



MAY 2019

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*

Sing a New Song

The Worship and Music Director Search Committee is now interviewing and auditioning prospective candidates for our full-time position. We received seven applications and all the applicants have graduate degrees and experience as a church musician. So, the decision to move from a part-time to a full-time position has produced a larger and deeper pool of candidates than we had last summer.

(You may remember that last summer we received only three applications for what was then a half-time position, and only one of the candidates was truly qualified for the position, and she took a position with another congregation.) Please keep the Search Committee in your prayers as we seek to identify the person whom the Holy Spirit has in mind for us here at Light of Christ.

Moving from a half-time to full-time position also means that we will have to stretch financially in our regular giving. The compensation for the half-time position was around \$27,000 per year. The compensation for a full-time position will be in the \$70,000 range because we plan to compensate our new worship and music director according to the salary recommendations of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians which is based on years of education and experience, as well as skill-level. Assuming that we bring the new director on board in July or August, the compensation for this year will be around \$35,000.

One of the benefits of our New Day Capital Campaign is that our mortgage payments will now be paid from our capital campaign funds. The amount we will be paying on the mortgage from those funds in 2019 is about \$34,500. Thus, we are in a position to pay for a full-time director without significantly increasing our giving in 2019. Next year will be a different story, however. We will need to increase our giving by at least another \$35,000 to compensate our new director for the entire calendar year.

I know that I speak for the Search Committee, and for many others in the congregation, when I say that we believe that this is a sound, strategic investment in the future of our congregation. Having a dynamic, creative, and magnetic Worship and Music Director is a key element in strengthening our worship and music ministry.

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Worship and Music is one of the most important ministries we do as a congregation. At its best, worship is transformative. We experienced that transformative power this past Lent and Holy Week: at our Wednesday evening services in which we sang Holden Evening Prayer, made time for “open space,” sang “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God,” and listened to five of our fellow members tell their faith story; at our Palm Sunday services, in which Bishop Mark Hanson reminded us of our identity as Christians first and foremost; at our Maundy Thursday Service in which twenty-seven of our fourth and fifth graders received their First Communion; at our Family Good Friday service in which we moved around the sanctuary and remembered the gift of our baptism; at our Good Friday Tenebrae service in which we heard the passion story from the Gospel of Luke, and heard the Adult Choir sing a lovely, moving piece called “Pieta”; and at our Easter services in which we celebrated the good news of the resurrection in word and in song, in bread and in wine.

The Holy Spirit is in the business of transforming us – making us more and more like Jesus. The Spirit is getting the “resurrection life” of Jesus inside of us. One of the most powerful ways the Spirit does that is through our corporate worship – in Holy Communion, in Baptism, in confession and forgiveness, in our prayers, and in our music. The Lutheran Church is a “singing church.” Martin Luther was a good amateur musician and he passed on his love of music to the generations that have come after him. Our worship and music ministry is a high priority for us, so pray that we have the grace, the wisdom, and the courage to follow the Spirit into the future he is preparing for us.

Making music with you,

Pastor K



May 26th Begin Summer Sunday
worship at **9:00 am**

June 3rd Begin Monday evening
worship at **7:00 pm**

CHILDREN, FAMILY & YOUTH NEWS



First Communion Received

Please pray for these 4th & 5th graders who received their first communion at the April 18th Maundy Thursday worship service:

Jackson Althoff, Olive Bernick, Owen Borman, Cayden Bragg, Ian Caple, Addison Dallmann, Owen Fink, Lauren Froehle, Brady Green, Brayden Gross, Leo Hanson, Emerson Hinker, Grace Horeis, Alex Ihde, Kali Larson, Kennedy Menz, Valerie Nee, Katelyn Nielsen, Tate Olson, Taylor Olson, Isaac Quandt, Carson Rock, Joshua Rothstein, Collin Schmidt, Natalie Thompson, Marshall Thorstad, Gavyn Towne.



CHILDREN, FAMILY & YOUTH NEWS (continued)

4th Grade Spark students working on their First Communion banners.



LAST FAMILY SERVICE EVENT

Join us on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th for our last Family Service Event for Sunday School. We will meet at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary for a brief introduction and then spend the hour planting flowers for local nursing homes and making a special gift for moms and our congregation. Hope you can join us!

CHILDREN, FAMILY & YOUTH NEWS *(continued)*

GOOD FRIDAY THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped with our first annual Good Friday Family Worship and Cross Crafts. It was a special day for families and we look forward to it growing in the future!



SUMMER BIBLE CAMP MEETING

All those going to Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp with Light of Christ this summer are strongly encouraged to attend our Camp Info Meeting on Sunday, June 2 at 10 am (following 9 am worship). At the meeting, we will provide a packing list for each age level (which can also be found online) as well as discuss transportation options for our kids going to camp. Come with any questions you have and please let us know if you cannot attend!

