



Pastor Tim Wheatley

February 9, 2026

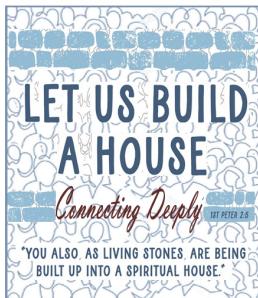
Worship

- 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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Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, February 9th
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

Food, Faith, and Fellowship: Your Impact

Each month, Light of Christ joins a network of five local churches to provide **free food and prayerful support** to nearly 90 of our neighbors. With produce, dairy, and essentials packed in boxes, we serve with joy—and your support fuels it all.

“Serve one another humbly in love.” — Galatians 5:13

As part of our **Together We Thrive** initiative, this ministry invites us to live generously with our **time, talent, and treasure**:

- **9:45 AM** – Help **pack food boxes** in Rockford. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>
- **3:30 PM** – Help **unload and set up** in our parking lot. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>
- Stay a bit to **pray over the written requests** we receive from our guests. Your financial giving and volunteer efforts ensure that love is shared in tangible ways.

Thank you for helping us thrive as a community of hope.



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.

Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/Teens

Join us on **Thursday, February 12th 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.



Cheater Readers Book Club Update

If you're interested in joining our Cheater Readers Book Club, our next meeting is **February 12th at 2 PM** in the LOC Living Room. The book we had originally chosen was not readily available at the libraries, so instead we will be discussing **"One Plus One" by Jojo Moyes**. Give it a try! Bring your own snack and beverage!

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!



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.



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.



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I Am Safe: Mind-Body Practices for Promoting Mental Health

Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 -8:30 PM

Meeting is via Zoom - join meeting [HERE](#).

In the midst of today's public mental health crisis—and with many communities facing reduced access to traditional supports—sharing simple, accessible mind-body coping skills is an act of community care. Strengthen your ability to support mental well-being in your community using practical, science-backed mind-body strategies.

- Explore the neuroscience and physiology behind mind-body practices and why they effectively support nervous system regulation.
- Understand how breathing techniques, gentle stretching, and relaxation practices reduce stress, release tension, and support emotional balance.
- Practice simple, accessible strategies to use throughout the day to manage stress and promote mental health.
- Know how to develop an action plan for sharing mind-body skills that will improve the mental well-being of yourself, your family, and others.

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*

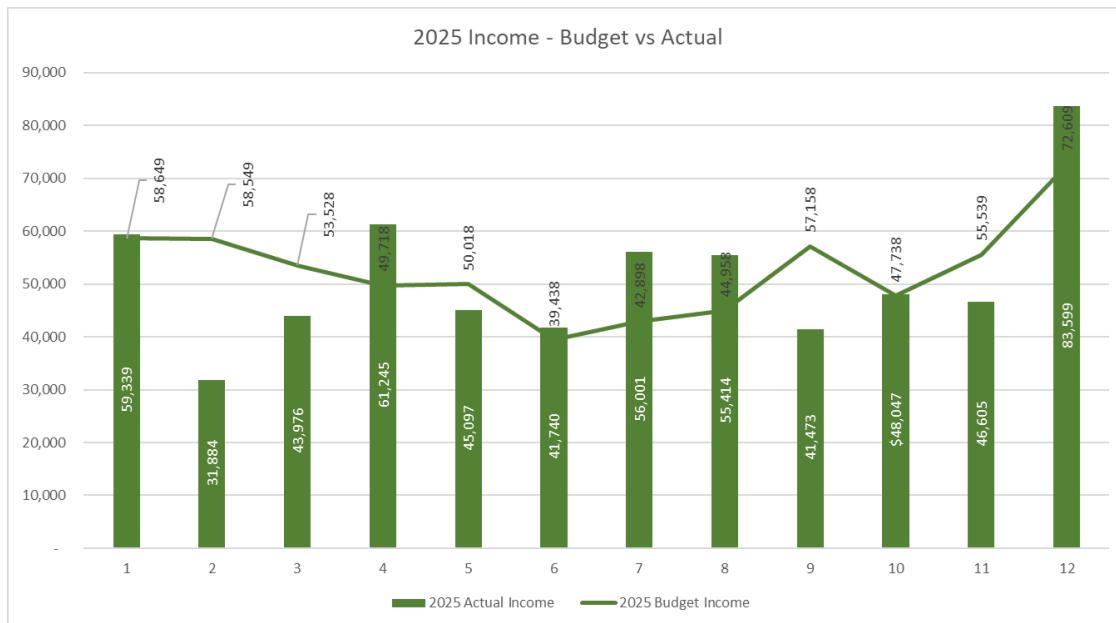
Donation Needs for Belize Mission 2026:

- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Kid and teenager jewelry
- ⇒ Cosmetic bags
- ⇒ 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"**)



- ⇒ 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

You Are Invited!

