



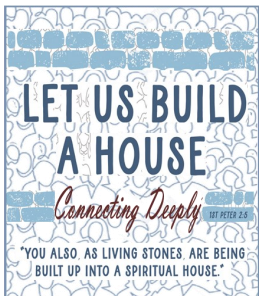
Worship

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



Church Council 2025

Laurie Brown (sec'y.)
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Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

Monday, September 8th
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

Put Your Faith Into Action!

Each 2nd Monday of the month, Light of Christ joins five other churches in packing and distributing food boxes for local neighbors. Join the 9:45 AM packing crew in Rockford or the 3:30 PM distribution team in our parking lot. It's meaningful work that makes a real difference. **September 8th** is the next distribution.

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." – 1 John 3:18

◇ 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>)

Questions? Contact Tim Johnson at tim.johnson@locdelano.com.





Gardeners: do you have extra produce from your garden?

The Food Shelf is open to drop off donations from 5:00-6:00 every Tuesday evening and 9:00-11:00 every Thursday morning. If you want to arrange a drop-off at another time, please call the Food Shelf @ 763-972-4455 and leave a message. We will get back to you to arrange a drop-off time.

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

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. (Note: this project is being coordinated by Anneka Zaun for her National Honor Society project.)

Come Join LOC Kids Hope!



LOC has been partnering with an exciting fun program called KIDS HOPE USA and Delano Elementary for the last three school years, and it has been VERY successful. We are excited to have most of last year's volunteer mentors return and are also hoping to add a few more mentors. Volunteer LOC mentors spend **one hour mentoring the same child, one day a week at the elementary school during the school year, and we do our best to work with your schedule.** Delano Elementary staff selects the students. The primary goal of this one hour is **building a friendship relationship with the student, having fun, and to help the child feel more comfortable in their school setting.** We are happy to tell you more about the program if you are interested in joining us. This very successful program has been helping kids for over 25 years and is located in more than 40 states including MN. We look forward to talking with you about Kids Hope. If you are interested, please contact Lona Jose or talk to Terri at the LOC office and she will connect you with us. Thank you!

Love In the Name of Christ - National Gathering



Love INC affiliates will unite together on September 23-25, 2025, to worship, dive into workshops, and more! Please pray for the Love INC Heartland team as we get ready to attend.

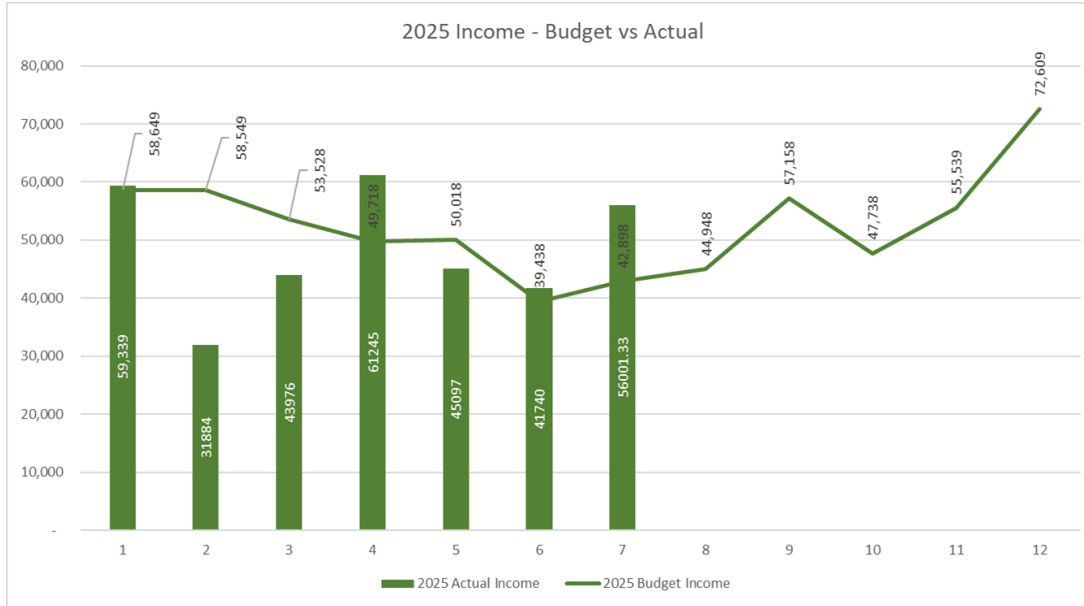
New School Supplies For 50+ Students!

