



The Latest Word

"Making Jesus Christ Known Through Word and Deed.."

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Picking Up a Caring Casserole

Our "Caring Casseroles" ministry provides delicious casseroles for you to deliver to friends and neighbors. Know someone who just got home from a hospital stay? Or a family who recently had a baby? What about bringing a meal to a friend whose life is so hectic that he or she simply has no energy to cook? The freezer filled with meals is located in Twila's office. Please feel free to stop by any time, pick up a casserole (or two) and share in this caring ministry.

Thank You from PLH Hospice

"Thanks to the prayer shawl creators for your kindness and generosity. Each family is incredibly grateful for the gift of a prayer shawl. You are a blessing to many." –

Sherri, Prairie Lakes Healthcare Hospice

Appreciation Event for Pastor Dave Nerdig

Our congregation is so grateful for Pastor Dave Nerdig's amazing leadership over the past 16 months – and we hope you'll stop by to show your appreciation from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 22.

Refreshments will be served in the Great Hall during this Open House Appreciation Event. We wish all the best to Pastor Dave and Linda as he resumes his retirement on Feb. 1, 2023!

Circle Bible Study

Priscilla and Martha Circles will meet in January, focusing on the bible study in the January Gather magazine. Copies of the study can be found in the Church Office. All are invited to attend!

- Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, in the Gathering Space.
- Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the Gathering Space.



Angel Tree Thank You

Wow! Your generosity is amazing! We were initially blessed to have 100 Salvation Army angel tags on our tree – and when those flew out of here in a hurry, we asked for more! The next batch of angels were snapped up quickly as well! Thanks to everyone who helped make a child's Christmas a little brighter in 2021!



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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DAVE NERDIG



It's painful to remember that I came to serve in this parish following the tragic loss of an amazing pastor and just before the well-deserved retirement of another kind and gifted pastor. I was honored to be asked to serve and did so without hesitation.

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer is a remarkable place and I am so happy to be a part of it. I have been accepted with warmth, forgiveness, and remarkable hospitality. Thank you for your grace.

Thank you for your ministries. Thank you for your love of the gospel. Thank you for the way you have proclaimed the gospel to me and this community with words and deeds.

Now I look with excitement to the next chapter in L.C.O.O.R's future. I have met Pastor Laura and Pastor Dan and I have not doubt at all that they will lead us into the future with heart and vision. I couldn't be more pleased. They are forthright and intuitive, energetic and devoted to serving Christ and I take great delight in telling you they love to laugh.

On January 31 I will end my ministry as Interim Associate Pastor. It has been a joy to serve here. Your staff is unmatched in its competence and compassion. They serve this Christ and this congregation unreservedly and care for each other in a way I have not experienced before. You have no idea how deeply this congregation benefits from their faithful service.

With my resignation my position among you will change. I will no longer be your pastor. I will not be available for weddings, baptism, funerals or counselling. I will not meet with the church council or staff. I will not be available for private consultation or critique of LCOOR's ministry. At my request, my LCOOR email will be deleted (that's sound almost ominous, doesn't it, but I've been assured it will not be painful). I will not disappear completely. I am already in communication with our new pastors and will occasionally provide pulpit supply or other incidental services at Pastor Laura and Dan's request. After I have some time to catch my breath, I may join some of the congregation's ministries. I say all this to you, as the politicians say, "out of an abundance of caution." I know that all of you will help me with this transition just as you so lovingly helped me with the transition into my role as Interim Associate Pastor.

I say it again, LCOOR is an amazing place. Linda and I are so happy to be a part of it. We are so pleased with the pastors God has provided for our faith community. We see nothing but grace in our future. We can't wait to see what God has in store!

Still your brother in Christ,

Dave Alan Nerdig

FINANCIAL NEWS

November 2022 Financial Report

Revenue	\$	91,637.58
Expenses	\$	75,569.78
Change in General Fund	\$	16,067.80
Revenue to Date	\$	915,981.23
Expenses to Date	\$	833,262.87
% of Budget Year Completed		91.67%
Annual Budgeted income for 2022	\$	999,898.00
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD		91.61%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2022	\$	999,817.20
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD		83.34%

Stewardship Update

Thank you to everyone who has given a response to On Our Mark...Get Set...Go! 2023 Stewardship Appeal and for the work of the Lord done through Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. God is certainly at work among us seven days a week and we are so thankful for your prayers, volunteering and financial gifts.

