



Worship

- In-person worship—**9:30 AM Sundays**
- Online worship continues, and is live-streamed to our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages



Church Council 2025

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NourishingHOPE

Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, February 10th

4:00-5:00 pm

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

Hanover

Influence Church @ City Hall
11250 5th Street NE
Hanover, MN 55341

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

Maple Grove

Rice Lake Bible Chapel
8801 Rice Lake Road
Maple Grove, MN 55369

For assistance locating a specific site or for questions, please contact us at

NourishingHOPE is a ministry of Our Father's Lutheran Church, in cooperation with 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

February Food Distribution

Serve a neighbor in need...help strengthen a ministry...put love and faith into action. Nourishing Hope Food Distribution. **Monday, February 10th**. Two opportunities:

- **10:00 AM** Food box packing. Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- **3:30 PM** Food distribution. Here at LOC. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)

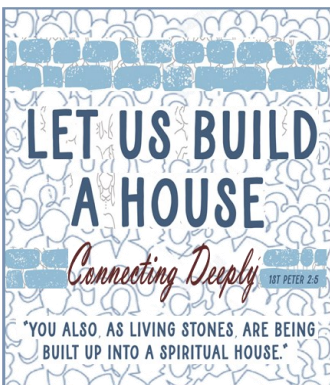


Contact us!

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Help Us Support LOC's Mission to Belize March 1-8, 2025

During the adult mission trip, we will be doing building projects, hosting a VBS camp, helping with small projects at home visits, hosting a medical/eye/dental/nutrition clinic and feeding 200+ people of Bella Vista San Iglesia Church (Pastor Kebin's church) on March 2nd before Sunday night worship.

We are asking for donations to fund our projects. If you'd like to donate, please make checks payable to LOC (note **Belize mission** in memo) and put in offering plate or drop off at the church office **before February 16th**.

We appreciate and thank LOC for praying for our mission and helping us fund our ministry projects and spreading God's love.



Confirmation Penny Wars Fundraiser for a Gaga Pit in Belize!

Confirmation Youth (7th-9th grade) are competing to earn the most money to fund the supplies for a gaga ball pit that will be built during the LOC Adult Belize Trip over spring break (March 1-8).

- Jugs for 7th, 8th, and 9th grades can be found in the Narthex.
 - Checks, bills, and SILVER coins will GAIN points for your grade (EX: \$20 bill = 2,000 pts)
 - Pennies = **NEGATIVE points!** **Make sure you put the pennies in the jugs that you **DON'T** want to win**
 - Help your friends in Confirmation earn the most points by filling up their jugs!
 - Any additional money will go to help fund other Belize projects, such as the picnic table supplies.
 - Coordinated by Avery and Emery Klaphake, two Delano Juniors, who put this together for their NHS Independent Service Project!
- Thanks for your support!

EXTRA SHOES?



Be a part of a good cause
and donate them!



Recycle



Re-use



Raise money

Drop your lightly used sneakers here!

600 million
people don't
even own a
pair of shoes

200 million
pairs of shoes
end up in the
landfill each
year

30-40 years
for shoes to
decompose

Shoe Collection/Recycling!

As we've done in past, the youth are collecting old sneakers to be recycled and to raise funds for their summer trips. A minimal amount of money is raised, but more importantly, the shoes dropped off are recycled and then don't sit in a landfill! The shoe collection bin will be in the Narthex from **Sunday, February 23rd – Sunday, March 23rd** and then be moved to the Fellowship Hall area... where it'll be located year-round for collection now. Thanks for supporting our youth and for helping our environment at the same time! This project is being done through [Got Sneakers](#). (Note: this project is being coordinated by Anneka Zaun for her National Honor Society project. Anneka went to Chicago last summer and is attending the N. Shore mission trip this summer!)

Mini-Chocolate Gift Bags Make Great Gifts!



20 mini chocolates for \$5.00—
see Equal Exchange sales in
the narthex. Thanks for
supporting our LOC Youth!



Healing and Wholeness Survey

Your Healing and Wholeness Committee has been working on mental health awareness, education, resources and support for the past five years. Our Caring Corner articles have been offered in the Beacon, LOC website, emails, Facebook, and the Delano Herald Journal. We have an extensive Mental Health webpage on the LOC website also guiding you to information and resources. Moving into the future we want to survey our LOC family as to whether you are finding the information helpful, whether we need to change the way we are sharing this information, and what are the current needs and concerns you may have regarding mental health. Please complete the paper survey (available in the narthex), [online at this link](#), or at the QR code on the next page. You may also elaborate on any personal suggestions or needs. We will report on the results soon and value your input. God bless!

Sue Fink



Sign Up to Serve a Lenten Supper!

Lenten suppers will be served prior to each Wednesday Lenten service from March 12 through April 9 (*no supper on March 5/Ash Wednesday due to it being spring break*). **Groups and/or individuals are invited to serve a Lenten supper.** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the office area; or you can contact Terri in the church office. A free-will offering taken at each meal may be used for a cause designated by the meal's hosts.



