



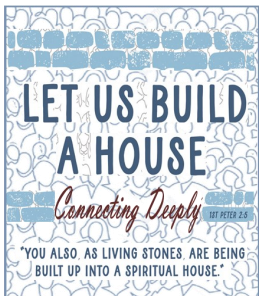
Worship

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



Church Council 2025

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TOGETHER WE THRIVE



PLANT is what we're asking everyone to do. Yes, we're inviting everyone to find a unique or specific way to plant yourself in our LOC ministry. But we're also inviting each and every LOC family to take home one of our special seed packets with a small pot and plant the seeds when you get home. Plant. Water. Sunlight. Grow. Take the opportunity to talk and share about what it takes to grow something like these simple seeds, and how there's some similarities in growing in faith, too. Each packet has a Bible verse with it.

As weeks pass, send to Katie (katie.kohler@locdelano.com) a snapshot of your flower beginning to sprout and grow. But not just any 'ol picture -- one that has the faces of your household in the photo. And a comment about your experience. We'll begin posting these in the Sunday slides.

And watch for more info as the fall unfolds. Plant. Prepare/ Cultivate. Pledge (your first fruits).



Caring Corner



Rooted in Faith: Healing and Wholeness in Community

(from Rachel Boyack of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)

This September, our theme at Light of Christ is “Rooted in Faith.” Just as a tree needs deep roots to withstand storms and flourish in every season, our mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being requires deep grounding in faith, community, and belonging.

Mental health is not separate from our spiritual life. It is nurtured by it. When we are spiritually grounded, we are reminded of God’s steady presence and love. This grounding provides a foundation that holds us firm when life feels overwhelming. In moments of loneliness, stress, or uncertainty, our faith reminds us that we are never truly alone.

Equally important is belonging. We were created for connection, to live in relationship with one another. Feelings of isolation can deeply affect mental health, yet God’s Word points us to the healing power of community:

“So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” – Romans 12:5

Participation in community, whether in worship, small groups, service, or simple fellowship, strengthens us. When we gather, share burdens, celebrate joys, and encourage one another, we reflect the wholeness God desires for all of creation.

The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness exists to help us live into this vision. By focusing on healing and by intentionally addressing loneliness and mental illness, we seek to embody Christ’s love and create spaces where everyone belongs.

This September, we invite you to reflect: Where are your roots planted? How is your faith grounding you in this season? And how might you reach out to deepen your connections with others in our community?

Let us remain rooted in faith, growing together in healing and wholeness.

Gardeners: do you have extra produce from your garden?



The Food Shelf is open to drop off donations from 5:00-6:00 every Tuesday evening and 9:00-11:00 every Thursday morning. If you want to arrange a drop-off at another time, please call the Food Shelf @ 763-972-4455 and leave a message. We will get back to you to arrange a drop-off time.

Come Join LOC Kids Hope!



LOC has been partnering with an exciting fun program called KIDS HOPE USA and Delano Elementary for the last three school years, and it has been VERY successful. We are excited to have most of last year’s volunteer mentors return and are also hoping to add a few more mentors. Volunteer LOC mentors spend one hour mentoring the same child, one day a week at the elementary school during the school year, and we do our best to work with your schedule. Delano Elementary staff selects the students. The primary goal of this one hour is **building a friendship relationship with the student, having fun, and to help the child feel more comfortable in their school setting.** We are happy to tell you more about the program if you are interested in joining us. This very successful program has been helping kids for over 25 years and is located in more than 40 states including MN. We look forward to talking with you about Kids Hope. If you are interested, please contact Lona Jose or talk to Terri at the LOC office and she will connect you with us. Thank you!

Love In the Name of Christ - National Gathering



Love INC affiliates will unite together on September 23-25, 2025, to worship, dive into workshops, and more! Please pray for the Love INC Heartland team as we get ready to attend.

New School Supplies For 50+ Students!

