



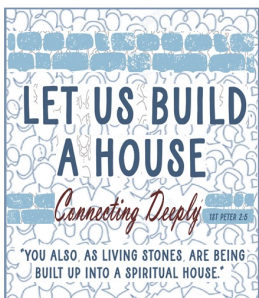
## Worship

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

## Youth Fundraiser—Next Sunday, April 19th!

We hope you'll join us for our fabulous youth fundraiser, rescheduled for **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, which supports the 50+ youth going on our summer mission trips! Donations are due by **April 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## An Easter message from ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

We are Easter people. Even when the ground below us is shaking, we will not grow weary. We know that Jesus is our foundation. Christ is risen, and that truth strengthens us. It gives us courage to live, to hope and to proclaim joy. View the Bishop's full message at the video link below: [The Joy of Alleluia | Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry | Easter 2026](#)

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**You are invited!**

Celebrate your relationships as a  
Mother, a Daughter, a Sister, or Friend!

**Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Brunch**

Saturday, May 9th - 9am - 11:30am  
Norway House  
913 East Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN  
Tickets \$32 age 12 and over - \$15 children under 12

**Keynote Speakers**  
**Patty Wetterling**  
**& Joy Baker**

Hosted by the Minneapolis Area Synod Women of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America (WELCA)

## **Singing, prayer, wisdom, silent auction, surprises, and celebration!**

We will gather to celebrate our relationships with our mothers, daughters, sisters and friends and our role as women of faith in our communities and churches.

**Keynote speakers:** Patty Wetterling and Joy Baker.

**Devotions:** Rev. Ingrid Rasmussen, Lead Pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**Greetings:** Dr. Jennifer Hockenbery, Interim Executive Director of Women of the ELCA

We hope that you will encourage women in your congregation to attend, perhaps organize a table from your church.

Free surface parking is available adjacent to Norway House and Mindekirken, the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church. The brunch will be prepared by ELMO Catering and each table will seat eight (8) guests.

We expect this event to sell out, and tickets will not be available at the door.

**Please register today [HERE](#).**

Questions? Mary Britt, President 612-245-0366 or Rebecca Sundquist, Event Coordinator 952-221-3400



**Free Fresh Produce and Dairy**  
**Monday, April 13th**  
**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:

<p><b>Corcoran</b>                  St. Thomas Catholic Church                  20000 County Road 10                  Corcoran, MN 55340</p> <p><b>Rockford</b>                  Our Father's Lutheran                  3903 Gilbert Ave SE                  Rockford, MN 55373</p> <p><b>Hanover</b>                  Influence Church @ City Hall                  11250 5th Street NE                  Hanover, MN 55341</p>	<p><b>Delano</b>                  Light of Christ Lutheran Church                  3976 County Line Road SE                  Delano, MN 55328</p> <p><b>Buffalo</b>                  Buffalo Covenant Church                  1601 Highway 25 North                  Buffalo, MN 55313</p> <p><b>Maple Grove</b>                  Rice Lake Bible Chapel                  8801 Rice Lake Road                  Maple Grove, MN 55369</p>
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*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](http://www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html)

## April Food Distribution – Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Help strengthen a ministry. Put love and faith into action. We're coming together to share God's love in a practical way—by making sure our neighbors have the food and support they need. Your hands, your heart, and your presence can make a real difference. Two opportunities to serve:

- ◇ 9:45 AM Food box packing. Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>
- ◇ 3:30 PM Food distribution. Here at LOC. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>

## 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/pair if they're in good shape). A collection bin can be found in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex at LOC.

**EXTRA SHOES?**

Be a part of a good cause and donate them!




- ✔ **Recycle**
- ✔ **Re-use**
- ✔ **Raise money**

Drop your lightly used sneakers here!

