



Worship

Indoor Worship at 9:30 am
(must sign up—watch for email)

Worship services will be recorded and posted on the church website. Online worship will continue until the restrictions for large group gatherings are lifted.



Church Council 2020

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The Marks of Discipleship

- † Pray daily
- † Worship weekly
- † Read the Bible
- † Serve at or beyond Light of Christ
- † Relate to others for spiritual growth
- † Give of my time, talents and resources

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Staying Vibrant!

Giving is one of the most important expressions of our faith. What we have is valuable. What we have reflects our hard work and labor. What we have affords us to live and to take care of ourselves and our families. As well, what we have gives us opportunity to bless others—to help make important things happen—to "make our mark" in some small but important way out beyond ourselves.

Light of Christ is a gift. We exist because of God's gift to us, but also because we determine, together, to be a gift to our Delano community and beyond. Giving is at the heart of our faith and of our faith community. Giving rises up out of love.

Your gift...your pledge...to our 2021 Staying Vibrant efforts will ensure that Light of Christ continues to be a place of great blessing, compassion, encouragement and community. Thank you for sharing a valuable part of what God has entrusted to your life and helping to make something so important in and through our church. You, we together, are part of what is right with the world. We are central to giving life, hope, and light in and through this trying time.

The first link below is an encouraging message from our Stewardship Team on how they and their families consider this matter of a gift or pledge to LOC's ministry. And the second link will enable you to fill out a commitment or pledge form should you feel drawn to do so. Thank you in advance for your love and generosity! You are central to helping LOC and others in Staying Vibrant!

[Click here for video link](#)

[Click here for pledge form](#)



Produce Distribution Volunteers Needed

Light of Christ continues to distribute fresh produce to area residents in partnership with Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford through their NourishingHOPE ministry. This ministry is possible only with the help of dedicated volunteers giving of their time to assist in the overall goal of creating community connections by seeking to ease food insecurity.



Upcoming distributions are scheduled for Tuesday, **November 10th** and Tuesday, **December 8th** and we have a great need to **expand our list of Light of Christ volunteers available to help with this project.**

The distribution of produce takes place in the Light of Christ parking lot at **3:00 PM on the designated dates. All volunteers should arrive at the church by 2:45 PM** and are required to wear masks and bring gloves.

Please email Jinnelle Weis at locvolunteer@frontier.com or call my cell phone, 952-250-5527 if you can help and/or if you would like additional information. Thank you for your assistance in this extremely important effort to support our Light of Christ neighbors and extended community!



Caring Corner

Created by Light of Christ
Healing and Wholeness
Ministry

Good news! We have ten people signed up to take the

Mental Health First Aid certification class on November 7th. We have reached our limit for safe-distancing. Stay tuned for some tidbits of what we learn. It's so important that we be aware of mental suffering and can support or guide our church family to get the help they may need.

Monday, November 9th at 7pm is our next spiritual support group for anyone who loves or cares for someone who suffers with mental illness. We will meet in the library and follow the LOC Covid-19 guidelines. Bring a mug of coffee or tea if you'd like. This group will be led by Lona Jose and Sue Fink, both of whom have worked in either mental health services or nursing careers, and also have family members with mental illness. We welcome you! Invite or tell others who may need support. We plan to meet the second and fourth Monday each month.

Amy Simpson wrote "Troubled Minds," a book we started to study with Pastor Bruce prior to the virus. She advocates for churches to embrace mental health ministries. Her mother has schizophrenia. You can google her name for some wonderful information and personal blogs. This prayer she wrote a couple weeks ago.

A Prayer for People Living with Mental Illness

Loving God, I pray for all whose brains have been hurt by disease, injury, stress, trauma, and other factors of human life in a hard world. I pray for all who love them and want to help. I pray for your comfort in their grief, hope amid loss, and the balm of community with people who understand.

For people with mental illness-may they find hope in you and feel your longing for them.

For parents of children with mental illness-may they know the limits of their power both to cause and to cure.

For children of parents with mental illness-may they know you as loving parent and find places where they can grow up in safety, no matter how old they are.

For friends of suffering people-may they resist the temptation to try to "fix" their friends and recognize the simple power of their loving presence.

