



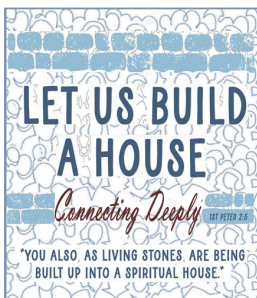
## Worship

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



## Church Council 2025

Laurie Brown (sec'y.)  
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NourishingHOPE

## Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

**Monday, December 8th**  
**4:00-5:00 pm**

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pickup on a first come, first serve basis at the following locations:

### Corcoran

St. Thomas Catholic Church  
20000 County Road 10  
Corcoran, MN 55340

### Rockford

Our Father's Lutheran  
3903 Gilbert Ave SE  
Rockford, MN 55373

### Hanover

Influence Church @ City Hall  
11250 5th Street NE  
Hanover, MN 55341

### Delano

Light of Christ Lutheran Church  
3976 County Line Road SE  
Delano, MN 55328

### Buffalo

Buffalo Covenant Church  
1601 Highway 25 North  
Buffalo, MN 55313

### Maple Grove

Rice Lake Bible Chapel  
8801 Rice Lake Road  
Maple Grove, MN 55369

For assistance locating a specific site or for questions, please contact us at

NourishingHOPE is a ministry of Our Father's Lutheran Church, in cooperation with area churches. Our vision is to relieve area food insecurity and promote wellness in mind, body, and spirit for people East-Central Wright County. For information on you or your organization partnering with NourishingHOPE, please visit our website at [www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html](http://www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html)

## December Food Distribution

Serve a neighbor in need...help strengthen a ministry...put love and faith into action.  
Nourishing Hope Food Distribution.  
**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.** Two opportunities:

- **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>)





YOU ARE INVITED to our *Light Up the Night* event on **December 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30 PM**, which includes a Maker's Market as well. Our Voyager and Pathfinder children are putting a lot of work and effort into the task of creating the Christmas story in pictures in the Fellowship Hall windows. We invite you all, young and old, to come and celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with us. This will be an outdoor event, so please dress accordingly. There will be freshly baked waffles and hot chocolate for a free will donation. This donation will be used to pay for bus transportation during caroling and other Children and Family Ministry expenses. Our kids' groups will sing some of their Christmas program songs as well. As a special surprise for all attending children, we will have a special visitor. After learning of the origin story, we will get a visit from St. Nikolaus (not Santa Clause, but looks the same), who will bring nuts and oranges for the children. Why do we call it *Light Up the Night* event? Besides having warming fires we will also reveal the beautifully painted, colorful windows by lighting them up in a ceremonial way for everyone to see and enjoy. Maker's Market: this combined event offers 'children' of all ages (0-99) the chance to showcase their talents - whether in crafting, baking, or other handmade creations. All children and youth-aged participants are able to sell the products of their craft skills in a maker's market style. If you enjoy making jewelry, pottery, soap making, story writing, drawing, book binding, baking, clothes designing, or any other kind of crafting you have the opportunity to set up a table and showcase your products. You will be in charge of either bringing a table or borrowing one of ours, setting up, decorating and tearing down your own shop. It is an outdoor event, so please plan accordingly. Be mindful of the time of day - evening, when it is dark out. You will have to provide lighting for your 'booth,' like battery operated light chains, fully enclosed candle lanterns/battery powered lanterns, or shop lights. We won't be able to provide electrical outlets for everyone. So please plan on using battery powered options.

For more information contact  
[sabrina.kolleck@locdelano.com](mailto:sabrina.kolleck@locdelano.com).



## Our Advent/Christmas Schedule

- 12/14:** Children's Christmas Program, 9:30 AM
- 12/18:** Blue Christmas Service, 7:00 PM
- 12/21:** Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9:30 AM
- 12/24:** Christmas Eve Services 2:00, 4:00, 10:00 PM

## Christmas Ornaments

The Worship and Music Committee is again offering Christmas ornaments for purchase in honor or memory of loved ones. Ornaments will hang on the Narthex tree through Christmas Eve unless you prefer to take yours home. The suggested donation is \$10, with all proceeds funding new microphones and cords to complement our new soundboard (*no more feedback or popping noises!*). A table for purchases will be in the Narthex **through 12/21**. Checks may be made payable to *Light of Christ* with "**Christmas Ornaments**" in the memo. Thank you, and Merry Christmas!



## HOOT NEWS

Our second event in December is our annual Christmas Potluck, with the very funny White Elephant gift exchange!! That means nothing new, but something you no longer need. The date has changed due to many OWLS helping at the Food Shelf on our normal Thursday. Mark your calendars for **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 12-3 PM** and start looking for your gifts and recipes to share!!

