



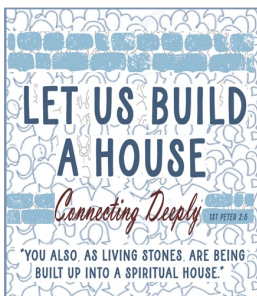
Worship

- 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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The church office will be
closed on Friday, October 2.

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

I really appreciate being here at
LOC, and one of the great things is
the questions that I get about
sermons and scripture. I do believe



we need to study scripture together, yet because of Covid we
lost our Sunday morning time to have a Bible study. I also
know that for many of us it is hard to have a long-term item on
the calendar. So, I would like to experiment with a series of
short-term Bible studies. Each would be about 6 weeks long
with a break between them. This first study will be **Tuesdays,
October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, and 17.** 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 let me know you
are coming on the Sign-Up Genius link or QR code below if
you can, otherwise just plan on showing up.

Pastor Tim

Sign up here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-66074333-the](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-66074333-the)



Walk For Mental Health

Wednesday, October 7 at 5 pm
Light of Christ Lutheran Church



5:00 pm – Meet in the Sanctuary for a short program
 5:15 pm – Group photo / Leave LOC for the Walk
 5:45 pm – Return to LOC for pizza and fellowship
 6:30 pm – Confirmation Worship on Wednesday (WOW)

Parents are encouraged to participate with their children/youth.

All are welcome to join the pizza dinner at 5:45 pm.
 Please RSVP by scanning the QR code to the right.
 Cost: \$5 per person



*The first week of October is Mental Illness Awareness Week.
 Join the Healing and Wholeness Committee and Children and
 Youth Ministries to bring awareness to mental health.*

*Free will donations will be collected to help cover LOC's
 membership fee to Mental Health Connect, a collaboration to
 provide resources and support for our church community.*

Wear green for mental health!

Join the Healing and Wholeness Committee and Children and Youth Ministries as we step out together to support mental health awareness in our community! Whether you're walking with your family, connecting with friends over pizza, or staying for worship, it's a wonderful evening to build community and support the Healing and Wholeness Committee's partnership with Mental Health Connect.

- **Got dinner plans?** Save your spot for pizza (\$5/person) by signing up for Slice at this link: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/SLICE26-27>.
- **Don't forget:** Wear your favorite green shirt for the event!

Check out the flyer above for the full schedule of events!

Food Shelf Need

Do you have extra bags lying around your house? If you do, we can use them at the Food Shelf. We are looking for paper bags, plastic bags or reusable bags. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the cupboards by the kitchen.

Love INC Birthday Ministry



Pictured are the September Birthday Ministry volunteers, Mary Ann McKay and Vicki Noetzelman, who assembled the October 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!

EXTRA SHOES?



Be a part of a good cause
 and donate them!



Shoe Collection/Recycling!

Do you have tennis shoes around home that you'd like to get rid of? We encourage you to drop them off at church to be recycled/donated through "Got Sneakers"! **Shoes can be in ANY condition as long as they are athletic shoes.** Old shoes will be recycled and newer ones will raise a small amount of money for our youth (a max of \$7 per pair if they're in good shape). A collection bin can be found in the Narthex at LOC.



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*.

As David Healey leads you through the prayers of men and women in the Bible (Mary, Abraham, Moses, Daniel and more!), you will gain new insights into why, what and how to pray. And you will experience more fully the adventure that prayer can be. Source: [Prayer: An Adventure with God \(LifeGuide Bible Studies\): Healey, David: 9780830830534:Amazon.com: Books](#)

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



The HOOT Newsletter

Upcoming OWLS (*Older Wiser Lutherans*) happenings:

LaDonna is excited to bring back a fantastic **Halloween party on October 29th**, so start thinking of prize-winning costumes and spooky recipes. More information to come!

Also on the books is our annual **Christmas potluck and white elephant gift exchange on December 17th**. Fall cleaning is a great time to search for just the right item to wrap up (hee-hee).