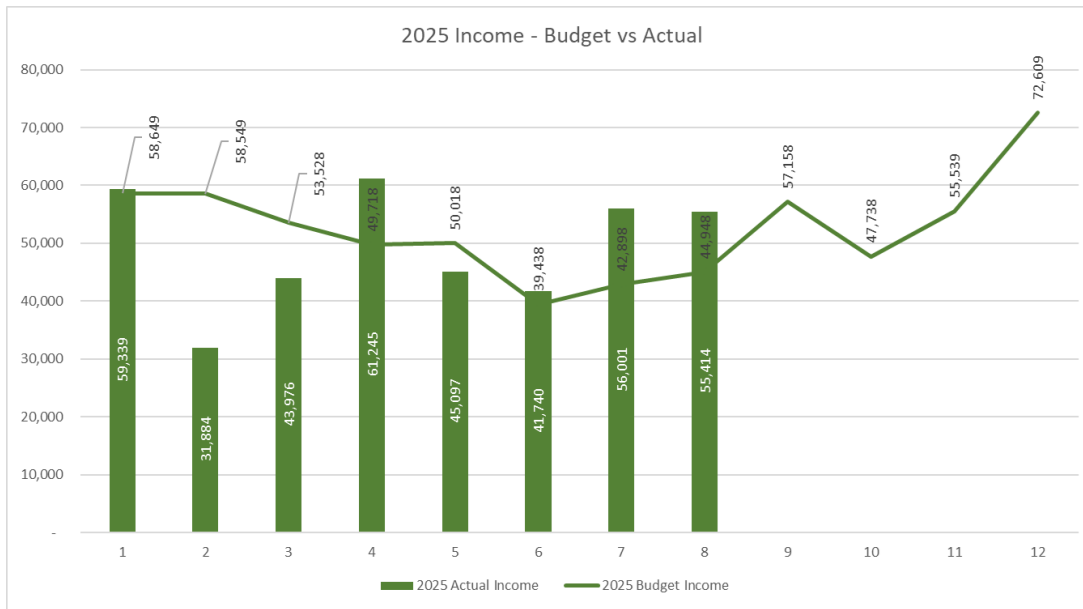
Through partnership with WestPointe Church, over 50 students are beginning their school year with new backpacks and supplies—special thanks to everyone who donated financially to support this community effort. Would you like to partner with us as a church, individual, or local business? Let us know at info@loveinheartland.org or call our main office 763-972-6547.

Meaningful Meals At Fresh Start Program

Over 35 adults and 15 children are part of our *Fresh Start Program!* Mealtime offers a meaningful way to connect and grow together as a community. Will you support this growing community? You can serve a meal or pray for the *Fresh Start Program* today: bit.ly/fsmealtrain.

CHURCH NEWS

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – August 2025

- YTD Budget \$397,756
YTD Actual \$394,696
- Year to Date Actual is **\$3,060** below budget
- August giving above budget – YTD within 1%

Love INC Birthday Ministry



Love INC Family Advocate, Sabrina, picking up the October birthday bags for our Love INC neighbors. Please pray for the kids who receive these birthday bags assembled with care by this month's volunteers, Beth Coulombe & Vicki Noetzelman! Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).



What will be your LEGACY?

Save November 2, 10:45 a.m. to ponder it.

What Is a Memorial Garden?

A memorial garden is a space designed to honor and remember the life of a loved one. A private place for reflection, remembrance and meditation. A beautiful spot creating a serene and reflective environment. Light of Christ is blessed to have our own beautiful setting right outside our entrance.



We invite you to take a moment to visit our **Columbarium and Memorial Garden** to share in the tranquility and beauty it has to offer!

We are so excited to welcome new members on Sunday, November 16th!



Become Part of Our Church Family

If you're interested in joining our church family, we invite you to attend a New Member Information Class on **November 2nd at 5:30 PM**. To help us prepare, please let the church office know if you plan to attend. We're also here to answer any questions you may have.



Got questions? We all do!

Join with others this Thursday at 9:15 AM or 7:00 PM as we explore "Where is God When Life Hurts?" No Bible study experience necessary. And each can participate as you feel comfortable.

