



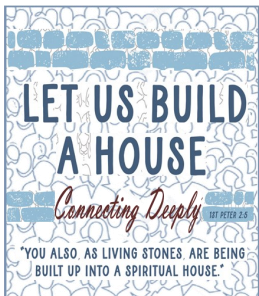
Worship

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



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Women's Bible Study Starts Tonight!

The women's Bible study will meet the **1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, in the Living Room at LOC, starting on September 21st.** We will meet September – April, and *not* meet in December. If you need to leave early at any point or can't make it every time that is okay! We want you to come when you can.

The Bible study we will be doing is *Prayer: An Adventure with God from Life Guide Bible Studies*.

As David Healey leads you through the prayers of men and women in the Bible (Mary, Abraham, Moses, Daniel and more!), you will gain new insights into why, what and how to pray. And you will experience more fully the adventure that prayer can be.

Source: [Prayer: An Adventure with God \(LifeGuide Bible Studies\): Healey, David: 9780830830534:Amazon.com: Books](#)

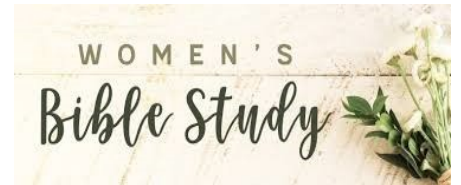
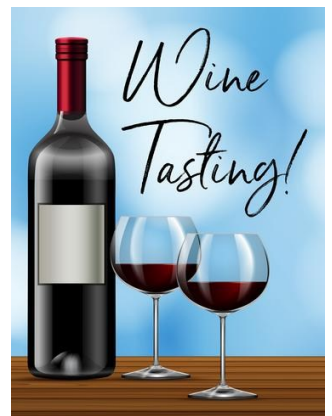
We hope to see you there! If you are interested in participating, **please respond to Lindsay Lindall:** lindsay.lindall@gmail.com.



Sisters of LOC Wine Event

Please join us, the Sisters of LOC, for a wine tasting event at the new Solhavn Winery, formerly Fountain Hills Winery, on **Sunday, October 4th from 2:00-4:00 PM**. Each person will be responsible for purchasing their own wine. There will be a food truck for individual purchase as well (*Scorched Hearth Woodfired Grille*). [Please RSVP at this link](#).

Feel free to bring a friend or two. If you need a ride or have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Harstad at kellyharstad8@gmail.com or 763-227-8246. Hope you can make it!



Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)

Resources for Suicide Prevention



Another year has passed and once again it is National Suicide Prevention Month. Levels of suicide deaths have gradually increased over the past 20 years with a peak during the Covid isolation. This month we raise awareness and opportunities for education to help and support loved ones in the midst of depression and suicidal thoughts. *Hope is the antidote to suicide.* Connectedness brings hope for those who are depressed and lonely, which is a priority goal of LOC's Healing and Wholeness Ministry.

September often increases stress with new starts, full schedules, feeling overwhelmed. Please read articles published about stress, anxiety, and depression on the [Mental Health tab of the LOC website](#) (under *Support/Mental Health/Education*). We encourage open and hard conversations with friends and family when mental health struggles get in the way of living the lives we hoped for. Talking about suicide will not put the idea into someone's mind, but instead gives them the opening to talk and lets them know you are concerned. When you become aware of someone's suffering, there are many ways to support them and help them get the help needed to prevent suicide.

If you are concerned about yourself or someone else, know that you are not alone.

If the person is in imminent danger call 911 and request mental health crisis intervention.

Call or text 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: The number has trained staff to answer calls from individuals at risk for suicide as well as those experiencing other mental health and substance use-related emergencies. Specialized services are available for veterans, LGBTQ+ individuals, and other groups.

