



Pastor Tim Wheatley

January 12, 2026

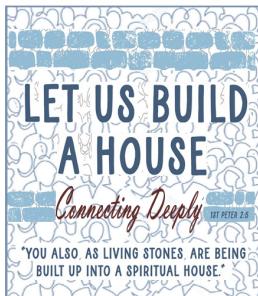
Worship

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



Church Council 2025

Laurie Brown (sec'y.)
Billie Chock (pres.)
Tim Current (treas.)
Pat Czock
Brandt Dinger
Heidi Goldbeck
Luke Jeseritz
Lisa Krause (v. pres.)
Ryan Tool
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Contact us!

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Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, January 12th
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
Delano, MN 55328

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 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

January Food Distribution

Serve a neighbor in need...help strengthen a ministry...put love and faith into action. Nourishing Hope Food Distribution. **Monday, January 12th**. Two opportunities:

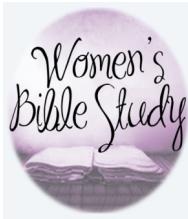
- **9:45 AM** Food box packing. Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- **3:30 PM** Food distribution. Here at LOC. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 25 at 10:30 AM

Immediately following worship





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.

Bible Study/Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/Teens

As we work to be a community where all feel connected and cared for, we have created a meeting time for moms of pre-teens and teens. Join us on **Thursday, January 15th from 8:15-9:45 AM** (right after school drop-off) to meet with some other moms and talk about life, faith and parenting. This will be very laid back with zero prep or expectation. Coffee, creamer and treats provided. We'll discuss future meetings & times with those who attend or express interest...so email Kirsten if you're interested but cannot attend. Please also contact Kirsten about any specific food needs/requests. Hope to see you there!



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.



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 Tim Johnson at 952-472-1755 or Gina 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



Many years ago, we started a book club of LOC members and met in one another's homes monthly, enjoying fellowship and discussions of lots of interesting books. We called ourselves "The Cheater Readers" since most of us needed some magnifying help with our middle aging eyes! Some of our members have passed or moved away, and some have transferred to other churches, but we continue to be great friends.

Moving into 2026, as it is getting to be harder for all of us to host or navigate to our homes, we have arranged to meet in the Living Room at LOC on the **second Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM**. We would love to have new book lovers join us!

***Here's the line-up for Book Club at **2:00 PM** at Light of Christ:

- ◊ **February 12:** *When the Dandelions Sing* by James J Hill
- ◊ **March 12:** *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin

Bring your own beverage and snack. Invite a friend! Bring your book suggestions for future months, books we can borrow through Delano's Great Regional or Hennepin County libraries. We will not meet in June, July, or August, unless one of us wants to have a summer potluck, no book involved. Contact Sue Fink if any questions.

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.
- ⇒ **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.



**Camp Wapo
registration
opens on
January 15th!**



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!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Voyagers and Pathfinders celebrated the Christmas season with silly games, outdoor snow play, cookie decorating, plenty of treats, and fellowship fun. A good way to end a great year full of newly found friendships, laughter, and a whole lot of love for Jesus and each other!

(See page 5 for more pictures)



Friday Night Lights

- ◊ **January 16th, 7:00-10:00 PM**
- ◊ Open to all grades, 7th-12th
- ◊ Games, food, fun!
- ◊ Sign-up **by 4:00 PM** the Friday of the event [at this link](#)
- ◊ Friends are welcome!
- ◊ Cost is \$5/youth to help cover the cost of food

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

More pictures from the Voyagers & Pathfinders Christmas parties.



Confirmation 1/7/26 - WOW, Camp Wapo Staff visit and games!