



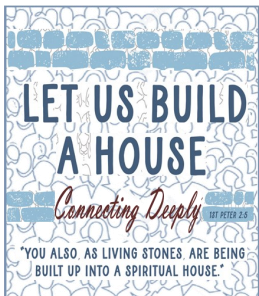
Worship

- 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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FYI

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 20th.

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

We are very excited to have our theme of the painting that will be done by Pastor Paul Oman on November 1st. That theme is.... (drum roll please)...

DRAWN TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST!

The foundational verse of this theme was John 1:1-6:

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

Thanks to everyone who voted in our poll, and we are thankful for the participation.

Now that we have a theme and verse picked out, the Healing and Wholeness Committee is excited to have committees, groups, and individuals of all ages step up and take part in the planning, preparation, advertising, set-up, service, and celebration. Pastor Paul and his wife will be selling merchandise and participating in our food and fellowship after the worship.

We ask that each committee add this event planning to their next meeting agenda and brainstorm how your committee might want to take part. For example:

- ◇ We will need a couple of volunteers to build a frame to stretch the artist's canvas (Paul provided supply list and instructions)
- ◇ Community Life Committee could carry out our idea for a pie and coffee fellowship after the service (ask members to provide pies)
- ◇ Mission and Evangelism might help in advertising to area churches and our surrounding community and also submit an article afterward for the Herald Journal
- ◇ Property Committee might consider needs for setting up the sanctuary for the artist (Paul sent instructions), and may need additional seating for a larger crowd in the Narthex and for the food service afterward
- ◇ Children & Family and Youth & Family Ministry Teams may consider how to get children and youth involved in the service (Pastor Paul Oman suggested to have clip boards, paper and crayons for kids to create their own art during the service!). Youth might sing, play instruments, read, help with the pie and coffee service or with setup and cleanup.
- ◇ Worship and Music to work with Katie on planning for the worship program around the theme and watching Paul create our painting
- ◇ We would appreciate someone volunteering to take photos on that day which we will share with our community

Your input is so welcome! If you have a wonderful idea to share around "drawing people to the Light of Christ" please either talk to Pastor Tim or Sue Fink. If you have other verses that should be read on that day let us know that, too!

Blessings,

Pastor Tim and the Healing and Wholeness Committee



Parking Lot Work Reminder

Just a reminder that, weather permitting, parking lot work will resume on **Tuesday, July 21 and Wednesday, July 22**. If you plan to stop by the church during this time, please park on the north side of the building along **County Road 11** and walk around to the entrance. Thank you for your patience and understanding as this work is completed!



Do You Like to Play Board Games?

Join Pastor Tim this summer for game nights on **Wednesdays, 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!

Conscience and Conversation

The ELCA has put out the Study **Conscience and Conversation: A study during the reconsideration of the social statement, "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust."** We invite you to join Pastor Tim going through this material on **July 28, August 11, 18, and 25 at 7:00 PM** each evening as we look at and help the church as a whole move forward when we disagree with each other.



This study is not about sexuality as much as it is how we deal with deeply held Biblical convictions that contradict each other as a church. At the end we will be able to give feedback on how we talk about disagreement to the ELCA to help them craft the final reconsideration of the Human Sexuality study. (Any proposals for changing the Human Sexuality document would be proposed in 2027 and voted on in 2028).

We would ask you to sign up at this link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-64717952-conscience>) and *attend all four* of these sessions because the discussion will build from week to week.

Thanks, *Pastor Tim*



Worship with Confirmation Faith Statements

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

- **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! You can rewatch previous services on your YouTube page at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/>

Neighbors in Need Ministry Update

Thank you, Light of Christ! Through your generosity, our **Neighbors in Need** ministry continues to share Christ's love in practical and meaningful ways with immigrant families in our community.



Working alongside our local immigrant aid partners, we help provide staple food items and other essential needs, reminding our neighbors that they are seen, valued, and loved.

This past Sunday, volunteers completed another outstanding packing effort. Together we prepared:

- **84 bags of rice**
- **48 bags of pinto beans**
- **45 bags of black beans**
- **7 bottles of cooking oil**

Because of your generous donations and the work of many helping hands, this month's packing produced enough food for **both the July and August distributions**.

