



AUGUST 2018

The monthly newsletter of
Light of Christ Lutheran Church,
Delano, MN

The Marks of Discipleship

- Pray daily*
- Worship weekly*
- Read the Bible*
- Serve at or beyond Light of Christ*
- Relate to others for spiritual growth*
- Give of my time, talents and resources*

A “Not-So-Slow” Summer

Summer is typically a slower time here at the church but that hasn’t been the case this summer. We have not been idle. Here is some of what has been, and is, happening.

The first is the Missional Assessment Profile Summit on Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Missional Assessment Profile (or MAP) is the survey that many of you took in July. The intention of the survey was to hear from a wide cross-section of the congregation about where we believe the Holy Spirit is leading us in the next three to five years. Tim Johnson, our Kairos consultant, will lead this Summit and report back to us on the results of the survey and give us a better sense of how the Holy Spirit is moving among us. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend so please put this on your calendar.

The second is the work of our two Search Committees: both our Children, Youth, and Family Search Committee and our Music Director Search Committee. The Children, Youth and Family Search Committee is comprised of Rachel Bash, Amber Becker, Nick Egly, Annette McClelland (chair), Erin Green, Ryan Green, Shannon Durick, Laura Jaunich, Dan Langner, Vicki Noetzelman, and me. The Committee received twelve resumes and chose to interview three candidates. The first candidate withdrew her name and the other two are still possible selections.

The Music Director Search Committee is made up of Laurie Brown, Michelle Bunker, Steve Crosby, Sue Fink, Bridget Hanson, Marcus Hanson, JoMarie Williamson, and me. The Committee has received two resumes. Only one of the candidates was qualified and so we are scheduling an interview with this candidate. Please keep both of these searches in your prayers.

The third is the Godspeed and Farewell for Rachel Bash on Sunday morning, August 12th. We will bid Rachel Godspeed and farewell on the 12th in our worship service, and then host a reception for her following the service. In addition, we will also hear back from the youth and adults who participated in the Mission Trip to Atlanta in June in worship that day. So it promises to be a full morning with both laughter and tears.

The fourth is the launch of our new website. The new website is now “live” and we trust that it will be an excellent tool for our mission and ministry. Please check it out and if you encounter any “glitches,” please let us know through the church office. I want to extend a heart-felt “thank you” to the members of the Website Task Force: Cheri Ashfeld (chair), Rachel Bash, Billie Chock, Ryan Green, Paul Ludwig, and Brad Pappas. They have done great work.

Pastor K

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would prefer not to receive personalized 2019 offering envelopes to save the church some expense, please notify the church office. All we need to apply your contribution to your giving history is your name or contributor #.

Simply Giving is also a great option which saves the church money and aids in budgeting and seasonal balancing. Please contact the church office with any questions—

763-972-2400 or lochrist@frontiernet.net. Thank you.



We rejoice as we welcome into our church family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

Evelyn Ann Fritz

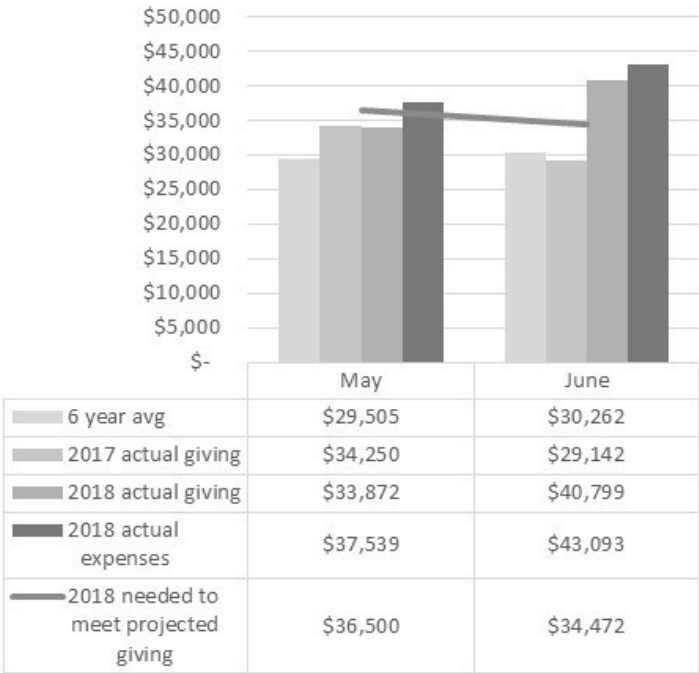
Born: February 7, 2018
Baptized: July 29, 2018
Parents: John & Kristen Fritz
Sponsors: Missi Andrews
Kayla Daniels

Thank you to those who helped serve on July 9th for the July birthdays at The Estates of Delano:

Amber Dawn Andrews
Steve & Judy Crosby
Ginny Iverson
Lynda Pavlovich



Financial Summary



Thank You, Volunteers!

