



Pastor Tim Wheatley

January 19, 2026

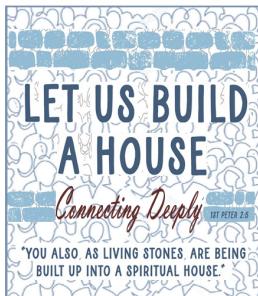
Worship

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



Church Council 2025

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Tim Current (treas.)
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CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 25 at 10:30 AM
Immediately following worship



Praise and Thanks

On January 25, we will recognize and thank our staff, committee members, council members, and volunteers for their dedication to LOC. Join us after worship for juice, coffee, and donuts as we celebrate them. If you're interested in serving on a committee, stay for the annual meeting immediately following worship to learn about available

Summer Camp

Summer Camp Wapo registration is open! Below are the dates along with the number of guaranteed spots reserved for LOC from **January 15 – February 15**. On **February 16**, any unused spots will be released and opened to the waitlist and the general public. You can register at any time for any Wapo camp or week but will be placed on a "waitlist" until February 16. The spots below are reserved for LOC youth for the first month of registration (first come, first serve basis):



LOC Reserved Weeks & Spots:

[Wapo Youth \(Gr 4-9\)](#) June 21-26, 2026 **10 guaranteed spots**

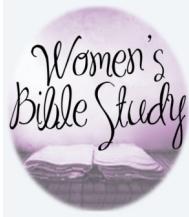
[Wapo Youth \(Gr 4-9\)](#) July 26-31, 2026 **20 guaranteed spots**

[Wapo One Day \(K-2\)](#) June 24, 2026 **10 guaranteed spots**

[Wapo Seeds \(Gr 1-4\)](#) June 19-21, 2026 **10 guaranteed spots**

Here is our church-specific registration link to ensure you register for the correct week and program: <http://lwlbc.com/loc-delano>

Please reach out with any questions!



Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study has resumed and meets **the first and third Mondays of the month, 6:30–8:00 PM at LOC**. We will meet through June. The second half of the year we will study the book *Even Better than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie. More information can be found on flyers in the narthex. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com.

Get to Know the Wheatleys!

Sundays through February 22nd we are looking for members who want to host a brunch/lunch/or dinner to get to know the Wheatleys. The host will sign up for a date on a clipboard in the Narthex for a Sunday meal date and then they can decide what members they would like to join them for brunch/lunch/or dinner to get to know Pastor Tim and Mary. If you want to be a guest, you can also sign up to be one and we will try to accommodate everyone interested. If you have any questions, please text or call Jennifer Grant at 612.226.8181. Email is jpconnection.jg@gmail.com.



Rooted in Faith. Growing in Generosity.

Thank you, Light of Christ partners, for the way you have responded so generously to our 2026 Mission & Ministry Appeal. So far, **83 households** have submitted pledges totaling **\$400,605**, and we are grateful to share that we have already **exceeded last year's participation and giving**. That is a powerful sign that our church is deeply rooted in faith and committed to growing God's work in this place and beyond.

Every pledge is like a seed planted in good soil. Together, these gifts become the water, sunlight, and nutrients that allow ministry to flourish—supporting worship, children and youth, care for one another, outreach in our community, and our witness to God's love in the world. There is a direct connection between our generosity and the breadth of ministry we are able to share.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to submit your pledge, you are still warmly invited to do so. You can do so online [at this link](#), on our website under the *Give* tab, or simply send a note to **Terri** in the church office. Pledge forms are also available in the narthex or church office.

Thank you for helping Light of Christ remain **rooted in faith and growing in generosity** as we look toward the year ahead. ☺

Thursday Night Bible Study

All are welcome to join us for our study of the Gospel of John on **Thursdays at 7:00-8:30 PM**. If you have any questions, feel free to call Gina Nee at 651-353-2277. Great for beginners or anyone simply hungry to discover more about God and to grow in one's faith. Also, a wonderful way to get to know a few other folks!



Cheater Readers Book Club Update

If you're interested in joining our Cheater Readers Book Club, our next meeting is **February 12th at 2 PM** in the LOC Living Room. The book we had originally chosen was not readily available at the libraries, so instead we will be discussing **"One Plus One" by Jojo Moyes**. Give it a try! Bring your own snack and beverage!



OUTREACH

✉ Spread Joy and Support: Send a Caring Card Today!

Our church family is built on love, support, and appreciation. One beautiful way we connect and care for one another is through our Caring Card ministry!

We encourage everyone to take a moment to fill out a simple Caring Card request. This request ensures a special card is sent to a fellow member to:

- ◊ Offer Support: Let them know they are being thought of and prayed for during a time of need, illness, or struggle.
- ◊ Share Gratitude: Thank them for their dedicated participation in the service, for stepping up to volunteer their time, or simply for their faithful involvement in our community.

