



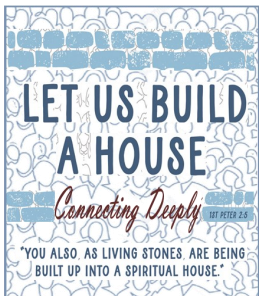
## Worship

- 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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## The parking lot is finally being redone!

We waited and prayed for the parking lot to be done, and we have just heard that work will begin next **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** (weather dependent)! As excited as we are it also means that our building is not very accessible for several days. We expect that the parking lot will be unusable on 5/26, 5/27, 5/28, 5/29, 6/1, and 6/2. I hope you see that in those dates we will have a full parking lot on May 31<sup>st</sup>! So we are open Sunday and you can come to worship with us. That is also Graduate Sunday so please come and support the graduates.

During those listed days here are some things to think about:

- 1) We are still working (but from home for parts of the week) so texting and emailing would be best.
- 2) For this week, please call before you go into church because it may be closed when you get there depending on if staff find it accessible.
- 3) If you come to church the best way to park is probably along Highway 11 and walk around the church building. (You can also park on County Line Road or on side streets.)
- 4) Sunday, it will be **usable** but not complete so feel free to drive even on the gravel that is down.
- 5) The June 1<sup>st</sup> End of Life Planning Seminar is postponed until a later date. We believe that this is very important and so want to make sure it is open to all when we do it.

Thank you for your patience with the process, remember it will be worth it!

*Pastor Tim and the Church Staff*

The church office will be closed on  
Fridays through September 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)



### Mental Health Awareness Month—May 2026

#### THANK YOU!

On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, our LOC fellowship hour/breakfast was hosted by your Healing and Wholeness Committee, and we are delighted to let you know that \$361 was donated towards our annual dues of \$900 for Mental Health Connect! Anyone interested in making a donation through the month of May, [please see this link](#) or leave an envelope in the offering designating your gift to “*Mental Health Connect*.” We thank you!

Sue Fink and Lisa Spencer attended our first “Stories of Hope” breakfast with MHC at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church this month. It was great to meet other members and learn more about the organization and all they have to offer. We heard “Cultivating Hope in Community” from two pastors in the metro area who spoke about the resilience of our communities in the face of the unprecedented circumstances around Metro Surge. Their message in brief: “I am brave, because WE are brave.”



Please browse our mental health resource display in the Narthex set up throughout this month. You will find resources for Mental Health Connect and information on various mental health concerns. Also find resources on our [LOC website](#) under *Support/Mental Health*. Remember, you are not alone and there is help.

Thanks so much to all who donated and enjoyed our French toast casserole, berries, and sausage. We had many requests for the recipe which you can find [here](#).

### Neighbors in Need Ministry Serving 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 and faith. To begin, we’re collecting:

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

Collections are ongoing for the next few months. If possible, we encourage purchasing from local Hispanic/Latino grocery stores as a way to support our broader community.

You may also give financially to Wright County Immigrant Aid by scanning the QR code below. The code will bring you to the United Faith Community Church website. From there, donate to their **general fund** and *email the church office to let them know you would like your donation dedicated to Wright County Immigrant Aid*. Donations help fund food, personal care products, rent, gas cards, and other living essentials.