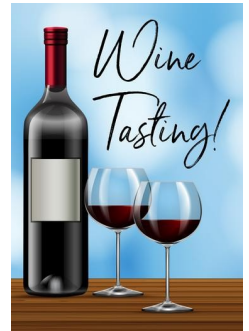
Bible study will resume in October to finish up the last 4 lessons of "Old Testament Characters." The stories of Daniel, Esther, David, and Moses will show us how God has used these people toward His purpose through their failures and successes and how we can relate these to our own lives today. We meet after service on Sundays. Stay tuned for specific dates as we coordinate with the other church events for fall. Talk to Sue Fink if you have ideas for a winter study! New folks are always welcome!

Finally, the **LOC-O-Motion Coffee and Cleaning Crew continues to meet the second Friday monthly at 9:30 AM**. Please join us as we keep God's house welcoming for all.



Sisters of LOC Wine Event

Please join us, the Sisters of LOC, for a wine tasting event at the new SolHavn Winery, formerly Fountain Hills Winery, on **Sunday, October 4th from 2:00-4:00 PM**. Each person will be responsible for purchasing their own wine. There will be a food truck for individual purchase as well (*Scorched Hearth Woodfired Grille*). [Please RSVP at this link](#). Feel free to bring a friend or two. If you need a ride or have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Harstad at 763-227-8246 or kellyharstad8@gmail.com. Hope you can make it!



End of Life Planning Seminar 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.

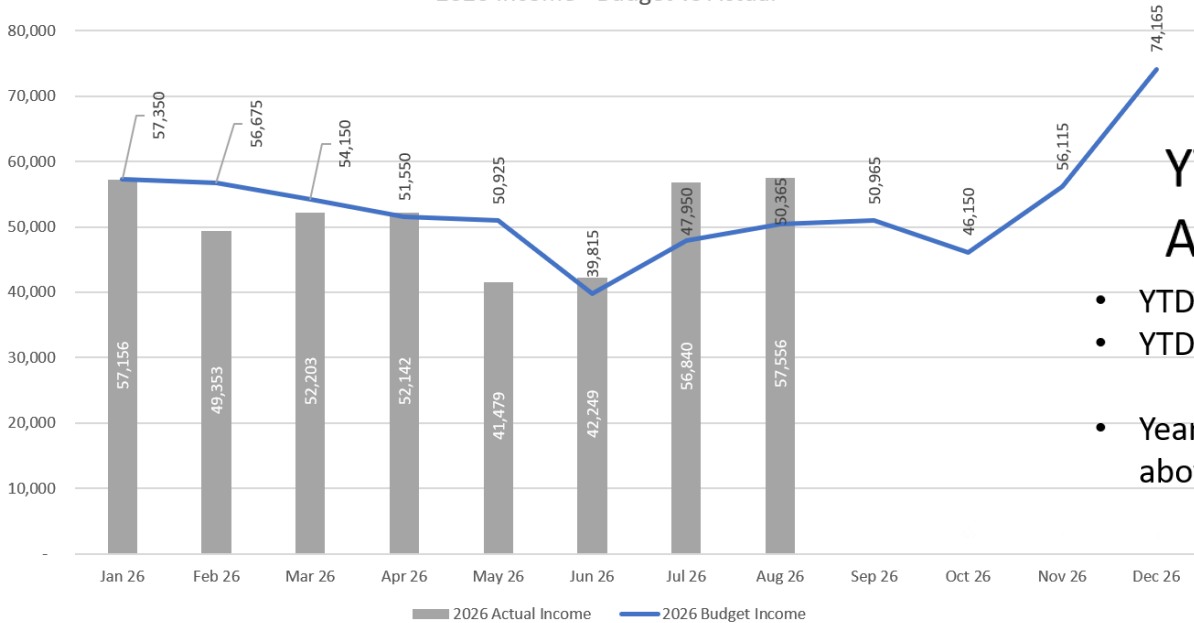
Pre-planning for End of Life is often a discussion you choose to avoid. But importantly it is a discussion that can allow parents to express their wishes with their children. It can allow family members the opportunity to assist parents in making decisions they might find uncomfortable and awkward. It 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.



