



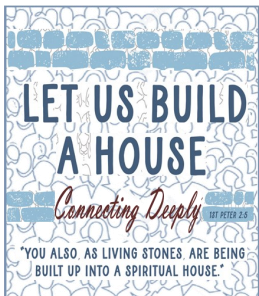
Worship

- 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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October is National Pastor Appreciation Month

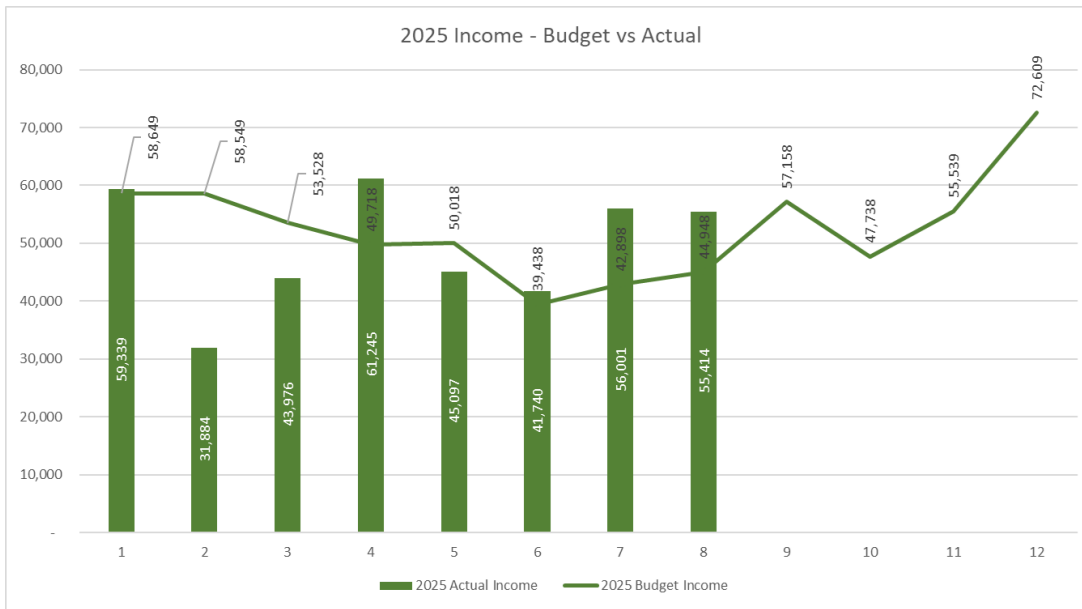
We at LOC are happy to thank and celebrate Pastor Tim in our church this October. We are fortunate to have you as our church leader who makes ministry a joy and a blessing. We appreciate your dedication, guidance, and spiritual messages. We also are so happy to have your delightful family join our church family. Thank you, Pastor Tim!

THANK YOU PASTOR TIM!



**WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE YOUR SPIRITUAL
LEADERSHIP HERE AT LIGHT OF CHRIST!**

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – August 2025

- YTD Budget \$397,756
YTD Actual \$394,696
- Year to Date Actual is **\$3,060** below budget
- August giving above budget – YTD within 1%



Your Legacy: The future right now

Gifts to the Endowment Fund grow in perpetuity -- a foundation for Light of Christ's future. Fortunately, annual grant awards fund "the future right now." Endowment Fund grants funded a portion of the Belize adult mission trip, youth mission projects, the prayer rug in the sanctuary, sound board equipment, after-school programming and parking lot financing.

Join us after the **November 2nd** worship service to discuss building this Fund. Bring your estate planning and tax-related questions for ELCA Foundation Planned Giving rep Joe Sullivan. Treats provided by the Endowment Fund Committee and Columbarium Board.

New Members Being Received on Sunday, November 16th

If you're interested in joining our church family, we invite you to attend a New Member Information Class on **November 2nd at 5:30 PM**. To help us prepare, please let the church office know by October 29th if you plan to attend. We're also here to answer any questions you may have.



