



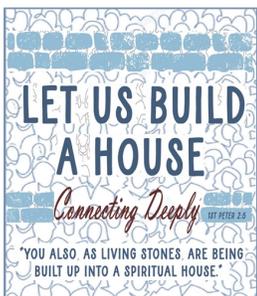
Worship

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



Church Council 2026

Fred Caslavka
Pat Czock (sec'y.)
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Heidi Goldbeck
Luke Jeseritz (treas.)
Lisa Krause (pres.)
Justin Lindall
Erin Olson
Ryan Tool (v. pres.)
Pastor Tim Wheatley

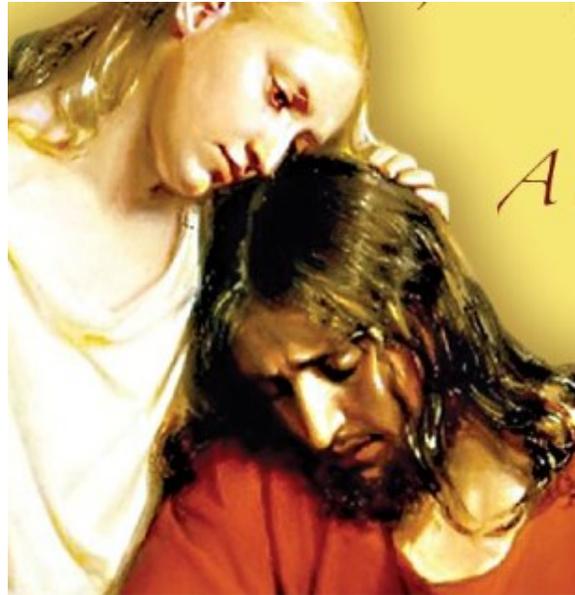


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Easter Oratorio 'Lamb of God'

If you have missed the window for the discounted tickets but would love to join our group that is going, please order your ticket(s) directly online from Bethel University (see link below) and then email Sabrina that you will be joining (Sabrina.Kolleck@locdelano.com). This way she can coordinate carpooling and send you all information about the dinner plans before the Oratorio.

If online watching from the comfort of your home is a better option for you, please order your ticket at the link

below, choosing the “**MN Saints LIVE STREAM**” option to receive the live stream link: <https://betheltickets.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1970>

Let's Pack the Pews!

March is Minnesota FoodShare Month and LOC participates by “Packing the Pews” with donations for the Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf. As you enter the sanctuary, please look for signs made by our Voyagers kids indicating the pew we hope to pack with donations during the month. Although all donations are welcome, the greatest food shelf needs are the following:

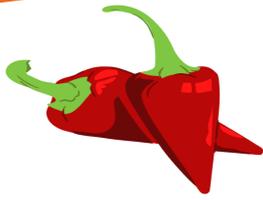
- ◇ Coffee and tea
- ◇ Soup that can be a full meal (we have lots of chicken noodle and tomato soup)
- ◇ Dried split peas
- ◇ Tissues and napkins
- ◇ Barbecue sauce or other sauces to flavor meats
- ◇ Canned or jarred pasta sauce
- ◇ Canned meats (other than tuna fish)
- ◇ Dog and cat food or treats
- ◇ Boxed cake or brownie mixes

No expired food please. If you wish to donate money instead, checks can be made payable to **Delano Helping Hands** and put in the offering plate.

Thank you so much for helping to address hunger in our community!



LYNDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Chili

COOK-OFF & FEED

NEW
Pie Bake-Off!

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST 11:30 - 2:00

EAT

11:30-1:30

\$10 Chili Lunch
includes toppings, bread,
beverage, & dessert

kids 5 & under eat free

COMPETE

Entry Drop Off: 10:30-11:30

Entry: \$5 ea. (chili &/or pie)

Chili Categories:

Spicy • Traditional • Other

Pie Categories:

Fruit • Cream

Prizes Awarded 1:30-2:00!

JUDGE

11:30-1:30

Want to judge?

\$5 (no entry required)

Help pick this year's
favorites!

Come hungry, bring a friend, and enjoy a day of food, fun, and fellowship — whether you're cooking, judging, or just eating, **there's a place for you at the table.**

More Information

(763) 479-1719 8012 County Rd 6, Independence MN LyndaleLutheran.com

Resilience *Rewired:*

Create The Good When There's None to Find

Most resilience talks tell people to look for the good.
Kate Gladdin teaches you how to use problems to build it.

FAITH COMMUNITIES

Join international resilience speaker Kate Gladdin for an inspiring and practical evening focused on building resilience through purpose — not forced positivity.

Kate shares powerful personal stories and research-based strategies for navigating life's challenges with resilience, purpose, and hope. Come join others for an evening focused on building resilience in our places of worship, families and community.