There is a little bit of time still to submit your intent if you have not done so yet. Statement of Intent cards can be picked up at the Welcome Center or in the Church Office, or you can call Jodi Spilde at 605-886-2696 in the office and give her your intended giving amount or go onto our website <https://lcoorwatertown.org/> and click on the Stewardship Tab where you can confidentially fill out your intent.

Here are our Stewardship results as of December 21, 2022 in comparison to last year December 21, 2021:

2023 Promised Offerings \$814,057.48
(281 Pledge Cards Returned, 149 Increased)

2022 Promised Offerings \$792,342.00
(265 Pledge Cards Returned, 144 Increased)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Hebrews 12:1-2

Jodi Spilde - Business Manager



Thrivent Choice® makes a meaningful impact

Choice Dollars® directions can help support the mission of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and LCOOR Christian Preschool.

Think of the impact you—along with other eligible Thrivent members—can help make by directing Choice Dollars® to either of these two. In 2022 Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer received \$2,343.00 through directed Thrivent Choice Dollars® and the Preschool received \$1,784.00.

Directing your Choice Dollars® is easy. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt. Together, we can do even more to help strengthen our community and change lives.

Thank you for shopping AmazonSmile and selecting Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer as your charity of choice! In November we received \$96.08 from the AmazonSmile program. These funds are directed to our Preschool program and are used to purchase items that are not included within the budget. This past year we were able to purchase another Kidney Shaped Table for the classroom with the use of these funds!

What is Amazon Smile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

FINANCIAL NEWS & MISSION OF THE MONTH

\$2,665.00 given in Memorials & Special Gifts since last printing

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- given in memory of Pastor Gary Westgard by Darlene Bailey, Don & Kathy Scharn and Pam Luckhurst
- given in memory of Sandy Olson by Don & Kathy Scharn
- given in memory of Blake Kruger by Roger Whittle & Twila Schmitt

Care Fund

- given in memory of Pastor Gary Westgard by Myron & Lory Retzer
- given by the LCOOR Women

Nicaragua Missionary

- given in memory of Pastor Gary Westgard by Ken & Renae Madison

Debt Reduction

- given in memory of Marilyn Mahanke by Marv & AJ Sherrill

Ministry Events/Worship

- given in memory of Beverly Langner by Rod & Shellie Thompson

Special Gifts

- given in memory of Michael Rye by Bernie & Margaret Hanson, Darwin & Nancy Brinkman, Lee & Karin Freiwald, Bonnie Werpy-Rye, George & Jan Newman, Grant & Deb Titze, Steve & Nancy Kjellsen, Darwin & Clara Fox and James Thrasher

Mission Project for January- LWR Baby Care Kits

Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult & scary thing for a mother living in poverty. Keeping a new baby healthy, clean & comfortable takes a lot of resources. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the basics a family needs to care for their new members in the way they hope! Worry will always be present for all parents, but having some essentials allows them to enjoy & get to know their little ones & introduce them with pride to the world.

Baby Care Kit Instructions can be picked up at the Welcome Center & church office or you can go to <https://lwr.org/kits/baby-care-kits/instructions> for the instruction sheet.

January Mission of the Month

Nicaragua Partner Ministry & Nicaragua Youth Retreat

Missionary: Rev. Dr. Claudia Soliette López Ortega
soliette.lopez@iluterana.org

Pastor Soliette is our South Dakota Synod missionary to the Faith and Hope Lutheran Church of Nicaragua (Iglesia Luterana Fe y Esperanza – ILFE). She hosts travelers from South Dakota and assists them while they meet church members and look at various projects. She helps with the youth and health ministry of the church. The South Dakota Synod's costs for her salary and her travel within Nicaragua and visits to South Dakota are about \$9500 US per year.

Annual Lutheran Youth Camp

Early In January during the school vacation each year from 40 to 80 youth from the city of Managua and many other small cities and villages travel to Managua to take part in the Lutheran Youth Camp. The cost of transport, housing, and food averages about \$80 per participant. This camp is an excellent outreach to the young people. It is a chance to renew friendships, to learn about sports, health, furthering their career formation, and Bible study. Our synod budgets a goal of \$10,000 US each year to support the Iglesia Luterana Fe e Esperanza at this Camp.

