



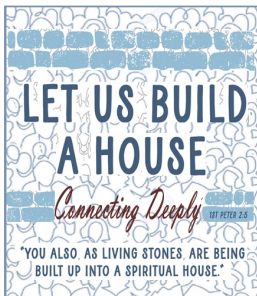
Worship

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

The middle of August is, I will admit, a weird time to be calling a congregational meeting. However, in these circumstances it seems like the proper thing to do. I do not know the full history of the parking lot, but here is the story as it has been given to me, please forgive me for any inaccuracies because I was not here for most of it.

Note
from the
pastor



We have over the last ten years patched the parking lot a bit every year. Some years it was just a small patch, sometimes it was larger. We knew that the time was surely coming when we would have to replace it. Last year we were presented with three options on how to repair it. Of the three we chose the middle of the road for about \$71,000. That was to mill and overlay the entire lot. This was a very wise move with the information we had at the time.

Well, last winter had a lot of changes, however the biggest one that pertains to our discussion today is that our parking lot developed many more problems than anyone expected. When Omann came out to do the overlay, they halted work because they believed we would be unhappy with the result. They of course would do the work as contracted, but suggested it would be unwise. Instead, they gave us a bid for the work they thought we actually needed. With great thanks to council, especially Brandt, we got four more bids (and viewpoints of what was needed). We are presenting the bid we deem best to you on August 10th. Please join us for discussion and voting on the parking lot.

If you would like to join us via Zoom, here is the link.

August 10th congregational meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83027266226?
pwd=zjUEAuU4NLLEFZimmVK2aRPEMrfdU6.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83027266226?pwd=zjUEAuU4NLLEFZimmVK2aRPEMrfdU6.1)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Serving Our Neighbors in Need — Together

Thank you for supporting our **Food Distribution Ministry**! Every month, about **90 neighbors** receive fresh produce, dairy, and other essentials through this vital outreach. Light of Christ is proud to partner with **five other churches** in our region to care for those in need. The next distribution is **Monday, August 11th**.



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40

This ministry is a beautiful expression of **Together We Thrive**—offering our **time, talents, and treasures** to bless others:

- **9:45 AM at Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford** – pack boxes of food. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>
- **3:30 PM at Light of Christ** – unload the trailer and prepare for distribution. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>
- **After clean-up** – help **pray over the requests** shared by our neighbors.

Your generous giving and hands-on help make this ministry possible. **Thank you for thriving together in faith and service!**



Belize Adult/Family Mission Trip 2026

We will be going back for our third mission trip to Bella Vista, Belize on **Saturday, February 28 through March 7, 2026**. We will be again hosting a Vacation Bible School, hosting a health clinic, worshiping and serving dinner at Pastor Kebin Rosa's church, going on home visits, working with the Bella Vista School on an education initiative, and also helping with some church projects. Please text or email Jennifer Grant if you are interested or have questions (Jpconnection.ig@gmail.com or 612.226.8181). We will be having our first meeting in August. We would love to have you prayerfully consider this life-changing opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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 drop off at another time, please call the Food Shelf at (763) 972-4455 and leave a message. We will get back to you to arrange a drop off time.

Support the Back to School Bash!

WestPointe Church and Love INC Heartland are teaming up this August to provide free school supplies, food, and fun for K–12 families in need. Sponsor a backpack for \$50 or donate any amount to support this Gap Ministry at bit.ly/schoolbash23



Grow Impact As A Volunteer Group

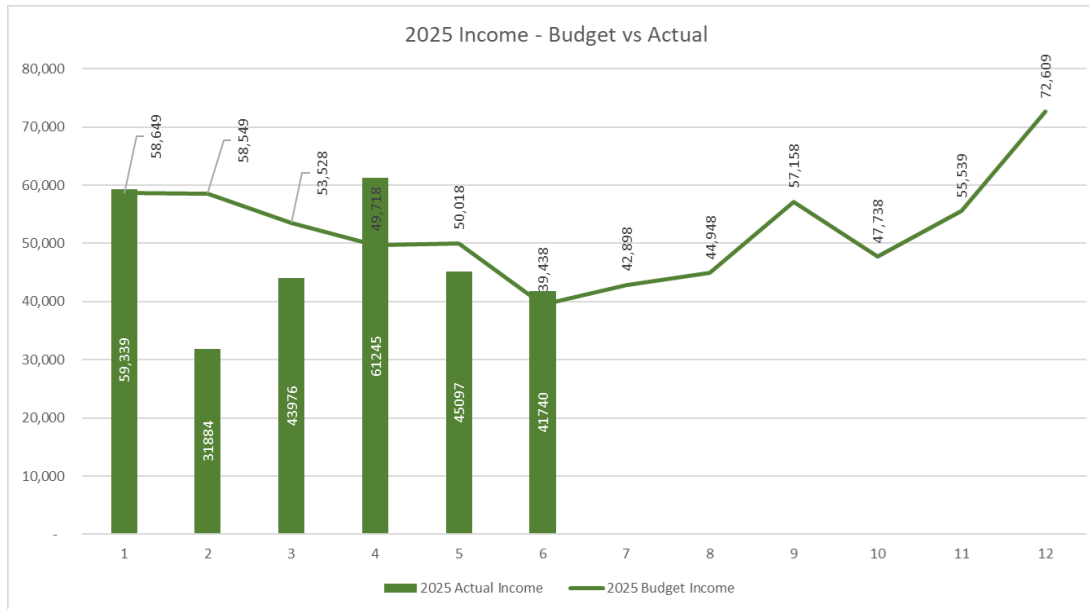
We rely on dedicated volunteers to help our office + stores run smoothly. Volunteer as a small group, family, or work team today! Learn more by calling 763-972-6547 or sign up at bit.ly/loveincvolunteer