We'd love to get more Older Wiser Lutherans involved so if you're looking for friendship and fun, try us out!! We generally have our gatherings during the afternoons so if you're partially or fully retired, come join us!







## Friends 4 A Cause

We still have spots open for anyone who'd like to sign up to buy a gift for a child in need. If you're able, please consider signing up [here](#) and help spread a little joy this

season to a local family. Gift drop-off is before worship on **12/14**. Please contact [kim-w1517@gmail.com](mailto:kim-w1517@gmail.com) with any questions.



On behalf of our church family, we express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution of \$500. Your kindness is a beautiful expression of Christ's love. May God continue to bless you all,

*Andrea Dallmann*  
*First Lutheran Church of Cosmos*



A big thank you to Kim Wortz for creating the beautiful entry pots at the main entrance, and to Brad & Lisa Spencer for providing the lovely wreath above the entrance! Thank you for making our entryway so welcoming for the Christmas season!



## UPDATE

### Parking Lot Update

This past summer, we were eager to get started with repairs to the existing parking lot. The plan at that time was to do a cheaper and less aggressive mill and overlay option which included small soil corrections at the really bad portions of the existing asphalt. During a pre-construction site visit early this summer with the contractor, it was determined that due to the significant break-up of the existing asphalt over the winter, we were no longer able to move forward with the mill and overlay option and needed to pursue a more aggressive approach. This includes a full soil correction down 16" on the south half of the parking lot with type 5 geotextile fabric on top of the new soil which helps the new asphalt move as one which reduces the risk of future cracks and broken up asphalt. We are excited to be moving forward with this more robust approach, but unfortunately this change delayed getting the work done this year due to contractor availability. The new parking lot is scheduled to be installed in the spring of 2026. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

*Brandt Dinger—Church Council*



## Sisters of LOC Cookie Exchange

**Last day to sign up is December 8<sup>th</sup>!** Please join the Sisters of LOC for our annual cookie exchange on **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Living Room at LOC. You should bring 3 dozen of your favorite cookies, a container to take your cookies home in, and printed copies of the recipe to share. Depending on how many choose to participate, you should go home with a nice assortment of goodies to share with your family. [Please RSVP here](#) with your name and the type of cookie you will be bringing. Hope to see as many of you as we can! Any questions, please contact Kelly Harstad at 763-227-8246 or email [kellyharstad8@gmail.com](mailto:kellyharstad8@gmail.com).

## Sips & Carols Fellowship Gathering

✧ Celebrate the Christmas season with warmth, music, and friends! ✧



**Date:** Sunday, December 14, 2025

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Location:** McGarry's Pub, Maple Plain

Join us for an evening of fellowship and festive cheer!

Enjoy a cozy atmosphere, order from a short menu, and sing along to Christmas carols led by Katie Kohler to get into the Christmas spirit.

*Note: individuals will be responsible from their own tab. **RSVP before December 10<sup>th</sup> at this link** to reserve your spot and make this a night to remember!*

## "LOC-O-Motion" Coffee & Cleaning Crew

Light of Christ has a new monthly group of volunteers to tackle cleaning jobs that are not being done by our weekly hired service. **Anyone** is welcome to join us. We are planning to meet monthly on the **second Friday at 9:30 AM**.

**Our next LOC-O-Motion date is Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.** Come and leave as it works for you. We start with treats and coffee!



## Thursday Night Bible Study



Please join Gina Nee and others to discover more of the **Good News in the Gospel of John** together! We'll be meeting on Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 PM at church. If you have any