600 million people don't even own a pair of shoes	200 million pairs of shoes end up in the landfill each year	30-40 years for shoes to decompose
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## Thanks, Delano Food Shelf Volunteers and Contributors

Thank you for the 24 LOC people who volunteered at the food shelf in March. It was a very busy month! You all make a difference by helping so many people in need!! Thank you also for your contributions to *Pack the Pews* and the OWLS who helped bring the food to the food shelf and organize it. LOC donated 179 lbs. this month. Thank you to those who help with food rescue and delivery every month. Thank you, also, to JoMarie Williamson for being one of the directors who does an excellent job of managing the food shelf. You are doing a great job!! Our next LOC volunteer month at the food shelf will be June.



## The Generous Life: Six Practices that Shape Our Faith



### ***Be Intentional***

#### **The Generous Life: Be Intentional**

At Light of Christ, we believe generosity is not just something we do—it's part of who we are becoming in Christ. Throughout this series, we're exploring **six practices that shape a life of generosity.**

We begin with this: **Be Intentional.**

Generosity rarely happens by accident. It grows when we pause, reflect, and choose it.

In Scripture, generosity is always connected to the heart—our priorities, our trust, and our awareness of God's work. Being intentional means we don't leave giving to chance or convenience. Instead, we take time to prayerfully consider: *How is God inviting me to live generously?*

#### **What this looks like in everyday life:**

Someone sets aside time—perhaps at the start of a new year or a new chapter in life—to think about their giving. They reflect on God's blessings, the church's mission, and their own role in it. No longer giving through "happenstance." They make a plan, not out of pressure, but out of purpose.

Intentional generosity is the first step toward a deeper, more meaningful life of faith.

**"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – Matthew 6:21**

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



## Weaving Our Live 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

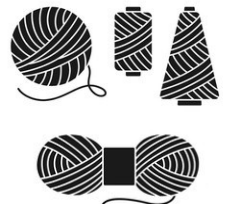
**Where:** LOC

**When:** May 6, 2026 either 4pm or 6pm

**What:** Learning to weave in different techniques

### **Yarn Donations Needed!**

For this upcoming May 6<sup>th</sup> 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 GIVING CORNER

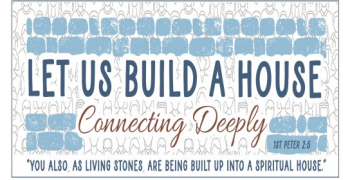


## Donate Appreciated Stock Instead of Writing a Check

Many people give in cash because it feels simplest. But if you own stock or mutual funds that have grown a lot over time, donating shares directly can be even more efficient. When you give appreciated shares you have held long enough to be treated as long term, you can generally claim a charitable deduction for the fair market value and avoid paying capital gains tax that would have been due if you sold first. That can mean more dollars going to the causes you care about and less going to taxes. This works especially well for those “big winners” in a portfolio, and it can also help with rebalancing if one holding has become too large. The important part is to transfer the shares directly to the charity. Selling first and then donating the cash usually gives up the capital gains benefit.