Light of Christ shared leadership is realized through the dedication, time and gifts of our LOC members. Our church simply would not run as efficiently, provide as many programs, look as good as it does or create as many opportunities to grow friendships and grow faith without the service of our volunteers! A very sincere thank you to everyone who has given of your time over this summer and throughout the year. We are all truly blessed by your service!

LOVE INC OPPORTUNITIES

- Alley Sale at Delano store on August 1st; volunteers welcome—call Lisa Green.
- Our **Back to School Bash is on Wednesday, August 22nd**. We are looking for donations of school supplies or money to purchase them and volunteers to help at this program on August 22nd at WestPointe Church.

Please contact Lisa Green at 763-972-6547 opt. 3 or lisa@loveincheartland.org if interested in helping in any of these ways.



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND PRAISE TEAM WANNABEES!



LOC Praise Team will be summer-jamming on Monday, August 20th at 7pm. This is open to anyone and everyone. Just bring your instrument or voice and let's jam! We'd love to recruit some occasional, part-time or full-time members so we can grow our Praise Team ministry. We typically play one Sunday a month during the school year. Hope you can join us! Any questions call Sue Fink (763-972-6005) or Michelle Bunker (763-972-8404).

Back to School Drive

It's time again for Love, INC's Back to School Drive! We will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations the first 3 weeks in August, ending on Sunday, August 19th. Any school supplies are welcomed, but the most needed are: *new backpacks, compasses/protractors, pencil boxes/pouches, scissors, solid color folders, fat washable markers, colored pencils, rulers, loose leaf paper packets, erasers, highlighters, glue sticks/bottles, pencils, dry erase markers*. Items can be placed in the collection area in narthex. If you are interested in helping with the Back to School Bash on Wednesday, Aug. 22nd, please contact Lisa Green at Love, INC. 763-972-6547 opt 3



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Fall Programming Kick-off!

September is just around the corner! With the start of a new school year also comes the start of a new programming year at Light of Christ. There are three important steps we ask each family to take as they get organized for the fall: Register, Volunteer, and Save the Dates!

- 1. **REGISTER:** Register your children and youth for Sunday School, IGNITE, Confirmation, and High School Fellowship all on **ONE** registration form. Find the form on our ~new website~ under the Children and Youth tab.
- 2. **VOLUNTEER:** The only way our programming works is if we have service-minded, loving individuals who are willing to contribute to our ministry’s faith education programs. Please consider being a Sunday School teacher, IGNITE teacher, Confirmation guide, or Jr. Confirmation guide.
- 3. **SAVE THE DATES:** Add the kick-off dates to your calendar so you don’t miss a thing!
 - Fire Fest (Kick-off Sunday): Sunday, September 9th at 9am
 - Sunday School/IGNITE Kick-off: Sunday, September 16th at 9:30am
 - Confirmation Orientation for students and parents: Wednesday, September 12th at 6:30pm
 - High School Fellowship Kick-off: Wednesday, September 12th at 8pm

We have a new website! We hope that this new website will better serve the needs of both our members and visitors. Please check it out at lightofchristlutheran.com!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

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Introducing Fire Fest! Sunday, September 9th



Come celebrate the kick-off to a new programming year!

