

## The Beacon

**Pastor Tim Wheatley** 

July 28, 2025

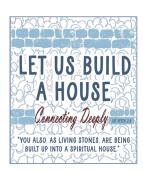
#### Worship

- 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.) Billie Chock (pres.) Tim Current (treas.) Pat Czock **Brandt Dinger** Heidi Goldbeck Luke Jeseritz Lisa Krause (v. pres.) Ryan Tool Pastor Tim Wheatley



#### **Contact us!**

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#### **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, August 10th

We will hold a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> to approve the bid and vote to authorize the necessary repairs of the parking lot.



On **Sunday**, **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** there will be an informational Q&A session following worship, to discuss the bid and address any questions prior to the congregational meeting. Your attendance is encouraged at both meetings. Both meetings will also be Zoomed—links will be sent out via email.



### Celebrate Summer with Meditative Yoga

Happy summer, everyone! Before the start of the busy schedules coming in September, let's take some deep, restorative breaths and center ourselves. On Thursday, August 14th at 7PM, the Healing and Wholeness Ministry is offering another meditative yoga session!

Julie Wischmann is our member yoga instructor and has offered to lead us in a serene hour of calming breaths, relaxing yoga positions and soft music. Sue Fink will offer meditation and prayer to devote this session to our Lord and draw us close in our shared faith.

Suggested donations of \$5 will be donated to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Please sign up here by August 12th so we have an idea of space and supply needs. We are hoping to have this session outdoors in the LOC yard, weather and bugs permitting! Otherwise, we will gather in Room 101. Bring your yoga mat and wear cool, comfortable clothing. Julie does have some mats and blankets to share if you need them. We welcome everyone, teens to adults, so please join us!



The church office will be closed on Monday, July 28th.

#### Love INC Birthday Ministry



Pictured here are LOC Birthday Ministry volunteers, Carrie Quamen and Beth Coulombe, and the birthday bags they assembled for August birthdays for Love INC neighbors. Please pray for the kids who receive these birthday bags assembled with care!



#### **Belize Adult/Family Mission Trip 2026**

We will be going back for our third mission trip to Bella Vista, Belize on Saturday, February 28 through March 7, 2026. We will be again hosting a Vacation Bible School, hosting a health clinic, worshiping and serving dinner at Pastor Kebin Rosa's church, going on home visits, working with the Bella Vista School on an education initiative, and also helping with some church projects. Please text or email Jennifer Grant if you are interested or have questions 612.226.8181 or <a href="mailto:Jpconnection.jg@gmail.com">Jpconnection.jg@gmail.com</a>). We will be having our first meeting in August. We would love to have you prayerfully consider this life-changing opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### Help Out with the Tour de Tonka!



Light of Christ is again hosting a rest stop in the city park during the **August 2**<sup>nd</sup> event and is looking for 9-10 volunteers to help from **7:30-11:00 AM** that day. If you are interested in helping, please complete the form at this link:

General Tour de Tonka Volunteer Sign Up. If you have any questions, contact Brad Spencer at 612-616-7548.

#### Support the Back to School Bash!

WestPointe Church and Love
INC Heartland are teaming up
this August to provide free school
supplies, food, and fun for K–12
families in need. Sponsor a
backpack for \$50 or donate any amount to
support this Gap Ministry at bit.ly/schoolbash23

#### **Volunteer in Our Thrift Stores**

We rely on dedicated volunteers to help our stores run smoothly. Our Howard Lake location is seeking more volunteers to add to our amazing team. Learn more by calling 763-999-7087 or sign up at <a href="mailto:bit.ly/loveincvolunteer">bit.ly/loveincvolunteer</a>

