



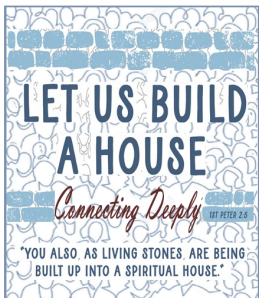
Worship

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



Church Council 2026

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Annual Church Picnic

Come and join us for fellowship and delicious food at the church picnic on **June 9th from 6:00-7:30** at LOC! See sign-up link below for more details!

[LOC Community Life: Church Picnic](#)



Parking Lot Reminder



Work will continue on the parking lot into this week, so remember to call the church before stopping in. The best parking will be along Hwy. 11 and then walking around the building to the office entrance. Thanks for your patience!

Volunteer Opportunity

The Mission and Evangelism Committee is seeking volunteers who would like to go to the Estates at Delano and spend time with the residents. Volunteers would be able to choose from a variety of activities such as playing Bingo, doing female residents' nails, playing cards or other games, hosting a movie afternoon or night, doing projects, gardening, or other activities of their choice, as new ideas arise. Participants would need to have a background check done prior to volunteering. The activities director will be out on maternity leave soon so this would be a great time to have people able and willing to provide activities while she is out. Time commitment would vary according to your availability. Contact Lisa Spencer for more information: lisaspencer864@gmail.com or 612-741-7504.



The church office will be closed on Fridays through September 4th.

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. The next distribution date is **Monday, June 8th**.



“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**. Sign-ups are below:

- **9:45 AM at Our Father’s Lutheran** – Pack hundreds of boxes. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>
- **3:30 PM at Light of Christ** – Unload and distribute food right here. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>

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.

Thank you for helping us thrive as a community of hope.

“Go and do likewise,” Jesus said after telling the story of the Good Samaritan—calling us to serve, love, and show compassion to neighbors in need.” (Luke 10:37)

Neighbors in Need Ministry—Serving in the Way of the Good Samaritan

Neighbors in Need is a new ministry at Light of Christ focused on offering care, support, and a sense of safety for vulnerable neighbors—especially immigrant families—as we walk alongside them in compassion, faith, and practical love.

To begin, we are collecting:

- dry pinto beans
- dry black beans
- white or long-grain rice

Collections will continue over the next few months. If possible, we encourage purchasing from local Hispanic/Latino grocery stores as a way of supporting our broader community.

You may also give financially to **Wright County Immigrant Aid** by scanning the QR code below. The code will take you to the **United Faith Community Church** website. Please donate to the *general fund* and email the church office indicating that you would like your gift designated for Wright County Immigrant Aid. Donations help provide food, personal care products, rent assistance, gas cards, and other everyday essentials.

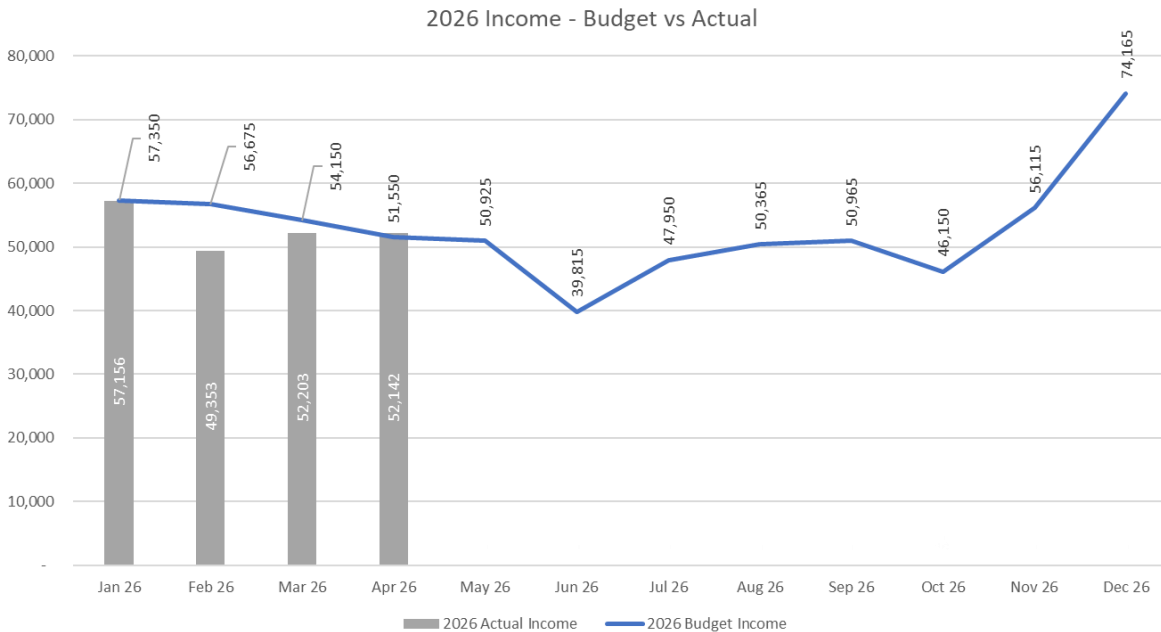


Thank you for helping us take these first steps—together—as we seek to “*go and do likewise*” by serving, loving, and caring for neighbors in need.

For more information, please contact:

Katie Kohler, Jennifer Grant, Jo Marie Williamson, Rhonda Current, Pastor Tim, or Tim Johnson

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



YTD Summary April 2026

- YTD Budget \$219,725
- YTD Actual \$210,854
- Year to Date Actual is **\$8,871** 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.

