



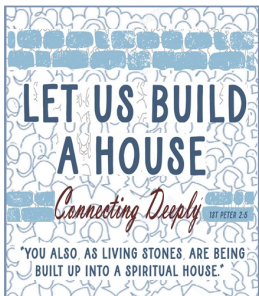
Worship

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



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Walk 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 below for the full schedule of events!

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!

Serving Our Neighbors in Need — Together

Thank you for supporting our Food Distribution Ministry! Every month, about 100 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.

“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



Our next food distribution is on **Monday, October 12th**. Please see sign-up links below:

- ◇ **Truck Boss** – Each month we either need a truck to be rented from Delano Rental, or if someone has a truck, then a trailer to be rented. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>
- ◇ **Food boxing in Rockford (9:30 AM)** – Help volunteers from our partner churches sort and pack hundreds of boxes of fresh food for area families. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>
- ◇ **Milk Transport (3:30 PM)** – We need **one volunteer** to pick up Light of Christ's milk from the refrigerated trailer at Our Father's Lutheran and transport it to the LOC parking lot for distribution. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-63210075-dairy>
- ◇ **Food Distribution (gather at 3:30 PM)** – Help welcome neighbors and distribute food in the LOC parking lot. <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. If you can help with any of these opportunities, please contact Tim Johnson or sign up using the links above. Thank you for helping Nourishing Hope provide fresh food and hope to our neighbors each month!



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.



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.



Wow Worship – Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30 PM

All are welcome to join us on **October 7th, 6:30-7:15 PM** for WOW (*Worship on Wednesdays*) Confirmation worship! This is a youth-led worship service. Stay for worship assistant training following the service. We hope you'll join us!

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

Our September 17th BBQ was so much fun with great food, fellowship and crazy minnow races!

Our next scheduled event will be the OWLoween party on **October 29th at noon** in the Living Room. It's a costume party, so get creative or plan to put on a costume from LaDonna's stash! Also get searching for a spooky recipe to share for the potluck. More details and sign up reminder coming closer to the date.

Many of you purchased our Bible Study book, "Old Testament Characters" last year. We still have 4 lessons to complete and will gather October 18th, November 8th and 15th. You're all welcome to join us as we'll have copies for those who don't have a book. Please join us following service in room 101.

And a reminder to all about the **October 26th End of Life** planning seminar here at LOC at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

Worship Assistant Training

Interested in serving as a worship assistant? Training will be offered on **Wednesday, October 7th at 7:15 PM**, following WOW worship. Everyone is invited to attend! Whether you are currently serving or interested in learning more about this ministry, we encourage you to join us.

We Will Welcome New Members on Sunday, November 22nd!



If you're interested in joining our church family, we invite you to attend a New Member Information Class on **November 8th at 11:00 AM**. 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.

End of Life Planning Seminar October 26th – 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.



Take a Step in Your Generosity Journey

THIS WEEK'S INVITATION

This week, consider one prayerful, intentional step in financial generosity. Begin with gratitude, look at your present giving, and ask what next step would reflect growing trust in God and support Christ's ministry in 2027.

WHY IT MATTERS

Generosity is more than meeting a budget. It is a spiritual practice that loosens fear, expresses gratitude, strengthens ministry, and allows love to reach beyond us. Any amount matters, with intention, trust, and growth.

A WORD TO CARRY

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." — Matthew 6:21



PRACTICAL WAYS TO TAKE A STEP

- Pray about your giving before deciding on an amount.
- If you do not give regularly, begin with a consistent weekly or monthly gift.
- If you already give, increase by a specific amount or percentage.
- Use the step charts to imagine a realistic next step for 2027 ministry support.
- Consider percentage-based giving as a long-term spiritual practice.
- Set up recurring giving so your intention becomes dependable.
- Talk as a household about the values you want your generosity to reflect.

A SIMPLE WAY TO BEGIN

Review the step charts without comparison or pressure. Ask: What do we give now? What next step is possible? What step would be meaningful, sustainable, and rooted in gratitude?

