



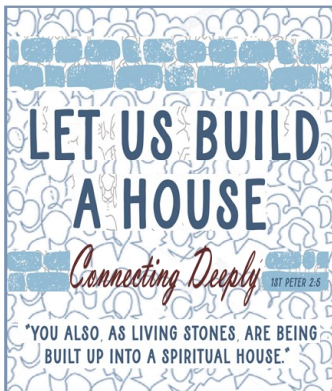
Worship

- 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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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!!



CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26 at 10:30 AM
Immediately following worship

January Food Distribution

The next food distribution is on **Monday, January 13th**. 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 at the links below or QR codes shown:

- **10:00 AM** packing food boxes
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- **3:30 PM** distributing boxes of food right here in our church parking lot
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)



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!

Reminder — our Advent Bible Study date is **January 12**.

Women's Bible Study

The women's bible study resumes in January and **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!



Serve A Meal - Love INC Heartland

Build community by serving (or financially sponsoring) 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. Sign up today: bit.ly/fsmealtrain



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

During our 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.

On Sunday, January 5th, we showed videos of the church, and 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.

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!

What will 2025 bring?



Angels will continue to bring good news of great joy and shepherds will continue to tell the good news to all they meet!



Children will still pray, scripture will be shared, there will be the elite and the lowly. A Grinch may come to our meetings and gatherings for acceptance.



CHRISTMAS IS MEANT TO BE LIVED EACH AND EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR! MAY WE LIVE EVERY DAY LIKE IT WAS CHRISTMAS. MAY WE BE ANGELS WHO SING, SHEPHERDS WHO TELL, WISE WHO STILL SEEK, PEOPLE WHO EMBRACE OUR DIFFERENCES AND PROVIDE LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE TO ALL WE MEET. HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!



CONFIRMATION CHRISTMAS PARTIES



**7th Grade
Confirmation
Christmas
Party!** 🎄

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*



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!

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!

Confirmation Calendar

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

- **1/8** — First night back after break... meet at church from 6:15-8:00 PM
- **1/15** — Pastor Tim Wheatley's first night at Confirmation!
- **1/17** — January Friday Night Lights—7PM
- **1/22** — Confirmation teaching night
- **1/29** — Confirmation teaching night



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Voyagers had snow much fun making human snow people.



Pathfinders fun night: song, dance, indoor snowball fight, and the teamwork of "Billy Bob" and Jo.

