



Worship

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



Holy Week

- * **Maundy Thursday, April 2nd** at 6:30 PM - Worship with Holy Communion and First Communion for some of our youth
- * **Good Friday, April 3rd** at 6:30 PM - "Service of the Nails," a contemplative service with scripture, prayer, meditation, and music.
- * **Easter Sunday, April 5th** at 8:30 & 10:30 AM - A blend of classic and contemporary worship featuring a variety of music and plenty of celebration!

The church office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

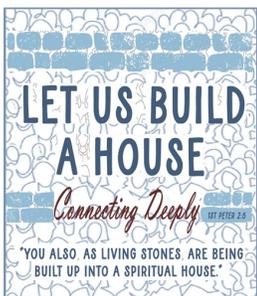


Church Council 2026

Fred Caslavka
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Brandt Dinger
Heidi Goldbeck
Luke Jeseritz (treas.)
Lisa Krause (pres.)
Justin Lindall
Erin Olson
Ryan Tool (v. pres.)
Pastor Tim Wheatley



We sold 17 tickets for the **Lamb Of God Easter Oratorio**. Before the show we spent some fellowship time over dinner at Big Bowl and then headed to the outstanding performance at Great Benson Hall. In unison, we decided to make it an annual event. If you missed it this year, join us in 2027.



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Resilience *Rewired*:

Create The Good When There's None to Find

Most resilience talks tell people to look for the good.
Kate Gladdin teaches you how to use problems to build it.

FAITH COMMUNITIES

Join international resilience speaker Kate Gladdin for an inspiring and practical evening focused on building resilience through purpose — not forced positivity.

Kate shares powerful personal stories and research-based strategies for navigating life's challenges with resilience, purpose, and hope. Come join others for an evening focused on building resilience in our places of worship, families and community.



APRIL 1, 2026 WED
6:30 - 7:30 PM



DELANO HIGH SCHOOL PAC,
DELANO MN



FREE ADMISSION

www.kategladdin.com





Join us to support the youth on the new date, 4/19!

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

We hope you'll join us for our fabulous youth fundraiser, rescheduled for **Sunday, April 19th**! Donations are now due by **April 13th**. 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 April 19th, with items on display at church from 3:00-5:00 PM. Lindsay Wallace will 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 on sale and can be purchased before/after worship, online [at this link](#), or from Terri during normal office hours. Thanks for your support of our summer 2026 trips!

Let's Pack the Pews in March!

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!

Love INC Birthday Ministry

Pictured are the April birthday bags assembled with care by Birthday Ministry volunteers, Beth Coulombe and Terri Reuter. Please pray for the kids who receive these birthday bags. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry—it truly makes a difference!



Thrivent clients with membership: Don't forget to direct 2025 Choice Dollars® by March 31 at thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