TOGETHER WE THRIVE



Rooted in Faith. Growing in Generosity. Thank you to all who have given so faithfully—your gifts have brought us close to our ministry budget goal. Together we're nurturing vibrant ministry and meeting our missional commitments at LOC. Let's keep growing strong!

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!





All Saints' Day

Each All Saints' Day, November 1st, Pastor Tim goes out and prays for those who have departed in his church's local cemetery. This year that means he will be in our Columbarium at **9:30 AM on November 1st**. If you would like to join him, you may. It will not be a full service, but rather about a half hour time of prayer and thanks to God for gift of life and the promise of new life. Also, it is outside, rain or shine, so dress appropriately.

Then on **November 2nd** we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday. This celebration will include a time for you to acknowledge the departed saints in your life with the lighting of a candle. Please join us for these times when we remember that our God is the God of the living and the dead!

Bible Study/ Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/Teens



As we work to be a community where all feel connected and cared for, we are trying a new time/group for moms of pre-teens and teens. Join us on **Thursday, October 23rd from 8:15-9:45 AM** (right after school drop-off) to meet with some other moms and talk about life, faith and parenting. This will be very laid back with zero prep or expectation. Coffee, creamer and treats provided. We'll discuss future meetings & times with those who attend or express interest...so email Kirsten if you're interested but cannot attend. Please also contact Kirsten about any specific food needs/requests. Hope to see you there!



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. 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***. If you need to leave early at any point that is okay. ***We will meet through June. We will not meet in December.*** 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 there! If you are interested in participating, please contact Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com

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



When you walk down the hall to the offices you may not notice it, but there on the wall is our Living Charter of Light of Christ. It is signed by our first charter members, it is also dated January 27, 1985. Which means this year is our 40th anniversary! Now we decided not to have a great big celebration, you know the one I am talking about: cookbooks, parades, sermon series, and maybe a song written for the occasion. I don't disagree, sometimes churches can get so stuck in the past and what has been done they don't look forward enough! And here at Light of Christ we are very focused on what we are doing for God's kingdom right now. Yet I would like us to have a little celebration, so we are celebrating **November 16th at the 9:30 service**. We are trying to invite former employees and all charter members to join us for that day. If you know any, please pass this invitation on. Mostly we want to invite you to come that day and celebrate what God has done here in this place. Where 41 years ago there used to be a field producing grain, today we are a congregation producing many fruits of the Spirit!

The service will include—a special litany, choir, and Praise Team, some special prayers, and of course cake afterwards. And of course, we will also be inviting new members to join us that day because nothing tells about who we are more than reaching out in the gospel and welcoming others to share their gifts. So please make plans to join us the 16th for a celebration of God's goodness (and cake).

Pastor Tim Wheatley

Centralized Sign Up



All of our volunteer sign-ups are in one spot! Scan this QR code or go to this link (www.linktr.ee/lightofchristvolunteers) to view the *LOC Volunteer Sign Up Page*. We hope this will make it easier to find the sign-ups and to volunteer!



Adult Choir Has Begun!

Weekly rehearsals are Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 PM. All skill levels are welcome! If you are interested or have any questions, talk to LOC's Worship and Music Director, Katie!

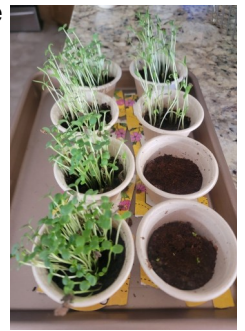
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Prepare — Cultivate Your Faith

As our *Rooted in Faith. Growing in Generosity.* journey continues, we move from **Planting** to **Preparing** — a time to *cultivate* what God has already begun to grow in us. Just as healthy soil helps roots take hold, our hearts and lives are strengthened through prayer, worship, Scripture, and acts of kindness. This month, we're invited to tend to our faith, nurture compassion, and grow generosity — both in spirit and in action. As we *prepare the soil* of our lives, may we become even more deeply rooted in Christ's love and ready for the growth God is bringing through us and through our church.