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget

2026 Income - Budget vs Actual



YTD Summary August 2026

- YTD Budget \$408,780
- YTD Actual \$408,979
- Year to Date Actual is **\$199** above budget



Mission in Motion

Every gift helps advance worship, care, outreach, and connection in our church and community. Together, we are sharing the Light of Christ in meaningful and tangible ways.

We Will Welcome New Members on Sunday, November 8th!

If you're interested in joining our church family, we invite you to attend a New Member Information Class on **November 8th at 5:30 PM**. 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.



Stay Informed!

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

The Generous Life: Six Practices that Shape Our Faith

The Generous Life: *Give Proportionally*



Proportional giving invites us into intentional, growing generosity.

In Scripture, giving is often described as a portion or percentage—an approach that allows each person to give faithfully according to what they have received.

Proportional giving creates a pathway for growth. It's not about comparison—it's about commitment.

What this looks like in everyday life:

A member chooses a percentage of their income to give. For some, it begins at a smaller percentage; for others, it grows toward a tithe (10%). Over time, they increase that percentage as they are able.

This approach brings clarity, consistency, and a sense of purpose to giving.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give...” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

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

Fall Confirmation Retreat 2026 dates = October 23-25



Fall Confirmation Retreat

We're excited to be going on our Fall Confirmation Retreat to Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI again this year! Each year this retreat proves to be a significant faith-shaping and relationship building event (with friends and with God)! This overnight retreat includes fellowship time, games, campfire worship, discussions, food/snacks and lots of outdoor time (where we can see the incredible stars at night)! This Beacon article has 2 purposes:

1. To share the info with Confirmation Families so they can save the date and register!
2. To invite congregation members to support our youth and families through a donation to help off-set the cost of this retreat. If you are able to make a contribution, please talk to Kirsten.

Thank you **SO** much!

What: Overnight Retreat at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI – Faith, Fellowship, Food and FUN!

Who: Confirmation youth (grades 7-9) and adult leaders. **This retreat is expected for all Confirmation youth and is SO worth it!**

Leave: Friday, October 23 at 5:00 PM; we will carpool from LOC (transportation is still being arranged).

Return: To LOC on Sunday, October 25 at 1:00 PM.

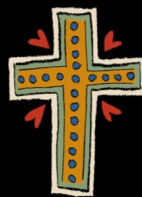
NOTE: If youth have an older sibling being Confirmed on Sunday, October 25, Kirsten will be leaving early and they can ride with her. We hope they'll still attend!

Cost/Person: \$200-225 (depending on numbers, transportation and scholarships available - this will cover transportation, food/snacks, lodging and a bit to help cover the cost of adults). Scholarships are always available, if needed - talk to Kirsten. See below for payment info.

Register: Online here: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/FallWapoRetreat2026> (no later than 10/16).

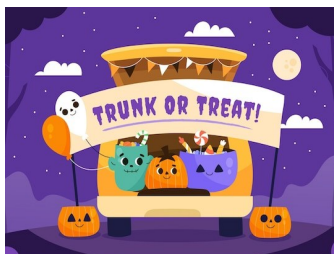
Complete: the short form at this link from Camp Wapo: <https://events.circuitree.com/campwapo/Group/?itinID=nlGwpzAly94%253D>

Confirmation families, thank you for registering for this retreat so that we can plan ahead (on things like transportation and adults needed); and *LOC congregation*, thank you for any financial assistance you can provide to support the faith of our youth!



Welcome to Confirmation, 7th Graders!

Small Group Kick-Off Night 9/23/26



Save the date!

Trunk or Treat—Friday, October 30, 4:30-6:30 PM in the church parking lot. Watch for more details to come!