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| Outdoor worship at 9:00am | With Blessing of the Backpacks |
| Fire Fest at 10:00am | Music, volunteer/committee expo, food, bounce house, adult bean bag and volleyball tournaments, service care-kits, and more! |

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY Monthly Service Teams

Welcoming all and promoting hospitality is the mission and vision of Light of Christ. One of the greatest opportunities we have to be welcoming and hospitable comes every Sunday morning with time to connect before and after worship service. Worship brings us closer to God but also brings us closer together as a community of believers. We need to maximize this wonderful opportunity to meet, greet and create meaningful relationships within our congregation. We need to encourage everyone to congregate ... to spend time visiting and enjoying one another by sharing a **cup of coffee and maybe an occasional sweet treat!**



Every Light of Christ member is automatically assigned and serves on a **Monthly Service Team**. We currently have 13 teams each comprised of approximately 20 - 25 individual or family units. Service teams are dedicated to serving the Lord by their actions in sharing, caring and welcoming all that associate with Light of Christ in any manner. Currently service team members, when needed, express this dedication by serving at funerals and other functions at Light of Christ. Sunday morning hospitality is also a perfect place for monthly service teams to share that caring and welcoming attitude.

With our fall worship schedule, we will be asking the monthly service teams to promote LOC hospitality by making coffee available in the narthex between worship services.

Beginning in August, and every month thereafter, an email from the church office will be sent to all members of the upcoming monthly service team. We will ask for one member of the group to coordinate team members that will facilitate coffee service. These volunteers will assume responsibility to make coffee, have it available in the narthex following 1st service and to dispose of extras and clean up at the beginning or end of 2nd service. The service group coordinator will also connect with our youth so we do not duplicate efforts on Sundays where the youth are providing coffee and/or treats.

With monthly service teams providing Sunday morning coffee it will give all members of the congregation the opportunity to participate in sharing, caring and welcoming their fellow Light of Christ worshipers through a time of hospitality!

RING THAT BELL!

Soundboard volunteers seek additional partners as we return to two services each Sunday. ***You can do this!***



- ♦ Start by observing a volunteer during a service.
- ♦ Get a feel for ringing the bell.
- ♦ Attend a training session so you feel confident activating microphones, adjusting sound levels, projecting slides, and caring for the soundboard equipment.
- ♦ Sign up for the services that fit your schedule.

Hey, you're already sitting in a pew. Why not sit in the booth and help the service flow smoothly? (There's room for your spouse or child to sit with you.) Interested? Contact Cheri Ashfeld (cheri_n_lee@hotmail.com or 763-477-5412) or simply observe during one of the upcoming services. Thank you!

CHECK OUT LOC's NEWLY REVAMPED WEBSITE at www.lightofchristlutheran.com!

Preview the new-and-expanded features, which will include:

- * Weekly sermons available in video format (soon-to-come)
- * Interactive sign-up and payment capability
- * Link to Kairos Project's documents, timeline, progress reports



MONTHLY SERVICE TEAM

Members of Light of Christ are dedicated to serving the Lord by sharing, caring and loving, and do so through the work of Monthly Service Teams, serving at funerals, Sunday morning coffee time and other functions.

August Service Team families:

David & Mary Allen
Todd & Gala Andreasen
Jon & Becky Arneson
Todd Berghoff & Cathy Blonigen
Mel & Julie Bernick
Steve & Laurie Brown
John & Kristy Cardinal
Jeremy & Karmen Christenson
Bonnie Czanstkowski
Aaron & Jill DeMars
Val Donahue
Jeff & DeAnn Fink
April Fritz
Dorothy Henry
Josh & Melissa Hillmyer
Greg & Lisa Krause
Tom & Kris Lemmerman
Scott & Carol Nelson
Lynda Pavlovich
Vicky Rootes
Lisa Schmit
Tom & Sharon Sebelien
Mark & Renee Simenson
Bonnie Snaza
Jason & Lindsey Thompson
Karl & Faith Wiest
Holly Williams



