

The Beacon

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

December 26, 2022

Worship

- In-person worship— 9:00 am Sundays
- Online worship continues, and will be posted on the <u>church</u> <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u> page



Church Council 2022

Mike Boyack Tim Current Steven Dickey Carmen Hanson Jennifer Hinker Jon Holzer Derek Horeis Lisa Spencer Natasha Werner Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

The Marks of Discipleship

- Pray daily
- ✤ Worship weekly
- ✤ Read the Bible
- Serve at or beyond Light of Christ
- Relate to others for spiritual growth
- Give of my time, talents and resources

Contact us!

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LightOfChristLutheran.com Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com "For a child shall lead them." Our children did a fantastic job at sharing the Christmas story on Sunday, December 18th. As we head into the new year may we follow their lead in sharing the story of God's love with all we meet.











MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Where Can You Serve?

Shared Ministry is what makes Light of Christ a vibrant church that needs all of our gifts and abilities in order to make the greatest impact. Do you have a place you serve? Are you plugged in? Are you growing in



Wholeness

your faith by being connected to a team or ministry?

We have so many opportunities to use your energies, creativity, ideas, time and faith. The following are teams and committees which meet regularly in order to accomplish a variety of ministries. If you would like a bit of information on any of these, please reach out to any staff or council member or email

tim.iohnson@locdelano.com.

Worship & Music	Healing & Wholeness
Youth & Family	Personnel
Children & Family	Stewardship
Finance	Technology
Property	Mission
Community Life	Hospitality & Inviting
Endowment	(soon to be forming)
Library	

We generally affirm a full slate of new and returning committee and team members at our January meeting, though we welcome new folks at any time. Please pray about where and how you can best serve.

Delano Food Shelf

Thank you to all our Light of Christ members who donated food items and the generous money donations throughout this past year. We will have our Pack-the-



Pew month for the food shelf in March again. Thank you also for those who volunteered at the food shelf this past year including Oda & Roland Carlson, Cheri Ashfeld, Ann Bassett, Randy Hildebrandt, Val Donahue, Luke Tuchtenhagen, Bill Weis, MaryAnn McKay, Paulette Podratz, Beata Zerull, Don Anderson, Maxine & Lowell Johnson, Jewel Ekern, Dee & Len Beilke, Dave Anderson, Charlie & Lona Jose, and all the high schoolers who volunteer their time there. Much appreciated!! March, June, and December will be the next LOC months for Thursday volunteering. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Terri at the LOC office. Thanks also to JoMarie Williamson for managing the food shelf along with two others. It's a great place that provides great service to many!

Share Your Talents!

Volunteering is not only a great way to put your faith into action, but also an important way that you help make our ministry happen at Light of Christ. As you might imagine, there are many ways to serve. Just a few include helping worship and fellowship to be a blessing to people's lives.

Ushers. Greeters. Prepping Sunday coffee, purchasing/bringing treats. Helping to run the soundboard or online streaming. Altar Guild. Communion assistants. Readers/lectors. Special music. Praise band. Choir.

Training is available for each of these. Links to sign up are below, as well as on the website and often in the Sunday bulletin. Or for more information, reach out to Tim Johnson at Tim.Johnson@locdelano.com. Thanks for all vou do!

> Ushers: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-spring1

Greeters: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-sunday2

Altar Guild: https:// www.signupgenius.com/ go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-altar

Soundboard: https:// www.signupgenius.com/ go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-outdoor1

Communion Asst.: https:// www.signupgenius.com/ go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-light

Lectors: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-lectors



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Our next Friday Night Lights event is coming up in January! This time we'll stay in for a fun night at church. Here are the details:

- Who: 9th 12th grade youth and friends
- What: Movie and night games!
- When: 7 11 pm, Friday, January 6th
- Where: Light of Christ Living Room
- Register: by Wednesday, January 4 at this link
- Cost: \$5



"Buy with Heart" this Christmas

We invite you to visit our Equal Exchange (fair trade) table in the Narthex or click <u>HERE</u> for our online store for some great gift options! Items for sale include:

- Chocolate
- Coffee
- Tea
- Cashews, almonds, and dried mangos
- LOC coffee mugs

All sales support our summer youth trips as well as small farmers around the world! These items make great gifts for teachers, friends or stocking stuffers. Items can also be delivered for free around the Delano area and you can include a note and even gift wrapping. Thanks for your support and for "shopping with heart" this Christmas.



Bible Story Time begins January 8, 2023

Bible Story Time is an exciting new program for our 3-year-olds to 2nd graders. Beginning January 8, 2023, our 3 years-2nd grade students will be dismissed from worship to go to a Bible story time.

Prior to worship each Sunday, parents will sign in their children who are participating in Bible Story Time. The children will go to worship with their parents but then will be dismissed to go to Bible Story Time following the children's message. Bible Story Time offers age-appropriate Bible stories



using video, songs, and activities with take-home pamphlets. The children will return to worship prior to communion. (approx. 20 minutes).

In May we will evaluate and compare Bible Story Time to the previous Sunday school schedule before deciding which we will be offering in the fall of 2023. *From January to May there will be no Sunday school at 10:10 am.*

Following our Safe Sanctuary policy, each Sunday we will need a minimum of two unrelated adults (i.e., no husband/wife combinations) to help with the Bible Story Time. If you are interested, please sign-up using the following link. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-bible</u>

Still looking for that perfect Christmas gift? Consider a trip to Bible Camp!

- Wapo One-Day (Grades K-2) June 25 A one-day introduction to camp that will feature fun activities of Camp Wapo in a single full day of energy and excitement!
- Wapo Youth Camp (Grades 4-9) June 25-30, Aug. 13-19
 An action-packed week of fun activities and new
 friendships that will stretch campers to new
 heights of joy and growth.
- Seeds Summer Camp (Grades 1-3) June 23-25 The perfect introduction to summer camp for our youngest campers, Seeds Camp is filled with fun and safe opportunities to learn and grow.

The above dates are times when Light of Christ has reserved spots – **registration is Jan.15-Feb 15**. LOC offers \$100 toward students going for the week, \$50 for those who do the weekend, and the one-day is free. This is possible due to the camp scholarship fund. Sponsor a child, the benefits last a lifetime!

