



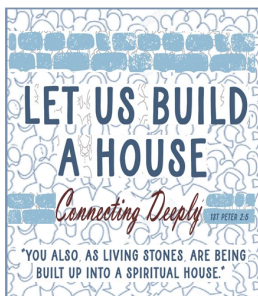
Worship

- 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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NourishingHOPE

Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, November 10th
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

November Food Distribution

Serve a neighbor in need...help strengthen a ministry...put love and faith into action. Nourishing Hope Food Distribution. **Monday, November 10th**. Two opportunities:

- **10:00 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>)



Fifth Sunday Offering in November Is for Belize

For those of you who may not know, LOC collects funding, separate from regular/pledged general fund giving, for special efforts each calendar month that has five Sundays. This year we have four months with five Sundays including November. This month we are collecting funding for the new Hope Center in Belize which is in the process of being built. Several of our church members have traveled to Belize multiple times to support Belize residents in many ways and have experienced the poverty, the needs and the spirituality of this area. This year Pastor Kebin Rosa, whose Belize church is Full Gospel Church of God in Bella Vista Belize, is building the Hope Center that will be used to serve over 2,000 in his community and surrounding areas. Many of you have met Pastor Kebin as he has visited our church to express his gratitude. The Hope Center will include a kitchen, eating area and classrooms. It will be used to serve meals, teach people cooking, provide daycare, a sewing room, a computer lab and an area for teaching English, reading and writing. The monetary needs for this project are \$15,000-\$20,000 for labor, supplies, appliances and furniture. Over the next months, we will also be looking into collecting new or used items they need in Belize such as phones, laptops, sewing machines, school supplies, fans and several other things that can be safely shipped to them. Videos from Pastor Kebin have been shown at LOC and there will be others that will be shared. You can donate for this special Fifth Sunday effort in November on the LOC website under the *Give* tab and the Belize link. You can also designate specifically for *Belize* in the Sunday offering plate or send it to Terri in the LOC office. Thank you for your compassion and contributions. This is a beautiful mission to wonderful people in Belize.



Our Kids Hope Mentors

Thank you to all of those who have signed up to become a mentor this year for Kids Hope at Delano Elementary. This year we have Lisa Spencer, Lisa Hemmer, Vicki Noetzelman, Kirsten Kelly, Stan Droneck, Wendy Caslavka, JoMarie Williamson and Tracy Herkenhoff. Your one hour/week time with your kiddo is so fun and will be a joy as you see the positive difference your time makes in your kiddo's life. We also want to thank the Kids Hope prayer partners. I hope there will be other LOC members or others who you know in the Delano area who will hear the calling and join our team. If you want more information, contact Lona Jose, check out the table in the narthex, or visit the Kids Hope USA website to learn more about this amazing gift to young children. Your commitment will be meeting to have fun with one elementary child for one hour/week during the school year. Please consider joining our team. We'll make it work into your busy schedule. Thanks!!