NOISY OFFERING

We invite you to partner with our Sunday School kids in raising money for ELCA Global Barnyard as we look to purchase animals for families in need. On 3 Sundays in May (5th, 12th and 19th) children will be collecting a “noisy offering” in worship to help support this important initiative. Thanks for your support!

Congregation Survey - Worship Assistants

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent bulletin insert asking for feedback regarding scheduling of Sunday morning worship assistants. The information you provided gives a good starting point to analyze current scheduling and gives insight into how we can offer options that promote greater congregation support.

Overall, feedback suggested that members are willing participants in worship assistance but advance scheduling is difficult with many persons unsure of their Sunday availability until the day arrives. Comments also suggested that, with rare exception, members of Light of Christ are comfortable with performing tasks required of worship assistants (e.g. - Usher, Lector, Greeter, Communion Assistant, etc.). Multiple comments indicated we are not utilizing our youth to maximum capacity and should encourage greater youth participation in all worship assistant opportunities.

At this time, we will continue scheduling assistants through our online data base in SignUp Genius and encourage all recipients to respond positively to email scheduling requests. **If you are not currently in our SignUp Genius data base and are interested in participating as a worship assistant, please email locvolunteer@frontier.com or call the church office (763-972-2400) and we will add your contact information.**

Based on congregation feedback, we also need a back-up system that will allow persons to volunteer assistance as they arrive for worship. Signage indicating what assistance is still needed for that day and service time would be posted in the Narthex. Communication with Pastor and Council Representatives will be needed to identify all volunteer assistants prior to the start of worship. Our hope is to establish procedures for this volunteer option within the next several weeks. Once finalized, we anticipate a positive response from all Light of Christ attendees ensuring adequate assistance for all worship services. It is important to note that training and/or written instructions are available to any person wishing to assist in worship but wanting clearer direction before volunteering.

We appreciate your continued feedback and suggestions as to how we can make our worship services flow smoothly. Participation from everyone is needed to ensure adequate assistance. Your ideas and involvement are necessary and always appreciated. Again, you can share your suggestions by calling the church office or email feedback to locvolunteer@frontier.com.



Hospitality Committee



Light of Christ is looking to establish a Hospitality Committee that will add to a welcoming environment for all persons attending Sunday worship services at Light of Christ. Hospitality and fellowship are an essential part of every Sunday morning based on two simple definitions -

- ◆ **Hospitality** is a friendly, welcoming behavior toward guests including people you have just met
- ◆ **Fellowship** is the bond of common purpose and devotion that binds Christians to each other and to Christ

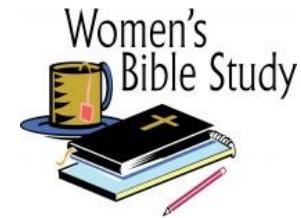
Social time together as part of Sunday mornings brings greater emphasis on creating relationships, spending time with fellow believers and nurturing friendships within our faith family. A Hospitality Committee will bring consistency and growth to our Sunday morning coffee fellowship time between worship services.

Ideally, we are looking for 3 to 5 persons working together to organize members of the congregation willing to have coffee and perhaps a "sweet treat" available between worship services every Sunday morning. This will involve recruiting volunteers to make coffee, possibly adding a sweet or other snack and to clean up prior to or after second worship service. The committee will decide such things as what should be provided to entice worship attendees to join in fellowship and how members should be contacted for participation in preparation and cleanup.

Please contact Jinnelle Weis at locvolunteer@frontier.com or call the church office (763-972-2400) if you are interested in participating in a Hospitality Committee, if you have questions or would like additional information. Thank you for your interest in this important initiative.

2020 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 1st**. Please email lochrist@frontiernet.net, call 763-972-2400, or stop in and tell Terri Reuter. This "OPT IN" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY May 14th at 10:00 am.

The Holy Spirit: Past, Present, and Future is the topic for our Women's Bible Study. We will explore questions like "What does the Bible and Christian history teach us about the power and presence of the Holy Spirit? How is the Holy Spirit at work in our lives and our world today? Where is the Holy Spirit leading us as we move into a new future?" Come and join us for prayer, study, and conversation about the least known and least understood person of the Holy Trinity. **The last class for this school year will be on Tuesday, May 14th at 10:00 AM in Room 101.**

New Member Sunday May 5th

New members will be received on Sunday, May 5th. A *Discover Light of Christ* session was held for new members on Sunday, April 7th. If you are interested in membership information, contact the church office at 763-972-2400 or lochrist@frontiernet.net.



ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAYS

9:30-10:30 in Room 106



Praying More Like Jesus is the topic of our Sunday morning Bible study. We will study the ways in which Jesus prayed and how we can apply that to our own prayer lives. We will be using Philip Yancey's book on Prayer as our resource book. So please come and join us at 9:30 AM each Sunday in Room 106. **Classes will go through May 19th.**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, May 5th

The Community Life Committee will serve breakfast after the 8:15 service on May 5th. Please come for pancakes, eggs, sausage and fellowship, and to welcome LOC's newest members!



QUILTING

The last day of quilting before summer break is May 20th. We will resume in September. Have a great summer!!





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 and other functions.

May Service Team families:

Ann Bassett
 Len & Dee Beilke
 Mitch & Kristen Cayler
 Tony & Jennifer Donahue
 Stan & Edith Droneck
 Dave & Lynn Eidahl
 Steve Freese
 Jason & Monica Gabrick
 Christina Garrett
 Pete & Amy Halluska
 Paul & Carol Henry
 Julie Imamura
 Brandon & Jill Johnson
 Dan & Laurie Langner
 Linda Moore
 Dan & Melanie Paulson
 Richard Reske
 Curt & Terri Reuter
 Jeff & Sherri Rubertus
 Joe & Cheryl Schleper
 Rick Schmit
 Gloria Schuette
 Daren & Jeanie Stigman
 Cody & Kelly Thompson
 Tim & Amy Underhill
 Ed & Pat Williams
 Adam & Kim Wortz



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

Dylan Frank Thompson
 Born: October 17, 2018
 Baptized: April 7, 2019
 Parents: Jason & Lindsey Thompson
 Sponsors: Rachel Olmon
 Trevor Thompson

Daxton Dwayne Custer
 Born: September 29, 2018
 Baptized: April 28, 2019
 Parents: Pat & Leah Custer
 Sponsors: Erik & Tessa Dahlstrom
 Matt & Jessica Orvik

Maisey Marie Koethe-Lindvall
 Born: March 7, 2019
 Baptized: April 28, 2019
 Parents: Amanda Koethe
 Brian Lindvall
 Sponsors: Tricia Meredith
 Elizabeth Schroeder

LIGHT OF CHRIST COLUMBARIUM INFORMATION

During this year's annual report, the work done to date to research building a columbarium at Light of Christ was presented to the congregation. This is a recap of that discussion.

Columbarium Committee: Bill Weis, Toby Ingebrigtson, Sharon Sebelien, Ann Bassett, Amy Bigot

First, what is a Columbarium?

A columbarium is a wall, room, or building -used to store urns holding the ashes of people who have died and been cremated. The name "columbarium" comes from *columba*, the Latin word for dove, because columbaria usually have niches to hold the urns that resemble those in dovecotes (dove houses). Columbaria date back at least as far as Roman times; the Columbarium of Pomponius Hylas near Rome, with its lavish and beautiful internal decoration, is one famous example.

Why a Columbarium?

- Light of Christ does not have its own cemetery.
- The only cemetery in Delano available to Light of Christ members is the Delano Public Cemetery.
- With a columbarium, there is no cemetery maintenance, only a small landscaped area to maintain.
- Ease for funerals. The memorial service and inurnment can be all on the same campus.
- More people are choosing cremation today.
- More cost effective option vs a cemetery plot

Cost Comparison (estimates)

Traditional Burial of Cremains

Cremation services	\$700
Cemetery Plot	\$1000
<u>Headstone/Marker</u>	<u>\$1000-\$3000</u>
Total (estimate) =	\$2700-\$4700

Columbarium Inurnment

Cremation services	\$700
<u>Niche purchase</u>	<u>~\$1200</u>
Total (estimate) =	\$1900



Steps Completed to Date:

- Committee established (initial team assemble – others welcome to join)
- Council approved research
- Eikhoff Columbaria Representative met with Committee
- Congregational Approval Granted at January Annual Meeting

Next Steps:

- Property Committee to create site plan
- Decide upon Columbarium model
- Order Columbarium (24-26 weeks from order to delivery)
- Pre-sell Niches

If you have any questions, are interested in joining the committee, or are interested in pre-ordering a niche, please see one of the committee members.



Greetings from Grace Place in Montrose!

So blessed to be invited to partner with you all as we share a community meal with our neighbors! Thank you for your financial support allowing us to buy all the start-up supplies to begin serving. Below you will find upcoming dates of future community meals, consider joining us! We would love to have you serve alongside us and share a meal! We serve from 5-7pm at Montrose Community Center. Bring the whole family on **May 16th**. Want to know more? Give me a call or text - Pastor Cathy (763-528-1784, grace.place.montrose.mn@gmail.com)

CDs come to LOC Library

Our library recently installed a CD section. It features Gospel music by great artists. These may be checked out for up to four weeks at a time (and don't forget our extensive book collection).

