



Pastor Tim Wheatley

February 16, 2026

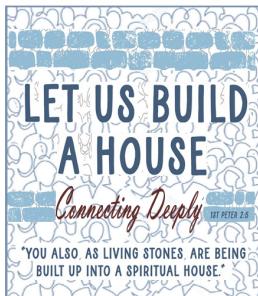
Worship

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



Church Council 2026

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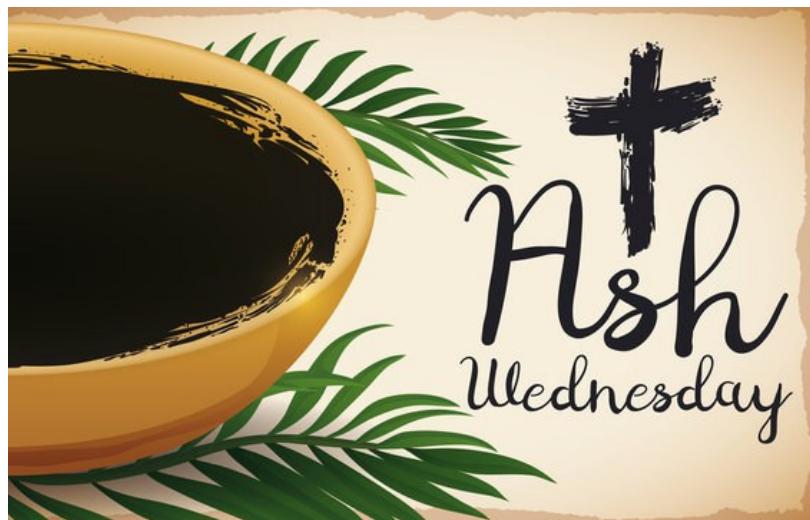
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Celebrate Fat Tuesday!

You may have heard of Mardi Gras, and while it may have gotten out of our control, Mardi Gras was actually a church festival first—translated from the French, it just means *Fat Tuesday*. On the day before people started their Lenten disciplines (mostly fasting), they would go out and celebrate all of the good gifts of God together. Seldom do we get the church telling us to indulge generously, so I like to celebrate this season by opening up a time for people to gather for a Fat Tuesday of our own. I will bring my deep fryer and prepare one of my favorites, (well, when I could eat gluten) deep fried Oreos, from **5:00-6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 17th**. You are welcome to bring in anything else that you would like to share -- remember calories don't count on Fat Tuesday. At about 6:30 we will burn the palms from last year to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please join us if you would like! *Pastor Tim*



Lenten Worship

Join us for Ash Wednesday worship on **February 18th at 6:30 PM (please note time change from previous years)**. The service will also be [livestreamed](#). Weekly Wednesday Lenten worship begins on February 25th at 6:30 PM and will incorporate the Holden Evening Prayer service, as well as feature the 10th graders' faith statements. A meal will be held at 5:30 PM before each service, provided someone signs up to serve.



Sign Up to Serve a Lenten Supper!

Lenten suppers will be served at **5:30 PM**, prior to each Wednesday Lenten service, from February 18th through March 25th. **Groups and/or individuals are invited to serve a Lenten supper.** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the office area; or you can contact Terri in the church office. A free-will offering taken at each meal may be used for a cause designated by the meal's hosts.

HOOT NEWSLETTER

Our OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) are planning an event for this month that you won't want to miss! Newcomers are welcome!



February 19th at noon: "Fat Tuesday on Thursday" Mardi Gras Potluck. Start searching Mardi Gras themed recipes like jambalaya, gumbo, po'boys, etc. How about some fun Louisiana N/A cocktails, salads, desserts. If you'd like to get us into the spirit, costumes are optional. We will have beads! After lunch we will play some yard games indoors, or table games if you prefer. There will be something for everyone. Please RSVP, including what you're bringing, to Sue Fink.

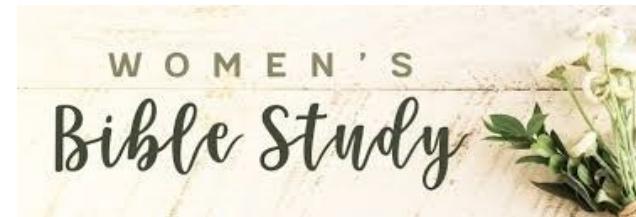
Our **March** event will change to **Friday, March 20th** and we'll have a pizza party.

