



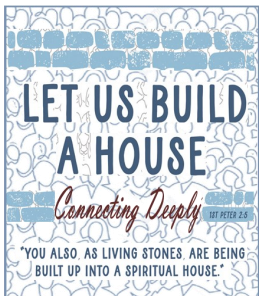
## Worship

- 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



We welcomed the following new Members/  
Partners in Ministry to Light of Christ  
on April 19<sup>th</sup>:

- ◆ Kyle & Kaitlyn Jerke *Maybelle*
- ◆ Jen Teachout
- ◆ Amanda & Joe Teachout-Emerson *Minna*



## Affirmation of Baptism



This spring, 14 tenth graders affirmed their baptism and confirmed their faith in Christ. We celebrate with these youth and hold them in prayer as they take this next step in their faith journey: Gwenyth Beck, Bryce Beyer, Cecilia Jaunich, Rowan Johnson, Alexander Kelly, Aniston Klaphake, Tyler Malo, Griffin Pohlen, Charlie Reiffenberger, Braylee Rue, Maxwell Schmit, Avery Thompson, Chase Wortz, and Mya Sievers (who will be confirmed at a later date). God's blessings to you, as you continue to grow in your faith!

## Contact us!

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## The Generous Life: Six Practices that Shape Our Faith

### *Be Intentional*

#### The Generous Life: Be Intentional

At Light of Christ, we believe generosity is not just something we do—it's part of who we are becoming in Christ. Throughout this series, we're exploring **six practices that shape a life of generosity**.

We begin with this: **Be Intentional**.

Generosity rarely happens by accident. It grows when we pause, reflect, and choose it.

In Scripture, generosity is always connected to the heart—our priorities, our trust, and our awareness of God's work. Being intentional means we don't leave giving to chance or convenience. Instead, we take time to prayerfully consider: *How is God inviting me to live generously?*

#### What this looks like in everyday life:

Someone sets aside time—perhaps at the start of a new year or a new chapter in life—to think about their giving. They reflect on God's blessings, the church's mission, and their own role in it. No longer giving through "happenstance." They make a plan, not out of pressure, but out of purpose.

Intentional generosity is the first step toward a deeper, more meaningful life of faith.

**"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – Matthew 6:21**

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



## Weaving Our Live Strands

*There's a reason for the colors in your story  
There's a picture though you cannot see it yet  
Every thread has a purpose and soon you'll see  
Your part in this tapestry.*

*When you feel like nothing is connecting  
And you're searching for an answer you can't find  
Just remember that each strand is intersecting to reveal what the Creator has designed  
Any masterpiece is gonna take some time.*

Sign up for this family-oriented gathering to form and solidify connections between generations in this one-on-one teaching of many different forms of weaving (stick weaving, lucet weaving, inkle loom weaving, cordage making, basket/nature weaving) on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to 6PM.

If you are signing up a child, you need to also sign up an adult (parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, congregation member, friend,...) with them, or sign up for the waiting list, seeing if an unpaired adult becomes available. If you are an adult signing up, you may do so without being paired with a child, but keep in mind that any child might take you on as partner.

Please sign up here: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/f3e59f>

Together you will choose one of the weaving techniques you will learn that day.

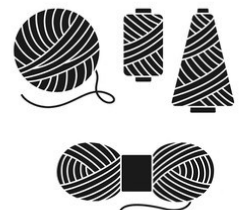
**Where:** LOC

**When:** May 6, 2026 4PM to 6PM

**What:** Learning to weave in different techniques

### Yarn Donations Needed!

For this upcoming May 6<sup>th</sup> project, we're seeking yarn donations of all kinds. Any yarn is welcome—any material, any thickness, any amount left on the skein. Every bit helps. If you have extra, we'd love to put it to good use!



# 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.

Article Submitted by Brad L. Spencer, CPWA®

## Donate from Your Smart Phone

Light of Christ offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone’s QR code reader or go to the [church website](#) and locate the online giving page.



