The Beacon

Pastor Tim Wheatley November 23, 2026

Worship Schedule

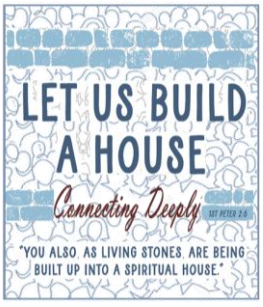
In-person worship:
9:30 AM Sundays

Online worship is live-streamed to our YouTube and Facebook pages



Church Council 2026

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



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First Communion

Five of our children prepared for and received their First Communion on November 15th. Children and their parents attended classes where they learned about communion, baked bread, and made banners and chalices. Pictured with Pastor Tim and CFM Director Sabrina Kolleck are:

Tyler Anderson
Jocelyn Moser
Jayda Moser
Emilia Olson
Isla Paton





Christmas 4 a Cause



We are excited to once again come together as a congregation to help brighten Christmas for local families who may be going through a difficult time.

We invite you to take a look at our Christmas wish list and consider purchasing an item or two to help make the holidays a little brighter for someone in our community. Every gift, big or small, is a blessing and a wonderful way to share God's love with others.

You can view the wish list and sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AADA92EA5FFC52-66439634-christmas

Gift Drop-Off Dates
There will be two opportunities to drop off gifts during Sunday worship:

- **Sunday, November 29**
- **Sunday, December 6**

Final Gift Drop-Off (*new this year*)
If you are unable to drop off your gifts during worship, the final drop-off will be at **CorTrust Bank** on **Sunday, December 13**. All gifts will be collected and sorted there.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us share the joy, hope, and love of Christ this Christmas season! If you have any questions please contact Kim at kimw1517@gmail.com.







Our November Fifth Sunday Offering is for Bella Vista, Belize – Pastor Kebin Rosa's church.

Here is a letter from Pastor Kebin:

Hello LOC Family, Greetings and much love from Belize!

First, I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love, prayers, and support you have shown us and the ministries here in Bella Vista. Your partnership means so much to us. It is a blessing to know that we are not doing this alone, and we are so grateful to have you walking alongside us as we serve our community. I'm excited to share a few updates about what God is doing here!

Our Learning to Read Program
We recently launched our after-school Learning to Read Program, and it has been such a joy to see it grow. The response has been wonderful, with more parents already asking when we will open registration for another group. But what makes us happiest is seeing the children's excitement, their willingness to learn, and how quickly they are progressing. We are so thankful for every child whose life we get to impact through this program.

Our Hope Center
Every week, we welcome between 100 and 150 children to our Hope Center, where we spend time with them, share a meal, and most importantly, share the love of Jesus. It is more than a place for activities; it is a place where children are loved, encouraged, and reminded that they matter. We are also preparing to install electricity in our Hope Center, which includes three classrooms and a kitchen. We are excited about this next step and all the possibilities it will open up for the children and families we serve.

Moving Forward with Our Church Building
We are also working on installing the ceiling in our church sanctuary as part of our air-conditioning project. Our days here can get extremely hot, and we look forward to creating a cooler, more comfortable space where people can gather to worship, learn, and grow together.

Your Fifth Sunday Offering will go towards ceiling work and A/C for the sanctuary and appliances for our Hope Center kitchen that will feed families and offer meals to people in need in our community. (note "*Fifth Sunday*" on your check or envelope or donate on our Give page.)

Thank you for believing in us, praying for us, and investing in the work God is doing in Bella Vista. Your generosity is reaching beyond the walls of our church and making a difference in the lives of children, families, and our entire community.

