



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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Keeping You in the Loop

Our Facility Task Force met again with the architect/builder, Vanman, to further hone some design and layout ideas for our anticipated improvements to our building. We're excited to share them with you once there's some finalization and blessing of our Church Council, so that you can weigh in. Our intent is to have our church facilities support our missional goals of connecting more deeply. A few highlights to watch for:

- A much wider pathway from the current narthex area down toward the Fellowship Hall. In fact, the space between just outside the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall will flow in a far more connected way.
- The above would be accomplished in part by "turning" the eastern-most entrance to the Sanctuary toward the FH, in an angled way.
- Moving (and improving) the main bathrooms around the corner from where they are now, facing into the FH.
- The Nursery would change locations toward the current coat rack area, as we'd open up the present Nursery area as part of creating more immediate and open access to the FH.
- A new secure entrance to the building down toward the office area, which would be moved up and opened toward that entrance so as to control building access during the week.
- Head Start offices/classrooms would move down the hall into the north rooms of the building.
- New restrooms close to where the current ones are, just around from the kitchen.
- Some kitchen "refresh," including a commercial dishwasher.
- A dedicated Conference Room that would be well-equipped for digital connecting.

Again, we're eager to show you drawings and more details very soon, including costs and fundraising plans. Also, not to worry, a part of the larger plan includes fixing our beloved parking lot and some necessary repairs to the steeple. A formal plan will be presented at our January Annual Meeting.



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Cookie Exchange



The Sisters of LOC would like to invite everyone to a cookie exchange on **Tuesday, December 12th from 6:30-8:00 PM** in the Living Room at Light of Christ Church. We ask that each person who is participating bring 3 dozen cookies (please state what you're bringing in the sign-up – link found below) along with copies of the recipe. Refreshments will be served with fellowship to follow. We hope that you can join us! If you want to attend, but are unable to sign up online, please send Kelly Harstad an email at kellyharstad8@gmail.com or call/text at 763-227-8246.

[Click here to sign up](#)

OUTREACH

The CFM team is pairing up with *Friends 4 A Cause* again this Holiday season. This local non-profit teaches others that giving is greater than receiving through the power of friendship and community. They help local families year-round when they are going through hard times. During the holiday season they help Delano and Wright County families, and foster kids have a brighter Christmas. Each family member submits 3 wants and 3 needs, and the family will get a \$100 Coborn's gift card and an essential basket. New this year, each family will receive a laundry basket full of essentials and so we will be looking for monetary donations for: laundry soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, dish soap, etc. Please pray, sign up for a gift, or a monetary donation for these 10 families.



Drop off time will be **Sunday, December 10th** before or after church service in the narthex. The last and final drop off is **Tuesday, December 12th from 6-7:30 pm**. Any monetary donations need to be received at the church office **before December 11th**. Click on the link below to find the SignUp Genius. All gifts should have their family numbers on them (ex: 12-1 or 12-4) and *all adult gifts should be wrapped*.

Any questions, contact Kim Wortz @ kimw1517@gmail.com or 952-457-9253. Thank you and God Bless!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094EA5AF2BA75-46100244-friends>



The congregation members are invited to help the confirmation classes in their Toilet Paper Drive. The toilet tissue will be given out to our Nourishing Hope guests at the December 11th distribution. The guests will receive

a grocery sack with 4 rolls of toilet paper. Any size of package will be welcome. Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex. **THANK YOU** for helping meet this need.

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 WestPointe 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-4 pm. Questions? Contact help@loveincheartland.org or call 763-972-6547.

December Food Distribution



Our food distribution ministry, Nourishing Hope, needs volunteers for **Monday, December 11**. We have two time slots:

- **10:00 am** when we pack hundreds of boxes of food over at Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- **3:30 pm** when we distribute about 90 boxes of food right here in our church parking lot. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)



13 Grad Care Packages sent with love from the LOC Congregation to the 2023 Grads!

Meet our newest partners in ministry, who joined Light of Christ on November 19

Alice Bidle***Camden, Emilia, Davin***

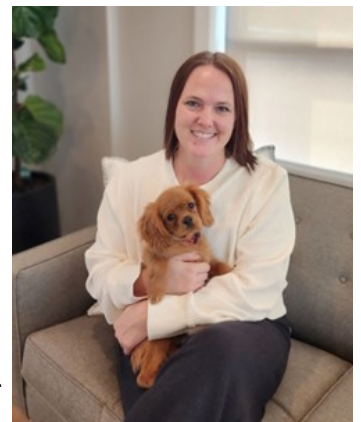
Alice works as a nurse in Maple Grove. Camden is in 9th grade, Emilia is in 7th grade, and Davin is in 3rd grade at Delano Public Schools.