Materials are also available from our first study on "What is Faith? And, Why Does it Matter?"

Sign-ups on the Welcome Center. Or reach out to Tim Johnson, tim.johnson@locdelano.com for more information. All are welcome!

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,



Did you realize that this is the 40th year of Light of Christ here in Delano MN? It is true, from the prayers and vision of people just 40 years ago this building and worshipping community came to be! Recently, I gathered together with some of our charter members and heard a lot about what it was like to build that first church building. During that discussion I realized I knew very few of our stories, but I think this might be a great time to collect some of them. I am inviting everyone, of any age to meet with Katie after the service in the choir room after church on the **Sundays of September 28th, October 12, October 19th, or October 26th**, in order to record a story about our church! We are looking for quick 2-minute stories about life here at LOC. It could be your favorite memory from years ago, or even just something that you find meaningful. Some will be shown in worship during the next months (and maybe at a 40th year celebration), but all will be saved for future generations of Christians in this place. Please join us for this great telling of stories as we try to capture a moment in time and record the history of LOC.

Blessings,
Pastor Tim Wheatley



Attention, Women! As life and schedules get busy for the fall, please consider taking time out for yourself and joining us for the women's Bible study starting in September. Participating in a Bible study is a great way to dive deeper into the word and gain new insights that strengthen our faith.

The women's Bible study will meet **the first and third Mondays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at LOC**. If you need to leave early at any point that is okay. **We will meet September – June. We will not meet in December.** If you can't make it every time that is okay! We want you to come when you can.

We will be doing **two Bible studies by Nancy Guthrie**. The first half of our time together we will study her book *God Does His Best Work with Empty*. The second half we will study her book *Even Better than Eden*.

God Does His Best Work with Empty

Join Nancy Guthrie in discovering why emptiness has never been, and never will be, a problem to God. As Nancy pulls back the curtain on God's work to fill up emptiness as revealed throughout the Bible, you'll experience page after page of grace and hope that your emptiness can and will be filled. You'll begin to see that God really does do His best work with empty—as he fills it with Himself.

Source: [God Does His Best Work with Empty: Guthrie, Nancy: 9781496439697: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Even Better Than Eden

Experienced Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie traces 9 themes throughout the Bible, revealing how God's plan for the new creation will be far more glorious than the original. But this new creation glory isn't just reserved for the future. The hope of God's plan for his people transforms everything about our lives today.

Source: [Even Better than Eden: Nine Ways the Bible's Story Changes Everything about Your Story: Guthrie, Nancy: 9781433561252: Amazon.com: Books](#)

We hope to see you in September! If you are interested in participating, please contact Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com



Bible Study/ Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/ Teens

As we work to be a community where all feel connected and cared for, we are trying a new time/group for moms of pre-teens and teens. Join us on **Thursdays, October 9th and 23rd from 8:15-9:45 AM** (right after school drop-off) to meet with some other moms and talk about life, faith and parenting. This will be very laid back with zero prep or expectation. Coffee, creamer and treats provided. We'll discuss future meetings & times with those who attend or express interest... so email Kirsten if you're interested but cannot attend. Please also contact Kirsten about any specific food needs/requests. Hope to see you there!

Adult Choir Has Begun!

Weekly rehearsals are Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 PM. All skill levels are welcome! If you are interested or have any questions, talk to LOC's Worship and Music Director, Katie!



Centralized Sign Up



All of our volunteer sign-ups are in one spot! Scan this QR code or go to this link (www.linktr.ee/lightofchristvolunteers) to view the *LOC Volunteer Sign Up Page*. We hope this will make it easier to find the sign-ups and to volunteer!

Follow Us on Instagram!

Check out our Instagram page! Our handle is **@delanolightofchrist**. Scan the QR code to get directly to the page.



The HOOT Newsletter for September 2025



Come join the Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS) for fun, fellowship, and faith!!

