



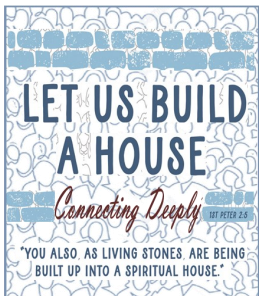
## Worship

- 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

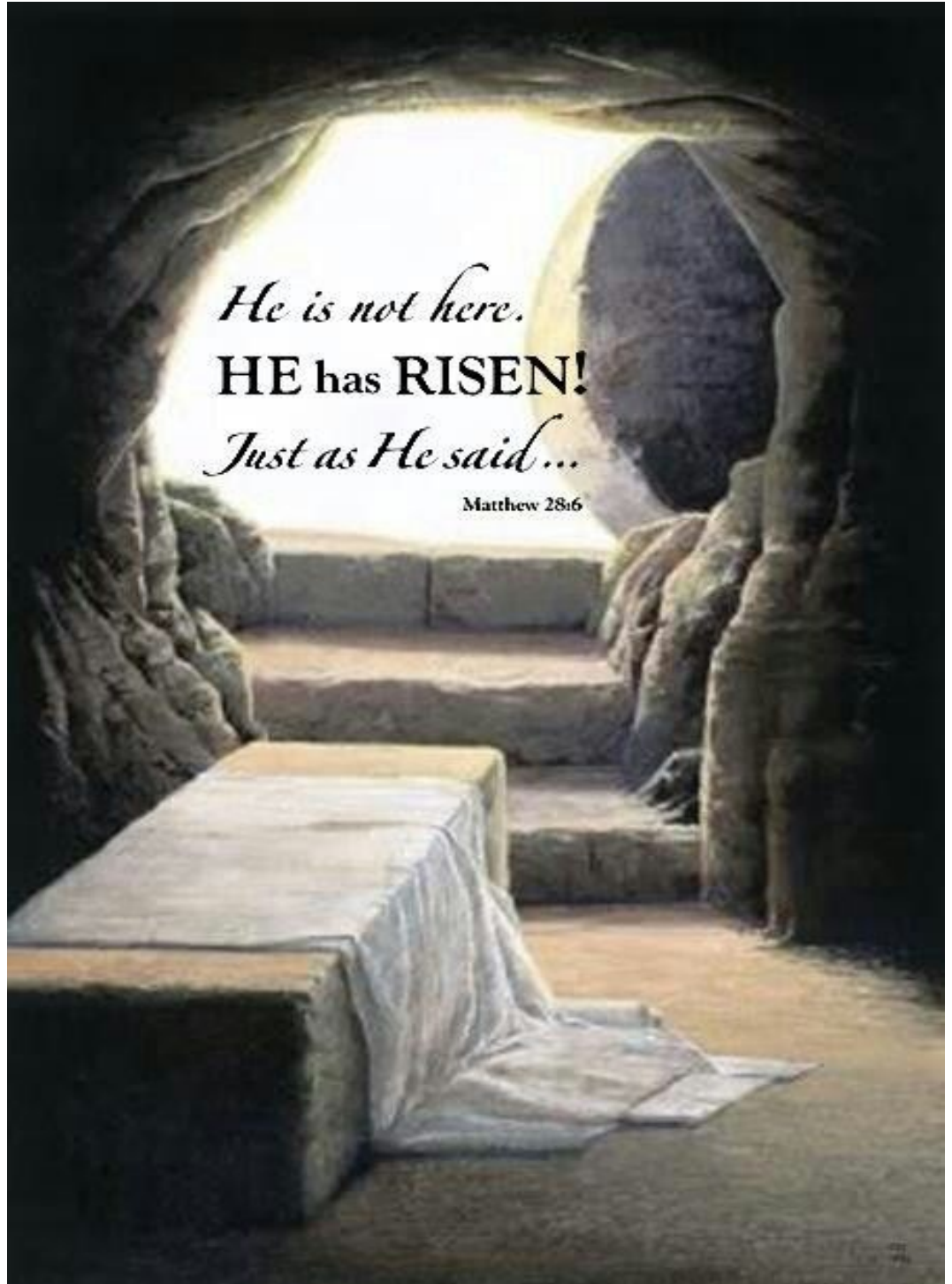


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The church office  
will be closed on  
Easter Monday.

## 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!



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

## Food, Faith, and Fellowship: Your Impact

Each month, Light of Christ joins a network of five local churches to provide **free food and prayerful support** to nearly 90 of our neighbors. With produce, dairy, and essentials packed in boxes, we serve with joy—and your support fuels it all.

