



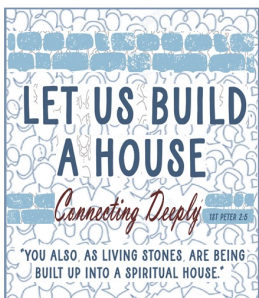
Worship

- 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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Brandt Dinger
Heidi Goldbeck
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Do You Like to Play Board Games?

Join Pastor Tim again this summer for game nights on **Wednesdays, June 24, July 29, and August 19 from 6:00-8:00 PM** in the fellowship hall! He will bring a selection of his games, or you are welcome to bring your own. All ages are welcome!

San Diego High School Mission Trip Prayer Partners

Each summer we ask our congregation family to pray for our mission trip participants as we prepare and then also while we are on our trip. We give each prayer partner an itinerary so that they know what we're up to each day and then encourage them to attend our return worship service after the trip (which is on July 26th this year). This summer we are looking for 43 people who will commit to praying for our HS youth and adults as we head to San Diego to serve, grow and learn from July 19-24. [Click here to complete the short form](#) to indicate your interest. Thanks for your partnership in ministry!



Worship with Confirmation Faith Statements

Over the summer, the upcoming 10th grade confirmands will be giving their faith statements. Those worship services are:

- Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30 PM
- Sunday, July 12 at 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 PM
- Sunday, August 16 at 9:30 AM
- Sunday, September 20 at 9:30 AM

Please attend or watch online to support these youth sharing their faith!



Neighbors in Need Ministry—Serving in the Way of the Good Samaritan

“Go and do likewise,” Jesus said after telling the story of the Good Samaritan—calling us to love our neighbors through acts of compassion, mercy, and practical care.” (Luke 10:37)

Neighbors in Need is a ministry of Light of Christ dedicated to walking alongside vulnerable neighbors—especially immigrant families—with compassion, support, and a sense of safety and belonging. Rooted in faith and inspired by the Good Samaritan, we seek not merely to notice those in need, but to respond with tangible expressions of Christ's love.

To begin, we are collecting:

- Dry pinto beans
- Dry black beans
- White or long-grain rice



Collections will continue over the coming months. If possible, we encourage you to purchase these items from local Hispanic/Latino grocery stores as another way of supporting our broader community.

You may also provide financial support through Wright County Immigrant Aid **by scanning the QR code shown above**. The code will direct you to the United Faith Community Church website. Please donate to the general fund and email the church office to indicate that you would like your gift designated for Wright County Immigrant Aid.

Financial gifts help provide food, personal care items, rent assistance, gas cards, and other everyday necessities for individuals and families facing difficult circumstances.

Thank you for helping us take these first steps together. As followers of Jesus, may we continue to hear his invitation to “go and do likewise”—crossing boundaries, extending mercy, and caring for neighbors in need with open hearts and willing hands.

For more information, please contact Katie Kohler, Jennifer Grant, Jo Marie Williamson, Rhonda Current, Pastor Tim, or Tim Johnson.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Mission and Evangelism Committee is seeking volunteers who would like to go to the Estates at Delano and spend time with the residents. Volunteers would be able to choose from a variety of activities such as playing Bingo, doing female residents' nails, playing cards or other games, hosting a movie afternoon or night, doing projects, gardening, or other activities of their choice, as new ideas arise. Participants would need to have a background check done prior to volunteering. The activities director will be out on maternity leave soon so this would be a great time to have people able and willing to provide activities while she is out. Time commitment would vary according to your availability. Contact Lisa Spencer for more information: lisaspencer864@gmail.com or 612-741-7504.



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 per pair if they're in good shape). A collection bin can be found in the Narthex at LOC.

EXTRA SHOES?

Be a part of a good cause and donate them!