Happy autumn! We have started a 9-week Bible study series using the book, "Faith - Depending on God" by Dale and Sandy Larsen. All are welcome! Please join us after worship each Sunday in room 101 of the Education wing. You may purchase a book for \$10 through Amazon or Sue Fink can order one for you. Your faith and friendships are sure to grow!

Calendar of events

October 30th: LaDonna is planning an unforgettable Halloween party. Stay tuned!

November 20th: 5:00 PM supper at the Ox Yoke Inn followed by holiday lights at Sovereign Estate Winery in Waconia.

December 18th: Christmas potluck and white elephant gift exchange. Start searching your closets for a unique gift, nothing to purchase. This was a "**HOOT**" last year!!

All events are subject to change so let Sue Fink know your email address and phone number in case we need to get news out to everyone. Also, watch the bulletin and Beacon newsletter for updates.

Get ready to make lasting friends who share the love and light of Christ.

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!

Youth Choir Begins in November!

We will once again have youth choir this year for ages 3rd-6th grade! The first rehearsal will be for Lessons and Carols (12/7) and will take place after worship on **11/9**.



Rehearsals are 30 minutes long. Sign up using the QR code or contact Katie with any questions (katie.kohler@locdelano.com). The full schedule is on the sign-up form. All levels welcome! You do not need to make every rehearsal to be a part of the choir.

Confirmation Calendar

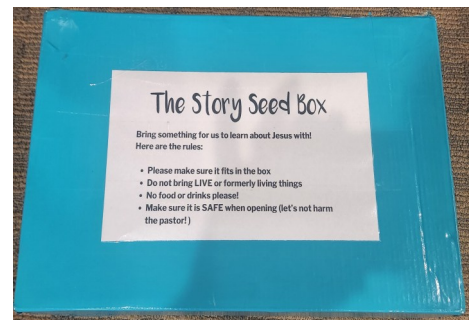
- **9/24/25, 6:00-9:30 PM** = FMSC Service Night -Chanhassen
- **10/1/25, 5:45-6:15 PM** = SLICE available ([Sign up here by 2 pm](#) if you plan to attend!)
- **10/1/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Confirmation "Teaching Night"
- **10/8/25, 5:45-6:15 PM** = SLICE available ([Sign up here by 2 pm](#) if you plan to attend!)
- **10/8/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Confirmation "Teaching Night"
- **10/15/25** = No Confirmation (MEA)



What's in the Box?

This is a question that Pastor Tim will not be able to answer until he opens the box in worship. During the children's message, Pastor Tim receives the box, opens it and then will connect what is in the box to the children's message. Does your child think they can stump Pastor Tim? Here's the chance to find out! Sign up your child (1 year old-2nd grade) for a Sunday when you will be in worship. You can pick up the box the Sunday prior or during the week (the box will be on a shelf in the church library). If you want, your child can bring the item on Sunday and sneak it into the box without Pastor Tim seeing it before worship. Sign up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>



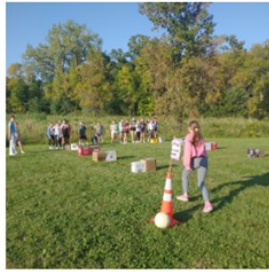
Friday Night Lights 9/12/25



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

Voyager and Pathfinder kick off!

We had a wonderful start with our kids' groups. All about you was the main theme. Getting to know each other's names and literally lifting each other up with games, worship and fellowship. A total of 82 kids attended last Wednesday.



Walk for Mental Health

Light of Christ Lutheran Church Wednesday, October 1 at 5 pm



5:00 pm - Meet in the Sanctuary for a short program
5:15 pm - Group photo / Leave LOC for the Walk
5:45 pm - Return to LOC for FREE pizza and fellowship
6:15 pm - Confirmation Worship on Wednesday (WOW)

Parents are encouraged to participate with their children/youth.

Please RSVP if you will be joining us for a FREE
pizza dinner served at 5:45 pm by scanning the
QR code to the right.

