



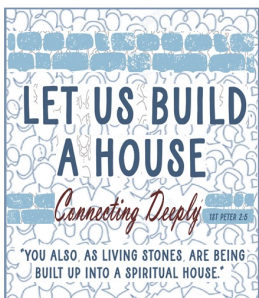
Worship

- 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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**Thank you
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THANK YOU to everyone that helped support our Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser on Sunday, April 19th! From donations to bidding, to attending the Spaghetti Dinner to volunteering... there are SO many wonderful people to thank! It truly takes a village and this community sure is awesome. Thank you for helping us raise over \$14,000 to help support the 45+ youth attending our Summer 2026 trips to San Diego and the Twin Cities. We truly are humbled by your support!





Weaving Our Life Strands

*There's a reason for the colors in your story
There's a picture though you cannot see it yet
Every thread has a purpose and soon you'll see
Your part in this tapestry.*

*When you feel like nothing is connecting
And you're searching for an answer you can't find
Just remember that each strand is intersecting to reveal what the Creator has designed
Any masterpiece is gonna take some time.*

Sign up for this family-oriented gathering to form and solidify connections between generations in this one-on-one teaching of many different forms of weaving (stick weaving, lucet weaving, inkle loom weaving, cordage making, basket/nature weaving) on May 6th from 4PM to 6PM.

If you are signing up a child, you need to also sign up an adult (parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, congregation member, friend,...) with them, or sign up for the waiting list, seeing if an unpaired adult becomes available. If you are an adult signing up, you may do so without being paired with a child, but keep in mind that any child might take you on as partner.

Please sign up here: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/f3e59f>

Together you will choose one of the weaving techniques you will learn that day.

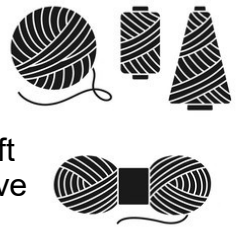
Where: LOC

When: May 6, 2026 4PM to 6PM

What: Learning to weave in different techniques

Yarn Donations Needed!

For this upcoming May 6th project, we're seeking yarn donations of all kinds. Any yarn is welcome—any material, any thickness, any amount left on the skein. Every bit helps. If you have extra, we'd love to put it to good use!



The Generous Life: Six Practices that Shape Our Faith

The Generous Life: Give Regularly

Generosity grows strongest when it becomes a rhythm.

Throughout Scripture, giving is not just a one-time act—it's a steady, ongoing practice. Regular giving helps shape our hearts and sustains the ministry we share together.

When we give consistently, generosity becomes part of our spiritual life, much like prayer, worship, and serving.

What this looks like in everyday life:

A household commits to giving weekly or monthly. Some set up recurring gifts; others build it into their weekly routine. Instead of occasional or reactive giving, **generosity becomes steady and dependable**. And the reality is that that feels good...right.