Come and celebrate the Easter season with the beautiful oratorio, "Lamb of God" on **March 21st**. The music depicts the last days of the life of Jesus Christ told through the experiences of those who witnessed them – those He knew and loved. Featuring 13 soloists, orchestra, and full choir, the concert will be held at Bethel University's Benson Great Hall.

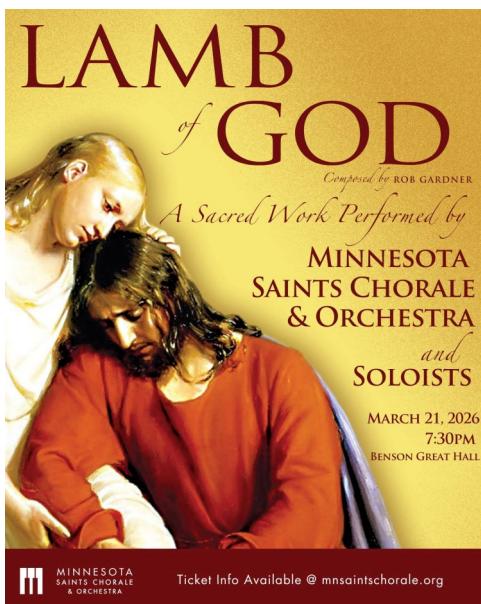
"Lamb of God" is a dramatic musical portrayal of the final days of the life of Jesus, from the foreshadowing raising of Lazarus, to the devastating arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, and finally to his glorious

resurrection. Invite your friends and don't miss this one-of-a-kind, powerful telling of our Lord's final days. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Tickets to the performance are \$20 if purchased by **February 14th**. [Click here](#) for our payment site. After the 14th you can still buy tickets (**directly from Bethel University**) for an increased price but you won't be seated with the group.

Want to hear what it is like? This recording of a California choir gives you a glimpse. But trust me when I say that the Minnesota Saints Chorale gives you goose bumps like no other. Make sure to bring your tissues to the performance. I have never walked out dry eyed in the past 12 years.

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjrzR73mpm2bTuQjJuqIcL_eKj6Qtfm9t&si=D3Pxt_WTcOWfccIP





HOOT NEWSLETTER for February 2026

Our OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) are wonderful cooks! In January, we had a yummy Hotdish Cook-Off and LaDonna won the prize. We played a fun new game, "The Bible Is Funny." Let's keep the home fires burning for February as we're planning a monthly event 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!

LOC-o-Motion Cleaning Crew will gather for coffee and cleaning on **Friday, February 13th at 9:30**. We will continue to work on the east wing rooms and will have a new list of monthly cleaning tasks to keep our LOC house in good order. Anyone is welcome to join us. Many thanks to our very willing and hard workers. We must have been raised that way!

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.



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*



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



What: Snowshoe and XC-ski trail walk, soup over the fire

When: February 13th, 4:00-8:00 PM

Where: Robert Ney Nature Center, 5212 73rd St NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358

Come and join us for a snowshoe or XC-ski walk on the light-up trails at Robert Ney Nature Center in Maple Lake. Equipment rental is available for \$5 per set on a first come first serve basis. If you have your own equipment, please bring that. We will have a campfire going and hot chocolate is available inside to warm up.

We are also planning on making stone soup over the fire. Please bring any one item (*ready to use*) to add to the soup (diced tomato, cubed bell pepper, diced onion, diced potato, cubed or small carrot...) or bread/toast. After our walk we will all be able to enjoy a bowl of soup together. This day is meant to enjoy fellowship, make new friendships, strengthen family bonds and be amazed by God's creation in a safe community setting. Even if you don't like the idea of the walk, join us for the fire and soup. We hope you can join us at any time during those 4 hours.

Confirmation Calendar

(All events are 6:15-8:00 PM unless noted otherwise. See more details included on [this page](#).)



- **2/11** — Confirmation teaching night
- **2/18** — Ash Wednesday (no "regular" Confirmation; worship as a family at 6:30 PM)
- **NOTE:** We'll have SLICE from 5:45-6:15 each Wednesday night that we have Confirmation.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp Wapo registration is open! Below are the dates along with the number of guaranteed spots

reserved for LOC until **February 15**. On **February 16**, any unused spots will be released and opened to the waitlist and the general public. You can register at any time for *any* Wapo camp or week but will be placed on a "waitlist" until February 16. The spots below are reserved for LOC youth for the first month of registration (first come, first serve basis):

LOC Reserved Weeks & Spots:

Wapo Youth (Gr 4-9) June 21-26, 2026 10 guaranteed spots

Wapo Youth (Gr 4-9) July 26-31, 2026 20 guaranteed spots

Wapo One Day (K-2) June 24, 2026 10 guaranteed spots

Wapo Seeds (Gr 1-4) June 19-21, 2026 10 guaranteed spots

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!

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.



A Note from Kirsten Kelly

Hello LOC Family,

I'm humbled to share that Council has approved that I take a mini sabbatical...three weeks starting this Thursday, February 12 until March 5. It will be a time to renew, reflect, and gain more energy for the exciting ministry ahead! I plan to do a lot of reading, writing, playing guitar, and walking in the woods. Thank you for your prayers and willingness to give me some space during this time. I look forward to all that's to come in the spring and summer! Thanks for your support and love. Take care, *Kirsten Kelly*



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!

