



Pastor Tim Wheatley

February 2, 2026

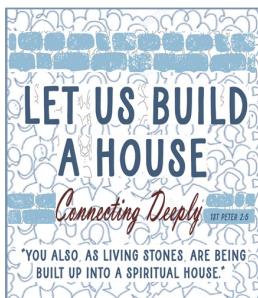
Worship

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



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Join us on 3/ 15/ 26 for our youth fundraiser!



Support the 50+ Youth Going on our Summer Mission Trips!

We hope you'll join us for our fabulous youth fundraiser on **Sunday, March 15th**! Please remember the youth with any donations you might have that would be good for the auction! Donations are due by **March 9th**. 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 March 15th, with items on display at church from 3:00-5:00 PM. Marcus Hanson and Lindsay Wallace will again 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 will go on sale beginning **Sunday, February 8th** and can be purchased before/after worship, by [emailing Kirsten](#), or from Terri during normal office hours. Thanks for your support of our summer 2026 trips!



Lenten Worship

Join us for Ash Wednesday worship on **February 18th at 6:30 PM** (*please note time change from previous years*). The service will also be [livestreamed](#). Weekly Wednesday Lenten worship begins on February 25th at 6:30 PM and will incorporate the Holden Evening Prayer service, as well as feature the 10th graders' faith statements. A meal will be held at 5:30 PM before each service, provided someone signs up to serve.

Discussion Group for Moms of Pre-Teens/Teens

Join us on **Thursday, February 12th 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.



Cheater Readers Book Club Update

If you're interested in joining our Cheater Readers Book Club, our next meeting is **February 12th at 2 PM** in the LOC Living Room. The book we had originally chosen was not readily available at the libraries, so instead we will be discussing **"One Plus One" by Jojo Moyes**. Give it a try! Bring your own snack and beverage!



WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

All are welcome to join us for our next WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) Confirmation worship service on **February 4th at 6:30 PM** (*note new worship time*). These are services led by our confirmation youth. We hope you'll join us at WOW!

Sign Up to Serve a Lenten Supper!

Lenten suppers will be served at **5:30 PM**, prior to each Wednesday Lenten service, from February 18th through March 25th. **Groups and/or individuals are invited to serve a Lenten supper.** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the office area; or you can contact Terri in the church office. A free-will offering taken at each meal may be used for a cause designated by the meal's hosts.



Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study has resumed and 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.



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!

OUTREACH

You Make This Ministry Possible

Thanks to your ongoing support, our **monthly Food Distribution Ministry** reaches about **90-100 individuals and families**—providing produce, dairy, and essentials, all wrapped in care and prayer.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others...” — 1 Peter 4:10

It's one more way that **Together We Thrive**—serving others with our **time, talents, and treasures**:

- **9:45 AM at Our Father's Lutheran** – Pack hundreds of boxes. [Sign up here](#).
- **3:30 PM at Light of Christ** – Unload and distribute food right here. [Sign up here](#).
- Stick around to **pray over our neighbors' requests**, offered with faith and hope.

This ministry—and many others—are sustained by your **generosity and engagement**. [Sign up above](#) and thank you for helping our community thrive in Christ!



Belize Mission Trip 2026—Donations Needed

As we prepare for our 2026 Belize Mission Trip from February 26th to March 7th, we are looking for the following donations for Pastor Kebin's church. There will be a clear plastic bin in the Narthex for donations. Please bring donations in **by February 22nd**. Please contact Rosie Grant with questions: 612.876.2677 or rosalie.o.grant@gmail.com