#### Join Us At Golf For Love - September 15



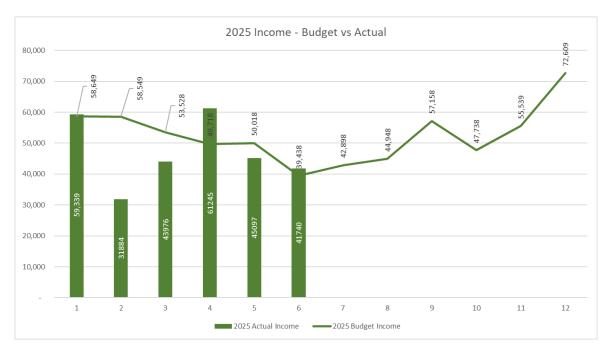
Tee off with us at Albion Ridges on September 15 for a day of friendly competition, community, and purpose. Event details, team tickets, and sponsorship packages available at bit.ly/golfforlove25

#### Gift A Meal At Our Fresh Start Program

Serving a meal at our *Fresh Start Program* is a simple, impactful way to show the love of Christ and gives the opportunity to build community! We have multiple openings available for September-December. Give a financial gift to support or sign up to serve a meal at <a href="mailto:bit.ly/fsmeals23">bit.ly/fsmeals23</a>

#### **CHURCH NEWS**

#### LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



#### Year To Date Summary – June 2025

- YTD Budget \$309,900
   YTD Actual \$283,280
- Year to Date Actual is \$26,620 below budget
- June giving slightly above budget



#### Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the <u>church</u> <u>website</u>.

#### 2026 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 <u>wants</u> pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by <u>AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup></u>. Either email <u>Terri in the Church office</u> 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 until you request otherwise.\*\*\*

#### **Centralized Sign Up**



All of our volunteer sign-ups are in one spot! Scan this QR code or go to this link (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!



## What Is a Memorial Garden?

A memorial garden is a space designed to honor and remember the life of a loved one. A private

place for reflection, remembrance and meditation. A beautiful spot creating a serene and reflective environment. Light of Christ is blessed to have our own beautiful setting right outside our entrance. We invite you to take a moment to visit our

**Columbarium and Memorial Garden** to share in the tranquility and beauty it has to offer!

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

# One More Summer Youth Activity Night in August!

We invite youth to join us for a fun night of games, friends, food and fun on **Monday, August 25**<sup>th</sup>! We'll have two different gathering times:

- **6:00-7:30 PM** = Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- 7:30-9:00 PM = Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders and up (including college-aged youth)

Friends are welcome and these nights are **FREE** (thanks to the support of our congregation). Hope to see you there!



## What's in the Box?

This is a question that Pastor Tim will not be able to answer until he opens the box in worship. During



the children's message, Pastor Tim receives the box, opens it and then will connect what is in the box to the children's message. Does your child think they can stump Pastor Tim? Here's the chance to find out! Sign up your child (1 year old-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) for a Sunday when you will be in worship. You can pick up the box the Sunday prior or during the week (the box will be on a shelf in the church library). If you want, your child can bring the item on Sunday and sneak it into the box without Pastor Tim seeing it before worship. Sign up at the link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-56773893-thebox



#### Youth & Children's Ministry Registrations

- ⇒ Voyagers (1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 2025-26 year):
  Early registration now open at link below.

  Save \$20 if paid in full by August 15<sup>th</sup>. All registrations are due by August 29<sup>th</sup>. <a href="https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Voyagers.2025-2026">https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Voyagers.2025-2026</a>
- ⇒ **Pathfinders** (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade; 2025-2026 year): Early registration now open at link below. **Save \$20 if paid in full by August 15<sup>th</sup>.** All registrations are due by **August 29<sup>th</sup>**. <a href="https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Pathfinders.2025-2026">https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Pathfinders.2025-2026</a>
- ⇒ Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade; 2025-2026 year): Early registration is now open at link below. Save \$20 if paid in full by August 1<sup>st</sup>. All registrations are due by August 15<sup>th</sup>. <a href="https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Confirmation2025-26">https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Confirmation2025-26</a>