



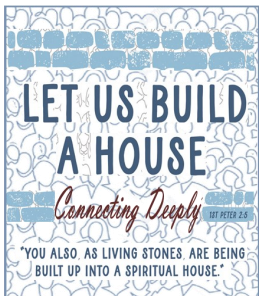
Worship

- 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



You may have noticed a new addition to the fellowship hall patio area. The convertible benches/picnic tables were made by members of Delano Scout Troop 3273 as part of Zachariah Quamen's (son of Kirby and Carrie Quamen) Eagle Scout project. An Eagle Scout project is the final step in a Scout's journey toward earning the highest rank in Scouting. Each candidate is asked to plan, organize, and lead a service project that benefits the community, such as a church, school, park, or nonprofit organization. Zachariah reached out to Light of Christ staff to collaborate on an idea for his project. He received approval from troop leaders and the Property Board. After deciding on a pattern for the benches, Zachariah developed his materials and expense lists, coordinated volunteers, built a full bench to use as an example, and then managed the group as the rest of the project was constructed. Through this process, Scouts demonstrate leadership, responsibility, and a commitment to serving others—values that reflect both strong character and faithful stewardship of their God-given gifts.

Contact us!

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Starting on May 22nd, the church office will be closed on Fridays through September 4th.

Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)



Mental Health Awareness Month—May 2026

THANK YOU!

On Sunday, May 3rd, our LOC fellowship hour/breakfast was hosted by your Healing and Wholeness Committee, and we are delighted to let you know that \$361 was donated towards our annual dues of \$900 for Mental Health Connect! Anyone interested in making a donation through the month of May, [please see this link](#) or leave an envelope in the offering designating your gift to “*Mental Health Connect.*” We thank you!

Sue Fink and Lisa Spencer attended our first “Stories of Hope” breakfast with MHC at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church this month. It was great to meet other members and learn more about the organization and all they have to offer. We heard “Cultivating Hope in Community” from two pastors in the metro area who spoke about the resilience of our communities in the face of the unprecedented circumstances around Metro Surge. Their message in brief: “I am brave, because WE are brave.”



Please browse our mental health resource display in the Narthex set up throughout this month. You will find resources for Mental Health Connect and information on various mental health concerns. Also find resources on our [LOC website](#) under *Support/ Mental Health*. Remember, you are not alone and there is help.

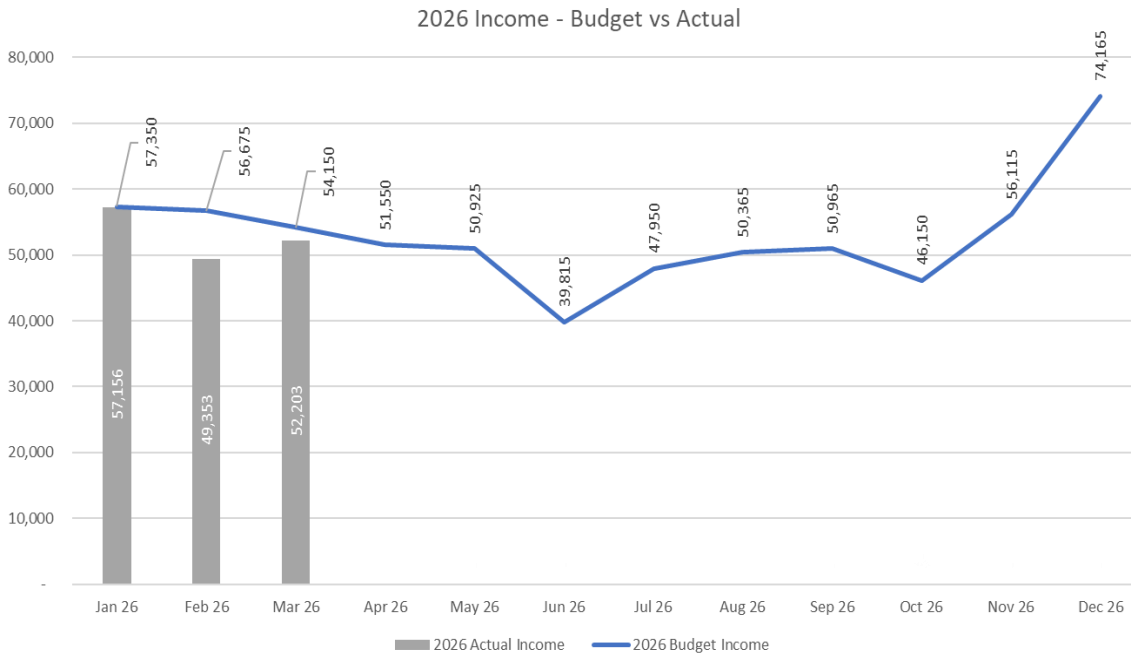
Thanks so much to all who donated and enjoyed our French toast casserole, berries, and sausage. We had many requests for the recipe which you can find [here](#).