Belize Mission Trip 2026—Donations Needed

As we prepare for our 2026 Belize Mission Trip from February 26th to March 7th, we are looking for the following donations for Pastor Kebin's church. There will be a clear plastic bin in the Narthex for donations. Please bring donations in **by February 22nd**. Please contact Rosie Grant with questions: 612.876.2677 or rosalie.o.grant@gmail.com

We appreciate your support to our brothers and sisters in Christ! *The Belize Mission Team*

Donation Needs for Belize Mission 2026:

- ⇒ Backpacks
- ⇒ School supplies: pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, markers, watercolor paints, folders, notebooks
- ⇒ Squish Mellos – suitcase-sized
- ⇒ Jump ropes
- ⇒ Hot Wheels cars or toy cars
- ⇒ Remote control cars- small sized
- ⇒ Stuffed animals/ beanie babies
- ⇒ Fidget toys
- ⇒ Playing cards– Uno, etc.
- ⇒ Carnival prizes- small plush toys, squishy toys
- ⇒ Small Books- new or gently used- all ages
- ⇒ Yoyo's
- ⇒ Slime or silly putty
- ⇒ Figurines
- ⇒ Kid and teenager jewelry
- ⇒ Cosmetic bags
- ⇒ Small Legos
- ⇒ Mini Playdoh
- ⇒ Mini Slinkys
- ⇒ Candy- individually wrapped and nothing that melts: Tootsie pops, Starburst, Jolly Ranchers (NO GUM)
- ⇒ Hair supplies: ponytails, clips, brushes
- ⇒ Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- ⇒ Vitamins- adults and children
- ⇒ Nail polish
- ⇒ Little activity packs
- ⇒ Coloring books
- ⇒ Stickers
- ⇒ Hats- baseball caps
- ⇒ New and gently used shoes-boys and girls
- ⇒ Cologne and perfume
- ⇒ Purses
- ⇒ Sunglasses- teens and kids
- ⇒ Monetary donations to Light of Christ (designate for "Belize")



MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES



Committees are the heart and soul of Light of Christ. Lay leadership within committees allows for members to make their own mark in this community. Each committee functions differently, but all come together to give this congregation life, energy, and new goals.

Interested in serving on a committee? Contact the Nominating Committee (Mike Boyack: mkboyack@yahoo.com or Natasha Werner: natasha.werner@target.com) or the church office.

Below is a brief summary of each LOC committee, which are typically two-year terms. More information can be found on our website under [Serve/Committees](#):

- ⇒ **Church Council:** elected members serve a three-year term and are responsible for the general oversight of the congregation.
- ⇒ **Children & Family Ministry Team (CFM):** responsible for the education programs of children 3 years old through 6th grade.
- ⇒ **Community Life:** responsible for initiating the fellowship life of the congregation, including potlucks, picnics, and more.
- ⇒ **Endowment:** helps LOC members make legacy gifts through estate planning or with major gifts at any point that fits their financial life.
- ⇒ **Finance:** assists the treasurer and Church Council and oversees the church finances.
- ⇒ **Healing and Wholeness:** brings awareness, education, prayer, and support to those experiencing mental illness, loneliness, grief, or brokenness.
- ⇒ **Library:** organizes the collection and catalogs items into specific areas of interest in the church library.
- ⇒ **Mission/Evangelism:** responsible for evangelism and outreach to members and the community.
- ⇒ **Mutual Ministry:** responsible for affirming and strengthening the mission of the congregation and the ministry of the called staff.
- ⇒ **Personnel:** supports the Church Council and church committees in hiring staff and other HR activities.
- ⇒ **Property:** oversees the care and maintenance of the church property.
- ⇒ **Stewardship:** promotes the Christian discipline of stewardship through the use of members' time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them. Works to educate the church on the ministries their gifts support, methods of giving, organizing annual stewardship campaign, and connecting fundraising activities to principles of stewardship.
- ⇒ **Technology Team:** supports the technology needs of LOC, reviewing equipment replacement schedule, and providing support to staff as needed.
- ⇒ **Worship & Music:** provides vision and oversight to the worship and music ministry, and assists the music director with general planning of worship, recruitment of worship assistants, and other special projects.
- ⇒ **Youth & Family Ministry Team (YFM):** visions, plans, and implements the ministries for youth and families in grades 7-12 and post-HS youth.



Come and join us for a snowshoe or XC-ski walk on the light-up trails at Robert Ney Nature Center (5212 73rd St NW, Maple Lake) on **February 13th, 4-8PM**. Equipment rental is available for \$5 per set on a first come first serve basis. If you have your own equipment, please bring that. We will have a campfire going and hot chocolate is available inside to warm up.

We are also planning on making stone soup over the fire. Please bring any one item (*ready to use*) to add to the soup (diced tomato, cubed bell pepper, diced onion, diced potato, cubed or small carrot,...) or bread/toast. After our walk we will all be able to enjoy a bowl of soup together. This day is meant to enjoy fellowship, make new friendships, strengthen family bonds and be amazed by God's creation in a safe community setting. Even if you don't like the idea of the walk, join us for the fire and soup. We hope you can join us at any time during those 4 hours.



Guys' Night Out

Join Pastor Tim for a night out with the guys on **Thursday, January 22nd at 8:00 PM** at Brickside Grille & Tap. All ages welcome!