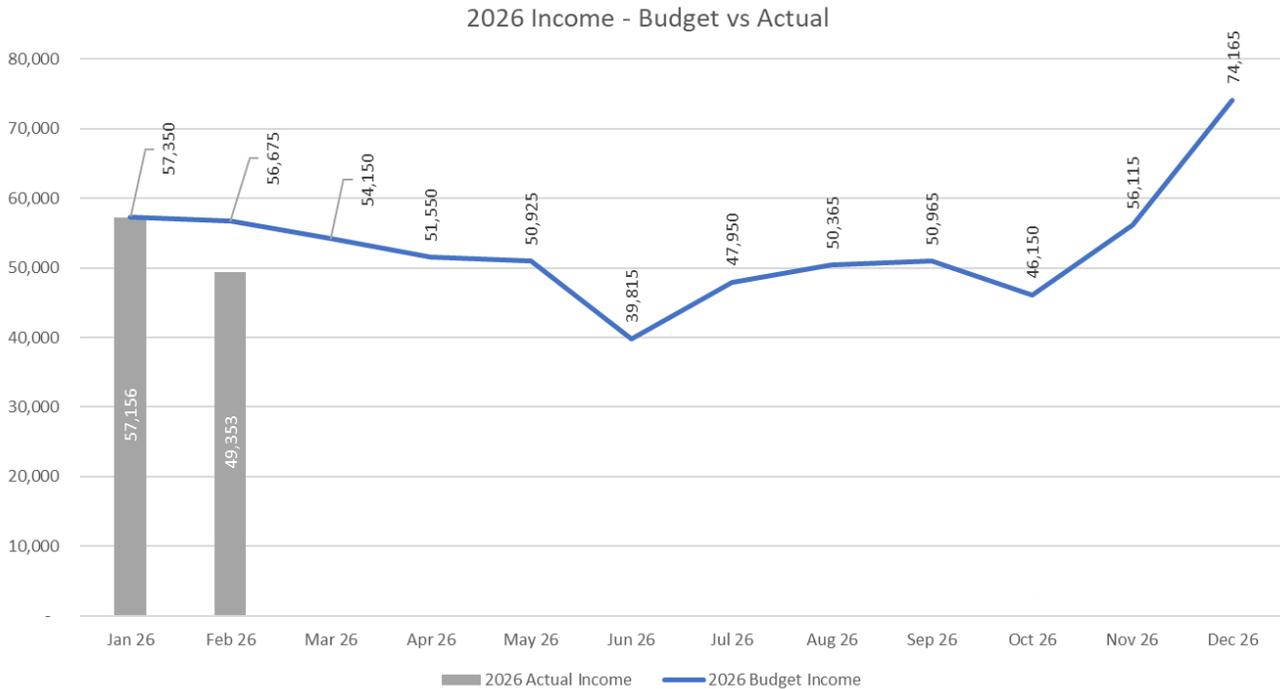


Mental Health Connect: A Compassionate First Step Toward Healing

Navigating mental health challenges can be overwhelming, but you don't have to face them alone. Mental Health Connect (MHC) offers free, confidential, and individualized support to help you or your loved ones access the right resources for your unique situation. Whether you're seeking counseling, addressing substance use concerns, or simply need someone to talk to, MHC's trained Navigators are here to assist. Reach out by calling or texting 612-642-1220, or emailing navigator@mhconnect.org, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM. You can also fill out a simple contact form online (scan the QR code). A caring Navigator will respond promptly to guide you toward the support you need.



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



YTD Summary Feb 2026

- YTD Budget \$114,025
- YTD Actual \$106,509
- Year to Date Actual is **\$7,516** below budget

The GIVING CORNER



Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from an IRA

If you are age 70½ or older and you give to charity each year, a Qualified Charitable Distribution, or QCD, can be a really clean way to do it. A QCD is a direct gift from your IRA to an eligible public charity. Because the money goes straight from the IRA to the charity, it can be excluded from your taxable income, which is often more valuable than taking a deduction, especially if you use the standard deduction. QCDs can also count toward required minimum distributions for those who have them, which helps some families give without increasing their reported income. The key is that it must be done as a direct transfer and it must go to a qualifying public charity, not a donor advised fund or private foundation. A quick check with a tax professional can confirm whether this fits your situation.

Article Submitted by Brad L. Spencer, CPWA®

More Than Numbers

As you review these budget figures, remember—they are more than numbers. They represent lives touched, faith nurtured, and ministry made possible through your ongoing support.

Capital Appeal Update

Thanks to your generosity, \$246,535 has been pledged to the “Let Us Build a House” capital appeal, with an additional \$82,559 expected during the remaining pledge period. This spring, we will move forward with rebuilding and repaving the parking lot. While the \$173,000 cost is higher than anticipated, the project is essential for safety, accessibility, and hospitality. With more than a year of pledged giving still ahead, additional gifts are welcome. If you have already pledged, thank you for your faithful support. If not, there is still time to participate—every gift makes a difference. Contributions can be made through the Give tab on our website.



The HOOT Newsletter for March 2026



April: we are open to ideas. Bill and Sue will be on vacation the third week, so the date would need to change to **April 23rd**. Stay tuned.

