



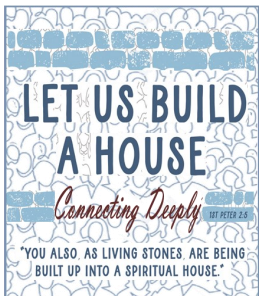
Worship

- In-person worship—
9:30 AM Sundays
- Online worship is
live-streamed to our
[YouTube](#) and
[Facebook](#) pages



Church Council 2025

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Welcome to our new Director of Children & Family Ministry, Sabrina Kolleck!

Hello,

My name is Sabrina Kolleck, I am 43 years young, born and raised in Germany. At age 18 I stumbled into working with children and realized it's my passion. Therefore I continued to specialize in early childhood education and early childhood development. I have worked in this field ever since. When my now husband (born in Germany, raised in America) and I decided we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together (he had no idea what he got into, yet) the decision was made. I was to move to the United States. A little later, with our 3 month old, we moved our little family overseas, to Minnesota. Seven years ago we bought a wonderful country property south of Montrose. There we reside with plenty of chickens, an English Shepherd, three cats in the house and three cats in the barn, plus I am a proud momma of three boys, ages 17, 12, & 6, and one girl who is almost a full grown adult (if you ask her) at age 4. As a family we love to spend outdoor time camping, paddle boarding/ kayaking, hiking, snowboarding, and adventuring in any way. So much, that we time travel every other weekend during the summer to reenact, live, and teach the 1800's lifestyle. If I need to wind down you would find me learning yet another 1800's skill like wool dying or hide tanning, dancing, taking photographs, baking at the stove, or with both hands digging in the dirt in my garden. Anything that would connect me with God's greatest creation - nature - grounds me.



And now I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with the children of LOC. As the Director of Children and Family Ministry, I will be leading the Voyagers and Pathfinders groups on Wednesdays, coordinating the Explorers on Sundays, and some other fun-filled children's activities. I can't wait to find out all the things your young ones will teach me...patience, happiness, curiosity, and so much more.

It's Almost Time! Rally Sunday Is September 7th!

On Rally Sunday we rally together to kick off another year of our fall programming. Following worship that day, we will have lots of activities, including a bounce house, games, prizes, food, and fellowship! Members of various committees will also be on hand after worship to answer questions about their respective committees.



Here's where you can help! We've compiled a list of specific items we could use. See the SignUp Genius link below or the QR code here. There is also a place on the sign-up for adults/youth to volunteer to help with the games on Rally Sunday. Thank you – your support of our Children's Ministry means the world! The children love the games, prizes, and getting excited for the year ahead! All are welcome!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-57858719-locrally>



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LOC September Gratitude Outreach

The Mission/Evangelism Committee will be doing a **Gratitude Outreach** for the Delano fire fighters to thank these volunteers for all they do for our residents. The fire department is having their annual Dad's Waffle Breakfast at the fire station and the Senior Center on **Saturday, September 6th from 7:30 to 11:30 AM**. The city will also have a silent auction and will accept donations to benefit the fire department and the senior center. Our committee will create a large *thank you* poster which we will ask our LOC members to sign. We will also create a fun activity for kids to thank our fire fighters. You can donate funds for them at the breakfast, or Lona Jose or Lisa Spencer will deliver any donations. We appreciate so much what these fire fighters do for us in the community and look forward to sharing this appreciation. We hope you can join us on September 6th!



Gardeners: do you have extra produce from your garden?



The Food Shelf is open to drop off donations from 5:00-6:00 every Tuesday evening and 9:00-11:00 every Thursday morning. If you want to arrange a drop-off at another time, please call the Food Shelf @ 763-972-4455 and leave a message. We will get back to you to arrange a drop-off time.

Put Your Faith Into Action!

Each 2nd Monday of the month, Light of Christ joins five other churches in packing and distributing food boxes for local neighbors. Join the 9:45 AM packing crew in Rockford or the 3:30 PM distribution team in our parking lot. It's meaningful work that makes a real difference. **September 8th** is the next distribution.



NourishingHOPE

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

- ◇ 9:45 AM Food box packing. Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- ◇ 3:30 PM Food distribution. Here at LOC. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)

Questions? Contact Tim Johnson at tim.johnson@locdelano.com.

The HOOT Newsletter for September 2025



Come join the Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS) for fun, fellowship, and faith!!

In Minnesota, we love fall. The cooler weather, beautiful colors, and activities that define the season. The OWLS planning team has put together some events you will not want to miss! Whether or not you have joined our group, we welcome you. We'll have a table of information at Rally Sunday, September 7th, if you want more information and someone to help you sign up for Sunday Bible study or our monthly events.

On **Sunday, September 14th** we start a 9-week Bible study titled "Faith — Depending on God." We will meet each week at 10:45 AM after worship in room 101 and will finish before Thanksgiving. Sue Fink leads this study and has books available for \$10. (Also available on Amazon) You will want a book prior to the 14th so you have a chance to do the study. We typically have 15-20 participants. It's a wonderful way to grow in faith and supportive friendships. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or [at this link](#).

