



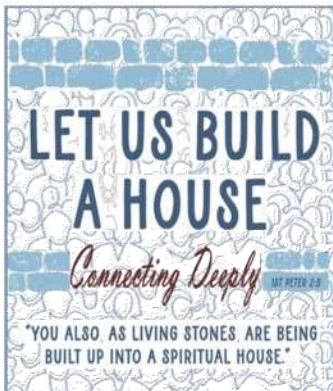
Worship

- 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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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

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

"THE HOOT"



Our fantastic OWLS group (Older Wiser Lutherans) had so much fun together last Thursday for a barn BBQ at the Finks. After all the rainy weather, we had a perfect sunny and dry day. Bill grilled brats and burgers, and everyone brought something to share. Twenty-eight friends gathered!

After lunch we got to know one another more, especially as we participated or watched Bill's "Backseat Driver" game—see photos on the left. It was an actual HOOT! We laughed and laughed when the driver either thought they were moving forward and weren't, or they couldn't follow directions. Hahaha!

If you would like to join the OWLS, please email Sue Fink (billandsue2931@gmail.com) or Terri at the church office. We welcome all over 55 and meet monthly.

July 18th is our next planned outing. We're taking an hour and 20-minute road trip to Freeport to the Hemker Zoo. It's a small but amazing zoo, with up close views of exotic animals, even rhinos and giraffes. We'll leave at 8:45 am from the LOC parking lot and will need some drivers to volunteer (all can chip in for gas). If we have at least 15 participants, we can get tickets for \$16 (otherwise \$19.25). Let **Sue know soon if you plan to come so she can make reservations.** We'll stop for lunch on the way home.

Several of us have expressed interest in gathering at the Concerts in the Park at Sturges Park in Buffalo on Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30. July 11th: Johnny Cash Tribute; July 18th: Little Chicago, 60's and 70's horn band; July 25th: A Hard Day's Night Beatles Tribute. Let's make plans to meet up.

Right here in Delano we can meet up on July 17th at 6:30-8 pm to hear the Delano Community Band at Central Park gazebo. Also scheduled is bluegrass music on July 24th. And don't forget to take in "The Sound of Music" performance by the Delano Dramatic Company at the DHS Performing Arts Center the weekends of July 12th and 19th.

Future outings include a tour of the Ames-Florida-Stork House in Rockford and a possible lunch cruise on Lake Minnetonka in the fall. Stay tuned!





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>



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 at terri.reuter@locdelano.com. Thank you!

Golf for Love Fundraiser

We have deep appreciation for the support from all our sponsors for the 2023 Love INC *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, Sept. 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



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!

Donate from Your Smart Phone

Light of Christ offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader or go to the [church website](#) and locate the online giving page.



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!



Children & Youth Fall Ministry registrations are open!

- ⇒ **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>

Need 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!



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!

High School Mission Trip to Chicago

The 21 youth and 6 adults that went to Chicago last week had an amazing experience!! The photos following on the next two pages are of 4 of the service experiences we had. On Monday and Tuesday we worked with [Exodus World Service](#) on a refugee resettlement project... we purchased items for two families to set up a brand new apartment for each of them when they arrived from Bangladesh and Pakistan. Thank you to everyone who donated to this project... a total of \$1760.00, which included \$500 from the Endowment Fund! We also participated in a refugee simulation project where we learned how difficult it would be to leave your home, travel to a refugee camp, and await a chance to find safety for your family.

On Tuesday, we also sorted medical supplies at [Project C.U.R.E.](#) and learned about their awesome ministry.

Then on Wednesday, we did gardening and weeding at [A Just Harvest](#), where we heard some incredible stories and saw firsthand the amazing food ministry they do in Chicago.

The last photo is from [Bernie's Book Bank](#), where we stickered books to be sent to children in Chicago that do not have reading material. BBB has distributed over 27 million books to children in the Chicago area so far!

All of the organizations we worked with inspired us and helped us to grow our hearts and our mindset about how God is at work in the world. We hope you will check out these organizations and support them as you are able... or even find a time to volunteer if you're ever in the Chicago area! Thank you for supporting our high school mission trips. They change lives for those we serve as well as those who go on the trips!





Refugee Resettlement Project





A Just Harvest