The Generous Life: Six Practices that Shape Our Faith



The Generous Life: *Give First Fruits*

One of the most powerful biblical principles of giving is this: **Give to God first.**

In Scripture, the “first fruits” were the first portion of a harvest—offered to God as an act of trust and worship. It was a way of saying, “*God, you are first in my life.*”

Giving first shifts our perspective. Instead of giving what’s left over, we give with priority and purpose.

What this looks like in everyday life:

Before paying bills or making purchases, a family sets aside their offering. This act becomes more than financial—it becomes spiritual. It shapes priorities and deepens trust.

First fruits giving reminds us that everything we have comes from God—and we honor God first.

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.” – Proverbs 3:9

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

The *GIVING CORNER*

Name a charity as a beneficiary of a retirement account

This is one of the simplest “leave a legacy” strategies and it is often overlooked. You can name a church or nonprofit as a beneficiary of part of an IRA or other retirement account. For many families, this can be tax smart because traditional retirement accounts are often taxable to heirs as income, while a qualified charity can receive those dollars without the same income tax impact. It also avoids the need for complex legal documents in many cases because beneficiary designations are typically straightforward to update. Like any beneficiary decision, it should be coordinated with your overall estate plan, especially if retirement accounts are a large portion of what you own.

Article Submitted by Brad L. Spencer, CPWA®

Capital Appeal Update: Let's Finish Strong!

Great news! **Parking lot work has begun!**

Thanks to your incredible generosity through our capital appeal, *"Let Us Build a House...Where Love Can Grow,"* we've made strong progress, completed important improvements, and are now moving into one of our most significant remaining projects.

This is exciting—and it's also a key moment.

Where We Stand

- **Total Pledged:** \$232,130
- **Total Received:** \$189,709
- **Total Expected:** \$242,550

Because of your giving, we are essentially at the point of moving ahead with the parking lot project. Thank you! What a blessing—and what a testimony to what we can accomplish together.

Now, we need your help to **finish strong**.

If you still have a remaining pledge balance, this is a wonderful time to complete your commitment if you are able. And if you are in a position to make an **extra gift**, your support can help us confidently cross the finish line—especially as final costs and pricing continue to fluctuate.

Every gift matters. Every fulfilled pledge helps. Every extra contribution moves us forward.

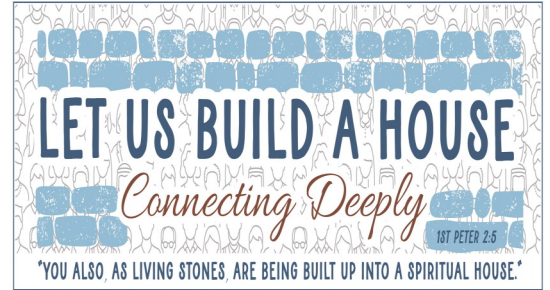
Together, we can:

- ✓ Complete the parking lot project well
- ✓ Strengthen our readiness for final expenses and rising costs
- ✓ Position ourselves for future improvements that support hospitality, connection, and ministry

We've accomplished much already. Let's not lose momentum now.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and your investment in a church home where worship happens, people connect, faith grows, and lives are touched.

We are close. Let's keep going. Let's finish strong—together.



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.

Vanco Mobile App Users

Vanco is updating their mobile app to improve overall performance, security, and reliability for all users. Most users will simply need to download the latest version of the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store when prompted. We are notifying you so you can avoid any interruption in access. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the church office.



CHURCH NEWS

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

I know we are just winding down one programmatic year, but that means that the staff and I are already getting ready for the next one. This last week we gathered together to put things on the calendar for September already! Many of them will be familiar to you: Rally Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, start of Advent, etc. However, two of them are going to look very different. The first is we are going to have Confirmation on Reformation Day, which in 2026 is October 25th. Now if you don't have a 10th grader this might not look so different, just another worship opportunity on October 25th.

However, you will notice that during the summer months we will have the youth give their faith statements. So, we want you to come worship and hear about the youth's faith this summer to support them.

Another change for next year is happening on Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Day. We will have a very special service on that day, filled with lots of music and readings while Pastor/artist Paul Oman paints a Biblical work of art. His ministry is called "Drawn to the Word" and he is led by the Holy Spirit to create the artwork that will adorn our sanctuary for years to come. It will be an amazing experience for all ages and involve the gifts of many in our congregation.

We would like your input in choosing the theme for that day, which will be reflected through the music, readings and the painting Paul brings to life.

Here are the three themes that I have been dreaming about. Please pray on it and vote at the link below for your favorite as we bring this unique worship and art to Light of Christ.

All Saint's Sunday theme options for 2026:

1) Drawn to the Light of Christ: Our mission is to shine Christ's light so the world may see him reflected in our love.

John 1:1-6

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

2) Christ the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow: Christ has called all people to himself, which means we connect to Moses, our grandparents, and all those generations yet to come!

Hebrews 13:5-8

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

3) We are Citizens with all God's Saints: God has cast a wide net and we gather with all the saints of Delano, surrounding areas and the world!

Ephesians 2: 17-21

¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; ²¹ in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

We will be allowing you to talk with your friends and vote on your favorite of these three options. I am turning this update over to Terri who will let you know what to do to vote! Because though I know scripture well I don't yet know all of our computer systems.

Pastor Tim signing off so Terri can fill you in.

Please follow this link to place your vote for your preferred theme for this special service on November 1st!

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



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 these links below to get involved:

Volunteer sign-up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-62220163-vbs2026>



VBS Supply list sign-up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

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://lwlbci.com/loc-delano>. Please reach out with any questions!