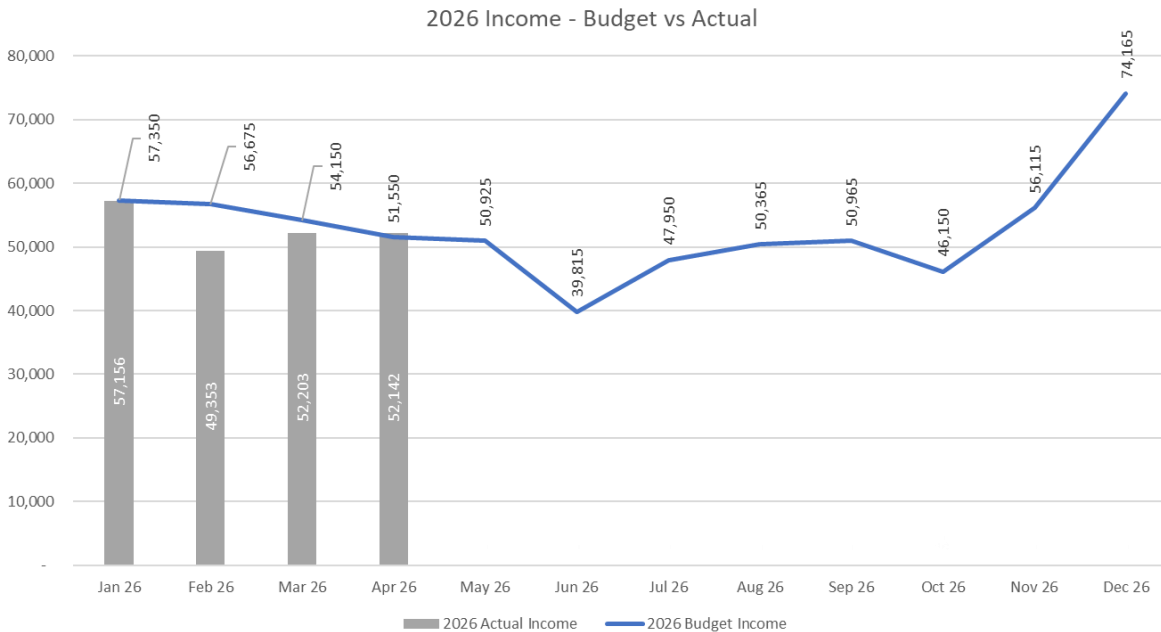
Thank you for helping us take these first steps—together—as we serve the way of the Good Samaritan. For more information, feel free to reach out to: Katie Kohler, Jennifer Grant, Jo Marie Williamson, Rhonda Current, Pastor Tim or Tim Johnson.



### Fifth Sunday Donations in May

Our Fifth Sunday contributions this May will be for our LOC Birthday Ministry. Several Light of Christ member volunteers work in collaboration with the Delano Love INC chapter to provide birthday gifts and supplies for children ages 10 and under throughout the year. Families in need are selected by Love INC. LOC volunteers each month receive a list of eligible children and purchase birthday gifts as well as birthday supplies for these children/families. Light of Christ totally funds the cost of this program and there is no cost to the recipient families. We so appreciate your financial contributions for this monthly effort for these young children. Your efforts will help make wonderful birthdays for these special young kids in need and bring them a bright star on their special day. To contribute, mark your check or envelope with “*Fifth Sunday*” or use the “*May Fifth Sunday Offering*” tile on our [Give](#) page. **Thank you so much for your generous contribution!**

## 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



### More than Numbers

As you review these budget figures, remember—they are more than numbers. They represent lives touched, faith nurtured, and ministry made possible through your ongoing support.

### 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: Building for Today—and Tomorrow

Thank you for your generous support of our capital appeal, “*Let Us Build a House...Where Love Can Grow.*” Your gifts are already making a meaningful impact in the life and ministry of our church.

### Where We Stand

- Total Pledged: \$232,130
- Total Received: \$189,709
- Total Expected: \$242,550
- Capital Funds Available (after tithe): \$218,295

### Projects Already Completed

- Steeple repairs
- Security upgrades
- New cameras
- Sound board improvements

Total invested so far: \$45,548

### Next Major Step: Parking Lot Replacement

- Funds Available: \$172,747
- Current Bid: \$173,100
- Current Shortfall: \$353  
(Though rising prices may increase final costs.)

We are essentially there—an incredible testimony to your generosity.

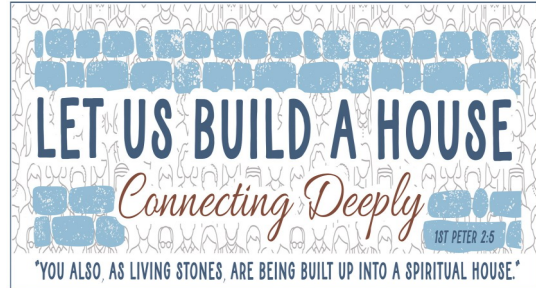
### Looking Ahead

In the months ahead, the Building Committee will revisit additional improvements, including:

- Expanded hallway space outside the sanctuary
- Updated bathrooms
- Fellowship Hall improvements
- Kitchen enhancements
- A welcoming coffee bar gathering area

These projects are about more than buildings—they are about creating spaces for connection, hospitality, and ministry.

Thank you for helping strengthen a place where faith grows, relationships deepen, and lives are touched.



### 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.



The End of Life Planning seminar originally scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> has been postponed. Stay tuned for more information to come.

### Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).



# 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 25<sup>th</sup>. Now if you don't have a 10<sup>th</sup> grader this might not look so different, just another worship opportunity on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

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

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> 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

<sup>5</sup> 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." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> 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

<sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; <sup>21</sup> in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

**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!