



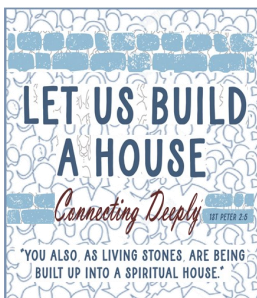
## Worship

- In-person worship—**9:30 AM Sundays**
- Online worship is live-streamed to our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages



## Church Council 2026

Fred Caslavka  
Pat Czock (sec'y.)  
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## Finishing Strong Together

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

1 Peter 4:10

We hope you are enjoying seeing the progress on our new parking lot! Even as construction continues, it is easy to imagine the tremendous improvement this project will bring. A safe, smooth, and welcoming parking lot helps us provide an inviting space for our church family, visitors, and the many ministries and activities that take place at Light of Christ.

The parking lot is one of the final major projects included in our Capital Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, a substantial portion of the pledged funds have already been received, allowing us to complete numerous projects over the past several years. Thank you!

As you may recall, Capital Appeal commitments were pledged to be given over the course of 2024, 2025, and 2026. At the congregational meeting regarding the parking lot, the decision was made to move forward with construction in anticipation of receiving the remaining pledged gifts this year. To assist with that effort, a statement of your Capital Appeal giving and any remaining pledge balance will be provided.

As excavation began, however, the contractor discovered that the soil beneath a significant portion of the parking lot was in poorer condition than anticipated. To ensure a long-lasting solution, additional excavation and base preparation were necessary. We approved this work, knowing it was important to do the job right, but it has resulted in additional project costs.

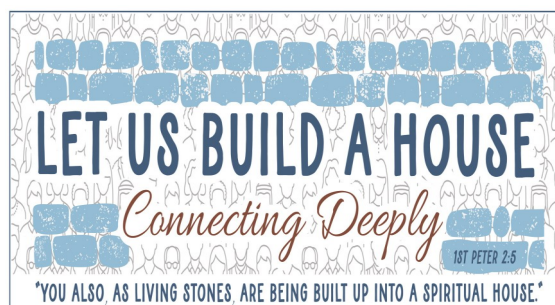
For these reasons, this is an especially important time to complete any remaining Capital Appeal pledge. If you are able, we also invite you to consider making an additional gift toward the parking lot project. Even modest gifts of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or more can make a meaningful difference when many participate.

At this point, we estimate the remaining need will likely be between **\$60,000 and \$70,000**, including the added costs associated with the unexpected soil conditions. We will share a final figure once all project expenses have been determined.

If you choose to make a special gift, please note **"Parking Lot"** on your contribution.

Thank you for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment to the mission and ministry of Light of Christ. We are excited to be nearing completion of the many projects identified in our Capital Appeal—and we look forward to welcoming members, guests, and our community onto a beautiful new parking lot for years to come.

**Together, let's finish strong.**



“Go and do likewise,’ Jesus said after telling the story of the Good Samaritan—calling us to serve, love, and show compassion to neighbors in need.” (Luke 10:37)

## Neighbors in Need Ministry—Serving in the Way of the Good Samaritan

*Neighbors in Need* is a new ministry at Light of Christ focused on offering care, support, and a sense of safety for vulnerable neighbors—especially immigrant families—as we walk alongside them in compassion, faith, and practical love.

To begin, we are collecting:

- dry pinto beans
- dry black beans
- white or long-grain rice



Collections will continue over the next few months. If possible, we encourage purchasing from local Hispanic/Latino grocery stores as a way of supporting our broader community.

You may also give financially to **Wright County Immigrant Aid** by scanning the QR code below. The code will take you to the **United Faith Community Church** website. **Please donate to the general fund and email the church office indicating that you would like your gift designated for Wright County Immigrant Aid.** Donations help provide food, personal care products, rent assistance, gas cards, and other everyday essentials.

Thank you for helping us take these first steps—together—as we seek to “go and do likewise” by serving, loving, and caring for neighbors in need.

