



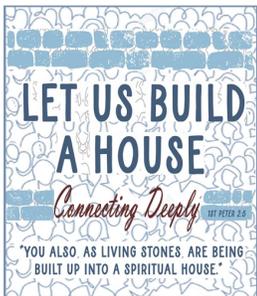
Worship

- **In-person worship—
9:30 AM Sundays**
- **Online worship is
live-streamed to our
[YouTube](#) and
[Facebook](#) pages**



Church Council 2025

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WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

We're excited to have our WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) Confirmation worship services on the **first Wednesday** of each month. All are welcome at these youth-led services that go from 6:15-7:00 pm on the following Wednesdays:

- ◇ **November 5**
- ◇ **December 3**
- ◇ **January 7**
- ◇ **February 4**
- ◇ **April 8 (2nd Wed. due to Holy Week)**

We hope you'll join us at WOW!



Centralized Sign Up

All of our volunteer sign-ups are in one spot! Scan this QR code or go to this link (www.linktr.ee/lightofchristvolunteers) to view the *LOC Volunteer Sign Up Page*. We hope this will make it easier to find the sign-ups and to volunteer!



Our Kids Hope Mentors



Thank you to all of those who have signed up to become a mentor this year for Kids Hope at Delano Elementary. This year we have Lisa Spencer, Lisa Hemmer, Vicki Noetzelman, Kirsten Kelly, Stan Droneck, Wendy Caslavka, JoMarie Williamson and Tracy Herkenhoff. Your one hour/week time with your kiddo is so fun and will be a joy as you see the positive difference your time makes in your kiddo's life. We also want to thank the Kids Hope prayer partners.

I hope there will be other LOC members or others who you know in the Delano area who will hear the calling and join our team. If you want more information, contact Lona Jose, check out the table in the narthex, or visit the Kids Hope USA website to learn more about this amazing gift to young children. Your commitment will be meeting to have fun with one elementary child for one hour/week during the school year. Please consider joining our team. We'll make it work into your busy schedule. Thanks!!



Put Your Faith in Motion – Join Our Food Distribution Ministry!

Did you know that each second Monday of the month, Light of Christ helps pack and distribute hundreds of boxes of food for neighbors in need? It's part of a vital ministry in partnership with five other churches, local farmers, and Second Harvest Food Bank—and **you can be a part of it.**

We need volunteers for two teams:

- **Morning Crew – 9:45 AM at Our Father's Lutheran Church, Rockford** Join members from several area churches to pack approximately 700 food boxes. It's organized, energizing, and usually finished by noon.
- **Afternoon Crew – 3:30 PM in the LOC parking lot** Help distribute about 90 food boxes to our guests and neighbors. It's a wonderful way to meet people, share kindness, and put faith into practice.



Whether you're looking to connect with others, make a tangible impact, or simply do something meaningful, this ministry offers all that and more.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi

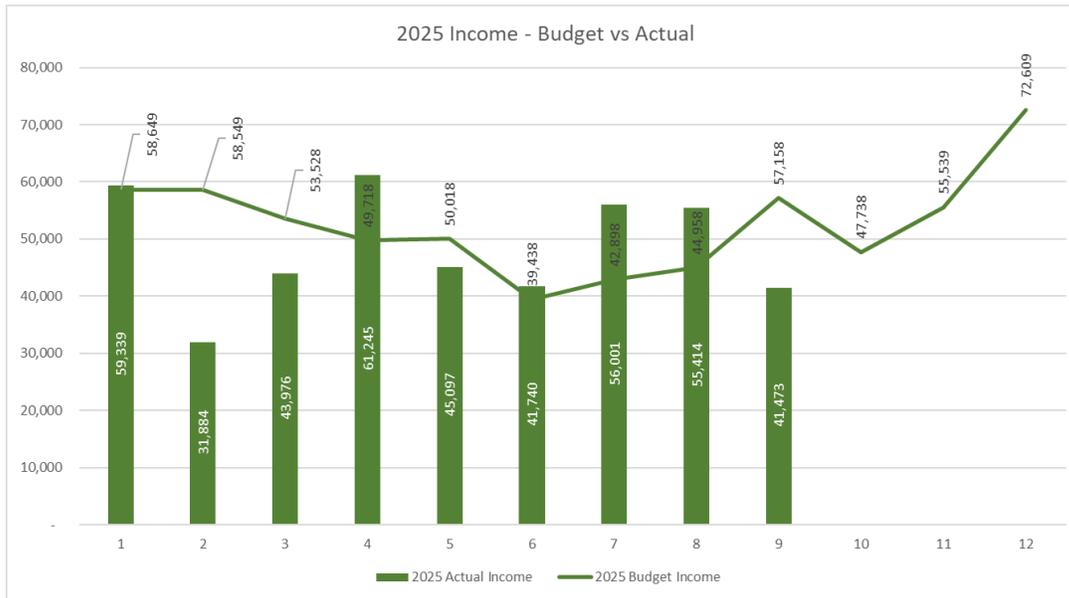
Sign up online to join a team:

⇒ **9:45 AM Food box packing.** Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)

⇒ **3:30 PM Food distribution.** Here at LOC. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)

Questions? Contact Tim Johnson at tim.johnson@locdelano.com.

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – September 2025

- YTD Budget \$454,914
YTD Actual \$436,168
- Year to Date Actual is **\$18,746** below budget
- September giving below budget

Rooted in Faith. Growing in Generosity.

As we near the close of another year, there is so much to celebrate and give thanks for at Light of Christ! From the warmth of our worship to the reach of our mission efforts—here in Delano and beyond—God’s Spirit continues to move among us in powerful ways.