Calendar of events

September 17th (Wednesday): Noon potluck BBQ at the Fink Farm (Sue and Bill Fink hosting). There will be lunch in the barn followed by outdoor games. (You never know what Bill will come up with!) Bill and Sue will provide brats and burgers, so bring a side, beverage, or dessert to share.

October 30th: LaDonna is planning an unforgettable Halloween party. Stay tuned!

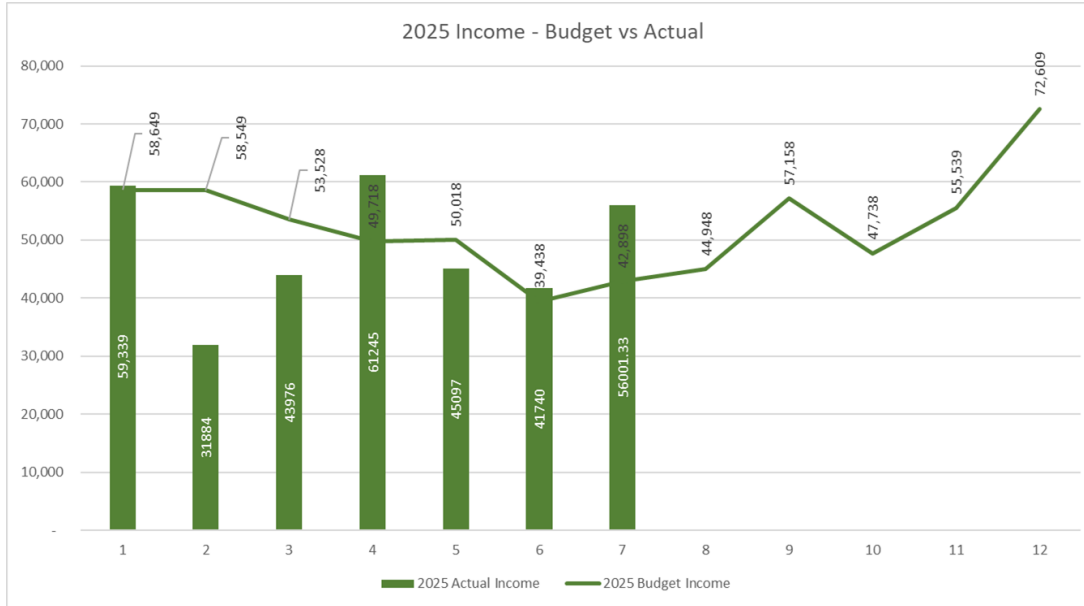
November 20th: 5:00 PM supper at the Ox Yoke Inn followed by holiday lights at Sovereign Estate Winery in Waconia.

December 18th: Christmas potluck and white elephant gift exchange. Start searching your closets for a unique gift, nothing to purchase. This was a "**HOOT**" last year!!

All events are subject to change so let Sue Fink know your email address and phone number in case we need to get news out to everyone. Also, watch the bulletin and Beacon newsletter for updates.

Get ready to make lasting friends who share the love and light of Christ.

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – July 2025

- YTD Budget \$352,798
YTD Actual \$339,281
- Year to Date Actual is **\$13,517** below budget
- July giving above budget

Adult Choir Begins Soon!



Can you believe fall is almost upon us? That means adult choir is starting up again! Weekly rehearsals are Tuesdays 6:30-7:30, with the first rehearsal on **September 9th**. All skill levels are welcome! If you are interested or have any questions, talk to LOC's

Worship and Music Director, Katie!

Sunday Announcements



If you would like to share any church-related announcements on Sunday morning, please let Katie know by the Wednesday prior to the service. We will do our best to accommodate, but there may be Sundays where we cannot fit it in, and another Sunday may work better. Thank you!

Rooted in Faith, Ready to Grow

We are just two weeks away from kicking off our fall theme: *Rooted in Faith*.

Growing in Generosity. Our life together is a garden—each one of us rooted in God's grace, shaped by stories of faith, and growing through community.

As part of this season, we're inviting people to share short stories that show how **faith and generosity are taking root** in their lives.

Would you be willing to share?

- When did you first realize **God's presence was real** in your life?
- What's one way you've grown in generosity—financial or otherwise—because of your faith?

Reach out to pastor or a Stewardship team member if you'd consider offering a story.



Coming This Fall: Deep Questions, Grounded Faith

Connecting Deeply with God and with One Another — Rooted, Growing, Bearing Fruit

On Thursdays beginning on **September 11th**, we're diving into some of life's biggest and most important questions—questions that shape how we see God, ourselves, and the world. Our new six-week series, **Deep Questions, Grounded Faith**, will explore what it means to live fully rooted in God's grace, mercy, and love, and how that grounding leads us to actively engage the world around us.