Call your county mental health crisis number:

Adults -

- Carver-Chaska 952-442-7601
- Hennepin-Minneapolis 612-596-1223
- Wright-Buffalo 800-635-8008

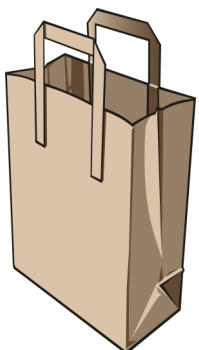
Children under 18 -

- Carver-Chaska 952-442-7601
- Hennepin-Minneapolis 612-596-1223
- Wright-Buffalo 800-635-8008

The Trevor Project Lifeline (suicide prevention for LGBTQ youth): 1-866-488-7386

Minnesota Warmline- Mental Health Minnesota 651-288-0400 – Provides a peer-to-peer approach to mental health recovery, support and wellness. Connect with people who are here to listen 7 days a week; call 9AM to 9pm or text "Support" to **85511**. Online chat is available on their website: mentalhealthmn.org.

Support Resources: see lightofchristlutheran.com/support/mental_health under *Resources*



Food Shelf Need

Do you have extra bags lying around your house? If you do, we can use them at the Food Shelf. We are looking for paper bags, plastic bags or reusable bags. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the cupboards by the kitchen.

EXTRA SHOES?



Be a part of a good cause
and donate them!

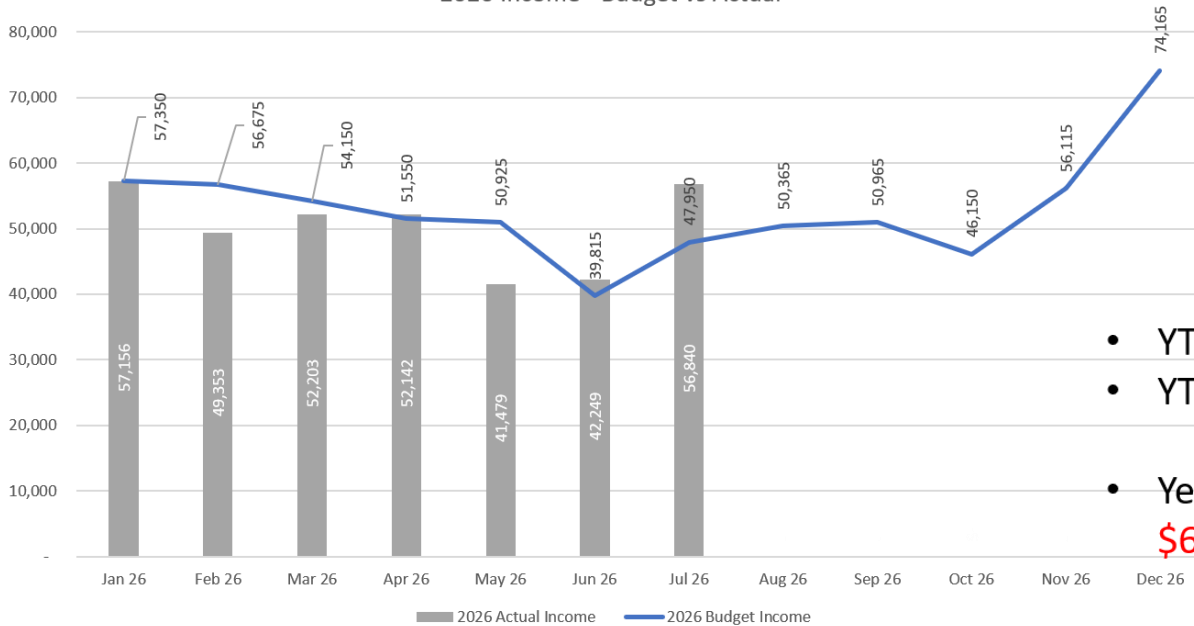


Shoe Collection/Recycling!

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 per pair if they're in good shape). A collection bin can be found in the Narthex at LOC.

