



Pastor Tim Wheatley

October 26, 2026

Worship Schedule

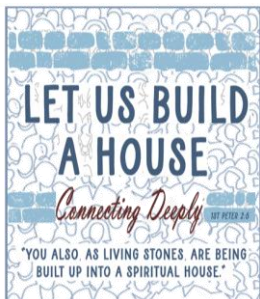
In-person worship:
9:30 AM Sundays

Online worship is
live-streamed to our
[YouTube](#) and
[Facebook](#) pages



Church Council 2026

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**Daylight Saving
Time ends on
Saturday – don't
forget to “fall
back.”**



End of Life Planning Seminar Monday, October 26 – 6:30 PM

Light of Christ is pleased to offer an opportunity to listen and learn from Andrea Karels, Pre-planning Funeral Director; Jessica Larson, CRPC Edward Jones – Delano; and Lindsey Oldre, Financial Advisor Edward Jones – Delano. These three professionals will share their expertise regarding multiple tools to make End of Life planning with your family a more informed discussion. The session will include multiple facets on estate planning tips, financial considerations, fraud awareness, and prevention. Discussion will also focus on memorial preferences and consideration of a final resting spot.

Pre-planning for End of Life is often a discussion you choose to avoid. But importantly it is a discussion that can allow parents to express their wishes with their children. It can allow family members the opportunity to assist parents in making decisions they might find uncomfortable and awkward. It minimizes the stress and anxiety in making these decisions at the difficult time of a loved one's passing.

This is a discussion and topic impactful for every person – we encourage all members to attend on **Monday, October 26th at 6:30 PM** and to bring a friend or neighbor with you. It will be a beneficial discussion for everyone! Childcare will be available to families requesting this service while attending the End of Life Planning session. Please notify the church office in advance of October 26th if you will be needing childcare.



Join us for "Drawn to the Word"

Come experience a morning of fellowship,
reflection, and inspiration as we explore
the light and life found in God's Word.

Sunday, November 1 at 9:30 am
Light of Christ Lutheran Church,
Delano



**All are welcome to a pie social and
fellowship following the service.**

Experience a *Drawn to the Word* worship and artistic experience where Artist and Pastor Paul Oman will paint a larger-than-life sized mural before your eyes, in the theme of "Drawn to the Light of Christ," during our 9:30 worship service on **Sunday, November 1st**. This story will unfold artistically, musically, narratively, and Scripturally during the event. All are welcome. Come and see! [Drawn to the Word - Paul Oman, Pastor](#)

If you would like to donate a pie for the pie social, please sign up at the QR code shown here or at this link: [Pie donation sign-up](#)



Sixth Annual Walk-a-Mile for Mental Health Awareness Event at Light of Christ Lutheran Church By Sue Fink, Chair of the Healing and Wholeness Ministry



Light of Christ Lutheran Church on County Line Road has a ministry called “Healing and Wholeness” which was created in the Fall of 2019. It was a very timely beginning with an emphasis on mental health, just before the Covid pandemic started. That long period of unknowns and isolation brought fear, anxiety, despair, loneliness, loss, and a lot of stress.

Since our inception, we have developed an extensive library of resources on our website, lightofchristlutheran.com under the “Support” tab. In 2024 we joined a collaborative of 40+ churches called Mental Health Connect to offer their “Navigator” service, for anyone in our community to use for help in navigating the often-overwhelming search for help dealing with mental illness in ourselves or someone we care about. You can find that information on our church website as well.

May 23, 2021, was our very first “Walk-a-Mile” in my shoes event to bring awareness and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. 40 church members participated. On October 7th we held our 6th annual walk, in collaboration with our children’s and confirmation education programs. We have emphasized mental health for children and youth since we switched to Mental Health Awareness week in October 3 years ago. Through our efforts and openness, our church members have grown closer and more caring toward one another, leading to healing and wholeness. Educating our children on mental health will have positive outcomes for future generations.

With the change to the Wednesday, youth education night, during Mental Health Awareness week in October, our event participation has grown to over 140! Prior to the walk down County Line Road, a representative from “2B Continued” spoke about their organization based out of Glencoe, MN which provides education, advocacy, and outreach for suicide prevention and mental health in 9 counties, including Wright. All enjoyed a pizza supper back at church afterward. Thanks to all who donated a total of \$75 toward our annual dues for Mental Health Connect.

