



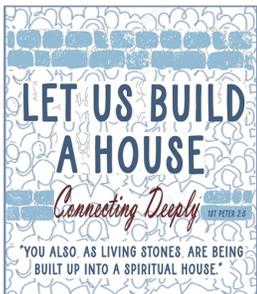
Worship

- 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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Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, March 9th
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
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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

Food, Faith, and Fellowship: Your Impact

Each month, Light of Christ joins a network of five local churches to provide **free food and prayerful support** to nearly 90 of our neighbors. With produce, dairy, and essentials packed in boxes, we serve with joy—and your support fuels it all. **March 9th** is the next distribution date.

“Serve one another humbly in love.” — Galatians 5:13

As part of our **Together We Thrive** initiative, this ministry invites us to live generously with our **time, talent, and treasure**:

- **9:45 AM** – Help **pack food boxes** in Rockford. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>
- **3:30 PM** – Help **unload and set up** in our parking lot. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>

Stay a bit to **pray over the written requests** we receive from our guests. Your financial giving and volunteer efforts ensure that love is shared in tangible ways.

Thank you for helping us thrive as a community of hope.

Join us on 3/15/26 for our youth fundraiser!



Support the 50+ Youth Going on our Summer Mission Trips!

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! Donations are due by **March 9th**. Some donation ideas include (*new and gently used items*):

- ◇ 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***

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. Marcus Hanson and Lindsay Wallace will again be serving wine and beer samples beginning at 4:00 PM. The dinner takes place from 5:00-7:00 PM with the fabulous LIVE Dessert Auction around 6:30 PM... don't miss it! Tickets for the dinner are now on sale and can be purchased before/after worship, by [emailing Kirsten](#), or from Terri during normal office hours. Thanks for your support of our summer 2026 trips!

Order Your Easter Flowers

Honor or remember a loved one with Easter flowers and help decorate the sanctuary for our Easter services. Click [here](#) to place your order. Deadline to order is **Sunday, March 15th**. Thank you for beautifying our church!



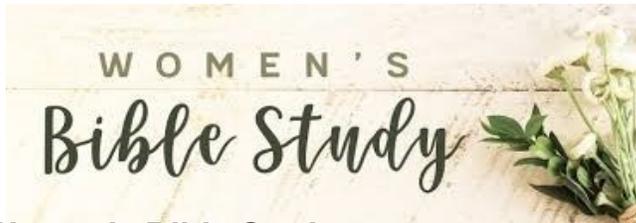
HOOT NEWSLETTER

Our **March** event will change to **Friday, March 20th** and we'll have a pizza party.



OWLS Bible Study will continue to meet every Sunday after worship except the first Sunday of each month and Easter. We are studying "Old Testament Characters." Please join us anytime as each lesson stands alone and we have extra books available. You will find it helpful for a better discussion if you have done the study prior to our meetings!

Have ideas for a "lunch and learn" or other monthly outings? Contact anyone on our planning team: Jewel Ekern, Lona Jose, Laurie Grimm, Bill and Sue Fink.



Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study meets **the first and third Mondays of the month, 6:30–8:00 PM at LOC**. We will meet through June. We are studying 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.

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Lenten Worship

Weekly Wednesday Lenten worship continues through March 25th at 6:30 PM and will incorporate the Holden Evening Prayer service, as well as feature the 10th graders' faith statements. Services will also be [livestreamed](#). A meal will be held at 5:30 PM before each service.

Join Us for Wednesday Lenten Suppers!

Lenten suppers will be served at **5:30 PM**, prior to each Wednesday Lenten service through March 25th. A free-will offering taken at each meal may be used for a cause designated by the meal's hosts. Here is the supper schedule:

- ◇ **3/11:** Sloppy Joe's served by Church Council
- ◇ **3/18:** Pasta served by Mission Trip Youth
- ◇ **3/25:** Chicken Caesar salad and macaroni & cheese served by the Healing & Wholeness Committee and OWLS group



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!



Let's Pack the Pews!

March is Minnesota FoodShare Month and LOC participates by "Packing the Pews" with donations for the Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf. As you enter the sanctuary, please look for signs made by our Voyagers kids indicating the pew we hope to pack with donations during the month. Although all donations are welcome, the greatest food shelf needs are the following:



- ◇ Coffee and tea
- ◇ Soup that can be a full meal (we have lots of chicken noodle and tomato soup)
- ◇ Dried split peas
- ◇ Tissues and napkins
- ◇ Barbecue sauce or other sauces to flavor meats
- ◇ Canned or jarred pasta sauce
- ◇ Canned meats (other than tuna fish)
- ◇ Dog and cat food or treats
- ◇ Boxed cake or brownie mixes

No expired food please.

If you wish to donate money instead, checks can be made payable to **Delano Helping Hands** and put in the offering plate.

