



Worship

- In-person worship—**9:00 am Sundays**
- Online worship continues, and will be posted on the [church website](#) and [Facebook](#) page



Church Council 2023

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Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, October 1st** following worship at 10:30 am in the sanctuary to elect the Call Committee. Your attendance is encouraged!



Let Us Build....

As the church we are always in the process of building something...of growing. As the church we seek to build our faith, deepen our relationships, find inspiration in our connection with God, find strength for daily life.

Here at Light of Christ we are under the banner for theme that comes from that great hymn, "Let us build a house where love can dwell."



For us to build a house where love can dwell, or faith grows, where relationships deepen, where connections are made, where lives are blessed, it takes all of us! Over these next few weeks, we are highlighting a few of the ways that we experience building blocks of our foundation, of our faith. One of those is worship and music. Not just here at Light of Christ, but throughout our lives, we experience moments and stories and experiences in and through our times in worship that truly make a difference, that are foundational for our lives.

In these weeks, we invite everyone to help us build. For we are truly continuing to build this community of Faith, this house, this church of love. Each week will feature a large banner in the narthex gathering area. On that banner you are invited to write something about a moment that has built your faith. There are cards that will serve as our stones as together we build. Each Sunday in worship we will have an opportunity to write down a special moment that corresponds with one of the four important areas of our church, of our ministry.

Our prayer is that as a church we will grow in our inspiration and in our commitment to continue to build, to invest, to love, to strengthen this church, our community of faith. In the mail you will receive a letter and pledge card in which we invite you to make a financial commitment to support the foundational building blocks of our ministry for 2024. Yes, we are blessed to be a blessing!

Contact us!

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Our Transition Team would like to share with you some key parts of the Ministry Site Profile and invite your feedback. The MSP contains important descriptions, hopes and perspectives on our church. If you were not able to attend one of the recent forums following worship, please [click here](#) for information related to the presentation on the Ministry Site Profile.



NourishingHOPE

A Wonderful Way to Put Faith into Action

Our next food distribution is on **Monday, Oct. 9th**. At **10:00 am** at Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford, we join with the other four churches to pack hundreds of boxes of various food items. We also load up our own LOC trailer with the boxes we distribute later in the day. [Click here](#) to sign up for this shift.

You may also serve our neighbors and guests by coming to the church parking lot at **3:30 pm** to help us set up for a 4:00 pm distribution of the boxes. Elementary school-aged through retired make up our wonderful team each month. [Click here](#) to sign up.



Family Meals At Love INC

Serving a family meal at Love INC Heartland's *Fresh Start Program* is a simple, impactful way to show the love of Christ. We have multiple openings to fill from September to November. Sign Up On Meal Train: bit.ly/fsmeals23



Love INC Volunteers

The Love INC ministry would not be possible without the generous hearts and hands of our volunteers. Do you have the heart to listen, clarify information, or pray with people over the phone? Our Connection Center (helpline) needs you! Get Involved Today: bit.ly/loveincvolunteer

Minneapolis Area Synod

Fall Women's Gathering

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights, MN



Minneapolis Area Synod
of the ELCA

- Inspire Bible Study • Worship • Connection • Music • Friendship
- Ignite Explore Mental health & loneliness • Social justice & women's imprisonment
- Refresh Coffee & Lunch • Childcare • Chair Massage • Yoga
- Serve On-site impact projects • Global market

Gather your gals and come to this incredible opportunity to connect, inspire, and create a better world--one act of love at a time!

Visit www.MplsWomenOfELCA.org to learn more and secure your spot for this transformative day! Secure your spot and ensure your kids have an unforgettable time, too.

REGISTER TODAY to receive a **FREE \$10** gift card for the global market at the gathering. Registration for kids is only **\$1** until October 15th!



Adult Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm. All skill levels are welcome! Talk to Katie for more information. You can reach her at

katie.kohler@locdelano.com

Calling All Musicians!

We're looking for more musicians to join our Light of Christ Praise Team! We could especially use a bass player! However, we would welcome more singers and instrumentalists in general. The more the merrier! If you are interested, please contact Katie at katie.kohler@locdelano.com.



Stay Informed!

