



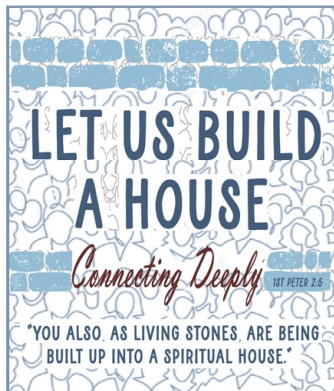
Worship

- In-person worship—
9:00 am Sundays
- Online worship
continues, and is live-
streamed to our
[YouTube](#) and
[Facebook](#) pages



Church Council 2023

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Light of Christ to participate in 15th Annual Give to the Max Day on November 16th

Light of Christ is proud to participate in the 15th annual Give to the Max Day on Thursday, Nov. 16. Give to the Max is a statewide grassroots giving event that raises tens of millions of dollars each year for more than 6,000 causes across Minnesota and beyond. Considered Minnesota's holiday for generosity, donors have given more than \$290 million to more than 10,000 organizations since the inaugural Give to the Max Day in 2009.

To participate in Give to the Max, donors may visit [GiveMN.org](#) and search for the causes they care about most by name, keyword, ZIP code or related keywords. Give to the Max's Early Giving period continues through Give to the Max Day on Nov. 16, with random drawings throughout for more than \$100,000 in prize grants for Minnesota organizations.

Additionally, each donation through GiveMN.org qualifies Light of Christ for additional prize grants, thanks to the continued generosity of the Bush Foundation. Through this year's campaign, GiveMN will award:

- \$500 Early Giving Golden Tickets daily through Nov. 15
- \$500 Golden Ticket prizes every 15 minutes on Nov. 16
- \$1,000 Hourly Golden Ticket prizes hourly on Nov. 16
- \$6,000 Power Hours, shared among the top three organizations based on amount raised between 10:00–10:59 a.m. and 10:00–10:59 p.m. on Nov. 16
- The grand prize of Give to the Max Day, a \$10,000 Super-Sized Golden Ticket, drawn from all gifts made from Nov. 1-16

***You can always give directly to Light of Christ through our
[online giving page](#) or by check. **Give to the Max!*****



NourishingHOPE

Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, November 13th
4:00 pm—until gone

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
Corcoran, MN 55340

Rockford

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

Delano

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

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

Food Distribution—Monday, November 13th

What should I do? How do I live out my faith? What difference am I to make? All great questions. **We wonder**, how do I make my mark? How can I translate my beliefs into meaningful action? What is to really matter for me?

People have been asking these questions for eons. The Bible speaks of those who were listening to Jesus teach: "And the crowds asked him, 'What then shall we do?' And he answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.'"

Luke 3:10-11

One practical way we seek to "do likewise" here at Light of Christ is through our monthly food distribution to neighbors in need. Each second Monday there are two opportunities to serve. At 10:00 am at Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford, where we pack hundreds of boxes of various food items for distribution later in the day at our five partner churches. And then at 3:30 pm that same day here at Light of Christ where we then distribute almost 100 boxes to those who come. You don't need previous experience, and you are left with a sense with which you are making your mark, translating your faith into action, and doing what really matters.

Sign-ups for Monday, November 13th are below:

- [Click here](#) for the morning shift in Rockford
- [Click here](#) for the afternoon shift in the church parking lot



Ready For a Mission Trip?

Whether our thrift store visitors are shoppers, families connected with us, or individuals seeking help--all are valued and loved by God. You can be on a mission trip here in our communities through our Love INC Heartland Thrift Stores. Join our thrift store crew today: bit.ly/loveincvolunteer

Stock The Christmas Store - Love INC Heartland



Health issues, job loss, and single parenting can prevent our families from being able to embrace Christmas. Our partnership with West-Pointe provides a worry-free way for families to pick and wrap Christmas gifts. Help stock the Christmas Store--we especially need gifts for teenagers. View ideas here: bit.ly/christmasstore23 Drop off donations on Friday, December 8, at WestPointe Church in Delano from 10am-4pm. Questions? Contact help@loveincheartland.org or call 763-972-6547.

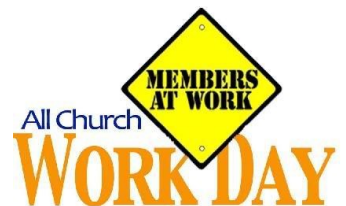


The Adult Mission Trip to Belize is Feb. 24-March 2, 2024. Let Pastor Bruce know by the **evening of Tuesday, November 14th** if you want to

go. We need to secure our airline tickets and start planning.