Fifth Sunday Donations in May

Our Fifth Sunday contributions this May will be for our LOC Birthday Ministry. Several Light of Christ member volunteers work in collaboration with the Delano Love INC chapter to provide birthday gifts and supplies for children ages 10 and under throughout the year. Families in need are selected by Love INC. LOC volunteers each month receive a list of eligible children and purchase birthday gifts as well as birthday supplies for these children/families. Light of Christ totally funds the cost of this program and there is no cost to the recipient families. We so appreciate your financial contributions for this monthly effort for these young children. Your efforts will help make wonderful birthdays for these special young kids in need and bring them a bright star on their special day. To contribute, mark your check or envelope with “*Fifth Sunday*” or use the “*May Fifth Sunday Offering*” tile on our [Give](#) page. **Thank you so much for your generous contribution!**



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



YTD Summary March 2026

- YTD Budget \$168,175
- YTD Actual \$158,712
- Year to Date Actual is **\$9,463** 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 Generously*

Generosity invites us to trust God more deeply.

Giving generously isn’t about equal amounts—it’s about meaningful response. It’s asking, “*What is generous for me?*” and taking a step in faith.

Throughout the Bible, generosity reflects trust—that God will provide, that our gifts matter, and that God is at work through them.

What this looks like in everyday life:

A person looks at their current giving and senses an invitation to grow. Maybe it’s increasing their offering, responding to a need, or stepping beyond what feels comfortable. Over time, generosity expands.

Generosity stretches us—but it also fills us with purpose and joy.

“Whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” – 2 Corinthians 9:6

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

The GIVING CORNER

“Bunching” multiple years of gifts into one tax year

With today’s higher standard deduction, some households do not itemize every year, which can make their giving feel less tax efficient. One planning idea is “bunching.” Instead of giving the same amount annually, you combine several years of intended gifts into a single year so that you are more likely to itemize and fully benefit from deductions that year. In the years in-between, you can still give, but you do it from a donor advised fund that you funded during the bunching year. This approach can keep your church and favorite charities supported on a steady schedule while you focus the tax deduction into the year it matters most. It is not right for everyone, but it is worth considering if your deductions hover near the itemizing threshold.

Article Submitted by Brad L. Spencer, CPWA®

Capital Appeal Update: Building for Today—and Tomorrow

Thank you for your generous support of our capital appeal, *“Let Us Build a House...Where Love Can Grow.”* Your gifts are already making a meaningful impact in the life and ministry of our church.

Where We Stand

- Total Pledged: \$232,130
- Total Received: \$189,709
- Total Expected: \$242,550
- Capital Funds Available (after tithe): \$218,295

Projects Already Completed

- Steeple repairs
- Security upgrades
- New cameras
- Sound board improvements

Total invested so far: \$45,548

Next Major Step: Parking Lot Replacement

- Funds Available: \$172,747
- Current Bid: \$173,100
- Current Shortfall: \$353
(Though rising prices may increase final costs.)

We are essentially there—an incredible testimony to your generosity.

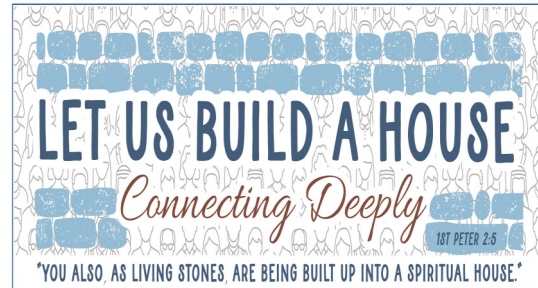
Looking Ahead

In the months ahead, the Building Committee will revisit additional improvements, including:

- Expanded hallway space outside the sanctuary
- Updated bathrooms
- Fellowship Hall improvements
- Kitchen enhancements
- A welcoming coffee bar gathering area

These projects are about more than buildings—they are about creating spaces for connection, hospitality, and ministry.