With much love and gratitude from Belize,
Kebin & Ani Rosa

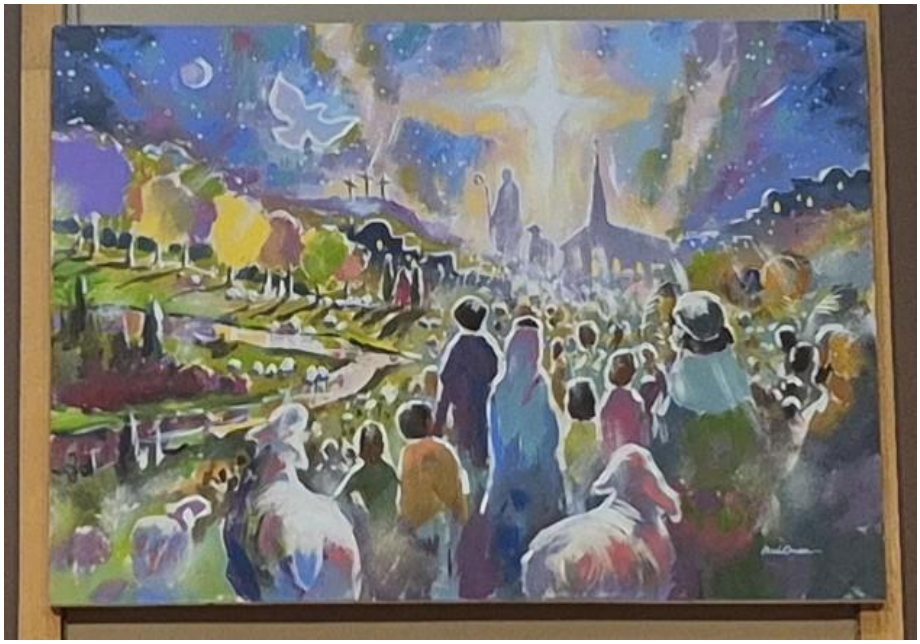
Prints Available for Order

Now through December 31st - 15% off** ALL 90 prints from Drawn to the Word. Enter **dtw15** at checkout. FREE shipping over $99 in lower US. Link to shop is below: https://www.facebook.com/share/1JNePHon9Y/*

Our "Drawn to the Light of Christ" service with Pastor Paul Oman on November 1st was truly a blessed day! Our unique and beautiful painting will be displayed on the wall behind the altar this month, and then mounted in a permanent spot once that location is decided on.

If you missed the event, you can watch the video stream on our church YouTube page or Facebook page. Thanks again to the many participants!

Numbered, limited edition artist prints are now available for purchase, either using an order form found on display in the Narthex, or online at https://www.drawn-to-the-word.com/shop/the-light-of-christ/. Your print will be shipped in 3-4 business days and shipping is free. You can order one for your home in time for Christmas. They would also make a wonderful gift!



Christmas Ornaments

The Worship and Music Committee is again offering Christmas ornaments for purchase in honor or memory of loved ones. Ornaments will hang on the Narthex tree through Christmas Eve unless you prefer to take yours home. The suggested donation is $10, with all proceeds funding sound or sanctuary technology equipment. A table for purchases will be in the Narthex from 11/22–12/20. Checks may be made payable to Light of Christ with "*Christmas Ornaments*" in the memo. Thank you, and Merry Christmas!