Oil Change Gap Ministry Gratitude

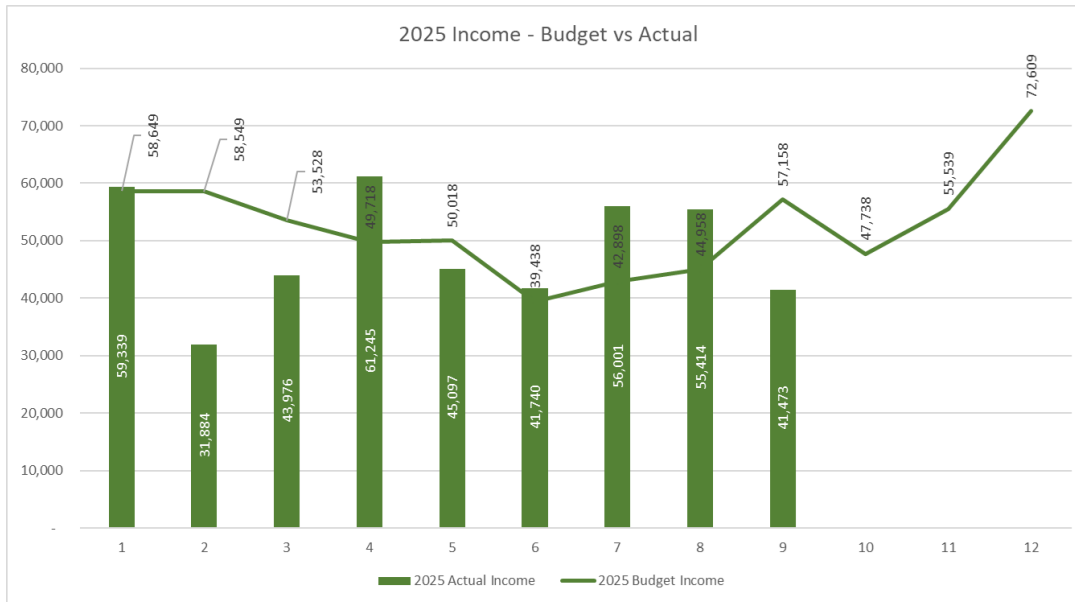


A big thank-you to The Highlands Church and Absolute Automotive Services for partnering once again for another successful Oil Change Ministry event! The volunteers were cheerful, friendly, and efficient — impressing participants with how quickly and smoothly the oil changes were completed. Laughter, conversation, and smiles filled the day. Thank you for serving alongside Love INC Heartland to bless neighbors in need!

Stock The Christmas Store - Dec. 12

WestPointe Church and Love INC Heartland will be accepting donations for the **Christmas Store** on Friday, December 12, from 12:00pm-4:00pm. Registered Love INC families will be shopping for Christmas gifts for their children at no cost to them. *Can you help stock the store?* Learn more at bit.ly/loveinc25christmas or contact Courtney 612-986-1314.

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – September 2025

- YTD Budget \$454,914
YTD Actual \$436,168
- Year to Date Actual is **\$18,746** below budget
- September giving below budget

Rooted in Faith. Growing in Generosity.

As we near the close of another year, there is so much to celebrate and give thanks for at Light of Christ! From the warmth of our worship to the reach of our mission efforts—here in Delano and beyond—God's Spirit continues to move among us in powerful ways.

This fall we've reflected on how being *Rooted in Faith* means trusting God's presence in our lives and ministries, and how *Growing in Generosity* calls us to let that faith bear fruit through acts of compassion, service, and giving. We've welcomed new staff, expanded ministries, and are discerning together where God is leading us next.

As we look ahead to 2026, we invite every household to pray about your participation and financial pledge for the year ahead. Pledge cards, which will be mailed out this week, may be mailed to the church or brought with you to worship on **Celebration Sunday, November 23**, when we'll dedicate our commitments to God together in joy and gratitude. You can also complete an [online pledge card at this link](#).

Together, we are planting seeds of hope that will continue to grow and bless many.



New Member Breakfast/ 40th Anniversary Celebration

The Community Life Committee will be serving a pancake breakfast next **Sunday, November 16th**, to welcome our newest members, and to also celebrate LOC's 40th anniversary, following the 9:30 worship. We hope you can join us for this special day!



Storytelling Training

Last fall, 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.

Sisters of LOC Craft Event

The Sisters of LOC invite you to their November event. See details and sign-up link below. A drink is included in the price. If interested, please sign up **by November 10th**. Contact Kelly Harstad with any questions: 763-227-8246 or kellyharstad8@gmail.com.



Snowman ornaments
2/\$30
measure 5"



Set of 4
watercolor
cards
\$30



Wood reindeer
measures 30"
\$45



Wood santa
measures 30"
\$45



Join us on Nov 11th, 6:30 pm at The Whiskey Jar for an evening of friendship and creating. Pick one of the projects above to make. Register at the link below

www.studio527mn.com



Bible Study/Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/Teens

As we work to be a community where all feel connected and cared for, we are trying a new time/group for moms of pre-teens and teens. Join us on **Thursdays, November 20th, December 4th and 18th from 8:15-9:45 AM** (right after school drop-off) to meet with some other moms and talk about life, faith and parenting. This will be very laid back with zero prep or expectation. Coffee, creamer and treats provided. We'll discuss future meetings & times with those who attend or express interest...so email Kirsten if you're interested but cannot attend. Please also contact Kirsten about any specific food needs/requests. Hope to see you there!



