



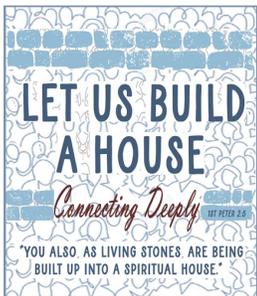
## Worship

- 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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Don't forget to direct 2025 Choice Dollars® by **March 31** at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

## Let's Pack the Pews in March!

March is Minnesota FoodShare Month and LOC participates by "Packing the Pews" with donations for the Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf. As you enter the sanctuary, please look for signs made by our Voyagers kids indicating the pew we hope to pack with donations during the month. Although all donations are welcome, the greatest food shelf needs are the following:

- ◇ Coffee and tea
- ◇ Soup that can be a full meal (we have lots of chicken noodle and tomato soup)
- ◇ Dried split peas
- ◇ Tissues and napkins
- ◇ Barbecue sauce or other sauces to flavor meats
- ◇ Canned or jarred pasta sauce
- ◇ Canned meats (other than tuna fish)
- ◇ Dog and cat food or treats
- ◇ Boxed cake or brownie mixes



No expired food please. If you wish to donate money instead, checks can be made payable to **Delano Helping Hands** and put in the offering plate.

Thank you so much for helping to address hunger in our community!

## Fifth Sunday Offering – March



In March, our Fifth Sunday Offering will support **Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford**, home base for *Nourishing Hope*, the West Metro food distribution cooperative serving nearly **750 families each month**. Our Father's provides the space and support that make this shared ministry possible. This special offering helps offset their ongoing facility and operational costs. Please note "**Fifth Sunday – NH**" on your check/envelope or give online through the March Fifth Sunday Offering option. Thank you for helping extend Christ's care to our neighbors.

# Resilience *Rewired*:

*Create The Good* When There's None to Find

Most resilience talks tell people to look for the good.  
Kate Gladdin teaches you how to use problems to build it.

## FAITH COMMUNITIES

Join international resilience speaker Kate Gladdin for an inspiring and practical evening focused on building resilience through purpose — not forced positivity.

Kate shares powerful personal stories and research-based strategies for navigating life's challenges with resilience, purpose, and hope. Come join others for an evening focused on building resilience in our places of worship, families and community.



APRIL 1, 2026 WED  
6:30 - 7:30 PM



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**Join us to support the youth on the new date, 4/19!**

## Support the 50+ Youth Going on our Summer Mission Trips!

We hope you'll join us for our fabulous youth fundraiser, rescheduled for **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**! Donations are now due by **April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Some donation ideas include (*new and gently used items*):

- ◇ Gift cards
- ◇ Toys
- ◇ Unwanted Christmas gifts
- ◇ Event tickets
- ◇ Cabin rentals
- ◇ Personally hosted events, such as dinners/boating
- ◇ Handmade items
- ◇ Jewelry
- ◇ Sports equipment
- ◇ Books
- ◇ **No used clothing, please**



Our auction will be online again this year from 7:00 AM–5:00 PM on April 19<sup>th</sup>, with items on display at church from 3:00-5:00 PM. Lindsay Wallace will be serving wine and beer samples beginning at 4:00 PM. The dinner takes place from 5:00-7:00 PM with the fabulous LIVE Dessert Auction around 6:30 PM... don't miss it! Tickets for the dinner are on sale and can be purchased before/after worship, online [at this link](#), or from Terri during normal office hours. Thanks for your support of our summer 2026 trips!

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## Lenten Worship

Weekly Wednesday Lenten worship continues through March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and will incorporate the Holden Evening Prayer service, as well as feature the 10<sup>th</sup> graders'

faith statements. Service will also be [livestreamed](#). Lenten supper will be served at 5:30 PM, with a free-will offering taken. The menu for March 25<sup>th</sup> is chicken Caesar salad and macaroni & cheese served by the Healing & Wholeness Committee and OWLS group.



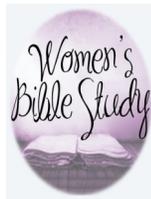
## Holy Week

- \* **Palm Sunday**, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM
- \* **Maundy Thursday**, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM - Worship with Holy Communion and First Communion for some of our youth
- \* **Good Friday**, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM - "Service of the Nails," a contemplative service with scripture, prayer, meditation, and music.
- \* **Easter Sunday**, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 & 10:30 AM - A blend of classic and contemporary worship featuring a variety of music and plenty of celebration!

