



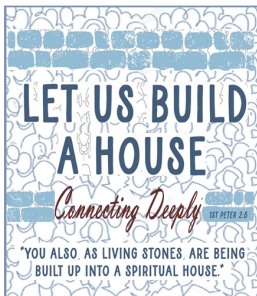
Worship

- 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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Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, October 12th
4:00-5:00 PM

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pickup on a first come, first serve basis at the following locations:

Corcoran
St. Thomas Catholic Church
20000 County Road 10
Corcoran, MN 55340

Rockford
Our Father's Lutheran
3903 Gilbert Ave SE
Rockford, MN 55373

Hanover
Influence Church @ City Hall
11250 5th Street NE
Hanover, MN 55341

Delano
Light of Christ Lutheran Church
3976 County Line Road SE
Delano, MN 55328

Buffalo
Buffalo Covenant Church
1601 Highway 25 North
Buffalo, MN 55313

Maple Grove
Rice Lake Bible Chapel
8801 Rice Lake Road
Maple Grove, MN 55369

For assistance locating a specific site or for questions, please contact us at

NourishingHOPE is a ministry of Our Father's Lutheran Church, in cooperation with area churches. Our vision is to relieve area food insecurity and promote wellness in mind, body, and spirit for people East-Central Wright County. For information on you or your organization partnering with NourishingHOPE, please visit our website at www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html

Nourishing Hope — Today at Light of Christ



Nourishing Hope is TODAY — Monday, October 12! Volunteers from Light of Christ and our partner churches are gathering today to pack, transport, and distribute fresh food and essentials to neighbors in our area.

There is still time to join us today. Food boxing begins in Rockford at 9:30 AM; milk transport and the Light of Christ distribution team gather at 3:30 PM. If you can help, use the Nourishing Hope sign-up links or contact Tim Johnson.

Sign up:

- ♦ Food boxing in Rockford (9:30 AM): [Sign up here](#)
- ♦ Milk Transport (3:30 PM): [Sign up here](#)
- ♦ Food Distribution (gather at 3:30 PM): [Sign up here](#)

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these ... you did for me."
— Matthew 25:40

OUTREACH

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Walking the Way of the Good Samaritan

BEANS & RICE: THANK YOU!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Beans & Rice ministry—and a special thank-you to everyone who showed up to help package food. Together, we prepared enough beans and rice for 50 local families.

Please keep the donations coming. The collection area is in the narthex, and every bag of beans or rice becomes part of a simple, practical gift of food for neighbors in our community.

Who does this help? Picture a family in Wright County: parents working hard, children in school, and a household budget stretched by rent, groceries, transportation, and other basic needs. Through local immigrant-assistance partners, families like this receive food support that helps make the week a little more manageable. We are not describing one specific family, but the need—and the difference your generosity makes—is very real.

A bag of beans or rice may seem small. Joined with the gifts of others, it becomes a meal, a little breathing room, and a tangible reminder that our neighbors are seen and cared for.

“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”
— 1 John 3:18

Thank you for helping turn compassion into something our neighbors can hold in their hands.



End of Life Planning Seminar October 26th - 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! Childcare will be available to families requesting this service while attending the End of Life Planning session. Please notify the church office in advance of October 26th if you will be needing childcare.

Urgent—Child Care Volunteers Needed



Without child care volunteers at our life transformation program, Fresh Start, several of our Love INC families will not be able to participate. Providing child care removes an important barrier and allows parents or caregivers to:

- attend classes
- build relationships
- learn valuable life skills
- and take steps toward a stronger future

We urgently need at least two people to support Love INC families participating in the Fresh Start Program.

The volunteer commitment is approximately 1.5 hours on Monday evenings through December 7, 2026. Children range in age from 0–13 years old and will be cared for in the nursery at WestPointe Church. ***If interested or have questions, contact Lisa Green at 763-999-7085 or lisa@loveinheartland.org***

Now Hiring - Thrift Store Manager

Are you a prayerful, compassionate leader who finds joy in secondhand treasures? Do you have experience working in a thrift store? Do you embody love, kindness, and self-control? If so, we invite you to join our dedicated team as the Thrift Store Manager for our location in Delano, Minnesota.

Ready to apply or have questions? Contact Jim Holmlund at 763-972-6547 or director@loveinheartland.org



The church office will be closed on Thursday, October 15th and Friday, October 16th.