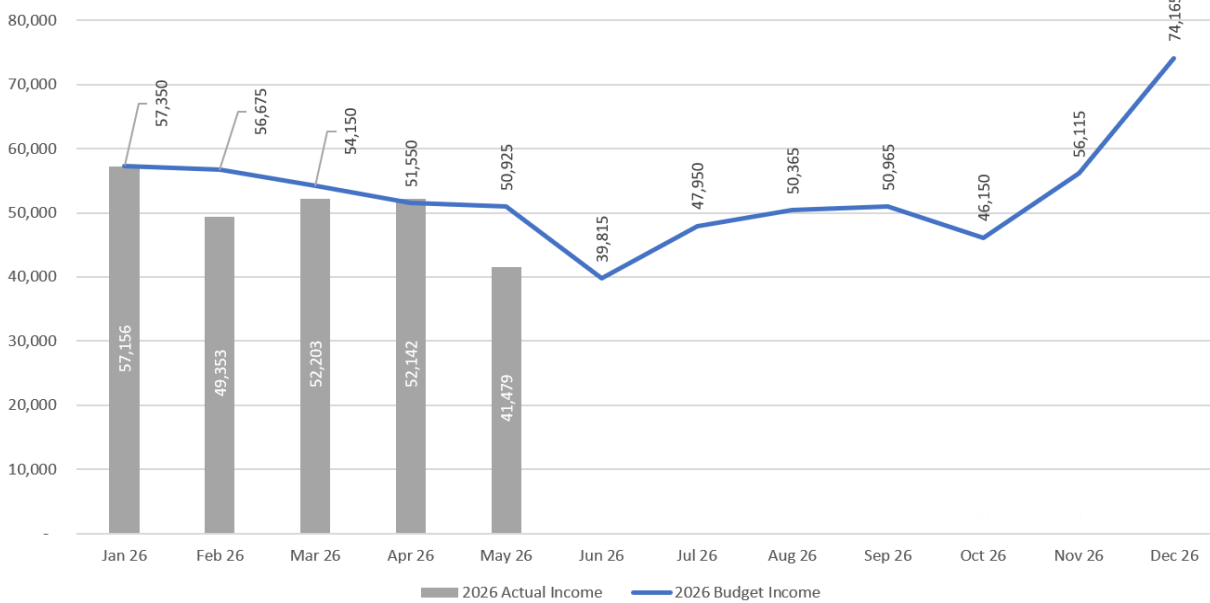
A special thank you to everyone who donated food, helped pack, organized supplies, or lent a hand in any way. We continue to collect rice, beans, and cooking oil, which can be left in the receptacle in the narthex.

Your generosity is making a real difference for dozens of families each month. Thank you for helping Light of Christ continue to be a church that puts Christ's love into action.

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." — **1 John 3:18**

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



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.

The Generous Life: Six Practices that Shape Our Faith



The Generous Life: Give Regularly

Generosity grows strongest when it becomes a rhythm.

Throughout Scripture, giving is not just a one-time act—it's a steady, ongoing practice. Regular giving helps shape our hearts and sustains the ministry we share together.

When we give consistently, generosity becomes part of our spiritual life, much like prayer, worship, and serving.

What this looks like in everyday life:

A household commits to giving weekly or monthly. Some set up recurring gifts; others build it into their weekly routine. Instead of occasional or reactive giving, **generosity becomes steady and dependable**. And the reality is that that feels good...right.

Regular giving isn't about obligation—it's about forming a life anchored in faith and trust.

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money...” – 1 Corinthians 16:2

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

The GIVING CORNER



Donate appreciated stock instead of writing a check

Many people give in cash because it feels simplest. But if you own stock or mutual funds that have grown a lot over time, donating shares directly can be even more efficient. When you give appreciated shares you have held long enough to be treated as long term, you can generally claim a charitable deduction for the fair market value and avoid paying capital gains tax that would have been due if you sold first. That can mean more dollars going to the causes you care about and less going to taxes. This works especially well for those “big winners” in a portfolio, and it can also help with rebalancing if one holding has become too large. The important part is to transfer the shares directly to the charity. Selling first and then donating the cash usually gives up the capital gains benefit.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

DELANO DRAMATIC COMPANY PROUDLY PRESENTS...

DISNEY'S
NEWSIES

Music by: ALAN MENKEN, Lyrics by: JACK FELDMAN, Book by: HARVEY FIERSTEIN
Based on the Disney Film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White



Delano Performing Arts Center
Fridays & Saturdays: July 17, 18, 24 & 25 at 7 PM
Sundays: July 19 & 26 at 2 PM



ASL interpreted performance July 26 2 pm
https://buy.tickettothecity.com/venue.php?org_id=717

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Free Outdoor Concert

Roe Family Singers
August 13th 6-7:30PM

Bring Your Family & A Chair
Snacks and Drinks for Purchase

2019 Entertainers of the Year, Best Band, and Best Band Overall, BMAI
2018 Entertainers of the Year AND Album of the Year, BMAI
2017 Jig-dance Competition Winner Old-Time Music & Ozark Heritage Festival, Kim Roe
2016 Entertainers of the Year, BMAI
2012 MBOTMA Duet Competition Winners

**The
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SINGERS**



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