APRIL 1, 2026 WED
6:30 - 7:30 PM



DELANO HIGH SCHOOL PAC,
DELANO MN



FREE ADMISSION

www.kategladdin.com





Guys' Night Out

Join Pastor Tim for a night out with the guys on **Thursday, March 19th at 8:00 PM** at Brickside Grille & Tap. The theme will be "Rest & Sabbath

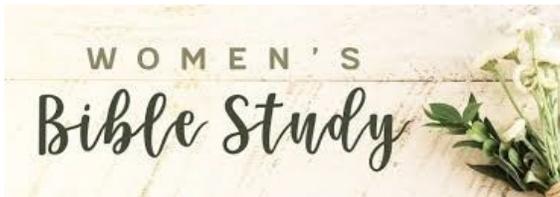
Leading into Spring Break." All ages are welcome!



Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/Teens

Join us on **Thursday, March 19th 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.



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.

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!



Lent



Lenten Worship

Weekly Wednesday Lenten worship continues through March 25th at 6:30 PM and will incorporate the Holden Evening Prayer service, as well as feature the 10th graders' faith statements. Services will also be [livestreamed](#). A meal will be held at 5:30 PM before each service.

Join Us for Wednesday Lenten Suppers!

Lenten suppers will be served at **5:30 PM**, prior to each Wednesday Lenten service through March 25th. A free-will offering taken at each meal may be used for a cause designated by the meal's hosts. Here is the supper schedule:

- ◇ **3/18:** Pasta served by Mission Trip Youth
- ◇ **3/25:** Chicken Caesar salad and macaroni & cheese served by the Healing & Wholeness Committee and OWLS group



Lost & Found Items

Missing something? Our Lost & Found bins outside the church office (near the mailboxes) are overflowing with travel mugs, hats, mittens, coats, hoodies, and more. Please stop by 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.





The HOOT Newsletter for March 2026

The OWLS are co-hosting the Lenten supper on **Wednesday, March 25th at 5:30 PM** along with the Healing and Wholeness

Committee. Plan to come at **5 PM** to set up. The menu will be chicken Caesar salad and mac-n-cheese. If you can make a crock pot of mac-n-cheese, bring some rolls/bread or bars/cookies, or help with setup, serving or cleanup, contact Sue Fink. (*I may check into ready-made mac-n-cheese at Costco.*) We'll prepare lemonade, ice water, and coffee.

Our March OWLS event will be on **Friday, March 20th at noon**. We're having a PIZZA PARTY and games. We'll order Papa Murphy's. \$5 each. Please RSVP and sign up to bring salad, dessert, or beverages, and some favorite games!

April: we are open to ideas. Bill and Sue will be on vacation the third week, so the date would need to change to **April 23rd**. Stay tuned.

For **May 21st**, several folks have asked to return to Big Stone Mini Golf, which was a hoot! We can meet for lunch first. More details later.

Bible Study: Let's continue meeting on Sunday mornings after the service, with the following dates planned: **March 22 & 29, April 12 & 26, and May 10 & 17.**

Happy Birthday to all of you celebrating another year this month: Rhonda Almquist, Cheryl Collins, Greg Johnson, Kay Klason, Lynda Pavlovich, Lisa Hemmer, Bonnie Lotzer, John Zerull, LoyAnn Anderson, Linda Rosaaen, and Amber Dawn Andrews. Peace and Good Health to each of **you!!**

We Will Welcome New Members on Sunday, April 19th!

If you're interested in joining our church family, we invite you to attend a New Member Information Class on **March 29th at 5:30 PM**. To help us prepare, please let the church office know if you plan to attend. We're also here to answer any questions you may have. New members will be formally received on Sunday, April 19th.



Drawn to the Word Artistic Worship Event—November 1, 2026, 9:30 AM service at LOC

Save the date and get excited for a very special event being planned by your Healing and Wholeness Committee, which will involve our gifted congregation in many ways. We are hosting Paul Oman, an artist who paints a picture of our choosing during worship to display at LOC. He has painted at events all over the nation and in China over the past 15 years, including Camp Wapo!

"A *Drawn to the Word* experience is centered around the Word of God. We work to incorporate the God-given talents of all ages. The worship service becomes the Body of Christ in action in your midst.

Musicians, singers, readers, promoters, planners, and even builders who construct the canvas each share in the excitement."