Join Us At Golf For Love - September 15

Tee off with us at Albion Ridges on September 15 for a day of friendly competition, community, and purpose. Event details, team tickets, and sponsorship packages available at bit.ly/golfforlove25

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – June 2025

- YTD Budget \$309,900
YTD Actual \$283,280
- Year to Date Actual is **\$26,620** below budget
- June giving slightly above budget

2026 Offering Envelopes

A growing number of members contribute weekly or monthly using electronic giving methods. However, we understand that many prefer placing an offering envelope in the plate. To eliminate the ***purchased-but-unclaimed*** envelopes that are wasted, we're asking each family that ***wants*** pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by ***AUGUST 11th***. Either email [Terri in the church office](#) or call 763-972-2400. This "OPT IN" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!



******If you've already been receiving pre-printed envelopes each year, you will remain on the list until you request otherwise.******



Stewardship Is Worship

Giving is more than a practical necessity; it is an act of worship and trust in God. Whether offering our time, talents, or treasure, we are responding to God's grace with joyful hearts. As we worship through giving, ***we thrive together*** in faith and service. How will you offer your gifts as an act of worship this week?

What Is a Memorial Garden?

A memorial garden is a space designed to honor and remember the life of a loved one. A private place for reflection, remembrance and meditation. A beautiful spot creating a serene and reflective environment. Light of Christ is blessed to have our own beautiful setting right outside our entrance. We invite you to take a moment to visit our ***Columbarium and Memorial Garden*** to share in the tranquility and beauty it has to offer!



Follow Us on Instagram!



Check out our Instagram page! Our handle is ***@delanolightofchrist***. Scan the QR code to get directly to the page.



Celebrate Summer with Meditative Yoga

Happy summer, everyone! Before the start of the busy schedules coming in September, let's take some deep, restorative breaths and center ourselves. On **Thursday, August 14th at 7PM**, the Healing and Wholeness Ministry is offering another meditative yoga session!

Julie Wischmann is our member yoga instructor and has offered to lead us in a serene hour of calming breaths, relaxing yoga positions and soft music. Sue Fink will offer meditation and prayer to devote this session to our Lord

and draw us close in our shared faith.

Suggested donations of \$5 will be donated to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Please [sign up here](#) by **August 12th** so we have an idea of space and supply needs. We are hoping to have this session outdoors in the LOC yard, weather and bugs permitting! Otherwise, we will gather in Room 101. Bring your yoga mat and wear cool, comfortable clothing. Julie does have some mats and blankets to share if you need them. We welcome everyone, teens to adults, so please join us!

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



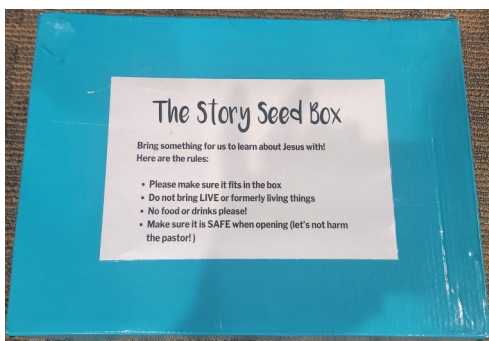
Youth & Children's Ministry Registrations

- ⇒ **Voyagers** (1st- 3rd grade; 2025-26 year): Early registration now open at link below. **Save \$20 if paid in full by August 15th**. All registrations are due by **August 29th**. <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Voyagers.2025-2026>
- ⇒ **Pathfinders** (4th-6th grade; 2025-2026 year): Early registration now open at link below. **Save \$20 if paid in full by August 15th**. All registrations are due by **August 29th**. <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Pathfinders.2025-2026>
- ⇒ **Confirmation** (7th-9th grade; 2025-2026 year): All registrations are due by **August 15th**. <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/Confirmation2025-26>

What's in the Box?

This is a question that Pastor Tim will not be able to answer until he opens the box in worship. During the children's message, Pastor Tim receives the box, opens it and then will connect what is in the box to the children's message. Does your child think they can stump Pastor Tim? Here's the chance to find out! Sign up your child (1 year old-2nd grade) for a Sunday when you will be in worship. You can pick up the box the Sunday prior or during the week (the box will be on a shelf in the church library). If you want, your child can bring the item on Sunday and sneak it into the box without Pastor Tim seeing it before worship. Sign up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-56773893-thebox>



One More Summer Youth Activity Night in August!

We invite youth to join us for a fun night of games, friends, food and fun on **Monday, August 25th**! We'll have two different gathering times:

- **6:00-7:30 PM** = Incoming 7th and 8th graders
- **7:30-9:00 PM** = Incoming 9th graders and up (including college-aged youth)

Friends are welcome and these nights are **FREE** (thanks to the support of our congregation). Hope to see you there!