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget

2026 Income - Budget vs Actual



YTD Summary July 2026

- YTD Budget \$358,415
- YTD Actual \$351,423
- Year to Date Actual is **\$6,992** 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 HOOT Newsletter for September 2026

Upcoming OWLS (*Older Wiser Lutherans*) happenings:

LaDonna is excited to bring back a fantastic **Halloween party on October 29th**, so start thinking of prize-winning costumes and spooky recipes.

Also on the books is our annual **Christmas potluck and white elephant gift exchange on December 17th**. Fall cleaning is a great time to search for just the right item to wrap up (hee-hee).

Bible study will resume in October to finish up the last 4 lessons of "Old Testament Characters." The stories of Daniel, Esther, David, and Moses will show us how God has used these people toward His purpose through their failures and successes and how we can relate these to our own lives today. We meet after service on Sundays. Stay tuned for specific dates as we coordinate with the other church events for fall. Talk to Sue Fink if you have ideas for a winter study! New folks are always welcome!

Finally, the **LOC-O-Motion Coffee and Cleaning Crew continues to meet the second Friday monthly at 9:30 AM**. Please join us as we keep God's house welcoming for all.

End of Life Planning Seminar October 26 - 6:30 PM

Light of Christ is pleased to offer an opportunity to listen and learn from Andrea Karels, Pre-planning Funeral Director; Jessica Larson, CRPC Edward Jones – Delano; and Lindsey Oldre, Financial Advisor Edward Jones – Delano. These three professionals will share their expertise regarding multiple tools to make End of Life planning with your family a more informed discussion. The session will include multiple facets on estate planning tips, financial considerations, fraud awareness, and prevention. Discussion will also focus on memorial preferences and consideration of a final resting spot.

Pre-planning for End of Life is often a discussion you choose to avoid. But importantly it is a discussion that can allow parents to express their wishes with their children. It can allow family members the opportunity to assist parents in making decisions they might find uncomfortable and awkward. It minimizes the stress and anxiety in making these decisions at the difficult time of a loved one's passing.

This is a discussion and topic impactful for every person – we encourage all members to attend on **Monday, October 26th at 6:30 PM** and to bring a friend or neighbor with you. It will be a beneficial discussion for everyone!





Save the date!

Trunk or Treat—Friday, October 30, 4:30-6:30 PM in the church parking lot. Watch for more details to come!



Fall Confirmation Retreat

We're excited to be going on our Fall Confirmation Retreat to Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI again this year! Each year this retreat proves to be a significant faith-shaping and relationship building event (with friends and with God)! This overnight retreat includes fellowship time, games, campfire worship, discussions, food/snacks and lots of outdoor time (where we can see the incredible stars at night)! This Beacon article has 2 purposes:

1. To share the info with Confirmation Families so they can save the date and register!
2. To invite congregation members to support our youth and families through a donation to help off-set the cost of this retreat. If you are able to make a contribution, please talk to Kirsten. Thank you **SO** much!

What: Overnight Retreat at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI – Faith, Fellowship, Food and FUN!

Who: Confirmation youth (grades 7-9) and adult leaders. **This retreat is expected for all Confirmation youth and is SO worth it!**

Leave: Friday, October 23 at 5:00 PM; we will carpool from LOC (transportation is still being arranged).

Return: To LOC on Sunday, October 25 at 1:00 PM.

NOTE: If youth have an older sibling being Confirmed on Sunday, October 25, Kirsten will be leaving early and they can ride with her. We hope they'll still attend!

Cost/Person: \$200-225 (depending on numbers, transportation and scholarships available - this will cover transportation, food/snacks, lodging and a bit to help cover the cost of adults). Scholarships are always available, if needed - talk to Kirsten. See below for payment info.

Register: Online here: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/FallWapoRetreat2026> (**no later than 10/16**).

Complete: the short form at this link from Camp Wapo: <https://events.circuitree.com/campwapo/Group/?itinID=nlGwpzAly94%253D>

Confirmation families, thank you for registering for this retreat so that we can plan ahead (on things like transportation and adults needed); and *LOC congregation*, thank you for any financial assistance you can provide to support the faith of our youth!