For more information, please contact:

**Katie Kohler, Jennifer Grant, Jo Marie Williamson, Rhonda Current, Pastor Tim, or Tim Johnson**

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## Thank You to Kids Hope Mentors



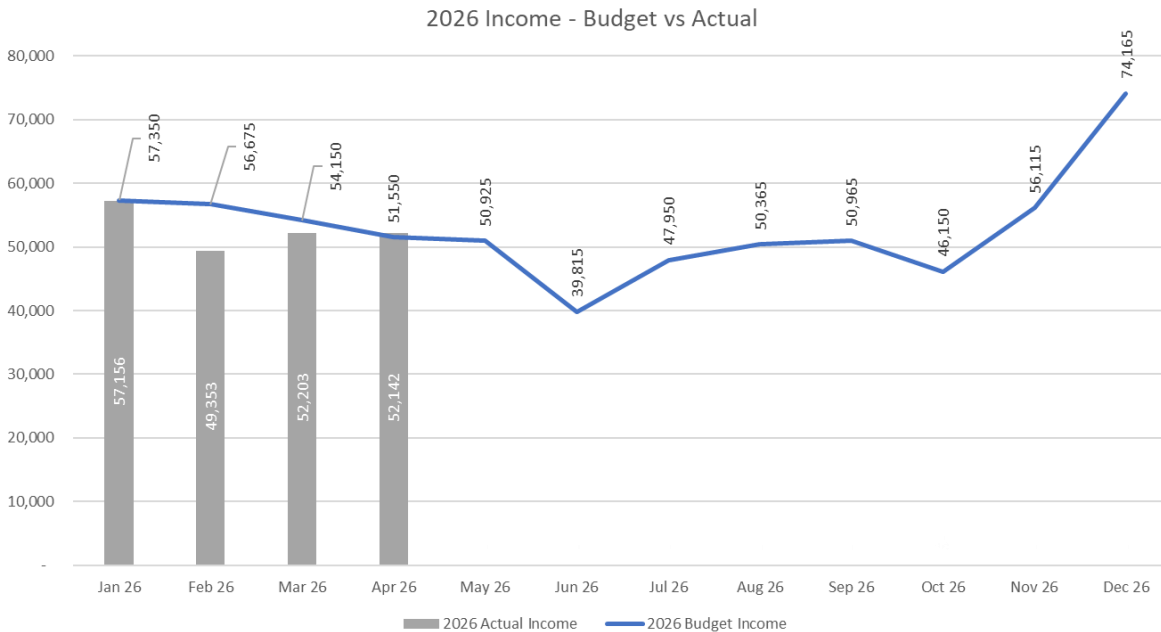
We want to thank our LOC Kids Hope mentors who have met with their Delano Elementary student each week for an hour for this school year. Their compassion and commitment to help their student experience a close relationship and feel the special connection has been great. A number of the kids have much happening in their life and so look forward to the special connection they feel and all the fun they have had with their mentor. Thank you, Wendy Caslavka, Stan Droneck, Kirsten Kelly, Lisa Hemmer, Vicki Noetzelman, Lisa Spencer, JoMarie Williamson and Tracy Herkenhoff. Thank you also to the prayer partners who have kept the mentors and their kiddos in their prayers. If you would like to be a mentor at Delano Elementary next school year, we would love to have you join us in our fifth year of Kids Hope here at LOC. Contact Lona Jose if you are interested.

## Volunteer Opportunity

The Mission and Evangelism Committee is seeking volunteers who would like to go to the Estates at Delano and spend time with the residents. Volunteers would be able to choose from a variety of activities such as playing Bingo, doing female residents' nails, playing cards or other games, hosting a movie afternoon or night, doing projects, gardening, or other activities of their choice, as new ideas arise. Participants would need to have a background check done prior to volunteering. The activities director will be out on maternity leave soon so this would be a great time to have people able and willing to provide activities while she is out. Time commitment would vary according to your availability. Contact Lisa Spencer for more information: [lisaspencer864@gmail.com](mailto:lisaspencer864@gmail.com) or 612-741-7504.



## LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



### YTD Summary April 2026

- YTD Budget \$219,725
- YTD Actual \$210,854
- Year to Date Actual is **\$8,871** below budget



### Grateful & Grounded

We give thanks for your faithful generosity. Your giving is not simply financial—it is a reflection of your faith and a vital part of how Christ’s mission is lived out through Light of Christ.

