



OUR FATHER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

GATHER & SERVE

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Over the Handlebars with Pastor Dana

Sunday morning we talked about the differences between members and disciples. Members are looking inside for what they can receive, while disciples are outward focused, looking to follow Jesus wherever he leads.



I'd like to add another difference. Membership church-folk keep up appearances; they don't want anyone to know what's actually going on in their lives, because they have this mistaken idea that everyone else is doing better than they are, and therefore they can't measure up. This is the church where no one ever says they're sad, where everyone says "fine" when you ask how they're doing, even if "far from great" might be the true answer.

Churches that are building disciples are communities that understand how broken any one of us might be at any time, and instead of judging, they welcome, embrace, and love. I think OFLC, like most churches, has a bit of both kinds going on at the same time.

The recording artist TobyMac talks about this discipleship kind of church in this music video: "a lil Church" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_BS4naAGcA, where he hopes for community that can take him in and love him as he's feeling lost and overwhelmed. He's hoping for a church where "nobody's too lost to get found," including himself.

The kind of church he's is talking about is one that's focused on Jesus, on loving like he loves and standing for what Jesus preached and taught. That, dear friends, is a discipleship church. Moving in that direction every day, it seems to me, is at the heart of our mission.

Blessings on your summer days,

PD

Pastor Dana



PD@ThePub ON THE ROAD

Grab a seat with Pastor Dana at Big Bore in Hanover from 4:30 to 6:00 pm for stories, laughs, questions and good conversations.

6/16/2026

GATHER & SERVE - JUNE 2026

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 AT 6 PM

Please RSVP to admin@ourfatherschurch.org or call 763-477-6300

Been hanging out with us for a while and thinking about making it official?

We'd love to have you as part of the OFLC family!

Sunday, June 14 is New Member Sunday with Breakfast

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

The pastoral transition team is continuing to work on identifying who we are as a congregation and what our needs are in a new pastor. We have been looking at the values that make Our Father's Lutheran Church the community that it is, the values that we believe we are committed to and the values that others see in us. Our next focus is to consider the mission that God is calling us into and understanding what leadership will be needed to follow this calling.

The transition team is continuing to meet regularly, with our last meeting on May 19. We are blessed to have Pastor Dana guiding us through this transition process, both in helping us to understand our values, mission, and vision, and in providing the leadership to our congregation to help us continue to grow in our faith. Pastor Dana has been leading the transition team through the book *Power Surge, six marks of discipleship for a changing church*, written by a Minnesota ELCA pastor, Michael Foss. The book has helped us to consider ways that OFLC relies on the traditional "membership" model, and how we are working towards a mission focus that creates disciples. Look for more discussions of what these "six marks of discipleship" might look like.

The transition team will be meeting again on June 9. We are continuing to identify the values and mission of OFLC, and will be working to get more feedback from the congregation. Please reach out to the Transition Team if you have any thoughts or concerns, and keep us in your prayers. We continue to pray for guidance as we work through the process.

Thank you from the transition team,
Diane Dorrel, Kelly Miller, Brian Walton, Amy Jacobson, Dan Reed, and Pastor Dana

NO BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3



BIBLE STUDY

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10 AM

in the Fellowship Hall

QUESTIONS?

ASK PASTOR DANA or NIKKI

HELLO

You're invited to sign up for one or multiple Sundays to help welcome our church family as a Sunday Greeter.

Greeting begins at 8:30 am.

<https://shorturl.at/redn8>

NOURISHING HOPE EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our Father's Lutheran Church & Outlying Areas
May 11, 2026

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

TOTAL POUNDS RECEIVED - 26,936

TOTAL POUNDS RECEIVED PER PERSON - 14.9

Visits: 556	60 - first time visitors	496 - repeat visitors		
			<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Zip Codes</u>
Churches	Buffalo Covenant		93	13
Serving:	Corcoran St Thomas		59	16
	Delano Light Of Christ		100	16
	Hanover Influence		147	14
	Maple Grove Rice Lake Baptist		29	8
	Rockford Our Father's Lutheran		128	20
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			556	87
Household	0-17 years	587		
Size:	18-64	807		
	years 65+	419		
	TOTAL	<hr/>		
		1,813		



Free Fresh Produce and Dairy **Monday, June 8th 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

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

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

Rockford

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

Hanover

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

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 Brittnei@ourfatherschurch.org

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



Are you able to help with packing OR distributing boxes?

Please see the link here to sign up to help.

<https://shorturl.at/YXzKW>

Questions? **Email Brittnei at Brittnei@ourfatherschurch.org**

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FOUNDATI⁺ON

For the 5th year in a row, Our Father's Lutheran Church Foundation is matching donations up to \$3,000 for Lunch Box Express! That means every dollar given to LBX in June helps provide even more meals, fresh food, and support for local children and families this summer. Together, we can make sure kids in our community are cared for all summer long.

Donate to LBX <https://shorturl.at/mlhoZ>

June Donations to LBX will be Matched!

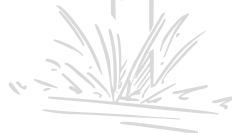


Looking for a way to help our community?

