

The Beacon

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

#### June 17, 2024

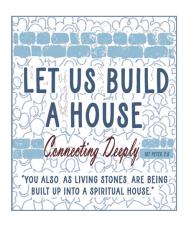
#### Worship

- In-person worship— 9:30 AM Sundays
- Online worship continues, and is livestreamed to our <u>YouTube</u> and <u>Facebook</u> pages



#### **Church Council 2024**

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#### **Contact us!**

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#### Summer Youth Activity Nights are back!

We invite youth to join us for a fun night of games, friends, food and fun on the following dates:

- Monday, June 17
- Monday, July 15
- Monday, August 19

On each of the above nights, we'll have 2 different gathering times:

- 7:00-8:00 PM = Completed grades 6 and 7
- 8:00-9:00 PM = Completed grades 8 and up (including collegeaged youth)

Friends are welcome and these nights are free (thanks to the support of our congregation). Hope to see you there!





# Fifth Sunday Contributions in June

Our Fifth Sunday contributions in June will go to Karen Anderson, our ELCA global missionary in Chile. We have been contributing to her

amazing efforts annually for several years. She and others are continuing to strengthen and support the residents she works with to give them dignity through empowerment, mobilization and collective action while living their lives in poverty and in the brutal years of the military dictatorship. You can contribute during the month of June using the <u>church</u> <u>website giving link</u>, in the collection plate each Sunday, or send your contribution to Terri in the church office, specifying "*Fifth Sunday offering*." Thank you for helping to make a difference in their lives of these people in Chile.

#### Love INC Thrift in Howard Lake

Our store is getting busier and we must grow our volunteer team. Thrift store tasks are accomplished by a group of dedicated volunteers with



leadership from the store manager. Volunteers are people from local churches, people entering retirement, and even friends of friends! *Will you become a store volunteer?* Complete the form at <u>loveincheartland.org/volunteer</u> or call the store at 763-999-7087 to get involved!

#### Love INC Seeks More Facilitators

We would like to offer more courses in our Fresh Start Program like *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*, and *Becoming What God Intended*. To offer these, we need people to lead them. *Will you become a Fresh Start facilitator?* Degrees in teaching, coaching, or mentoring are not required, but devotion to loving God and loving people is a must! Contact Lisa Green, Fresh Start Program Director at 763-999-7085 or <u>lisa@loveincheartland.org</u>



#### Thank You, Kids Hope Mentors!

This past school year, ten Kids Hope mentors from Light of Christ met with their Delano school student for one hour weekly. This compassionate commitment made a great difference in the lives of these students. The students were selected by school staff and the focus was on building relationship skills and confidence in their student. Delano School District loves the Kids Hope program and the mentors. We are looking forward to our third year of Kids Hope next school year and are hoping to have new mentors join us also. Please contact Lona Jose or one of the mentors below if you wish to join us next school year. Please reach out and thank the mentors below for their time and compassion. Thanks also to the nine prayer partners that supported our mentors.

2023/2024 mentors: Stan Droneck, Jinnelle Weis, Maxine Johnson, Paul Nelson, Lisa Hemmer, Lisa Spencer, LaDonna Ekern, Kirsten Kelly, Jo Williamson, and Paulette Podratz

#### Adult/Family Mission Trip 2025

We are excited to announce our Mission Trip for 2025!

We will be heading back to Belize to continue our serving there through God's hand. Our dates for the mission trip will be **Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.** We are looking at booking through Sun Country Airlines group travel. We are not sure about price yet, but we're hoping we can get airline tickets booked early to save on price. We are estimating the trip to cost \$1,500-1,800 per person.

The date of the Belize mission trip coincides with Delano Public Schools spring break, so we wanted to take this time to open up the mission to families, couples, singles, or whomever would like to join us on this incredible journey of serving and learning through Christ. We are looking at possibilities of serving in two different areas in Belize, so we will split up people based on their interest of what we will be doing in each community.

In Bella Vista, we will be running a VBS at Pastor Kebin's church, home visits/delivering food, working on different carpentry projects for people in need, and connecting with residents in the community.

In San Antonio, we will be working on building and landscaping projects for The Showers of Glory Christian Camp, home visits/delivering food, and connecting with residents in the community.

Please reach out **by June 30<sup>th</sup> to Pastor Bruce or Jennifer Grant** if you are interested in joining the mission trip. We will schedule a meeting in June to go over more details and questions, but feel free to reach out anytime with questions. We will again be partnering with *Just1Global who will set up all trip details*.

We hope you prayerfully consider joining and sharing your gifts/talents with our sisters/brothers in Belize through Christ.