For **May 21st**, several folks have asked to return to Big Stone Mini Golf, which was a hoot! We can meet for lunch first. More details later.

Bible Study: Let's continue meeting on Sunday mornings after the service, with the following dates planned: **April 12 & 26, and May 10 & 17.**

Happy Birthday to all of you celebrating another year this month: Rhonda Almquist, Cheryl Collins, Greg Johnson, Kay Klason, Lynda Pavlovich, Lisa Hemmer, Bonnie Lotzer, John Zerull, LoyAnn Anderson, Linda Rosaaen, and Amber Dawn Andrews. Peace and Good Health to each of **you!!**

Lost & Found Items

Missing something? Our Lost & Found bins outside the church office (near the mailboxes) are overflowing with a variety of items. 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.



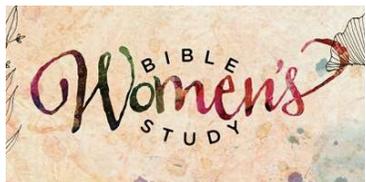
Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/Teens

Join us on **Thursday, April 23rd from 8:15-9:45 AM** (right after school drop-off) to meet with some other moms for a time of connection. We'd love to have you join us for this casual group that gets together to talk about faith, life, and parenting.



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.

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!

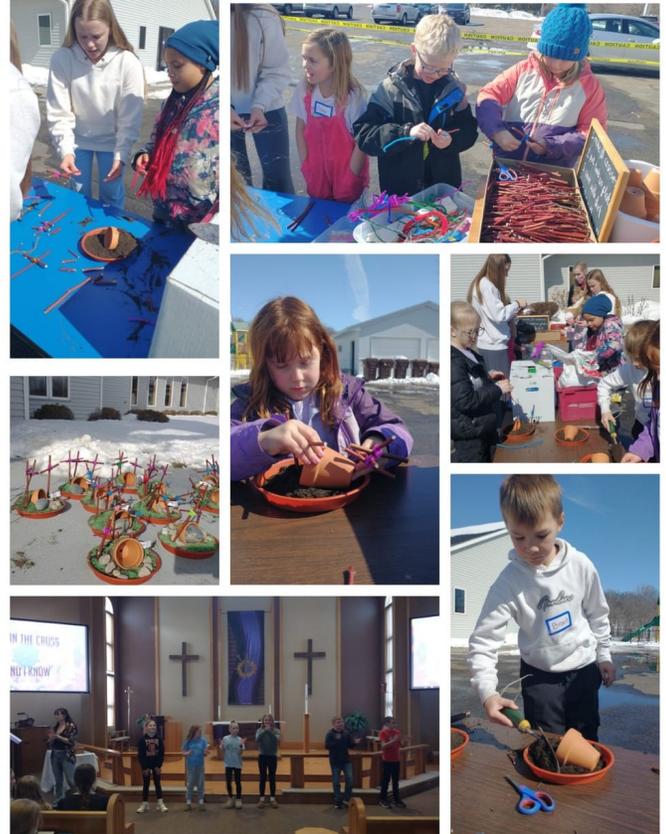


Confirmation Calendar

- ⇒ **Wednesday, 4/1**—Join us at the PAC at Delano HS for a great speaker, Kate Gladdin—see flyer on page 2. Nothing at LOC this night.
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 4/8**—SLICE & April WOW (begins at 6:30 PM)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 4/15**—SLICE & teaching night (6:15-8:00 PM)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 4/22**—SLICE & teaching night (6:15-8:00 PM)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 4/29**—SLICE & teaching night (6:15-8:00 PM)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 5/6**—Family Matters (parents attend with their youth; 6:15-8:00 PM)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 5/13**—Final night of Confirmation (at LOC, 6:15-8:00 PM)



Reminder: there will be no Wednesday after school or evening activities this week due to Holy Week.



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://lwlbc.com/loc-delano>. Please reach out with any questions!

Voyagers crafted Easter garden table centerpieces. By now they will have sprouting grass growing.

An adventure you'll fall for!



I hope to spot you here!

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>

