



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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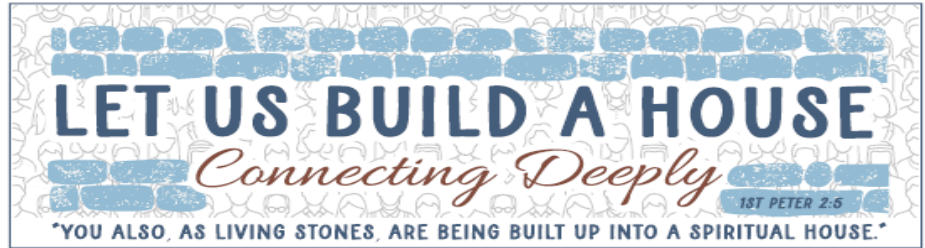


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KICK-OFF CELEBRATION!

FEATURING



SATURDAY, APRIL 6

6:30PM: DOORS OPEN

7:00PM: PROGRAM BEGINS

DRINKS & DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED

LOCATION: LIGHT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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)
- 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.



Lenten Worship & Supper

The last Lenten worship service is this Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM and incorporates the Holden Evening Prayer service, as well as the 10th graders' faith statements. A 6:00 PM meal of walking tacos will be served by BWCA trip youth prior to the service. Please join us!

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.



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>

Holy Week Schedule

- **Palm Sunday**, March 24th at 9:30 AM
- **Maundy Thursday**, March 28th at 7:00 PM - Worship with Holy Communion; Allie Bunker, speaker
- **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!



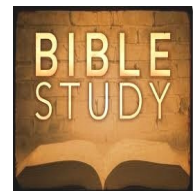
**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

Tough Questions for 21st Century Christians

Pastor Bruce leads a Bible study on the tough questions that we face as 21st century Christians today, which meets on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month** in the Living Room from 7:45 - 8:45 PM. The next study is on **March 19th at 7:45 PM**. There is no need to register ahead of time. The presentation will be recorded and posted on the Light of Christ website for those who can't participate in person. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Bruce with any questions you may have.

Did you know that you can find past sessions of Tough Questions on our [YouTube](#) page? Below are the links to past questions discussed:

- Introduction Video <https://youtu.be/SUP5E82IBSg>
- Where is God When the Innocent Suffer? <https://youtu.be/zNffKR1HfZU>
- Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People? https://youtu.be/juvWr_G-K-I
- What is the Meaning of Innocent Suffering? <https://youtu.be/VS5GmtleiFs>
- Can I Believe in Creation and Evolution? <https://youtu.be/O2QO4yJHLqY>
- Can I Believe in Creation and Evolution? Part 2 <https://youtu.be/nh3hcKXb9b4>
- Why do we bless LGBTQ+ marriages and ordain pastoral candidates who are in them? <https://youtu.be/Qa1PNP8FOFY>





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 Sundays in April after church and finish up in the fall. 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

Fish Fry Fundraiser

Light of Christ will receive a portion of the proceeds from the March 29th fish fry at the Delano American Legion Club. Tickets are available for purchase after service in the narthex or in the church office during office hours.



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>

Help a Fellow Light of Christ Family

Last month, 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.

the **POWER** of a **DOLLAR**



spent at a local
GROCERY STORE
can buy this...



CASH DONATION
can buy all this!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Last weekend we had a final “retreat” at church for our 10th grade youth before they are Confirmed on April 7th, 2024. We had a lot of fun sleeping over at the church and talked about living our faith after Confirmation. This is an incredible group of young adults and we hope you’ll keep them in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey!

Hailey Anderson
Taylor Berscheid
Owen Borman
Bella Dinger
Natalie Holmer
Avery Klaphake
Emery Klaphake
Nate Nielsen
Sydney Pink

Hayden Rue
Brynn Spanier
Olyvia Stahlke
Aidan Thompson
Natalie Thompson
Marshall Thorstad
Ava Werner
Mya Werner
Ashlynn Wortz



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.