



Worship

**Starting in October—Indoor
Worship at 9:30 am (must
sign up & choose seat)**

**Worship services will be
recorded and posted on the
church website. 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*
- ✝ *Give of my time, talents
and resources*

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Staying Vibrant! What's Right with the World?

We have choices. What we focus upon matters. Where we place our attention and energies impacts us and the people around us. Where we're looking affects where we go.

Light of Christ is a community that makes a difference. We, you, are the bearers of Christ's light, goodness and love to a hurting world. **Staying Vibrant** is our theme this fall as we look forward to 2021 together. The following is a link to this week's brief video from our Stewardship Committee which will help to introduce you to our vision.

[Click here for video link](#)

This ministry we share takes all of us doing our part. And one key to that is the sharing of our financial resources. After all, your giving is a gift of what is precious to you—the fruit of your labors, a part of what God has entrusted to you. Thank you!

Please pray about what you might commit as your portion to our shared ministry for this next year. And then click on the following link. It will enable you to submit that pledge. Thank you so much for your help in keeping us vibrant!

[Click here for pledge form](#)

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Light of Christ is hosting a Trunk or Treat Family Event on Sunday, October 25th! If you are not familiar with "trunk-or-treating", the premise is simple: people decorate the trunks of their cars with some sort of theme (not just limited to Halloween), set up in a parking lot, and give out treats to children. A "Boo Walk" will also be available for families to walk through. We have room for 15-20 trunks in the church parking lot and so please contact Catherine Borman or Jennifer Grant if you would like to volunteer to do a trunk or donate candy. Please use the link below to choose from 3 different time slots. 3:30-4:00 pm will be a drive-through only for those who prefer to stay in their cars. 4:00-4:30 pm and 4:30-5:00 pm are available for those who are comfortable with walking around. Costumes are encouraged, but not required (please refrain from ones that promote violence or horror since there will be young children attending).



Come join us for a Spooktacular event!

Click [here](#) if you would like to attend the event.

Click [here](#) if you would like to host a trunk or volunteer.

Silent Prayer and Meditation in the Sanctuary

The Light of Christ Sanctuary will be available for prayer and meditation every Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 pm and every Thursday from 11:30 am-1:30 pm.

Light of Christ has not changed who we are or what we do but pandemic concerns have changed how we live out our vision as a welcoming, accepting and enjoyable place to gather.

Each of us has our own way to be close to our Lord in prayer and meditation and for many of us that closeness to God is most felt in our Light of Christ Sanctuary. This fall we want to again provide an opportunity where we can come to the Sanctuary to have private time with our thoughts, our prayers and our personal time with God.

Everyone planning time in the Sanctuary will be asked to utilize a **SignUp Genius** to select dates you choose to use the Sanctuary for personal meditation. Attached to the Signup Genius schedule is a drawing that denotes available Sanctuary seating – please select an available pew seat for your use during time in the Sanctuary.

This time is meant for silent prayer for each person in the Sanctuary and social distancing is to be respected. Masks and COVID-19 compliance are required. Again, this is quiet time for thought, prayer and personal connection with God.



Be a Star!

Our staff continues to welcome kids, youth, families and/or adults of all ages to help us with our video recording for worship! Parts of worship that we've been looking for include the Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed and First Reading. Confirmation youth can use this for Service Hours and HS youth could use this for NHS hours. Contact Kirsten Kelly or Katie Kohler if you'd like to participate and submit a recording!



Caring Corner

*Created by Light of Christ
Healing and Wholeness Ministry*



October is National Mental Health Awareness month. We want to call your attention to some resources that may help if you are struggling or know someone who is.

- **Myquietcave.org** is a faith-based website that seeks to connect you with safe groups for maintaining mental wellness and by providing tools and resources to help you manage your mental and emotional health.
- **NAMImn.org** is the National Association on Mental Illness in Minnesota. They provide a wealth of resources for education about the various mental illnesses, treatment, offer various online classes and support groups.
- **SAMHSA.gov**: help for those dealing with substance abuse and mental illness
- Crisis warmline available Mon-Sat 12p-10pm: 651-288-0400 or text "Support" to 85511
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 or Crisis Text line: text "MN" to 741741
- Call/email Light of Christ for prayer chain needs, meal train, or if you need to talk to Pastor Bruce.
- Check out the Mental Health Resource Center in the Narthex for various brochures. We also have many books soon to be available in a designated spot in the church library.