Pizza provided by the Healing and Wholeness Committee



*The first week of October is Mental Illness Awareness Week.
Join the Healing and Wholeness Committee and Children and Youth
Ministries to bring awareness to mental health.*

*Free will donations will be collected to help cover LOC's membership
fee to Mental Health Connect, a collaboration to provide resources
and support for our church community.*

Wear green for mental health!

September Birthdays

Tyler	Mielke	September 01
Grant	Horeis	September 01
Finnegan	Brown	September 01
Mary	Wheatley	September 01
Mary	Allen	September 02
Maddie	Knisley	September 02
Kristin	Lemmerman	September 02
Donald	Palan	September 02
Darius	Clare	September 03
Matt	Nohner	September 03
Gary	Prinsen	September 03
Nathan	Schultz	September 03
Abby	Trettin	September 03
Val	Donahue	September 04
Chris	Gross	September 04
Mackenzie	Motzko	September 04
William	Nohner	September 04
Paige	Froehle	September 05
Allen	Bawek	September 06
Rowan	Johnson	September 06
Michaela	Todd	September 06
Landon	Hiltner	September 07
Stephanie	Larison	September 07
Valerie	Nee	September 07
Abigail	Olson	September 07
Lynsey	Reiffenberger	September 07
Aaron	Amdor	September 08
Leonard	Beilke	September 08
Eric	Palan	September 08
Brandon	Haugen	September 09
Alexander	Ihde	September 09
Ben	Cederberg	September 09
Weston	Anderson	September 09
Josiah	Wheatley	September 09
Stephanie	Almquist	September 10
Lisa	Boecker	September 10
Marcus	Hanson	September 10
Caden	Jeseritz	September 10
Heidi	Wuerger	September 10
Steve	Freese	September 10
Vicki	Noetzelman	September 11
Lori	Skogman	September 11
Rowan	Anderson	September 11

The Community Life Committee wants to celebrate your birthdays!

Next Sunday, September 28th after 9:30 AM worship, we will have birthday treats to celebrate September, October, and November birthdays!

We celebrate birthdays quarterly so everyone's birthday will be acknowledged.

Don't forget to wish someone a *Happy Birthday* this quarter!

For those celebrating, may blessings be upon you and let faith guide your heart all year. We hope your birthday is one of joy, peace, and love.



Diane	Beilke	September 13
Jon	Wissink	September 13
Joey	Bitterman	September 13
Harlan	Grimm	September 15
Kevin	Olson	September 15
Rachel	Kopperud	September 16
Marshall	Thorstad	September 16
Zachary	Fink	September 17
Stacy	VanCura	September 17
Kara	Emmer	September 17
Brooks	Janike	September 17
Kendall	Geistfeld	September 18
Maxwell	Schmit	September 18
Nolan	Thorstad	September 18
Matthew	Coyle	September 19
Michael	Gallus	September 19
Grace	Caple	September 19
Colette	Wamre	September 20
Lauren	Krysan	September 20
Emilia	Bidle	September 20
Florence	Shrode	September 20
Evan	Amdor	September 21
Wendy	Meyer	September 21
Kinslee	Gross	September 22
Everley	Prickett	September 22
Tiffany	Allison	September 23
Amber	Eichten	September 23
Maia	Nee	September 23
Charlotte	Olson	September 23
Jason	Thompson	September 24
Brennen	Meyer	September 26
Philip	Radermacher	September 26
Devin	Russell	September 26
Lona	Jose	September 27
Adam	Kopperud	September 27
Carter	Peterson	September 27
Jana	Geistfeld	September 28
Gregory	Krause	September 28
Becky	Coyle	September 29
Daxton	Custer	September 29
Jameson	Geistfeld	September 30
Mya	Motzko	September 30
Crystal	Stahlke	September 30