This fall we’ve reflected on how being *Rooted in Faith* means trusting God’s presence in our lives and ministries, and how *Growing in Generosity* calls us to let that faith bear fruit through acts of compassion, service, and giving. We’ve welcomed new staff, expanded ministries, and are discerning together where God is leading us next.

As we look ahead to 2026, we invite every household to pray about your participation and financial pledge for the year ahead. Pledge cards, which will be mailed out soon, may be mailed to the church or brought with you to worship on **Celebration Sunday, November 23**, when we’ll dedicate our commitments to God together in joy and gratitude.

Together, we are planting seeds of hope that will continue to grow and bless many.



What Is a Memorial Garden?

A memorial garden is a space designed to honor and remember the life of a loved one. A private place for reflection, remembrance and meditation. A beautiful spot creating a serene and reflective environment. Light of Christ is blessed to have our own beautiful setting right outside our entrance. We invite you to take a moment to visit our **Columbarium and Memorial Garden** to share in the tranquility and beauty it has to offer!



Sunday Announcements



If you would like to share any church-related announcements on Sunday morning, please let Katie know by the Wednesday prior to the service. We will do our best to accommodate, but there may be Sundays where we cannot fit it in, and another Sunday may work better. Thank you!

OWLS Upcoming Events

Come join the Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS) for fun, fellowship, and faith!!

December 4th (note date change): 5:00 PM dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn followed by "Spirit of Winter" at Sovereign Estate Winery in Waconia.

December 18th: Christmas potluck and white elephant gift exchange. Start searching your closets for a unique gift, nothing to purchase. This was a "**HOOT**" last year!!

All events are subject to change so let Sue Fink know your email address and phone number in case we need to get news out to everyone. Also, watch the bulletin and Beacon newsletter for updates. Get ready to make lasting friends who share the love and light of Christ.



Attention, Women!

The women's Bible study meets **the first and third Mondays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at LOC**. If you need to leave early at any point that is okay. **We will meet through June. 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.

We will be doing **two Bible studies by Nancy Guthrie**.

God Does His Best Work with Empty

[God Does His Best Work with Empty: Guthrie,](#)

[Nancy: 9781496439697:](#)

[Amazon.com: Books](#)

Even Better Than Eden

[Even Better than Eden: Nine Ways the Bible's Story Changes Everything about Your Story:](#)

[Guthrie, Nancy: 9781433561252: Amazon.com: Books](#)

We hope to see you there! If you are interested in participating, please contact Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com

Sisters of LOC Craft Event

The Sisters of LOC invite you to their November event. See details and sign-up link below. A drink is included in the price. If interested, please sign up **by November 10th**. Contact Kelly Harstad with any questions: 763-227-8246 or kellyharstad8@gmail.com.



Snowman ornaments
2/\$30
measure 5"



Set of 4
watercolor
cards
\$30

Wood reindeer
measures 30"
\$45



Wood santa
measures 30"
\$45

Join us on Nov 11th, 6:30 pm at The Whiskey Jar for an evening of friendship and creating. Pick one of the projects above to make. Register at the link below

www.studio527mn.com

Bible Study/Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/Teens

As we work to be a community where all feel connected and cared for, we are trying a new time/group for moms of pre-teens and teens.

Join us on **Thursday, November 20th from 8:15-9:45 AM** (right after school drop-off) to meet with some other moms and talk about life, faith and parenting. This will be very laid back with zero prep or expectation. Coffee, creamer and treats provided. We'll discuss future meetings & times with those who attend or express interest...so email Kirsten if you're interested but cannot attend. Please also contact Kirsten about any specific food needs/requests. Hope to see you there!



COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



The holidays can be an especially difficult time for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Join us for *Surviving the Holidays* grief support group designed to focus on dealing with grief during the holidays.

Together we will discuss

- How to deal with emotions,
- What to do about traditions,
- Helpful tips for surviving social events, and
- How to find hope for the future.

Sunday, Nov 16
3:00 — 5:00 p.m.

A free *Survival Guide* will be available for those who register by November 9th.



For more information or to register go to
www.come2peace.com/grief
or call (952) 955-3434



Hosted by
Peace Lutheran Church
600 Kristi Lane
Watertown, MN

We have 4 new communion takers in our congregation. Congratulations to Elyn Stahlke, Elias Lundstedt, Emmy Kolleck, and Elian Kolleck. Together they learned all about communion through stories, games, baking, songs, art projects, and conversations in fellowship. On Sunday, October 26 they celebrated their 1st communion during service.



1st communion



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Our Voyager (1st-3rd grade) and Pathfinder (4th-6th grade) children learned about Martin Luther and the Reformation this week. They time traveled 500 years back, wrote their own Theses with ink pens, and nailed them to a door, needle felted angels, printed -sadly not on a Gutenberg press- with recess and relief stamps and seal printed. They also built their own castle. Like Martin Luther said: *A mighty fortress is our God*. They discussed the five Solas and learned that GOD LOVES US - JUST LIKE THAT!



Youth Choir Begins in November!

We will once again have youth choir this year for ages 3rd-6th grade! The first rehearsal will be for Lessons and Carols (December 7th) and will take place after worship on **November 9th**. Rehearsals are 30 minutes long. Sign up using the QR code or contact Katie at katie.kohler@locdelano.com with any questions. The full schedule is on the sign-up form. All levels welcome! You do not need to make every rehearsal to be a part of the choir.



Confirmation Retreat at Wapo

10/24-10/26/25



Thank you to the adult leaders: Jennie Clark, Dave Henson, John Lundstedt and Brandi Stavlo. (Not pictured above: Rachel Boyack and Pastor Tim)



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