



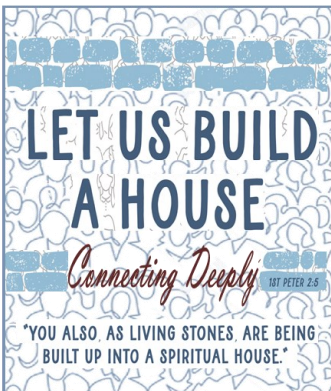
Worship

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



Church Council 2024

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NourishingHOPE

Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, January 13th
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 56004

Rice Lake
Our Father's Lutheran Church
3903 Gilbert Ave SE
Rice Lake, MN 55373

Hanover

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

Delano

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3976 County Line Road SE
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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 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

Due to the cold weather predicted and to keep our volunteers safe, our Nourishing Hope director, Brittni Bonkczyk, and the NH team has decided to cancel this month's food packing and distribution. It will also be difficult to keep the produce from freezing in negative temperatures.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26 at 10:30 AM

Immediately following worship



ANNUAL
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Help Us Support LOC's Mission to Belize March 1-8, 2025

During the adult mission trip, we will be doing building projects, hosting a VBS camp, helping with small projects at home visits, hosting a medical/eye/dental/nutrition clinic and feeding 200+ people of Bella Vista San Iglesia Church (Pastor Kebin's church) on March 2nd before Sunday night worship.

We are asking for donations to fund our projects. If you'd like to donate, please make checks payable to LOC (note ***Belize mission*** in memo) and put in offering plate or drop off at the church office.

We appreciate and thank LOC for praying for our mission and helping us fund our ministry projects and spreading God's love.

Grateful for Your Support

Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf is so grateful for the support we receive from LOC members. December is one of the busier months for us at the Food Shelf. This year, we served over 140 households in December and gave out over 12,500 pounds of food. In total 450 people received food this month. We were able to meet this need with the support from so many at LOC. For instance:

- 60+ Confirmation students sorted donations, cleaned our coolers and freezers, and made over 200 stocking stuffers (and provided the candy for the stocking stuffers).
- 36 Voyagers put together an additional 60 stocking stuffers so we had enough for all clients who wanted them.
- 25 volunteers packed frozen food and loaded cars for our customers. December is one of the three months each year that LOC provides our Thursday afternoon volunteers.
- Many financial and food donations were provided this month - including sweets, hot cocoa, blankets, and miscellaneous non-perishable food items.

If you want to know how you can help, watch the Beacon for volunteer requests. We are seeing more new clients each week and so need to add to our regular volunteers. Also, don't forget that donations can be put in the cabinet outside the Living Room. A list of items needed is included on [our website](#).

Thank you for all your help!
JoMarie Williamson

Christmas Store Served 62 Families!

Special thanks to everyone who supported WestPointe Church and the 2024

Christmas Store! Your generosity helped provide toys to 62 families and 155 children in the Love In the Name of Christ Heartland service area.



Serve A Meal - Love INC Heartland

Build community by serving a meal at our Fresh Start Program! Fresh Start is a series of life skills courses we offer to our neighbors in need. Before each class, we serve a meal to promote a sense of family. Our winter session begins on January 27! Many openings are available, sign up today: bit.ly/fsmealtrain





2025 Pledges

Your financial pledge is a cornerstone to the health and vitality of our stewardship and thus to our mission and ministry. Thanks to those who have pledged!

And, if you haven't made a financial commitment or estimate of giving for 2025, we very much encourage you to do so.

There are pledge cards in the pews at church. You can complete one at any time and either drop it off at the office or place it into the offering plate. As well, [click here](#) to complete your pledge form online.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and in Christ's ministry through Light of Christ!!

Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study *meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at LOC through April 7.* If you are interested in participating, please respond to Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!



Save The Date...and Your Donations!

We hope you'll join us for our fabulous youth fundraiser on **Sunday, March 16th!** Please remember the youth with any donations you might have that would be good for the auction... **new and gently used** items such as:

- Gift cards
- Toys
- Unwanted Christmas gifts
- Event tickets
- Cabin rentals
- Personally hosted events, such as dinners/boating
- Handmade items
- Jewelry
- Sports equipment
- Books
- *No used clothing, please*

Our auction will be online again this year from **8:00 AM–5:00 PM on March 16th**, with items on display at church from 3:00-5:00 PM and then the dinner taking place from 5:00-7:00 PM. Tickets for the dinner will go on sale beginning **Sunday, February 23rd**. Thanks for your support of our summer 2025 trips!

THE HOOT NEWS

Our Planning Flock consists of Sue and Bill Fink, Jinnelle Weis, Jewel Ekern, and Lona Jose. Share any ideas you have for fun or adventure with any of us.

For **January** we're moving the date to the **23rd** and will have a soup and bread cook-off and games in the Living Room.

February 20th will be a Valentine theme and potluck. In March we'll resume monthly outings when the weather warms up. For now, let's snuggle in together and keep each other warm and loved!



Sunday Announcements



If you would like to share any church-related announcements on Sunday morning, please let Katie know by the Wednesday prior to the service. We will do our best to accommodate, but there may be Sundays where we cannot fit it in, and another Sunday may work better. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE! Join us on 3/16/25 for the youth fundraiser supporting our 7th-12th grade youth going on the Summer 2025 trips!

Friday Night Lights date change:



Join us on January 24th at 7 pm!

Confirmation Calendar

(All events are 6:15-8:00 PM unless noted otherwise. See more details included on [this page](#).)

- **1/15** — Pastor Tim Wheatley's first night at Confirmation!
- **1/22** — Confirmation teaching night
- **1/24** — January Friday Night Lights—7PM
- **1/29** — Confirmation teaching night



Pathfinders



It's Time to Sign Up for Summer Bible Camp!

Registration for our reserved spaces at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (in Amery, WI) opens on **Wednesday, January 15!** Below are the dates that we have spaces reserved, which will be available just to our congregation until **Feb. 15**. Starting Feb. 15, all spaces will be open to the public. But note that you can sign up for *any* week starting on Feb. 15! Scholarships provided again this year! Invite a friend and join us for a life-changing week at camp this summer!

- **Seeds (Grades 1-3): June 20-22**
- **Wapo Youth (Grades 4-8): June 22-27 and July 27-August 1**
- **Wapo One-Day (Grades 1 & up): June 25**

LOC Specific Registration Link: <https://lwlbc.com/loc-delano>

Voyagers



Fun WAPO night



**Camp Wapo Staff
leading Confirmation
Games 1/8/25**