**Barry & Amy Graunke**
Ben, Chet

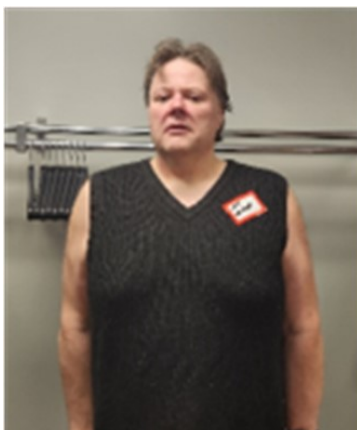
Barry owns Insulation Supplies and enjoys hunting, fishing, ATV travel, and spending time at the cabin. Amy is a retired RN and is currently the controller at Insulation Supplies. Her hobbies include DIY projects, flea markets, organizing, reading, reality shows, decorating, and spending time at the cabin and with family and friends. Ben enjoys hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, ATV, and trap shooting. Chet likes hunting, fishing, gaming, and trap shooting.

**Mike & Brittany Hartnett**
Will, Alex

Mike works for Ameriprise and runs every day, no matter the weather. Brittany works for Fairview Health Services and enjoys teaching classes at the Ridgedale YMCA. Will likes drawing and all things sports. Alex enjoys all toy cars.

**Kristi Hoffmann**

Kristi works as an executive closer for Watermark Title Agency. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, traveling, and spending time at the cabin/lake.

**Corey McLagan**

Corey works in production at 3M. His hobbies include hiking along the north shore and looking for bear and moose.

**Josh & Anna Streich**
Andelyn, Vayda

Josh is a senior regulatory adherence analyst for United Healthcare. He enjoys fishing, golfing, watching sports, camping, and anything outdoors. Anna works for Dunwoody in financial aid and VA education benefits, and her hobbies are jigsaw puzzles, yoga, and nature stuff. Andelyn likes hockey, soccer, crafts, interior design, roller-blading, and baking. Vayda likes Barbies, soccer, social activities, and exploring new places and people.



Christmas Ornaments

The Worship and Music Committee would like to offer everyone the opportunity to purchase ornaments this Christmas season in honor or in memory of loved ones. All ornaments will be placed on the Christmas tree in the Narthex until after Christmas Eve, unless you wish to take yours home right away. Suggested amount for purchase is \$10. All funds will go toward another live-stream camera so we can continue improving our online services! We will have a table set up in the Narthex for purchasing through **December 17th**. If paying by check, please make payable to *Light of Christ* and note **Christmas Ornaments** in the memo. Thank you and Merry Christmas!



These ladies enjoyed the Sisters of LOC craft event at Lupine Brewery on November 28th.



Ministry Site Profile Forum with Bishop Ann

Following worship on **Sunday, Dec. 10th** there will be a forum with Bishop Ann Svennungsen to discuss the Ministry Site Profile that has been created by the Transition Team. We hope you can stay for the forum!

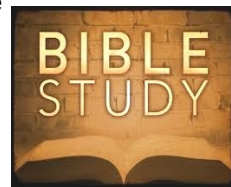
Worship Time Changing

Per recommendation of the Worship and Music Committee, Church Council has approved a worship time change to **9:30 am beginning January 7th**. We will worship at this time through May and will evaluate before the summer.



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 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.



Online Christmas Devotions

Start your week off with a musical devotion! Throughout Advent our Worship and Music Director, Katie Anne Kohler, will share musical devotions featuring our favorite Christmas carols. Videos will be posted to our Light of Christ Worship Services page each Monday. You can find the link here <https://youtube.com/@lightofchristworshipservice6861?si=rLmYMIReX2eL6cJH>



Please note, this is different from the Light of Christ Devotions YouTube page we were using before. We are in the process of merging the two!



Join us for the next
Friday Night
Lights...
12/8 from 7-10 pm!

Confirmation Corner

Here is the upcoming Confirmation schedule (all nights are 6:30-8:00 pm unless noted otherwise):

- **Friday, December 8** = Friday Night Lights (7-10 pm)
- **December 6** = Service Event (rotate between Love INC & Food Shelf – details emailed out to confirmation families)
- **Sunday, December 10** = last day to bring toilet paper for Nourishing Hope TP Drive
- **December 13** = Service Event (rotate between Love INC & Food Shelf – details emailed out to confirmation families)
- **December 20** = Christmas Party!