The Beacon

Pastor Tim Wheatley November 16, 2026

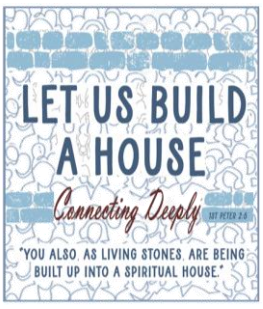
Worship Schedule

In-person worship:
9:30 AM Sundays

Online worship is live-streamed to our YouTube and Facebook pages

Church Council 2026

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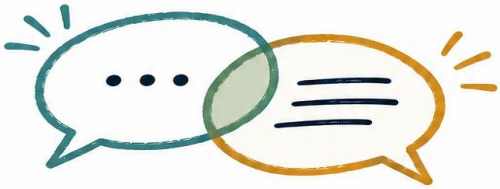
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FAMILY MATTERS

You Have No Idea

A night for teens and parents



Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Light of Christ Lutheran Church • Delano
6:15 p.m.

There's more going on in each other's lives than we realize.

Join Tim Johnson for an evening of laughter, discovery, and conversation about growing up, parenting, and staying connected.

Expect funny photos and stories from Tim's own teen years, playful audience participation, and time to hear something new from each other.

Grounded in Scripture, with practical insights about teens and family relationships, we'll explore how to:

- **Ask before assuming**
- **Listen before solving**
- **Notice the good—and begin again**

Leave with a simple take-home guide and a few small practices to try together.

Come ready to laugh, listen, and learn.

Have Leftover Halloween Candy?

Our Youth Ministries can use it for our Grad Care Packages and a Christmas Service Event that we're doing on 12/2! Drop it off in the church office labeled "***youth ministry***" and we'll make sure it gets used to brighten someone's day!



Christmas 4 a Cause



We are excited to once again come together as a congregation to help brighten Christmas for local families who may be going through a difficult time.

We invite you to take a look at our Christmas wish list and consider purchasing an item or two to help make the holidays a little brighter for someone in our community. Every gift, big or small, is a blessing and a wonderful way to share God's love with others.

You can view the wish list and sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AADA92EA5FFC52-66439634-christmas

Gift Drop-Off Dates
There will be two opportunities to drop off gifts during Sunday worship:

- **Sunday, November 29**
- **Sunday, December 6**

Final Gift Drop-Off (*new this year*)
If you are unable to drop off your gifts during worship, the final drop-off will be at **CorTrust Bank** on **Sunday, December 13**. All gifts will be collected and sorted there.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us share the joy, hope, and love of Christ this Christmas season! If you have any questions please contact Kim at kimw1517@gmail.com.







Our November Fifth Sunday Offering is for Bella Vista, Belize – Pastor Kebin Rosa's church.

Here is a letter from Pastor Kebin:

Hello LOC Family, Greetings and much love from Belize!

First, I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love, prayers, and support you have shown us and the ministries here in Bella Vista. Your partnership means so much to us. It is a blessing to know that we are not doing this alone, and we are so grateful to have you walking alongside us as we serve our community. I'm excited to share a few updates about what God is doing here!

Our Learning to Read Program
We recently launched our after-school Learning to Read Program, and it has been such a joy to see it grow. The response has been wonderful, with more parents already asking when we will open registration for another group. But what makes us happiest is seeing the children's excitement, their willingness to learn, and how quickly they are progressing. We are so thankful for every child whose life we get to impact through this program.

Our Hope Center
Every week, we welcome between 100 and 150 children to our Hope Center, where we spend time with them, share a meal, and most importantly, share the love of Jesus. It is more than a place for activities; it is a place where children are loved, encouraged, and reminded that they matter. We are also preparing to install electricity in our Hope Center, which includes three classrooms and a kitchen. We are excited about this next step and all the possibilities it will open up for the children and families we serve.

Moving Forward with Our Church Building
We are also working on installing the ceiling in our church sanctuary as part of our air-conditioning project. Our days here can get extremely hot, and we look forward to creating a cooler, more comfortable space where people can gather to worship, learn, and grow together.