Monday, October 26th, 7 - 8:30pm: We are looking forward to our first support group targeting those of you who live with or love someone who is suffering from mental illness. Please call the church office to RSVP or if you have any questions and Terri will connect you with Sue Fink or Lona Jose. You can also just show up. We will be masked and initially gather in the Narthex.

Attention everyone: our Healing and Wholeness Ministry is currently in need of 2-3 new members. If you have a special interest in mental health, including mental well-being and self-care, please contact Sue Fink at 612-270-0172 or **billandsue2931@gmail.com**.

Mental Health First Aid: this is a 2.5 hour online independent study followed by an in-person class on Saturday, November 7th from 8am - 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. We invite and encourage all church staff and leaders and council members to attend. It would also be invaluable for anyone in education, law enforcement, medical care or first responders. Please email Sue at **billandsue2931@gmail.com** to register. We have room for 10 participants.

Self-care

is caring for someone
who is deeply, immeasurably
loved by God.

(**MyQuietCave.org**)

STAYING CONNECTED

In-Person Worship Is Now Happening!

We are now holding one indoor worship service every Sunday! The service will start at **9:30 AM**. A SignUp Genius will be sent to members each week. **Members must sign up in order to attend the indoor worship service.** There will be a seating chart attached to the SignUp Genius and all members will **choose seats ahead of time**. The chart will be further explained in the SignUp Genius. The indoor worship will not replace our online services. We will continue to post online worship services as well. As with the outdoor worship service, worship indoors will look a little different than previous indoor services, in order to comply with COVID-19 guidelines. We cannot accommodate more than 72 people. Make sure to sign up **ASAP** as all spots are first come, first served! More detailed information will be included in the weekly email sent out.

We are so excited to gather together again! Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we navigate through all these guidelines. The safety of the whole Light of Christ family is and will always be of the utmost importance.

WELCOME, NEW LIGHT OF CHRIST MEMBERS!



Kathy Behm

Kathy's hometown is Pine City, MN. She is retired and enjoys travel, reading, biking, and kayaking.



Brandon & Kelly Haugen Levi, Lola

Brandon and Kelly both grew up in Waconia. Brandon works as a sales lead for Business Impact Group. He enjoys watching sports, spending time on the lake, and family time. Kelly is a senior pricing analyst for Target. Her hobbies include baking and crafting. Levi is 4 years old and likes to play outside, play basketball, and build train tracks. Lola is 1½ years old and likes to read books and dance.

Luke & Ashley Jeseritz Addie, Caden

Luke grew up in Wood Lake, MN, and works at Cargill as a financial analyst. He enjoys fishing, hunting, ice fishing, cooking, barbequing, gardening, and tinkering in the garage. Ashley grew up in Exton, PA and Chanhassen, MN. She also works at Cargill as a financial analyst. Her hobbies include spending time with family and friends, reading, and traveling. Addie is in 1st grade and likes playing outside, gymnastics, and swimming. Caden is in preschool and likes driving his power wheels, riding bike, and swimming.



Onju Sturlaugson

Onju and her husband live in Wayzata. They have two daughters, Elizabeth (Kohlhof) and Michelle. Elizabeth and Marc are also members of Light of Christ. Onju is a new grandma to twin granddaughters, Liesel and Camdyn Kohlhof. She works as a marketing consultant. She was also inspired to start a business to give back and help kids get well and founded GoodPillowFight.com.



