



Pastor Tim Wheatley

January 26, 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.)

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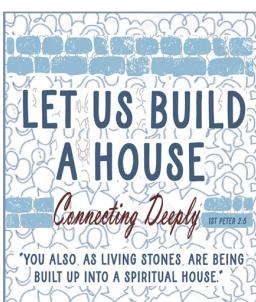
Heidi Goldbeck

Luke Jeseritz

Lisa Krause (v. pres.)

Ryan Tool

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Save The Date...and Your Donations!

We hope you'll join us for our fabulous youth fundraiser on **Sunday, March 15th!** Please remember the youth with any donations you might have that would be good for the auction... **new and gently used items** such as:

- Gift cards
- Toys
- Unwanted Christmas gifts
- Event tickets
- Cabin rentals
- Personally hosted events, such as dinners/boating
- Handmade items
- Jewelry
- Sports equipment
- Books
- *No used clothing, please*

Join us on March 15th from 3-7 pm

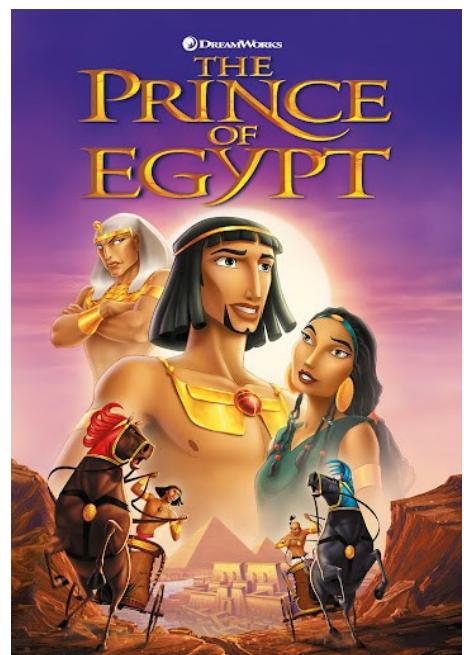


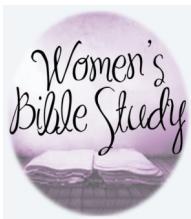
Thank you for supporting our youth!

Our auction will be online again this year from **7:00 AM–5:00 PM on March 15th**, with items on display at church from 3:00-5:00 PM and then the dinner taking place from 5:00-7:00 PM. Tickets for the dinner will go on sale beginning **Sunday, February 8th**. Thanks for your support of our summer 2026 trips!

Pizza & a Movie!

Join us for a free showing of the movie "The Prince of Egypt" at Light of Christ on **Thursday, January 29th at 5:00 PM**, with pizza for \$2/slice starting at 4:00. Please pay at this link so we make sure to order enough pizza: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z624/home>





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.

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!



Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).

2025 Tax Forms

You should have received your 2025 contribution statement recently, either by email or mail. Please contact Terri in the church office if you have any questions.



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!



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. ☺

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.

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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

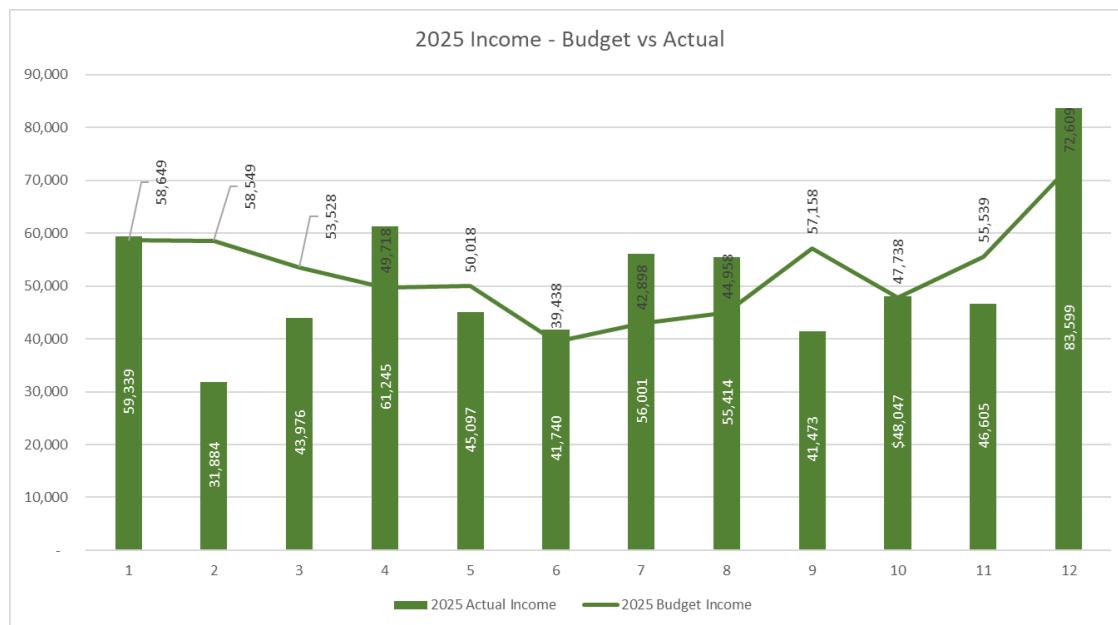
We appreciate your support to our brothers and sisters in Christ! *The Belize Mission Team*

