



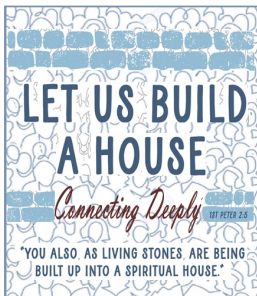
Worship

- 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.)
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Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, August 11th
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

Serving Our Neighbors in Need — Together August Food Distribution

Serve a neighbor in need...help strengthen a ministry...put love and faith into action. Nourishing Hope Food Distribution. **Monday, August 11th**. 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>

Join us for outdoor worship on
August 17th at 9:30 AM! Don't
forget to bring your lawn chairs!



Fifth Sunday Donations in August

Our Fifth Sunday contributions this August will be for our LOC Birthday Ministry. Several Light of Christ member volunteers work in collaboration with the Delano Love INC chapter to provide birthday gifts and supplies for children ages 10 and under throughout the year. Families in need are selected by Love INC. LOC volunteers each month receive a list of eligible children and purchase birthday gifts as well as birthday supplies for these children/families. Light of Christ totally funds the cost of this program and there is no cost to the recipient families. We so appreciate your financial contributions for this monthly effort for these young children. Your efforts will help make wonderful birthdays for these special young kids in need and bring them a bright star on their special day. **Thank you so much for your generous contribution!**



Serving the Community and Beyond

Light of Christ volunteers once again helped staff the Delano Rest Stop for the annual Tour de Tonka Bike Ride. Approximately 3500 riders participate annually in the event. Staffing the rest stop meant setting up and preparing to hand out snacks, water, and Gatorade. Involved in this year's event and pictured below are: Pat Czock; Jewel & LaDonna Ekern; Brad, Lisa, & Jordan Spencer; as well as additional event support, Kris and Claire. Also volunteering but not pictured was Tim Johnson.



Gardeners: do you have extra produce from your garden?



The Food Shelf is open to drop off donations from 5:00-6:00 every Tuesday evening and 9:00-11:00 every Thursday morning. If you want to arrange drop off at another time, please call the Food Shelf at (763) 972-4455 and leave a message. We will get back to you to arrange a drop off time.

Support the Back to School Bash!

WestPointe Church and Love INC Heartland are teaming up this August to provide free school supplies, food, and fun for K-12 families in need. Sponsor a backpack for \$50 or donate any amount to support this Gap Ministry at bit.ly/schoolbash23



Grow Impact As A Volunteer Group

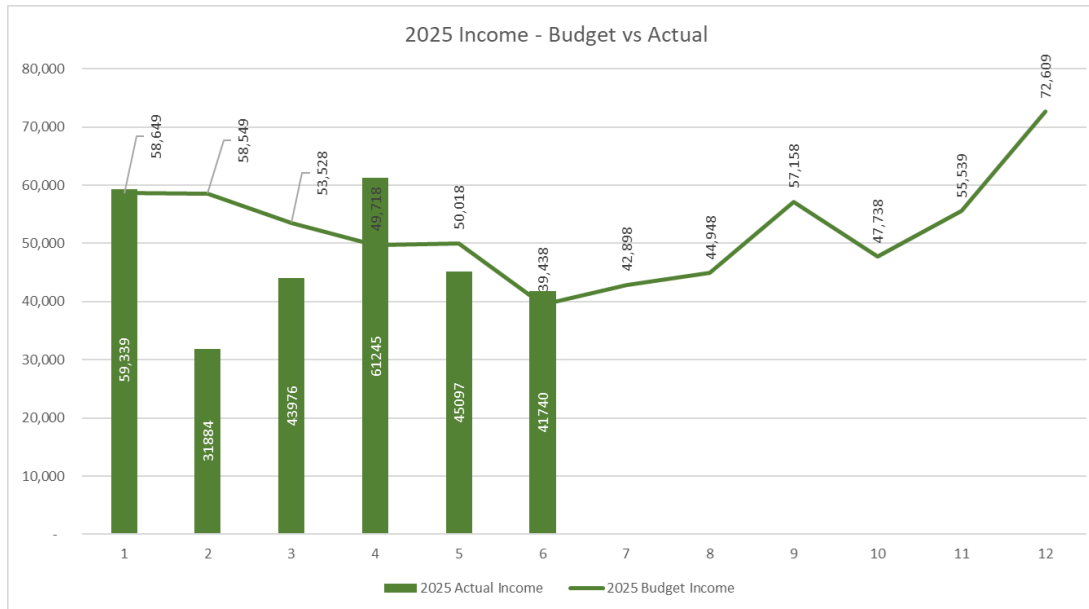
We rely on dedicated volunteers to help our office + stores run smoothly. Volunteer as a small group, family, or work team today! Learn more by calling 763-972-6547 or sign up at bit.ly/loveincvolunteer