Your Fifth Sunday Offering will go towards ceiling work and A/C for the sanctuary and appliances for our Hope Center kitchen that will feed families and offer meals to people in need in our community. (note "*Fifth Sunday*" on your check or envelope or donate on our Give page.)

Thank you for believing in us, praying for us, and investing in the work God is doing in Bella Vista. Your generosity is reaching beyond the walls of our church and making a difference in the lives of children, families, and our entire community.

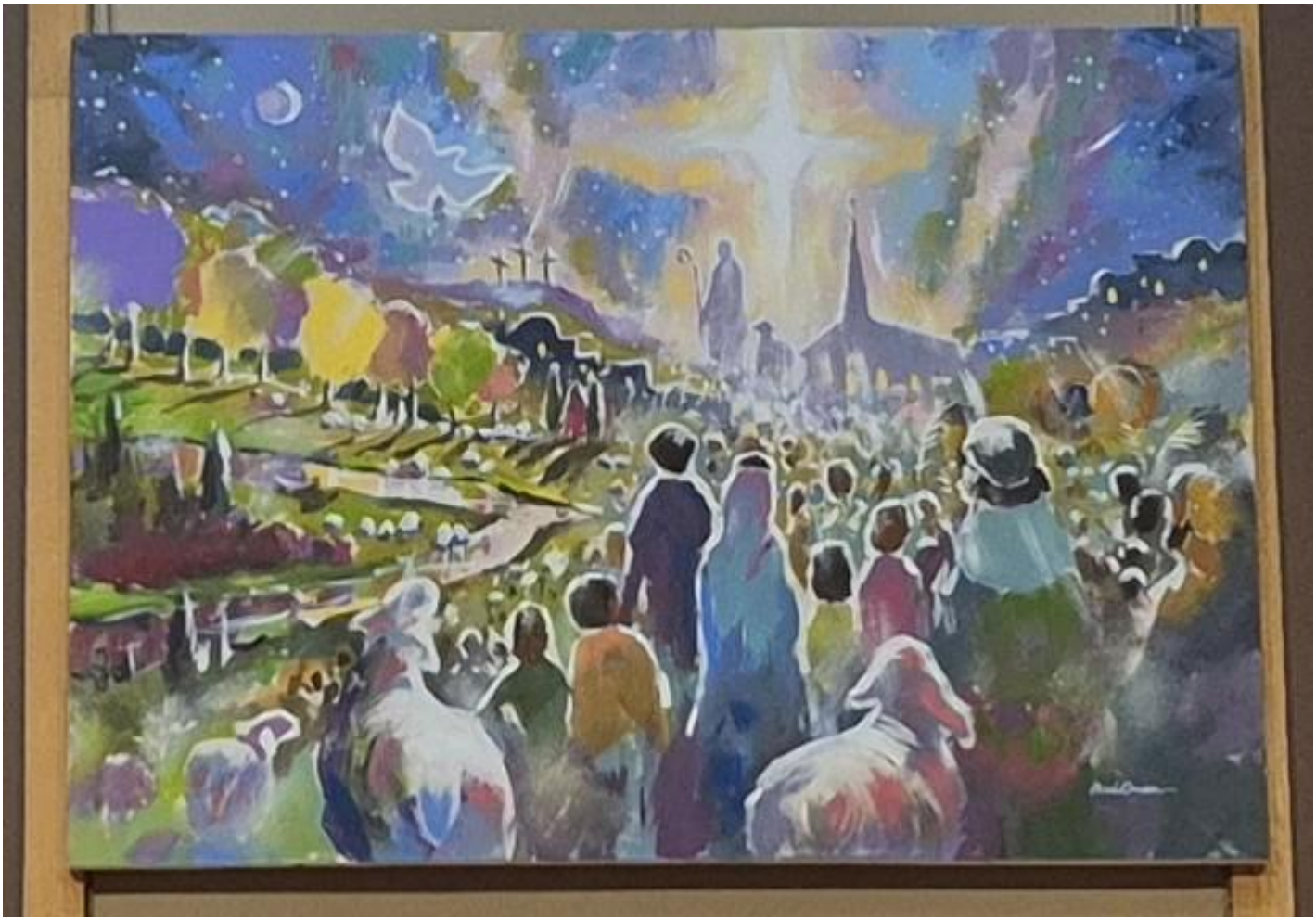
With much love and gratitude from Belize,
Kebin & Ani Rosa