Thank you for helping strengthen a place where faith grows, relationships deepen, and lives are touched.



Help Needed



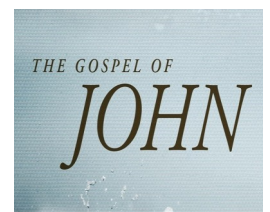
Learn what's involved in caring for our church and get to know staff by volunteering for **1 hour, two days a week every 5-6 weeks.**

Duties involve emptying waste-baskets, filling towel dispensers, and vacuuming the office entryway as needed. We welcome men or women with availability on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Contact Terri in the office if interested.

Thursday Night Bible Study—just a couple of session left!

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 May



Well, HOOT! Spring has sprung and we are finding our wings, venturing out and about for lots of activities. So, we are winding down our OWLS events for the summer with one last adventure!

On Thursday, May 21st we'll meet at LOC at 11:15 to carpool to the Red Rooster in Long Lake for lunch, followed by a round of mini golf at Big Stone Mini Golf in Minnetrista. It's a very unique and artsy course which all enjoyed a couple of years ago. Remember to bring "cash only" for the golf course. Sign up with Sue via email so we have numbers for reservations.

Please put Monday, June 1st at 6:30 PM on your calendars. The Columbarium Board is hosting the LOC End of Life Planning Seminar with professionals Andrea Karels, Preplanning Funeral Director, and Jessica Larson and Lindsey Oldre, Edward Jones financial advisors as they share information and the importance of preplanning and discussing your wishes and plans with your loved ones. Last year, the OWLS hosted this event with over 40 in attendance! Many of us have since updated our wills and completed advanced directives, and looked anew at managing our estates for family and tax benefits. Come for a repeat session, or if you missed it, now is your chance! Bring your friends. Being prepared is such a gift to your loved ones.

LOC End of Life Planning Seminar – June 1 – 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 and fraud awareness and prevention. Also included will be information 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, June 1st at 6:30 PM** and bring a friend or neighbor with you. It will be a beneficial discussion for everyone!



Sisters of LOC May Event

Please join the Sisters of LOC for this fun night out on **Tuesday, May 19th** from **6:00-8:00 PM** at the Nature Nook in Delano. We will build a terrarium and enjoy fellowship together. A glass of wine is included in the price. Sign up at this link: <https://pay.naturenookcafe.com/e2f8b1d6-7f77-44bc-a195-db5> Bring a friend! If you have any questions, text or email Jennifer Grant at 612.226.8181 or jconnection.jg@gmail.com



The LOC Gratitude Project for this quarter is recognizing the staff and volunteers at the Delano Senior Center. Please take a moment to sign the *Thank You* card displayed in the narthex and add your appreciation. The card will be available to sign through Sunday, May 24th.

**Confirmation
Service Event
5/13/26**



**Tying Grad
Quilts**



Thank you Confirmation Guides!

Thank you to the 22 Confirmation Guides who served and gave SO much of their time during the 2025–26 school year!

Back Row (Standing): Laura Jaunich, Lori Prickett, Mike Boyack, Dave Henson, Jamie Holzer, Terri Reuter, Megan Winyinger, Curt Reuter, Carrie Quamen, Kirsten Kelly

Front/Middle Row (Sitting): Becca Finkelson, Jennie Clark, Rachel Halbersma, Pastor Tim Wheatley, Adam & Rachel Kopperud

Not Pictured: Lesley Berscheid, Kim Beyer, Elisa Carlson, Justin Lindall, Jessica Motzko, Tara Olson, Crystal Stahlke, Sarah

**Final
Confirmation
Night 5/13/26
Kickball,
Blessing & Grad
Quilts**



**9th grade
Conf.
Blessing
5/13/26**

sustainable SAFARI®

The Sustainable Safari Zoo visited LOC last month. The Voyager & Pathfinder kids got to touch and pet a kangaroo, Asian porcupine, ball python, Madagascar hedgehog tenrec, and American alligator!



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SUSTAINABLE SAFARI AT LOC



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!



Weaving life strands
Inkle Loom, Lucet, Stick weaving

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 12th – Wednesday, July 15th

Sunday: 4:30PM – 7:15PM

Monday–Wednesday: 5:00PM – 7:15PM

Register online:

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



We'd love your help with VBS! Use the links below to get involved:



Volunteer sign-up at this link: [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-62220163-vbs2026)

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-62220163-vbs2026

VBS Supply list sign-up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-63802451-vbssupply>