## 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. If you are interested in participating, please contact 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!

## Pre-planning for End of Life

Pre-planning for End of Life is often a discussion you choose to avoid. While it may be difficult, it also may be one of the most important gifts you can give to family members.

Pre-planning ensures your loved ones are well protected, well prepared and well loved.

End of Life planning is important between spouses but also important to include family members. Willingness to be open to this discussion is a reciprocal gift that parents give to their age-appropriate 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.

Pre-planning for end of life has many facets. It may include estate planning, financial considerations, memorial preferences and consideration of a final resting spot.

Light of Christ offers tools and support as you make the decision to give your loved ones the gift of end-of-life pre-planning. In 2025 we offered a pre-planning seminar with legal professionals sharing estate planning tips and a pre-planning funeral director providing extensive information on all aspects of end-of-life details. Our intention is to hopefully repeat this seminar on an annual basis and encourage members of all ages to attend.

In all aspects of end-of-life planning, we want to highlight the Light of Christ Columbarium and Memorial Garden as a final resting place for your loved ones. This beautiful space just outside our church entrance provides a space for survivors to meditate, pray, reflect and honor the life of their loved one.

Current and past members of Light of Christ Church and members of their immediate families are eligible for inurnment in the LOC Columbarium and Memorial Garden. The current members of Columbarium Board of Trustees are Dave Gast, Tom Sebelien, Lisa Krause, Pastor Tim Wheatley and Jinnelle Weis. Please reach out to any board member or the church office if you have questions or would like additional information.





The church office will be closed on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The building will be open by 9:00 AM.



## The HOOT Newsletter for March 2026

The OWLS are co-hosting the Lenten supper on **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** along with the Healing and

Wholeness Committee. Plan to come at **5 PM** to set up. The menu will be chicken Caesar salad and mac-n-cheese. If you can make a crock pot of mac-n-cheese, bring some rolls/bread or bars/cookies, or help with setup, serving or cleanup, contact Sue Fink. (*I may check into ready-made mac-n-cheese at Costco.*) We'll prepare lemonade, ice water, and coffee.

**April:** we are open to ideas. Bill and Sue will be on vacation the third week, so the date would need to change to **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Stay tuned.

For **May 21<sup>st</sup>**, several folks have asked to return to Big Stone Mini Golf, which was a hoot! We can meet for lunch first. More details later.

**Bible Study:** Let's continue meeting on Sunday mornings after the service, with the following dates planned: **March 29, April 12 & 26, and May 10 & 17.**

**Happy Birthday** to all of you celebrating another year this month: Rhonda Almquist, Cheryl Collins, Greg Johnson, Kay Klason, Lynda Pavlovich, Lisa Hemmer, Bonnie Lotzer, John Zerull, LoyAnn Anderson, Linda Rosaaen, and Amber Dawn Andrews. Peace and Good Health to each of **you!!**

## Lost & Found Items

Missing something? Our Lost & Found bins outside the church office (near the mailboxes) are overflowing with a variety of items. Please stop by 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.



## We Will Welcome New Members on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>!

If you're interested in joining our church family, we invite you to attend a New Member Information Class on **March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**. To help us prepare, please let the church office know by March 25<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. We're also here to answer any questions you may have. New members will be formally received on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Drawn to the Word Artistic Worship Event—November 1, 2026, 9:30 AM service at LOC

