



Worship

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 2021

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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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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

Rescheduled from last week due to cold

Tuesday, February 16 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

Ash Wednesday Is This Week February 17

This year we will celebrate Ash Wednesday virtually. Our Ash Wednesday service will be posted on our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages on February 17th at 8:00 AM. There are options for you to participate in the imposition of ashes at home. Below is a recipe with directions to make your own ashes. If you would prefer "pre-made" ashes, we will have a limited supply available for pick-up at the church on Ash Wednesday, between 7:30 AM and 1:30 PM.



Preparing Ashes for Ash Wednesday

The ashes used on **Ash Wednesday** are made from the **burning** of dried palms.

Step 1

Sift the ashes into a bowl using a fine mesh sieve using the back of a teaspoon to push the ashes through the mesh.

Step 2

Add one or two drops of olive oil to the ashes in the bowl and mix with a teaspoon. Mix the ash and oil until the ash begins to stick together, the mix should have a paste like consistency. Add oil or ash until the mixture is right.

Step 3

Cover the ash and oil paste with plastic wrap until ready to use to prevent anything from falling in and contaminating the mixture.



Local Outreach Impact

As part of our New Day Capital Campaign we decided to designate 10% of the money we raised to be used for outreach and mission. As

a part of that initiative, the Church Council decided in November to donate \$7500 to the Delano School District to be given out to families in need of assistance with food, clothing, shelter, and medicine. The money is being disbursed at the discretion of the school social workers. We were therefore delighted to receive the following thank you note.

Dear Light of Christ staff,

I wanted to share something with you that you can pass along to your congregation. My sister recently moved to Delano after going through some very difficult family struggles. It has been very hard on her but I've been so proud of how hard she has worked for her family and how far she has come from even a year ago. However, it has not been easy and today, she was so incredibly moved by an impromptu set of gift cards and handwritten note that she received from Delano schools and Light of Christ. I cannot tell you how much that meant to her – especially the words of encouragement. She has the support of her family but today she was reminded that she has a village too. I know churches don't always hear how the Holy Spirit is working (even though we know that it is) but sometimes it's nice to know that being the hands and feet of Jesus really, really was what one person needed. Thank you for lifting her up!

Communion Cups Available for Online Worship

Pre-packaged bags of individual, disposable communion cups are available for pick-up at the church and will be located on a table in the library on Wednesday mornings during regular office hours (**typically 9:15-11:30 AM**). For anyone who is homebound and would like to have the pre-packaged communion cups, please email Jinnelle.Weis@locdelano.com and we will make arrangements to deliver a supply to you.



Caring Corner

(by Sue Fink with LOC Healing and Wholeness Ministry)



This Valentine's Day marks the start of "Random Acts of Kindness Week."

How appropriate - the holiday of LOVE reminding us that Kindness radiates LOVE, *Christ's love through us*.

During this pandemic and with spending so much time at home surrounded (and sometimes, overwhelmed) by family, it's easy to get caught up in grouchiness, impatience and negativity.

Let's make an effort to start at home with random acts of kindness. Show your parents, spouses and kids how much you love and appreciate them. Just small things like a smile, a gentle touch, words of praise and encouragement can make their day. And it never hurts to apologize when we've hurt egos or feelings.

Then, also think about elderly relatives, neighbors and church members who may be feeling so isolated and lonely. Offer to shop, shovel, pick up mail. Give them a call or send a card or flowers, make some cookies.

There are always suggestions out in the community, such as paying it forward at a drive-through, sharing a kind word or smile, opening a door for someone, being a patient driver.

But also remember to be kind and loving to yourself. You are doing the best you can and God has you exactly where you're supposed to be right now. We can always strive to better ourselves with God's help.

These words of the Apostle Paul are a timely reminder:

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Light of Christ Council & Committee Opportunities

The new church year for 2021 is just beginning, holding grand expectations for a time when we can again be together in person to live out our ministry and programs with great enthusiasm! Do not miss being a “hands-on” contributor to all that Light of Christ has to offer to our congregation and our community.

There are many open opportunities for service as a member of Church Council or one of the many active Light of Christ Committees. Your involvement will be a blessing to so many as you also reap the benefits of new perspectives, new friendships, and closer relationships within your church family.

Please consider sharing your time and talents by joining with fellow congregation members currently serving on Church Council or Committee. Wherever your passions lead you, there is an opportunity to serve! The greatest immediate needs for additional participation are on Church Council, Evangelism Mission Committee, Healing & Wholeness Committee, Small Group Ministries, Stewardship Committee and Worship & Music Committee.

Please contact Jinnelle Weis by email at Jinnelle.Weis@locdelano.com or by phone at 952-250-5527 to volunteer your services or to request additional information regarding any Light of Christ volunteer opportunity.

Thank you for your service!



Shared Leadership Orientation Meeting

The 2021 all Council and Committee Orientation Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd beginning at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom and all Light of Christ Committee and Council members are encouraged to attend.

This meeting provides an opportunity to welcome new members to Council and Light of Christ Committees and to spend a little time getting to know each other. The agenda will focus on the respective roles of Light of Christ leadership, congregation, and staff. Best practices will be shared as we work together to focus on priorities for the coming year!

Additionally, there will be an opportunity for Zoom breakout groups if committees choose to conduct their regular monthly meeting immediately following the joint session.

A Zoom link, agenda and meeting handouts will be sent via email prior to March 2nd – watch for this additional information and add this get together to your calendar!



Connect and Converse during Zoom Bible Study

Sundays 5:00-6:00 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.

2020 Contributor Statements

Your contributor statements are now available to print at your own convenience from the Light of Christ online member portal (click on **Member Portal** icon on the **church website**). Due to this electronic conversion, we will not be mailing out statements. If you have any questions, or do not have internet access, please contact the church office.