All Saints' Day Prayer Gathering at the Columbarium

All are invited to gather for a time of prayer at the Columbarium at **9:00 AM on Sunday, November 1st**, prior to the worship service, as we remember and honor the saints and loved ones who have touched our lives and now rest in God's eternal care. We hope you will join us for this special time of reflection and remembrance.

We Will Welcome New Members on Sunday, November 22nd!



If you're interested in joining our church family, we invite you to attend a New Member Information Class on **November 8th at 5:30 PM**. To help us prepare, please let the church office know **by November 3rd** if you plan to attend. We're also here to answer any questions you may have.



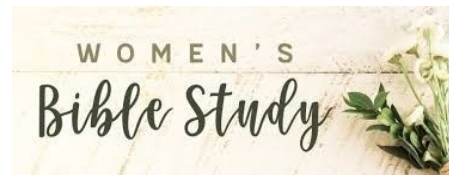
The HOOT Newsletter

Our next scheduled event will be the OWLween party on **October 29th at noon** in the Living Room. It's a costume party, so get creative or plan to put on a costume from LaDonna's stash! Also get searching for a spooky recipe to share for the potluck. More

details and sign-up reminder coming closer to the date.

Many of you purchased our Bible Study book, "Old Testament Characters" last year. We still have 4 lessons to complete and will gather **October 18th, November 8th and 15th**. You're all welcome to join us as we'll have copies for those who don't have a book. Please join us following service in room 101.

And a reminder to all about the **October 26th End of Life** planning seminar here at LOC at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend. See more details on page 2.



Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study meets the **1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, in the Living Room at LOC**. We will meet through April, but *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*.

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

Bible 101

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,



I really appreciate being here at LOC, and one of the great things is the questions that I get about sermons and scripture. I do believe we need to study scripture together, yet because of Covid we lost our Sunday morning time to have a Bible study. I also know that for many of us it is hard to have a long-term item on the calendar. So, I would like to experiment with a series of short-term Bible studies. Each would be about 6 weeks long with a break between them. This first study will be **Tuesdays, October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, and 17**. Each night it will be from 7:00-8:00. The topic will be "Bible 101." This is a great time to jump into a Bible study because we will start with what the Bible is and how we study it. If you have never been to a Bible study before, you can start on this one. Of course, there will be something for all levels, but this will start from the question of "What is the Bible and why is it important" and go through the different types of literature in the Bible and how we read it as Christians and Lutherans. Please let me know you are coming on the Sign-Up Genius link or QR code below if you can, otherwise just plan on showing up.

Pastor Tim

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-66074333-the>





OCTOBER 11 • THIS WEEK'S INVITATION

Take a First Step

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Today we bring the journey together: spiritual growth, serving, and generosity. Choose a faithful beginning—or renew a step you have already begun. God does not ask you to do everything at once; God invites you to respond to what is before you now.

WHY IT MATTERS

Every journey begins somewhere. A step becomes real when it is prayerful, specific, and followed by a first action. Even a modest beginning can open a new pattern of faithfulness in the year ahead.

A WORD TO CARRY

"The one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion." — Philippians 1:6

PRACTICAL WAYS TO TAKE A STEP

- Review the spiritual and serving cards you completed and kept at home.
- Keep those two cards where they can guide, remind, and encourage you.
- Complete your Generosity Next Step card prayerfully and bring it forward during the Offering time.
- Bring the generosity card to worship today; extra cards are available in the bulletin.
- Make each step specific enough that you will know when you have begun.
- Put your first action on the calendar and tell someone who can encourage you.
- Revisit all three steps after 30 days and notice what God is teaching you.

A SIMPLE WAY TO BEGIN

Do not wait for the perfect plan. Name one next action, give it a date, and trust God to meet you in the doing. Faithfulness grows one step at a time.

Your three steps may be different in size, but each matters. Keep listening, remain open to adjustment, and remember: when a step falters, grace allows us to begin again.

OCTOBER 11 • REFLECT

Take a First Step

LISTEN DURING THE SERMON

How would you feel if you were at a wedding where it was disrupted in any of the ways talked about?

1. _____

What difference does being a Christian make in my life?

2. _____

What difference in my life makes me a Christian?

3. _____

NAME YOUR STEP

What is the first faithful action you are ready to take?