For spiritual leaders-may they deny both helplessness and overconfidence, courageously serving as first responders and faithful shepherds.

For people who need treatment and don't receive it-may they recognize their need, believe life can be better, and find people who can help.

For those burdened by shame and stigma-may they walk into the light and find compassionate people.

Lord, I pray for light in the darkness. I pray that people with vulnerable minds will find hope and help among followers of Christ who will love them and point them toward what they need while letting them live with that need. I pray for acceptance and grace-the same kind of grace you offer so freely to all. I pray that many churches will embrace the opportunity for messy and sometimes thankless ministry among the marginalized, in the name of the one whose love knows no margins. Amen.

Discover Light of Christ Session on Zoom

We will be sharing our virtual Discover Light of Christ informational session as a Zoom call on **Sunday evening, November 15th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM**. If you have interest in learning more about Light of Christ as your potential church home, please plan to join us for this upcoming Discover Light of Christ session!

If you would like to participate, please contact Jinnelle Weis at locvolunteer@frontier.com or by cell phone at 952-250-5527 by **Wednesday, November 4th**. Prior to the Zoom call on Sunday, November 15th, we will send a Discover Light of Christ informational packet by mail to your home address and will provide a Zoom meeting identification number and password.

Again, thank you for considering Light of Christ - we look forward to connecting on Zoom and will be blessed to welcome new members to our church family!



Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Sponsored by NourishingHOPE Food Drop and Second Harvest Heartland

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pick up on a first come, first served basis
All are welcome

Tuesday, November 10 3pm -until gone

Locations for pick up

Corcoran

St. Thomas Catholic Church parking lot

Delano

Light of Christ Lutheran Church parking lot

St. Michael

Colonial Mall

Montrose

Montrose United Methodist Church parking lot

Rockford

Our Father's Lutheran Church parking lot

Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church parking lot

Appropriate distancing and covid mitigation practices will be employed

In-Person Worship Is Now Happening!

We are now holding one indoor worship service every Sunday at **9:30 AM**. A SignUp Genius will be sent to members each week. Just a reminder that all members must sign up in order to attend, as seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis. We have made some changes to our sign up procedures. Congregation members do not have to pick their seat number. Our Worship and Music Director, Katie Kohler, will email you with your seat number and the sanctuary seating chart by Friday evening. As such, **please sign up for worship by Friday morning.**

The indoor worship will not replace our online services. We will continue to post online worship services on our **YouTube page** as well. As with the outdoor worship service, worship indoors will look a little different than previous indoor services, in order to comply with COVID-19 guidelines. We cannot accommodate more than 72 people. Make sure to sign up **ASAP** as all spots are first come, first served! More detailed information will be included in the weekly email sent out.

We are so excited to gather together again! Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we navigate through all these guidelines. The safety of the whole Light of Christ family is and will always be of the utmost importance.



Help Keep Our Online Member Directory Up to Date!

Light of Christ Members: let's stay connected while having to be apart from one another! Don't forget about pictures for the online Church Directory. All you have to do is email your picture to **Terri at the church office** who will coordinate adding it to our directory.



CHECK YOUR 2020 PLEDGE STATUS

The 2021 Stewardship Campaign is now underway. Just a reminder that members can check the status of their pledges for 2020 by logging in to the online member portal (**<https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/lightofchristlutheran/login>**). You can also access the portal log in page from the Light of Christ website (**www.lightofchristlutheran.com**) by clicking the **"Member Portal"** icon on the top toolbar. If you need assistance or if you need another "invitation link" emailed to you to create your sign in, please contact Terri in the church office. Invitation links expire after 2 weeks.



Choir Update!

Good news! Light of Christ adult choir is meeting two Mondays a month, 6-7 pm via Zoom. If you're interested in



joining, contact Katie at **locworshipmus@gmail.com**. We're working on a mass choir recording for Christmas so come join the fun!

Connect and Converse during Zoom Bible Study

Sundays 6:30-7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Come to explore what God's Word says for life today. Each week we take a portion of Scripture. All are welcome!

In order to get a Zoom link, email Tim Johnson at **tdale57@gmail.com**

You may be as active in the discussion as you like. We all learn a little something from each other as we ponder the power and beauty and truth of God's Word.