Join Us At Golf For Love - September 15

Tee off with us at Albion Ridges on September 15 for a day of friendly competition, community, and purpose. Event details, team tickets, and sponsorship packages available at bit.ly/golfforlove25

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – June 2025

- YTD Budget \$309,900
YTD Actual \$283,280
- Year to Date Actual is **\$26,620** below budget
- June giving slightly above budget

Sign Up for 2026 Offering Envelopes Today!

Many members contribute weekly or monthly using electronic giving methods. However, we understand that others 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 11th**. Either email [Terri in the church office](#) or call 763-972-2400. This "OPT IN" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!



*****If you've already been receiving pre-printed envelopes each year, you will remain on the list until you request otherwise.*****

This Eagle is ready to fly!

You are invited to help celebrate Elijah Wheatley's Boy Scout Eagle award and his high school career at an open house in his honor.

Where: Wheatley home, 407 Creek Avenue, Delano

When: Saturday, August 16th, 1:00-4:00 PM



Dessert buffet provided!

Rally Sunday—September 7th

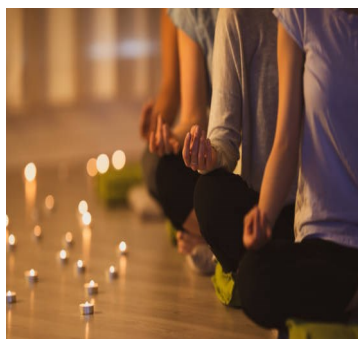
Join us on September 7th for Rally Sunday as we kick off our fall programming! We will have fellowship and games following worship. All are welcome!

Rally
SUNDAY

Follow Us on Instagram!



Check out our Instagram page! Our handle is **@delanolightofchrist**. Scan the QR code to get directly to the page.



Celebrate Summer with Meditative Yoga

Happy summer, everyone! Before the start of the busy schedules coming in September, let's take some deep,

restorative breaths and center ourselves. On **Thursday, August 14th at 7PM**, the Healing and Wholeness Ministry is offering another meditative yoga session!

Julie Wischmann is our member yoga instructor and has offered to lead us in a serene hour of calming breaths, relaxing yoga positions and soft music. Sue Fink will offer meditation and prayer to devote this session to our Lord and draw us close in our shared faith. Suggested donations of \$5 will be donated to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Please [sign up here](#) by **August 12th** so we have an idea of space and supply needs. We are hoping to have this session outdoors in the LOC yard, weather and bugs permitting! Otherwise, we will gather in Room 101. Bring your yoga mat and wear cool, comfortable clothing. Julie does have some mats and blankets to share if you need them. We welcome everyone, teens to adults, so please join us!



Belize Adult/Family Mission Trip 2026

We will be going back for our third mission trip to Bella Vista, Belize on **Saturday, February 28 through March 7, 2026**. We will be again hosting a Vacation Bible School, hosting a health clinic, worshipping and serving dinner at Pastor Kebin Rosa's church, going on home visits, working with the Bella Vista School on an education initiative, and also helping with some church projects. Please text or email Jennifer Grant if you are interested or have questions (612.226.8181 or Jpconnection.jg@gmail.com). We will be having our first meeting in August. We would love to have you prayerfully consider this life-changing opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Attention, Women! As life and schedules get busy for the fall, please consider taking time out for yourself and joining us for the women's Bible study starting in September. Participating in a Bible study is a great way to dive deeper into the word and gain new insights that strengthen our faith.

The women's Bible study will meet the first and third Mondays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at LOC. The first Monday of the month we will meet in the Living Room. On the third Monday of the month we will meet in room 106. If you need to leave early at any point that is okay. **We will meet September – June. We will not meet in December. The first meeting will be September 15th.** If you can't make it every time that is okay! We want you to come when you can.