Sabrina Kolleck, our Children, Youth and Family Director, took her first to third grade Voyagers on their own special walk from the church to Stahlke Bus garage to thank them for providing a bus to bring them from school to church each Wednesday. Built into that walk were stop signs that provided an activity and an opportunity to talk about the importance of taking care of our minds, feelings and hearts. To paraphrase the lesson plan: “God gave us feelings, sometimes really big feelings, some good and some hard, that signal that something is happening inside us. If a problem feels too big for us to handle alone, that doesn’t mean we are weak. It means we need help, just like when we ask someone for help carrying something heavy. We don’t have to handle everything ourselves. We can reach out to a trusted adult or friend. God never said life would be easy, he even told us we would have troubles every day. The Bible abounds with people who had struggles and big feelings. Even Jesus cried when he was sad and got angry with others.

So if you’re having a difficult day you don’t have to pretend that everything is fine. You can pray, “God, I’m having a hard time.” You can talk to someone and ask for help. God cares about your whole self - your body, your mind, your feelings, and your heart. God gives us people who care about us and can help us, too.

1 Peter: 5:7 says, “Cast all your anxiety on God, because he cares for you.”



Love INC Birthday Ministry

Pictured are the October Birthday Ministry volunteers, Ginny Iverson and Ann Bassett, working on assembling the November 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!



It's an Owl-o-ween Costume Party!

Thursday, October 29
Beginning at Noon

Bring a frightfully delicious
Halloween-ish dish to share.

Games • Prizes • Spooktacular Fun

*Whooo's ready for a hauntingly
good time?*

We Will Welcome New Members on Sunday, November 22nd!



If you're interested in joining our church family, we invite you to attend a New Member Information Class on **November 8th at 11:00 AM**. To help us prepare, please let the church office know **by November 3rd** if you plan to attend. We're also here to answer any questions you may have.

All Saints' Day Prayer Gathering at the Columbarium

All are invited to gather for a time of prayer at the Columbarium at **9:00 AM on Sunday, November 1st**, prior to the worship service, as we remember and honor the saints and loved ones who have touched our lives and now rest in God's eternal care. We hope you will join us for this special time of reflection and remembrance.



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.*



Stay Informed!

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

The HOOT Newsletter

A HOOT of thanks to our October OWLS volunteers!! Donnie Anderson, Lowell Johnson, and Bill Fink trimmed up the trees in the yard between the sanctuary and office entries and pulled out dead bushes around the church. Please take notice! It looks so nice. Also, Lisa Hemmer, Cheri Ashfeld, and Sue Fink cleaned windows in Pastor Tim's office and in the altar area. Cheri also swept debris from the siding around the entire church exterior. See pics below!

Monday, October 26th, 6:30 PM: End of Life Planning Seminar at LOC. Bring your friends and adult children. Important discussions to consider for you and your family. More information on this on page 3.

"OWL-O-WEEN" Party on **Thursday the 29th at noon!** We'll have a hootin' good time. Wear a costume or borrow one from LaDonna's bin at the party. There will be a prize for best costume!! Also, bring a spooky recipe for our lunch potluck: entree, salad, bread, or dessert.

Sunday, November 1st, 9:30 worship: Drawn to the Word. Pastor Paul Oman will create a painting for LOC during a beautiful service put on by numerous singers, instrumentalists and readers. Not to be missed!! Bring friends, family, and neighbors!!

There will be a pie social afterwards and we will need many pies donated!! You can bake or purchase your favorite pie and bring them to church the Friday morning before or Sunday morning prior to worship.



Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study meets the **1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, in the Living Room at LOC.** We will meet through April but *not* meet in December. If you need to leave early at any point or can't make it every time that is okay! We want you to come when you can. The Bible study we will be doing is *Prayer: An Adventure with God from Life Guide Bible Studies*.

We hope to see you there! If you are interested in participating, **please respond to Lindsay Lindall:** lindsay.lindall@gmail.com.