OWLS Bible Study will continue to meet every Sunday after worship except the first Sunday of each month and Easter. We are studying "Old Testament Characters." Please join us anytime as each lesson stands alone and we have extra books available. You will find it helpful for a better discussion if you have done the study prior to our meetings!

Have ideas for a "lunch and learn" or other monthly outings? Contact anyone on our planning team: Jewel Ekern, Lona Jose, Laurie Grimm, Bill and Sue Fink.

Order Your Easter Flowers

Honor or remember a loved one with Easter flowers and help decorate the sanctuary for our Easter services. Click [here](#) to place your order. Deadline to order is **Sunday, March 15th**. Thank you for beautifying our church!



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!



OUTREACH

Hello Birthday Volunteers at Light of Christ,

Thank you! For partnering with the ministry of Love in the Name of Christ — Love INC Heartland. People matter. People have value.

THANK YOU!

Your care for them is evident through the ministry you provide.

Your ministry brings comfort and

further relationships with those who are in the midst of struggle. May Christ continue to build you up in your ministry and deepen your relationship with Him for He is our Hope.

Huge thanks to you all! Praying your birthdays are blessed as you bless the birthdays of so many children and their parents each year through your ministry!

In the Name of Christ,

Sabrina Gustafson (Family Advocate) & Lisa Green (Fresh Start Program Director)

Belize Mission Trip 2026—Donations Needed

As we prepare for our 2026 Belize Mission Trip from February 26th to March 7th, we are looking for the following donations for Pastor Kebin's church. There will be a clear plastic bin in the Narthex for donations. Please bring donations in **by February 22nd**. Please contact Rosie Grant with questions: 612.876.2677 or rosalie.o.grant@gmail.com

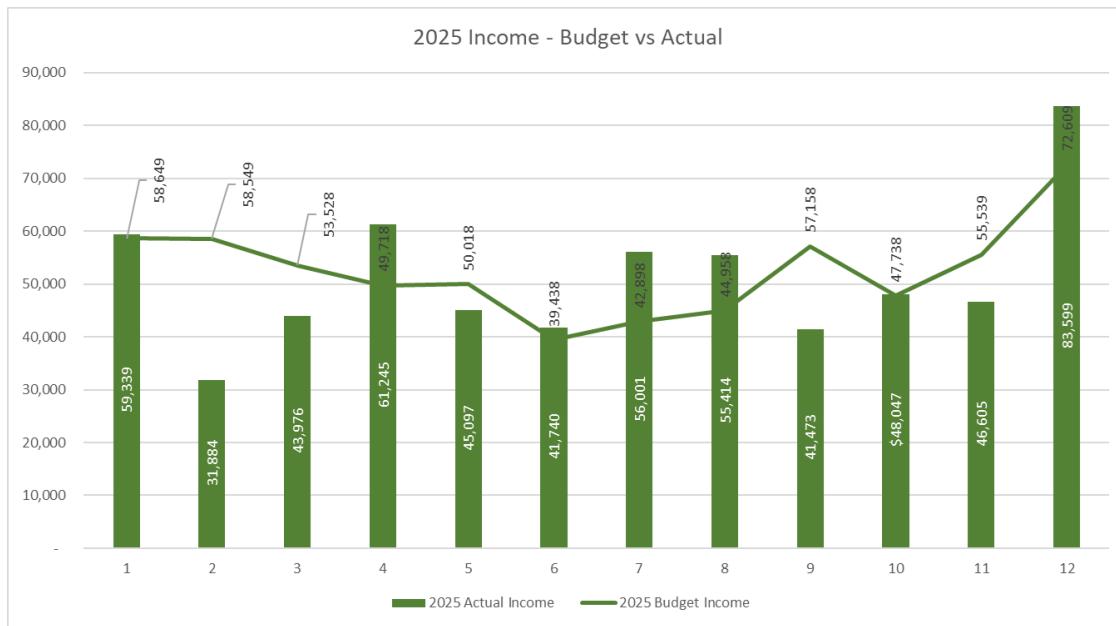
We appreciate your support to our brothers and sisters in Christ! *The Belize Mission Team*

