



Worship

- In-person worship—
9:00 am Sundays
- Online worship
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Church Council 2023

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Let Us Build a House... where love can dwell.

This week we consider the importance of our space, our building, this physical place which is "The Lord's House." St. Paul speaks of us as "living stones being built up into a spiritual house." And while that happens in a variety of ways, it most certainly happens here in a physical house -- the Lord's House -- this place we call Light of Christ.

What is it about a space that makes it sacred for you? Do you feel connected because it's where you worship? Where you learn? Where relationships are formed? Where you serve? Where you belong?

How have you helped to care for this Lord's House? Or another church in your life's journey? Perhaps you actually helped to build the physical structure, the building, of Light of Christ in the early years. Maybe you have helped or served on the Property Team/Committee. Perhaps you find joy in creating banners, in painting, in cleaning, in watering plants, in setting up for outdoor worship, in cooking or serving a funeral lunch or for our spaghetti dinner. Maybe you've got a favorite place that rests your soul as you come here to worship, even a pew that almost has your name on it. Perhaps your own house becomes "The Lord's House" as you connect via livestream with Light of Christ's "House." The two become integrally connected for you. Maybe you see this as a "Center for Mission," the Lord's work being encouraged and accomplished here.

And just as a solid foundation is necessary for a stable building, "The Lord's House" serves as a foundational pillar for community outreach and mission work. It is from this spiritual foundation that outreach efforts are launched, impacting lives, our surrounding community, and this world God so loves.

Add your stone or message to other's experiences of the Lord's House. Write them onto the paper stones provided. Place into the offering plate. Drop one or more at the church office. We'll get them all up onto this week's special banner.

Generous resources not only ensure that our many ministries are vibrant and strong, but it takes a **significant financial commitment** to see to it that the Lord's House, our LOC facilities and property, is well-cared for.

Each one of our households, each and every one of us, are encouraged to prioritize giving for the sake of Christ's mission here at Light of Christ. Please translate that onto a **Pledge Card** and bring it or mail it by our **Celebration Sunday, October 15th**.

You are a blessing, a living stone, here among us as we all have a place of belonging in the Lord's House at Light of Christ!

Some Living Stones of Pastoral Presence from Light of Christ folks can be found on page 6.

THE LORD'S HOUSE



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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 donating our Fifth Sunday Offering this October.

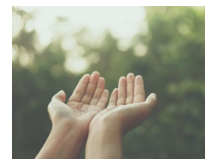
To learn more about the work they are doing, visit their website: <https://cancercarefoundationmn.org/>

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 \(myvanco.com\)](#)
- Put a check in the offering plate and be sure to write "**5th 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.

Caring Corner

(from Rachel Boyack of the
Healing & Wholeness Committee)



In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it's easy to overlook the profound impact we can have on one another, especially in our schools. Read on for some insights from the perspective of mental wellness and the Christian faith, with a particular focus on anti-bullying efforts, including Unity Day.

In our journey to support the mental wellness of our youth, it's important to recognize that faith and spirituality can play a significant role. The values of kindness, empathy, and love for one another are universal. These values align closely with the teachings of Jesus Christ, who advocated for compassion and inclusion.

Bullying is a serious problem that can have a devastating impact on mental health. Victims of bullying are more likely to experience anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, and even suicidal thoughts. As Christians, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, and this includes protecting them from harm. We can all play a role in preventing bullying by teaching our children about kindness and compassion, and by speaking up when we see it happening.

Here are some things we can do to help prevent bullying and promote mental wellness:

- Talk to our children about bullying and the importance of kindness and compassion.
- Teach our children how to stand up for themselves and others.
- Model positive behavior and teach our children how to resolve conflict peacefully.
- Be aware of the signs of bullying and intervene if we see it happening.
- Report bullying to church leaders or school officials.
- Celebrate Unity Day by wearing orange and talking about the importance of anti-bullying.

Unity Day, celebrated on the third Wednesday of October, is an excellent opportunity to strengthen anti-bullying efforts. This day is all about coming together, wearing orange to show unity against bullying, and sending a powerful message that no one should ever experience bullying. It's a chance for our youth to feel supported, safe, and included.

As we approach Unity Day, let us remember our commitment to nurturing mental wellness and promoting an environment of kindness and inclusion. Our Christian faith provides a strong foundation for these values, and with unity, we can create a community where every youth feels loved, valued, and protected from the harmful effects of bullying.

Family Meals Filled at Love INC

Thank you to everyone who signed up to serve family meals at our *Fresh Start Program*. This is the first time we have seen such an incredible response! We are so grateful to God for your generosity. 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: bit.ly/loveincholidays





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

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

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



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.



Dad's Night Out

Calling all dads -- young dads, old dads, in-between dads, granddads, gonna-be dads, and any other dads. Pastor Bruce is starting a small group for dads of every kind. The goal of the group is to connect more

deeply with Christ and with one another. We will meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:45 - 8:45 PM at the Brickside Grill. Our first gathering is this Tuesday, October 10th. No need to register. Simply come as you are. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Pastor Bruce.