Please consider supporting us in this important work of Missionary Soliette and Youth Camp. Gifts to the Mission of the Month are intended to go beyond your regular giving. Be sure to clearly mark "Mission of the Month" on your offering envelope so that it can be credited properly. Thank you for your commitment to ministry.

Rev. Dr. Claudia Soliette López Ortega



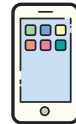
YOUTH MINISTRY

with Philip Lickei



"To Move Freely. One Must
be Deeply Rooted"

JANUARY 2023



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Meets every week on
Sunday at 5:00 pm.
All 9th – 12th graders
are encouraged to
attend and as always,
friends are welcome!
The January schedule
will be...
January 8, 15, 22 & 29.

7TH/8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Workshop dates for the
month of January are...
January 4– Workshop #11
(Sacraments: Baptism #1)
January 11 – Workshop #12
(Sacraments: Baptism #2)
January 18 – Workshop #13
(Sacraments: Holy Communion #1)
January 25 – Workshop
(Sacraments: Holy Communion #2)

MS MERGE & ROUTE 56

For the month of
January, we will meet
on **Monday, January
16th.** We will gather at
the church at **6:30 pm**
and be done at **8:00
pm.** Super fun
activities, games and
wonderful treats will
be on deck for the
evening. As always,
friends are welcome!!

HS COFFEE & CONVERSATION

- Every **Monday afternoon at
4:00 pm,** come to **Gather
Coffee Shop** & join other HS
youth for lively conversation
while enjoying your favorite
drink! This is a time for us to
touch base with one another
as we share in our joys &
concerns & navigate our ups
& downs as a community of
faith. This month we will
gather on **Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30.**

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC TEAM

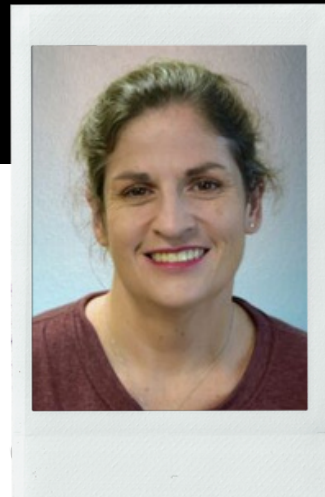
The Music Team will
practice for Lenten
Worship Services on
Sunday Nights!
We will practice in the
Sanctuary from
5:00 – 6:00 pm.
(HS Youth Group will
follow Music Team
practice). Practice dates
will be on
**Sunday, January 22, 29 and
February 5, 12 & 26.**

HIGH SCHOOL TEXT LIST

If you are not already on
the list and would like a
text reminder about
upcoming HS Youth
activities, please send
me (Philip) a text at
605-412-1510 to be added
to the texting list. Please
include both first and last
name on your text so I
know who the text is from.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Rachel Clendenin



"In this new year, be grateful that God has given you victory over many things over the past year."

- Steven M. Hitchcock

As we glide (or thump and bump) into a New Year, this is a great quote to remember gratitude to God for victories. Victories are funny, in a way. From trophies and medals, to the nights that we fall into bed, but remind ourselves that tomorrow will be better, victories come in all shapes and sizes. For kids, it might be mastering tying their shoes, getting that tricky tooth out, learning to read, speaking in public, earning a reward for positive behavior, making a basket, completing a project, etc. Sometimes, even as grown-ups, it's easy to think, "I did it all by myself!", which is true to an extent, especially when tying shoes.

However, in this New Year, good old gratitude should not go out of style. Teaching our children to give thanks, praise, and glory to God is significant in that at our lows and our highs, He is there. He gives victory from tied shoes to hope. When our children learn this, it will be a lesson they can carry with them forever.

In the Education Wing, it as always, has been delightfully busy! The kiddos practiced diligently for the Sunday and Wednesday evening programs, and shared the beautiful messages of the coming of Jesus. They did a fantastic job, all of them! A more traditional take was done by our Sunday kids which was enjoyed at the 10:30 service. From 3-year-olds to 6th grade, all played their parts perfectly! Our Wednesday night program told of Christmas through the eyes of some wise grandparents, (Thanks, Dan & Sandy Albertsen!) and the children sang and rang those bells! Once again, please give our teachers, music teachers, sound booth folks, custodial staff, and volunteers a high five and thank them! Thank you, all!

Route 56 and MS Merge met. Though a small group, a nice time was had by all by icing Christmas cookies and watching a movie! They are a fun bunch of young people!

