



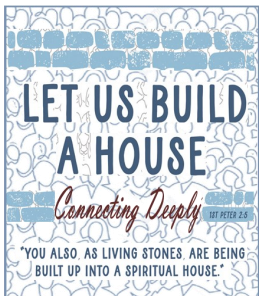
Worship

- 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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Worship with Confirmation Faith Statements



Over the summer, the upcoming 10th grade confirmands will be giving their faith statements. Those worship services are:

- Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30 PM
- Sunday, July 12 at 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 PM
- Sunday, August 16 at 9:30 AM
- Sunday, September 20 at 9:30 AM

Please attend or watch online to support these youth sharing their faith!



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/go/10C0A44A5AD2FA4F4C34-64213482-vbs2026>



This Cecropia moth hung out here at church for a couple of days last week. He was a bit too early for Rainforest Falls VBS!



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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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.

Call on the Light of Christ Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please feel free to engage the Light of Christ Prayer Chain. [Email the church office](#), which is preferred, or call 763-972-2400 with your request, which remains confidential. The LOC Prayer Chain will pray for you as requested. Feel free to call on this team in your time of need. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain should contact the church office.



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: 612-741-7504 or lisaspencer864@gmail.com.

Neighbors in Need: Help Us Meet a Growing Need

Each month, Light of Christ partners with local immigrant aid ministries to provide simple but life-giving bags of rice and beans for families experiencing food insecurity. Last month, every package we prepared was gratefully distributed—but the need was even greater. More than **40 additional households** were still waiting for assistance after our supply was exhausted.



Together, we can help change that.

We invite you to bring **bags of rice, dried beans, and bottles of vegetable or cooking oil**, one of the items our ministry partners say is most urgently needed. With your generosity, we hope to significantly increase the number of families we can serve.

Then join us on **Sunday, July 12, at 10:30 AM**, following worship, in the Living Room, as we package the food together for distribution.

As Scripture reminds us:

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." *Romans 12:13*

Thank you for helping our neighbors experience Christ's love in practical, compassionate ways.



Do You Like to Play Board Games?

Join Pastor Tim again this summer for game nights on **Wednesdays, July 29 and August 19 from 6:00-8:00 PM** in the fellowship hall! He will bring a selection of his games, or you are welcome to bring your own. All ages are welcome!

Our Memorial Garden

Our Memorial Garden is a sacred place at Light of Christ—a peaceful setting created to honor, remember, and give thanks for the lives of those we hold dear. Nestled just outside our main entrance, it offers a quiet refuge for reflection, prayer, and remembrance.

Surrounded by natural beauty, the garden invites us to pause amid the busyness of life and be mindful of God's enduring presence. Here, cherished memories are recalled, lives are celebrated, and hearts find comfort and peace. At the center of this sacred space, our Columbarium serves as a lasting expression of love, gratitude, and remembrance.

Whether you stop by intentionally or simply find yourself passing through, we invite you to spend a few moments in the Memorial Garden. Pause. Reflect. Give thanks. Offer a prayer. May you experience the quiet grace, hope, and tranquility that this sacred place provides.



San Diego High School Mission Trip Prayer Partners

Each summer we ask our congregation family to pray for our mission trip participants as we prepare and then also while we are on our trip. We give each prayer partner an itinerary so that they know what we're up to each day and then encourage them to attend our return worship service after the trip (which is on **July 26th** this year). This summer we are looking for 43 people who will commit to praying for our HS youth and adults as we head to San Diego to serve, grow and learn from **July 19th-24th**. [Click here to complete the short form](#) to indicate your interest. Thanks for your partnership in ministry!

2027 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 14th**. 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.

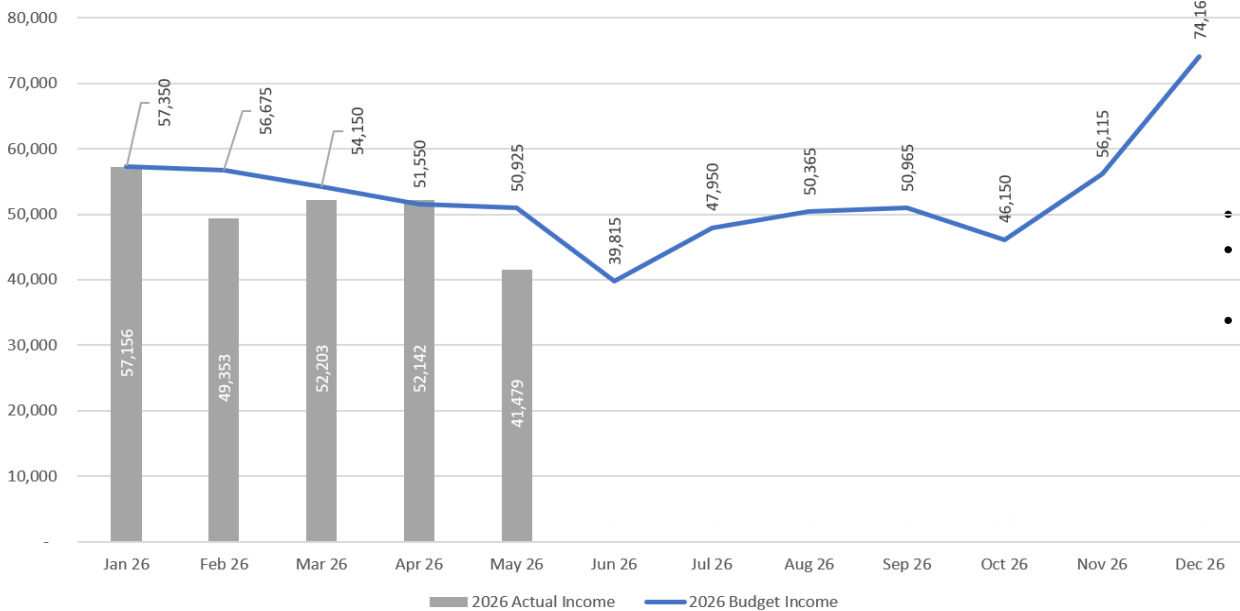


Help Needed

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.

LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget

2026 Income - Budget vs Actual



YTD Summary May 2026

- YTD Budget \$270,650
- YTD Actual \$252,334
- Year to Date Actual is **\$18,316** 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 Cheerfully

At its heart, generosity is meant to be joyful.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that “God loves a cheerful giver.” Giving is not meant to be burdensome or reluctant—it’s meant to flow from gratitude and joy.

When we see the impact of generosity—lives touched, faith nurtured, community strengthened—our giving becomes something we *get* to do.

What this looks like in everyday life:

A person gives with a sense of gratitude and purpose. They recognize that their gifts support ministry, help others, and make a difference. Over time, giving becomes a source of joy rather than obligation.

Cheerful giving reflects a heart transformed by God’s grace.

“God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

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

The GIVING CORNER

New charitable giving rules starting in 2026

Beginning in 2026, new tax rules under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act make it easier for more people to receive a tax benefit for charitable giving. Individuals who take the standard deduction may now deduct up to \$1,000 of direct cash gifts to qualified charities, or up to \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly. This benefit applies even if you do not itemize deductions and are designed to recognize everyday generosity. At the same time, the rules for those who itemize have changed. Charitable deductions are now limited until giving exceeds a small percentage of household income, which makes planning more important. Together, these updates encourage thoughtful giving while rewarding both smaller, consistent gifts and larger, well-timed contributions. Understanding how these changes work can help ensure generosity is shared in the most effective way.

Article Submitted by Brad L. Spencer, CPWA®

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>

