



Worship

- In-person worship—**9:00 am Sundays—masks required**
- Online worship continues, and will be posted on the [church website](#) and [Facebook page](#)



Church Council 2021

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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

Contact us!

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Free Fresh Produce and Dairy Monday, November 8th 4:00pm–5:00pm

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pickup on a first come, first serve basis at the following locations:

Corcoran

St. Thomas Catholic Church
20000 County Road 10
Corcoran, MN 55340

Rockford

Our Father's Lutheran
3903 Gilbert Ave SE
Rockford, MN 55373

Delano

Light of Christ Lutheran Church
3976 County Line Road SE
Delano, MN 55328

Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church
1601 Highway 25 North
Buffalo, MN 55313

St. Michael

Alleluia Lutheran Church
10401 30th St NE
St. Michael, MN 55376

For assistance locating a specific site or for questions, please contact us at nourishinghope.oflc@gmail.com or Facebook Messenger.

NourishingHOPE is a ministry of Our Father's Lutheran Church, in cooperation with four area churches. Our vision is to relieve area food insecurity and promote wellness in mind, body, and spirit for people East-Central Wright County. For information on you or your organization partnering with NourishingHOPE, please visit our website at www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html

Stewardship Sunday

November 21

By November 21, please **complete** your 2022 pledge online at

<https://bit.ly/LOC-Campaign-2022>

OR

Bring your yellow pledge card to the November 21 Stewardship Sunday service

OR

Mail your pledge card to the church office at 3976 County Line Road SE Delano, MN 55328

Watch [this week's video](#) that focuses on Light of Christ as part of God's Beloved COMMUNITY.



Being a Beloved Community is central to our life here at Light of Christ. Not only are we a beloved community but we are called to love and serve the broader, surrounding beloved community.

Thank you for praying about a financial pledge for our shared 2022 LOC ministry as and to the beloved.

Feed My Starving Children Event



The Community Life committee invites you to join them for fellowship as they gather together to pack life-saving meals at Feed My Starving Children on **Tuesday, December 7th from 7:00 PM-8:45 PM.** We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:00 PM for those who choose not to drive and would like to carpool. This is a great opportunity for everyone, especially high school kids if you need some volunteering hours for confirmation or for school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Kelly Harstad at 763-227-8246 or Heidi Goldbeck at 612-418-0111. We hope to see you there! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4AA5A62CA64-feed>

Food Delivery Assistance Is Needed

THANK YOU to those volunteers who pick up donated food every Thursday morning from Delano's Coborn's and Kwik Trip. Food is donated every week for the Delano Food Shelf, the Senior Center and others in need in the Delano area. JoMarie Williamson coordinates this effort. She has a need for two volunteers to assist one Thursday morning in each of the upcoming months of January and February to pick up this donated food and distribute to the above locations. If you are available to volunteer with this effort, please email Jo at jmw2158@gmail.com or contact Terri in the church office for her phone number.

Call on the Light of Christ Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please feel free to engage the Light of Christ Prayer Chain. [Email the church office](#), which is preferred, or call 763-972-2400 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

(by Sue Fink with LOC Healing and Wholeness Committee)



Your Healing and Wholeness

Committee is *excited* to invite you all to a special event on **Saturday, November 13th at 10:00 am.** We will be hosting a NAMI Minnesota program called "In Our Own Voice" to help bring awareness to mental illness, break the stigma associated with having mental illness, and share the good news that once correctly diagnosed, a person with a mental disorder can manage his or her symptoms with therapy, medication and support.

NAMI Minnesota has asked two volunteers to speak about their journeys living with mental illness and achieving recovery. The presentation includes personal stories and video clips as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

This 90-minute program is open to the public and we encourage you to invite your families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Flyers have been posted in Delano and surrounding area churches and places of business.

You can attend in-person in the sanctuary wearing masks. (Speakers will not wear masks during their presentation so everyone can hear their message.) As an alternative, the event will be livestreamed on our Light of Christ [Facebook page](#). Simply "LIKE" *Light of Christ Lutheran Church of Delano, MN* and you can view it live at 10am on November 13th. It will be recorded as well, so you can also view it later on our [YouTube page](#). Contact Terri in the church office if you need help with this technology.

