



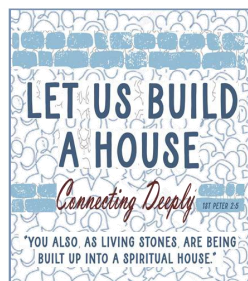
Worship

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



Church Council 2025

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Palm Sunday started off Holy Week great!



Hosanna Processional by our Light of Christ kids



Special Music: Praise Band, Adult Choir, Youth Choir, and a violin solo!

SHOUT HOSANNA!

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 Fellowship Hall at LOC. *(Note: this project is being coordinated by Anneka Zaun for her National Honor Society project. Anneka went to Chicago last summer and is attending the N. Shore mission trip this summer!)*

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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Serve Day... Coming on May 10th!

On **Saturday, May 10th**, Light of Christ will be hosting our first annual Serve Day! On this day, we will all come together to help and support our church and community. Some of the projects may include volunteering at the Delano Food Shelf, Feed My Starving Children, local nursing homes, Love INC, as well as projects around church (light maintenance and cleaning, making cards for military members, outdoor projects, etc.). We know this is a busy weekend (with fishing opener and Mother's Day) but it would be wonderful if we could all come together to serve others and give back! Here is the link with more information and to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-56175820-serve#/>

This project is being coordinated by HS youth, Abby Gierke, for her NHS project (along with Kirsten Kelly). Thank you!



We're Growing-Will You Follow Along?

Follow us on social media to stay updated on events, stories, and ways to get involved.

Join Our Social Communities Here!

bit.ly/loveincsm

Heartland



The church office will be closed on Easter Monday.

Strength in Surrender

Sometimes, the harder we try to control everything, the more anxious we become. But what if surrendering to God actually makes us stronger? This week in *Unshaken: Trusting God in an Anxious World*, we'll explore how letting go deepens our trust and brings unexpected peace. If you've never been to a Bible study before, this is a great place to start! **Join us Thursday at 9:30 AM or 7:00 PM** — new faces always welcome.



SESSION FOUR from our Unshaken Bible Study is available for you. Contact the church office for a copy.

New Member/Partner Sunday

If you are interested in joining Light of Christ, please contact the [church office](#) **by April 24th** for more information. Our next reception of new members/partners will be on **May 4th**.



THE HOOT NEWS

from Sue Fink

Happy SPRING!

Thanks to the folks at the Delano Senior Center for the wonderful meal and informative meeting on March 18th. We were pleasantly amazed that there is so much going on at the center, something to interest everyone. And, we're at just the right age to enjoy it. :)



This month, we are having a "Lunch and Learn" event on **Thursday, April 24th at noon**. We're having Subway sandwiches, chips, beverages and brownies. No need to bring any food this time. Please sign up so we know how much to order. Once we know the cost for each OWL, I'll let you know.

Our agenda for after lunch:

- **1 pm:** Andrea Karels with Iten Funeral Home will be speaking about the gift and importance of preplanning your funeral, both for peace of mind for you and your family, and to save future costs.
- **1:30 pm:** Rozlyn and Amy, lawyers in Buffalo, will join us to talk about estate planning and Elder Law.
- **2 pm:** Pastor Tim will provide forms and information so we can make our own choices for our church service, whether it be a funeral or Celebration of Life. This form, once completed, will be kept at LOC, and you're also encouraged to give one to a designated family member.
- **2:45 pm:** We'll hear from Jinnelle Weis regarding our Columbarium options, and someone from the Funeral reception volunteers will give us information and guidelines for serving our friends and family here at LOC.

Please bring your appetites and questions. It promises to be another enlightening afternoon! **Please COME!**

Your friends in Christ, *Sue, Bill, Jewel, Laurie, and Lona*

P.S. Our OWLS Bible study group is open to everyone. Come as you're able. We have 1 session left in our "Twelve Disciples" book. We next meet after service on **Sunday, April 27th at 10:45**.

