



Worship

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



Church Council 2023

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Let Us Build...a house where love can dwell. This is central to what the church is about. Building faith; building community and relationships; building compassion and courage; building love. In fact, all of our ministries are ultimately driven by this calling to build or to build up. Each of you are partners in this building endeavor. You have a role, a contribution, an integral place in this mission. Or, as St. Paul says, each of us are "living stones" as we build together.



The foundations to this building, to our church, are many. **This morning we consider together PASTORAL PRESENCE.** While we most certainly think about someone who is "a pastor," and their duties being "pastoral," it's actually a term which can be applied to many, even most followers of Christ. One definition puts it this way: To be "pastoral" is to be tough and tender, courageous and comforting. And when we think about the word "presence," well we likely think about those moments or experiences where that Pastoral Presence of another person, yes, or of a pastor, has made a big difference in our lives.

Last week we considered the importance of those moments of **WORSHIP** that impact our faith. Those songs or hymns or **MUSIC** that speak to us or invite us more deeply into the Spirit. You are invited to add to the banner in the Narthex by filling out a "stone" with a special moment or remembrance or time that has made a difference to you. Also, take some time to read what other Light of Christ folks have shared. And [click here to see some video testimony](#).

This week, you are invited to share your own experience of PASTORAL PRESENCE that has truly made a difference in your life by filling out a paper "living stone." We will put those on the special banner.

This is all intended by our Stewardship Ministry to help us see some of the breadth and depth of what it is to be the church together, and to invite each and every home to make a financial pledge for 2024 ministry. Pledge cards and a letter from Pastor Bruce have been mailed. And extra pledge cards are available in the narthex. All are invited to return pledge cards on **Sunday, October 15th**. After all, our God-given resources are central to how much ministry we can do together, how far we can extend Christ's light, how many we might reach with the Gospel of Jesus. We invite your reflection on each week's foundational building blocks as you consider a generous pledge.

Your own presence here, your generosity, your involvement, your compassion and faith are all impactful as we are each living stones who are together making this a house where love can dwell.

Some Living Stones of Worship & Music from Light of Christ folks can be found on page 3.

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NourishingHOPE

A Wonderful Way to Put Faith into Action

Our next food distribution is on **Monday, Oct. 9th**. At **10:00 am** at Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford, we join with the other four churches to pack hundreds of boxes of various food items. We also load up our own LOC trailer with the boxes we distribute later in the day. [Click here](#) to sign up for this shift.

You may also serve our neighbors and guests by coming to the church parking lot at **3:30 pm** to help us set up for a 4:00 pm distribution of the boxes. Elementary school-aged through retired make up our wonderful team each month. [Click here](#) to sign up.



NourishingHOPE

Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, October 9th
4:00 pm—until gone

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

Delano

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

Rockford

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

Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church
1601 Highway 25 North
Buffalo, MN 55313

Hanover

Influence Church @ City Hall
11250 5th Street NE
Hanover, MN 55341

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

Family Meals At Love INC

Serving a family meal at Love INC Heartland's *Fresh Start Program* is a simple, impactful way to show the love of Christ. We have multiple openings to fill from September to November. Sign Up On Meal Train: bit.ly/fsmeals23



Love INC Volunteers

The Love INC ministry would not be possible without the generous hearts and hands of our volunteers. Do you have the heart to listen, clarify information, or pray with people over the phone? Our Connection Center (helpline) needs you! Get Involved Today: bit.ly/loveincvolunteer



Adult Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held every **Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm.** All skill levels are welcome! Talk to Katie for more information. You

can reach her at katie.kohler@locdelano.com



Supporting Light of Christ and our Mission is as easy as 1-2-3.

With Vanco Mobile (our online giving app) you can express your generosity in the moment—right from the palm of your hand.

- 1) Download the app in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
- 2) Search for **Light of Christ Lutheran Church-Delano**
- 3) Make contributions and pay registration fees

Calling All Musicians!

We're looking for more musicians to join our Light of Christ Praise Team! We could especially use a bass player! However, we would welcome more singers and instrumentalists in general. The more the merrier! If you are interested, please contact Katie at katie.kohler@locdelano.com.



Another Way to Donate from Your Smart Phone

Light of Christ offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader or go to the [church website](#) and locate the online giving page.



Experiences and moments that build our faith, encourage our walk with God, deepen our appreciation for God's church:

- Praise team's Joyful Noise
- Silver Dollar City in the Ozarks. Music faith festival, old church, cabins, with picture windows overlooking the Ozarks. Early morning run.
- Participating in the recitation of Psalm 23. Singing "I'm but a stranger here; heaven is my home."
- Outlaw Ranch Family Camp
- Dallas TX LYE 1991
- The Service of the Nails on Good Friday
- The song, "How Great Thou Art"
- Youth Group trip in high school, listening to a Christian band.
- Christmas Eve candlelight services always create a sense of awe and humility at the gift of the Christ Child
- Church services in Arkansas and the invitation to commune
- Confirmation Camp singing songs together around the campfire at Taylor Falls
- A sunset at Camp Wapo that felt like I could talk to Him and see Him. My baby cousin's baptism.
- Baptismal services of two grandchildren. The 1st service focused on water using the same water pitcher gave I daughter as wedding gift. Very personal message.
- Children of the Heavenly Father. Singing The Lord's Prayer.
- The songs, "Amazing Grace," "Borning Cry," "Come to Jesus." Hearing these at weddings or funerals.
- Raise you up on Eagles Wings
- My children's baptisms
- The song, "When We All Get to Heaven"
- My Lighthouse.... hearing youth singing together.



Youth Choir Beginning this Fall!

- Grades 3rd-6th
- Rehearsals will take place on select Sundays, 10:30-11:00 am
- The choir will sing in worship around 4 times a year Contact Katie for more info at katie.kohler@locdelano.com



JOIN US!

RAISE AWARENESS FOR HOMELESSNESS

Date: Saturday, October 7th, 2023

Time: Sat 5pm - Sun 9am

Location: Light of Christ



9th-12th graders! Join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and service! Bring shelter supplies (tents or large cardboard boxes) to camp out overnight on the church lawn. **Everyone** is welcome to bring donations, food, clothing, and/or hygiene products. If you have any questions please contact Sophia Grant (grant4sophia@gmail.com) Ellie Chalk (elliechock@gmail.com) or Grace Ulberg (graceulberg06@gmail.com)

Serving at FMSC

On Wednesday night, September 27th, we had a group of 60 youth and adults that went to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen. It was an impactful night as we learned about hunger needs around the world and how our time serving can save children's lives. For some, this was their first time serving at FMSC and for some, they were excited to return! It was also a great night of fellowship and fun as we worked together as table teams to pack as many meals as possible! The meals we packed will go to Haiti. Here is the impact we made in our short 90 minutes there:

Boxes packed: 174

Meals: 37,584

Kids fed for a year: 102

**Cost of meals we packed:
\$10,899.36**

If you'd like to financially support the meals that we packed, donations can be made online here:

<https://www.fmssc.org/ways-to-give>

9th-12th Graders!!!

We hope you can join us for this great event. The cost will be \$10 (to help cover food & supplies). Click the link below for more information and to register (sign up by **Wednesday, Oct. 4th**): <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/SleepOut23>



Serving at FMSC 9/27/23

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Confirmation Service Events



We also had a small group of youth who served at The Legacy on Wednesday night, September 27. They led a game of Family Feud and visited with the residents there bringing them so much joy!