Let's have a great turnout and demonstrate LOC's commitment to Healing and Wholeness!!! We ask for your prayers to help us reach out to our church family and neighbors in need through this event.



Word for the Week from Pastor Bruce *Surprises*

I believe that you and I may be surprised at the people we meet in heaven. We may see some people we least expect to see.

Not long ago I ran across a poem that captures the heavenly surprises that await us. It's called *Heaven's Surprise* by Ludwig Taylor.

*I was shocked, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all, nor the lights or its decor.*

*But it was the folks in Heaven who made me sputter and gasp—
The thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics and the trash.*

*There stood the kid from seventh grade who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor who never said anything nice.*

*Herb, who I always thought was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.*

*I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal? I would love to hear your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.*

*'And why's everyone so quiet, so somber – give me a clue.'
'Child,' He said, 'they're all in shock. They never thought they'd be seeing you!'*

A temptation we constantly face is to limit the reach of Christ's love: to believe that there are some people who are simply beyond the pale of his love. Because of what they have done, or not done, they cannot possibly be loved, or saved, by our Lord. But retired Archbishop Desmond Tutu reminds us that this conviction is simply untrue. He once said: "We may be surprised at the people we find in heaven. God has a soft spot for sinners. His standards are quite low."

That's good news for all of us. For we are all saved by grace. Our eternal salvation is a gift. Christ came for all; he lives for all; and he is seeking to save us all—no exceptions. He wants us all to belong to his beloved community. He wants to make us all a part of one human family.

And given that he is the God of all love, that shouldn't come as a surprise after all.



Columbarium Update

On October 24, 2021 a Special Congregational Meeting was held for the purpose of holding a vote, hoping to gain congregational approval on the financing and construction of a Columbarium and Memorial Garden at Light of Christ. The Columbarium Committee is grateful to share that the vote to move forward on this project was passed – almost unanimously.

The Committee has now moved on to Phase 2, which includes working with our identified suppliers to prepare for construction to begin in the spring and beginning pre-sales of niches.

If you are interested in learning more, and/or purchasing a niche, please contact Amy Bigot at 763-443-3750 or amybigot@gmail.com. She can answer any questions you may have and can help you initiate the purchase process. The cost to acquire a niche is \$3800, and one niche can hold up to two urns. A pre-sales discount price of \$3610 is available for niches purchased through **12/31/21**.

We look forward to having a space at Light of Christ to honor our loved ones who have gone before us.



Reformation Sunday 2021!

Sunday school classes moved back inside on October 31. Students nailed it as they played pin the "theses" on the wall. They showed their creativity in making fortresses out of marshmallows, and also learned about Luther's rose and sang praises to God.

God is good!



Christmas Program planning time is here!

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be shown in worship and online on Sunday, December 19. This is a virtual program. All the recording will occur at Light of Christ. The Sunday school classes will record on December 5 from 10:30-noon. This recording time includes a recording party complete with pizza!!! There are various options for child(ren) parts as well as adult helpers. Please follow the links below to sign up:

PRE-K:

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/223d26>

1st- 4th Grade:

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/e1a60c>

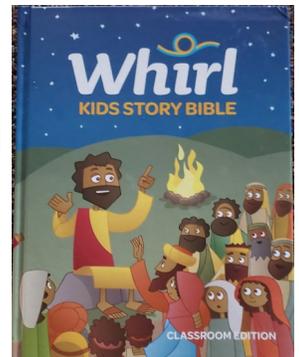


The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, That's the Book for Me!

An invitation to help our young people connect with the whole church family and the Book that is so central for our lives...

Recently our young people received Bibles. I'm working on a project that hopefully helps them see why this book called the Bible is so important. If you would be so kind as to share your favorite Bible passage and briefly state why this verse is so important, I would greatly appreciate it. You can [email it to me](#), text or call me (320-212-2583), or put it in the basket by the Bibles in the church entry way.

Thanks much! *LaDonna*



Confirmation Service Events

During the month of November, Confirmation youth (7th, 8th and 9th grade small groups and their Guides) are doing a 3-week service event rotation. Two of the weeks we are serving at local agencies (sorting donations at Love INC and the Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf) and the third week they'll be assembling homeless kits at church (and then keeping them in their car to give to someone in need when they encounter them). The homeless kits project was organized as an NHS project by McKenna Allen and Kaitlyn Malo. If you'd like to make a donation to help pay for the supplies of our homeless kits, we'd welcome monetary donations **through 11/17!** Thanks for your support and prayers!