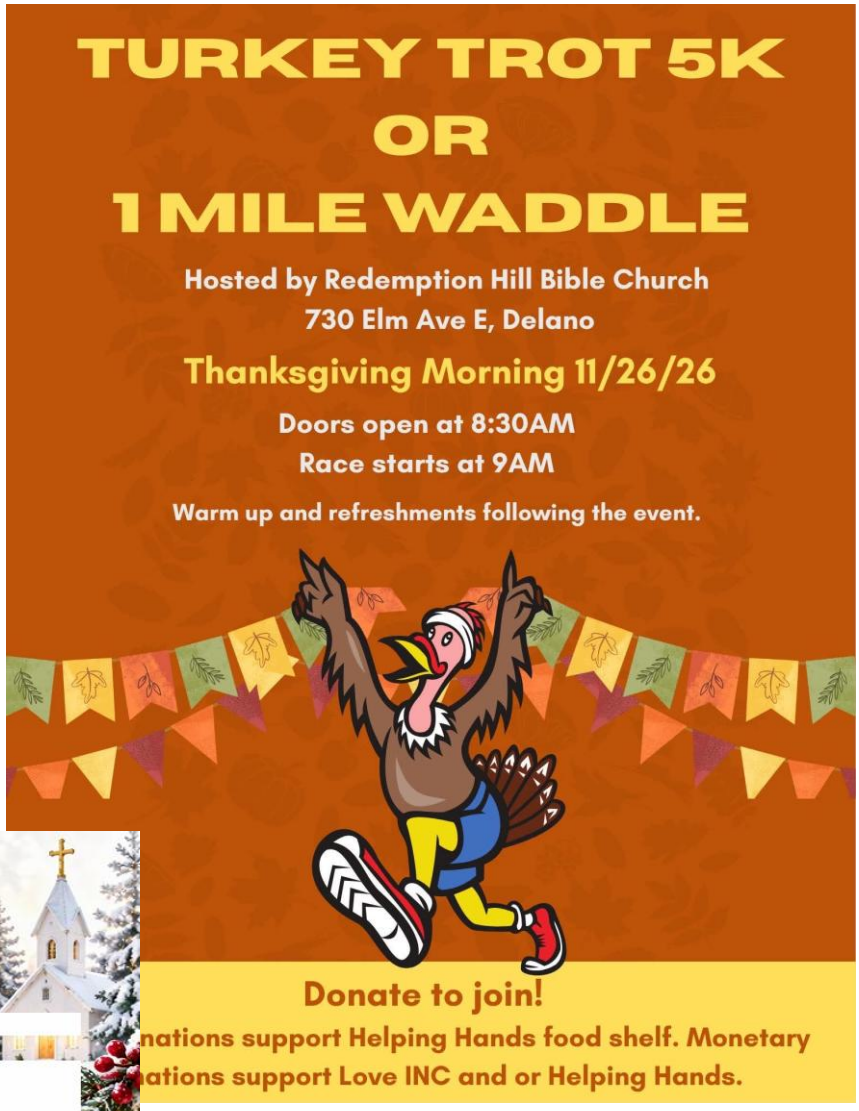
Lessons & Carols

Mark your calendars! Light of Christ's annual service of Lessons and Carols is December 6th at 9:30 AM. Come hear the Christ story alongside joyful music featuring all Light of Christ musicians. We can't wait for this musical celebration!



MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES









Love INC Birthday Ministry

Pictured is Jinnelle Weis, November Birthday Ministry volunteer, who assembled the December 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!



Mom's Discussion Group

Stay connected with other moms of pre-teens and teens and join us on **Thursday, December 3rd from 8:00-9:30 AM**. We'd love to have you join us for this casual group that meets to talk about life, faith, and parenting.

THANK YOU!

Dear people of Light of Christ Lutheran Church,

It was truly a joy and blessing to be with you last weekend for worship. We hope the painting reminds all who see it of God's mercy and light through Jesus Christ. Thank you for having us and allowing us to have a table in the fellowship hall.

God's peace,

Paul & Jana Oman

11/2/2026

Advent/Christmas Worship Schedule:

- **11/29**: First Sunday of Advent, 9:30 AM
- **12/06**: Lessons & Carols, 9:30 AM
- **12/10**: Blue Christmas Service, 6:30 PM
- **12/13**: Children's Christmas Program, 9:30 AM
- **12/20**: Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9:30 AM
- **12/24**: 2:00, 4:00, 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Services