We will be doing **two Bible studies by Nancy Guthrie**. The first half of our time together we will study her book *God Does His Best Work with Empty*. The second half we will study her book *Even Better than Eden*.

God Does His Best Work with Empty

Join Nancy Guthrie in discovering why emptiness has never been, and never will be, a problem to God. As Nancy pulls back the curtain on God's work to fill up emptiness as revealed throughout the Bible, you'll experience page after page of grace and hope that your emptiness can and will be filled. You'll begin to see that God really does do His best work with empty—as he fills it with Himself.

Source: [God Does His Best Work with Empty: Guthrie, Nancy: 9781496439697: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Even Better Than Eden

Experienced Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie traces 9 themes throughout the Bible, revealing how God's plan for the new creation will be far more glorious than the original. But this new creation glory isn't just reserved for the future. The hope of God's plan for his people transforms everything about our lives today.

Source: [Even Better than Eden: Nine Ways the Bible's Story Changes Everything about Your Story: Guthrie, Nancy: 9781433561252: Amazon.com: Books](#)

We hope to see you in September! If you are interested in participating, please contact Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com

Youth & Children's Ministry Registrations



- ⇒ **Voyagers** (1st- 3rd grade; 2025-26 year): Early registration now open at link below. **Save \$20 if paid in full by August 15th**. All registrations are due by **August 29th**. <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Voyagers.2025-2026>
- ⇒ **Pathfinders** (4th-6th grade; 2025-2026 year): Early registration now open at link below. **Save \$20 if paid in full by August 15th**. All registrations are due by **August 29th**. <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Pathfinders.2025-2026>
- 📅 **Voyagers & Pathfinders Program Dates:** Voyagers and Pathfinders will run from **September 10, 2025 through April 29, 2026**.
- 📢 **New This Year:** With the school district introducing **early release days on the third Wednesday of each month**, we are excited to offer **Voyagers a longer day** - starting after school - filled with some **extra fun activities** on those days!!
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- ⇒ **Confirmation** (7th-9th grade; 2025-2026 year): All registrations are due by **August 15th**. <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Confirmation2025-26>
- ♦ See programming dates below

Confirmation Calendar



- **9/10/25, 6:30-7:30 PM** = Confirmation Orientation for all youth (grades 7-9) and at least one parent/guardian - LOC Sanctuary
- **9/10/25, 7:30-8:30 PM** = Guide Orientation/Training - LOC Sanctuary
- **9/17/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Small Group Night at LOC
- **9/24/25, 6:00-9:30 PM** = FMSC Service Night - Chanhassen
- **10/1/25, 5:45-6:15 PM** = SLICE available ([Sign up here by 2 pm](#) if you plan to attend!)
- **10/1/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Confirmation "Teaching Night"
- **10/8/25, 5:45-6:15 PM** = SLICE available ([Sign up here by 2 pm](#) if you plan to attend!)
- **10/8/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Confirmation "Teaching Night"
- **10/15/25** = No Confirmation (MEA)



One More Summer Youth Activity Night in August!

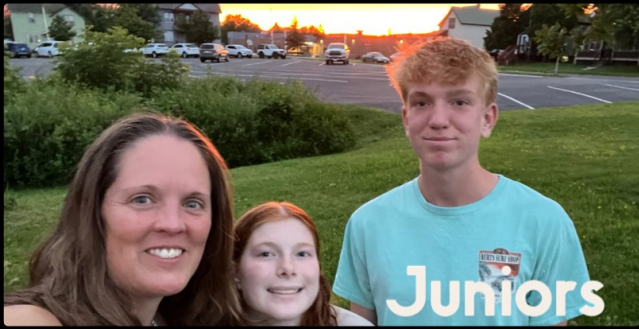
We invite youth to join us for a fun night of games, friends, food and fun on **Monday, August 25th**! We'll have two different gathering times:

- **6:00-7:30 PM** = Incoming 7th and 8th graders
- **7:30-9:00 PM** = Incoming 9th graders and up (including college-aged youth)

Friends are welcome and these nights are **FREE** (thanks to the support of our congregation). Hope to see you there!



HS Mission Trip 2025



Juniors



Seniors



Sophomores



Grad



Serving at Damiano Center, Duluth