Christian generosity is not a test of worthiness but an invitation is to respond freely and prayerfully to God's generosity toward us.

LISTEN DURING THE SERMON

What are the ways money has been a blessing to you?

1. _____

What are the ways that money has trapped you?

2. _____

How can you right your relationship to money?

3. _____

NAME YOUR STEP

What measurable step would make your generosity more intentional?

My step in my generosity journey will be:

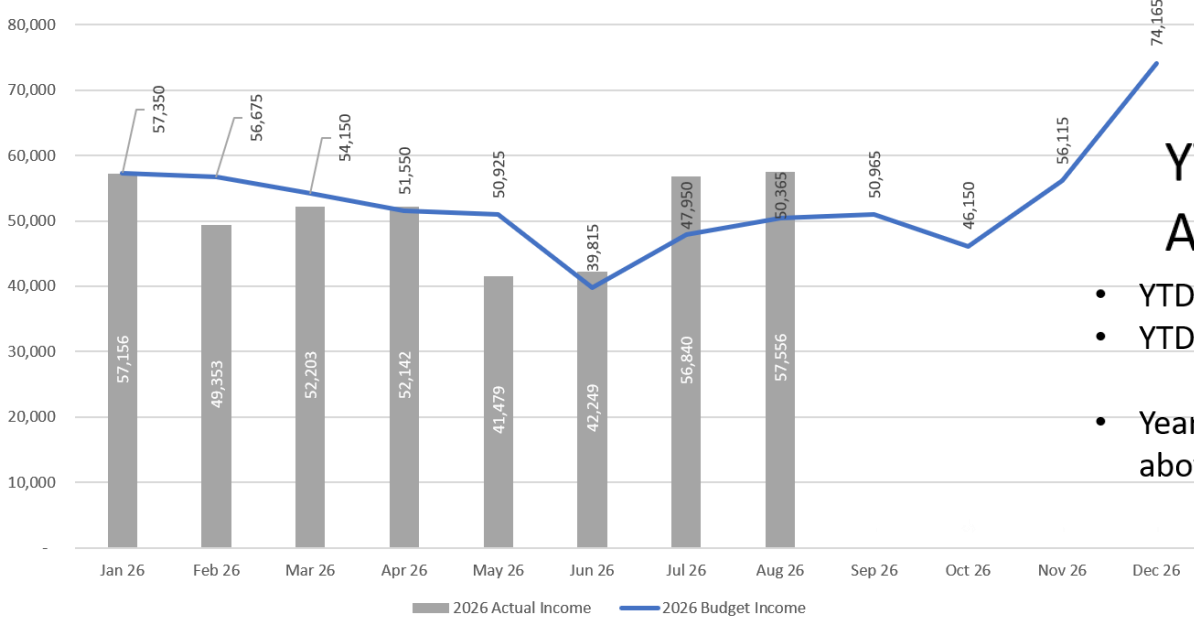
My first action will be:

I will begin by: _____

A prayer for the journey: God, give me courage to take the step you are placing before me. Amen.

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.



Bible 101

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>



It's the 2nd Annual Owl Halloween Costume Party

**Thursday, October 29
beginning at noon**

Bring a frightfully delicious
Halloween-ish dish to share.

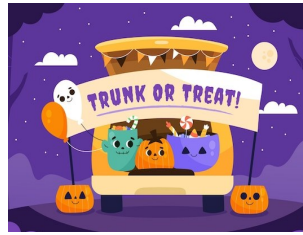
Games • Prizes • Spooktacular Fun

Whooo's ready for a hauntingly good time?



Upcoming First Communion classes:

- ◇ November 1st and 8th from 5:30-7:30 PM—sign up at link below
- ◇ First Communion service will be **November 15th**
- ◇ Sign up at this link: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/e27ff0>



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!

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=nIGwpzAly94%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!