HOOT NEWS



HOOT! Our LOC OWLS had a wonderful Halloween party! Everyone made the effort to wear some great costumes and bring a variety of spookily delicious dishes. Congratulations to our prize winners: "Captain Jack Sparrow"- Bill Fink for best costume and we had a tie for the best dish - Cheri Ashfeld for her "amputated legs" and Cheryl Collins for her spider web Southwest dip. Thanks especially go to LaDonna and Jewel for providing decorations, spiced cider, prizes, and really fun games!
See pics on page 6!

We will not have an OWLS event for November, so enjoy your family gatherings on Thanksgiving! We'd love to get more Older Wiser Lutherans involved so if you're looking for friendship and fun, try us out!! We generally have our gatherings during the afternoons so if you're partially or fully retired, come join us!

Our next event comes up on **Thursday, December 4th, 4:45 PM**. We are meeting at LOC to carpool to the Ox Yoke Inn for supper. They have the back room reserved and staffed for us. Afterward, for all those who want to venture on, we'll head to Sovereign Winery in Waconia for their "Spirit of Winter." It is outdoors so dress warm to be comfortable for the walk around the estate. There will be wine, fires for s'mores, music and thousands of festive lights and displays. The cost is \$25.00 per car, so we will try to have 5-6 per car. *(If you only want to join us at Ox Yoke, you may meet us there.)*

We have a second event in December, our annual Christmas Potluck, with the very funny White Elephant gift exchange!! That means nothing new, but something you no longer need. The date has changed due to many OWLS helping at the Food Shelf on our normal Thursday. Mark your calendars for **Friday, December 19th, 12-3 PM** and start looking for your gifts and recipes to share!!

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**. If you need to leave early at any point that is okay. **We will meet through June. We will not meet in December.** 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**.

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

CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



The holidays can be an especially difficult time for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Join us for *Surviving the Holidays* grief support group designed to focus on dealing with grief during the holidays.

Together we will discuss

- How to deal with emotions,
- What to do about traditions,
- Helpful tips for surviving social events, and
- How to find hope for the future.

Sunday, Nov 16
3:00 — 5:00 p.m.

A free *Survival Guide* will be available for those who register by November 9th.



For more information or to register go to
www.come2peace.com/grief
or call (952) 955-3434



Hosted by
Peace Lutheran Church
600 Kristi Lane
Watertown, MN

TURKEY TROT 5K OR 1 MILE WADDLE

Hosted by Redemption Hill
Bible Church 730 Elm Ave E, Delano

Thursday, November 27th, 2025

Doors open at 8:30AM

Race starts at 9AM

Warm up and refreshments following the event.



Donate to join!

Food donations support Helping Hands food shelf. Monetary donations support Love INC and or Helping Hands.

LOC Movie Night!

November 24th, 5 PM

Here at Light of Christ
Pizza dinner (\$2/slice) at 4pm
Movie (free) starts at 5pm
Sign up for the movie and pizza with the QR code below

THE KING OF KINGS
A Story Told by Charles
ANGEL

A square QR code that, when scanned, likely leads to the movie night sign-up page.A movie poster for 'The King of Kings' featuring Jesus and other characters. The title 'THE KING OF KINGS' is prominently displayed in large, stylized letters.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES



Sips & Carols Fellowship Gathering

✧ Celebrate the Christmas season with warmth, music, and friends! ✧

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: McGarry's Pub, Maple Plain

Join us for an evening of fellowship and festive cheer! Enjoy a cozy atmosphere, order from a short menu, and sing along to **Christmas Carols led by Katie Kohler** to get into the Christmas spirit. *Note: Individuals will be responsible from their own tab.* **RSVP before December 10th [at this link](#)** to reserve your spot and make this a night to remember!