October Birthdays

Taylor	Berscheid	October 01
Arlo	Hiltner	October 02
Nora	Lindall	October 02
Douglas	Laddusaw	October 03
Jordan	Spencer	October 03
Aksel	Caslavka	October 03
Lesley	Berscheid	October 04
Eric	Parpart	October 04
Douglas	Schuette	October 04
Aaron	Sievers	October 04
Jamey	Boecker	October 05
Dennis	Lohmann	October 05
Matthew	Motzko	October 05
Vincent	Pavik	October 07
Lydia	Sievers	October 08
Heidi	Hiltner	October 09
Carrie	Quamen	October 09
Steve	Brown	October 10
Tim	Johnson	October 10
Jack	Magner	October 10
Miles	Eichten	October 11
Ashley	Savage	October 11
Casey	Schmidt	October 11
Casey	Carson	October 11
Sarah	Bersie	October 12
Jen	Peterson	October 14
Bradley	Czock	October 15
Sydney	Imamura	October 15
Anna	Krause	October 15
Sami	Tool	October 15
Kirk	Reierson	October 16
Waverly	Sjulstad	October 16
Dylan	Thompson	October 17
Eric	Anderson	October 18



Jack	Prinsen	October 18
Karly	Schmidt	October 18
Brad	Wyninger	October 19
Michelle	Bunker	October 20
Dale	Russenberger	October 20
Margaret	Thompson	October 20
Maya	Carson	October 21
Addison	Dallmann	October 21
Rick	Zabel	October 21
Reagan	Sjulstad	October 21
Ailsa	Boyack	October 22
Megan	Dallmann	October 23
Jessica	Holmer	October 23
Scott	Rundle	October 23
Erin	Olson	October 24
Mary	Johnson	October 25
Jeremy	Prickett	October 25
Lisa	Spencer	October 25
Debra	Schantzen	October 26
Hailey	Ness	October 27
Erin	Johnson	October 28
Bradley	Bruhn	October 29
Claire	Bruhn	October 29
Katherine	Bruhn	October 29
Mariah	Todd	October 29
Kurt	Truax	October 29
Laci	Custer	October 29
Carol	Heyen	October 30
Liam	Olson	October 30
Janice	Styve	October 30
KellyAnn	Lockrem	October 30
Brannon	Imamura	October 31
Max	Lotzer	October 31

November Birthdays

Mike	Ingebrigtsen	November 01
Liam	Dornfeld	November 02
Emme	Savage	November 03
Grace	Horeis	November 04
Kristine	Lotzer	November 04
Brittany	Hartnett	November 04
Eva	Nohner	November 05
Curt	Reuter	November 05
Rachel	Boyack	November 06
Derek	Spencer	November 06
Heidi	Goldbeck	November 07
Braelyn	Ludwig	November 07
Greg	Ulberg	November 07
Dominique	Clare	November 08
Elisa	Carson	November 09
Diane	Irish	November 10
Corey	McLagan	November 10
Austin	Lundquist	November 11
Claudia	Schmidt	November 12
Craig	Krysan	November 12
Joseph	Coyle	November 14
Erin	Green	November 16
David	Wuerger	November 16
Josie	Strobl	November 16
Kelly	Haugen	November 17
Sarah	Ness	November 17
Kylee	Amdor	November 18
Greg	Bersie	November 18



Kali	Larson	November 18
Anne	Farniok	November 19
Jessica	Motzko	November 19
Ava	Reierson	November 20
Sarah	Gierke	November 21
Tim	Current	November 22
Nicholas	Farniok	November 22
Lydia	Gierke	November 22
Bryce	Stahlke	November 22
Charlene	Warne	November 22
Kent	Wischmann	November 22
Catherine	Borman	November 22
Wyatt	Borman	November 23
Jane	Lewis	November 23
Kerri	Penke	November 23
Ellie	Stahlke	November 23
Ryan	Tool	November 23
Brennan	Slipka	November 24
Seth	Klason	November 26
Dana	Anderson	November 26
Tyler	Anderson	November 27
Sheryl	Laddusaw	November 27
Stan	Droneck	November 28
Collin	Magner	November 28
Joshua	Rothstein	November 28
Ben	Engel	November 28
Jeremiah	Werner	November 29
Terry	Cook	November 30

