 = \$10
- * 3 and under = Free

Tickets on sale before/after
LOC worship or by emailing
Kirsten.Kelly@locdelano.com

We are so excited for the upcoming yearly youth fundraiser! Spaghetti Dinner Tickets are on sale before/after worship, by emailing Kirsten.Kelly@locdelano.com or by stopping at the church office. If you are able to donate an item for the online auction (<https://www.32auctions.com/LOCYouth2024>), we ask that you drop off donations by **Monday, March 11th**. We also hope you'll bid on items online (*3/17 from 7 am – 5 pm)!

Your support will help 22 youth going on our summer mission trip to Chicago as well as 6 youth going to the BWCA... along with the adults that give a week of their time to serve on these trips! We are SO GRATEFUL for all the ways you help our youth grow in their faith and relationships with one another. Hope to see you on March 17th!



**Join us
on 3/17
for our
youth
fundraiser!**

Lent
Dinner
3/6/24



Chicago
Trip
Fundraiser



With the beautiful weather we've had, the youth have had more opportunity to play outside on Wednesday nights. After a construction mishap last fall, we are grateful to Myron Klinkner and his crew for our new basketball post, backboard and rim that was just recently completed! It'll get used a ton and provide many hours of enjoyment 🙏

Pathfinders playing basketball on
our new hoop!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

HELP US PACK THE PEWS!



Special thanks to Jo Williamson who shared with both our Voyager and Pathfinder groups her passion for the Delano Helping Hands food shelf.



Our Voyager group made pew banners and posters for the March Pack the Pews Food Share!

Pathfinders will be collecting food items in their neighborhoods.

Will you help them Pack the Pews?



Thank for your help! Pack the Pews food items will be collected through March 24.



Register for Summer Bible Camp

Registration is now open to the public. You can register at this link: <http://lwlbc.com/loc-delano>. If you are planning to have your child participate it is good to register now. If reserved spots are already filled, your child will be put on waiting list on a first come, first served basis.