Sisters of LOC Cookie Exchange

It's that time of year already! Please join the Sisters of LOC for our annual cookie exchange on **Tuesday, December 9th** from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Living Room at LOC. You should bring 3 dozen of your favorite cookies, a container to take your cookies home in, and printed copies of the recipe to share. Depending on how many choose to participate, you should go home with a nice assortment of goodies to share with your family. [Please RSVP here](#) with your name and the type of cookie you will be bringing. The deadline to sign up is **Monday, December 8th**. Hope to see as many of you as we can! Any questions, please contact Kelly Harstad at 763-227-8246 or email kellyharstad8@gmail.com.



Pics from the OWLS Halloween party



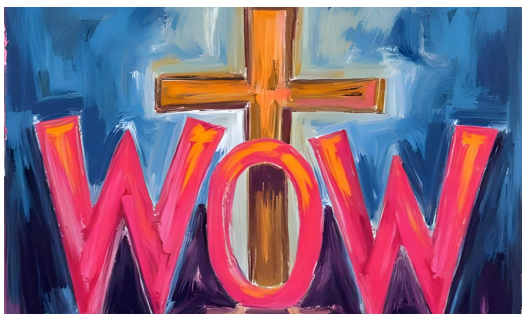


WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

We're excited to have our WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) Confirmation worship services on the **first Wednesday** of each month. All are welcome at these youth-led services that go from 6:15-7:00 pm on the following Wednesdays:

- ◇ **December 3**
- ◇ **January 7**
- ◇ **February 4**
- ◇ **April 8 (2nd Wed. due to Holy Week)**

We hope you'll join us at WOW!



Confirmation Calendar

- **11/12/25** = Teaching night
- **11/19/25** = Family Matters event (Teens & Technology)
- **11/26/25** = No Confirmation due to Thanksgiving



Youth Choir Has Started

Youth choir has started rehearsals for ages 3rd-6th grade, and will first perform during Lessons and Carols (December 7th). Rehearsals are 30 minutes long. Sign up using the QR code.

The full schedule is on the sign-up form. All levels welcome! You do not need to make every rehearsal to be a part of the choir. Contact Katie at katie.kohler@locdelano.com with any questions.





HONORING OUR VETERANS



Light of Christ wishes to honor our current Veterans. With gratitude we thank the following members of Light of Christ for their service to our country:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch of Military</u>	<u>Years Served</u>	<u>Location</u>
Don Anderson	Air Force	1965-69	Eglin AFB Florida
Lee Ashfeld	Air Force	1963-67	Japan, Turkey
Len Beilke	Navy	1965-68	Viet Nam
Billie Chock	Marine Corps		
Ken Chock	Marine Corps		
Don Collins	Army Reserve	1966-72	US
Bill Fink	Air Force Guard	1968-74	
Pete Froehle	Army	2001-present	Saudi Arabia
Del Hirsch	Army	1969-71	US
Dennis Iverson	Army	1953-55	Kitzingen, Germany
Lowell Johnson	Army	1956-58	Germany
Mike Klaphake	Army		
John Magner	Navy	1986-90	Norfolk, VA
Zach Miller	Army National Guard	2009-2023	Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait
Benjamin Raskin	Army National Guard	1994-present	Kuwait
David Rosaaen	Navy	1967-71	Lemoore, CA Naval Air Station
Tom Sebelien	1 st Division Army	1963-66	Viet Nam
Gordon Torgerud	US Navy	1958-61	USS Parsons, Viet Nam
Bill Weis	Air Force Reserve	1958-64	US

For those who have served, “*Welcome Home.*” For those who continue to serve we thank God for your service.

Did you know the universal symbol for honoring a Veteran is holding your hand over your heart? When you see a member of the Military, honor them by holding your hand to your heart! Remember: November 11th is Veteran’s Day. Contact a Veteran you know and say “**THANKS!!**”

Armistice Day commemorates the signing of the end of WWI (the war to end all wars) at 11:00 AM, November 11, 1918 (name changed to Veteran’s Day in 1954). The poppy was one of the only plants growing on the barren battlefields. On May 3, 1915, while looking at the grave of his close friend and former student, Canadian surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae composed the poem, *In Flanders Fields*.



Verse 1

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

(The battlefield spanned southern Belgium
and northwest France)