



Worship

**Indoor Worship at 9:30 am
(must sign up—watch for email)**

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!

Staying Vibrant. Staying connected. Staying grounded. Staying focused. Staying faithful. All easier said than done!

Staying Vibrant is what we feel the Holy Spirit is stirring us to do--both as individuals and as a faith community. Light of Christ is a place of deep faith, of hope and compassion, of friendship and creativity, of vibrancy. And while there's much these days that creates stress or has us perhaps feeling apprehensive, we know that staying connected has everything to do with staying vibrant in life.

Staying Vibrant is our fervent prayer and eager vision as we approach a new year of ministry together. Light of Christ is committed to growing through and into this very new and different season of life. Together is the key. We're all needed. **YOU** are needed. **YOU** are valued--indeed, God's Beloved, as it says out front of the church.

Check out this week's video from our Stewardship Team, and also pray about making a financial pledge (a separate click-link below) for our shared ministry for 2021. We can only do this together, connected, faithful, and vibrant, as we take on the challenges before us. God bless you for your love and faithfulness!

[Click here for video link](#)

[Click here for pledge form](#)



REMINDER

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night!

Discover Light of Christ Session on Zoom

If you have interest in learning more about Light of Christ as your potential church home, please join us for our upcoming Discover Light of Christ session! As Pastor Bruce has said, Light of Christ has not changed what we are doing but we have changed how we are doing it. With that as our new normal, **we would like to invite you to participate in a "Discover Light of Christ" online session.**

We will be sharing our virtual Discover Light of Christ informational session as a Zoom call on **Sunday evening, November 15th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.**

If you are interested in participating in this session please contact Jinnelle Weis at locvolunteer@frontier.com or by cell phone at 952-250-5527 by **Wednesday, November 4th.** Prior to the Zoom call on Sunday, November 15th, we will send a Discover Light of Christ informational packet by mail to your home address and will provide a Zoom meeting identification number and password.

Again, thank you for considering Light of Christ - we look forward to connecting on Zoom and will be blessed to welcome new members to our church family!

OUTREACH



Fresh Produce Distribution Continues

In collaboration with Our Father's Lutheran Church/ Nourishing Hope Food

Drop and through the generosity of Second Harvest Heartland Light of Christ will continue facilitating produce distribution to area residents. Upcoming distribution dates will be Tuesday, November 10th and Tuesday, December 8th.

We are so grateful to the Light of Christ volunteers that have previously given their time to support this much needed outreach. As we look forward to November and December dates, we will again be asking for help from Light of Christ members. With schedules constantly changing it would be extremely beneficial if we could add additional names to our list of persons willing to assist with this project. The time commitment with each distribution is typically 2 hours or less with distribution beginning at 3:00 PM and running until all boxes have been given out but no later than 5:00 PM.

If this is a community service that interests you and you have ability to give time on your Tuesday afternoons, your help would be very much appreciated. Please add your name to our list of volunteers – you can email locvolunteer@frontier.com or call Jinnelle Weis at 952-250-5527. Thank you!

Call on the Light of Christ Prayer Chain

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please feel free to engage the Light of Christ Prayer Chain. Contact the church office either by email, which is preferred—lochrist@frontiernet.net, or phone (763-972-2400; please keep in mind office hours are currently limited to Wednesdays, 9:15-11:30 am) with

your request, which remains confidential. The LOC Prayer Chain will pray for you as requested. Feel free to call on this team in your time of need. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain should contact the church office.



Caring Corner

*Created by Light of Christ
Healing and Wholeness Ministry*



Good news! We have ten people signed up to take the Mental Health

First Aid certification class on November 7th. We have reached our limit for safe-distancing. Stay tuned for some tidbits of what we learn. It's so important that we be aware of mental suffering and can support or guide our church family to get the help they may need.

Tonight (Monday, October 26th at **7pm**) is our first spiritual support group for anyone who loves or cares for someone who suffers with mental illness. We will meet in the library and follow the LOC Covid-19 guidelines. Bring a mug of coffee or tea if you'd like. This group will be led by Lona Jose and Sue Fink, both of whom have worked in either mental health services or nursing careers, and also have family members with mental illness. We welcome you! Invite or tell others who may need support. We plan to meet the second and fourth Monday each month.

Amy Simpson wrote "Troubled Minds," a book we started to study with Pastor Bruce prior to the virus. She advocates for churches to embrace mental health ministries. Her mother has schizophrenia. You can google her name for some wonderful information and personal blogs. This prayer she wrote a couple weeks ago.

A Prayer for People Living with Mental Illness

Loving God, I pray for all whose brains have been hurt by disease, injury, stress, trauma, and other factors of human life in a hard world. I pray for all who love them and want to help. I pray for your comfort in their grief, hope amid loss, and the balm of community with people who understand.