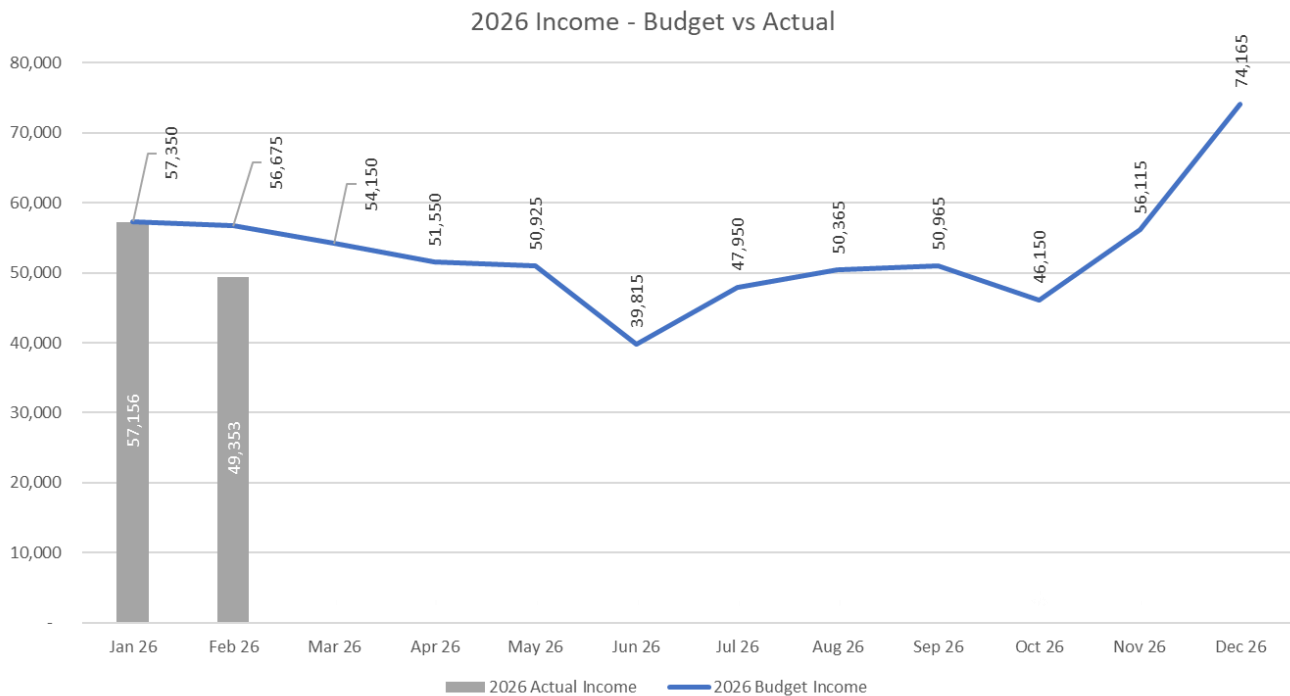
## Lost & Found Items

Missing something? Our Lost & Found bins are overflowing with a variety of items.



Please stop by the office area and see if any of these items belong to you or your child. All unclaimed items will be donated to Love INC at the end of April.

## LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



YTD Summary  
Feb 2026

- YTD Budget \$114,025
- YTD Actual \$106,509
- Year to Date Actual is **\$7,516** below budget

## Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/Teens

Join us on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:15-9:45 AM** (right after school drop-off) to meet with some other moms for a time of connection. We'd love to have you join us for this casual group that gets together to talk about faith, life, and parenting.



## Guys' Night Out

Join Pastor Tim for a night out with the guys on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 PM** at Brickside Grille & Tap. All ages (21 & over) are welcome!



## Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study meets **the first and third Mondays of the month, 6:30–8:00 PM at LOC**. We will meet through June. We are studying the book *Even Better than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie. More information can be found on

flyers in the narthex. For more information, please email Lindsay Lindall at [lindsay.lindall@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.lindall@gmail.com).



## Thursday Night Bible Study

All are welcome to join us for our study of the Gospel of John on **Thursdays at 7:00-8:30 PM**. If you have any questions, feel free to call Gina Nee at 651-353-2277. Great for beginners or anyone simply hungry to discover more about God and to grow in one's faith. Also, a wonderful way to get to know a few other folks!



## The HOOT Newsletter for April



Happy Spring, everyone! We sure love seeing God's creation spring back to life after a long, cold winter. And our OWLS group would sure

love to have you join us for the last couple of monthly events!!