Through partnership with WestPointe Church, over 50 students are beginning their school year with new backpacks and supplies—special thanks to everyone who donated financially to support this community effort. Would you like to partner with us as a church, individual, or local business? Let us know at info@loveincheartland.org or call our main office 763-972-6547.

Meaningful Meals At Fresh Start Program

Over 35 adults and 15 children are part of our *Fresh Start Program*! Mealtime offers a meaningful way to connect and grow together as a community. Will you support this growing community? You can serve a meal or pray for the *Fresh Start Program* today: bit.ly/fsmealtrain.

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – July 2025

- YTD Budget \$352,798
YTD Actual \$339,281
- Year to Date Actual is **\$13,517** below budget
- July giving above budget

Adult Choir Begins Soon!



Can you believe fall is almost upon us? That means adult choir is starting up again! Weekly rehearsals are Tuesdays 6:30-7:30, with the first rehearsal on **September 9th**. All skill levels are welcome! If you are interested or have any questions, talk to LOC's

Worship and Music Director, Katie!

Annual Walk-a-Mile Event on Wednesday, October 1st



5:00 PM - Meet in the Sanctuary at Light of Christ for a short presentation

5:15 PM - Walk to Elm Ave and back

5:45 PM - PIZZA for all who walk

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This event is to bring awareness to mental health. Watch for more information to come!

Next Week We Begin!

Our fall stewardship season kicks off next **Sunday, September 14!** With the theme *Rooted in Faith. Growing in Generosity*, we'll celebrate how our lives, ministries, and mission all grow from the same deep soil—God's grace and love.

We'll feature stories of how faith takes root in real life. Would you consider adding your voice?

- What has **kept you grounded** during a hard season of life?
- What's one act of **generosity or service** that changed you?

We'll also be introducing opportunities to give, serve, and grow together. Stay tuned—and stay open to where God might be calling you.

TOGETHER WE THRIVE



Coming This Fall: Deep Questions, Grounded Faith

Connecting Deeply with God and with One Another — Rooted, Growing, Bearing Fruit

On Thursdays beginning on **September 11th**, we're diving into some of life's biggest and most important questions—questions that shape how we see God, ourselves, and the world. Our new six-week series, **Deep Questions, Grounded Faith**, will explore what it means to live fully rooted in God's grace, mercy, and love, and how that grounding leads us to actively engage the world around us.

Each week, we'll focus on one big question:

- What is faith—and why does it matter?
- Where is God when life hurts?
- What is my purpose?
- Can I really change—and how?
- What does it mean to be “saved”?
- What does it mean to live a good life?

As we explore these questions, we'll weave them into our seasonal imagery of **planting, nurturing, and harvesting**, seeing how faith grows when we tend it—and how it bears fruit in generosity, service, and love.

Whether you've been in church your whole life or you're simply curious, you're invited to join the conversation. Each session will include Scripture, reflection, discussion, and a practical takeaway for the week—something you can live out personally and share with others.

**Thursday mornings from 9:15 – 10:30 AM and
Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM**

Come ready to listen, share, and grow. Your questions are welcome here—and together, we'll discover how deeply God's answers can take root in our lives.



Attention, Women! As life and schedules get busy for the fall, please consider taking time out for yourself and joining us for the women's Bible study starting in September. Participating in a Bible study is a great way to dive deeper into the word and gain new insights that strengthen our faith.

The women's Bible study will meet **the first and third Mondays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at LOC**. The first Monday of the month we will meet in the Living Room. On the third Monday of the month we will meet in room 106. If you need to leave early at any point that is okay. **We will meet September – June. We will not meet in December. The first meeting will be September 15th.** If you can't make it every time that is okay! We want you to come when you can.

We will be doing **two Bible studies by Nancy Guthrie**. The first half of our time together we will study her book *God Does His Best Work with Empty*. The second half we will study her book *Even Better than Eden*.

God Does His Best Work with Empty

Join Nancy Guthrie in discovering why emptiness has never been, and never will be, a problem to God. As Nancy pulls back the curtain on God's work to fill up emptiness as revealed throughout the Bible, you'll experience page after page of grace and hope that your emptiness can and will be filled. You'll begin to see that God really does do His best work with empty—as he fills it with Himself.

