

The Beacon

March 1, 2020

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March brings opportunities to feed our neighbors

HELP US PACK THE PEWS DURING MARCH

Respond to food insecurity in our own community by filling a grocery bag with much-needed food and household items for our local food shelf. Often needed items:



- Proteins: canned meat, fish and beans, nuts and nut butters
 - Fresh or dried herbs and spices
 - White/wild/brown rice varieties
 - Gluten-free flour and flour blends
- Personal care items: shampoo, soap, deodorant, tooth brushes and tooth paste, feminine hygiene, diapers, toilet paper
 - Household supplies: laundry and dish soap, kitchen and bathroom cleansers, paper towels

PACK THE PEWS is organized by the Mission/Evangelism Committee.

AND LOOKING AHEAD....

Light of Christ volunteers staff the Delano Food Shelf on Thursday afternoons during June and December. Most volunteers work a two-hour shift twice per month. If you'd like to join this group, contact Dee Beilke at dnlb2@frontiernet.net.

SIGN UP TO SERVE A LENTEN SUPPER

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS: How about serving a Lenten Supper? This is a great opportunity to foster relationships among congregation members. You may also raise funds for a church-related project since a free-will offering is taken at each meal. A sign-up sheet in the Narthex has openings. **SIGN UP TODAY!**



DELANO SENIOR CENTER MEAL PROGRAM IS OUR 5TH SUNDAY OFFERING

The Delano Senior Center program provides a full noon meal and a social environment for local seniors, serving 5,000+ in 2019. The \$4.50 meal cost goes entirely to the five restaurants providing the food.

This is our March 5th Sunday Offering!

Donations will:

- Provide meals for seniors who cannot afford to purchase them.
- Purchase supplies and supplemental food, including: hairnets, gloves, milk, butter, condiments, fresh fruit

The senior center also relies on volunteers to serve lunch, wash dishes, and help with various activities. Please call [763-972-0574](tel:763-972-0574) to learn more about volunteering.

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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March Worship Schedule

- Sunday Worship** 8:15 & 10:45 am
- Education & Sunday School** 9:30 am
- Wednesdays** Lenten Supper at 6:00 pm
Lenten Worship at 7:00 pm
- * 3/8: No Sunday school
- * 3/22: Tie Blanket Family Event at 9:30

DISCOVER LIGHT OF CHRIST SESSION 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.



In preparation to welcome new Light of Christ members, we are offering a **Discover Light of Christ session at noon on Sunday, March 29th**. If you are interested in learning more about membership at Light of Christ, please mark your calendar to attend. A light lunch will be served and childcare will be available if requested. RSVP **by March 20th** by calling the church office at 763-972-2400.

New members will be received during both 8:15 and 10:45 worship services on Sunday, April 26th and Sunday, May 3rd. There will be a welcome fellowship time between services on both new member Sundays.

SHARED LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION

All Light of Christ Church Council and Committee members will meet in the fellowship hall for a combined orientation/training on **Tuesday, March 3 from 6:30-7:30 PM**. The session will introduce new committee and council members, and discuss planning priorities for 2020 and beyond. All returning and new members serving on church council and all church committees are asked to attend this important kick-off to 2020!



EASTER FLOWERS CAN BE ORDERED

Honor or remember a loved one with Easter flowers decorating the sanctuary on April 12. The order form will be in Sunday bulletins. Thank you for beautifying our church!



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

We will have a Lenten Supper from 6-7:00 PM, with worship at 7:00 PM. For our Lenten worship we will be hearing stories of healing and wholeness from five of our Light of Christ members:



	Supper Menu:	Served by:
March 4: Allie Bunker	Soup & Salad	CFM Team
March 11: Sean Lohmann		
March 18: Stacy VanCura		
March 25: MJ Pearson	Baked Potato Bar	Community Life
April 1: Lona Jose		

2019 CONTRIBUTOR STATEMENTS

Your contributor statements are now available to print at your own convenience from the Light of Christ online member portal (click on **Member Portal** icon at www.lightofchristlutheran.com). Due to this electronic conversion, we will not be mailing out statements. If you have any questions, or do not have internet access, please contact the church office.



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION



Journeys of Hope and Healing. Over the next few months you are invited to read the book *Troubled Minds: Mental Illness and the Church's Mission*, written by Amy Simpson, who speaks out of her own personal experience of having a family member who has a mental illness. She writes about the experience of her family but also includes surveys of pastors as well as the latest clinical research. She reminds us that people with a mental illness are our neighbors and our sisters and brothers in Christ, and thus, we cannot do what the culture often does, which is to reduce them to caricatures and ghosts, or worse yet, pretend that don't exist. Amy calls us to love everyone and she provides practical strategies and recommendations for living Christ's love for all in our personal lives and in our congregation.