We are not gathering this month, but on **May 21<sup>st</sup>** (weather permitting) we are planning to meet for lunch and then head to *Big Stone Mini Golf* in Minnetrista. In June we'll have one last hurrah, a BBQ picnic, before we break for summer. So, stay tuned for further details.

**OWLS Bible Study** continues to meet a couple of Sundays each month, after the service in Room 101. Anyone can join in anytime, and we'd love to see more of you, as our numbers have been dwindling recently.

Our schedule for the remaining lessons from *Old Testament Characters*:

- ⇒ **April 26-** Daniel: Tempted to Compromise
- ⇒ **May 10-** Esther: Saying Yes to God
- ⇒ **May 17-** David: Loving Your Enemy
- ⇒ **June 7-** Moses: Seeking Justice (*coffee and treats*)

## Love INC

### Birthday Ministry



Pictured are the April Birthday Ministry volunteers, Ann Bassett and Ginny Iverson, who assembled the May birthday bags. Please pray for the kids who receive these birthday bags. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry—it truly makes a difference!



## Storytelling Training

Learning to share your story—and to truly listen to the stories of others—can deepen relationships, build trust, and open meaningful conversations about life and faith. In a time when many feel disconnected or unheard, these simple practices can help foster genuine connection and understanding.

Last fall, a small group at Light of Christ explored these ideas through a storytelling training led by Dr. Mary Hess of Luther Seminary. Participants discovered that while telling stories matters, listening well may be even more powerful.

Materials from that training—including practical tools and additional resources—are available from Terri in the church office. They offer a helpful

starting point for anyone looking to grow in connection, deepen relationships, and engage faith in everyday life. If your group or committee is interested, please contact a member of the Mission and Evangelism Committee.



## Family Matters — Friendship and Forgiveness

All are welcome to attend our next Confirmation Family Matters event! The topic this spring is one that we can all think/learn about: Friendship and Forgiveness. We hope you'll join us (and invite a friend!) for this important night:

**When:** Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:15-8:00 PM

**Where:** Sanctuary at Light of Christ

**Who:** Required for Confirmation Youth & Parents but ALL are welcome!

**Speakers:** Eric Raisler, Therapist (MS, LMFT) & Rev. Natalia Terfa (author and Creative Director at [Church Anew](#))



## Save The Date – LOC End of Life Planning Seminar – June 1

Pre-planning for End of Life is often a discussion you choose to avoid. Willingness to be open to this discussion is a reciprocal gift that parents give to their children and children give to their parents. This discussion 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.

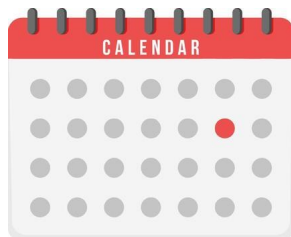
Light of Christ is offering an opportunity open to all members to hear from professionals their multiple tips and tools to make End of Life planning a more informed discussion. This session will include multiple facets including estate planning tips, financial considerations, memorial preferences and consideration of a final resting spot.

Put Monday evening **June 1<sup>st</sup>** on your calendar – it will be a discussion beneficial for everyone!



## Confirmation Calendar

- ⇒ **Wednesday, 4/22**—SLICE & teaching night (6:15-8:00 PM)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 4/29**—SLICE & teaching night (6:15-8:00 PM)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 5/6**—Family Matters (parents attend with their youth; 6:15-8:00 PM)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 5/13**—Final night of Confirmation (at LOC, 6:15-8:00 PM)



## Summer Camp at Wapo

Register now for summer camp at Wapo! Below are the dates LOC is planning to be there but you can register for any Wapo camp or Week. **LOC Weeks:**

[Wapo Youth \(Gr 4-9\)](#) June 21-26, 2026

[Wapo Youth \(Gr 4-9\)](#) July 26-31, 2026

[Wapo One Day \(K-2\)](#) June 24, 2026

[Wapo Seeds \(Gr 1-4\)](#) June 19-21, 2026



Here is our church-specific registration link to ensure you register for the correct week and program: <http://lwlbci.com/loc-delano>. Please reach out with any questions!



## An adventure you'll fall for!



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

### Light of Christ Lutheran Church

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday: 4:30PM – 7:15PM**

**Monday–Wednesday: 5:00PM – 7:15PM**

**Register online:**

<https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/RainforestFalls>