Serving at Love Inc & Helping Hands Food Shelf



Writing notes for the homeless kits

Assembling homeless kits on 11/3/21

Fun & fellowship in the new Game Room

HS Bible Study – Donuts & Discussion

We are starting a new Bible study for HS youth called Donuts & Discussion (D&D). We will meet once/month on Sunday mornings, typically the first Sunday of the month, at 10:10 am in the newly remodeled space. Our youth will be joining the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study group (that is meeting weekly on Sundays at 10:10) for a cross-generational conversation about faith and life. Here is the schedule for the first 3 times. We hope you can join us for this great opportunity (and some delicious donuts)!

- ⇒ Sunday, December 5th, 10:10 am
- ⇒ Sunday, January 9th, 10:10 am



Trunk or Treat

Thank you to the youth and adults who decorated and hosted a trunk for our Trunk or Treat event on October 30! We had 11 total trunks and about 80 kids attend! Here is the list of trunks and volunteers:

- Halloween Home Décor – McKenna Allen, Kaitlyn Malo & Sophia Sonnek
- Disney Theme – Meg & Becky Arneson & Kendall VanLith
- Mario Cart Theme – Lesley Berscheid & Crystal Stahlke's Confirmation group
- Fish House Theme – Mike & Rachel Boyack Family
- Barnyard Theme – Avery & Josie Bragg & Family
- Tiger Sports Theme – Grace Horeis, Addison Dallmann & Taylor Olson
- Construction Theme – Katie Horeis & Jinnelle Weis
- Healthcare Theme – Kirsten, Alex & Drew Kelly
- Delano Tigers Theme – Tate & Tara Olson
- Duckie/Bath Theme – Andrea & Aidan Quandt & Kaitlyn Pink
- Monster Theme – Kim & Nolan Wortz

Thank you also to those who donated candy for the event!





HONORING OUR VETERANS



Light of Christ wishes to honor our current Veterans. With gratitude we thank the following members of Light of Christ for their service to our country:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch of Military</u>	<u>Years Served</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ben Altenhofen	Navy	1963-67	Viet Nam
Don Anderson	Air Force	1965-69	Eglin AFB Florida
Lee Ashfeld	Air Force	1963-67	Japan, Turkey
Len Beilke	Navy	1965-68	Viet Nam
Don Collins	Army Reserve	1966-72	US
Pete Froehle	Army	2001-present	Saudi Arabia
Del Hirsch	Army	1969-71	US
Dennis Iverson	Army	1953-55	Kitzingen, Germany
Lowell Johnson	Army	1956-58	Germany
Mike Klaphake	Army		
Vern Lange	Navy, Army Reserve	1967-1993	San Diego, CA & Norfolk, VA
John Magner	Navy	1986-90	Norfolk, VA
Benjamin Raskin	Army National Guard	1994-present	Kuwait
David Rosaaen	Navy	1967-71	Lemoore, CA Naval Air Station
Tom Sebelien	1 st Division Army	1963-66	Viet Nam
Bob Stabnow	Army	1955-58	Germany
Dan Torfin	US Navy	1968-72	Viet Nam
Gordon Torgerud	US Navy	1958-61	USS Parsons, Viet Nam
Bill Weis	Air Force Reserve	1958-64	US

For those who have served, “*Welcome Home.*” For those who continue to serve we thank God for your service.

Did you know the universal symbol for honoring a Veteran is holding your hand over your heart? When you see a member of the Military, honor them by holding your hand to your heart! Remember: November 11th is Veteran’s Day. Contact a Veteran you know and say “**THANKS!!**”

Armistice Day commemorates the signing of the end of WWI (the war to end all wars) at 11:00 a.m., November 11, 1918 (name changed to Veteran’s Day in 1954). The poppy was one of the only plants growing on the barren battlefields. On May 3, 1915, while looking at the grave of his close friend and former student, Canadian surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae composed the poem, *In Flanders Fields*.



Verse 1

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.

(The battlefield spanned southern Belgium and northwest France)