Thank you so much for helping to address hunger in our community!



Drawn to the Word Artistic Worship Event November 1, 2026, 9:30 AM service at LOC

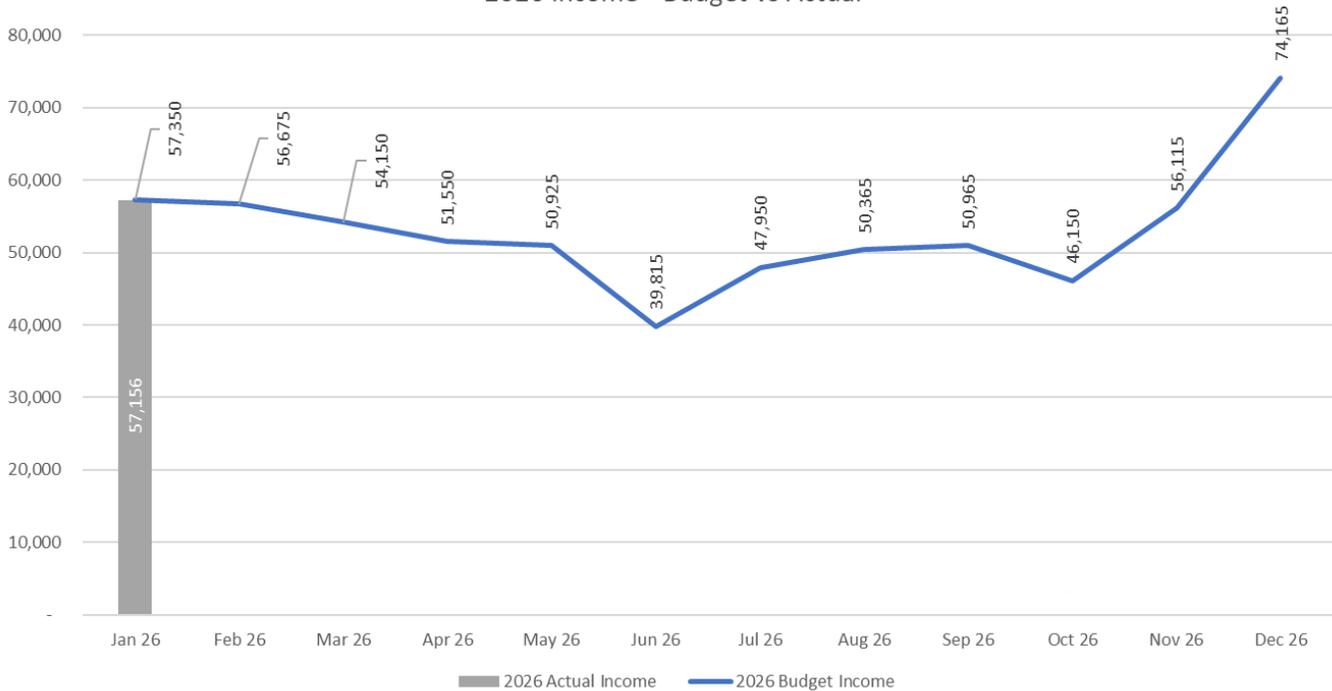
Save the date and get excited for a very special event being planned by your Healing and Wholeness Committee, which will involve our gifted congregation in many ways. We are hosting Paul Oman, an artist who paints a picture of our choosing during worship to display at LOC. He has painted at events all over the nation and in China over the past 15 years, including Camp Wapo!

"A *Drawn to the Word* experience is centered around the Word of God. We work to incorporate the God-given talents of all ages. The worship service becomes the Body of Christ in action in your midst. Musicians, singers, readers, promoters, planners, and even builders who construct the canvas each share in the excitement."

There will be several fundraising opportunities, starting with the donations from this Wednesday's (March 11) Lenten supper, which the Council is hosting. Thank you, Council! We also encourage members to make a special donation if you feel God's leading.

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget

2026 Income - Budget vs Actual

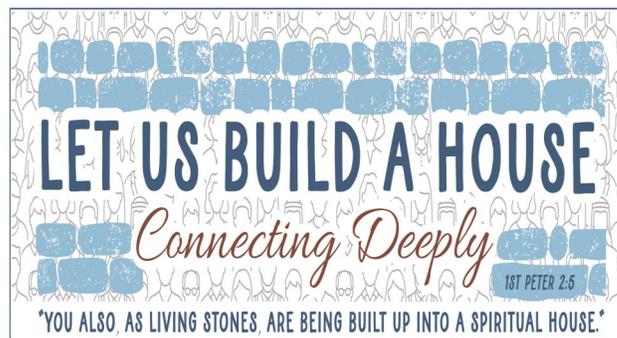


YTD Summary January 2026

- YTD Budget \$57,350
- YTD Actual \$57,156
- Year to Date Actual is **\$194** below 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](#).