Fall Clean-up Day

Many hands make light work! Please join the Property Committee on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9:00am-noon for a fall clean-up day here at church. Areas of focus will be the sanctuary and fellowship hall, and doing some wiping down of pews, dusting, and washing windows. Juice and donuts will be provided!



New Members/Partners Received on Nov. 19th

We will be receiving new members/partners next Sunday, Nov. 19th during worship. If you'd like to join Light of Christ at this time, please contact the church office **no later than Monday, Nov. 13th**.



Pancake Breakfast—Nov. 19th

There will be a pancake breakfast served by the Community Life Committee following worship to welcome our newest members. Please join us!

Dad's Night Out

Calling all dads -- young dads, old dads, in-between dads, granddads, gonna-be dads, and any other dads. Pastor Bruce is starting a small group for dads of every kind. The goal of the group is to connect more deeply with Christ and with one another. We will meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:45 - 8:45 PM at the Brickside Grill. Our next gathering is this **Tuesday, November 14th**. No need to register. Simply come as you are. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Pastor Bruce.



Tough Questions for 21st Century Christians

Pastor Bruce will be leading a Bible study on the tough questions that we face as 21st century Christians today. We will take up questions like these: where is God when innocent people suffer and even die? How do I believe in both the biblical accounts of creation and the scientific evidence for evolution? Did Christ die to save all people --across the continents and across the centuries-- or only some people? Did God really create more than one race-- the human race? What kind of marriages does God bless?

We will meet on the **first and third Tuesdays** of the month in the Living Room from 7:45 - 8:45 pm. There is no need to register ahead of time. Just come as you are. There will be time for checking in, praying, conversation, and a biblical/theological presentation by Pastor Bruce. The presentation will be recorded and posted on the Light of Christ website for those who can't participate in person. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Bruce with any questions you may have.



Please join Sisters of LOC for a Christmas craft night Tuesday, Nov. 28th at 6:30 pm at Lupine Brewery. Use the QR code below to sign up and pick one of four craft options.

2024 Pledges & Online Giving

If you need to change your automatic contribution amount due to your 2024 pledge, please log in to your [MyVan-co account](#) or contact Terri in the church office to make the change. Your pledge card does not authorize the church to make these changes.

You might find it helpful to [watch this video](#), which will walk you through the steps to cancel your current transaction and then create a new transaction. Please contact Terri in the church office if you have any questions.

You are encouraged to still make your 2024 pledge if you haven't already done so. Pledge cards can be found at the usher station or in the church office.



2024 Offering Envelopes



If you requested preprinted 2024 offering envelopes, (or did not opt out) they are now available to be picked up in the narthex.

Carols & Sips

Mark your calendars for this fun Holiday night with other LOC members. Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 5pm, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a night of singing Christmas carols, fellowship, dinner and drinks. We're still working out details on the dinner but it will be approximately \$25 per person payable the night of the event. It will include, dinner, drinks, and dessert. Wear your fun Christmas colors and join us for a night together celebrating the birth of our Savior. **Please RSVP to Jennifer Grant 612.226.8181 or Carrie Klinkner 763.458.3338 by Nov. 27th**. Please include drink preference, alcoholic (wine or beer) or non-alcoholic drink, and if you have special dietary requirements.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

10th Grader/Mentor Wrap-up Meeting

- ⇒ **Who:** 10th grade youth, Mentors and at least 1 parent
- ⇒ **When:** Wednesday, November 15
- ⇒ **Time:** 8:00 pm
- ⇒ **Where:** Sanctuary at LOC
- ⇒ **What:** Final Mentor meeting (youth, please bring your completed Mentor packet to the meeting – you may email Pastor Bruce to make arrangements if you are not finished yet)



Pastor Kebin Rosa Visits Delano

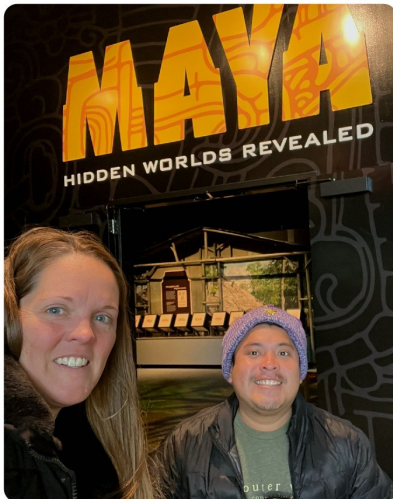
On October 17-18, we were excited to welcome Pastor Kebin Rosa to Delano for a short visit! Pastor Kebin was one of our adult leaders on our Belize mission trip this past summer. During his time in Delano we got to attend a girls soccer game, attend the adult mission trip meeting, tour Delano, shop at Love INC, and also visit the Stone Arch Bridge in Minneapolis! Thank you to the Berscheid family for hosting Kebin the night that he was here. Blessings to Pastor Kebin and his family as they share God's love in Belize!