We will also be discussing this book in our Adult Education class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. This book discussion is a part of our strategic initiative to be a community of hope and healing for all who suffer because of a mental illness.

CARING CORNER



Welcome to our new Caring Corner from The Healing and Wholeness Ministry. Our plan is to keep LOC members updated with how the Holy Spirit is leading us to becoming an inclusive and caring Christian family.

We now have an awesome Mental Health display shelf in the Narthex thanks to Bill Fink. Please help yourself to the resources.

The Library Committee has offered to purchase books that may help people and loved ones navigate and cope through experiences of mental illness and emotional upheaval. Look for them on the display and feel free to use them and return when you're finished. If you have any books to donate, leave them in the bottom cabinet of the display - thank you! God's peace.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

THE LENT FAMILY EVENT CREATES CROSSES AND GOOD DEEDS BASKET

Check out these LOC kids and parents enjoying the Lent Family Event on February 23 during the education hour.

Thank You, Stan Droneck for making over 70 wooden crosses for families. In turn, each family received several items to decorate their crosses, which relates to Jesus' crucifixion. Children also made their own individual cross craft and "Good Deeds Basket". Families enjoyed coming up with six good deeds that children could do over the next six weeks of Lent. It will be interesting to see if certain little ones truly end up performing their good deeds intentions such as "cleaning mommy's and daddy's toilet".



The event was a success and we look forward to it growing even bigger and better next year. Thank you to all the families who attended! We hope to see you at it next year.



SUMMER BIBLE CAMP DATES

Children and youth who have completed grades 1 and up are invited to attend Bible Camp this summer with Light of Christ! We are offering two different camp weeks when staff will be present to support families and connect with kids. We will be going to [Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp \(and Ox Lake\) in Amery, WI](#) the week of June 19-26 (dates vary by age group - see LOC website for specific info) and [Green Lake Bible Camp \(and Shores of St. Andrew\) in Spicer, MN](#) from July 21-24. We have a limited number of spots reserved at each camp, so please sign up soon if you want to attend! Please visit our [website](#) for registration links and more info.



TIE BLANKET PROJECT

The Sunday school children are participating in an offering drive to help purchase supplies for our tie blanket event on **March 22 at 9:30 am**. We hope to make 20 blankets that will be distributed to The Ronald McDonald house and St. Stephen's Ministry.



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!

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! Parents may register their child at the following link: [LOC SPARK Registration](#)

- **Sixth grade, Worship** (March 4, 18, 25, April 1)

LOC TUMBLERS FOR SALE

Our summer Mission Trip Youth are selling tumblers (coffee mugs) with the Light of Christ logo. They are available in red, black and grey and are \$20 each or 2 for \$35. Get one today in the office or on Sundays in the Narthex before/after worship!



EVERY WORSHIP SERVICE NEEDS 15 VOLUNTEERS



Follow these links to sign up for a worship assistant position!

[Acolyte](#)

[Lectors](#)

[Greeters](#)

[Soundboard](#)

[Children's Sermon](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Communion Assistant](#)

QUILTING

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

LOVE INC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

There are various shifts and days of the week available. For details call (763)-972-6547. Please consider volunteering at either location.

Howard Lake office--Computer data entry and phone help

Delano and Howard Lake thrift stores- warehouse, sorters, showroom prep, cashiers

Fresh Start classes--Child and youth care

Coffee Connection

Thursday Mornings, 9-11am

Grace Place, Montrose

A place for community conversation and connection.



MARCH SERVICE TEAMS

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.



March Service Family Teams:

Tim & Tammy Allison
Midge Amend
Amber Dawn Andrews
Bev Bauman
Greg & Sarah Bersie
Corey & Brenda Black
Luke & Catherine Borman
Randy & Shannon Durick
Greg & Melanie Elstad
Rick & Wendy Haley
Brian & Kelly Harstad
Dave & Louise Hauge
Sean & Caron Ihde
Shane & Kristen Johnson
Gary & Amy Kroells
Ranee & Karen Kyrola
Scott & Kathy Sandberg
Doug & Judy Schuette
Courtney & Melissa Spicer
Ryan & Maggie Thomas
Jason & Janie Thompson
Joe & Karla Vieau

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"The Holy Spirit: Past, Present, and Future" is the topic again for our Women's Bible Study this year. We will continue to explore questions like "What does the Bible and Christian history teach us about the power and presence of the Holy Spirit? How is the Holy Spirit at work in our lives and our world today? Where is the Holy Spirit leading us as we move into a new future?" We will look at the experience and witness of the Christians mystics of the Middle Ages, the Reformers of the sixteenth century, and the modern Pentecostal movement. Come and join us for prayer, study, and conversation about the least known and least understood person of the Holy Trinity. **We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM.**