Source: [God Does His Best Work with Empty: Guthrie, Nancy: 9781496439697: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Even Better Than Eden

Experienced Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie traces 9 themes throughout the Bible, revealing how God's plan for the new creation will be far more glorious than the original. But this new creation glory isn't just reserved for the future. The hope of God's plan for his people transforms everything about our lives today.

Source: [Even Better than Eden: Nine Ways the Bible's Story Changes Everything about Your Story: Guthrie, Nancy: 9781433561252: Amazon.com: Books](#)

We hope to see you in September! If you are interested in participating, please contact Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com



Bible Study/ Discussion Group for Mom's of Pre- Teens/Teens

As we work to be a community where all feel connected and cared for, we are trying a new time/group for moms of pre-teens and teens. Join us on **Thursday, September 18th from 8:15-9:45 AM** (right after school drop-off) to meet with some other moms and talk about life, faith and parenting. This will be very laid back with zero prep or expectation. Coffee, creamer and treats provided. We'll discuss future meetings & times with those who attend or express interest... so email Kirsten if you're interested but cannot attend on 9/18. Please also contact Kirsten about any specific food needs/requests. Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Calendar

- **9/10/25, 6:30-7:30 PM**
= Confirmation Orientation for all youth (grades 7-9) and at least one parent/guardian - LOC Sanctuary
- **9/10/25, 7:30-8:30 PM** = Guide Orientation/ Training - LOC Sanctuary
- **9/17/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Small Group Night at LOC
- **9/24/25, 6:00-9:30 PM** = FMSC Service Night - Chanhassen
- **10/1/25, 5:45-6:15 PM** = SLICE available ([Sign up here by 2 pm](#) if you plan to attend!)
- **10/1/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Confirmation "Teaching Night"
- **10/8/25, 5:45-6:15 PM** = SLICE available ([Sign up here by 2 pm](#) if you plan to attend!)
- **10/8/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Confirmation "Teaching Night"
- **10/15/25** = No Confirmation (MEA)



The HOOT Newsletter for September 2025



Come join the Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS) for fun, fellowship, and faith!!

In Minnesota, we love fall. The cooler weather, beautiful colors, and activities that define the season. The OWLS planning team has put together some events you will not want to miss! Whether or not you have joined our group, we welcome you.

On **Sunday, September 14th** we start a 9-week Bible study titled "Faith — Depending on God." We will meet each week at 10:45 AM after worship in room 101 and will finish before Thanksgiving. Sue Fink leads this study and has books available for \$10. (Also available on Amazon) You will want a book prior to the 14th so you have a chance to do the study. We typically have 15-20 participants. It's a wonderful way to grow in faith and supportive friendships. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or [at this link](#).

Calendar of events

September 17th (Wednesday): Noon potluck BBQ at the Fink Farm (Sue and Bill Fink hosting). There will be lunch in the barn followed by outdoor games. (You never know what Bill will come up with!) Bill and Sue will provide brats and burgers, so bring a side, beverage, or dessert to share.

October 30th: LaDonna is planning an unforgettable Halloween party. Stay tuned!

November 20th: 5:00 PM supper at the Ox Yoke Inn followed by holiday lights at Sovereign Estate Winery in Waconia.

December 18th: Christmas potluck and white elephant gift exchange. Start searching your closets for a unique gift, nothing to purchase. This was a "**HOOT**" last year!!

All events are subject to change so let Sue Fink know your email address and phone number in case we need to get news out to everyone. Also, watch the bulletin and Beacon newsletter for updates.

Get ready to make lasting friends who share the love and light of Christ.

Discerning Your Call: Exploring the Next Faithful Step



A discernment retreat hosted by the ELCA synods of Region 3 in the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota

Wondering what's next?
Wondering if God is calling you to something different?
Wondering if there's "something more"?

Explore these and other questions in the context of our faith, with other wonderers through storytelling, introspection, and studying of Scripture. We strongly encourage you to bring a conversation partner (your pastor, a colleague, family member, friend, etc who will continue this conversation with you). The event costs \$10 per person, which includes an evening meal.

Choose the date and location that works best for you. Each retreat is 2:00 – 8:00 PM

Sunday, November 2

[Faith Lutheran, Forest Lake](#)

Register at link above by October 26

Sunday, February 22

[Oak Knoll Lutheran, Minnetonka](#)

Register at link above by February 15