



Pastor Tim Wheatley

January 27, 2025

#### Worship

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



#### **Church Council 2025**

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#### **Contact us!**

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LightOfChristLutheran.com Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com Thank you! To date, 77 LOC households have made a financial pledge for support of our 2025 mission and ministry! This total is \$377,618. These commitments enable us to take confident steps into this new year. Pledge commitments also help each of us as individual members and households to prioritize what is important to us -- being intentionally generous and having a plan for



our giving. Scripture says it well: "Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

If you haven't as yet made a pledge, consider these as some good reasons to do so:

Strengthening our Church's Mission. A financial pledge directly supports LOC's work in fulfilling our mission, enabling ministries that serve both the congregation and the wider community. Your commitment helps ensure that worship, outreach, and discipleship efforts can thrive.

Planning for the Future. Pledges provide us with a clearer financial picture, allowing leadership to plan effectively for ministry initiatives, staffing, and facility needs. Your pledge helps create a stable and responsible budget.

**Faith in Action.** Giving is an act of faith and gratitude, reflecting trust in God's provision and commitment to stewardship. By pledging, we all actively participate in God's work and demonstrate our belief in the church's mission.

**Building Community.** When members pledge together, it fosters a sense of shared responsibility and unity, strengthening the bonds within our church family and showing that everyone has a role in sustaining and growing our church's ministry.

**Multiplying Generosity.** Your pledge inspires others to give. As more members commit to financial stewardship, our collective impact grows, allowing us to expand our reach and deepen the church's impact on lives through worship, service, and outreach.

Pledge cards can be found in the pews. And pledge forms are on our website. Your generosity is a blessing. Thank you!

Your Stewardship Committee

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### **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: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/fsmealtrain">bit.ly/fsmealtrain</a>

## **CHURCH NEWS**



# THE HOOT NEWS from Sue Fink

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 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a LifeGuide Bible Studies series called "The Twelve Disciples," a 10-lesson 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 should have received your 2024 contribution statement recently, either by email or mail. Please contact Terri in the church office if you have any questions.



#### **Centralized Sign Up**

We are trying a new way of sharing volunteer sign-ups... all in one spot! Scan this QR code or go to this link (<a href="www.linktr.ee/">www.linktr.ee/</a> lightofchristvolunteers) to view the new LOC

Volunteer Sign Up Page. We hope this will make it easier to find the sign-ups and to volunteer! Our staff would love any feedback you have on this new page. Thanks to the Children & Family Ministry Team for their initiative on this!



## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

### 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: <a href="https://lwlbci.com/loc-delano">https://lwlbci.com/loc-delano</a>



#### Confirmation Calendar

(All events are 6:15-8:00 PM unless noted otherwise. See more details included on <a href="this page">this page</a>.)

- 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.

# First Communion—April 13

Preparing for First Communion sessions will be March 30 and April 6 (from 6 – 7 PM.

Please sign up at this link if you're

interested: <a href="https://lightofchristdela-">https://lightofchristdela-</a>

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## Confirmation Penny Wars Fundraiser for a Gaga Pit in Belize!

Confirmation Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades 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<sup>th</sup>!** 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks for your support of our summer 2025 trips!