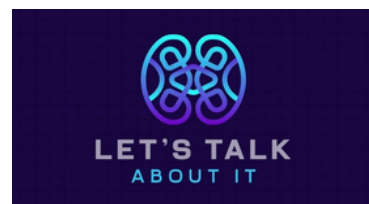
Sign up for Meals on Wheels.

One day or Several. Whatever fits your schedule.

For more information, contact John Gilb (612) 719-1783



JULY CALENDAR IS POSTED IN THE CHURCH ENTRYWAY.



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

is on summer break.

Meetings will resume in September.



**Registration is OPEN!
VBS AT OFLC**

August 11-13th from 9am - 11:30am

Go to <https://oflc.breezechms.com/form/d48dd840206613> to sign up.



Eleven quilts delivered to Vinland on Thursday, May 28! That makes 22 completed and delivered between September and June!

The **Quilting Ministry** will take the summer off before beginning again in September. Many thanks to our dedicated sewers for the many hours they've put in sewing, and the equal time they've shared good conversation among friends.

Keep us in mind for fall if this sounds like something you'd be interested in.

Gail

**You are all invited to celebrate
4th of July at our house in
Delano.**

We live on the Delano parade route, so we have great seats to enjoy the parade. After the parade, stay for a potluck lunch and swimming in our pool.

It is helpful to let us know that you are coming just so we can get an idea of how many people to expect.

Our Address:

522 Elm Ave. E., Delano, MN
55328

For parade details, see:

<https://www.delano4th.com/parade>

Parade starts at 10:30. We are near the end of the route, so it will be 11:00 before the parade gets to us.

Feel free to email or call with any questions.

Dan: 612-237-4821,
pdr.reed@gmail.com



All Invited!

July 4, 2026

Reed's House

Join us to celebrate Independence Day!

- **Delano Parade - starts at 10:30am**
 - Parade gets to our house around 11:00am
 - Bring chairs - we only have a few
- **Swimming and potluck lunch after the parade**
 - We grill burgers, other items are welcome
 - Other options to put on the grill
 - Side dishes and deserts
 - Drinks



Location: 522 Elm Ave. E, Delano MN
For details, contact Dan Reed: 612-237-4821
pdr.reed@gmail.com

RSVP by July 1 is helpful, but not required

TREASURERS REPORT

2026 April Overview

April giving was **more than budgeted** by \$8,555

Expenses \$22.691 against a budget of \$29.342; **under budget** by \$6.651
 General cash **decreased** by \$708 due to the continued giving for the general fund to be less than expenses.

Designated funds also **increased** by \$2.651 mostly due to money given for building improvements.

	Actual 2026	Budget	Better/ (Worse)
April			
Giving	\$ 26,497	\$ 17,942	\$ 8,555
Total Expenses	22,691	29,342	(6,651)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 3,806	\$ (11,400)	\$ 15,206
Total Unrestricted (General) Cash			
General Fund /Petty Cash	\$ 23,600	\$ 22,892	\$ (708)
Thrivent	\$ 2,495	\$ 2,495	\$ -
Total General Fund Cash Balance	\$ 26,095	\$ 25,387	\$ (708)
Total Restricted (Designated) Cash			
Nourishing Hope	35,318	35,318	-
Building Improvements	28,060	30,081	2,021
Ministry	20,845	21,475	630
Other	6,589	6,589	0
Total Designated Cash	\$ 90,812	\$ 93,463	\$ 2,651
TOTAL CASH	\$ 116,907	\$ 118,850	\$ 1,943



More information on Phishing Emails:

In most phishing cases, the scammer will create a look-alike email address with the person or organization's name, but different email address.

Always make sure to check the email address if you get a suspicious email.

Besides the email address, other things that should give you pause are:

- Is this the kind of email this person would regularly send you?
- Are there spelling or grammar errors you wouldn't normally expect from this person?
- Is the tone of the email different than you're used to receiving from them?
- Are there some things that are intentionally vague? (In this case, it's pretty uncommon that someone from OFLC would share a document without explaining what it is or why their sending it, or having a conversation about it in advance.)
- Follow the "DUC" rule: Watch out for **D**emands (do this or else), **U**rgency (act within 24 hours), and **C**onsequences (threats of closed accounts or legal trouble).



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 All Thrivent clients with membership now have access to Choice Dollars—making it easier than ever to support organizations like ours. To see if you have Choice Dollars available log in or register at thrivent.com/thriventchoice.



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**WORSHIP
SUNDAYS
AT 9:00 AM**

2026 OFLC COUNCIL

Denise Wold - President

Lindsey Bervig - Vice President

Larissa Kurth - Secretary

Nate Johnson - Treasurer

Ken Lunderby - Member at Large

Nina Walker - Member at Large

Mark Nelson - Member at Large

OPEN - Member at Large

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 11 am - 2 pm
Wednesday 1 - 4 pm
Friday 11 am - 2 pm



Are you getting your emails from the Prayer
Chain? If not, go to
<https://oflc.breezechms.com/form/44ac0d>
and sign up.



Are you following OFLC on Facebook? If not,
go to <https://www.facebook.com/OFLCMN/>
and sign up.

WEBSITE

<https://www.ourfatherschurch.org/>

Livestream

<https://shorturl.at/Zlz37>

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