

The Beacon

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

October 30, 2023

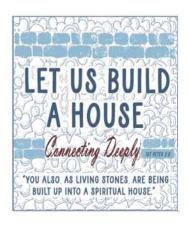
Worship

- In-person worship— 9:00 am Sundays
- Online worship continues, and is livestreamed to our <u>YouTube</u> and <u>Facebook</u> pages



Church Council 2023

Mike Boyack Laurie Brown Billie Chock Tim Current (treas.) Steven Dickey (pres.) Derek Horeis (v. pres.) Dan Paulson Lisa Spencer (sec'y.) Natasha Werner Pastor Bruce Kuenzel



Contact us!

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LightOfChristLutheran.com Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com **Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5th.** Don't forget to *fall back* next Saturday!



Please join Sisters of LOC for a Christmas craft night Tuesday, Nov. 28th at 6:30 pm at Lupine Brewery. Use the QR code below to sign up and pick one of four craft options.



CREATIVE PARTY November 28th

6:30pm Lupine Brewing click below to register at Studio527mn.com



OUTREACH

Fifth Sunday Offering for October – Cancer Care Foundation MN



If you'd like to make a donation for the October Fifth Sunday cause, please do so **before November 5.** We are supporting the efforts of the Cancer Care Foundation MN. To learn more about the work they are doing, visit their website: <u>https://cancercarefoundationmn.org/</u>

You may donate three different ways:

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

A Wonderful Way to Put Faith into Action

Our next food distribution is on **Monday, Nov. 13**th. 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. <u>Click</u> <u>here</u> 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. <u>Click here</u> to sign up.



Gratitude for Veterans and Present Military Members

November 11th is Veterans Day, and we want to recognize and thank the veterans from our congregation who have served our country, on Sunday, November 12th. We also want to thank those from our congregation who are presently serving in the military for our country. We want to make sure we have the names of all of those who have served and are serving now. The Light of Christ Mission Committee is planning to put together and send a thank you package of treats to each of our present miliary members. To make sure we recognize and honor all, please send Terri at the church office any names of veterans that we have not recognized in the past and those who are presently serving. If you wish a present military family member to receive a thank you package from LOC, please complete the form at this link by OCTOBER 31. We appreciate all that each of you have done and are doing for all of us in America. THANK YOU!!!



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: <u>bit.ly/</u> <u>loveincholidays</u>



STAYING CONNECTED

New Member/Partner Sunday – November 19th

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 19th. If you are interested in more information about joining

Light of Christ, please contact the church office at terri.reuter@locdelano.com.

Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the <u>church website</u>.



Tough Questions for 21st Century Christians

Pastor Bruce will be leading a Bible study on the tough questions that we face as 21st century Christians today. We will take up questions like these: where is God when innocent people suffer and even die? How do I believe in both the biblical accounts of creation and the scientific evidence for evolution? Did Christ die to save all people--across the continents and across the centuries-- or only some people? Did God really create more than one race--the human race? What kind of marriages does God bless?

We will meet on the **first and third Tuesdays** of the month in the Living Room from 7:45 - 8:45 pm, beginning on **November 7th.** There is no need to register ahead of time. Just come as you are. There will be time for checking in, praying, conversation, and a biblical/theological presentation by Pastor Bruce.



The presentation will be recorded and posted on the Light of Christ website for those who can't participate in person. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Bruce with any questions you may have.

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.jg@gmail.com



2024 Pledges & Online Giving

If you need to change your automatic contribution amount due to your 2024 pledge, please log in to your <u>MyVanco account</u> 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.



You are encouraged to still make

your 2024 pledge if you haven't already done so. Pledge cards can be found at the usher station or in the church office.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

HS Friday Night Lights!

- When: Friday, November 10th
- **Time**: 7:00-10:00 pm
- Where: Living Room at LOC
- **What**: This event is a chance to hang out with friends and have fun at church playing night games and having pizza! They take place the 2nd Friday of each month during the school year.
- Who: 7th 12th grade youth and friends (even if they don't normally attend LOC)
- Cost: \$5/person to help cover cost of food/snacks (but if cost is a concern, please attend anyway!)

Note: Youth are allowed to arrive late or leave early, if needed. **Sign Up**: We are asking youth to <u>SIGN UP HERE by</u> <u>Friday at Noon</u> so that we know how much food to order and how many adults to have! If you forget to sign up (or plans change last minute), you're still welcome to attend... registration isn't required. However, *if we have less than 5 youth sign up by Friday at noon, we'll most likely cancel the event* (to be respectful to our adult leaders and let them know in advance). **Parents**: <u>Sign up here to help volunteer</u> at one of the upcoming events. Invite a friend and hope to see you Friday, Nov. 10th!

Rick Rassier at Confirmation Family Matters

Each year for Confirmation, we do 2 Wednesdays which we call "Family Matters". At these events we have parents join with their kids and we bring in a speaker on a topic related to youth and families. Last Wednesday, we had Rick Rassier with us for a fun night of activities and challenges (4-Way Tug of War, Blind Folded Dodgeball and much more!) based on how we can be and do our best. He challenged our youth to live substance-free and to "take it to the next level!" in all areas of their life, including their faith! It was an important and fun message for all of us and a great evening of fellowship, teamwork and connecting on some important life-issues.



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Family Matters -Blind Folded Dodgeball













Here are more pictures of our confirmation youth and parents at last Wednesday's Rick Rassier Family Matters event.

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Summer 2024 Youth Opportunities

Young Adult Gathering

This summer we have 3 great trip opportunities for our HS Youth (grades 9-12)! Last week we had an info meeting with some additional details. Click here to go to our Youth Summer page on our website to view the PowerPoint from the meeting (scroll down to Summer 2024 bullet). Please complete this short form to indicate your interest in any/all of the trips. This does not commit you to attending but will help us plan. The registration deadline for all trips will be **Wednesday**, **November 29**. Here is a bit of info about each trip:



ELCA Youth Gathering to New Orleans (led by Pastor Bruce & Cynthia) = Youth Gathering July 15-20; estimated cost \$1,500









Mission Trip to Chicago

29; estimated cost \$600

(led by Kirsten Kelly) = June 23-



Led by Jennifer

Slipka and 1 adult male (TBD)

BWCA Trip (for current 11th & 12th grade youth only; led by Jennifer Slipka) = Dates and cost TBD (most likely a 4-5 day trip costing under \$500)

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