DATES TO KNOW:

January 4, 2023: Wednesday Church School resumes!

January 8, 2023: Sunday Church School Resumes!

January 16, 2023: MS Merge & Rt. 56 at 6:30pm-8pm!

As we wrap up 2022, let's take a minute to thank God for our kiddos! They most certainly keep life interesting!

Wishing you a victorious, happy, safe 2023!

*Blessings -
Rachel*

LIFE WITH BLAKE

Wendy Kruger is a Teacher Aide at LCOOR's preschool. She and her husband DeLyle have three children. Their oldest Blake, suffered from a rare genetic disorder called TUBB2A. Blake was the oldest of only 8 children in the world with the disorder. TUBB2A causes brain malformations and significant developmental delays. Blake died of complications from the disease on December 13. At Blake's funeral, Wendy shared what it was for her family to share life with a child with developmental delays. Her words were eloquent and inspiring. They are a powerful message of how it is to live as both a care giver and a care receiver in a family with a child as wonderful as Blake. It is a testimony to the ministry that God gives to all his children, regardless of how their brains are wired. The complete message follows. I hope you are inspired by it as I am.

-Pastor Dave Alan Nerdig

Thank you all for being here today.

When the words tumbled out of my mouth that I was going to speak today, I thought maybe it wasn't such a good idea, but then my husband said: You've been his voice all these years, maybe you need to do it one last time.

I can't tell you how much I miss him. There just aren't words.

When Blake was born, he was a very, very fussy baby....

And I would say it was about three or four months of age when we realized that things just weren't right. It was the trip to the cities where we saw a vision specialist and a neurologist that was the beginning of this journey in many ways. When the doctor tells you that your child has a developmental disorder - that there are many things that could be affected by the way his brain formed, besides just his vision, you have absolutely no idea how much your life is about to change.

It was also the first time we realized that Blake's life was going to revolve around music. Blake wasn't feeling well on that trip home and I happened to have a Winnie the Pooh tape cassette with us. The crying stopped when the music started and we learned quickly that once the music stopped the crying started again. We listened to that tape cassette the whole way home from the cities and just like that music became the center of his world. There was Elmo and Barney, Dora and the Wiggles and forever the constant was Signing Time and the Little Einsteins.

Blake's life, our lives, were filled with therapies and doctor's appointments. IEP meetings and constantly people trying to teach him things. And to be completely honest, Blake didn't care too much for it. He learned as a toddler to try a little (show some effort) and then hug his therapist and see if his love could get him out of the work.

When he was young, he didn't sleep and he didn't sit. Life was about continual motion.

Care for Blake was a constant thing - trouble wasn't far behind if you simply blinked. He could be out the door in a flash. *He was like my little shadow always there. Slipping his hand in mine and convincing me we needed to walk together. Together we took many steps.*

Until now, one of the hardest decisions we ever faced was letting him go to LifeScape. I felt like letting him go meant that I had failed him somehow that I wasn't doing enough to help him. And along the way we got the courage to just try and look what happened when I finally got the courage to share him with the world. LifeScape gave Blake two families, one at school and one at home. They embraced Blake for Blake and they helped care for him and helped him grow and flourish in an environment where it was okay to be who he was. I will be forever grateful for that love and care.

We all talk of his smile. He was the light in a room. And it is something I will carry with me forever. There was just something pure and innocent about it. Oh, what a smile.

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LIFE WITH BLAKE

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But that smile, it hid the struggles he faced every day. He couldn't communicate like you and I. He didn't understand things and couldn't learn like his peers. He had seizures. Even being able to go to the bathroom was an issue. As life went along, he lost his ability to eat and swallow correctly. And then he started to battle pneumonia. What we don't talk about too much are the struggles. But the struggles and the hardship were very real. We focused on that smile instead and we took his lead and kept moving forward day after day.

He didn't trust easy. He would test you and see if you were really up for the job of his care. He saved his smile for those he loved the most. And when you were in, he'd tilt his head and spin with a grin.

Blake loved music and you would see an iPad in his hand constantly. Oh, we tried, every good teacher would want to explore and see what he could do without that iPad in his hand, but let me tell you - that is where you'd meet his stubbornness. He just wasn't having life without music. I'd like to believe that is a gift he shared with his brother and it will live on in the music Wyatt creates.

He loved his rides, his time in the car, the pickup or the ranger. He learned quickly who had the ability to drive and who would take him. It was his father's favorite job and they spent many hours riding together.