Belize Adult/Family Mission Trip 2027



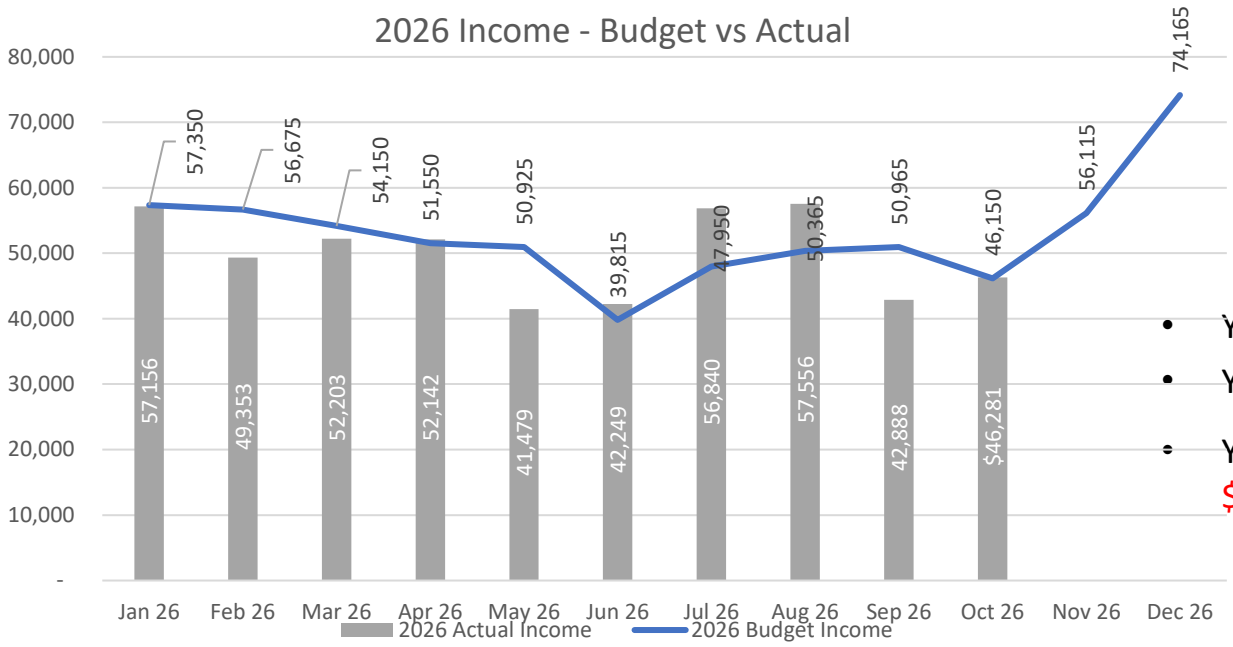
We will be going back for our 4th mission trip to Bella Vista, Belize from **Saturday, February 27 through March 6, 2027**. The trip cost will run between $1,300-$1,500 and includes airfare, accommodations, food, food donations, and transportation.

Here are some of the possibilities we will do: Vacation Bible School/sports camp, worshiping and serving dinner at Pastor Kebin Rosa's church, going on home visits, working with the Bella Vista School on an education initiative, carnival, and church projects.

Please email or text Jennifer Grant **as soon as possible** if you are interested or have questions: Jpconnection.jg@gmail.com or 612.226.8181.

We would love to have you prayerfully consider this life-changing opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



YTD Summary October 2026

- YTD Budget $505,895
- YTD Actual $498,148
- Year to Date Actual is $7,747 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.

Week 5 | There Is Still Time to Take a Step

TAKE A STEP

One Step at a Time. Together.

As of November 19th, we have received 78 pledges totaling $405,124. Last year, we had received 84 pledges totaling $401,645.

We are grateful for everyone who has submitted a pledge and for the generosity that sustains Light of Christ's ministry. There is still time to take your next step! Please prayerfully consider completing a pledge card, available at the Welcome Center. Return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. You can also complete an online pledge form at this link. Knowing your intentions helps us plan responsibly for the coming year and support the ministry of our growing congregation.

2027 Offering Envelopes

If you requested preprinted 2027 offering envelopes, (*or did not opt out*) they are now available to be picked up in the Narthex.



Check Your 2026 Pledge Status

Just a reminder that members can check the status of their pledges for 2026 by logging in to the online member portal at this link. You can also access the portal login page from the Light of Christ website home page by clicking the "Member Portal" icon on the top toolbar. If you need assistance, please contact Terri in the church office. *Please note: your 2027 pledge card is not authorization for the church office to make changes to your automatic giving.*


Confirmation
Large Group
11/11/26


HS Fellowship 11/11/26
Join us Wednesdays at 7:30 pm!