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**")

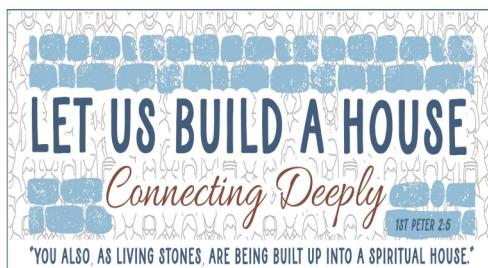


LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – December 2025

- YTD Budget \$630,800
YTD Actual \$614,419
- Year to Date Actual is **\$16,381** below budget
- December giving above budget



Capital Appeal Update

Thanks to your generosity, \$246,535 has been pledged to the “Let Us Build a House” capital appeal, with \$82,559 still expected during the remaining pledge period. This spring, we will move forward with rebuilding and repaving the parking lot. At \$173,000, the project is larger than anticipated, but it is essential for safety, accessibility, and welcoming all who come to Light of Christ. With more than a year of pledged giving still ahead, we also welcome anyone who would like to contribute to the capital appeal, even without a formal pledge. If you have already pledged and are giving faithfully, thank you. We invite you to check in on your giving as you are able. If you have not pledged but wish to support this work, there is still time to join us. Every gift—large or small—helps us move forward. You can contribute to the “Let Us Build a House” capital appeal via the [Give tab on our website](#).

Love INC Birthday Ministry

Pictured are this month's birthday bags, ready to go for a couple of February birthdays. Please pray for the kids who receive these birthday bags, assembled with care by volunteers Ann Bassett and Terri Reuter this month. Thank you for your support of this ministry!



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!



What: Snowshoe and XC-ski trail walk, soup over the fire

When: February 13th, 4:00-8:00 PM

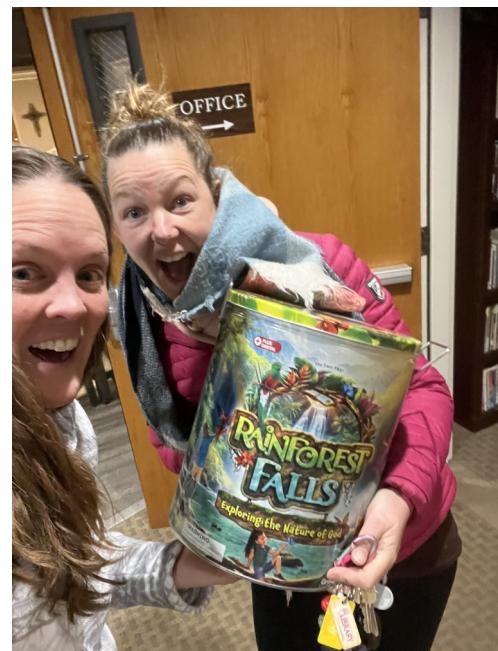
Where: Robert Ney Nature Center, 5212 73rd St NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358

Come and join us for a snowshoe or XC-ski walk on the light-up trails at Robert Ney Nature Center in Maple Lake. 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.



**Rainforest Falls VBS is coming...save the date:
July 12-15, 2026**



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



9th grade Winter Fun - 1/ 21/ 26



**9th Grade
Winter Fun &
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