



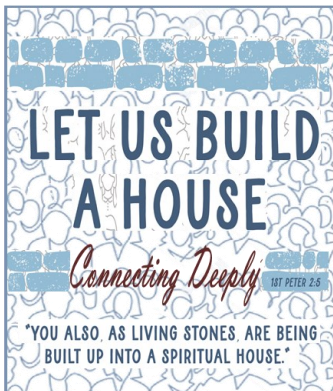
## Worship

- 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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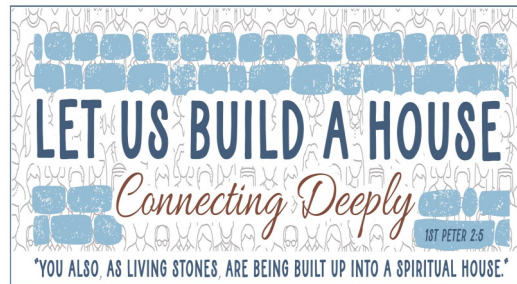
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**Reminder:** Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> is Pastor Bruce's last work day, as announced in the letter previously sent out. There will be a formal farewell/retirement celebration here at Light of Christ on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Congregational Meeting

We have set **Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**, following our worship service for our next congregational meeting. At that meeting the Building Committee and Council will present the capital improvement project options. There will be time for comments, questions, and concerns to be raised. Then each member at that meeting will have the opportunity to rank each of the projects in order of priority. A Zoom link will be sent out to congregation members next week for those who cannot attend in person.

CONNECTING  
—2024—

The church office will be closed the week of July 21 while Terri is on vacation.



## Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)



Pride month for those who are LGBTQ+ was just in June, but did you know that July is Disability Pride Month? This eye-opening realization came to me this morning as I read my MPR Morning Update. MPR has been featuring a weekly podcast interviewing a person living with a disability. The fact that the two celebrations overlap was confusing to me. So let me clarify.

Disability Pride Month started in July 1990, when the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed. As the ADA website states, this historic law prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in many areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and many public and private places that are open to the general public.

This month is a time to see how far we've come, recognize the challenges we still face, and celebrate the strength and contributions of people with disabilities. The Minnesota Council on Disability's vision is a barrier-free Minnesota where every person with a disability has full access to all areas of life. Barrier-free begins when we remove the stigma, eliminate shame, educate, advocate, and create public policy that creates a world that supports people living with disabilities and those who love them for who they are. Not who we think they should be.

This Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> is Minnesota's second annual Disability Pride Festival at the State Capitol. It runs from 10am to 1pm and is organized by Advocating Change Together (ACT): The Center for Disability Leadership. It is an opportunity for everyone to show off their whole selves and be proud of who they are.

Disability Pride is a movement that celebrates the unique identities and contributions of people with disabilities. It's about rejecting shame and stigma, and instead embracing disability as a natural part of human diversity. Disability Pride goes beyond simply raising awareness. It's about challenging societal perceptions and advocating for a world where people with disabilities have equal opportunities and are valued members of their communities. Disability Pride is a celebration of resilience, strength, and accomplishment. People with disabilities overcome significant challenges every day, and this movement recognizes those triumphs. It's about taking pride in one's identity and advocating for a more inclusive future.

This year's theme, "I Want to Be Like You" reflects the disability community's dreams for life experiences that are too often denied.

Pride = Community. At Light of Christ we continue to strive to love everyone as Jesus does!

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](http://bit.ly/gflsponsor)



The church office will be closed on Fridays through August 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Call on the Light of Christ Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please feel free to engage the Light of Christ Prayer Chain. [Email the church office](#), which is preferred, or call 763-972-2400 with your request, which remains confidential. The LOC Prayer Chain will pray for you as requested. Feel free to call on this team in your time of need. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain should contact the church office.



## 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.



# Celebrating 40 Years

## Light of Christ is turning 40!

2025 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Light of Christ. The Church Council is planning to appoint a 40<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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!