**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

We Will Welcome New Members on Sunday, April 19th!

If you're interested in joining our church family, we invite you to attend a New Member Information Class on **March 29th at 5:30 PM**. To help us prepare, please let the church office know if you plan to attend. We're also here to answer any questions you may have. New members will be received on Sunday, April 19th.

Pre-planning for End of Life

Pre-planning for End of Life is often a discussion you choose to avoid. While it may be difficult, it also may be one of the most important gifts you can give to family members. Pre-planning ensures your loved ones are well protected, well prepared and well loved.

End of Life planning is important between spouses but also important to include family members. Willingness to be open to this discussion is a reciprocal gift that parents give to their age-appropriate children and children give to their parents. This discussion can allow parents to express their wishes with their children. It can allow family members the opportunity to assist parents in making decisions they might find uncomfortable and awkward. It minimizes the stress and anxiety in making these decisions at the difficult time of a loved one's passing.

Pre-planning for end of life has many facets. It may include estate planning, financial considerations, memorial preferences and consideration of a final resting spot.

Light of Christ offers tools and support as you make the decision to give your loved ones the gift of end-of-life pre-planning. In 2025 we offered a pre-planning seminar with legal professionals sharing estate planning tips and a pre-planning funeral director providing extensive information on all aspects of end-of-life details. Our intention is to hopefully repeat this seminar on an annual basis and encourage members of all ages to attend.

In all aspects of end-of-life planning, we want to highlight the Light of Christ Columbarium and Memorial Garden as a final resting place for your loved ones. This beautiful space just outside our church entrance provides a space for survivors to meditate, pray, reflect and honor the life of their loved one.

Current and past members of Light of Christ Church and members of their immediate families are eligible for inurnment in the LOC Columbarium and Memorial Garden.



The current members of Columbarium Board of Trustees are Dave Gast, Tom Sebelien, Lisa Krause, Pastor Tim Wheatley and Jinnelle Weis. Please reach out to any board member or the church office if you have questions or would like additional information.

Fifth Sunday Offering – March

In March, our Fifth Sunday Offering will support **Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford**, home base for *Nourishing Hope*, the West Metro food distribution cooperative serving nearly **750 families each month**.



Our Father's provides the space and support that make this shared ministry possible. This special offering helps offset their ongoing facility and operational costs.

Please note "**Fifth Sunday – NH**" on your check/envelope or give online through the March Fifth Sunday Offering option [at this link](#). Thank you for helping extend Christ's care to our neighbors.

Lost & Found Items



Missing something? Our Lost & Found bins outside the church office (near the mailboxes) are overflowing with travel mugs, hats, mittens,

coats, hoodies, and more. Please stop by and see if any of these items belong to you or your child. All unclaimed items will be donated to Love INC at the end of April.

Storytelling Training

Last year, the Mission and Evangelism Committee sponsored a Storytelling training session led by Dr. Mary Hess from Luther Theological Seminary. The small group that gathered received tips on telling stories, listened to a brief overview of the importance of stories, and shared their own stories. The biggest surprise was how the storytelling exercise emphasized the importance of listening, prompting a great discussion on the importance of listening in our current times. Copies of materials distributed are available from Terri in the church office, including a list of additional resources. If your group or committee is interested in the training, contact a member of the Mission and Evangelism Committee.





Youth Choir Has Resumed!

Ages 3rd-6th grade!
Rehearsals take place after worship and are 30 minutes long. Sign up using



the QR code or contact Katie with any questions. You can also just show up to rehearsal! The full schedule is on the sign-up form.

Voyagers (1st-3rd grade) cooked the Lenten meal and acted out the Bible story of Jesus in the desert for each other and our Reader's Theater group.



Summer Camp at Wapo

Register now for summer camp at Wapo! Below are the dates LOC is planning to be there but you can register for *any* Wapo camp or Week. **LOC Weeks:**



Wapo Youth (Gr 4-9) June 21-26, 2026

Wapo Youth (Gr 4-9) July 26-31, 2026

Wapo One Day (K-2) June 24, 2026

Wapo Seeds (Gr 1-4) June 19-21, 2026

Here is our church-specific registration link to ensure you register for the correct week and program: <http://lwlbci.com/loc-delano>. Please reach out with any questions!

An adventure you'll fall for!



New friends 🌿 Amazing experiments 🌿 Creative games
Super-fun snacks 🌿 Surprising adventures 🌿 Incredible music

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 12th – Wednesday, July
15th

Sunday: 4:30PM – 7:15PM

Monday–Wednesday: 5:00PM – 7:15PM

Register Online:

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/RainforestFalls>