Each week, we'll focus on one big question:

- What is faith—and why does it matter?
- Where is God when life hurts?
- What is my purpose?
- Can I really change—and how?
- What does it mean to be “saved”?
- What does it mean to live a good life?

As we explore these questions, we'll weave them into our seasonal imagery of **planting, nurturing, and harvesting**, seeing how faith grows when we tend it—and how it bears fruit in generosity, service, and love.

Whether you've been in church your whole life or you're simply curious, you're invited to join the conversation. Each session will include Scripture, reflection, discussion, and a practical takeaway for the week—something you can live out personally and share with others.

**Thursday mornings from 9:15 – 10:30 AM and
Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM**

Come ready to listen, share, and grow. Your questions are welcome here—and together, we'll discover how deeply God's answers can take root in our lives.



Attention, Women! As life and schedules get busy for the fall, please consider taking time out for yourself and joining us for the women's Bible study starting in September. Participating in a Bible study is a great way to dive deeper into the word and gain new insights that strengthen our faith.

The women's Bible study will meet **the first and third Mondays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at LOC**. The first Monday of the month we will meet in the Living Room. On the third Monday of the month we will meet in room 106. If you need to leave early at any point that is okay. **We will meet September – June. We will not meet in December. The first meeting will be September 15th.** If you can't make it every time that is okay! We want you to come when you can.

We will be doing **two Bible studies by Nancy Guthrie**. The first half of our time together we will study her book *God Does His Best Work with Empty*. The second half we will study her book *Even Better than Eden*.

God Does His Best Work with Empty

Join Nancy Guthrie in discovering why emptiness has never been, and never will be, a problem to God. As Nancy pulls back the curtain on God's work to fill up emptiness as revealed throughout the Bible, you'll experience page after page of grace and hope that your emptiness can and will be filled. You'll begin to see that God really does do His best work with empty—as he fills it with Himself.

Source: [God Does His Best Work with Empty: Guthrie, Nancy: 9781496439697: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Even Better Than Eden

Experienced Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie traces 9 themes throughout the Bible, revealing how God's plan for the new creation will be far more glorious than the original. But this new creation glory isn't just reserved for the future. The hope of God's plan for his people transforms everything about our lives today.

Source: [Even Better than Eden: Nine Ways the Bible's Story Changes Everything about Your Story: Guthrie, Nancy: 9781433561252: Amazon.com: Books](#)

We hope to see you in September! If you are interested in participating, please contact Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com

Bible Study/Discussion Group for Mom's of Pre-Teens/Teens

As we work to be a community where all feel connected and cared for, we are trying a new time/group for moms of pre-teens and teens. Join us on **Thursday, September 18th from 8:15-9:45 AM** (right after school drop-off) to meet with some other moms and talk about life, faith and parenting. This will be very laid back with zero prep or expectation. Coffee, creamer and treats provided. We'll discuss future meetings & times with those who attend or express interest... so email Kirsten if you're interested but cannot attend on 9/18. Please also contact Kirsten about any specific food needs/requests. Hope to see you there!



Children's Ministry Registrations

If you have not yet registered, please do so ASAP at the links below or at the QR code.



- ⇒ **Voyagers** (1st - 3rd grade; 2025-26 year): <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Voyagers.2025-2026>
- ⇒ **Pathfinders** (4th - 6th grade; 2025-2026 year): <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Pathfinders.2025-2026>

31 **Voyagers & Pathfinders Program Dates:** Voyagers and Pathfinders will run from **September 10, 2025 through April 29, 2026.**

New This Year: With the school district introducing **early release days on the third Wednesday of each month**, we are excited to offer **Voyagers a longer day** - starting after school - filled with some **extra fun activities** on those days!!

Confirmation Calendar

If you have not yet registered for Confirmation, please do so ASAP at this link or the QR code above: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Confirmation2025-26>

- **9/10/25, 6:30-7:30 PM** = Confirmation Orientation for all youth (grades 7-9) and at least one parent/guardian - LOC Sanctuary
- **9/10/25, 7:30-8:30 PM** = Guide Orientation/Training - LOC Sanctuary
- **9/17/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Small Group Night at LOC
- **9/24/25, 6:00-9:30 PM** = FMSC Service Night - Chanhassen
- **10/1/25, 5:45-6:15 PM** = SLICE available ([Sign up here by 2 pm](#) if you plan to attend!)
- **10/1/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Confirmation "Teaching Night"
- **10/8/25, 5:45-6:15 PM** = SLICE available ([Sign up here by 2 pm](#) if you plan to attend!)
- **10/8/25, 6:15-8:00 PM** = Confirmation "Teaching Night"
- **10/15/25** = No Confirmation (MEA)



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

7th/ 8th Gr Summer Youth Night



HS Summer Youth Night



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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

HS Photo Scavenger Hunt