\*\*\*Please note—this trip is separate from the annual youth mission trip, which always happens during the summer.



## **CHURCH NEWS**

#### THE HOOT - June Activities for OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans)



Our scheduled OWLS gathering on **June 20<sup>th</sup> will start at NOON out at the Fink Farm**!!! Bill and

Sue will host a barn party, potluck, and outdoor games. We'll grill up some burgers and brats if y'all can bring some sides, sweets, or drinks. Please RSVP to <u>billandsue2931@gmail.com</u>. (886 County Rd 30 SE, Delano) Hope to see many of you there. *Happy SUMMER!* 

#### Planning to move?

Phone # or email address changed? Have you cancelled your landline? Please help us keep our records up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes at <u>terri.reuter@locdelano.com</u>. Thank you!



#### 2025 Offering Envelopes

A growing number of members contribute weekly or monthly using electronic giving methods. However, we understand that



many prefer placing an offering envelope in the plate. To eliminate the *purchased-butunclaimed* envelopes that are wasted, we're asking each family that <u>wants</u> pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by <u>AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup></u>. Either email <u>Terri in the</u> <u>church office</u> or call 763-972-2400. This "OPT IN" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!



The Children & Family Ministry Team is looking for your help with VBS. There are opportunities for donating supplies or volunteering your time the week of VBS (**July 28-31**) to be a Crew Leader or a Jr. Crew Leader!

More information can be found at the Sign-Up Genius links below. Come join in our fun!!

- ⇒ <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u> <u>go/30E0C48A4A72AA3F94-49812880-</u> <u>vbsvolunteers</u>
- ⇒ <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u> go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-50047807-<u>scuba</u>



The church office will be closed on Fridays through August 30<sup>th</sup>.

# Supporting Light of Christ and our Mission is as easy as 1-2-3.

With Vanco Mobile (our online giving app) you can express your generosity in the moment—right from the palm of your hand.

- Download the app in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
- 2) Search for *Light of Christ Lutheran Church* -*Delano*
- 3) Make contributions and pay registration fees

Or, you can easily access our online giving page by scanning this QR code or by going to the <u>church</u> <u>website</u> *Give* page.



## Children's Ministry Registrations

- ⇒ SCUBA VBS: July 28-31 Please register ASAP at link below or at the QR code on the back page – thank you! <u>https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/</u> ScubaVBS.859fd88245
- ⇒ Voyagers (1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 2024-25 year): Early registration now open at link below. Save \$20 if paid in full by Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. <u>https://</u> <u>lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/</u> <u>Voyagers.20216689919</u>
- ⇒ Pathfinders (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade; 2024-2025 year): Early registration now open at link below. Save \$20 if paid in full by Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. <u>https://</u> <u>lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/</u> <u>Pathfinders.202161654</u>

# Summer ChildCare

Are you looking for care for your child/ren this summer? Kirsten may be able to help! Youth often reach out to her with interest in finding a job... even if it's one or two days/week or helping with driving to/from activities. Complete this short form (*found at the link below*) if you would like Kirsten to contact you about youth that are interested. And youth, you can complete this form if you are interested in having Kirsten help you get connected with a family that is looking for childcare. Have an awesome summer!

https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/ form/babysitting





## Summer Bible Camp

We have a total of 20 young people participating in Bible camp this summer. Please include these young people in your prayers.

SEEDS is June 21-23. Seeds is for campers who have finished 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Participating in Seeds from Light of Christ are Elsie Bell, Rylan Brown, Levi Haugen, Penelope Jaunich, Olen Johnson, Madison Motzko, Charlotte Olson, Rilynn Peterson, and Lydia Sievers.

FISHING CAMP is June 23-28. Fishing Camp is for campers in grades 4-9 who love to fish. Participating this year from LOC are Caleb Prickett and Cole Wiyninger.

WAPO YOUTH is July 28-Aug 2. WAPO Youth is for campers in

grades 4-9. Participating in WAPO Youth from LOC are Eva Dinger, Brooks Gabrick, Weston Gabrick, Louisa Jaunich, Alex Kelly, Griffin Pohlen, Gunnar Pohlen, Noah Rice, and Drake Scandrett.

Light of Christ is happy to be able to supply a \$50 scholarship to each of our SEEDS camper and \$100 to our fishing and youth camp participants. If you would like to support our young people with a contribution to the Bible Camp Scholarship fund that would be greatly appreciated.

# make a splash this summer!

#### JOIN US FOR A SPLASH-TASTIC VBS ADVENTURE!!!

#### SUNDAY, JULY 28th - WEDNESDAY, JULY 31st

#### 5:15pm - 8:00pm

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https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/ScubaVBS.859fd88245



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