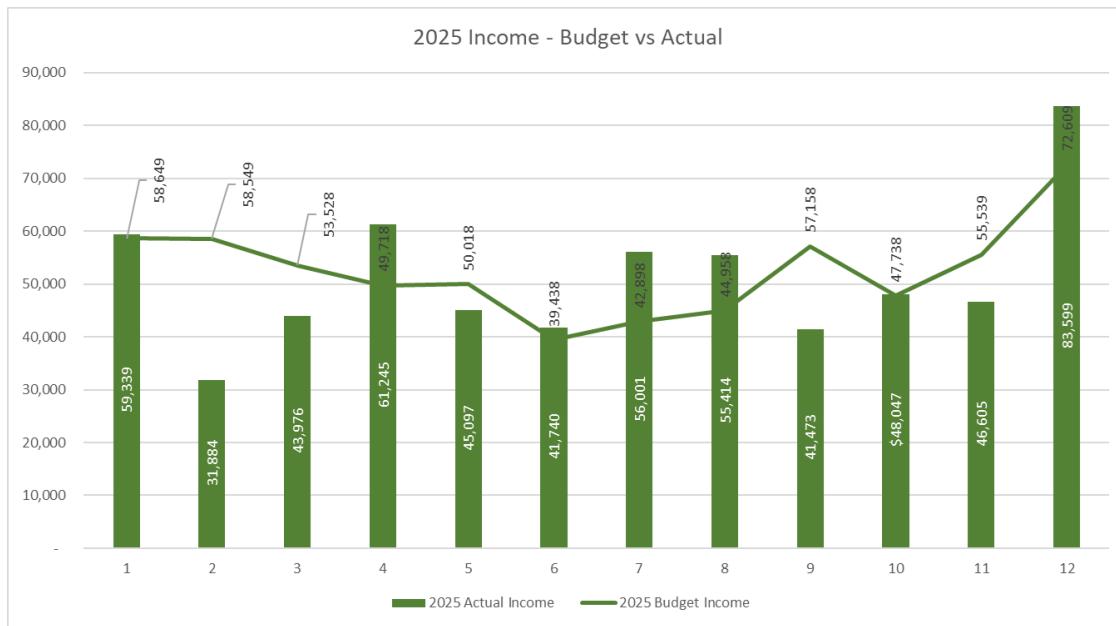
We appreciate your support to our brothers and sisters in Christ! *The Belize Mission Team*

Donation Needs for Belize Mission 2026:

- ⇒ Backpacks
- ⇒ School supplies: pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, markers, watercolor paints, folders, notebooks
- ⇒ Squish Mellos – suitcase-sized
- ⇒ Jump ropes
- ⇒ Hot Wheels cars or toy cars
- ⇒ Remote control cars- small sized
- ⇒ Stuffed animals/ beanie babies
- ⇒ Fidget toys
- ⇒ Playing cards– Uno, etc.
- ⇒ Carnival prizes- small plush toys, squishy toys
- ⇒ Small Books- new or gently used- all ages
- ⇒ Yoyo's
- ⇒ Slime or silly putty
- ⇒ Figurines
- ⇒ Kid and teenager jewelry
- ⇒ Cosmetic bags
- ⇒ Small Legos
- ⇒ Mini Playdoh
- ⇒ Mini Slinkys
- ⇒ Candy- individually wrapped and nothing that melts: Tootsie pops, Starburst, Jolly Ranchers (**NO GUM**)
- ⇒ Hair supplies: ponytails, clips, brushes
- ⇒ Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- ⇒ Vitamins- adults and children
- ⇒ Nail polish
- ⇒ Little activity packs
- ⇒ Coloring books
- ⇒ Stickers
- ⇒ Hats- baseball caps
- ⇒ New and gently used shoes-boys and girls
- ⇒ Cologne and perfume
- ⇒ Purses
- ⇒ Sunglasses- teens and kids
- ⇒ Monetary donations to Light of Christ (designate for "**Belize**")



LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year To Date Summary – December 2025

- YTD Budget \$630,800
YTD Actual \$614,419
- Year to Date Actual is **\$16,381** below budget
- December giving above budget

2025 Tax Forms

You should have received your 2025 contribution statement recently, either by email or mail. Please contact Terri in the church office if you have any questions.



