



November 15, 2019

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## SISTERS OF LOC HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

**Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. Save the date for a fun night of holiday shopping while enjoying refreshments and treats. Bring a friend or two with you! A wide variety of vendors will be here for your shopping pleasure: Arbonne, Color Street Nails, Mary Kay, Premier Jewelry, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Ziya Athletic Wear, Wendy's Wheel, Thirty-One, and more! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to local charities!



National Alliance on Mental Illness

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SPEAKER

On behalf of the Healing and Wholeness Ministry, please join us on **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm** to hear from Kay King with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Her talk is called "Creating Caring Faith Communities" and attendees will learn more about mental illness, the impact of negative attitudes and five things each of us can do to make Minnesota a better place for people who experience mental illness. This event will be held in the Sanctuary and is open to the community. Following the event, we will host a short round table discussion to get input and feedback on the specific focus areas we should prioritize at Light of Christ around mental health.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** – The Delano Area Clergy invite their faith communities and the public to the Annual Delano Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, hosted here at Light of Christ. Refreshments will be served following worship.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR LESSONS & CAROLS!

Light of Christ's Lessons & Carols service will take place on December 8<sup>th</sup> at both services. Come hear the Christmas story along with wonderful music provided by LOC musicians!



### *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, Nov. 17, 24:**

8:15 & 10:45 am

9:30 am education hour

### **Upcoming First Communion**

**Service:** Sunday, Nov. 17  
at 3:00 pm

### **Ecumenical Thanksgiving**

**Service,** hosted by Light of Christ:  
Sunday, Nov. 24 at 4:00 pm with  
refreshments following

**ONLY TOGETHER** can we accomplish the ministry of Light of Christ!

**TOGETHER** we provide opportunity to worship God, to experience friendship and a sense of belonging, to bring prayer, hope and healing to those struggling or grieving. **TOGETHER** we pass the faith on to the next generation. **TOGETHER** we are a beacon of light and compassion and help to our neighbors. **TOGETHER** we are God's church!



Being **TOGETHER** takes each one of us doing our part, each one of us investing ourselves and some part of what we have. **TOGETHER** we can have a greater impact, a deeper love, a further reach.

It's been said that generosity is the fuel of ministry. Indeed, generosity of time, talents and treasures is central to what we do. If you have not already done so, please fill out a yellow **Faith Commitment Card** and let us know that you'll be financially investing in our shared ministry here at Light of Christ for 2020. The cards are available at the usher station or in the church office. Thank you! We are indeed better **TOGETHER**!

Also, please fill out a green **Story Card** and place it into the offering plate. These are our hopes, dreams, aspirations, intentions, prayers for how we want to grow in this next year. Fill one out. We'll share these (anonymously), and we'll pray for one another!



## NEW MEMBERS JOIN

on November 17. A welcome breakfast will be served following first service. Please come for breakfast and fellowship, and to welcome our newest members!

**THE DEADLINES TO RSVP for the Women's Advent Brunch or to order your Christmas poinsettias are early next week!**

⇒ Click [here](#) for Advent Brunch info & form

⇒ Click [here](#) for Poinsettia order form



## CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

**Church Council and Committee Volunteers** are needed for new terms to begin following our annual meeting in January 2020. All Light of Christ committees and church council have openings and need your participation! Your gift of time and talents will greatly benefit any group you choose to serve with and in serving you will receive the gift of new friends, new perspectives and strengthened faith. Please contact the church office ([locvolunteer@frontier.com](mailto:locvolunteer@frontier.com) or 763-972-2400) if you need additional information or if you already know where the spirit is leading you to serve. There will also be a gold colored insert in the bulletin during November - you can circle your preferred choice for council or committee, complete your contact information and put the form in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Our prayer is to have commitments to fill all open positions and a full ballot prepared before January 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone's participation is needed to provide all the programs and services (internal & external) supported by Light of Christ. We are blessed with a congregation of extremely gifted, energetic and highly committed members - it is with everyone contributing that we ensure a healthy church with a culture of volunteerism and service. We all grow in our faith walk as we exercise our gifts by serving. **Thank you!**