“Serve one another humbly in love.” — Galatians 5:13



As part of our **Together We Thrive** initiative, this ministry invites us to live generously with our **time, talent, and treasure**:

- **9:45 AM** – Help **pack food boxes** in Rockford.
- **3:30 PM** – Help **unload and set up** in our parking lot.



Stay a bit to **pray over the written requests** we receive from our guests.

Your financial giving and volunteer efforts ensure that love is shared in tangible ways.

**Sign-up details are below—thank you for helping us thrive as a community of hope.**

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>

## 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/pair if they're in good shape). A collection bin can be found in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex at LOC.

EXTRA SHOES?

Be a part of a good cause and donate them!

**Recycle**

**Re-use**

**Raise money**

Drop your lightly used sneakers here!

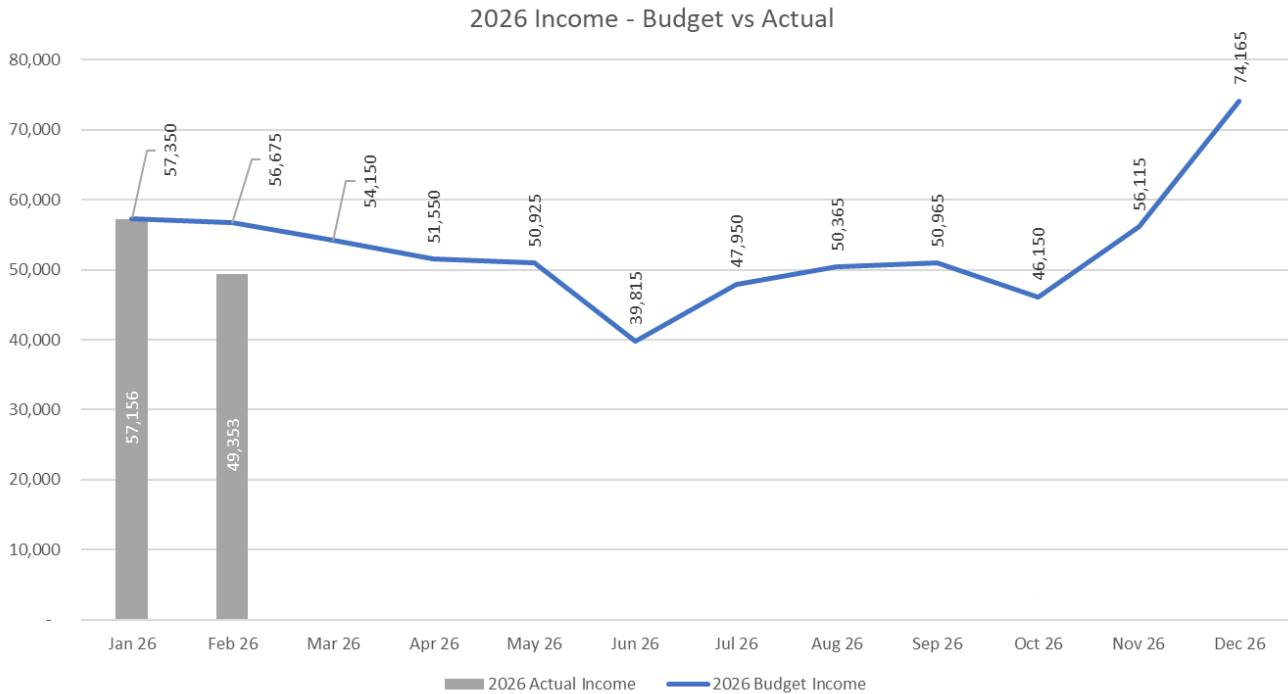
600 million people don't even own a pair of shoes	200 million pairs of shoes end up in the landfill each year	30-40 years for shoes to decompose
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## Thanks, Delano Food Shelf Volunteers and Contributors!

Thank you for the 24 LOC people who volunteered at the food shelf in March. It was a very busy month! You all make a difference by helping so many people in need!! Thank you also for your contributions to *Pack the Pews* and the OWLS who helped bring the food to the food shelf and organize it. LOC donated 179 lbs. this month. Thank you to those who helped with food rescue and delivery every month. Thank you, also, to JoMarie Williamson for being one of the directors who does an excellent job of managing the food shelf. You are doing a great job!! Our next LOC volunteer month at the food shelf will be June.



## LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



### YTD Summary Feb 2026

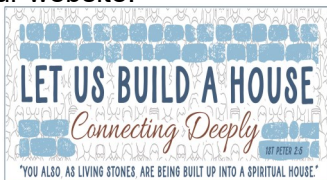
- YTD Budget \$114,025
- YTD Actual \$106,509
- Year to Date Actual is **\$7,516** below budget

### 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.

### Capital Appeal Update

Thanks to your generosity, \$246,535 has been pledged to the "Let Us Build a House" capital appeal, with an additional \$82,559 expected during the remaining pledge period. This spring, we will move forward with rebuilding and repaving the parking lot. While the \$173,000 cost is higher than anticipated, the project is essential for safety, accessibility, and hospitality. With more than a year of pledged giving still ahead, additional gifts are welcome. If you have already pledged, thank you for your faithful support. If not, there is still time to participate—every gift makes a difference. Contributions can be made through the Give tab on our website.



### The GIVING CORNER



#### Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from an IRA

If you are age 70½ or older and you give to charity each year, a Qualified Charitable Distribution, or QCD, can be a really clean way to do it. A QCD is a direct gift from your IRA to an eligible public charity. Because the money goes straight from the IRA to the charity, it can be excluded from your taxable income, which is often more valuable than taking a deduction, especially if you use the standard deduction. QCDs can also count toward required minimum distributions for those who have them, which helps some families give without increasing their reported income. The key is that it must be done as a direct transfer and it must go to a qualifying public charity, not a donor advised fund or private foundation. A quick check with a tax professional can confirm whether this fits your situation.

Article Submitted by Brad L. Spencer, CPWA®



## Save the Date – LOC End of Life Planning Seminar – June 1

Pre-planning for End of Life is often a discussion you choose to avoid.

Willingness to be open to this discussion is a reciprocal gift that parents give to their 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.

Light of Christ is offering an opportunity open to all members to hear from professionals their multiple tips and tools to make End of Life planning a more informed discussion. This session will include multiple facets including estate planning tips, financial considerations, memorial preferences and consideration of a final resting spot.

Put Monday evening, **June 1<sup>st</sup>** on your calendar – it will be a discussion beneficial for everyone!

## 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).

## Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/Teens

Join us on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:15-9:45 AM** (right after school drop-off) to meet with some other moms for a time of connection. We'd love to have you join us for this casual group that gets together to talk about faith, life, and parenting.



## The HOOT Newsletter for April

Happy Spring, everyone! We sure love seeing God's creation spring back to life after a long, cold winter. And our OWLS group would sure love to have you join us for the last couple of monthly events!!

We are not gathering this month, but on **May 21<sup>st</sup>** (weather permitting) we are planning to meet for lunch and then head to *Big Stone Mini Golf* in Minnetrista. In June we'll have one last hurrah, a BBQ picnic, before we break for summer. So, stay tuned for further details.

**OWLS Bible Study** continues to meet a couple of Sundays each month, after the service in Room 101. Anyone can join in anytime, and we'd love to see more of you, as our numbers have been dwindling recently.

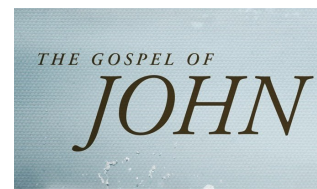
Our schedule for the remaining lessons from *Old Testament Characters*:

- ⇒ April 12- King Saul: Doing Almost All of God's Will
- ⇒ April 26- Daniel: Tempted to Compromise
- ⇒ May 10- Esther: Saying Yes to God
- ⇒ May 17- David: Loving Your Enemy
- ⇒ June 7- Moses: Seeking Justice (coffee and treats)

**LOC-O-Motion Coffee and Cleaning Crew** meets Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. We're planning on washing screens to let fresh air into God's house.

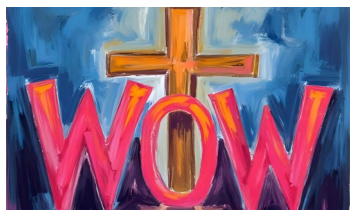
## Thursday Night Bible Study

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!



## WOW (*Worship on Wednesday*)

All are welcome to join us on **April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 PM** for our last WOW (*Worship on Wednesdays*) Confirmation worship service this spring! This is a youth-led worship service. **We hope you'll join us at WOW!**



## Confirmation Calendar



- ⇒ **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)

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 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>





# 1st communion

April,  
2nd  
2026



Fourteen of our children prepared for their First Communion, which they received on Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Children and their parents attended two classes where they learned about communion, baked bread, and made banners and chalices.