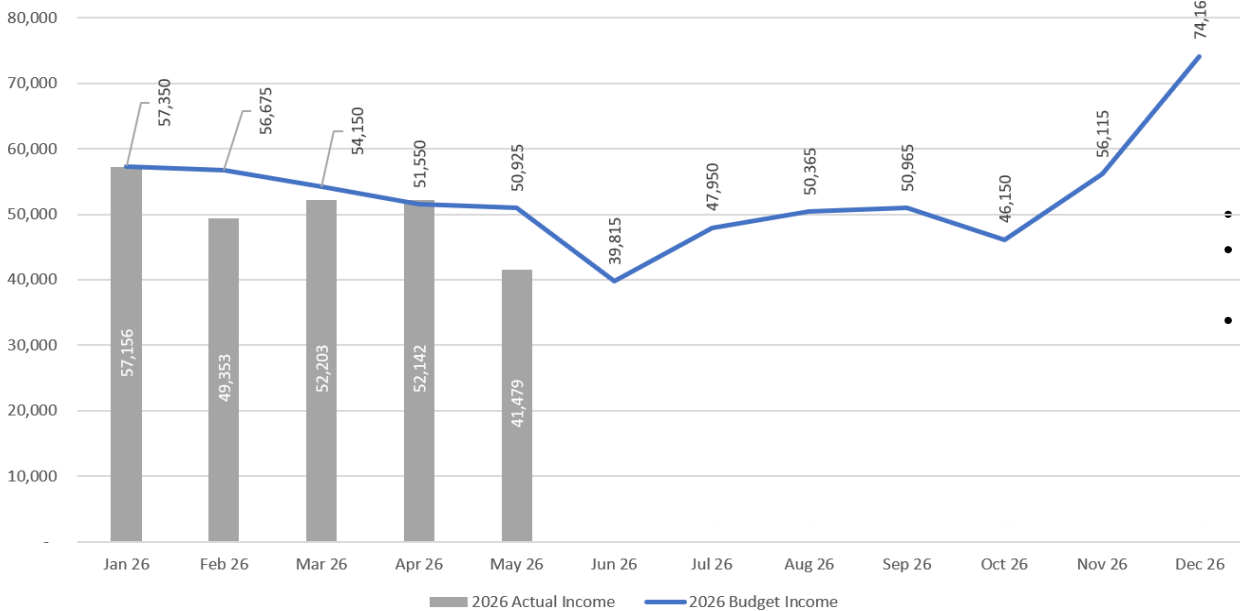
- ✓ **Recycle**
- ✓ **Re-use**
- ✓ **Raise money**

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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LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget

2026 Income - Budget vs Actual



YTD Summary May 2026

- YTD Budget \$270,650
- YTD Actual \$252,334
- Year to Date Actual is **\$18,316** below 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.

The Generous Life: Six Practices that Shape Our Faith



The Generous Life: Give Cheerfully

At its heart, generosity is meant to be joyful.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that “God loves a cheerful giver.” Giving is not meant to be burdensome or reluctant—it’s meant to flow from gratitude and joy.

When we see the impact of generosity—lives touched, faith nurtured, community strengthened—our giving becomes something we *get* to do.

What this looks like in everyday life:

A person gives with a sense of gratitude and purpose. They recognize that their gifts support ministry, help others, and make a difference. Over time, giving becomes a source of joy rather than obligation.

Cheerful giving reflects a heart transformed by God’s grace.

“God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

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

The GIVING CORNER

New charitable giving rules starting in 2026

Beginning in 2026, new tax rules under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act make it easier for more people to receive a tax benefit for charitable giving. Individuals who take the standard deduction may now deduct up to \$1,000 of direct cash gifts to qualified charities, or up to \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly. This benefit applies even if you do not itemize deductions and are designed to recognize everyday generosity. At the same time, the rules for those who itemize have changed. Charitable deductions are now limited until giving exceeds a small percentage of household income, which makes planning more important. Together, these updates encourage thoughtful giving while rewarding both smaller, consistent gifts and larger, well-timed contributions. Understanding how these changes work can help ensure generosity is shared in the most effective way.