STAYING CONNECTED

Online membership directory is a helpful tool

What's **Breeze**?? Breeze is the source of Light of Christ's online membership directory. Set up your login, then bookmark the site and return frequently to find contact information and photos for any members. Here's how:

1. Go to: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/>
2. Click "Create Account" if this is your first time on the site. If you have already created your account, enter your **Username (which may or may not be your email address—this is something the church office can confirm)**. 
3. Create/enter your **password**. (If you've misplaced or forgotten your password, click "Forgot password?" and a temporary password will be emailed to you (*the email you are using must match the email in your profile*) to then reset your password. The church office does **not** have access to your passwords.)

4. Click **Sign In**.

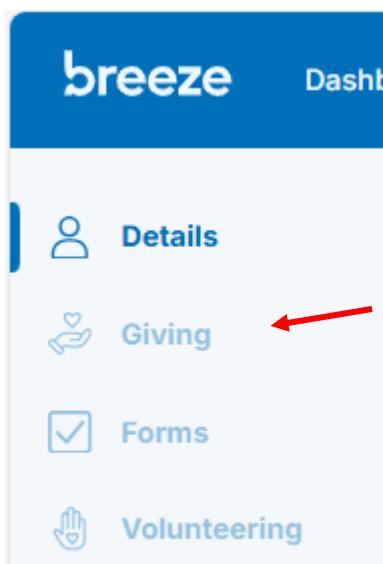
To find a member:

5. On the dark blue bar at the top, click **People**.
6. Either scroll down the alphabetical list of members

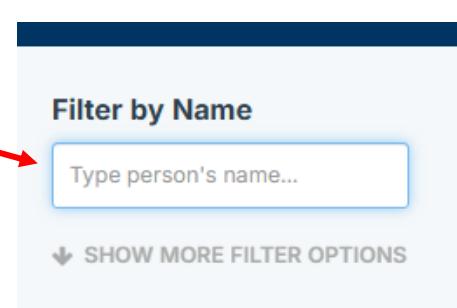
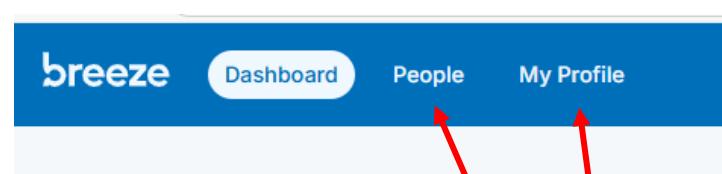
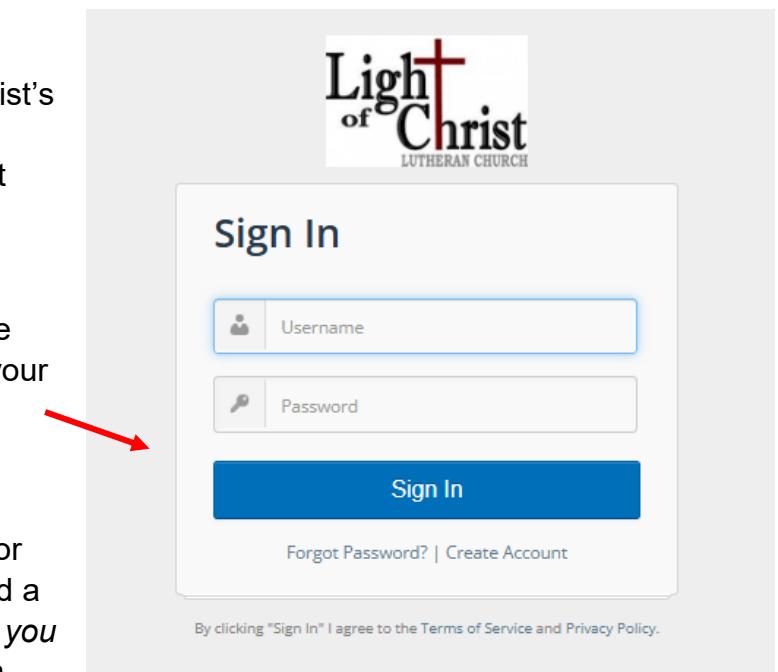
OR

Type a first or last name in the search field and click **Enter**. 

7. Click on an **individual's name** among search results to open their contact info page.



toolbar on the church website (www.lightofchristlutheran.com) 



8. Click **My Profile** on the top blue bar to access your personal profile. Members are allowed to make address, phone, or email address updates by clicking in the **Contact** bar (only on their own profiles).

While in your profile, you can click **Giving** on the left side toolbar to view your giving history, changing the date range as needed. **It defaults to the current year.**

Note: Only church staff have access to your more detailed information provided when you joined Light of Christ.

You can also access the Breeze login page by clicking "**Member Portal**" on the top