Sunday Announcements



If you would like to share any church-related announcements on Sunday morning, please let Katie know by the Wednesday prior to the service. We will do our best to accommodate, but there may be Sundays where we cannot fit it in, and another Sunday may work better. Thank you!

THE HOOT NEWS for February from Sue Fink

Well, the groundhog saw his shadow on February 2nd, the days are getting noticeably longer, and we're hearing owls hooting at night to find a mate. Spring is just around the corner! But, we're still tucked in for another 6 weeks, so let's have a PIZZA PARTY!!

On Thursday, February 20th at 12 noon, we are gathering our flock in the Living Room for Papa Murphy's pizza. Laurie Grimm is bringing a 7-layer salad and Sue Fink is providing Caesar salad. We will need volunteers for beverages and desserts. We had so much fun playing table games in January that we are asking folks to bring games again for this month. We'll also do some trivia!

Our OWLS had such a great time for our January soup and bread cook-off! Jewel Ekern's ham/bean soup and Jinnelle Weis' cornbread with honey butter took first place, but all recipes were delicious. If you would like copies of the recipes, ask Sue.

For the next couple of months, our planning committee is thinking of visiting the Delano Senior Center for lunch with a tour and calendar of activities presented. Next, organizing a "lunch-and-learn" with Subway sandwiches and various speakers to teach us about funeral planning, endowments and financial planning, and our Columbarium process. In May we will once again venture out for field trips and tours. If you have ideas to share, contact Sue/Bill Fink, Jewel Ekern, Lona Jose, or Laurie Grimm.

Emails are sent out to folks on our OWLS roster about our upcoming events, but all retirees are welcome and encouraged to join us. If you are interested in joining this fun group of 30+ friends, please contact Sue Fink at billandsue2931@gmail.com.



WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK; PLEASE PARTICIPATE TODAY!



The Healing and Wholeness Committee is surveying our LOC partners to understand if our mental health information is helpful, how we can improve, and what your current needs and concerns are.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE PAPER
SURVEY (AVAILABLE IN THE
NARTHEX)
OR COMPLETE DIGITALLY BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE TO THE
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Please Support the Youth with an Auction Donation!

Our youth are currently looking for donations for our online auction taking place on **Sunday, March 16th**! New and gently used items will be accepted through Monday, March 10th. Here is a list of donation ideas:

- Gift cards
- Toys
- Unwanted Christmas gifts
- Event tickets
- Cabin rentals
- Personally hosted events, such as dinners/boating
- Handmade items
- Jewelry
- Sports equipment
- Books
- *No used clothing, please!*

Our auction will be online again this year from **7:00 AM–5:00 PM on March 16th**, with items on display at church from 3:00-5:00 PM. Thanks for your support of our summer 2025 trips!



SAVE THE DATE! Join us on 3/16/25 for the youth fundraiser supporting our 7th-12th grade youth going on the Summer 2025 trips!



Spaghetti Dinner Tickets On Sale NOW!

Get your tickets for the 2025 Youth Spaghetti Dinner (and LIVE Dessert Auction) before they sell out! This fun, annual event is taking place on **Sunday, March 16th**. Here is the schedule of events:

- 7:00 AM Auction opens online (**view auction items at the QR code below**)
- 3:00 PM Auction in-person viewing at church (until 5 pm)
- 4:00 PM Entertainment and Wine/Beer Sampling
- 5:00 PM Auction closes and Spaghetti Dinner Begins
- 6:30 PM Live Dessert Auction
- 7:00 PM Auction Item Pick-Up

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth, ages 4-12. Ages 3 and under are free! Tickets can be purchased from the church office (during regular business hours) or any time before/after worship – until they are sold out! Thank you for attending and supporting our youth!



Confirmation Calendar

(All events are 6:15-8:00 PM unless noted otherwise. See more details included on [this page](#).)



- **2/12** — Confirmation teaching night
- **2/19** — Confirmation teaching night
- **2/26** — Confirmation teaching night
- **3/5** — Ash Wednesday (no “regular” Confirmation; worship as a family at 7PM)
- **NOTE:** We’ll have SLICE from 5:45-6:15 each Wednesday night that we have Confirmation.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BLESSINGS

In addition to learning about God's love, our after-school Voyagers take on Pastor Tim in a pillow fight. Then at 5:00, the Pathfinders gather and show off their dance moves!



First Communion— April 13

Preparing for First Communion sessions will be offered on March 30 and April 6 from 6 – 7 PM. Please sign up at this link if you're interested: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/3dbef5>



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

Registration for our reserved spaces at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (in Amery, WI) is now open! Below are the dates that we have spaces reserved, which will be available just to our congregation until **February 15**. Starting February 15, all spaces will be open to the public. But note that you can sign up for *any* week starting on February 15! Scholarships will be provided again this year! Invite a friend and join us for a life-changing week at camp this summer!

- **Seeds (Grades 1-3): June 20-22**
- **Wapo Youth (Grades 4-8): June 22-27 and July 27-August 1**
- **Wapo One-Day (Grades 1 & up): June 25**

LOC Specific Registration Link: <https://lwlbc.com/loc-delano>