Lent Bags

The Lent Season officially starts this Wednesday, February 17th. We are disappointed that we cannot have our annual Lent Family Event at church this year, but are happy to provide Lent Bags to 27 of our Light of Christ families, including 54 children. For the families who signed up to receive a Lent Bag, you can pick them up in the church's library by the front office on Tuesday, February 16th between 4:00-5:30 pm. All of our families continue to be in our prayers during this holy season.



Youth Room Remodel Task Force

After receiving a generous gift from a family at Light of Christ, a great team of people has been assembled to work on the project of remodeling the Youth Room. The team has met 3 times and is already making great progress! Members of the team include Catherine Borman, Jenna Bunker, Scott Dallmann, Brandt Dinger, Brenna Durick, Jennifer Grant (Chair), Kirsten Kelly, Pastor Bruce Kuenzel, Gary Prinsen and Kim Wortz. We welcome input from the congregation about this project and encourage you to reach out to anyone on the team with any questions or feedback. We expect that construction will begin later this spring and be completed by early September. We are thankful to have 2 high school youth on this team but would welcome 1-2 male high school youth to participate as well. Please contact Kirsten if you are interested! We will continue to keep you updated on progress as things move along. Thanks for your support!



Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

- 2/21- Jesus turns water into wine
- 2/28- Jesus feeds 5,000

Sunday School

Our LOC kids have been enjoying their online Sunday School lessons via YouTube and Wakelet. Please share the links with friends, neighbors, grandchildren, or contact Kim @ Kim.Wortz@locdelano.com to be added to the SS emails. Let us help spread God's love to all the children, especially during this time when they need to feel it the most.



Sunday School Packet Pick Up

SS materials are ready for the month of February. You can pick them up Monday-Thursday, 8:30-1:30 pm. If these times don't work for you, please contact Kim @ Kim.Wortz@locdelano.com to set up a different time.



Do You Enjoy Spreading God's Love to Children?

We are looking for help with worship Children's messages. It's only a short 5-minute video lesson that can make a big impact to our LOC children. Please contact Kirsten, Kim, or Catherine if you're interested.



HS Mission Trip

Registration has begun for our summer 2021 HS Mission Trip to Denver, CO through **Service Learning Camps**.

Assuming it is safe to travel, the trip will take place July 10-17 and we plan to fly. Registration is open to youth currently in grades 9-12 through March 3 and then if there are spaces remaining after that point, we may open registration up to current 8th grade LOC youth and possibly other friends. Registration and more info can be found online [through this link](#). We currently have 9 youth registered and there are 20 total youth spaces. Please contact Kirsten with any question and sign up soon!

Annual Youth Fundraiser – Save the Date!

Since we cannot safely have our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser, this year we are being creative and are having a different sort of event. We hope you'll join us on Sunday, March 21 from 7:30-8:30 pm (or 9 ☺) for an online fundraiser and fellowship! The event will include great entertainment (by the youth and Marcus Hanson), youth mission trip "testimonies," as well as some delicious eats and drinks (delivered to your door by our youth). Money raised will help support youth going on the HS Mission Trip (those who still need to raise funds) and the Youth Room remodel project. More info will be coming soon, but save the date and get ready for a fun night with your Light of Christ family!

Upcoming Confirmation Schedule (all taking place via Zoom):

February 17 (Ash Wednesday) – Unit 3, lesson 5 (The Resurrection of Jesus), 6:30-8:00 pm



Bible Camp Information for Summer 2021

Summer Bible Camp registration is open and we wanted to share info with you about our plans for Summer 2021. One major change for this summer is that our church staff is not able to attend camp with our kids due to Covid restrictions set at the camps. We will miss this time with the kids dearly and we realize this may change whether you are comfortable sending your kids to camp or not. We still encourage camp attendance, but we will also be providing other opportunities for Light of Christ kids/youth where our staff can connect with kids. Plans are being made and we will share more info with you soon about these opportunities.

We do have some spaces reserved for LOC youth this summer at Lake Wapogasset but due to Covid restrictions, our numbers were significantly reduced. We encourage families to sign up during our designated week, if possible. However, youth are welcome and encouraged to register to attend Bible camp at any time that it works for them (and with those they would like to attend). Since we are unable to attend with the kids, we will not have a “designated” LOC week at Green Lake Bible Camp (GLBC) this summer. Again, this summer, we will offer scholarships to any youth who attends Bible camp. \$100 will be given to those who attend week-long camp and \$50 for those who attend an “abbreviated” camp.

Here is some specific info about each camp. Please contact our staff with any questions you have:

Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (<https://lakewapo.org/>)

- ✦ Online registration opened **February 1** to church “blocks” (see LOC reservations below – use this link to register: <http://lwlbc.com/loc>)
- ✦ Online registration opens to the public beginning March 1st (and reserved church spaces are released – all can register online on a first come, first served basis)
- ✦ Light of Christ reservations:
 - **June 27-July 2**
 - ◇ 5 spaces reserved at Ox Lake Youth (completed grades 7-8)
 - ◇ 6 spaces reserved for Wapo Youth (completed grades 4-8)
 - ◇ HS youth are welcome to register for Servant Leadership Camp (at Wapo) or HS Summer Camp (at Ox Lake) during any week of the summer.
 - **July 21-23 (Wed-Fri)**
 - ◇ 7 spaces reserved for Wapo SEEDS (completed grades 1-3)



Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

(<https://www.gllm.org/>)

- ✦ We did not reserve any spots specifically for LOC this summer. Youth are welcome to register for any week that works for them.
- ✦ Online registration opened to all beginning **January 25th**.
- ✦ If you register **before March 1st**, you will receive a \$40 discount per registration.