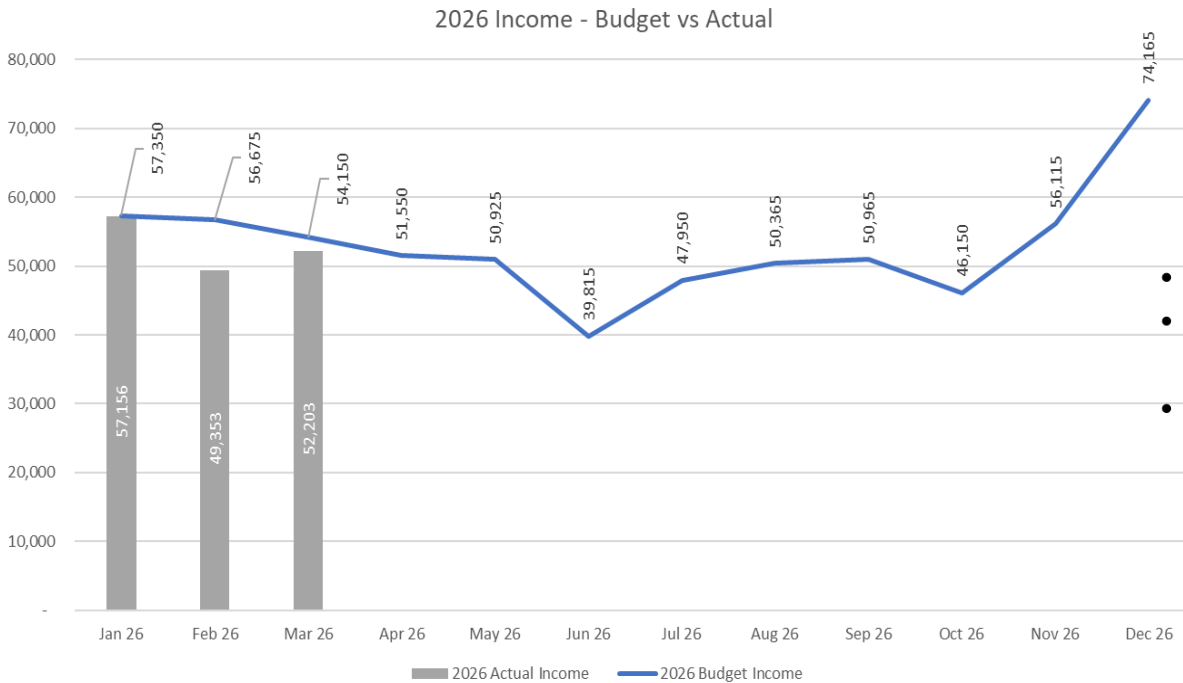
Regular giving isn't about obligation—it's about forming a life anchored in faith and trust.

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money...”
— 1 Corinthians 16:2

(We will feature a new practice every couple of weeks)



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



YTD Summary March 2026

- YTD Budget \$168,175
- YTD Actual \$158,712
- Year to Date Actual is **\$9,463** below budget

The GIVING CORNER



Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) for flexible giving over time

A donor advised fund can be a great “give now, decide later” tool. You make an irrevocable contribution to a DAF, receive a tax deduction in the year you give, and then recommend grants to charities over time. This is helpful if you want to be generous in a high-income year but spread out your actual gifts to churches and nonprofits across future years. It can also simplify recordkeeping by turning many future donations into one contribution for tax reporting purposes. DAFs are often described as having some of the benefits of a private foundation without as much administrative work. The tradeoff is that once assets go into the DAF, they are no longer yours, and the sponsoring organization oversees the account and investments.

Article Submitted by Brad L. Spencer, CPWA®

Donate from Your Smart Phone

Light of Christ offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone’s QR code reader or go to the [church website](#) and locate the online giving page.



Lost & Found Items

Missing something? Our Lost & Found bins are overflowing with a variety of items.



Please stop by the office area 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.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

In honor of this national event, on **Sunday, May 3rd** following worship, your Healing and Wholeness

Committee will be serving up a delicious breakfast of French toast casserole (a gluten-free version will be available), sausage, and fruit. YUMMY!!!!

Free will donations are requested to help fund our annual membership with **Mental Health Connect**, a collaboration of over 40 churches in the greater Twin Cities area. We especially appreciate their **Navigator Service**, which is available to anyone free of charge. Trained volunteers will reply to a text or phone call, to help with mental health concerns for yourself or someone you care about. **You can call or text 612-642-1220.** They are available Monday-Friday from 9AM-5PM. (Remember to call 988 for a mental health crisis needing immediate attention) We have heard recently that several local youth have been utilizing the service, so we know there is a need being met. We encourage you to visit the Mental Health Connect website at <http://www.mhconnect.org/> and research all the resources available.

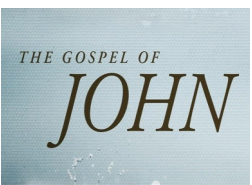
At the breakfast, we plan to have a display of mental health resources, and committee members will be available to help with any resources you may need.