Myron & Carrie Klinkner John, Sarah

Myron was raised in Clearwater and works underground construction for D & D Service. He enjoys going to the lake and attending their kids' sports. Carrie's hometown is Cokato. She works in human resources at Windsong Farm Golf Club. Her hobbies include watching their kids in sports, spending time at the cabin, hanging out with family, exercising, and reading. John is in 11th grade and Sarah is in 9th grade.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Spark

Fall Spark for 3rd and 4th graders wrapped up by focusing on the power of forgiveness and showing grace to others. We talked specifically about the parable of "The Unforgiving Servant" that Jesus shared with Peter when he questioned Him as to how many times he should forgive someone. The children acted out the parable as if it took place during modern times, which included the characters of a CFO, CEO, and two employees including a secretary. Unsurprisingly, everyone wanted to be the "biggest boss" and throw someone in prison. Fall Spark for 5th & 6th grades will start on Wednesday, 10/14. Thank you for the continued prayers for good weather!

Sunday School Update

Sunday school will be moving to a YouTube format where you can watch the lesson when it is most convenient for you throughout the week starting **October 25th**. We are offering a monthly supply packet that will include worksheets, craft supplies, family devotions, etc. If you choose to pick up the packet from church, it will have all the supplies needed for the Sunday school lessons for the month. If you would prefer instead to receive this information digitally, then you can opt to receive weekly emails with the links to print up the materials from home. We hope that you will take this opportunity to sit down with your child(ren) and help them to grow in their faith by participating as a family. We want to stay as "connected" as possible with your child(ren) and their Light of Christ friends. We will continually work on coming up with ideas as to how we can gather together safely during the colder months. Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to walk with you and your family among uncharted territory.

If you are registered for Sunday school, please click on this link.

Sunday School Supplies

There is still time to sign up for Sunday school, please click on this link to sign up.

Sunday School Reg 2020-2021

Sunday School

We had our last outdoor Sunday school session on Oct. 11th. Our Sunday school children were blessed with beautiful weather for our outdoor lessons. Last week, we talked about Abraham and Sarah and is there anything too wonderful? We also danced to our summer VBS songs and ended our lesson with games. Our 3-year-olds – 2nd graders tried to keep a balloon in the air with their pool noodles and our 3rd – 6th graders played a number racing game. Thank you to Cynthia Kuenzel, who led our 3rd – 6th graders this week.



Weekly HS Bonfires

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for weekly bonfires on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm until it's too cold to meet outside. Locations will vary, so watch your email for updates! Kirsten also has a Snap Chat group which she uses to update the HS youth. Let her know if you want to be added to this group! Next **Sunday, October 18th** the bonfire location is TBD—watch your emails. Please bring your own chair. Hope you can join us!



Confirmation Fellowship

We will be having grade-specific bonfire fellowship events this fall for Confirmation-age youth. We hope kids will join us for a bonfire, s'mores, volleyball and Gaga ball on Sunday nights from 6-7 pm! Youth must sign up in advance. Here's the schedule:

October 18 - 8th grade
October 25 - 9th grade

Watch your email for the specific sign up link. If weather doesn't permit us to be outdoors, we'll be in touch about rescheduling. Hope you can join us!

How You Spend Your Money Makes a Difference!

Do you drink coffee or tea? Eat chocolate, nuts or dried fruit? Did you know that the Light of Christ high school youth sell Equal Exchange products, even during COVID? If you've never heard of Equal Exchange (EE), here is a [short video](#) about why EE purchases are important. Each purchase supports small farmers around the world (and now more than ever, we need to be supporting these small family-owned farms, which are struggling to survive) as well as our youth right here at Light of Christ! Order through our [online store](#) and have them delivered to your house **FOR FREE** (or to a friend to brighten their day)! You can make difference with your purchases!



Confirmation Service Events

Several Confirmation groups did service projects over the last couple weeks and below are some photos of what they did. One group made fleece tie blankets for the Children's Hospital, others made pictures and cards for a nursing home. Another group put together hygiene and snack bags for those in need. Others are doing trash and fall clean up. Thanks to all of our youth and Confirmation Guides for being a light and sharing God's love!



Masks and T-Shirts for Sale

Staff had extra Light of Christ masks and t-shirts made and they are available for sale on our [online store](#). Masks are \$5 each and shirts are \$10. Shirts are available in youth sizes XS through XL. After you place your



order, payment can be made [online](#) or when you pick up the item/s. The office is open Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 or Sunday afternoons from 3:30-4.