CHURCH NEWS

Our "Drawn to the Light of Christ" service with Pastor Paul Oman on November 1st was truly a blessed day! Our unique and beautiful painting will be displayed on the wall behind the altar this month, and then mounted in a permanent spot once that location is decided on.

If you missed the event, you can watch the video stream on our church YouTube page or Facebook page. Thanks again to the many participants!

Numbered, limited edition artist prints are now available for purchase, either using an order form found on display in the Narthex, or online at https://www.drawn-to-the-word.com/shop/the-light-of-christ/. Your print will be shipped in 3-4 business days and shipping is free. You can order one for your home in time for Christmas. They would also make a wonderful gift!



Our new "Drawn to the Light of Christ" painting will soon be hung in a permanent spot in our sanctuary. But first we need to get a group consensus as to where that might be. So, next **Sunday, November 22nd**, we are inviting anyone who might have a good artistic or decorator eye, to join us after the service to try it out in various places and help make the decision.


LIGHT OF CHRIST COMMUNITY LIFE
Sips & Carols
FELLOWSHIP GATHERING
Christmas fellowship, music, carols, and good cheer!
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2026
6:00 PM | THE STATION, LORETTO
Sing along to Christmas carols led by
Katie Kohler and Marcus Hanson
Enjoy a fun evening with your Light of Christ friends over dinner and music!
Guests will order from a short menu and be responsible for their own tab.
RSVP BY DECEMBER 6
SCAN TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Thanksgiving Service

All are welcome to attend an ecumenical community Thanksgiving service on **November 22nd at 3:00 PM** at Delano United Methodist Church.



Mom's Discussion Group

Stay connected with other moms of pre-teens and teens and join us on **Thursday, December 3rd from 8:00-9:30 AM**. We'd love to have you join us for this casual group that meets to talk about life, faith, and parenting.



Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study meets the **1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, in the Living Room at LOC**. We will meet through April but *not* meet in December. If you need to leave early at any point or can't make it every time that is okay! Come when you can. We hope you join us! If you are interested in participating, **please respond to Lindsay Lindall:** lindsay.lindall@gmail.com**.**

Advent/Christmas Worship Schedule:

- **11/29**: First Sunday of Advent, 9:30 AM
- **12/06**: Lessons & Carols, 9:30 AM
- **12/10**: Blue Christmas Service, 6:30 PM
- **12/13**: Children's Christmas Program, 9:30 AM
- **12/20**: Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9:30 AM
- **12/24**: 2:00, 4:00, 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Services