Donation Needs for Belize Mission 2026:

- ⇒ Backpacks
- ⇒ School supplies: pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, markers, watercolor paints, folders, notebooks
- ⇒ Squish Mellos – suitcase-sized
- ⇒ Jump ropes
- ⇒ Hot Wheels cars or toy cars
- ⇒ Remote control cars- small sized
- ⇒ Stuffed animals/ beanie babies
- ⇒ Fidget toys
- ⇒ Playing cards— Uno, etc.
- ⇒ Carnival prizes- small plush toys, squishy toys
- ⇒ Small Books- new or gently used- all ages
- ⇒ Yoyo's
- ⇒ Slime or silly putty
- ⇒ Figurines
- ⇒ Small Legos
- ⇒ Mini Playdoh
- ⇒ Mini Slinkys
- ⇒ Candy- individually wrapped and nothing that melts: Tootsie pops, Starburst, Jolly Ranchers (**NO GUM**)
- ⇒ Monetary donations to Light of Christ (designate for **"Belize"**)
- ⇒ Kid and teenager jewelry
- ⇒ Cosmetic bags
- ⇒ Hair supplies: ponytails, clips, brushes
- ⇒ Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- ⇒ Vitamins- adults and children
- ⇒ Nail polish
- ⇒ Little activity packs
- ⇒ Coloring books
- ⇒ Stickers
- ⇒ Hats- baseball caps
- ⇒ New and gently used shoes-boys and girls
- ⇒ Cologne and perfume
- ⇒ Purses
- ⇒ Sunglasses- teens and kids



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – December 2025

- YTD Budget \$630,800
YTD Actual \$614,419
- Year to Date Actual is **\$16,381** below budget
- December giving above budget

Film Showing: *Prairie Prophecy* Sunday, March 1 | After Worship | Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship on Sunday, March 1, for a special showing of the award-winning documentary *Prairie Prophecy*, sponsored by the **Light of Christ Stewardship Committee**.

This powerful and beautifully filmed documentary—created by filmmaker **Michael Johnson**, who is Tim Johnson's brother—explores the changing landscape of American agriculture and the growing movement of farmers and communities choosing practices that care for the land, sustain local communities, and protect the future. Without being a “religious” film, *Prairie Prophecy* carries deep spiritual resonance, inviting reflection on **Christian stewardship, care for God's creation, and the responsibility we share for the one home God has entrusted to us**.



PRAIRIE PROPHECY

A feature documentary about Wes Jackson

Through stunning visuals and compelling personal stories, the film asks urgent questions about how we live, what we value, and how our daily choices shape the world we leave behind.

A brief **Q & A and conversation** will follow the film.

All are welcome—come, watch, reflect, and be inspired. Popcorn and refreshments provided!

Learn more about the film at: <https://www.prairieprophecy.com>

Join us on 3/ 15/ 26 for our youth fundraiser!



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

We hope you'll join us for our fabulous youth fundraiser on **Sunday, March 15th!** Please remember the youth with any donations you might have that would be good for the auction! Donations are due by **March 9th**. 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 March 15th, with items on display at church from 3:00-5:00 PM. Marcus Hanson and Lindsay Wallace will again 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 now on sale and can be purchased before/after worship, by emailing Kirsten, or from Terri during normal office hours. Thanks for your support of our summer 2026 trips!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



WOW and Confirmation Games – 2/4/26!

First Communion Instruction



First Communion instruction sessions for spring 2026 are **Thursdays, March 5th and March 19th, 5:00-7:00 PM.** [Click here to sign up](#). We invite you to participate in this meaningful time!

First Communion instruction involves participation in an orientation session and a second session for review and instructions for First Communion service, which will be on **Maundy Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM.** Participants and their parents are asked to go through the book "All Are Welcome" and watch "The Prince of Egypt" movie. Students will also make a First Communion banner and decorate their First Communion cup.

Finally, please don't hesitate to contact Sabrina Kolleck if you have any questions or concerns about this. We're happy to have more conversation about this faith milestone in the lives of our children.

Confirmation Calendar

- **2/18 — 3/25** = Lent Wednesdays (no "regular" Confirmation. Please attend 6:30 worship with your family. Lent dinner beforehand from 5:30-6:15 PM.
- **3/18** — 7th grade Lent Cross Project due



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!