



Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

June 24, 2024

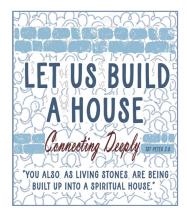
Worship

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



Church Council 2024

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Contact us!

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OWLS Update - Fink's Barn Party rescheduled!

Thirty-four (!!!) of us were anticipating Fink's Barn BBQ on Thursday, June 20th, but alas, too much rain, mud and puddles! So, we opted to reschedule this event on Wednesday, June 26th at noon with hopes for drier weather. We know this won't work for everyone, but please come if you're available. Whatever you signed up to bring is still the plan.









Twelve OWLS had a super fun time at Big Stone Mini Golf on June 6th, followed by drinks and apps at the Ox Yoke Inn.



OUTREACH

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 church website giving link, 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.



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!!

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

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.

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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 lisa@loveincheartland.org



We have deep appreciation for the support from all our sponsors for the 2023 Golf For Love fundraising tournament! Together we raised over \$10,000 to support our mission to unite local churches and help them transform lives *In the Name of Christ*.

This event is not possible without your support! Will you be a Golf For Love Sponsor?

We welcome our church partners, local businesses, and other friends of Love INC Heartland to become a sponsor for the 2024 Golf For Love tournament. This year the event will be held on Monday, September 16, at Albion Ridges Golf Course. Sponsor options vary from \$400-\$1,500 and items for *silent auction and proximity prizes* are needed too.

Sponsorship deadline is, Monday, July 15! View full details on our Golf For Love sponsorship page located here: bit.ly/gflsponsor

CHURCH NEWS

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**st **to Saturday, March 8**th. 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 <u>by June 30th to Pastor Bruce or Jennifer Grant</u> 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.





Stay Informed!

MINUTES meeting minutes can be found on the church website.

The church office will be closed on Fridays through August 30th.





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 terri.reuter@locdelano.com. 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-but-unclaimed* envelopes that are wasted, we're asking each family that *wants* pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by AUGUST 12th. Either email Terri in the church office or call 763-972-2400. This "OPT IN" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!

Celebrating 40 Years

Light of Christ is turning 40!

2025 is the 40th anniversary of Light of Christ. The Church Council is planning to appoint a 40th Anniversary Committee of four to six people to spearhead our celebration. We'd like to have an anniversary committee that reflects the make-up of the congregation: male and female, different ages, long-time members/ partners and newer members/partners, and so forth. If you'd like to be considered by the Church Council to serve on this committee, please let Pastor Bruce or a member of the Church Council know of your willingness to serve. Thank you!

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.



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



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! https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/ScubaVBS.859fd88245
- → Voyagers (1st- 3rd grade; 2024-25 year): Early registration now open at link below. Save \$20 if paid in full by Aug. 15th. https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Voyagers.20216689919
- ⇒ Pathfinders (4th-6th grade; 2024-2025 year): Early registration now open at link below. Save \$20 if paid in full by Aug. 15th. https://blightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/ Pathfinders.202161654

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, 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 college-aged youth)

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



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

SUNDAY, JULY 28th - WEDNESDAY, JULY 31st

5:15pm - 8:00pm

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