



## 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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## Summer 2024 Youth Opportunities

This summer we have 3 great trip opportunities for our HS Youth (grades 9-12)! We will be having a Summer Trip Info Meeting on **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm** in the Sanctuary for all HS youth and parents to learn more about these trips. The registration deadline for all trips will be **Wednesday, November 29**. Here is a bit of info about each trip:



**2024 ELCA  
Youth Gathering**  
including **MYLE the tAble**  
Young Adult Gathering

**ELCA Youth Gathering to New Orleans** (led by Pastor Bruce & Cynthia) = July 16-20 (plus days on either end for travel); estimated cost around \$1,500

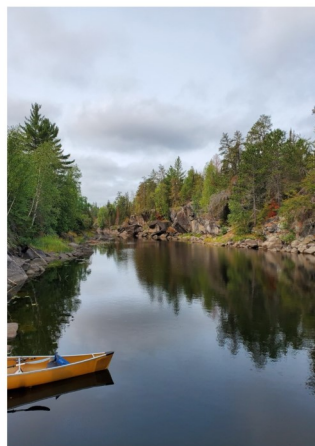


## Mission Trip to Chicago

(led by Kirsten Kelly) =  
June 23-29; estimated  
cost around \$600



## BWCA Adventure 2024



Led by Jennifer  
Slipka and 1 adult  
male (TBD)

**BWCA Trip** (for current  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth  
only; led by Jennifer  
Slipka) = Dates and cost  
TBD

## Fifth Sunday Offering for October – Cancer Care Foundation MN



The Cancer Care Foundation MN began in 2019 as a sixth-grade service project for four Orono students (Ethan, Wes, Koen & Lucas) and one of the student's father (Dr. Michael Tulkki). They learned of a student from the University of MN football team who had battled osteosarcoma five times while continuing his pursuit as a collegiate athlete. In conversation with this athlete, they decided to produce a medical shirt for patients receiving cancer treatment. The design is meant to create an athletic shirt that is comfortable yet allows patients and medical professionals to easily access the port for delivery of medications.

After four years and 1,400+ shirts donated, the foundation continues to work to make the lives of young cancer patients a little easier. Last year they partnered with the University of MN Apparel Design Program to create a onesie for the smallest cancer patients and were awarded a grant to produce them. The boys also received the Outstanding Student Community Award given by the Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund in August of 2022.

Our congregation will be helping the Cancer Care Foundation MN by designating our special Fifth Sunday Offering to them this October.

To learn more about the work they are doing, visit their website: <https://cancercarefoundationmn.org/>

### You may also donate three different ways:

- Through our church online giving page. Select the **October Fifth Sunday Offering** tile: [Home | Light of Christ Lutheran Church \(myvanco.com\)](https://myvanco.com)
- Put a check in the offering plate and be sure to write "**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**" on the Memo line.
- Through the Foundation Website: <https://cancercarefoundationmn.org/donate/> Click on "**Make A Donation**", which will bring you to their PayPal site.

## Love INC Holiday Helpers

We are getting ready to support neighbors in need this holiday season. You can get involved with Thanksgiving, Christmas Store, Sponsor-A-Family, and more. Interested? Let us know here: [bit.ly/loveincholidays](http://bit.ly/loveincholidays)



## Another New Year for Kids Hope!

We are so happy at Light of Christ and Delano Schools that we have 10 Kids Hope mentors again this year taking their time to mentor their student once a week. Our new mentors, Paulette Podratz and Paul Nelson, are joining Maxine Johnson, Jinnelle Weis, Stan Droneck, Lisa Spencer, Kirsten Kelly, Lisa Hemmer, JoMarie Williamson and LaDonna Ekern who worked with students last year. These mentors are so committed and provide so many wonderful hours and experiences with their kids. The stories we are hearing about how excited the students were to have their mentors return are so touching. We also want to thank the prayer partners who are supporting the mentors in their efforts including Carmen Hanson, Pastor Bruce, Jennifer Grant, Dennis Lohmann, Betty Pavik, Katie Horeis and Sue Fink.