Bible 101

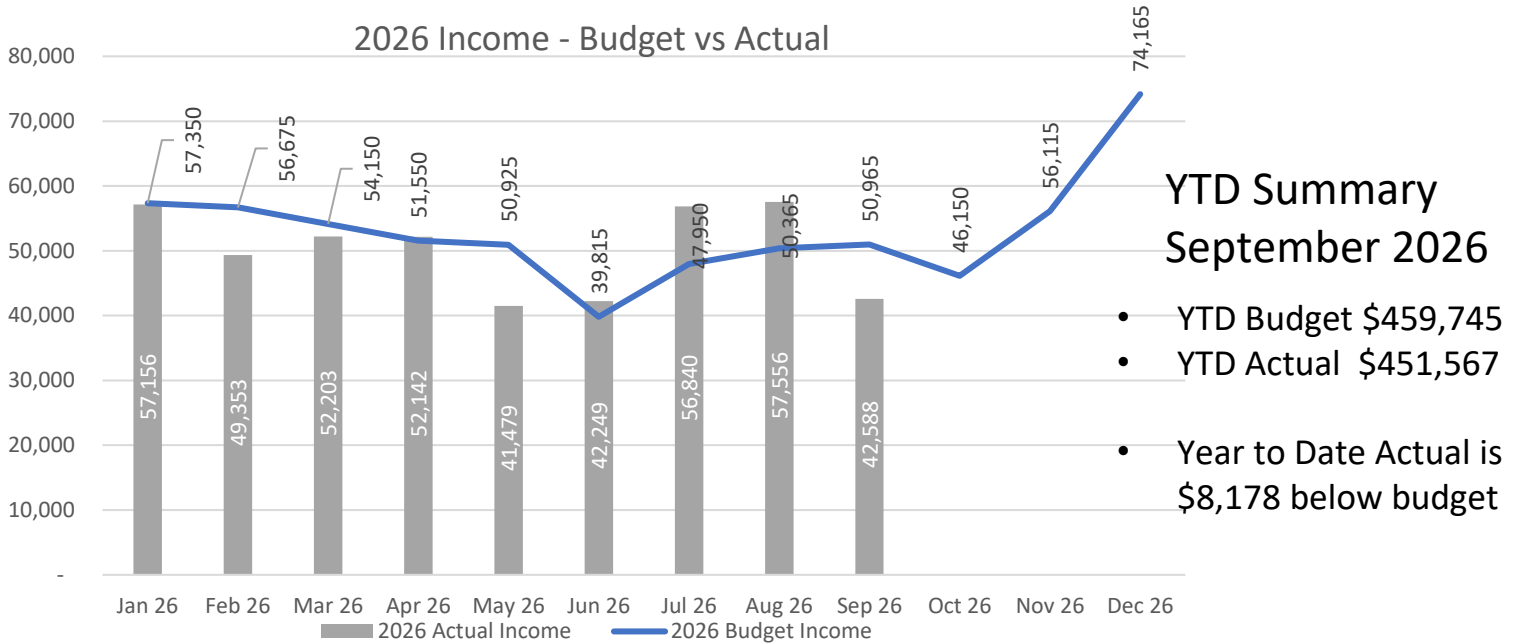
You can still join Pastor Tim and the Bible 101 study, which will be on **Tuesdays, October 27, November 3, 10, and 17.** Come for one or come for all. Each night it will be from 7:00-8:00. The topic will be "Bible 101." This is a great time to jump into a Bible study because we will start with what the Bible is and how we study it. If you have never been to a Bible study before, you can start on this one. Of course, there will be something for all levels, but this will start from the question of "What is the Bible and why is it important" and go through the different types of literature in the Bible and how we read it as Christians and Lutherans. Please sign up at the Sign-Up Genius link or QR code below if you can, otherwise just plan on showing up.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-66074333-the>



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Grateful & Grounded



We give thanks for your faithful generosity. Your giving is not simply financial – it is a reflection of your faith and a vital part of how Christ's mission is lived out through Light of Christ.

Week 1 | Thank You for Taking a Step

TAKE A STEP

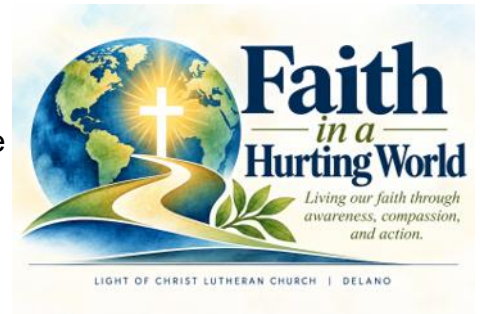
One Step at a Time. Together.