He loved to hide behind the trees and play peek a boo. Abby would help me chase him all around the yard. He loved his swings in the yard - the higher the better as long as he felt secure. He loved to wander - he couldn't slow down. And he loved the cause and effect of the light switches. As soon as the seasons changed it was dark in our house.

Blake had a sense of humor that came from both of his parents. He'd Facetime me when it was too loud in his room just to complain about his roommate or turn the camera on his staff who were dancing away as I sang to him. When he saw you, he'd run but stop and turn his head and smile so you couldn't see.

He was the center of our circle - tethering us all together. Life revolved around Blake and what he needed. *He taught us to be better people, more kind and caring and have more empathy.*

Blake taught us a lot about patience. You needed an abundant amount of patience to be Blake's caregiver. He was busy - and there were moment's I said, "Blake could you just sit still for one minute."

He taught us about compassion and acceptance. Not everyone is alike and has the same abilities but he showed us to embrace our differences and love one another no matter what.

As a parent, you think that you need to show and teach your children about the world. But with Blake, he taught me. He taught me to persevere - to keep fighting. He reminded me to slow down and enjoy the little things in life. He constantly kept me grounded. Take it easy mom, enjoy a song. Let's spin together.

And he taught me the value of the people in your lives. Why wouldn't you want to spend your days surrounded by the people you enjoy?

He faced so many obstacles, yet he made the world a better place. I truly believe God's light shined through Blake. Being his mother made me the person I am today. He was so much a part of who I am.

Fly high sweet boy, we love you.

WORSHIP MUSIC & MINISTRY



You, too, could be a Sound & Projection 'Geek'!

Interested in joining an awesome team of Sound & Projection 'geeks'? Get involved with the Sound & Projection ministry here at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. We will train you! In a short period of time, you could be working to enhance worship through sound, projection and live streaming.

Contact Robbyn via email at robyn@lcoorwatertown.org, phone 886-2696 or drop by the Sound & Projection booth before or after worship for more information. Feel free to hang out with the folks back there to see if you may be called to help in this way.

Altar Committee

The Altar Committee provides an opportunity for nearly everyone to serve. Parents and youth, couples, grandparents and grandchildren...are all able to join this ministry in preparing the elements for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The more people there are to call upon to prepare for communion, the fewer times one needs to serve. Please prayerfully consider serving in this vital ministry of your church. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pam Luckhurst at (605) 881-7196 or Pam Raeder at (605) 553-6784 or call Robbyn in the church office.

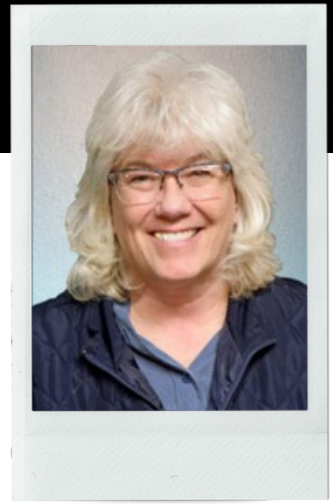
New Members Will Be Welcomed in January

While we welcome new members all year round, we "officially" receive new members twice a year. We will "Welcome New Members" during worship services on January 4 (Wednesday), January 7 (Saturday) and January 8 (Sunday). If you -- or others you know -- wish to join our LCOOR family, please contact Twila at 605- 886-2696.



DISH TO PASS

By Twila Schmitt



If ever there is a perfect time for an “epiphany,” January is it! More specifically, January 6. While other places around the world put far more emphasis on Epiphany celebrations, I would invite you to create your own Epiphany traditions.

As a child, our family tradition was always to leave our Christmas tree up until January 6th. While we didn’t actually celebrate “The 12 Days of Christmas” during this period, we kept things festive and celebrated my grandfather’s birthday on January 6.

As a grown up, one of my favorite Epiphany traditions was held for many years by our Lutheran church family in Rapid City. Because the church was located just outside the city limits, we were able to have a bonfire on January 6th. All were invited to bring their Christmas trees – and we sang carols and enjoyed each other’s company around the fire. Afterwards, we would go inside for warm beverages and home-baked goodies!

While reading a little more about Epiphany, I discovered that in “days of old” January 6 was the traditional Christmas gift-giving day, because this was the day that the Baby Jesus received his gifts from the Magi. While I’m not suggesting that we replace Christmas gifts on December 25, I’m thinking that adding an Epiphany gift to our lives sounds like a wonderful idea!