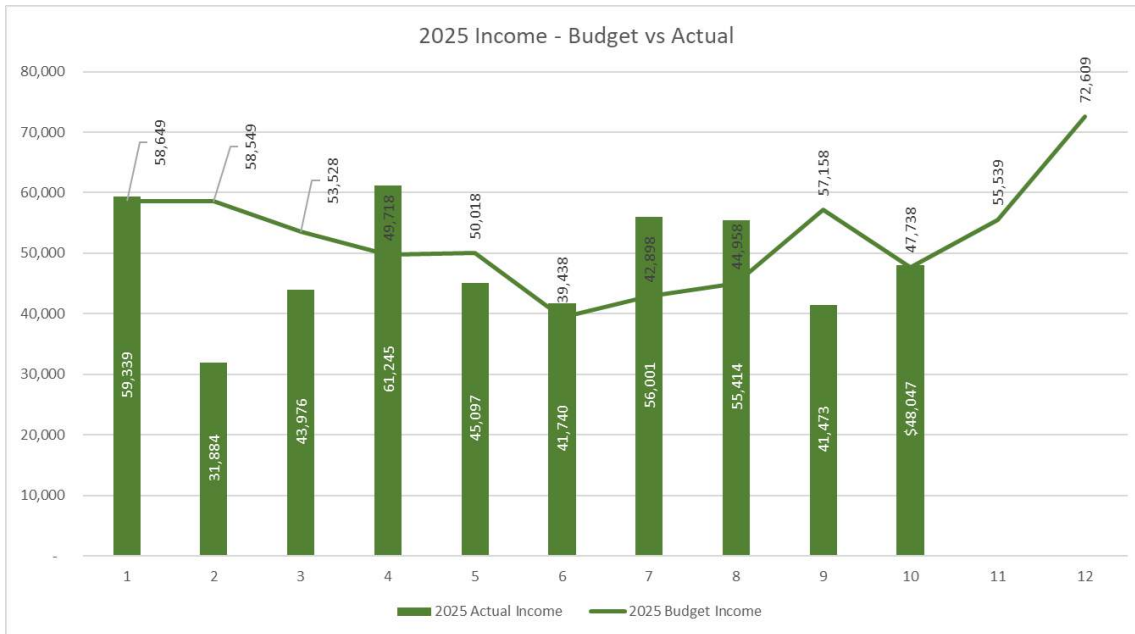
questions, feel free to call Tim Johnson at 952-472-1755 or Gina at 651-353-2277. Great for beginners or anyone simply hungry to discover more about God and to grow in one's faith. Also, a wonderful way to get to know a few other folks!

## 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, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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!



## LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



### Year To Date Summary – October 2025

- YTD Budget \$502,652  
YTD Actual \$484,215
- Year to Date Actual is **\$18,437** below budget
- October income on budget

## Rooted in Faith. Growing in Generosity.

If you haven't already, you are still encouraged to return a **pledge card** indicating your support for our ministry in **2026**. Your participation truly matters—and it reflects the heart of a church committed to God's mission. **We all have a gift to give**, and every gift strengthens the ministries we share. Pledge cards are available at church, or you can complete an [online pledge form at this link](#), so everyone can participate easily.



Thank you for your generosity, your faithfulness, and the joy you bring to this community. We are truly a **treasured people of God**, called to good and meaningful work together. **Thanks be to God!**



### Check Your 2025 Pledge Status

Just a reminder that members can check the status of their pledges for 2025 by logging in to the online member portal [at this link](#). You can also access the portal login page from the [Light of Christ website home page](#) by clicking the "Member Portal" icon on the top toolbar. If you need assistance, please contact Terri in the church office.

### 2026 Offering Envelopes

If you requested preprinted 2026 offering envelopes, (or did not opt out) they are now available to be picked up in the Narthex.







### *Blue Christmas Service* *December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM*

"It's the most wonderful time of the year" goes the song, and for many it may be. However, for many of us who have experienced loss or pain, the expectation of happiness just makes it worse. Not only are we carrying burdens, but we feel like we carry them alone. We invite all to join us for this time of reflection and calm in the midst of the craziness of life. If this season is heavy laden, or you are just needing a quiet space, then we invite you to join us for our Blue Christmas Service on **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** at Light of Christ Lutheran Church.



### **"David" Movie Showing**

We have rented the Delano Emagine Movie Theater for a special matinee showing of the animation movie "David" on **December 19, 2025!**

From the songs of his mother's heart to the whispers of a faithful God, David's story begins in quiet devotion. When the giant Goliath rises to terrorize a nation, a young shepherd armed with only a sling, a few stones, and unshakable faith steps forward. Pursued by power and driven by purpose, his journey tests the limits of loyalty, love, and courage—culminating in a battle not just for a crown, but for the soul of a kingdom. Invite family and friends and join us for an evening of fellowship - "Where two or three are gathered in my name there I will be."

Movie starts at 5:00 PM, door opens at 4:30 PM. Join us for a prayer and welcome talk at 4:45 PM inside the showroom. No outside food or drink is allowed but can be purchased at the theatre on the day of the event. Sign up for this event [at this link](#).

Tickets can only be purchased through us since it is a private showing. Costs are \$7/ ticket for all ages and can be [purchased here](#). Please calculate your ticket price according to your sign-up. ***You must complete both a sign-up form and go to the payment page to purchase your tickets.***



Delano Dramatic Company has been using our space for some of their rehearsals for this production. Their December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> performances will be held here at LOC.

