



## Worship

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



## Church Council 2022

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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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# THANKYOU!

## Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Our church is a place of great blessing because of you! To make the church alive in faith, hope and love, it takes so many who play so many roles. At this juncture of our Annual Meeting, we want to say THANK YOU! To all of our leaders, our team and committee members, our helpers, our volunteers, to those of you out front and behind the scenes, to those of you who pray for Light of Christ, to those of you who love this place and help make us a family of faith that connects each of us more deeply with God and with one another, THANK YOU!! We are who we are because of your service and great love!

Friends-4-A-Cause and the CFM team would like to thank all of the Light of Christ members for their support with Christmas-4-A-Cause. With your generosity, we were able to help over 300 individuals this holiday season in Delano and Wright County. Friends-4-A-Cause also helps the community year round with birthday bags for the food shelf, birthday treats at school, and many other ways in the community. Please continue to pray for this wonderful non-profit and the work they do year round.

God Bless, *Kim Wortz and the CFM team*

Dear Pastor Bruce & Kirsten,

I hope you are enjoying this holiday season! I wanted to thank you for meeting back in September and for your continued partnership with Rivers of Hope. In 2022 we served over 1000 adults and youth experiencing some form of domestic violence. We cannot do this work alone and appreciate your support.

If you or anyone else from Light of Christ have any questions or would like to learn more about Rivers of Hope, please don't hesitate to reach out. We appreciate you and all you do for Rivers of Hope and the community.

*Hannah-Ruth Patterson—Rivers of Hope*

Dear Quilters Group,

A huge thank you for your generous donation of quilts. They are received with great joy by the children in our program. Your work is beautiful and your generosity to our program is greatly appreciated! Thank you for providing warm snuggles, in quilt form, for our kids.

God's Blessings to you all,

*Tracey Swanson*

*Foster Care Program Director—Village Ranch*



## January Is National Mentor Month

Light of Christ is privileged to participate in the Kids Hope USA mentoring program with Delano Elementary for our first year. This program teams one church with one school and provides guidance to mentors who work with one child, one hour/ week developing a special needed relationship. LOC has ten mentors who volunteer their time and are doing an amazing job with their student partners. Please join us in recognizing and thanking these ten special people for all they are doing: JoMarie Williamson, Kirsten Kelly, LaDonna Ekern, Jinnelle Weis, Mary Ann McKay, Deb Schantzen, Lisa Hemmer, Maxine Johnson, Lisa Spencer and soon Stan Droneck will be joining this amazing group as well. Thank you also to the prayer partners who team with mentors to pray for them and their student and families.

## January Fifth Sunday Offering

Our January Fifth Sunday offering will be sent to **Agate Housing & Services** in Minneapolis. Their goal is to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness in achieving permanent, affordable housing as well as many other services. They also assist with mental health and addiction recovery, veteran support and many other support services. **WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!** Donate money before February 5 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!**



## Monthly Food Distribution

Our food distribution ministry, Nourishing Hope, needs volunteers for **Monday, February 13**. We have two time slots:

- **11:00 am** when we pack hundreds of boxes of food over at Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- **3:30 pm** when we distribute about 75 boxes of food right here in our church parking lot. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)

Or speak with Tim Johnson (952-472-1755)...Thank you!





## *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*

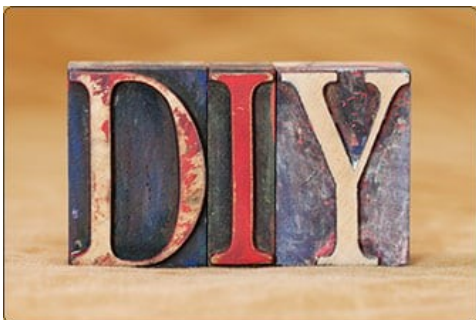


## **Auction Donations Needed!**

We'd love your help to make our fundraiser on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> a HUGE success! One way you can do that is by thinking of items for auction donations. We encourage you to be creative and think outside the box... maybe you have a cabin or are willing to host a boat/dinner cruise? Do you have sporting tickets that you're willing to donate? Maybe you have a business or make awesome items that could be a great addition to our event... or maybe you have some things at home that have great value that you don't want or need any longer. This isn't a garage sale, but often there are items in our own homes that are new or *gently* used that would be great for our event! If you have questions, please contact Kirsten Kelly, Jennifer Slipka or Lesley Berscheid. **Donations are due by Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Thank you SO MUCH for your support!

