



The Beacon

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Christmas Appeal Follow-Up

On behalf of the Church Council and the Stewardship Committee, I am delighted to be able to report that our year-end Christmas Appeal was a smashing success!

We were praying for an additional \$25,000 above and beyond our usual, historic giving for December. **You not only met that goal—you exceeded it! We raised over \$35,000 above and beyond our normal December giving** and so we ended the year with a surplus of about \$12,000. **Our income for 2019 was just over \$527,000 and our expenses were just over \$516,000.** Thank you and God be praised!

In addition, you gave over **\$154,000 in 2019 to our New Day Capital Campaign.** So, our total giving/income for 2019 was just over **\$680,000.** We have much to celebrate and much to be thankful for as we move ahead into this New Year.

On a personal note I am so proud of you and so proud to be your pastor. It's so gratifying to see how you rose to the occasion and met the challenge that was before us. I'm excited about all the good things that are happening here among us and I'm eager to see what the Lord has in store for us in the year ahead.

Rejoicing in Him, and rejoicing in you,

Pastor K (On behalf of the Church Council and the Stewardship Committee)

**THANK YOU
for your Generosity!**

**December 5th Sunday Offerings
for St. Stephens**

Total Cash Donations - \$1,474

Item Donations:

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| 21 Pairs of Gloves | 10 Blankets |
| 20 Hats | 2 Sleeping Bags |
| 3 Scarves | 18 Pairs of Socks |
| 8 Coats | 4 Long Underwear |



Congregational Annual Meeting—January 26, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

All members are encouraged to come and be a part of the decision-making process of Light of Christ Lutheran Church.



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, January 19, 26

- 8:15 & 10:45 am
- 9:30 am Educ. Hour

- * No Sunday school on 1/19
- * Annual Meeting on 1/26

DISCOVER LIGHT OF CHRIST SESSIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Discover Light of Christ is intended to serve two functions – it is an opportunity to explore the Lutheran faith and church – it is an introduction to the Lutheran way of being a Christian. Although intended as an exploration it is, at the same time, also an entry into membership at Light of Christ.

In preparation to welcome new Light of Christ members in spring of 2020, we are offering **three Discover Light of Christ sessions** in the first quarter of 2020. If you are interested in learning more about membership at Light of Christ, please mark your calendar to attend one of the following sessions – **Sunday, January 26th, Sunday, February 23rd or Sunday, March 29th**. All sessions will begin at 12:00 noon and will be held in the Light of Christ Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served and childcare will be available if requested. Please call the church office if you would like additional information or have questions. RSVP's for each session are appreciated **10 days prior** to the event – please call the church office (763-972-2400) if you plan to attend.



New members will be received during both 8:15 and 10:45 worship services on **Sunday, April 26th and Sunday, May 3rd**.

SISTERS OF LOC JANUARY EVENT

Have you ever wanted to try yoga, but didn't think that you could do it? Now is the time to try! Please join the Sisters group for an all ages, all experience levels morning yoga at Iron Barre Yoga in Delano. We will meet at the yoga studio on Saturday, January 18th at 8:45 AM and the class will start at 9:00 AM. Laura Johnson, owner and yoga instructor, will lead us in a 45 minute-1 hour class of Vinyasa yoga. This is a style of yoga where you synchronize breath with movements. After the class, we will have some healthy snacks. There is no fee for the class, but if interested, Laura will have some specials available to buy some class packages. If you have a yoga mat, please bring it, otherwise there are mats available for use. Please RSVP to Kelly Harstad if you can make it at kellyharstad8@gmail.com. We hope you can make it for this relaxing class! Iron Barre Yoga Wellness Center is located at 300 Railroad Ave in Delano.



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 necessary for Light of Christ to function at maximum capacity providing necessary programs and services. The healthiest congregations have active participation from every person. The ministries at Light of Christ are driven by the leadership of our Church Council and Church Committees. This requires a minimum of 85 persons willing to contribute their leadership to allow Council and Committees to function effectively.

