



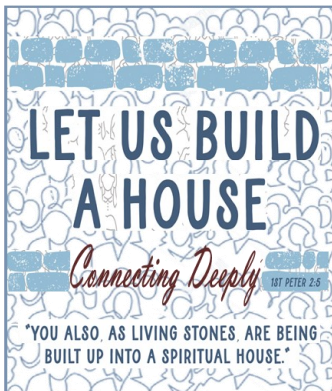
Worship

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



Church Council 2024

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Delano Food Shelf Volunteers

Thank you for those who volunteered at the food shelf this last month including Dave Anderson, Oda Carlson, Cheri Ashfeld, Vicki Noetzelman, Paulette & Jerry Podratz, Jewel Ekern, Maxine & Lowell Johnson, MaryAnn McKay, Ann Bassett, Cheryl & Don Collins, Dewey Swenson, Don Anderson, Bea Zerull, Val Donahue, Steve Freese, Paul Nelson, and Charlie & Lona Jose. You all make a difference by helping so many people in need!! December will be the next Light of Christ month for volunteering at the food shelf, although there are LOC members (adults and kids) who assist the managers weekly with tasks and their time is most appreciated also. Thank you also to JoMarie Williamson for being one of two who do an excellent job of managing the food shelf. You are doing a great job!!



Some of Light of Christ food shelf volunteers in June: Jerry & Paulette Podratz, Vicki Noetzelman, Dave Anderson.



Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, July 8th
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
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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 four 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

July Food Distribution

Thanks to so many of you who help this ministry serve our neighbors in need! Every month Light of Christ joins with five other West Metro churches to provide boxes of food -- dairy, produce, breads, other items. All six churches provide volunteers to help load some 700+ boxes of food at Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford from 10 AM to about noon. And then at 3:30 PM, another group of volunteers meet in our parking lot to prepare for 4-5:00 PM distribution to those who come. Many of our guests are further agents of compassion as some of them then deliver to other family or neighbors in need. All in all, this is a rewarding way to connect with other church members, express one's Christian faith, and make a real difference in the lives of others. Often, we offer faith and encouragement booklets to those interested, and we always pray for the needs of those who share their prayer requests with us.

Our next food distribution is **Monday, July 8th**. Below are the links to sign up. No experience necessary. We have grade school youth to retired folks in friendship and service together. Any questions, please reach out to Tim Johnson (952/472-1755). Thank you for praying for this ministry!

- **10:00 AM** packing food boxes—[click here](#)
- **3:30 PM** distributing boxes of food right here in our church parking lot—[click here](#)

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 loveinheartland.org/volunteer 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 lisa@loveinheartland.org



Golf for Love Fundraiser

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



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 1st to Saturday, March 8th**. 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 **TODAY 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.***



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>

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week.



Planning to move?



Update your contact info!

Phone # or email address changed? Have you cancelled your landline? Please help us keep our records up-to-date by notifying Terri in 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.

- 1) 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 [church website](#) 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 & Youth Fall Ministry Registrations

- ⇒ **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://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Pathfinders.202161654>
- ⇒ **Confirmation** (7th-9th 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/Confirmation2024-25>



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!