## **Sisters of LOC February Event**

Please join the Sisters of LOC for a night of custom candle making and fellowship on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Living Room (youth room). The cost is \$30 per candle and can be paid for by check to Kelly Harstad or venmo @Kelly-Harstad. You may choose your own scent and customize your candle label. Refreshments will be provided. We hope you can make it! Sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4AA5A62CA64-candle>



## **New Invitation Team Forming!**

How can we best let our neighbors and our Delano community know about Light of Christ? What about the many new families moving into the area? What are creative and helpful ways to extend an invitation?

Are there ways to improve our hospitality and welcome? How can we be sure that we're caring for those who visit? For all who come to our church for a place to belong, to worship, to learn?

A new Invitation Team is forming! Might you be interested in being a part of this new effort? Think publicity, outreach, welcome/hospitality, connecting people, and the like.

If you're interested in more information, reach out to Tim Johnson at [tim.johnson@locdelano.com](mailto:tim.johnson@locdelano.com). There will be an information meeting coming soon!

## CHURCH NEWS



Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship on February 22nd. The service begins at 7 PM and will be held in-person and live-streamed. There are options for you to participate in the imposition of ashes at home. 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. We will also hold weekly Wednesday services beginning on March 1st. These services begin at 7 PM and incorporate the Holden Evening Prayer service. They will continue through the season of Lent.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

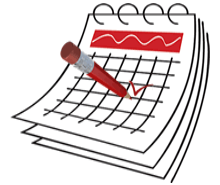


Tubing fun!!! 1/22/23



Confirmation youth had a great afternoon of snow tubing at Elm Creek last Sunday and then out to dinner. Thanks to Jill Johnson & Pastor Bruce for leading the event and all of the parents who drove!

### Upcoming Belize Adult Meeting



Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 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):

- 2/1—Trivia Night
- 2/8—Karaoke Night
- 2/15—Spaghetti Dinner Placemats





# Ladies Of Light of Christ

We invite all girls in grades 7-12 to a special event at Light of Christ on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-9 pm! This event is being planned by 3 senior girls at LOC – McKenna Allen, Kaitlyn Malo and Ava Reiersen. The night will be casual and fun – including some games, crafts, time to hang out and connect and lots of great food! Here are the details:

- **When:** Friday, February 3, 5-9 pm
- **Where:** Light of Christ
- **Who:** Girls in grades 7-12
- **What:** A great night of fellowship and fun!
- **Cost:** 2 food shelf items & \$15 – includes food and a shirt
- **RSVP:** By Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at [this link](#)



Contact Kirsten with any questions... we hope you'll invite a friend and join us for the first "Ladies of Light" event!



## Camp Wapo

### It's Time to Sign Up for Bible Camp!

***Light of Christ spots reserved for dates listed until February 15***

Congregation Registration Link: <http://lwlbc.com/loc-delano>

#### **CHILDREN Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

WAPO 1 DAY: K – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup> Registration paid by LOC

#### **CHILDREN Grades 1-3**

WAPO SEEDS: Grades 1-3 June 23-25 LOC provides \$50

#### **CHILDREN 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

WAPO YOUTH: June 25-30, Aug 13-19 LOC provides \$100

#### **GRANDPARENTS/GRANDKIDS**

Grandparent Camp: July 18-21

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP WAPO**

<https://lakewapo.org>