## Capital Appeal Update

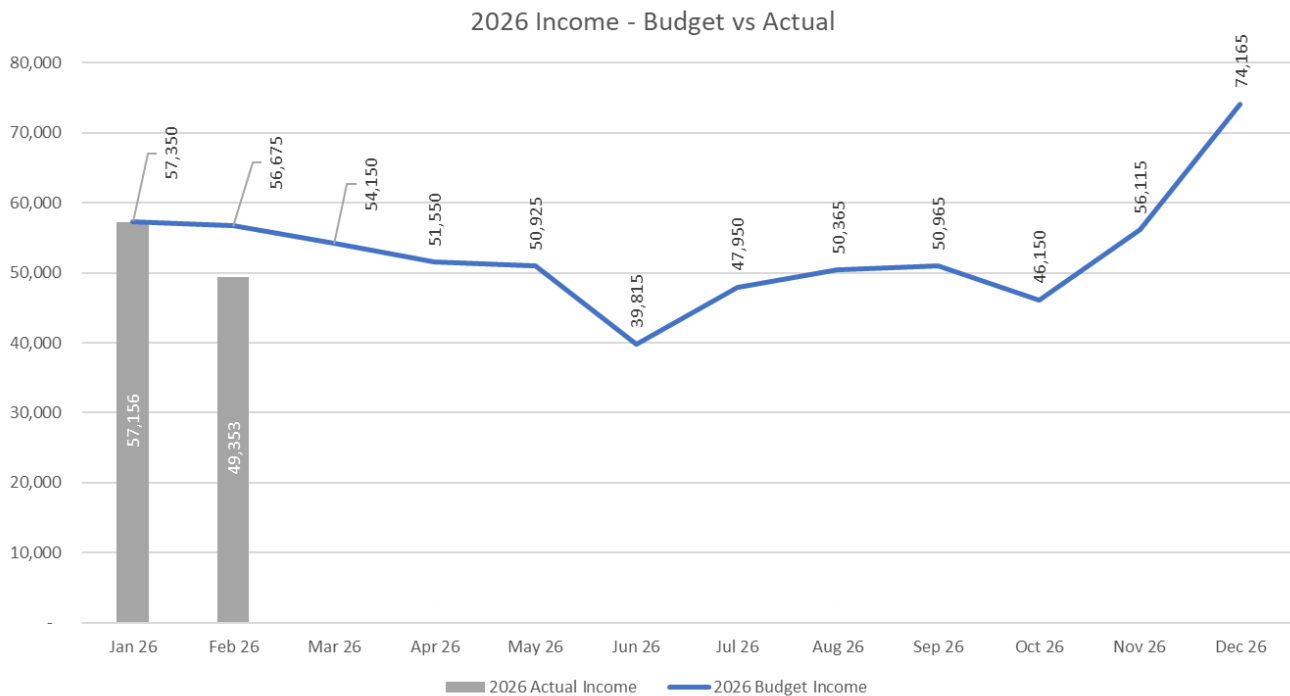
Thanks to your generosity, \$246,535 has been pledged to the “Let Us Build a House” capital appeal, with an additional \$82,559 expected during the remaining pledge period. This spring, we will move forward with rebuilding and repaving the parking lot. While the \$173,000 cost is higher than anticipated, 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.



## 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.

## 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



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> on your calendar – it will be a discussion beneficial for everyone!

## 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](mailto: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!



## 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!!

We are not gathering this month, but on **May 21<sup>st</sup>** (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*:

- ⇒ **April 26-** Daniel: Tempted to Compromise
- ⇒ **May 10-** Esther: Saying Yes to God
- ⇒ **May 17-** David: Loving Your Enemy
- ⇒ **June 7-** Moses: Seeking Justice (*coffee and treats*)

## Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/Teens

Join us on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## Centralized Sign Up

All of our volunteer sign-ups are in one spot! Go to this link ([www.linktr.ee/lightofchristvolunteers](http://www.linktr.ee/lightofchristvolunteers)) to view the *LOC Volunteer Sign Up Page*. We hope this will make it easier to find the sign-ups and to volunteer!



## 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.



## Guys' Night Out

Join Pastor Tim for a night out with the guys on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **8:00 PM** at Brickside Grille & Tap. All ages are welcome!



## Lost & Found Items

Missing something? Our Lost & Found bins are overflowing with a variety of items. Please stop by the tables in the fellowship hall 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.



## 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 6<sup>th</sup>

**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](#))





**April  
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## First Communion—April 2<sup>nd</sup>

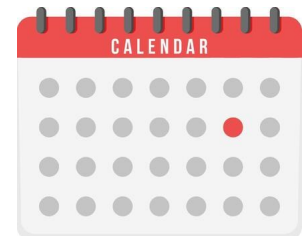
Front row, left to right: Jack Fulton, Henrietta Berg, Kari Fulton, Logan Dickey, Paxton Sjulstad, Hank Steidl, Cody Hanson, Cameron Behnke, William Hartnett, Zachary Berg

Back row, left to right: Edie Steidl, Madelyn Berg, Pastor Tim, Isaiah Behnke, Oliver Reiffenberger, Sabrina Kolleck (Dir. of Children & Family)



## Confirmation Calendar

- ⇒ **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)



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 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday: 4:30PM – 7:15PM**

**Monday–Wednesday: 5:00PM – 7:15PM**

**Register Online:**

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