Also, as you tend to the small flower/plant you received at church, take a quick update/photo of you with your plant's growth and send that on into Katie at katie.kohler@locdelano.com. We'll begin showing some pics of all of us as a symbol of our growth as a community and homes.



The HOOT Newsletter

Come join the Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS) for fun, fellowship, and faith!!

Happy autumn! We have started a 9-week Bible study series using the book, "Faith - Depending on God" by Dale and Sandy Larsen. All are welcome! Please join us after worship each Sunday in room 101 of the Education wing. You may purchase a book for \$10 through Amazon or Sue Fink can order one for you. Your faith and friendships are sure to grow!



Calendar of events

October 30th: LaDonna is planning an unforgettable Halloween party. *See page 6 for more info!*

December 4th (note date change): 5:00 PM dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn followed by "Spirit of Winter" at Sovereign Estate Winery in Waconia.

December 18th: Christmas potluck and white elephant gift exchange. Start searching your closets for a unique gift, nothing to purchase. This was a "**HOOT**" last year!!

All events are subject to change so let Sue Fink know your email address and phone number in case we need to get news out to everyone. Also, watch the bulletin and Beacon newsletter for updates. Get ready to make lasting friends who share the love and light of Christ.

Calling All OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) Get Ready for the Owl-O-Ween Spooktacular!

DATE: October 30th

TIME: 12:00 (Noon)

WHERE: Light of Christ Living Room

ATTIRE: Halloween costume (or be at the mercy of LaDonna who will provide something to wear)

BRING: Your favorite Halloween dish to share (potluck event)
**Or a favorite dish with a Halloween name/ description) i.e. brownies become "graveyard dirt," hotdogs are "yummy mummies," or add an adjective like *spooky*, *creepy*, *eerie* or a Halloween character to the title like "spooky monster meatloaf")

WHY: To enjoy an Owl-O-ing good time



WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

We're excited to have our WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) Confirmation worship services on the **first Wednesday** of each month. All are welcome at these youth-led services that go from 6:15-7:00 pm on the following Wednesdays:

- ◇ **November 5**
- ◇ **December 3**
- ◇ **January 7**
- ◇ **February 4**
- ◇ **April 8** (2nd Wed. due to Holy Week)

We hope you'll join us at WOW!



Candles

Throughout the year, we use candles for various events such as retreats, prayer stations, teaching nights, etc. If you have any tea light candles or pillar candles (any size but nothing in glass jars, please) that you would like to donate to church, please talk to Kirsten. Thank you!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Our Voyager and Pathfinder groups talked about being kind and sharing God's love. Trusting the Lord to take their heavy burdens and being themselves a good soil for God's seeds to grow and bear fruit.



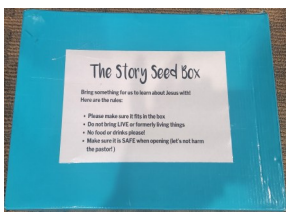
It's time to sign up for the Children's Christmas program!

The program will be on Sunday, December 14th during the 9:30 AM worship service. Sign up at this link **by October 20th**: <https://lightofchristdelano.breezechms.com/form/d371a4> More information can be found on the sign-up or by contacting Sabrina Kolleck at Sabrina.Kolleck@locdelano.com.

What's in the Box?

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. Sign up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>



Confirmation Calendar

- 10/22/25 = Teaching night
- 10/24-10/26/25 = Confirmation retreat at Camp Wapo
- 10/29/25 = Teaching night



Youth Choir Begins in November!

We will once again have youth choir this year for ages 3rd-6th grade! The first rehearsal will be for Lessons and Carols (December 7th) and will take place after worship on **November 9th**. Rehearsals are 30 minutes long. Sign up using the QR code or contact Katie with any questions

(katie.kohler@locdelano.com). The full schedule is on the sign-up form. All levels welcome! You do not need to make every rehearsal to be a part of the choir.