## Planning to move?

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. Thank you!



Update your contact info!



## 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>



## Youth & Children's Ministry Registrations

- ⇒ **Voyagers** (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 2024-25 year): Early registration now open at link below. **Save \$20 if paid in full by Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.** <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Voyagers.20216689919>
- ⇒ **Pathfinders** (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade; 2024-2025 year): Early registration now open at link below. **Save \$20 if paid in full by Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.** <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Pathfinders.202161654>
- ⇒ **Confirmation** (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade; 2024-2025 year): Early registration now open at link below. **Save \$20 if paid in full by Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.** <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:

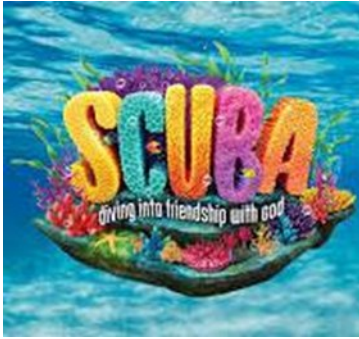
- Monday, July 15
- Monday, August 19

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!





## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who have donated supplies for our VBS this summer. Your donations are very much appreciated. If you haven't already done so, please bring items to the **church no later than July 21.**

**Help is still needed!** If you are interested in assisting in either of the following areas, please contact LaDonna in person, via phone 320-212-2583 or email at [LaDonna.Ekern@locdelano.com](mailto:LaDonna.Ekern@locdelano.com).

- ◇ **Tidal Treats: Sunday, July 28:** We need a person or two who would be willing to prepare, serve, and clean up after our snack time. The snack on Sunday is "crunch coral." This involves putting crunchy Cheetos into a cup for kids to grab.

- ◇ **Crew Leaders:** In search of 2-3 people who would be willing to be Crew Leaders. To be a Crew Leader, you need two important qualifications: you love the Lord and you love children. During VBS, you'll visit different activities (stations) around the church with a small group of children. You're not in charge of preparing or teaching activities; you just get to be there and help kids enjoy the activities as you shepherd the members of your Crew. Because your Crew is small, you'll get to know and affirm each member by asking questions, really listening, and being encouraging.



## **Valleyfair!**

Light of Christ youth are headed to Valleyfair for a day of rides and fun!! Here are the details:

- ⇒ **When:** Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ⇒ **Time:** 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (at the park from approximately 10 AM - 5:30 PM). *New as of last year:* youth 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult after 4 pm, so depending on our ages and numbers (of youth and adults), we will adjust plans as needed.
- ⇒ **Who:** Light of Christ youth and friends (completed grades 7-12 and grads. ;)
- ⇒ **Cost:** \$40 (check or [online](#)). This includes \$36 for the group ticket and some money to cover transportation. Transportation will depend on our numbers, adults attending, etc.
- ⇒ **Registration Deadline:** Sign up [at this link](#) by **Sunday, July 21 at noon!**
- ⇒ **Bring:** Sunscreen, spending money (*optional*) or a cold lunch (we will provide a cooler with ice packs), swimming stuff if you plan to go in the waterpark.
- ⇒ **Note:** Youth will spend the day in the park in groups of 2 or more. We cannot guarantee that each group will have an adult with them but we will have a check-in time (when we eat lunch) and have a contact number for at least one youth in each group. If you have any questions, please email [Kirsten.Kelly@locdelano.com](mailto:Kirsten.Kelly@locdelano.com).





## High School Mission Trip to Chicago

Below are a few more photos from our Chicago mission trip that took place June 23-29. The first photo collage is of all of the different family members that went on the trip together. There were 9 different families that had either a sibling or parent and child attend together. These trips are always incredible for strengthening those relationships!

The second and third photo collages are of many of the fun memories from the trip and ways that our group grew closer together. It is incredible to see the group serve together, but it is also amazing to watch each group become a "family" throughout the week. We are grateful for the chance to grow and serve and get closer to one other and God. Without your support these trips wouldn't happen!





# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

