



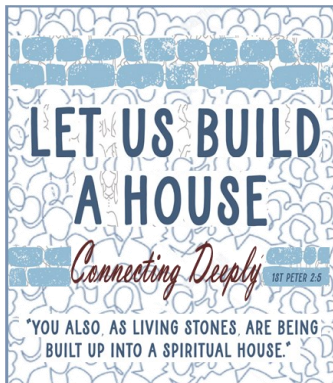
Worship

- 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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Last week, along with a pledge update for 2025 we shared some important reasons why members pledge. Here are a few more to consider, as we pray that all LOC households will find the blessing of making a financial commitment to our shared mission and ministry.

Supporting Vital Ministries. From children's programs to outreach efforts and worship experiences, financial pledges ensure that vital ministries continue to thrive, touching the lives of individuals and families inside and outside our church.

Aligning Finances with Faith. Making a pledge is a spiritual discipline that aligns your financial resources with personal values and faith. It is a tangible way to express gratitude and trust in God's provision.

Ensuring Long-Term Sustainability. Regular financial support ensures that our church can maintain our facilities, support staff, and offer vibrant programming for years to come, creating a lasting legacy for future generations.

Encouraging Personal Growth. Pledging challenges each of us to grow in our generosity, encouraging deeper trust in God and a heart that increasingly reflects Christ's call to give and serve.

Every Gift Makes a Difference. No matter the size, every pledge contributes to the greater good, supporting the collective mission and empowering our church to make a difference in the world.

Pledge forms can be found in the pews or online at <https://www.lightofchristlutheran.com/give>.

Thank you for helping Light of Christ to increase our impact and vibrancy as we step into this new year!

Your Stewardship Committee

OUTREACH



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.

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>)



CHURCH NEWS



THE HOOT NEWS from Sue Fink

The new OWLS Bible study has started!

We've started a new study book, "The Twelve Disciples," and would love to have you join us. We will learn about each of the Disciples, their individual personalities and how Jesus changed their lives. Books are \$8.00. Please contact Sue Fink (billandsue2931@gmail.com) if you'd like a book. You don't have to attend every session. You are encouraged to do each lesson in advance for meaningful discussions! There are 10 lessons that will take us through Lent and Easter: February 9, 16; March 2, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 27. Let's grow deeper in faith together.



Stay Informed!

The minutes from the January Council meeting and this year's Annual Meeting can be found on the [church website](#).

Centralized Sign Up

We are trying a new way of sharing volunteer sign-ups... all in one spot! Scan this QR code or go to this link (www.linktr.ee/lightofchristvolunteers) to view the new LOC Volunteer Sign Up Page. We hope this will make it easier to find the sign-ups and to volunteer! Our staff would love any feedback you have on this new page. Thanks to the Children & Family Ministry Team for their initiative on this!



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) or [online at this link](#). 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!

Friday Night Lights



January 24, 2025

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://lwbci.com/loc-delano>



Confirmation Calendar

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



- **2/5** — Confirmation teaching night
- **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.

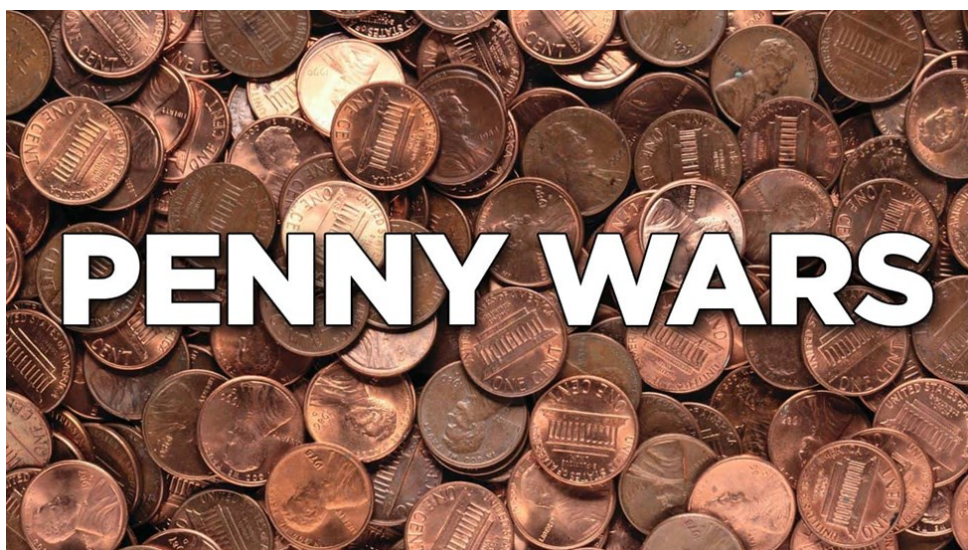
First Communion—April 13

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>



The Voyagers and Pathfinders have been patiently waiting to be able to give their new Pastor a welcome gift. On Sunday, January 26th the time finally arrived and they were able to present this quilt to Pastor Tim. May we be wrapped in God's love and joy as we grow in faith together. In addition the kids give a special shout out to Maxine Johnson for sewing their pieces all together.





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!

Save The Date...and Your Donations!

We hope you'll join us for our fabulous youth fundraiser on **Sunday, March 16th**! Please remember the youth with any donations you might have that would be good for the auction... **new and gently used** items such as:

- 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 **8:00 AM–5:00 PM on March 16th**, with items on display at church from 3:00-5:00 PM and then the dinner taking place from 5:00-7:00 PM. Tickets for the dinner are now on sale before and after worship. Thanks for your support of our summer 2025 trips!

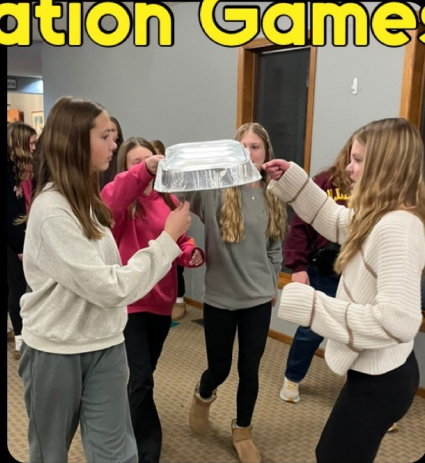


SAVE THE DATE! Join us on 3/16/25 for the youth fundraiser supporting our 7th-12th grade youth going on the Summer 2025 trips!

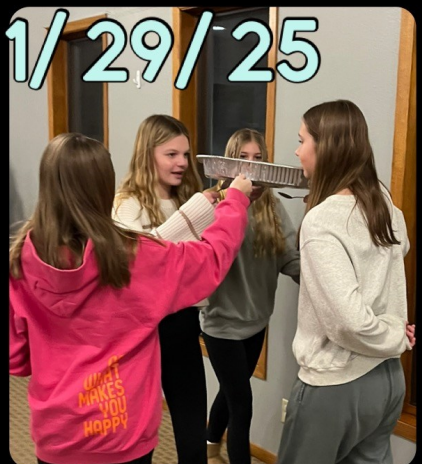


Spoon Carrying Relay

Confirmation Games 1/29/25



Spoon Carrying Relay Race



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