Belize Adult/Family Mission Trip 2027



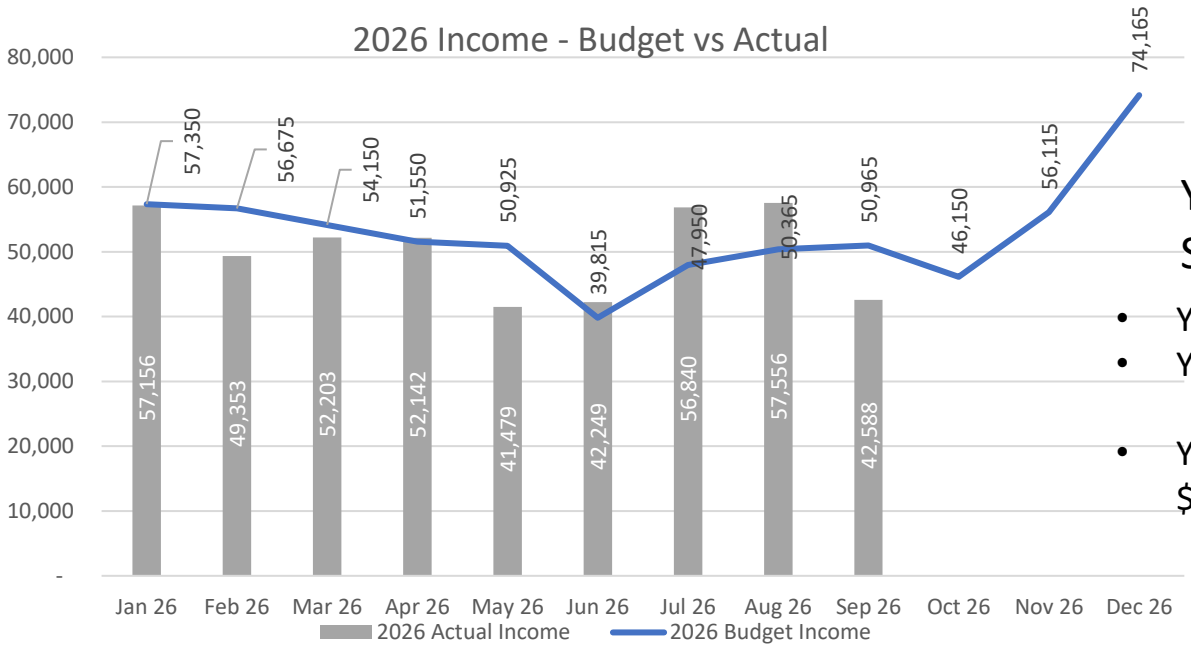
We will be going back for our 4th mission trip to Bella Vista, Belize from **Saturday, February 27 through March 6, 2027**. The trip cost will run between $1,300-$1,500 and includes airfare, accommodations, food, food donations, and transportation.

Here are some of the possibilities we will do: Vacation Bible School/sports camp, worshiping and serving dinner at Pastor Kebin Rosa's church, going on home visits, working with the Bella Vista School on an education initiative, carnival, and church projects.

Please email or text Jennifer Grant **as soon as possible** if you are interested or have questions: Jpconnection.jg@gmail.com or 612.226.8181.

We would love to have you prayerfully consider this life-changing opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



YTD Summary September 2026

- YTD Budget $459,745
- YTD Actual $451,567
- Year to Date Actual is $8,178 below budget

More Than Numbers

As you review these budget figures, remember – they are more than numbers. They represent lives touched, faith nurtured, and ministry made possible through your ongoing support.

Week 4 | There Is Still Time to Take a Step

TAKE A STEP

One Step at a Time. Together.

As of November 13th, we have received 74 pledges totaling $388,024. Last year, we had received 84 pledges totaling $401,645.

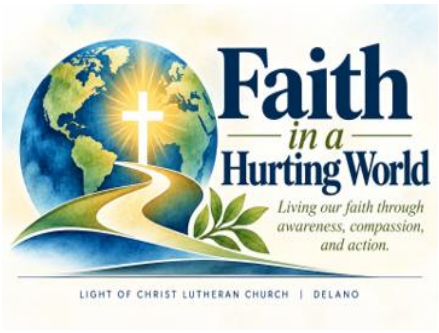
We are grateful for everyone who has submitted a pledge and for the generosity that sustains Light of Christ's ministry. There is still time to take your next step! Please prayerfully consider completing a pledge card, available at the Welcome Center. Return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. You can also complete an online pledge form at this link. Knowing your intentions helps us plan responsibly for the coming year and support the ministry of our growing congregation.

Check Your 2026 Pledge Status

Just a reminder that members can check the status of their pledges for 2026 by logging in to the online member portal at this link. You can also access the portal login page from the Light of Christ website home page by clicking the "Member Portal" icon on the top toolbar. If you need assistance, please contact Terri in the church office. *Please note: your 2027 pledge card is not authorization for the church office to make changes to your automatic giving.*

OUTREACH

Faith in a Hurting World



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Two needs. One joy. A faithful next step.

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."
—1 John 3:18, NIV

The world's needs can leave us wondering where to begin. Jesus gives us a place to start: the neighbor whose well-being we can help protect.

