

The Beacon

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

August 8, 2022

### Worship

- In-person worship— 9:00 am Sundays
- Online worship continues, and will be posted on the <u>church</u> <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u> page



### **Church Council 2022**

Mike Boyack Tim Current Steven Dickey Carmen Hanson Jennifer Hinker Jon Holzer Derek Horeis Lisa Spencer Natasha Werner Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

#### 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

#### Contact us!

Light of Christ Lutheran 3976 County Line Road SE Delano, MN 55328 (763) 972-2400



LightOfChristLutheran.com Terri.Reuter@locdelano.com



# Free Fresh Produce and Dairy Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

### 4:00-5:00 pm

NourishingHOPE 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 Delano

Light of Christ Lutheran Church 3976 County Line Road SE Delano, MN 55328

#### Corcoran, MN 55340 Rockford

Our Father's Lutheran 3903 Gilbert Ave SE Rockford, MN 55373

#### 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

These boxes of produce and dairy are for anyone and everyone! You, a neighbor, someone in the community. No qualifications. No questions. No cost.

### **Monthly Food Distribution**

The next scheduled distribution and need for volunteers is for **Monday, August 8**. Sign-up links for both volunteer opportunities are below:

11:00 am at Our Father's for packing boxes (register at this link: (<u>https://</u> <u>www.signupgenius.com/</u> <u>go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food</u>)



**3:30 pm here at LOC** for distribution of the boxes (register at this link: (<u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1</u>)

# OUTREACH

### **KIDS HOPE USA**

Thank you to all of those who have signed up to become a mentor for Kids Hope at Light of Christ. Your service is so needed and will be a joy as you see the difference it makes in a young child's life. We hope there will be other Light of Christ members who will hear the calling and join our team. We are also looking for a prayer partner for each child the mentor works with. If you want more information about volunteering with our Kids Hope program which will be starting in late September, contact Lisa Spencer or Lona Jose, check out the table in the narthex or visit the **Kids Hope USA website** to learn more about this amazing



service to young children. Your commitment will be meeting with one elementary child for only one hour/week during the school year. Please consider joining our team. We'll make it work into your busy schedule. Thanks!!

### Caring Corner

(for the month of August from Julie Wischmann of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)



It's hard to believe that August is upon us and it's time to start thinking about going "Back to School." This time of year can be difficult for students and parents alike.

There are many resources available to ease fears and anxieties. Below is a link to the many offerings that NAMI has to offer.

#### NAMI Shares Fall 2022 Back-to-School Resources

It's back to school time, and to help teachers, parents and students prepare and prioritize youth mental health, we have a suite of resources to share.

https://www.nami.org/About-NAMI/NAMI-News/2022/NAMI-Shares-Fall-2022-Back-to-School-Resources

### Share your talents!

Volunteering is not only a great way to put your faith into action, but also an important way that you help make our ministry happen at Light of Christ. As you might imagine, there are many ways to serve. Just a few include helping worship and fellowship to be a blessing to people's lives.

Ushers. Greeters. Prepping Sunday coffee...purchasing/bringing treats. Helping to run the soundboard or online streaming. Altar Guild. Communion assistants. Readers/ lectors. Special music. Praise band. Choir.



Training is available for each of these. Links to sign up are in Sunday bulletins, on the website and often in the weekly Beacon newsletter (see below). Or for more information, reach out to Tim Johnson: <u>Tim.Johnson@LOCDelano.com</u>. Thanks for all you do!

Ushers: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-spring1 Greeters: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-sunday2 Hospitality: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-sunday1 Soundboard: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-outdoor1 Communion Asst.: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-light Lectors: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-light



**Low commitment volunteer opportunity** – help is needed to keep the oil filled in the sanctuary candles as levels get low. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Linda Rosaaen at 763-478-6298.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **Columbarium Update**

Work on the Columbarium and Memorial Garden is underway! Soil prep is complete, footings have been poured and the foundations have been installed. We are anticipating delivery and installation of the columbarium units early in the week of August 15<sup>th</sup>, and masonry work will follow shortly after that. We anticipate landscaping in September. We are looking forward to an installation service of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden yet this fall.