**Riverwood Covenant Church**  
**December 5 & 6 @7:00 pm**  
**Light of Christ Lutheran**  
**December 13 @7:00 pm**  
**December 14 @2:00 pm**  
**Delano Senior Center**  
**December 18 @1:00 & 7:00 pm**  
**Zion Lutheran Buffalo**  
**December 20 @7:00 pm**





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for our  
2025  
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**WOW 12/3/25**  
(Worship on Wednesday)







## 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:

- ◇ **January 7**
- ◇ **February 4**
- ◇ **April 8** (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. due to Holy Week)

**We hope you'll join us at WOW!**



## Summer 2026 Mission Trip Info Meeting!

Join us to learn more about the youth trips coming up next summer:

- **Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** = 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade Mission Trip Info Meeting (8-9 PM)

If you cannot join us in person, check out our [YouTube page](#) for the livestream.

## Confirmation Calendar

- **12/10/25** = Service event offsite
- **12/17/25** = Small group Christmas parties
- **12/24/25** = No Confirmation
- **12/31/25** = No Confirmation





# December Birthdays

Doug	Ludwig	December 01
William	Brown	December 01
Cody	Anderson	December 02
Brianna	Goldbeck	December 02
Angela	Green	December 02
Sophie	Kopperud	December 02
Steffany	Truax	December 02
Kevin	Jaunich	December 04
Rylan	Brown	December 04
Isabelle	Nee	December 05
Jannik	Lundstedt	December 06
Lisa	Krause	December 07
Jonathan	Ness	December 07
Kohlton	Beck	December 08
Jinnelle	Weis	December 09
	Curtis-	
Jerried	Torgerson	December 09
Bria	Myhre	December 09
Fred	Caslavka	December 10
Edie	Droneck	December 10
Ryan	Zerull	December 10
Brayden	Gross	December 10
Max	Wyninger	December 11
David	Boecker	December 12
Stuart	Dallmann	December 12
Emme	Finkelson	December 12
Alex	Kelly	December 12
Karolyn	Thompson	December 12
Kailyn	Warne	December 12
Ginny	Iverson	December 13
Darla	Stabnow	December 13
Kevin	Noetzelman	December 14
Brooks	Hiltner	December 14
Jackson	Althoff	December 14
Luke	Jeseritz	December 15
Loree	Kinney	December 15
James	Sprengeler	December 15
Evalyn	Green	December 15
Lauren	Bersie	December 16
Luke	Borman	December 16
Daniel	Haley	December 16
Thomas	Klason	December 16
Elyn	Stahlke	December 16
Addyson	Wissink	December 16

**The Community Life Committee wants to celebrate your birthdays!**  
**Next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 AM worship, we will have birthday treats to celebrate December, January, and February birthdays!**  
**We celebrate birthdays quarterly so everyone's birthday will be acknowledged.**  
**Don't forget to wish someone a Happy Birthday this quarter!**

**For those celebrating, may blessings be upon you and let faith guide your heart all year. We hope your birthday is one of joy, peace, and love.**



Tammy	Allison	December 17
Peter	Froehle	December 17
Paul	Nelson	December 17
Aniston	Klaphake	December 18
Kim	Minkel	December 18
Erica	Cederberg	December 19
Carson	Halbersma	December 19
Kylie	Strobl	December 19
Aidan	Thompson	December 19
Charlotte	Macks	December 19
Emilia	Macks	December 19
Ezekiel	Lundstedt	December 19
Lee	Ashfeld	December 20
Lisa	Schmit	December 20
Randy	Hemmer	December 21
Samuel	Brown	December 22
Nolan	Beyer	December 22
Jason	Gabrick	December 24
Rob	Geistfeld	December 24
Kelly	Harstad	December 24
Connie	Olson	December 25
Holly	Sprengeler	December 25
Penelope	Jaunich	December 25
Timothy	Underhill	December 26
Kaitlyn	Pink	December 26
Jack	Fulton	December 26
Oda	Carlson	December 27
Cameron	Prickett	December 27
Stacie	Engel	December 28
Peter	Krebsbach	December 28
Michael	Pavlovich	December 28
Pat	Czock	December 29
Jon	Holzer	December 29
Nate	Peterson	December 29
Robert	Schaust	December 29
Grace	Ulberg	December 29
Henry	Ulberg	December 29
Samantha	Dornfeld	December 30
Rick	Haley	December 31
Jack	Russell	December 31
Elizabeth	Sievers	December 31
Sally	Torfin	December 31
Paisley	Sjulstad	December 31

