

The Beacon

Pastor Tim Wheatley

January 20, 2025

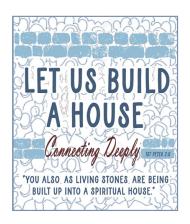
Worship

- In-person worship— 9:30 AM Sundays
- Online worship continues, and is livestreamed to our <u>YouTube</u> and <u>Facebook</u> pages



Church Council 2024

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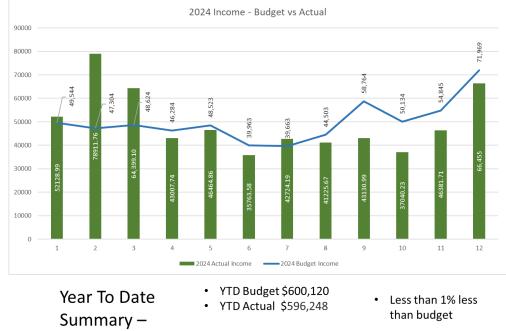
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CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26 at 10:30 AM Immediately following worship Members are encouraged to attend



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



December 2024

- Year to Date Actual Income \$ 3,836 less than budget
- THANK YOU!

Soundboard Update

At the upcoming annual meeting, you will hear some information regarding a potential soundboard upgrade. This past year, we have run into multiple issues with our soundboard, including popping noises, channels not working, and static. There was at least one Sunday where it was not usable! As our music program grows, we are also struggling with enough space to plug in microphones on our bigger Sundays like Lessons and Carols and Easter, which means we also need to upgrade our "snake" (the strip we plug the microphones into). We are looking to get a soundboard that is more volunteer friendly as well. Our current soundboard has been with us for over twelve years, and it is time to upgrade! You will hear more information about this soon. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to me about it!

Peace, Katie

OUTREACH



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 **before February 16**th.

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

THANK OU

Thank you for Fifth Sunday Donations in December

Thank you for your generous donations of \$625 for our December Fifth Sunday contribution to our LOC/Love INC Birthday Ministry, and to provide clothing and other daily needs to residents in The Estates at Delano nursing home who are in need. We appreciate your willingness to reach out and help those to have what we are able to enjoy in our lives every day. **Thank you so much for your generous contribution!**

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 set



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: <u>bit.ly/fsmealtrain</u>

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 <u>Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com</u>. 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.



2025 Pledges

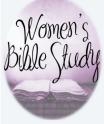
Your financial pledge is a cornerstone to the health and vitality of our steward-ship and thus to our mission and ministry. Thanks to those who have pledged!

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, <u>click</u> <u>here</u> 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!

Sunday Announcements



If you would like to share any churchrelated announcements on Sunday morning, please let Katie know <u>by the</u> <u>Wednesday prior to the service</u>. 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!

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 <u>church website</u> and locate the online giving page.



THE HOOT NEWS

from Sue Fink

Happy New Year! We invite all folks of retirement age to join us for a *Soup* and Bread Cook-off and games. We welcome new owlets any time!

⇒ THURSDAY, JANUARY 23rd at <u>12 NOON</u>! (Earlier time since we're having lunch)



An email has been sent out to our current OWLS roster with a sign-up for 5 soups and 5 breads, beverages or cookies. We're going to have a blind tasting of the soups and breads with prizes, so we don't want to know what you're bringing.

If you haven't attended our events as of yet, please come and don't worry about bringing anything. Our OWLS group is all about gathering friends in Christ and we really are growing into close and caring friends.

We'll accept nominal donations toward the paper products and prizes. Feel free to bring a fun table game or cards to share after lunch.

What a fun way to celebrate winter and friendship!!!!

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Any adults interested in joining our OWLS Bible study group are welcome! We just completed a study on Advent which was wonderful. We are growing in faith and friendships.

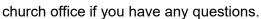
Starting on February 2nd will be a LifeGuide Bible Studies series called "The Twelve Disciples," a 10lesson study that focuses on each disciple and how he was changed because of his association with Jesus.

Please email Sue Fink: <u>billandsue2931@gmail.com</u> if you're interested in joining us and if you would like me to order a book for you. I usually can get a discount on multiple copies.

We typically meet for an hour following church service on Sundays. Each person is encouraged to complete the lesson during the week. It prepares us for thoughtful discussions.

2024 Tax Forms

You will be receiving your 2024 contribution statement soon, either by email or mail. Please contact Terri in the





CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

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.)

- 1/22 Confirmation teaching night
- 1/24 January Friday Night Lights—7PM
- 1/29 Confirmation teaching night
- 2/5 Confirmation teaching night
- 2/12 Confirmation teaching night
- 2/19 Confirmation teaching night
- 2/26 Confirmation teaching night
- 3/5 Ash Wednesday (no "regular" Confirmation; worship as a family at 7PM)
- **NOTE:** We'll have SLICE from 5:45-6:15 each Wednesday night that we have Confirmation.



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

Registration for our reserved spaces at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (in Amery, WI) is now open! Below are the dates that we have spaces reserved, which will be available just to our congregation until **February 15**. Starting February 15, all spaces will be open to the public. But note that you can sign up for *any* week starting on February 15! Scholarships will be 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://lwlbci.com/loc-delano





The Readers Theater and Voyager group welcomed Pastor Tim and enjoyed getting to know him. Towards the end of our time together the Voyagers were asked what they thought of our new Pastor: "100,000 million r^A



Thank you for your time here, Pastor Bob!





Confirmation Penny Wars Fundraiser for a Gaga Pit in Belize!

Confirmation Youth (7th-9th grade) are competing to earn the most money to fund the supplies for a gaga ball pit that will be built during the LOC Adult Belize Trip over spring break (March 1-8).

- Jugs for 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade can be found in the Narthex.
- Checks, bills, and SILVER coins will GAIN points for your grade (EX: \$20 bill = 2,000 pts)
- Pennies = NEGATIVE points! **Make sure you put the pennies in the jugs that you DON'T want to win**
- Help your friends in Confirmation earn the most points by filling up their jugs!
- Any additional money will go to help fund other Belize projects, such as the picnic table supplies.
- Coordinated by Avery and Emery Klaphake, two Delano Juniors, who put this together for their NHS Independent Service Project!

Thanks for your support!

Save The Date...and Your Donations!

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



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!