



# The Beacon

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from your Light of Christ

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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

Give of my time, talents and resources

## Worship Schedule

**Sundays, 15, 22, 29**

8:15 & 10:45 am

9:30 am Adult Education on 12/15 only

Christmas Program at both services on  
12/15

Blue Christmas Service on 12/15 at 5 pm

Christmas Eve Worship at 2:00, 4:00 and  
10:00 pm

Service of Carols at both services on 12/29



**Christmas Eve Worship, December 24**  
**Candlelight Services with Communion**  
**2:00, 4:00 & 10:00 pm**  
**Please note the NEW TIME**  
**of our afternoon services.**



Monday, Dec. 23, Tuesday, Dec. 24, &  
Wednesday, Dec. 25: **office closed**  
Thursday, Dec. 26: 7:30 am-4:00 pm  
Friday, Dec. 27: 7:30 am-noon  
Monday, Dec. 30 & Tuesday, Dec. 31:  
7:30 am-4:00 pm  
Wednesday, Jan. 1: **office closed**



## **WELCOME ABOARD!**

The Light of Christ Church Council is pleased to announce that Catherine Borman and Kim Wertz have been hired as permanent staff in the Children, Youth & Family Ministry. Catherine will serve as the Family Events Coordinator, and Kim will serve as the Sunday School Coordinator. Both terms will become official on January 1, 2020. Please welcome them both!



If you need to change your Simply Giving contribution amount due to your 2020 pledge, please log in to your **MyVanco** account or contact Terri in the church office to make the change. Your pledge card does not authorize the church to make these changes.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS**

"**Shared Leadership**" is a critical factor in allowing Light of Christ to function at maximum capacity in providing necessary services and programming. It is active participation from every person that ensures the healthiest congregation. To function efficiently it requires approximately **100 persons** willing to contribute their leadership by serving a Light of Christ ministry through committee or church council participation.

Prayerfully revisit where you are currently sharing your time and consider what additional gifts you can contribute to the ministries at Light of Christ. Your leadership for terms beginning in 2020 will be a blessing to everyone in our congregation and extended church community!

We are thankful for a congregation of talented, generous and energetic people willing to share your gifts for ministry. Your participation in "**Shared Leadership**" will be rewarded in new friends made, new perspectives gained and faith strengthened!



*Many Hands Lighten The Load...Where Could You Help?*



**We rejoice as we recently welcomed into our church family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:**

**Quinn Lee Wray**

Baptized:	December 1, 2019
Parents:	Michael & Dana Wray
Sponsors:	Eric & Jenni Haugan, Kate Spear Jordan & Vanessa Lemmerman

**"WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET.  
WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE."**

These words of Winston Churchill speak a counter-cultural truth. Giving and generosity are indeed key to a full and satisfying life. In fact, it is through **YOUR** giving that you help to make Light of Christ who we are and what we do. Right now, **GIVING** an extra Christmas or year-end gift will help to ensure that we meet our ministry goals and obligations. In fact, without a strong December we will have to take from our limited savings. Let's finish strong! Please consider a gift. Not only will you bless this ministry we share but you will continue making a life of goodness for yourself.



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Sunday School children will be telling "The Christmas Story" at both the 8:15 and 10:45 services on December 15<sup>th</sup>.



## HS MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

The youth have recently started selling fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate and cocoa from Equal Exchange. All proceeds will benefit our high school mission trip youth going to Denver, CO in June of 2020. Sales will continue the first Sunday of every month beginning in January. To learn more about Equal Exchange and how their work promotes small farms, visit their website at <https://equalexchange.coop/story>. We hope you'll join us in supporting our youth while also making purchases that you can feel good about!



## HS MISSION TRIP 2020

Youth (completed grades 9-12) are invited to join us on an awesome adventure in Denver, CO in June 2020! Here are some details:

**When:** June 10-17, 2020 (dates subject to change based on airfare, etc.)

**What:** Service and fellowship in Denver, Co with other LOC youth

**Registration:** Early bird by 12/4, final deadline is January 8th. \$50 discount for early bird registration.

**Cost:** Approximately \$700 but LOC will scholarship at least \$100/youth (and many fundraising opportunities will be available!)

**Volunteers:** We will need about 2-3 other adults to join Pastor Bruce on this trip. Please prayerfully consider your involvement!

**Questions:** Talk to Pastor Bruce or Kirsten Kelly for more info

## SPARK

This great after-school ministry is for grades 2-6. Busing is provided from Delano schools. Register online at least **one week** before your child's grade begins. Hope you can join us!

- **Second grade**, Lord's Prayer (January 8, 15, 22, 29)
- **Fourth grade**, Baptism (February 5, 12, 19, 26)
- **Sixth grade**, Worship (March 4, 18, 25, April 1)

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

All high school youth are invited on Wednesday evenings to join us in the youth room from 7:30 –8:45 PM for faith and fellowship activities. Each week we have snacks and lots of fun! Hope you can join us!

⇒ **Wednesday, December 18** = Christmas Party



## CHECK YOUR 2019 PLEDGE STATUS

Just a reminder that members can check the status of their pledges for 2019 by logging in to the online member portal (<https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/>)

[lightofchristlutheran/login](http://lightofchristlutheran/login)). You can also access the portal log in page from the Light of Christ website ([www.lightofchristlutheran.com](http://www.lightofchristlutheran.com)) by clicking the “Member Portal” icon on the top toolbar. If you need assistance or if you need another “invitation link” emailed to you to create your sign in, please contact Terri in the church office. Invitation links expire after 2 weeks.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Follow the links below to sign up for any of our worship assistant opportunities!

[Acolyte](#)

[Lectors](#)

[Greeters](#)

[Soundboard](#)

[Children's Sermon](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Communion Assistant](#)

## QUILTING

The LOC Quilters will resume their meetings on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.



## COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Please join Light of Christ Church Council members for coffee and discussion in between the services on Sunday, January 12. Come with your questions and/or suggestions for anything regarding the present and future of Light of Christ.



## ARE YOU TIRED OF MONEY STRESS?

Then you're ready to join more than five million people whose lives have been changed by Financial Peace University (FPU)! This nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey, Chris Hogan and Rachel Cruze helps you work a plan to nail a budget, defeat debt, and free yourself from money worries! You'll join a small group for discussions and lessons—all rooted in biblical wisdom and common sense. FPU includes your member workbook and a free year of Financial Peace Membership, with online tools created to support your journey. For more info, contact Light of Christ members, Scott or Brenda Dallmann (S: 612-240-6980 / B: 612-240-6885).

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Capital Campaign Strategic Initiatives Update

- ◊ Worship and Music – Katie is here! Merging the taskforce with the Worship and Music committee. Meeting monthly to strategize on worship styles & technology needs.
- ◊ Healing and wholeness – First event held on November 21. Blue Christmas service for grieving on Sunday 12/15.
- ◊ Service to the Poor – Evaluating options to partner across Delano area churches to bring a food packing event (like Feed My Starving Children) to Delano.
- ◊ Children, Youth and Family – Hired Associate Directors (Cat Borman and Kim Wortz). Completed First Communion for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> graders.



### Columbarium

- ◊ Moving forward with proposed site, design, cost and financing options.
- ◊ Developing plan for sharing details in preparation for congregational vote

### Summer Camps

- ◊ Looking into offering multiple camp options for this coming summer
- ◊ Will reconvene with the Safe Sanctuary committee to ensure that Light of Christ has documented criteria for camps

### Budget Season

- ◊ Meeting with Light of Christ staff and committees to gather inputs for next year's budget
- ◊ Will finalize budget in early January in preparation for the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2020