



## April Worship

All worship services will be recorded and posted on the [church website](#) so you can watch and stay connected each week. Online worship will continue until the restrictions for large group gatherings are lifted.



## Church Council 2020

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## The Marks of Discipleship

- ✝ Pray daily
- ✝ Worship weekly
- ✝ Read the Bible
- ✝ Serve at or beyond Light of Christ
- ✝ Relate to others for spiritual growth

## Contact us!

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## Staying Connected/Helping Where Needed

A priority for Light of Christ in our commitment to “Stay Vibrant Despite the Virus” is our ability to aid any member in need of support.

This can mean running errands for essential items such as groceries, health & personal needs, prescriptions, etc. It could potentially mean rides to necessary clinic or other appointments. It may be to offer pet care/dog walking, etc. It might include assistance in navigating on-line ordering of items. It may be as simple as a phone call merely to check-in and ask how someone is doing.

We have several Light of Christ members willing to reach out and provide services to anyone who may not currently be able to do such things for themselves. If you or someone you know could benefit from this support, please email [locvolunteer@frontier.com](mailto:locvolunteer@frontier.com) or call Jinnelle Weis at 952-250-5527. I also invite anyone who is able to help and would like to support this effort to email or call me and I will add you to the group!

In these uncertain times of safe-distancing and self-quarantine it is more important than ever to nourish relationships, connect in ways possible and to care for each other. Please reach out if you need support or are in a position to support others. With these efforts we will “Stay Vibrant – Stay Connected and Stay Strong” together!



## Keep your good habits!

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

~ Jesus in [Matthew 6:21](#)

So... how well are you maintaining good habits during these weeks at home: exercising, staying connected, avoiding mid-day snacks, focusing on the things that matter most? How about staying strong in your habit of financially supporting our shared ministry through regular church giving?

LOC’s ministry capability tightens each time a member’s giving habit drifts off. Weeks of not physically worshipping together can take a deep toll on our church’s finances. Thank you to all who mail in contributions, use Simply Giving for online transactions or donate via our website. Your consistency is the foundation of LOC’s crucial ministries. Wondering if this might be the perfect time to set up a Simply Giving account? Go to [lightofchristlutheran.com](http://lightofchristlutheran.com) and click on [Give](#) in the upper right corner. You can update the amount or donation frequency at any time, as well as use the site to make a single above-and-beyond gift.

Here’s to keeping our good habits, and to continuing the impact for Christ’s purposes we can make here at LOC, within our community and beyond. Thank you!

~ Stewardship Committee

## Donate to Food Shelf Pack-the-Pews Campaign

Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf as of Sunday, March 22, 2020 discontinued accepting public food donations. In alignment with federal and state guidelines, they need to follow extra sanitizing measures to assure that all their products are safe. So for our Pack the Pews Campaign we are still asking that you would consider sending any monetary donations that you can to help those facing food insecurity in the uncertain days ahead. Your generosity will be most appreciated.

## Free Meals Available for Seniors 60+

Wright County Community Action and the Delano Senior Center are working together to provide **Wright County seniors (age 60 plus)** ten frozen meals each, delivered to their door. Meals are going out this week, and we plan to continue this program as long as is needed during this crisis. If you know of any seniors who could benefit from this program, please have them call 763-972-0574 or email [senior@delano.mn.us](mailto:senior@delano.mn.us) to sign up, or contact the senior center, and staff or volunteers will get in touch with the seniors. Please send any designated monetary donations you can to help support this program.

## Staff Contact Information

Since our staff will be doing much of their work remotely, we want to make sure that you can easily reach us. So here are our work email addresses and preferred phone numbers.

Catherine Borman Associate Director of Children and Family <a href="mailto:locfamilies@gmail.com">locfamilies@gmail.com</a>	612-423-2616
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## CARING CORNER



As we all know, this is a difficult time for everyone and can be even more difficult for those who struggle with a mental illness. NAMI, the National Alliance for Mental Illness, has a website that offers helpful strategies to deal with our present situation: <https://www.nami.org/covid-19>. Or you can also find resources on the MN NAMI site [namimn.org](http://namimn.org). We encourage you to reach out to us as a congregation for support. We are there for you!

## Caring Cards

Is there someone you would like to receive a personally written message of support or encouragement from the Light of Christ family? Please complete this [form](#) and email or send to the church office. Or email the information below to [lochrist@frontiernet.net](mailto:lochrist@frontiernet.net). A card will be created and sent to the intended recipient.

Please send a card to: **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**This person needs support dealing with:**

\_\_\_ grief \_\_\_ depression, brokenness

\_\_\_ illness \_\_\_ family discord

optional details:

To ensure an age-appropriate message, please indicate the recipient's age.

\_\_\_ youth-young adult \_\_\_ 30-60 \_\_\_ 60-100

*This outreach is provided by the  
Healing and Wholeness Ministry.*

## Announcements from Love INC-Heartland:

In response to the Covid-19 outbreak, Love INC has temporarily closed both thrift stores and is not accepting merchandise donations. We have also postponed our spring gala fundraiser, our volunteer appreciation event and our Fresh Start classes. Although our stores are closed, our phones are on! We will continue to support neighbors in need in many ways. Ways you can help:

- Donate personal care items that are needed--liquid hand soap, toilet paper, Kleenex, baby wipes, toothpaste, paper towels. **To make arrangements for a drop-off, please call 763-972-6547.**
- Volunteer - we are identifying areas of need which may include drivers, grocery shoppers, out-bound callers, and more. Contact us if you are willing to help out.
- Support us financially. Some of our main sources of funding have been put on hold, but the need for our services is expanding. Donate online at [www.loveinheartland.org](http://www.loveinheartland.org) or mail to: 318 Railroad Ave, Delano, MN 55328
- Pray for those in need, for Love INC and for leadership in our churches, state and nation.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

## Zoom Youth Meetings

Our intermediate school-aged youth met over Zoom last week with our Children, Youth & Family staff (Kirsten, Catherine and Kim) to connect and share highs and lows. Here are some fun photos from their online meetings. Watch your email for future meeting links and schedules. When we next meet we will be playing some fun games, so we hope you can join us!



## Zoom HS Fellowship

High school youth are invited to join us each Wednesday night from 8:00-9:15 on Zoom for our HS Fellowship time! Grab a snack and a soda and we'll see you online for some time to connect. (Watch your email for the Zoom link or contact Kirsten for more info!)

## Online Resource of the Week

We will be updating the church website regularly with online resources that are pertinent during this time. Please feel free to share ideas with our staff as well! We hope these links will support you in faith and help with some ideas during this time at home. Blessings!

✠ [www.connectedfamilies.org](http://www.connectedfamilies.org) - Parenting is complicated. And now that we have so much time together, our parenting skills are being put to the test now more than ever. If you would benefit from some support, check out the great online resources from Connected Families. They are Christ-centered and have a lot of wonderful ideas and concepts that can help all of us as we parent through this pandemic!