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



**SAVE THE DATE FOR HOLIDAY CHEER – Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

Come celebrate the holiday season with other members (21 & over) of Light of Christ for an evening of hymns and beers, songs and drinks! Pastor Bruce

will lead us in a night of singing at Pig on the Porch in Loretto. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm with singing at 7:15 pm. RSVP to Becky Coyle ([bcoble@diversifoam.com](mailto:bcoble@diversifoam.com) or text/call 763-300-2719) by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Pig on the Porch will provide a select menu selection for us and all kinds of drinks. Everyone will be responsible for their own tab.



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Our Sunday School children and their families packed 150 boxes for Operation Christmas Child



## 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>.

## FAMILY ADVENT EVENT

Sunday School families are invited to participate in a Family Advent Event, which will take place at Light of Christ on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. Children and their families will learn about the meaning of Advent. They will have the opportunity to make their own Advent wreath and another craft. They will also get to take home their own Advent calendar that includes daily activities that will help them be mindful of the true meaning of the Christmas season.

## 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

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS CHRISTMAS

We invite you to give of your time at the following events over the Advent/Christmas season. All opportunities can be done in shifts (if you can't help the entire time). Please contact Kirsten Kelly to sign up for a time to serve.

- **Saturday, November 23** (Serve and clean up Advent Brunch) = 9 am - 1 pm
- **Friday, December 13** (Love, INC Adopt a Family gift preparation) = 3:30-7 pm
- **Saturday, December 13** (Love, INC Adopt a Family Gift Distribution) = 8:30 am - Noon



## 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. Hope you can join us!

## CHECK YOUR 2019 PLEDGE STATUS

The 2020 Stewardship Campaign is now underway. 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>). 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](#)

## MAKE THE HOLIDAYS MERRY & BRIGHT FOR A LOCAL FAMILY IN NEED

Many families in our communities could use some support this season. You can get involved through Love INC by sponsoring a family, purchasing gifts for their Christmas store, or volunteering at the Christmas programs. More information can be found on the Love INC bulletin insert this month or by contacting Love INC at 763-972-6547.



## My Story...Our Story

All of us Light of Christ members have been invited to fill out a Story Card. A Story Card is a place to write out something about how we pray and hope our story will be shaped in the coming year. It's a prayer, a hope, an intent, a dream, a wish, an aim, a goal, that, with God's help, we believe will help us to deepen our faith and strengthen our journey.

Here are a few of your, our stories. Together, let's hold one another up in prayer...

Here are our intentions/hopes/prayers:

- I wish to improve my ability to forgive. I sometimes hold on to bitter memories of events and actions to my own detriment and the detriment of others.
- I pray that my growing boys continue to grow in their faith into adulthood as they leave my home and start lives of their own.
- My hope is for our church to be a place to come—for help, education and to know the love of God. For help and direction for teens, parents, older adults.
- That we experience great joy in giving of our time, talents and treasures.
- My hope is for us to support Kirsten as much as she needs this next year.
- To grow in faith. I need to be in Scripture more, and to forgive family more and to reconnect with them.
- I pray for willingness. I pray that God opens my heart to being the person he wants me to be. I pray for generosity and a spirit of giving.
- To grow in my faith and to serve the Lord.
- To be more intentional in caring for and loving all those you have placed into my life.
- To help my brother in law recover from a medical ailment.

## GRACE PLACE

Grace Place is a hub for the community and a place for making connections – 371 Center Ave. S., Montrose



- ♦ **Community Meal** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month, 5:00-7:00 pm at the Montrose Community Center
- ♦ **Coffee Connection** – Thursday mornings 9:00-11:00 am at Grace Place

## 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!!