Capital Appeal Update

Thanks to your generosity, \$246,535 has been pledged to the “Let Us Build a House” capital appeal, with \$82,559 still expected during the remaining pledge period. This spring, we will move forward with rebuilding and repaving the parking lot. At \$173,000, the project is larger than anticipated, but it is essential for safety, accessibility, and welcoming all who come to Light of Christ. With more than a year of pledged giving still ahead, we also welcome anyone who would like to contribute to the capital appeal, even without a formal pledge. If you have already pledged and are giving faithfully, thank you. We invite you to check in on your giving as you are able. If you have not pledged but wish to support this work, there is still time to join us. Every gift—large or small—helps us move forward. You can contribute to the “Let Us Build a House” capital appeal via the [Give tab on our website](#).



Rooted in Faith. Growing in Generosity.

Thank you, Light of Christ partners, for the way you have responded so generously to our 2026 Mission & Ministry Appeal. So far, **83 households** have submitted pledges totaling **\$400,605**, and we are grateful to share that we have already **exceeded last year's participation and giving**. That is a powerful sign that our church is deeply rooted in faith and committed to growing God's work in this place and beyond.

Every pledge is like a seed planted in good soil. Together, these gifts become the water, sunlight, and nutrients that allow ministry to flourish—supporting worship, children and youth, care for one another, outreach in our community, and our witness to God's love in the world. There is a direct connection between our generosity and the breadth of ministry we are able to share.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to submit your pledge, you are still warmly invited to do so. You can do so online [at this link](#), on our website under the Give tab, or simply send a note to **Terri** in the church office. Pledge forms are also available in the narthex or church office.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



What: Snowshoe and XC-ski trail walk, soup over the fire

When: February 13th, 4:00-8:00 PM

Where: Robert Ney Nature Center, 5212 73rd St NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358

Come and join us for a snowshoe or XC-ski walk on the light-up trails at Robert Ney Nature Center in Maple Lake. Equipment rental is available for \$5 per set on a first come first serve basis. If you have your own equipment, please bring that. We will have a campfire going and hot chocolate is available inside to warm up.

We are also planning on making stone soup over the fire. Please bring any one item (*ready to use*) to add to the soup (diced tomato, cubed bell pepper, diced onion, diced potato, cubed or small carrot...) or bread/toast. After our walk we will all be able to enjoy a bowl of soup together. This day is meant to enjoy fellowship, make new friendships, strengthen family bonds and be amazed by God's creation in a safe community setting. Even if you don't like the idea of the walk, join us for the fire and soup. We hope you can join us at any time during those 4 hours.

Confirmation Calendar

(All events are 6:15-8:00 PM unless noted otherwise. See more details included on [this page](#).)



- **2/4** — WOW (Worship on Wednesday) at **6:30 PM (new time)**
- **2/11** — Confirmation teaching night
- **2/18** — Ash Wednesday (no "regular" Confirmation; worship as a family at 6:30 PM)
- **NOTE:** We'll have SLICE from 5:45-6:15 each Wednesday night that we have Confirmation.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp Wapo registration is open! Below are the dates along with the number of guaranteed spots reserved for LOC from **January 15 – February 15**. On **February 16**, any unused spots will be released and opened to the waitlist and the general public. You can register at any time for **any** Wapo camp or week but will be placed on a "waitlist" until February 16. The spots below are reserved for LOC youth for the first month of registration (first come, first serve basis):

LOC Reserved Weeks & Spots:

Wapo Youth (Gr 4-9) June 21-26, 2026 **10 guaranteed spots**

Wapo Youth (Gr 4-9) July 26-31, 2026 **20 guaranteed spots**

Wapo One Day (K-2) June 24, 2026 **10 guaranteed spots**

Wapo Seeds (Gr 1-4) June 19-21, 2026 **10 guaranteed spots**



Here is our church-specific registration link to ensure you register for the correct week and program: <http://lwbc.com/loc-delano>. Please reach out with any questions!