# January Birthdays

Dennis	Iverson	January 01
Paulette	Podratz	January 01
Eva	Dinger	January 02
Carli	Russenberger	January 02
Ella	Dallmann	January 04
Ben	Graunke	January 04
Cory	Cederberg	January 05
Jamie	Holzer	January 05
Calli	Cederberg	January 06
Steven	Dickey	January 06
Kelly	Froehle	January 06
Laurie	Grimm	January 06
Jill	Johnson	January 06
Sydney	Sinnott	January 07
Kira	Thompson	January 08
Sarah	Zerull	January 08
Sharon	Sebelien	January 09
Chris	Meyers	January 10
Boden	Rosaaen	January 11
Christopher	Lotzer	January 12
Maggie	Thomas	January 12
Scott	Bassett	January 13
Mollie	Lohmann	January 13
Sharon	McKisson	January 13
Ryan	Schaust	January 13
Laura	Jaunich	January 14
Karen	Gast	January 14
Everett	Henson	January 15
William	Magner	January 15
Stephanie	Bitterman	January 15
Emma	Alviani	January 16



David	Rosaaen	January 17
Gracia	Macks	January 18
Patricia	Williams	January 18
Kelly	Peterson	January 20
JoMarie	Williamson	January 20
Derek	VanCura	January 21
Lori	Hines	January 21
Tracy	Magner	January 23
Emily	Kutzler	January 23
Zachariah	Quamen	January 23
Katie	Horeis	January 24
Gregory	Thorstad	January 24
Nick	Vatnsdal	January 25
Jarrett	Lundquist	January 27
Becky	Schaust	January 27
Holly	Caple	January 28
Jill	Radermacher	January 28
Ashley	Brown	January 28
Steven	Shrode	January 28
Samuel	Lindall	January 29
Nathan	Knisley	January 30
Candace	Mielke	January 30
Kevin	Mikkelsen	January 30
Julie	Strobl	January 30
Adelyn	Jeseritz	January 31
Gina	Nee	January 31
Emily	Olson	January 31
Gunnar	Paulson	January 31
Melissa	Ulberg	January 31
Aaron	VanCura	January 31



# February Birthdays

Emil	Medelberg	February 01
Tom	Sebelien	February 01
Josh	Hiltner	February 02
Barb	Russell	February 02
Megan	Wiyninger	February 02
Nolan	Wallace	February 02
Donald	Anderson	February 03
Michael	Boyack	February 03
Greg	Hinker	February 03
Brandon	Janike	February 03
Cooper	Reuter	February 04
Patricia	Krebsbach	February 05
Scott	Olson	February 05
Natalie	McClelland	February 05
Cassidy	Gilman	February 05
Andrea	Janike	February 06
Logan	Dickey	February 07
Steven	Farniok	February 07
Laura	Myhre	February 07
Lori	Prickett	February 07
David	Allen	February 07
Beata	Zerull	February 08
Alicia	Pink	February 08
Sally	Prinsen	February 09
Anna	Schleper	February 09
Jennifer	Sprengeler	February 09
Sandy	Hartin	February 10
Kurt	Radermacher	February 10
Ava	Wiyninger	February 10
Sandy	Parpart	February 10
Olyvia	Stahlke	February 10
Bonnie	Czanstkowski	February 11
Tony	Trettin	February 11
Lori	Anderson	February 13
Don	Collins	February 15



Ashlynn	Wortz	February 15
Ellie	Chock	February 15
Ellie	Loux	February 16
Gavin	Popp	February 16
Isaac	Quandt	February 16
Belinda	Krysan	February 16
Laura	Lundquist	February 17
Paul	Ludwig	February 18
Michael	Mielke	February 18
Andrew	Palan	February 18
Grace	Popp	February 19
Caleb	Hanson	February 20
Jerry	Podratz	February 20
Lucas	Truax	February 20
Andrew	Reiffenberger	February 20
Lauren	Froehle	February 21
Jack	Paulson	February 22
Lori	Vatnsdal	February 22
Jackson	Miller	February 22
Vayda	Streich	February 22
Austin	Dickey	February 23
Cooper	Trettin	February 23
Natalie	Holmer	February 23
Mary Ann	McKay	February 24
Madison	Motzko	February 24
Mary	Robinson	February 24
Kylee	Heinzen	February 25
Kara	Larson	February 25
Caleb	Checkal	February 26
Harry	Grant	February 26
Rilynn	Peterson	February 26
Lori	Checkal	February 27
Melanie	Gross	February 27
Noah	Lind	February 27
Andrew	Rosaaen	February 27