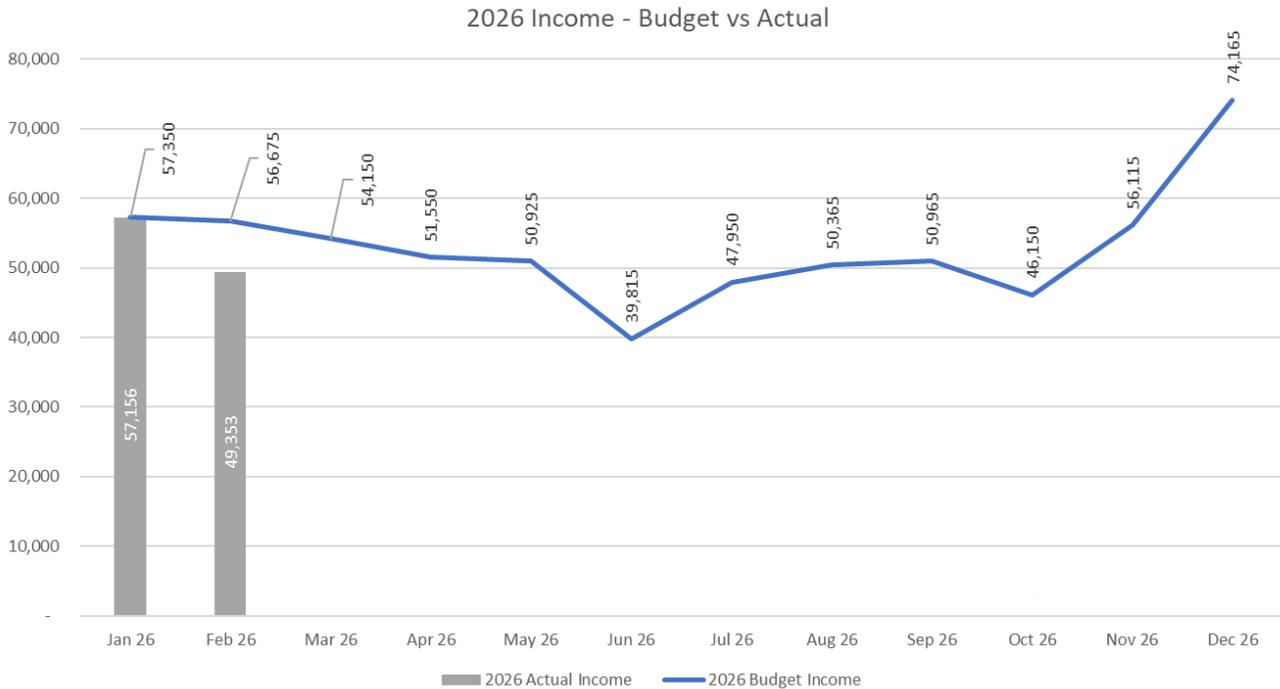
Save the date and get excited for a very special event being planned by your Healing and Wholeness Committee, which will involve our gifted congregation in many ways. We are hosting Paul Oman, an artist who paints a picture of our choosing during worship to display at LOC. He has painted at events all over the nation and in China over the past 15 years, including Camp Wapo!

*"A Drawn to the Word experience is centered around the Word of God. We work to incorporate the God-given talents of all ages. The worship service becomes the Body of Christ in action in your midst. Musicians, singers, readers, promoters, planners, and even builders who construct the canvas each share in the excitement."*

There will be several fundraising opportunities, including donations from the Lenten supper Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Healing and Wholeness committee and the OWLS. We also encourage members to make a special donation if you feel God's leading. You can make a donation by [clicking here](#), choosing the **"Designated Gift"** tile and making a notation in the memo that it is for **"Drawn to the Word."**



## 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

### 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.

### Stay Informed!

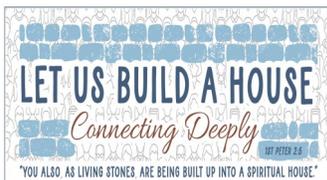
The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).



### Capital Appeal Update

Thanks to your generosity, \$246,535 has been pledged to the “Let Us Build a House” capital appeal, with \$82,559 still expected during the remaining pledge period. This spring we will move forward with rebuilding and repaving the parking lot. At \$173,000, the project is larger than anticipated but essential for safety, accessibility, and hospitality.

With more than a year of pledged giving still ahead, we welcome additional gifts to the appeal. If you have already pledged, thank you for your faithful support. If you have not yet participated, there is still time to join in. Every gift helps us move forward. Contributions can be made through the Give tab on our website.



### Storytelling Training

Last year, the Mission and Evangelism Committee sponsored a Storytelling training session led by Dr. Mary Hess from Luther Theological Seminary. The small group that gathered received tips on telling stories, listened to a brief overview of the importance of stories, and shared their own stories. The biggest surprise was how the storytelling exercise emphasized the importance of listening, prompting a great discussion on the importance of listening in our current times. Copies of materials distributed are available from Terri in the church office, including a list of additional resources. If your group or committee is interested in the training, contact a member of the Mission and Evangelism Committee.



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



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## 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://lwlbc.com/loc-delano>. Please reach out with any questions!



## Confirmation Calendar

- ⇒ **Wednesday, 4/1**—Join us at the PAC at Delano HS for a great speaker, Kate Gladdin—see flyer on page 2. Nothing at LOC this night.
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 4/8**—SLICE & April WOW (begins at 6:30 PM)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 4/15**—SLICE & teaching night (6:15-8:00 PM)
- ⇒ **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)



March 11, 2026

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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>