### The Generous Life: Six Practices that Shape Our Faith



#### The Generous Life: *Give Proportionally*

Proportional giving invites us into intentional, growing generosity.

In Scripture, giving is often described as a portion or percentage—an approach that allows each person to give faithfully according to what they have received.

Proportional giving creates a pathway for growth. It’s not about comparison—it’s about commitment.

#### **What this looks like in everyday life:**

A member chooses a percentage of their income to give. For some, it begins at a smaller percentage; for others, it grows toward a tithe (10%). Over time, they increase that percentage as they are able.

This approach brings clarity, consistency, and a sense of purpose to giving.

**“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give...” – 2 Corinthians 9:7**

*(We will feature a new practice every couple of weeks)*

### The GIVING CORNER

#### Gifts of in-kind assets beyond stock (mutual funds, bonds, sometimes other property)

Charitable giving does not have to be cash only. Many organizations can accept in-kind gifts like marketable securities, including mutual funds and bonds, and in some cases other assets. The potential benefit is similar to donating appreciated stock. You may be able to deduct the fair market value and avoid triggering taxable gains that would occur if you sold the asset first. The practical side matters here. Some charities have limited ability to receive certain assets, and some gifts require extra paperwork, valuation, or appraisals. Still, for someone with low cost-basis investments, in-kind gifting can be a strong way to be generous while also cleaning up a portfolio in a tax-aware way.

*Article Submitted by Brad L. Spencer, CPWA®*



## Annual Church Picnic 6/9/26



# Free Outdoor Concert

**Children's DJ &  
Entertainer  
Dean-O-Mite!**

**June 18<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30PM**

**Free Fun & Free Freezies**

Bring your lawn chairs  
and Dean-O-Mite will bring  
the ENERGY!



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## Do You Like to Play Board Games?

Join Pastor Tim again this summer for some game nights on **Wednesdays, June 24, July 29, and August 19 from 6:00-8:00 PM** in the fellowship hall! He will bring a selection of his games, or you are welcome to bring your own. All ages are welcome!



## Help Needed

Learn what's involved in caring for our church and get to know staff by volunteering for **1 hour, two days a week every 5-6 weeks**. Duties involve emptying waste-baskets, filling towel dispensers, and

vacuuming the office entryway as needed. We welcome men or women with availability on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Contact Terri in the office if interested.

## 2027 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 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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.*



## Confirmation Faith Statements

Over the summer, the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands will be giving their faith statements. Those worship services are:

- Wednesday, July 1
- Sunday, July 12
- Wednesday, August 12
- Sunday, August 16
- Sunday, September 20

Please attend or watch online to support these youth sharing their faith!

## Shoe Collection/Recycling!

Do you have tennis shoes around home that you'd like to get rid of? We encourage you to drop them off at church to be recycled/donated through "Got Sneakers"! **Shoes can be in ANY condition as long as**

**they are athletic shoes**. Old shoes will be recycled and newer ones will raise a small amount of money for our youth (a max of \$7/ pair if they're in good shape). A collection bin can be found in the Narthex at LOC.

**EXTRA SHOES?**

Be a part of a good cause and donate them!

**Recycle**

**Re-use**

**Raise money**

Drop your lightly used sneakers here!

600 million people don't even own a pair of shoes	200 million pairs of shoes end up in the landfill each year	30-40 years for shoes to decompose
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The church office will be closed on Fridays through September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Updated 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission Trip!



**When:** June 30<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** Twin Cities Agencies; overnight at Luther Memorial Church in St. Paul

**Who:** 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade youth and friends!

**Registration:** [Click here to register online](#) by **June 17<sup>th</sup>**

CAN YOU HELP?

**We'd love your help with VBS!**

Use these links below to get involved:

**Volunteer** sign-up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-62220163-vbs2026>

**VBS Supply list** sign-up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-64213482-vbs2026>

# 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 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday: 4:30PM – 7:15PM**

**Monday–Wednesday: 5:00PM – 7:15PM**

**Register online**

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

