



Worship

- In-person worship—
9:00 am Sundays
- Online worship
continues, and will be
posted on the [church
website](#) and [Facebook](#)
page



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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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Congregational Meeting



Congregational Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29 at 10:30 am

Belize Fundraiser March 5, 2023

-Auction = 3-5 pm

(begins online at 10 am)

-Spaghetti Dinner = 5-7 pm

(tickets go on sale beginning 1/29)

-Live Dessert Auction = 6:30 pm



Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)

As the New Year begins, your Healing and Wholeness Ministry is planning afresh to bring more education, support and resources for mental health to our congregation through our faith and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Several folks who have a heart for this ministry and/or work in mental health careers are needed to help us grow to meet the needs of our Light of Christ family. We are also on the search for a person or persons to start up a fellowship and fun group for our senior members. Please contact Terri in the church office if you can serve in either endeavor or have questions for Sue Fink, the chairperson. Many hands are needed to do God's work!



This past Friday we published another monthly article in the Delano Herald Journal entitled "Positivity for Mental Wellness." You can find it on the LOC website under [Support/Mental Health/Education](#). Check it out!

As we continue our 31 Days 2 Pray 4 Families with Mental Illness we thank you for taking a moment each day to lift up to God the prayer emailed to each member. This is week #3 and the author, Catherine P. Downing's prayer principals continue below.

"Because God invites us to ask, seek and knock (Matthew 7:7), I keep asking, seeking and knocking. I ask for direction on how to help our son. I seek after his healing and wholeness. I knock, expecting mercy to answer. As I pray I am mindful that I implore neither a stingy, grace-hoarding deity nor an impotent wannabe god. Instead, I come as one welcomed into the throne room of the Most High God, at the invitation of his generous Spirit, through the door opened by his Son.

Prayer, I have experienced, is an invitation to worshipful confidence.

Also, because my own sins and limitations impede my life every bit as much as mental illness disrupts our son's, I pray for forgiveness and transformation. I see how our son is unaware of the ways mental illness clouds his judgment and blocks his opportunities, so I ask God to reveal my own blind spots.

Prayer, I have begun to understand, is a sacrifice of sincere humility."

January Fifth Sunday Offering

Our January Fifth Sunday offering will be sent to **Agate Housing & Services** in Minneapolis. This was previously **St. Stephen's** prior to consolidating in 2021 with **House of Charter** also in Minneapolis. Both organizations began in the 1950s-1960s. Their goal is to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness in achieving permanent, affordable housing as well as many other services including ending hunger with the help of free public meals, free showers, employment outreach and assisting in obtaining birth certificates/ID supports if needed. Their goals are to help people live with more hope ahead. In 2021 alone this organization served 70,465 meals, provided 50,000 nights of service, 462 emergency shelters, provided street outreach to 3600 people and provided 676 birth certificates. They also assist with mental health and addiction recovery, veteran support and many other support services. **WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!** Donate money now by going to our *Give* page and clicking on the [Fifth Sunday Agate link](#) to contribute to their much-needed services. We are also collecting much needed items for them in January including men's winter coats (large or X large), all sizes of gloves, hand warmers and twin- and full-size bed sheets. Please leave them in the designated church pew.



Thank you for your generosity!

Shared Ministry

It takes all of us finding special places to offer our time, our talents and passions. God's given each of us important and essential contributions to offer. A new year can be a great time to make a new commitment, to plug in, to get connected in a new way, to take a step of faith.

Ministry Teams and Committees are small groups of folks like yourself who want to help make a difference. No experience? No problem! We all help each other as we go. New and fresh eyes and ideas are sometimes the most needed thing. So, don't let inexperience hold you back. Plus, teams and committees are a wonderful way to get to know others, to better understand how God's church works, and to experience your faith come alive in a new way.

At our Congregational Annual Meeting on January 29, we will refresh and renew our connections and commitments through these teams and committees.

As you might know, there are a number of ministry "tasks" which these teams help to oversee. But it certainly doesn't mean these teams/committees do all the doing. It's a mix. Here are the various teams and committees:

Worship & Music	Healing & Wholeness
Youth & Family	Personnel
Children & Family	Stewardship
Finance	Technology
Property	Mission
Community Life	Endowment
Hospitality & Inviting (<i>soon to be forming</i>)	
Library	

If you'd like more information on any of them, please reach out to Tim Johnson. If you'd like information on some of the many ministry tasks there are to do, check out our new online Time and Talent sheet.

<https://www.lightofchristlutheran.com/serve/time-and-talents>



Watch for Tax Forms!

With our updated church management software, we have the capability to easily email out your contribution statements for 2022. Watch for an email in the coming



Annual
Giving
Statements

weeks with your giving statement attached. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Terri in the church office (terri.reuter@locdelano.com or 763-972-2400)

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 below, as well as on the website and often in the Sunday bulletin. Or for more information, reach out to Tim Johnson at Tim.Johnson@locdelano.com. Thanks for all you do!



- **Ushers:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-spring1>
- **Greeters:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-sunday2>
- **Altar Guild:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-altar>
- **Soundboard:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-outdoor1>
- **Communion Asst.:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-light>
- **Lectors:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-lectors>



Upcoming Belize Adult Meeting



Monday, January 30th at 6 pm in the Living Room - meeting for all Belize adult participants and leaders.

High School Fellowship

Join us for nights of fellowship, friends, faith, food and FUN! Here is our upcoming schedule (Wednesdays from 7:30-8:45 at LOC):

- **Wednesday, January 18** = Speaker from [Rivers of Hope](#)
- **Wednesday, January 25** = Game Night with McDonald's Fries for snack (requested by the youth)

Family Matters Speaker

When: Wednesday, January 18th

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Who: *All are welcome* but Confirmation youth & parent/s are expected to attend

What: Interactive speaker from Rivers of Hope on Healthy Relationships—appropriate for parents of kids, upper elementary and older

Find more information on their website: <https://riversofhope.org/>



24/7 crisis line: 763-295-3433



Coming on February 4th (4-9 pm)

An event at Light of Christ for girls in grades 7-12! Save the date and watch for more info soon!

It's Time to Sign Up for Bible Camp!

- **Wapo One-Day (Grades K-2) – June 25**
A one-day introduction to camp that will feature fun activities of Camp Wapo in a single full day of energy and excitement!
- **Wapo Youth Camp (Grades 4-9) June 25-30, Aug. 13-19**
An action-packed week of fun activities and new friendships that will stretch campers to new heights of joy and growth.
- **Seeds Summer Camp (Grades 1-3) – June 23-25**
The perfect introduction to summer camp for our youngest campers, Seeds Camp is filled with fun and safe opportunities to learn and grow.

The above dates are times when Light of Christ has reserved spots – **registration is Jan.15-Feb 15**. LOC offers \$100 toward students going for the week, \$50 for those who do the weekend, and the one-day is free. This is possible due to the camp scholarship fund. Sponsor a child, the benefits last a lifetime!