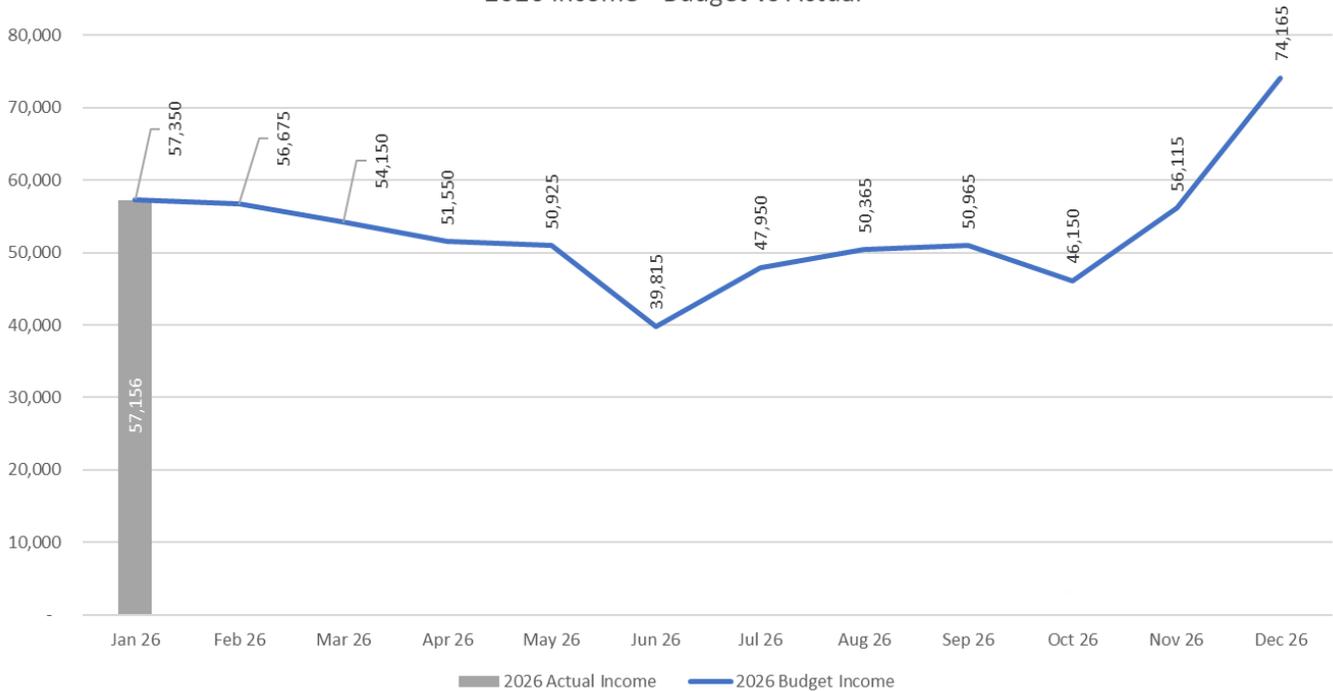
There will be several fundraising opportunities, including donations from the Lenten supper Wednesday, March 25th, hosted by the Healing and Wholeness committee and the OWLS. We also encourage

members to make a special donation if you feel God's leading. You can make a donation by [clicking here](#), choosing the "**Designated Gift**" tile and making a notation in the memo that it is for "*Drawn to the Word*."



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget

2026 Income - Budget vs Actual



YTD Summary January 2026

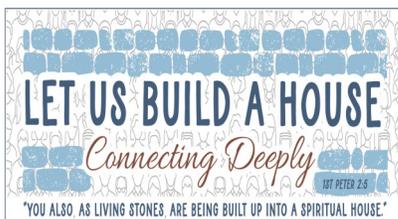
- YTD Budget \$57,350
- YTD Actual \$57,156

- Year to Date Actual is **\$194** below budget

Capital Appeal Update

Thanks to your generosity, \$246,535 has been pledged to the *“Let Us Build a House”* capital appeal, with \$82,559 still expected during the remaining pledge period. This spring we will move forward with rebuilding and repaving the parking lot. At \$173,000, the project is larger than anticipated but essential for safety, accessibility, and hospitality.

With more than a year of pledged giving still ahead, we welcome additional gifts to the appeal. If you have already pledged, thank you for your faithful support. If you have not yet participated, there is still time to join in. Every gift helps us move forward. Contributions can be made through the Give tab on our website.



Fifth Sunday Offering for March

In March, our Fifth Sunday Offering will support **Our Father’s Lutheran Church in Rockford**, home base for *Nourishing Hope*, the West Metro food distribution cooperative serving nearly **750 families each month**.



Our Father’s provides the space and support that make this shared ministry possible. This special offering helps offset their ongoing facility and operational costs.

Please note **“Fifth Sunday – NH”** on your check/envelope or give online through the March Fifth Sunday Offering option [at this link](#). Thank you for helping extend Christ’s care to our neighbors.



Voyagers celebrated the start of Lent with a fun-filled party.



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

An adventure you'll fall for!



New friends 🌿 Amazing experiments 🌿 Creative games
Super-fun snacks 🌿 Surprising adventures 🌿 Incredible music

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

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>