Sunday School

Sunday lessons are available on our YouTube channel for the 3-year-olds through 2nd graders. Our 3rd—6th graders are using the Wakelet platform to view their Sunday school lessons. These lessons will be emailed out with the link to participate. You can watch the YouTube lesson when it is most convenient for you throughout the week starting at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. We hope that you will take this opportunity to sit down with your child(ren) and help them to grow in their faith by participating as a family. We want to stay as connected" as possible with your child(ren) and their Light of Christ friends. We will continually work on coming up with ideas for gathering together safely during the colder months. Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to walk with you and your family among uncharted territory. Please email Kim @ locsundayschool19@gmail.com if you would like to sign up.



Sunday School Packet Pick Up

If you have signed up for your monthly Sunday school materials to be picked up at the church, here are the times you will be able to do that. The packets are in a box located near the entrance to the church library.

- **Sunday mornings during worship from 9:30-10:30 am**
- **Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am**
- **Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm**

Please let Kim know if you have any questions locsundayschool19@gmail.com

Masks and T-Shirts for Sale

Staff had extra Light of Christ masks and t-shirts made and they are available for sale on our [online store](#). Masks are \$5 each and shirts are \$10. Shirts are available in youth sizes XS through XL. After you place your order, payment can be made [online](#) or when you pick



up the item/s. The office is open Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30.

Basketball Hoop

The basketball hoop that we have at church is very old and needs an update. If anyone has something they could donate (backboard with a rim and net) or is interested in making a donation, please talk to Kirsten. Our youth will benefit from this even in the winter months, since we're doing so much outdoor ministry lately. Thanks for your support!

Confirmation Continues this Fall

After 4 weeks of great outdoor fellowship and Service Events, small groups have now begun their first learning unit on the "Bible's Big Story". Pastor Bruce and Kirsten will lead a large group time each Wednesday from 6:30-7 pm via Zoom, teaching about important foundational, faith stories. We have 9 small groups total this year and each week, half of our groups will meet at church (following our Covid Preparedness Plan) and the other half will do break-out groups on Zoom and then will alternate each week. We will continue this plan as long as Delano High School is doing school in a hybrid fashion. If the school switches to full distance learning, our Confirmation ministry will follow the same format and meet solely via Zoom. Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this unprecedented time!

HS Fellowship

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us weekly for HS Fellowship at church. We will have a bonfire, s'mores, games and more! Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday, November 4th from 7:30-8:30 pm**. We will continue to gather in person as long as Delano HS is doing the hybrid model. Kirsten also has a Snap Chat group which she uses to update the HS youth. Let her know if you want to be added to this group. Hope you can join us!



How You Spend Your Money Makes a Difference!

Do you drink coffee or tea? Eat chocolate, nuts or dried fruit? Light of Christ high school youth are selling Equal Exchange products, even during COVID. Each purchase supports small farmers around the world as well as our youth right here at LOC! Order through our [online store](#) and have them delivered to your house **FOR FREE** (or to a friend to brighten their day)! You can make a difference with your purchases!



Trunk or Treat

Despite the weather, the Trunk or Treat Family Event ended up being a success! There were a total of 14 trunks that represented a wide variety of themes, including but not limited to: Witches & Spiders, the Cat in the Hat, Delano Tigers, and even Christmas. It was wonderful seeing all the children dressed up in their Halloween costumes and they were greatly rewarded with plenty of candy, including rainbow-colored Skittles from Noah himself. The event was so fun for those who hosted trunks that many of them have already come up with their trunk's theme for next year! A huge thank you goes out to all our amazing volunteers who braved the cold wind and snow to help make this event possible. Thank you especially to Jennifer Grant for not only hosting a trunk and providing the inflatables for the Boo Walk, but also for playing a large role in the planning and recruiting process. Everyone's participation was greatly appreciated and we know that next year's Trunk or Treat event will be even bigger and better!



With joyful hearts, we thank you for hosting the Trunk or Treat event. We had so much fun! Throughout the event, Anna many times said, "This is amazing!" and she was spot on. Each group did an amazing job of decorating and hosting a fun family event even though the day was chilly. Your generosity, fun spiritedness, and kindness is appreciated. In God's abundant peace and joy, *The Krause Family Anna, Lisa and Greg*