For people with mental illness—may they find hope in you and feel your longing for them.

For parents of children with mental illness—may they know the limits of their power both to cause and to cure.

For children of parents with mental illness—may they know you as loving parent and find places where they can grow up in safety, no matter how old they are.

For friends of suffering people—may they resist the temptation to try to “fix” their friends and recognize the simple power of their loving presence.

For spiritual leaders—may they deny both helplessness and overconfidence, courageously serving as first responders and faithful shepherds.

For people who need treatment and don’t receive it—may they recognize their need, believe life can be better, and find people who can help.

For those burdened by shame and stigma—may they walk into the light and find compassionate people.

Lord, I pray for light in the darkness. I pray that people with vulnerable minds will find hope and help among followers of Christ who will love them and point them toward what they need while letting them live with that need. I pray for acceptance and grace—the same kind of grace you offer so freely to all. I pray that many churches will embrace the opportunity for messy and sometimes thankless ministry among the marginalized, in the name of the one whose love knows no margins. Amen.

STAYING CONNECTED

In-Person Worship Is Now Happening!

We are now holding one indoor worship service every Sunday at **9:30 AM**. A SignUp Genius will be sent to members each week. Just a reminder that all members must sign up in order to attend, as seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis. We have made some changes to our sign up procedures. Congregation members do not have to pick their seat number. Our Worship and Music Director, Katie Kohler, will email you with your seat number and the sanctuary seating chart by Friday evening. As such, [please sign up for worship by Friday morning.](#)

The indoor worship will not replace our online services. We will continue to post online worship services on our [YouTube page](#) 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.



Help Keep Our Online Member Directory Up to Date!

Light of Christ Members: let's stay connected while having to be apart from one another! Don't forget about pictures for the online Church Directory. All you have to do is email your picture to [Terri at the church office](#) who will coordinate adding it to our directory.



CHECK YOUR 2020 PLEDGE STATUS



The 2021 Stewardship Campaign is now underway. Just a reminder that members can check the status of their pledges for 2020 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) 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.

START YOUR DAY WITH PRAYER & MUSIC



Devotions are now posted on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Member song requests will be featured in Saturday's devotions. Click [here](#) for the latest devotional message. If you would like to submit your favorite hymn and how it has affected your faith journey, email Katie at locworshipmus@gmail.com.

Connect and Converse during Zoom Bible Study

Sundays 6:30-7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Come to explore what God's Word says for life today. Each week we take a portion of Scripture. All are welcome!

In order to get a Zoom link, email Tim Johnson at tdale57@gmail.com

You may be as active in the discussion as you like. We all learn a little something from each other as we ponder the power and beauty and truth of God's Word.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Sunday School

Sunday lessons are available on our YouTube channel for the 3-year-olds through 2nd graders. Our 3rd—6th graders are using the Wakelet platform to view their Sunday school lessons. These lessons will be emailed out with the link to participate. You can watch the YouTube lesson when it is most convenient for you throughout the week starting at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. 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 for gathering together safely during the colder months. Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to walk with you and your family among unchartered territory. Please email Kim @ locsundayschool19@gmail.com if you would like to sign up.



Sunday School Packet Pick Up

If you have signed up for your monthly Sunday school materials to be picked up at the church, here are the times you will be able to do that. They will be in a box located in the church library starting Sunday, October 25th.

- **Sunday mornings during worship from 9:30-10:30 am**
- **Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am**
- **Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm**

Please let Kim know if you have any questions
locsundayschool19@gmail.com

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.

Basketball Hoop

The basketball hoop that we have at church is very old and needs an update. If anyone has something they could donate (backboard with a rim and net) or is interested in making a donation, please talk to Kirsten. Our youth will benefit from this even in the winter months, since we're doing so much outdoor ministry lately. Thanks for your support!

Confirmation Continues this Fall

After 4 weeks of great outdoor fellowship and Service Events, small groups are now beginning their first learning unit on the "Bible's Big Story". Pastor Bruce and Kirsten will lead a large group time each Wednesday from 6:30-7 pm via Zoom, teaching about important foundational, faith stories. We have 9 small groups total this year and each week, half of our groups will meet at church (following our Covid Preparedness Plan) and the other half will do break-out groups on Zoom and then will alternate each week. We will continue this plan as long as Delano High School is doing school in a hybrid fashion. If the school switches to full distance learning, our Confirmation ministry will follow the same format and meet solely via Zoom. Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this unprecedented time!

HS Fellowship

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us weekly for HS Fellowship at church. We will have a bonfire, s'mores, games and more! Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, November 4th from 7:30-8:30 pm. We will continue to gather in person as long as Delano HS is doing the hybrid model. 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. 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? Light of Christ high school youth are selling Equal Exchange products, even during COVID. Each purchase supports small farmers around the world as well as our youth right here at LOC! 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 a difference with your purchases!