If you prefer, or can't attend the breakfast, please donate online and designate funds to "**MHC**" or *Healing and Wholeness*.

**IT'S OK NOT TO BE OK! YOU ARE NOT ALONE!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.**

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!



The HOOT Newsletter for April

Happy Spring, everyone! We sure love seeing God's creation spring back to life after a long, cold winter. And our OWLS group would sure love to have you join us for the last couple of monthly events!!

On **May 21st** (weather permitting) we are planning to meet for lunch and then head to *Big Stone Mini Golf* in Minnetrista. In June we'll have one last hurrah, a BBQ picnic, before we break for summer. So, stay tuned for further details.

OWLS Bible Study continues to meet a couple of Sundays each month, after the service in Room 101. Anyone can join in anytime, and we'd love to see more of you, as our numbers have been dwindling recently.

Our schedule for the remaining lessons from *Old Testament Characters*:

- ⇒ **May 10-** Esther: Saying Yes to God
- ⇒ **May 17-** David: Loving Your Enemy
- ⇒ **June 7-** Moses: Seeking Justice (*coffee and treats*)

Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).



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. For more information, please email Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com.

Family Matters — Friendship and Forgiveness

All are welcome to attend our next Confirmation Family Matters event! The topic this spring is one that we can all think/learn about: Friendship and Forgiveness. We hope you'll join us (and invite a friend!) for this important night:

When: Wednesday, May 6th

Time: 6:15-8:00 PM

Where: Sanctuary at Light of Christ

Who: Required for Confirmation Youth & Parents but ALL are welcome!

Speakers: Eric Raisler, Therapist (MS, LMFT) & Rev. Natalia Terfa (author and Creative Director at [Church Anew](#))



Save The Date – LOC End of Life Planning Seminar – June 1

Pre-planning for End of Life is often a discussion you choose to avoid.

Willingness to be open to this

discussion is a reciprocal gift that parents give to their children and children give to their parents. This discussion 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.

Light of Christ is offering an opportunity open to all members to hear from professionals their multiple tips and tools to make End of Life planning a more informed discussion. This session will include multiple facets including estate planning tips, financial considerations, memorial preferences and consideration of a final resting spot.

Put Monday evening **June 1st** on your calendar – it will be a discussion beneficial for everyone!

Storytelling Training

Learning to share your story—and to truly listen to the stories of others—can deepen relationships, build trust, and open meaningful conversations about life and faith. In a time when many feel disconnected or unheard, these simple practices can help foster genuine connection and understanding.

Last fall, a small group at Light of Christ explored these ideas through a storytelling training led by Dr. Mary Hess of Luther Seminary. Participants discovered that while telling stories matters, listening well may be even more powerful.

Materials from that training—including practical tools and additional resources—are available from Terri in the church office. They offer a helpful starting point for anyone looking to grow in connection, deepen relationships, and engage faith in everyday life. If your group or committee is interested, please contact a member of the Mission and Evangelism Committee.





Confirmation Calendar

- ⇒ **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**—Intro to Confirmation (current 6th graders and parents) 5:00 PM; Final night of Confirmation (at LOC, 6:15-8:00 PM)



An adventure you'll fall for!



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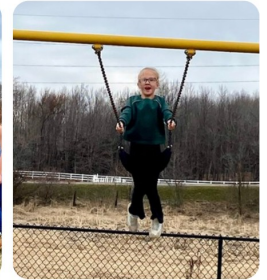
Sunday, July 12th – Wednesday, July 15th

Sunday: 4:30PM – 7:15PM

Monday–Wednesday: 5:00PM – 7:15PM

Register online:

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



VOYAGERS & PATHFINDERS



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

APRIL 2026

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



The Sustainable Safari Zoo visited LOC on April 22nd. The Voyager & Pathfinder kids got to touch and pet a kangaroo, Asian porcupine, ball python, Madagascar hedgehog tenrec, and American alligator!