Women's Bible Study

The women's bible study meets the **1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Living Room at LOC. We will meet through March. We will not meet in December.** If you can't make it every time that is okay! We want you to come when you can. The study we will be doing for this session is *Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation* by Nancy Guthrie.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com



Meet the Call Committee!



Cheri Ashfeld

- Member since 2004
- Currently serving on Library Committee, Soundboard Team, and Prayer Chain
- Previously served on Stewardship and Nominating Committees
- Married to Lee



Mike Boyack

- Member since 2011
- Currently serving on Church Council
- Previously served on Property Committee, and as Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher
- Married to Rachel; father to Cora (12) and Ailsa (9)



Billie Chock

- Member since 2013
- Currently serving on Church Council and Technology Committee
- Previously served as Sunday School teacher and Mission Trip chaperone
- Married to Ken; mother to Ellie (16) and Danny (14)



Rhonda Current

- Member since 2010
- Currently serving on Personnel Committee and Transition Team
- Previously served on Worship and Music Committee
- Married to Tim; mother of two grown daughters



Sophia Grant

- Member since 2007
- Attended Sunday School
- Confirmed in 2023
- Attended Mission Trips in 2021, 2022, and 2023

Meet the Call Committee! (continued)



Paul Ludwig

- Member since 2005
- Currently serving on Mutual Ministry
- Previously served on Technology and Worship & Music Committees
- Married to Marcie; father to Braelyn (9) and Beckett (8)



Erin Olson

- Member since 2015
- Currently serving as an Explorer leader
- Married to Kevin; mother to Charlotte (7) and Emmie (4)



Pat Czock, first alternate

- Member since 1998
- Currently serving on Stewardship Committee and Service Group
- Previously served on Youth Committee and as Confirmation Guide
- Mother and stepmother to five grown children

**Natasha Werner,
second alternate**

- Member since 2018
- Currently serving on Church Council
- Previously served as Confirmation Guide
- Married to Jeremiah; mother of Ava (15) and Mya (15)



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.



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



Our first Living Stones experiences are shared on the **Worship & Music** banner in the narthex. [Please click here](#) to read all of the beautiful memories and experiences of our Light of Christ family. Add to the story at any time by filling out a paper stone and putting it into the offering plate. We'll get it up onto the banner.

Last week's Living Stones highlighted **Pastoral Presence**. Here are some of the things that people shared. Stop by the banners to read more. And submit your own Living Stones to be added.

- The children's sermons
- Worshipping with my church family
- Friends surrounding me when my brother died
- Support my family received during my brother's diagnosis
- Pastor Bruce's sermons
- Women's group brought us dinner months after my dad died in 1997
- Congregation prayed for my daughter's upcoming surgery
- The love and support shown to our family during a hard time financially
- The sympathy cards I received at the time of my father's passing
- Thank you for our fellow church members who have supported us during our past – good times and bad
- The kindness and love of my first pastor, Rev. Obert Voll at Bethel Methodist Church in Mound
- 1960's Luther League – Flossie Warner
- 1980's Corrie ten Boom spoke at our church in Mound
- Members of Our Father's Lutheran were caring and supportive for me when I had breast cancer surgery
- When we lost our daughter to lung cancer, the whole church of Light of Christ, including Pastor Bruce, surrounded us with their love and caring
- Mary Reynolds and Liz Benson, 2011
- Joel Osteen's audiobooks, who rebuilt my confidence and fueled the fire of the Holy Spirit
- My husband was an incredible pastoral presence when I was going through a time of high anxiety. He helped me through like no one else could
- Hi.....please, please say mine! ~Alice
- My friends took great care of my after my surgery
- My friend, Nikki, praying with me through a difficult time and giving me a prophetic word from the Lord. That Word eased my heart and mind.
- When my dad died
- Elite 8 in Belize
- Pastor and Cynthia came over the night before G. Bud's funeral





On Sundays, our Explorer group (ages 3 - 2nd grade) are excused from worship after the children's message for an age-appropriate Bible story, song and activity. Currently we have an average of 18 students. While we have dedicated people who have agreed to take the lead each Sunday, we need to have a 2nd adult to assist. We still have a few Sundays this fall when we need that 2nd person. How about you? Sign up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-explorers>

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 25th 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:

- **Mission Trip to Chicago** (led by Kirsten Kelly) = June 23-29; estimated cost around \$600
- **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
- **BWCA Trip** (for current 11th & 12th grade youth only; led by Jennifer Slipka) = Dates and cost TBD

RAISE AWARENESS FOR HOMELESSNESS

Sleep Out for Homelessness

This past weekend, a group of high school youth from LOC slept outside on our lawn to raise awareness for homelessness. We braved the colder temps (it got down into the 30's!) but also learned more about homelessness in MN and packed some Hygiene and Beverage Kits for those experiencing homelessness (which will be given to Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners – the organization that we supported through our event). It was a fun event as we bonded and grew in our faith a lot too. Special thanks to Ken Chock and Alaina (Grant) Scholdt for sleeping out with our youth!



NOTE: Donations to support their efforts will be accepted through this **Friday, October 13th**. We are accepting donations of clothing, blankets, etc. as well as monetary donations to **IOCP**. Thanks for your support!