A Special Week with Frank T'zib

We were honored that Frank T'zib came from Belize to spend a week with us in Delano (after being one of our adult leaders on our summer mission trip)! We enjoyed a variety of activities including a swim meet, Community Band concert, Queen concert (at the Xcel Center), Halloween/pumpkin carving party, football party, trip to the MN Landscape Arboretum, trick-or-treating, hockey game and many great meals! We also had a special time visiting the Maya exhibit at the MN Science Museum (which we highly recommend) where Frank knew many of the narrators and voices on the videos, as they were friends or former professors. We are also grateful that he shared his faith, knowledge and passion for Maya culture with us in worship, Voyagers, Pathfinders, Confirmation, and at the adult mission trip meeting! Thank you, Frank, for sharing your faith and love of science with us... and showing how both can be an important part of our belief in God!



Frank T'zib visits Delano



A special day visiting the Maya exhibit at the Science Museum



Thank you to the Klinkner, Grant, Wuerger and Berscheid families for hosting Frank while he was in town!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



**Special
memories with
Frank T'zib
from Belize**



Summer 2024 Youth Opportunities

This summer we have 3 great trip opportunities for our HS Youth (grades 9-12)! If you missed our info meeting, [click here](#) to go to our *Youth Summer* page on our website to view the PowerPoint from the meeting (*scroll down to Summer 2024 bullet*). Please [complete this short form](#) to indicate your interest in any/all of the trips. This does not commit you to attending but will help us plan. If you are ready to register for a specific trip, here are the official registration forms:

- **Chicago Mission Trip:** <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Chicago2024>
- **Youth Gathering (New Orleans):** <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/ELCAYouthGath24>
- **BWCA Trip:** <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/BWCA2024>

The registration deadline for all trips will be **Wednesday, November 29**. Here is a bit of info about each trip:



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering
including **MYLE the tAble**
Young Adult Gathering

ELCA Youth Gathering to New Orleans (led by Pastor Bruce & Cynthia) = July 15-20; estimated cost \$1,500

BWCA Trip (for current 11th & 12th grade youth only; led by Jennifer Slipka) = Dates and cost TBD (most likely a 4-5 day trip costing under \$500)

BWCA Adventure 2024



Led by Jennifer Slipka and 1 adult male (TBD)



Mission Trip to Chicago
(led by Kirsten Kelly) = June 23-29; estimated cost \$600



HONORING OUR VETERANS



Light of Christ wishes to honor our current Veterans. With gratitude we thank the following members of Light of Christ for their service to our country:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch of Military</u>	<u>Years Served</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ben Altenhofen	Navy	1963-67	Viet Nam
Don Anderson	Air Force	1965-69	Eglin AFB Florida
Lee Ashfeld	Air Force	1963-67	Japan, Turkey
Len Beilke	Navy	1965-68	Viet Nam
Billie Chock	Marine Corps		
Ken Chock	Marine Corps		
Don Collins	Army Reserve	1966-72	US
Pete Froehle	Army	2001-present	Saudi Arabia
Del Hirsch	Army	1969-71	US
Dennis Iverson	Army	1953-55	Kitzingen, Germany
Lowell Johnson	Army	1956-58	Germany
Mike Klaphake	Army		
Vern Lange	Navy, Army Reserve	1967-1993	San Diego, CA & Norfolk, VA
John Magner	Navy	1986-90	Norfolk, VA
Zach Miller	Army National Guard	2009-2023	Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait
Carol A. (Butch) Priester	Air Force	1967-1971	Viet Nam
Benjamin Raskin	Army National Guard	1994-present	Kuwait
David Rosaaen	Navy	1967-71	Lemoore, CA Naval Air Station
Tom Sebelien	1 st Division Army	1963-66	Viet Nam
Gordon Torgerud	US Navy	1958-61	USS Parsons, Viet Nam
Bill Weis	Air Force Reserve	1958-64	US

For those who have served, “*Welcome Home.*” For those who continue to serve we thank God for your service.

Did you know the universal symbol for honoring a Veteran is holding your hand over your heart? When you see a member of the Military, honor them by holding your hand to your heart! Remember: November 11th is Veteran’s Day. Contact a Veteran you know and say “**THANKS!!**”

Armistice Day commemorates the signing of the end of WWI (the war to end all wars) at 11:00 a.m., November 11, 1918 (name changed to Veteran’s Day in 1954). The poppy was one of the only plants growing on the barren battlefields. On May 3, 1915, while looking at the grave of his close friend and former student, Canadian surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae composed the poem, *In Flanders Fields*.



Verse 1

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

*(The battlefield spanned southern Belgium
and northwest France)*