As of October 23rd, we have received 44 pledges totaling \$213,494. Last year, we received 84 pledges totaling \$401,645.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a pledge! Your generosity supports the ministry we share at Light of Christ. If you have not yet returned your card, please prayerfully consider your next step in giving. Pledge cards are available at the Welcome Center; return yours to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Or you can complete an [online pledge form at this link](#). Your commitment helps us plan faithfully as our congregation continues to grow.

Introducing a new feature for Light of Christ

Jesus calls us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and care for those who suffer. But how do we live out that calling in a world filled with overwhelming needs? Faith in a Hurting World is a new recurring feature to help us grow in awareness, compassion, and faithful action. Each edition will offer two concerns needing our attention and one encouraging story of hope, with trustworthy resources and ways to respond. We need not agree on every solution to share Jesus' call to love our neighbors.



1 A World in Need | Food Assistance Cut in Gaza

On October 19, the UN World Food Programme announced that funding shortages are forcing it to reduce food assistance in Gaza by about one-third. Roughly 500,000 people will lose access to critical support. Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food" (Matthew 25:35). Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners are helping provide food, water, shelter, and essential supplies.

Learn and respond: [World Food Programme — Gaza update](#)

Learn and respond: [ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response — Middle East Crisis](#)

2 Our Neighbors in Need | Welcoming Refugees and Immigrants

Across Minnesota and the country, immigrant and refugee families face uncertainty about safety, separation, and building new lives. Scripture calls us to welcome the stranger. The ELCA's AMMPARO ministry offers ways to learn about migration, accompany vulnerable families, and consider faithful advocacy and practical support.

Learn and respond: [ELCA AMMPARO — Accompanying Migrants](#)

3 Signs of Hope | A Garden Growing Food and Friendship

Here is something to celebrate! At St. Stephen's, a community garden is providing fresh produce, nutrition education, and a place for neighbors to connect. With support from ELCA World Hunger, the ministry is also planning an orchard to nourish future generations. It is a beautiful reminder that compassion can take root in practical ways.

Learn and respond: [Living Lutheran — A Garden for All of Us](#)

FAITH IN ACTION | This week, take five minutes to follow one of the links above. Learn something new, share what you discover, or consider one way to help.

A prayer: Lord Jesus, open our eyes to those who suffer, soften our hearts toward our neighbors, and give us courage to turn compassion into action. Help us recognize and celebrate the good you are doing through others. Amen.



Upcoming First Communion Classes:

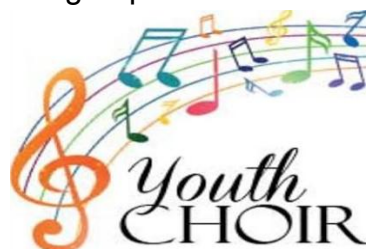
- ❖ November 1st & 8th from 5:30-7:30 PM – sign up at the link below
- ❖ First Communion service will be **November 15th** at 9:30 AM
- ❖ Sign up at this link:
<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/e27ff0>

Donate Supplies for Voyagers' Project

As part of the *Drawn to the Word* event on November 1st, the Voyagers plan to do something special to participate. If you'd like to donate supplies to help with this effort, [please click here](#) for a list of items needed.

Youth Choir Starts November 8th!

Ages 3rd-6th grade! Rehearsals take place after worship and are 30 minutes long. Sign up using the QR code shown here or contact Katie with any questions. You can also just show up to rehearsal! Full schedule is on the sign-up form.



Christmas Play Sign-Up

This year's Christmas Play will be on **December 16th**. Explorers (PreK/K), Voyagers (1st-3rd grade), & Pathfinders (4th-6th grade) are encouraged to sign up at this link:

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/78d54d> Practice times can be found on the sign-up.

Maker's Market

Children and youth under age 18 are invited to sign up for this year's Maker's Market, being held on **Sunday, November 22nd from 4:00-6:00 PM**. For more information and to sign up, please click this link:
[Makers Market 2026](#)