## Greetings from the Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf!



First, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the members of Light of Christ. Your generosity throughout the years in both volunteer time and food has been a tremendous gift to our food shelf. In addition to donating food, LOC members support our Food Rescue program, provide volunteers three months out of the year for our Thursday shopping hours and monthly help to pack food for delivery within our community. We are a 100% volunteer run organization so we cannot stay open without the help of many in our community.

2023 has been a busy year for us thus far. Relative to 2022, many more families are in need of food support. Our food shelf usage has increased by 25% year over year – with over 60,000 pounds of food distributed. Thankfully, the continued generosity of our community has enabled us to meet this growing need. Starting this month, we are added an additional shopping date on the second Saturday of the month. We plan to continue this additional date through the winter and perhaps into next summer. We are grateful for any donations given to us. Listed below are our current needs:

- Coffee and Tea
- BBQ sauce
- Mayonnaise
- Ready to eat soup (we get lots of chicken noodle and tomato)
- Tomato products (diced, sauce, paste, stewed)
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned and boxed meals
- Canned mushrooms/olives/pickles
- Napkins and facial tissues
- Menstrual products

Thank you to LOC for your continued support of our food shelf. If you are in need of our services or wish to volunteer, please call (763) 972-4455 and leave a message. If you are interested in volunteering with LOC on Thursdays/Saturday for our next month of weekly support (December), contact Lona Jose or the church office ([terri.reuter@locdelano.com](mailto:terri.reuter@locdelano.com))

JoMarie Williamson, Co-Director  
Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf





## 2024 Stewardship Campaign

**Thank you!** So many of you have made a financial commitment to ensuring that important ministry

happens in 2024! Time, Talent and Treasure. All three. **But this fall stewardship drive is about treasure** -- resources that get translated into ministry staff salaries, ministry supplies, outreach efforts, building upkeep, utilities, and so much more. Yes, making a financial 2024 pledge is crucial for our church family and the health and vitality of who we are and what we can accomplish. **Each of you is needed!**

**Everyone is in a different place**, yes. Many of you are truly stretching to do your part. Thank you! Yet, for some of you, making a financial commitment to support the church, week in and week out, truly having this show up in your monthly budget, would be a new thing. It's nothing less than a step of faith. And perhaps one of the most important ones you might ever make. After all, it is to take a portion of what you earn, what you have, and dedicate it in a new way. It is a blessing that goes both ways. Proverbs 18:16 says, "Giving can open doors." And, "The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25. **Will you make a first-time pledge?**

**Living Stones...**together building a spiritual house! Every single part of the structure is needed! You have a stone, a building block, to contribute, to help strengthen and bless. Thank you if you have already made a 2024 pledge! And, whatever it might be, we invite you to make your household's financial commitment to our Light of Christ household. **God bless you as you do!**

2024 Pledge Cards can be found at the Usher's station.

You have contributed so many wonderful memories and moments of what has strengthened your faith life. Building blocks, living stones of faith and of ministry. Please take a moment to read the many stones on the banners in the narthex. And click here to watch each of our four weeks of videos.

- **Worship & Music:** <https://youtu.be/RwMWmPRkhYw>
- **The Lord's House:** <https://youtu.be/xnEXysh6bXw>
- **Pastoral Presence:** <https://youtu.be/QHFYpND0zgc>
- **Children, Youth & Family:** <https://youtu.be/klk-PvBFPOI>

## Have you ever wanted to go on an Adult Mission Trip and never had a chance too? Well now you can!

Light of Christ is taking our first adult mission trip to Belize February 24-March 2, 2024. We will be going through Just One Global (the same organization our youth used for their mission trip this summer). We will do some of the same service projects as the youth but also add some different ones at an adult pace. We will also have time for relaxation, study, and fellowship.