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 blessed with 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 shared 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:

Lola Rae Haugen

Baptized: January 5, 2020
 Parents: Brandon & Kelly Haugen
 Sponsors: Rod Brink
 Mackenzie Vogelgesang

Willow Judy Baldwin

Baptized: January 12, 2020
 Parents: Mike & Tricia Baldwin
 Sponsors: Dale & Alisha Ely

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Sunday school is back in session

The children are starting an offering drive to help purchase the supplies for our Tie Blanket event on 3/22. Blankets will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House and St. Stephens Ministry for the Homeless.



Fun times were had at the Confirmation and HS Fellowship Christmas parties in December!



2020 SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER WITH SILENT & DESSERT AUCTIONS—Sunday, Feb. 9 4-7pm

Join us for our annual fundraiser! The goal of the event is to raise money for our 2020 Mission Trip to Denver, CO. Tickets will be sold at services on Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2 & 9. Adults (13+): \$12 each; Kids ages 4-12: \$8 each; ages 3 & under are free

- ⇒ 4:00 pm Check-in for Silent Auction, wine sampling and entertainment
- ⇒ 5:00 pm Dinner begins
- ⇒ 6:15 pm Dessert Auction

Please see bulletin inserts for more information on how you can support our youth through this event, or contact Kirsten Kelly at 763-972-2400 or locchildren@gmail.com.



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!



NEVER WORRY ABOUT MONEY AGAIN WITH FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU), the nine-lesson course that gives you the proven plan to master budgeting, pay off debt, build wealth, and give generously. The course, starting on Monday, Jan. 27th, centers around lessons taught by Dave Ramsey, Chris Hogan and Rachel Cruze, followed by small group discussions. FPU includes your member workbook as well as one year of free access to Financial Peace Membership, where you'll find tons of online resources to help you start winning with money. For more info, contact Light of Christ members, Scott or Brenda Dallmann (S: 612-240-6980 / B: 612-240-6885).

QUILTING

The **LOC Quilters** meet weekly on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 106 at the church. Everyone welcome! No quilting experience necessary!!



Coffee Connection

Thursday Mornings, 9-11am

Grace Place, Montrose

A place for community conversation and connection.



Caregiver Support Services

through the Respite Program provide trained Lutheran Social Services respite volunteers allowing caregivers "To Take a Break".



Caring for a loved one brings many rewards, but being a full-time caregiver also has stresses and demands and without support can become overwhelming. **Respite volunteers** provide support and time-off that caregivers need and deserve. Caring, trained volunteers are available to provide companionship in a safe environment giving a pleasant experience to your loved ones while allowing the caregiver "To Take a Break".

On Sunday, February 2, a "Respite Program" volunteer will be available in the Narthex between worship services to provide detailed program information. Respite program qualifications, program resources and contact information will be available to family caregivers. Please make a note of the date and visit with a local representative if these services are of interest to you.



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](#)

MONTHLY SERVICE TEAM

Members of Light of Christ are dedicated to serving the Lord by sharing, caring and loving, and do so through the work of Monthly Service Teams, serving at funerals, Sunday morning coffee time and other functions.



January Service Family Teams:

Matt & Becky Coyle
Patrick & Leah Custer
Stuart & Megan Dallmann
Lisa Donley
Tyler & Becca Finkelson
Sarah Gierke
Dan & Rachel Halbersma
Eric & Bridget Hanson
Janet Heinzen
Jessica Holmer
Toby Ingebrigtsen
Diane Irish
Greg & Mary Johnson
Marc & Elizabeth Kohlhof
Adam & Rachel Kopperud
Vernon Lange
Steve & Cynthia Moe
Donald & DeeAnne Palan
Nate & Jen Peterson
Benjamin & Lee Raskin
Barb Russell
Brandon & Wendy Sleyphen
Wade & Holly Sprengeler
Matt & Julie Strobl
Greg & Sarah Thorstad
Todd Williams
Kent & Julie Wischmann