A need: Daily bread for every table

As Thanksgiving approaches, gratitude invites generosity. ELCA World Hunger reports that more than 47 million people in the United States face food insecurity. Through local feeding ministries and global partnerships, our church helps provide meals while addressing the conditions that keep families hungry. Every household deserves nourishment and dignity.

Our response: Support Light of Christ's Nourishing Hope ministry, contribute to a local food shelf, or give through ELCA World Hunger. Ask what is most needed before purchasing donations. Learn and give through ELCA World Hunger

A need: Care for the creation that sustains our neighbors

In a November 5 report, the Lutheran World Federation joined other faith communities in urging stronger action to protect biodiversity—the variety of living things that sustains life. Their message connects care for land and water with human dignity, livelihoods, and responsibility toward future generations. Caring for creation is one way we love our neighbors.

Our response: Choose one practical commitment: reduce food waste, plan a native planting, or participate in a local conservation effort. Read the Lutheran call to action

A joy: Christians choosing a shared witness

On October 31, Christians gathered at Lund Cathedral in Sweden to mark ten years since the historic Catholic-Lutheran Reformation commemoration. The gathering renewed a commitment to dialogue, reconciliation, and serving others together. In a divided world, Christians continuing to build relationships across old boundaries offers encouragement for our own communities.

Our response: Thank someone from another congregation or tradition whose service strengthens our community. Consider an opportunity to serve together. Read about the gathering

A prayer

God of daily bread and living hope, feed those who hunger, protect your creation, and heal the divisions among us. Keep our hearts tender toward suffering. Show us whom we can help, and give us courage to act. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

This week: Choose one need, take one concrete step, and invite one other person to join you.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Maker's Market

Children and youth under age 18 are invited to sign up for this year's Maker's Market, being held on **Sunday, November 22nd from 4:00-6:00 PM**. For more information and to sign up, please click this link: Makers Market 2026

Youth Choir Has Started!

Ages 3rd-6th grade! Rehearsals take place after worship and are 30 minutes long. Sign up using the QR code shown here or contact Katie with any questions. You can also just show up to rehearsal! Full schedule is on the sign-up form.



HONORING OUR VETERANS



Light of Christ wishes to honor our current Veterans. With gratitude we thank the following members of Light of Christ for their service to our country:

Name	Branch of Military	Years Served	Location
Don Anderson	Air Force	1965-69	Eglin AFB Florida
Lee Ashfeld	Air Force	1963-67	Japan, Turkey
Len Beilke	Navy	1965-68	Viet Nam
Billie Chock	Marine Corps		
Ken Chock	Marine Corps		
Don Collins	Army Reserve	1966-72	US
Bill Fink	Air Force Guard	1968-74	
Pete Froehle	Army	2001-present	Saudi Arabia
Dennis Iverson	Army	1953-55	Kitzingen, Germany
Lowell Johnson	Army	1956-58	Germany
Mike Klaphake	Army		
Zach Miller	Army National Guard	2009-2023	Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait
Benjamin Raskin	Army National Guard	1994-present	Kuwait
David Rosaaen	Navy	1967-71	Lemoore, CA Naval Air Station
Tom Sebelien	1st Division Army	1963-66	Viet Nam
Gordon Torgerud	US Navy	1958-61	USS Parsons, Viet Nam

For those who have served, “Welcome Home.” For those who continue to serve we thank God for your service. Did you know the universal symbol for honoring a Veteran is holding your hand over your heart? When you see a member of the Military, honor them by holding your hand to your heart! Remember: *November 11th was Veteran’s Day*. Contact a Veteran you know and say “THANKS!!” Armistice Day commemorates the signing of the end of WWI (the war to end all wars) at 11:00 AM, November 11, 1918 (name changed to Veteran’s Day in 1954). The poppy was one of the only plants growing on the barren battlefields. On May 3, 1915, while looking at the grave of his close friend and former student, Canadian surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae composed the poem, In Flanders Fields.



Verse 1
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

(The battlefield spanned southern Belgium and northwest France)