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



MEETING MINUTES

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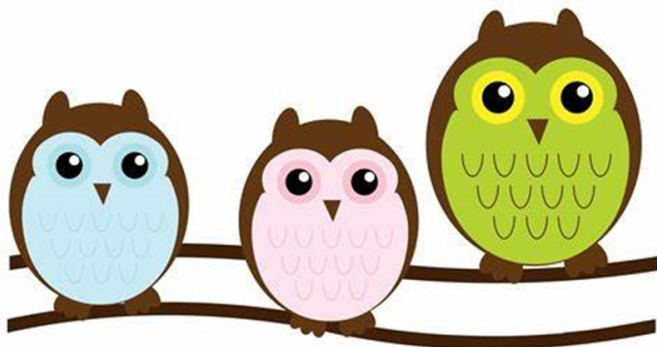
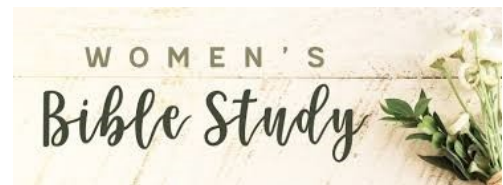
Light of Christ offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader or go to the [church website](#) and locate the online giving page.



Women's Bible Study

The women's bible study meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Living Room at LOC. **We will meet September – March. 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. The study we will be doing for this session is *Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation* by Nancy Guthrie.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com



O.W.L.S.

Older, Wiser Lutherans!!

We're starting a new group for the 55 & over generation at Light of Christ! It will be a HOOT!

Please join us for a short brainstorming meeting on

OCTOBER 1st at 11 am

(following the congregational meeting to approve the Call Committee)

Bring your friends, spouses and ideas. We can have potlucks, play games, plan outings, whatever. We'll tally the group to plan the day, time, frequency, and who might be willing to lead and organize us. Call the office or talk to Sue Fink if you have any questions.

Join Us! JOIN US!

RAISE AWARENESS FOR HOMELESSNESS

Date: Saturday, October 7th, 2023

Time: Sat 5pm - Sun 9am

Location: Light of Christ



9th-12th graders! Join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and service! Bring shelter supplies (tents or large cardboard boxes) to camp out overnight on the church lawn. **Everyone** is welcome to bring donations, food, clothing, and/or hygiene products. If you have any questions please contact Sophia Grant (grant4sophia@gmail.com) Ellie Chalk (elliechock@gmail.com) or Grace Ulberg (graceulberg06@gmail.com)

9th-12th Graders!!!

We hope you can join us for this great event. The cost will be \$10 (to help cover food). Click this link for more information and to register: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/SleepOut23> Save the date!

HOLY First Communion— October 29th at 9am Worship



COMMUNION

Here at Light of Christ, we welcome children of all ages to receive first communion instruction and then come to the Lord's Table. First communion instruction times will be Sundays, October 8th and 15th from 6:00-7:00 pm. We do ask that parents accompany children to these instruction times. Please take a moment and let us know your family's intent to participate by completing the registration form at this link: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/d50eac>

Thank you! We look forward to welcoming your child into this high and holy moment in his or her faith life!

Youth Choir Beginning this Fall!

- Grades 3rd-6th
- Rehearsals will take place on select Sundays, 10:30-11:00 am
- The choir will sing in worship around 4 times a year Contact Katie for more info at katie.kohler@locdelano.com



Confirmation is Back!

We kicked off Confirmation with our orientation one week and then a large group game (Bonkers!) and small groups the next week. It's great to be back with the kids and we're excited for another year of faith and growth!



Light of Christ Wednesday Children's Faith Journey

A glimpse of our 34 awesome Voyagers

Voyagers are 1st-3rd graders who meet on Wednesdays from 2:45-4:45 pm. They start with a snack (Yes, we welcome snack donations. Please keep in mind there needs to be **enough for 34.**). After snacks, they are energized with Katie leading music, they hear the Bible Story presented by the amazing Light of Christ Readers Theater Group (Thanks to Cheri Ashfeld, G'pa Stan Droneck, Maxine Johnson, Mary Ann McKay and Jinnelle Weis). After this, the group has some small group learning time with fantastic small group leaders (Thank you, Jo Williamson, Vicki Noetzelman, Pastor Bruce and LaDonna Ekern).



Our 38 Fantastic Pathfinders

Pathfinders are our 4th-6th graders. This group meets on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm. They have music with Katie, Bible pathfinding with amazing small group leaders, (Thanks to Gina Nee, Cynthia Kuenzel, Pastor Bruce and LaDonna), and if time allows, other story-related activities.