Our new CDs include:

- George Beverly Shea's "The Beloved Music of ..."
- Alan Jackson's "Precious Memories"
- Country Superstars' "Gospel's Biggest Hits"
- Loretta Lynn's "All Time Gospel Favorites"
- Aretha Franklin's "More Gospel Greats"
- Merle Haggard's "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
- And many more!

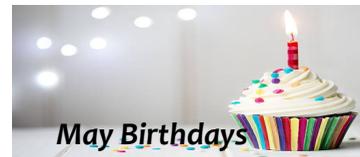
Submitted by John McKisson, council rep to the Library Committee



To the Parish of Light of Christ Lutheran Church:

Thank you for the monetary gifts of \$1457 and the 278 pounds of food from your food drive. Thank you for all of your help throughout the year. Your March Food Drive is especially welcomed. All donated foods are offered to our neighbors in need. They are ever grateful for the food and support. We are here to help people in need. No one is turned away. Happy Easter to your members.

Thank you again,
Jeanie Pilarski
Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf



- 01 Erin Olson, Jacob Olson, Braylee Rue, Jason Schmidt
- 02 Wade Baluski, Jen Burbach, Susan Heinzen, Bill Weis
- 03 Eden Henson, John McClelland
- 04 John Becker, Carmen Hanson, Sue Schultz
- 05 Brooks Gabrick, Avery Klaphake, Emery Klaphake
- 06 Lee Raskin, Brogan Stoddard
- 07 Scott Dallmann
- 08 Jim Chiapetta, Hayden Rue, Lisa Schroer, Tonya Zitzloff
- 09 Wes Aylsworth, Zachary Henson, John Magner
- 10 Katelyn Elstad, Carol Kocina, Emma Meyer
- 11 Kaci Malo, Derek Techam
- 12 Natalie Benson, Melanie Paulson
- 13 Ella Frake
- 14 Andrew Tribble
- 15 Bria Barfnecht, Julia Egly, Leo Hanson, Brandon Heinzen, Jeannie Ludwig, Mark Simenson, Jennifer Slipka, Sydney Wuerger
- 16 Benjamin DeMars, Tristen Griffin, Sandy Schansberg
- 17 Michael Bunker, Zackary Cordes, Robin Olson, Anika Paulson
- 18 Bob Gielau, Linda Moore, Jonathan Olson, Taylor Olson, Diane Schmidt
- 19 Danny Chock, Christopher Mikkelsen, Jacob Will
- 21 Halle Gallus, Bonnie Snaza, Linda Spletstoeszer

- 22 Brooks Halbersma, Del Hirsch
- 23 Jessie Aylsworth, Siena Dinger, Benjamin Mielke, Devin Schansberg, Madison Schansberg
- 24 Karli Donley, Hunter Fitch, Dave Kelly, Vicky Rootes
- 25 Tanner Kroells, Nan Schoborg, Steven Williams
- 26 Emma Allaire, Blair Berscheid, Cameron Berscheid, Olivia Mitchell, Marielle Ricke
- 27 Cody Bigot, Curtis Czock, William Hauge, Jacob Maschino, Lindsey Thompson
- 28 Aaron DeMars, Emma Lotzer, Ashley Nordlie
- 29 Wendy Anderson, Abigail Froehle, Matthew Schuette
- 30 Brian Anderson, Grant Dallmann, Brad Goldbeck, Tate Olson
- 31 Gabrielle Mielke, Kelli Uecker



May Anniversaries

- 01 Mark & Melissa Larson
- 03 Peter & Kelly Froehle, Brandon & Wendy Sleypen, Andrew & Samantha Tribble
- 06 Jeff & Holly Caple, Troy & Laurie Collings
- 07 Tom & MaryAnn McKay
- 09 Wade & Holly Sprengeler
- 11 Dave & Sandy Parpart
- 12 Todd Berghoff & Cathy Blonigen
- 16 Cody & Kelly Thompson
- 17 Brian & Aimee Kettenacker
- 18 Wes & Jessie Aylsworth, Lee & Holly Langner, Jason & Lindsey Thompson
- 19 Aaron & Jill DeMars
- 20 Larry & Sally Adams, Mitch & Kristy Cayler, Aaron & Elizabeth Sievers
- 21 Jon & Becky Arneson, Fred & Jennifer Schmitt
- 22 Kevin & Vicki Noetzelman, Bob & Jennifer Slipka
- 24 Fred & Wendy Caslavka, Todd & Cherie Kuechle
- 28 Stan & Edie Droneck
- 31 Michael & Kristy Klaphake

If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in May, and your name is not listed, please contact the church office so that we may update our records. Thank you!