Article Submitted by Brad L. Spencer, CPWA®

Finishing Strong Together

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

— 1 Peter 4:10

We hope you are enjoying seeing the progress on our new parking lot! This project will provide a safer, smoother, and more welcoming experience for our church family, visitors, and the many ministries that call Light of Christ home.

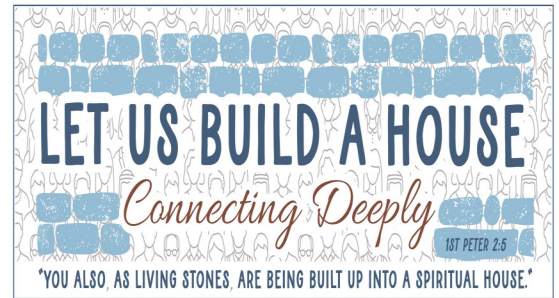
The parking lot represents one of the final major projects of our Capital Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, many important improvements have already been completed. As you may recall, Capital Appeal commitments were intended to be fulfilled during 2024, 2025, and 2026. In moving forward with construction, we did so anticipating the receipt of the remaining pledged gifts this year. A statement of your Capital Appeal giving and any remaining pledge balance will be provided.

As work began, unexpected soil conditions required additional excavation and base preparation to ensure a durable, long-lasting result. While this was the right decision, it has increased the overall cost of the project.

For that reason, this is an especially important time to fulfill any remaining Capital Appeal commitments. If you are able, we also invite you to consider an additional gift toward the parking lot project. Gifts of any size—\$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or more—can make a meaningful difference when many participate.

At present, we estimate the remaining need to be approximately **\$60,000–\$70,000**, including these unforeseen expenses. If you choose to make a special contribution, please note **"Parking Lot"** on your gift.

Thank you for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment to the mission and ministry of Light of Christ. Together, we have accomplished much. Together, with God's help, let's finish strong.



Love INC Birthday Ministry

Pictured are the June Birthday Ministry volunteers, Crystal Stahlke and daughter, Elyn, and Jinnelle Weis, who assembled the July birthday bags for Love INC. Please pray for the kids who receive these birthday bags. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry—it truly makes a difference!



Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).



Help Needed

Learn what's involved in caring for our church and get to know staff by volunteering for **1 hour, two days a week every 5-6 weeks**. Duties involve emptying waste-baskets, filling towel dispensers, and vacuuming the office entryway as needed. We welcome men or women with availability on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Contact Terri in the office if interested.

Centralized Sign Up

All of our volunteer sign-ups are in one spot! Go to this link (<https://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!



2027 Offering Envelopes

A growing number of members contribute weekly or monthly using electronic giving methods. However, we understand that many prefer placing an offering envelope in the plate. To eliminate the ***purchased-but-unclaimed*** envelopes that are wasted, we're asking each family that ***wants*** pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by **AUGUST 14th**. Either email [Terri in the church office](#) or call 763-972-2400. This "**OPT IN**" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!



If you've already been receiving pre-printed envelopes each year, you will remain on the list

Our Memorial Garden

Our Memorial Garden is a sacred place at Light of Christ—a peaceful setting created to honor, remember, and give thanks for the lives of those we hold dear. Nestled just outside our main entrance, it offers a quiet refuge for reflection, prayer, and remembrance.

Surrounded by natural beauty, the garden invites us to pause amid the busyness of life and be mindful of God's enduring presence. Here, cherished memories are recalled, lives are celebrated, and hearts find comfort and peace. At the center of this sacred space, our Columbarium serves as a lasting expression of love, gratitude, and remembrance.

Whether you stop by intentionally or simply find yourself passing through, we invite you to spend a few moments in the Memorial Garden. Pause. Reflect. Give thanks. Offer a prayer. May you experience the quiet grace, hope, and tranquility that this sacred place provides.



The church office will be closed on Fridays through September 4th.



We'd love your help with VBS!

Use these links below to get involved:

Volunteer sign-up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-62220163-vbs2026>

VBS Supply list sign-up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-64213482-vbs2026>

An adventure you'll fall for!



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

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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>