Join us on **Monday, October 30 at 6:00 pm** in The Living Room for an informational meeting. Frank Tzib, Belize staff leader from this past summer's mission trip, will be speaking and telling us more about the adult trip. Please plan to attend if you have any interest in learning more and to find out about this great opportunity to learn and serve while spreading God's love. Questions: Jennifer Grant 612.226.8181 or email [jpconnection.jq@gmail.com](mailto:jpconnection.jq@gmail.com)



## New Member/Partner Sunday – November 19<sup>th</sup>

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in more information about joining Light of Christ, please contact the church office at [terri.reuter@locdelano.com](mailto:terri.reuter@locdelano.com).



**Please note:** NSP will be doing maintenance on a 69kV transmission line on and near the church property through November 10<sup>th</sup>. They have been granted an easement to access our parking lot and property. You can expect to see work trucks and wood matting on the west lawn during this time. If there is any damage as a result, repair and restoration will be covered by Xcel.



## OWLS Update

We were thrilled to have a great turnout for our first OWLS gathering on October 5<sup>th</sup>!

It is very apparent that we "Older Wiser Lutherans" are excited to have fun and fellowship and get to know one another on a more personal basis. So far we have 32 people signed up and know there are many more who are interested. *The surveys we submitted led to a decision to meet **monthly on the third Thursday at 1 pm.** Our next gathering will be on November 16<sup>th</sup>!!* Please join us!! We'll break into smaller groups next time and rotate between areas for games and visiting. As we get better acquainted, hopefully we'll form smaller social groups for various outings, dinners, Bible studies, exercise and outreach projects.

We have a lot of ideas and welcome yours, as well as need a planning team. Please contact Sue Fink or Lona Jose, or Terri in the office if you have questions or are able to help us get this wonderful new group rolling. Thanks everyone!

## Calling All Musicians!

We're looking for more musicians to join our Light of Christ Praise Team! We could especially use instrumentalists!

However, we would welcome more singers as well. The more the merrier! If you are interested, please contact Katie at [katie.kohler@locdelano.com](mailto: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

Or, you can easily access our online giving page by scanning this QR code or by going to the [church website](#) Give page.



## 2024 Pledges & Online Giving

If you need to change your automatic contribution amount due to your 2024 pledge, please log in to your [MyVanco account](#) or contact Terri in the church office to make the change. Your pledge card does not authorize the church to make these changes.

You might find it helpful to [watch this video](#), which will walk you through the steps to cancel your current transaction and then create a new transaction. Please contact Terri in the church office if you have any questions.



## Six Little Stories with Lots of Meaning

- 1) Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is **faith**.
- 2) When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is **trust**.
- 3) Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still, we set the alarms to wake up. That is **hope**.
- 4) We plan big things for tomorrow despite zero knowledge of the future. That is **confidence**.
- 5) We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is **love**.
- 6) On an old man's shirt was written a sentence: "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is **attitude**.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!

*Submitted by Sharon McKisson*



### Family Matters – Rick Rassier is back!

We first had Rick Rassier at Light of Christ for a Family Matters night back in February of 2020. He'll be joining us again at the end of this month for a fun night of activities and challenges based around how we can be and do our best. He'll challenge our youth to live substance-free and to "take it to the next level!" Hope you can join us for this great night!

- **When:** Wednesday, October 25; 6:30-8:00 pm
- **Who:** Confirmation Youth & Parents are expected to attend but all are welcome!
- **Where:** Fellowship Hall at LOC





## Welcome to the Lord's Table

Please keep these 9 young people in your prayers as they prepare for their first communion. Join us on October 29 as we welcome Vayda Streich, Rilynn Peterson, Siena Dinger, Paige Froehle, Addy Wissink, Rose Bitterman, Joey Bitterman, Nolan Beyer, and Reagan Krysan to the Lord's table.



## Friday Night Lights Youth Event

On Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, we had a great night hanging out at church with the high school youth! 22 Light of Christ youth (including a few friends) came for a night of fun, fellowship and food. We had a scavenger hunt, played night games, ate pizza and enjoyed an evening with friends! Our next FNL event is on Friday, November 10th from 7-10 pm. Here is the RSVP link: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/FNL23-24>

Hope to see you there!