The landscape and memorial garden area surrounding the columbarium will include beautiful trees, shrubs and perennial flowers. Additionally, there will be benches and a bubbling boulder water feature. There will be opportunities to purchase an item in the memorial garden to honor/memorialize your loved one. This will include a small plaque/marker where you can include their name. Columbarium Committee members will be available after services beginning August 21 to display the plans and answer your questions. You will also be able to purchase your memorial at that time.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the committee members, Pr. Bruce, or Terri in the office. Committee members include Ann Bassett, Sharon McKisson, Sharon Sebelien, Bob Slipka, Jon Holzer, Amy Bigot and Pr. Bruce.

Thank you! We are grateful for your support of this project.





Join us for outdoor worship on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs! Hope to see you there!

# Table Talk Summary



A number of Table Talks were held in the

spring at Light of Christ. These were designed as an outreach to all members, recognizing that the past couple of years have been a challenge and that many aren't as connected as they might like to have been. Many different days and times were offered to the congregation. Checking in with one another, sharing some thoughts and experiences, and dreaming a bit about future steps as a congregation were all a part of meaningful conversation.

<u>Click here</u> to go to a summary containing some insights and reflections.



**Do you like to paint?** It has been numerous years since our Sunday school rooms have been painted, and it shows! They are in desperate need of a paint job to brighten the rooms

and create a welcoming space as our children return for Sunday
school, Spark, Club 5-6, Confirmation. The Property Team has agreed to supply the paint and supplies – we just need painters.

How about you? We have set the **week of August 15** as the week we will have supplies out and ready. The 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> will be room prep (taping, spackling, etc.). Then painting as people are available the 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. While all the Sunday school rooms need paint, we especially need to have 2 rooms painted. Follow the link below to sign up to help. Thanks in advance – you're amazing!



# **CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS**



**MEGA Sports Camp was a great success last week!!** We had 50 youth from the ages of 3 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade participate in MEGA Sports Camp, offering 4 different sports

they could participate in, and we couldn't have done it without the help of all these fabulous volunteers. Thank you to the older youth at Light of Christ who volunteered their time to help teach the younger youth sports, the parents who volunteered throughout the week, as well as a big *Thank You* to those who donated supplies and snacks! We are very blessed and grateful for all your support of the youth program activities. **THANK YOU ALL!!** 

Christy Beck; Lesley, Nora, & TJ Berscheid; Owen Borman; Cora & Rachel Boyack; Jen Burbach; Bella, Eva, & Natalie Dinger; LaDonna Ekern; Weston Gabrick; Sarah Gierke; Katie Henson; Cece & Laura Jaunich; Ashley & Luke Jeseritz; Alex Kelly; Aniston, Avery, & Emery Klaphake; Kim, Nathan, & Maddie Knisley; Katie Kohler; Pastor Bruce Kuenzel; Carter, Stephanie, & Susie Larison; Marcie & Paul Ludwig; Gage & Tara Olson; Jake & Liam Olson; MJ Pearson; Syd Pink; Caleb, Everley, Jeremy, & Lori Prickett; Ashley Savage; Brynn Spanier; Crystal & Olivia Stahlke; Halle & Megan Stegemann; Andelyn & Anna Streich; Aidan Thompson; Anna & Ryan Tool; Ava & Mya Werner; Kim Wortz.

### **ROOM ALERT!!!**

**Room 110 is full of items waiting for you to claim as treasures.** No-longer-needed-items from various storage areas have made their way to Room 110. Please stop and take a look. If there are any items you could use, please feel free to take. Anything left in the room on September 1<sup>st</sup> will be donated or disposed of.





# Youth Summer Activity Nights

- One last night! TONIGHT, August 8<sup>th</sup>
- ◊ 7:00-8:30pm
- No cost or need to RSVP
- Join us for a variety of activities such as spike ball, sand volleyball, bean bags, gaga ball and more!
- Open to youth who have completed grades 6-12— friends welcome!
- Snack and drinks will be provided please bring your own water bottle.