CHURCH NEWS



13 young people remembering their baptism and continuing their journey by celebrating their

First Communion! Those receiving their First Communion on April 13th were: Blair Berscheid, Cameron Berscheid, Levi Haugen, August Jaunich, Emma Knisley, Jackson Miller, Matthew Motzko, Mya Motzko, Brant Olson, Eilee Olson, Hattie Savage, Paisley Sjulstad, and Reagan Sjulstad.



First Communicants lighting their baptismal candles.



STAYING CONNECTED



Are you missing a coat, hoodie, cap, coffee/water mug, book, or something that you might have left at church? Please check out the table of Lost & Found items in the fellowship hall entry area. Items not claimed by **May 1st** will be donated to Love INC.



Can You Help?

Take a look at our new **Time & Talent board** in the **Narthex, across from the Welcome Center!** You'll find large **Sticky Notes** with a variety of ways you can lend a hand.

It's easy to participate:

- ✓ **Browse the notes** to see current needs.
- ✓ **Find one that fits your gifts or schedule.**
- ✓ **Take it with you** as a reminder to follow through!

Here are a few examples:

- **Write 1-2 notes of thanks** to an LOC volunteer or staff member.
- **Donate a box of non-perishables** for our Food Distribution Ministry.
- **Help format the Study Guide** for the upcoming *Unshaken* Bible study.

- **Wash 3-5 windows** in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex.

Have a short-term need? If you're on a team and could use extra hands, add a Sticky Note to invite others to help!

Thank you for sharing your Time & Talents—*Together We Thrive!*



CFM Position Will Open upon Retirement

OPEN POSITION

The "countdown to retirement" is both exciting and bittersweet. Light of Christ members and staff feel these same emotions for LaDonna Ekern as she anticipates her final workday as our Director of Children & Family Ministry on May 11th. Mark your calendars for an after-service celebration with LaDonna and Jewel on **Sunday, May 11th**.

The Personnel Committee has posted this 20 hr/week position on the [LOC website](#). Do you know strong candidates who should apply? Our kids deserve a leader with high energy and a huge heart — just what LaDonna has dedicated to the youngsters for the past 4 years.

Centralized Sign Up

We have a new way of sharing volunteer sign-ups... all in one spot! Scan this QR code or go to this link

(www.linktr.ee/lightofchristvolunteers) to view the new *LOC Volunteer Sign Up Page*. We hope this will make it easier to find the sign-ups and to volunteer!



April Friday Night Lights—OFF SITE

Our next Friday Night Lights for youth in grades 7-12 will be on April 25th! This month, we are headed off-site to [Activate at the Mall of America!](#)

- **Who:** LOC youth in grades 7-12. Since this is an off-site event, we ask that only LOC youth attend this month.
- **What:** Activate is a live-action gaming adventure, designed to challenge all skill levels. Check out the link above to learn more about it!
- **When:** Friday, April 25 from 6-10 pm
- **Cost:** \$40
- **Register:** [Click here](#) for more details and to register - no later than 4/23!



Don't miss it! Talk to your friends - hope to see you there.

Sign Up for Summer Bible Camp and VBS!

Registration for camp at Camp Wapo! Scholarships will be provided again this year! Invite a friend and join us for a life-changing week at camp this summer!

- **Seeds (Grades 1-3):** June 20-22
- **Wapo Youth (Grades 4-8):** June 22-27 and July 27-August 1
- **Wapo One-Day (Grades 1 & up):** June 25

LOC Specific Registration Link: <https://lwlbc.com/loc-delano>



Looking for Mountains of Fun?



You Otter Be Here!

◇ New Friends ◇ Amazing Experiments ◇ Creative Games ◇ Super-Fun Snacks
◇ Surprising Adventures ◇ Incredible Music

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 13th – Wednesday, July 16th

5:00PM – 7:15PM

Register online:

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

7th & 8th Grade Lent Cross Project

This year for Lent, the 7th and 8th graders in Confirmation were given the project to create a cross that was meaningful to them and then write about it. The youth all came up with such spectacular crosses that are all very unique and special! They will be on display in the Narthex for the next few weeks and we invite you to check them out and read what each youth wrote about their cross. They are a wonderful testament to the faith of our youth! This is a new project that each incoming 7th grade Confirmation class will participate in during Lent in future years.