My other “epiphany” is that it will be perfectly acceptable to continue enjoying Christmas music throughout the 12 Days of Christmas. (In fact, I may just do that until the leaves are finally back on the trees!) Here’s one of my favorites! Wont’ you sing along?

“We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Oh...star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!”



**THIS DELIGHTFUL “HOLIDAY BREAD” RECIPE BY NANCY BRINKMAN
WOULD BE DELICIOUS SERVED AT AN EPIPHANY BONFIRE!**

8 OZ. CREAM CHEESE	2-1/4 C. FLOUR
1 C. MARGARINE	1-1/2 TSP. BAKING POWDER
1-1/2 C. SUGAR	1/2 C. MARASCHINO CHERRIES, CHOPPED
1-1/2 TSP. VANILLA	1/2 C. PECANS, CHOPPED
4 EGGS	



BLEND CREAM CHEESE, MARGARINE, SUGAR AND VANILLA. ADD EGGS, ONE AT A TIME. ADD 2 CUPS OF FLOUR AND MIX WELL. COMBINE 1/4 CUP FLOUR WITH CHERRIES AND NUTS. FOLD INTO THE BATTER. POUR INTO LIGHTLY GREASED BUNDT PAN OR SEVERAL SMALL BREAD PANS. BAKE AT 325 FOR 1 HOUR AND 20 MINUTES. (LESS TIME FOR BREAD PANS.) COOL 5 MINUTES. REMOVE FROM PAN AND GLAZE WITH 1-1/2 CUPS POWDERED SUGAR AND 2 TBLS. MILK OR 1 TBLS. CHERRY JUICE.

LCOOR PRESCHOOL NEWS



Enrolling Now!

Pre-Kindergarten

For 2023-2024 School Year
(Must be 4 by September 1, 2023)
Monday – Thursday
Morning | Afternoon

Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program, which is open to anyone not just church members. *We will fill the morning class first* and if there's an interest, we will open an afternoon class.

Our curriculum includes introducing letters and sounds, numbers, first/last names, shapes, and colors. We also socialize and play, listen to a lot of books, and sing songs along with many other learning activities. The students also learn about God's love, hear and learn stories and songs about Jesus.

You can find an enrollment form at the Welcome Center, the Preschool classroom, or online. We would love for your child to be part of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Preschool!!

Any questions please call Miss Nikki or Miss Wendy at 886-2696 or email us at preschool@lcoorwatertown.org

January Dates to Remember

January 3rd-
Classes resume

January 3rd-
Enrollment opens
for the
2023-2024 School Year



Chapel with Pastor Dave!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Care to help our preschool?

All help is appreciated.

- *New/Used Toys
- *Snacks/Juice
- *Support our fundraisers
- *Classroom Giving Tree
- *Thrivent Choice Dollars
- *Scrip Dollars
- *Amazon Smiles





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Salvation Army Needs Cream Soup & Canned Tuna

Our friends at The Salvation Army Food Pantry would appreciate cans of cream soup and canned tuna. As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks so much!



The Latest Word



A monthly publication of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

Deadline for the February 2023 Newsletter: Monday, January 23, 2023

Staff

Senior Pastor..... Open
Associate Pastor..... Dave Nerdig (Interim)
Youth Ministry Director..... Philip Lickei
Christian Education Director..... Rachel Clendenin
Preschool Teacher/Director..... Nikki Landmark
Preschool Teacher Aide..... Wendy Kruger
Worship & Music Coordinator..... Robbyn Givens
Welcoming & Caring Ministries..... Twila Schmitt
Business Manager..... Jodi Spilde
Business Administrative Assistant..... Megan Thyen
Custodian..... Adam Lauseng

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January Meals on Wheels

Thanks to all who helped deliver Meals on Wheels January 3-6! LCOOR volunteers deliver meals every 10 weeks - and we are always looking for additional volunteers. The next dates will be March 13-17. Please contact Twila at 605-886-2696 if you would like to be added to our list of helpers.

BeFrienders Are Available

Have you (or someone you know) gone through some major life changes? Do you have a great deal on your mind? Just need someone to listen? Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer has a wonderful group of trained BeFrienders who are here to help! Call Twila at the church office (605-886-2696) for more information.