The first step I will take is:

My first action will be:

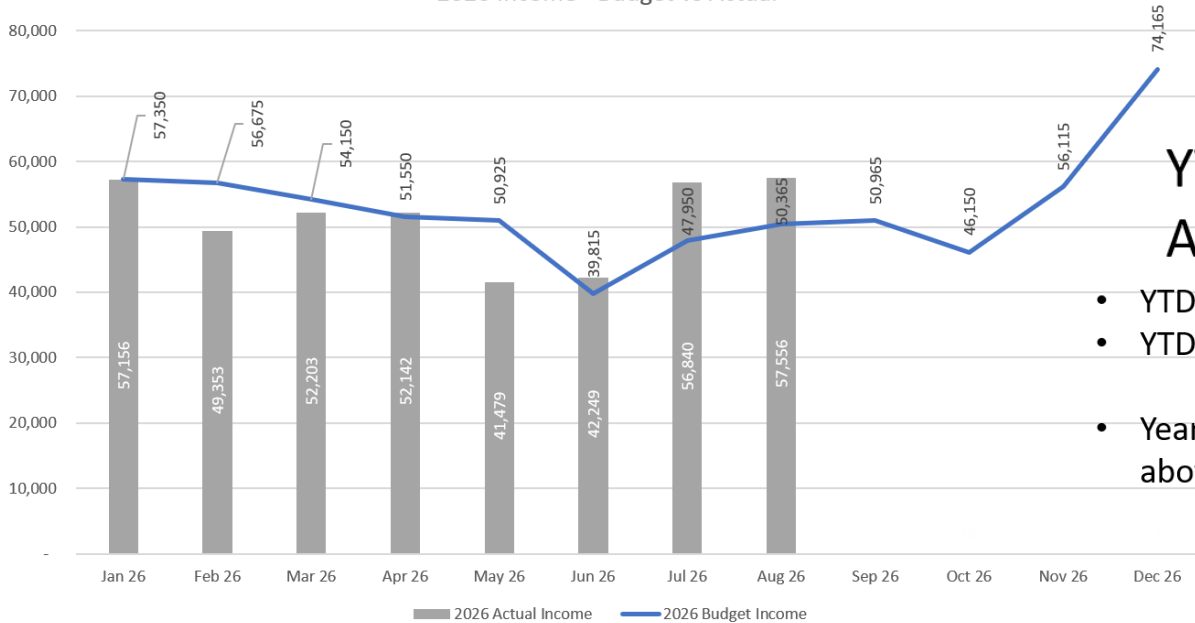
I will begin by: _____

A prayer for the journey: God, give me courage to take the step you are placing before me. Amen.

CHURCH NEWS

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget

2026 Income - Budget vs Actual



YTD Summary August 2026

- YTD Budget \$408,780
- YTD Actual \$408,979
- Year to Date Actual is **\$199** above budget



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.



It's an Owl-o-ween Costume Party!

Thursday, October 29th at Noon

Come in costume and bring a frightfully delicious Halloween-inspired dish to share.

Games • Prizes • Spooktacular Fun

Whooo's ready for a hauntingly good time?

Upcoming First Communion classes:

- November 1st and 8th from 5:30-7:30 PM—sign up at link below
- First Communion service will be **November 15th**
- Sign up at this link: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/e27ff0>

Christmas Play Sign-Up

This year's Christmas Play will be on **December 16th**. Explorers (PreK/K), Voyagers (1st-3rd grade), & Pathfinders (4th-6th grade) are encouraged to sign up at this link: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/78d54d> Practice times can be found on the sign-up.

Last Chance to Register for the Confirmation Retreat

Register **by 10/16** for our Fall Confirmation Retreat at Camp Wapo!

What: Overnight Retreat at Lake Wapo Bible Camp

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!



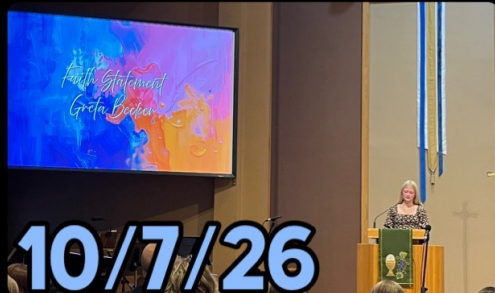
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Sept.
30,
2026



Annual Bonkers Confirmation Game!



10/7/26