August Birthdays

- 1 Joe Schramel, Lindsay Wallace
- 2 Fred Schmitt
- 3 Cora Evjen, Bridget Hanson, Emma Nordlie, Nora Walters
- 4 Jeff Boecker, Miles Griffin, Laurie Langner, Doug Schaust
- 5 Weston Gabrick, Sarah Spanier, Landon Spicer
- 6 Nicholas Egly, Sawyer Nelson, Dave Parpart
- 7 Paul Gallagher, Jon Moen, Ellen Ungerman
- 8 Cody Hanson
- 9 Rhonda Current, Travis Knisley, Jessica Prinsen
- 10 Teague Collings, Sarah Gielau
- 11 Jill DeMars, Andy Dormanen, Tara Holmen, Randee Kyrola, Benjamin Lindgren
- 12 Monica Gabrick, Lydia Hemmer, Eric Mikkelsen, Madison Splettstoesz, Allison Warne
- 13 Hailey Anderson, Tyler Finkelson, Caron Ihde
- 14 Nicholas Black
- 15 Amanda Gielau, Kathy Sandberg
- 16 Craig Schansberg, Jamie St. Aubin
- 17 Mark Goemer, Ryan Kyrola, Chase Wortz
- 18 Ryan Green, Richard Reske, Adam Schleper
- 19 Kali Anderson, Dave Robinson
- 20 Nathan Baluski
- 21 Brynn Wahl
- 22 Emma Knisley, Mollie Larson, Scott Sandberg, Natasha Werner
- 23 Todd Kuechle
- 24 Lisa Andrews, Tracy Bistodeau, Isabel Fink, Beckett Ludwig, Janelle Russenberger
- 25 Calvin Brandt, Landon Lundquist, Jim Stigman, Gina Will
- 26 Beth Beardsley, Carter Larison, Jackson Reske, Eric Sandberg
- 27 Traci Torgerson
- 28 Ken Almquist, Barry Brandstetter, Bill Buenger, Sarah Evjen, Carter Schmidt
- 29 Todd Berghoff, Kristy Klaphake, Caleb Prickett, Bob Slipka

- 30 Allie Bunker, Jessica Cook, Charles Mielke, Mya Sievers, Ryan Sleyphen, Brock Wuerger, Gretchen Wuerger
- 31 Anna Blonigen, Jennifer Droneck, Lynne Griffin, Nathan Ness, Teagan Spanier, Nicholas Truax, Tena Ungerman



August Anniversaries

- 3 Ray & Nancy Cordes, Jason & Jessica Holmer, Joe & Stacey Schramel, Tim & Tena Ungerman
- 5 Ken & Billie Chock, Pastor Bruce & Cynthia Kuenzel
- 6 Don & Cheryl Collins, Matt & Briana Johnson
- 7 Tristen & Lynne Griffin, Brandon & Sue Heinzen, Scott & Kara Larson
- 8 Jason & Stacie Engel, Brian & Kelly Harstad, Joel & Jan Lemke, Jamie & Sarah Ulferts
- 10 David & Jessica Motzko, Jeff & Suzann VanDenEinde
- 11 Rick & Wendy Haley, Scott & Carol Nelson
- 12 Brad & Megan Winyninger
- 13 Kent & Julie Wischmann, Dave & Heidi Wuerger
- 15 Chris & Lisa Andrews, Jamie & Brianna St. Aubin
- 17 Dave & Katie Henson
- 21 John & Sharon McKisson
- 22 Doug & Judy Schuette
- 23 Ben & Lesley Berscheid
- 26 John & Amber Becker
- 27 Jim & Tamara Schafer
- 28 Tom & Sharon Sebelien, Tim & Heather Vanderlinde
- 29 Bob & Cheryl Gielau
- 31 Henry & Eileen Huetteman

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – AUGUST 2018

Worship assistants are now scheduled via [SignUpGenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com). If you have not received an invite via email to sign up, please contact the church office. If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please arrange for a substitute or notify the church office. Thank you! Telephone: 763-972-2400 Email: lochrist@frontiernet.net

| | Council Rep | Greeters | Ushers | Communion Assistants | Acolytes | Lectors | Altar Guild | Soundboard |
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| Sun. Aug. 5 | Robin Olson | Carol Kocina | Amber Dawn Andrews Ann Bassett | Sue Fink Jinnelle Weis | Taylor Kriesel Noah Lind | Sue Fink | Kim Wortz Bea Zerull | Brad Spencer |
| Sun. Aug. 12 | | Don & Loyann Anderson | Grace Horeis Grant Horeis | Sue Stahlke | | | Cynthia Kuenzel JoMarie Williamson | Cheri Ashfeld |
| Sun. Aug. 19 | | Carol Kocina | Leo Hanson | Carmen Hanson | Emma Lotzer | | Jan Styve JoMarie Williamson | Brad Spencer |
| Sun. Aug. 26 | | | Dennis & Ginny Iverson Loree Kinney | | Claire Roeglin | Loree Kinney | MaryAnn McKay | Cheri Ashfeld |

