



The Latest Word

*"Making God Known
Through Word and Deed."*

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Ladies Night Out ticket sales benefit Youth Camperships

The LCOOR Fellowship Committee would like to thank all who purchased tickets and attended Ladies Night Out 2022! Proceeds from ticket sales totaling \$900 have been donated for youth camperships in 2023. Camp registration for Lutherans Outdoors camps is currently open, with Early Bird pricing available until April 17. Visit with Rachel Clendenin for additional information on enrolling your kids or grandkids this summer!

March Meals on Wheels

LCOOR volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels 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.

Installation Services

Installation services for Pastors Dan and Laura Overbo will be held during worship on:

- **Saturday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, Feb. 12 at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m.**

Pastor Renee Splichal Larson, Associate to the Bishop, will conduct the installation service on Feb. 11-12 and Pastor Janet Miller, Prairie Coteau Conference Dean on Feb. 15. Pastor Dan will be installed as Senior Pastor and Pastor Laura will be installed as Associate Pastor here at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

Special Offering will be taken at the Installation of Pastor Dan & Laura Overbo.

This offering is for the South Dakota Synod Rural Ministry Liaison Program. The Synod is looking to expand this ministry for the rural congregations of the Synod that are in times of pastoral transition. The hope is to have one liaison in each conference of the Synod.

The Rural Ministry Liaison Program looks to build intentional relationships with the rural ministry sites throughout South Dakota; working toward networking these rural sites in the pastoral call process with other sites and the wider church along with recognizing the fostering leadership gifts in local people.

This offering can be brought in and given at any of the installation services on February 11, 12 or 15 or mailed to LCOOR attention Jodi Spilde.

All are invited to attend and extend a warm welcome to Pastor Dan, Pastor Laura and their sons Kyan, Easton and Micah. We look forward to beginning our ministry together!

welcome!

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DAN & PASTOR LAURA

As South Dakotans, one of the first questions we ask one another is, “Where are you from?” The conversation about who we are and who we know is always interesting, especially in our small, inter-connected state. So, we will begin our side of this conversation by telling you a bit about us.

We live in Volga and are parents to three boys. Kyan is 18, Easton is 16 and Micah is 14. We both graduated from Luther Seminary in 2003. We have found that we work best when serving together and enjoyed serving First Lutheran in Volga from 2007 to the present.

Laura was born and raised in Clear Lake, South Dakota. She graduated from Deuel High School. Dan was born in Devils Lake, North Dakota and grew up in Minnesota.

We are excited to have the privilege to serve as pastors at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. We will officially begin our call on February 1.

We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to become acquainted with many of you already and look forward to getting to know each of you.

In Christ,

Pastor Dan & Pastor Laura



FINANCIAL NEWS

December 2022 Financial Report

Revenue		\$	152,737.83
Expenses		\$	134,117.25
Change in General Fund		\$	18,620.58
Revenue to Date		\$	1,068,719.06
Expenses to Date		\$	967,580.98
% of Budget Year Completed			100.00%
Annual Budgeted Income for 2022		\$	999,898.00
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD			106.88%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2022		\$	999,817.20
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD			96.78%

Simply Giving®

Simply Giving® makes giving simple. Simply Giving® is a program which offers a service to electronically transfer offerings from your checking or savings account into the church's account on a regular basis. At the present time, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer has 143 active participants. Simply Giving® offers members convenience as well as a way to achieve their stewardship plan. To enroll please contact Jodi Spilde in the church office and she will provide you with a form to fill out and return to the office. If you have any questions Jodi would be happy to assist you. The form can also be found on the church website at <https://lcoorwatertown.org/resources/>.



Turn Shopping into Earning! Create possibilities for LCOOR Preschool simply by shopping with gift cards! Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your everyday purchases. It's never been easier to fundraise. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted. Stop by the Welcome Center or church office to purchase gift cards or for more information on this program. Shop 750+ top brands. Getting your morning coffee. Doing DIY projects around the house. Ordering takeout. Conveniently raise money for the Preschool by doing everyday things.

FINANCIAL NEWS & MISSION OF THE MONTH

\$3,110.00 given in Memorials & Special Gifts since last printing

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- given in memory of Marilyn Mahanke
- given in memory of Marilyn Mahanke by Darwin & Nancy Brinkman and Rod & Doris Knight
- given in memory of Gary Westgard by Burt & Barb Andersh
- given in memory of Blake Kruger by Burt & Barb Andersh

Lawn Mower

- given in memory of Bob Mahanke

Bible Camp Scholarships

- given by the Fellowship Committee (Ladies Night Out proceeds)

Special Gifts

- given in memory of Pastor Gary Westgard by Dennis & Bonnie Weippert and Doug & Maylou Austin
- given in memory of Mike Rye by Gary & Jayne Radel

Mission Project for February- LWR Fabric Kits

- 2 spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
- 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester).

Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

Wrap one piece of fabric and spools of thread inside the other piece of fabric, ensuring nothing will fall out. Secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.

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

February Mission of the Month Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota (LO)

Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota provides opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to connect with one another. These connections allow each person to explore and play in a nurturing environment, which leads to a stronger faith foundation, discovering personal gifts, developing new skills, as well as building life-long relationships. Lutherans Outdoors in SD is dedicated to quality faith experiences and hospitality for youth and adults and has been for more than 70 years. LO welcomes all to explore and experience Christ's love in community and creation. All Mission of the Month is intended to be above and beyond your regular giving. Clearly mark your offering Mission of the Month (LOSD).



YOUTH MINISTRY

with Philip Lickei



"To Move Freely. One Must be Deeply Rooted"

FEBRUARY 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 February schedule will be... **February 5 & 26.** *We will not meet Feb. 12 due to the Super Bowl or on Feb. 19 due to Spring Break!*

HS COFFEE & CONVERSATION

- Every **Monday afternoon at 4:00 pm,** come to LCOOR & join other HS youth for lively conversation while enjoying a delicious beverage! This is a time for us to touch base with one another as we share in our joys and concerns and navigate our ups and downs as a community of faith. This month we will gather on Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27.

7TH/8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Workshop dates for the month of February are...
February 1– Workshop #15
(The Bible)
February 8 – Workshop #16
(Old Testament Overview)
February 15 – Workshop #17
(New Testament Overview)
February 22– Workshop #18
(Overview of the Christian Faith)

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, February 5 & 26.** *We will not meet Feb. 12 due to the Super Bowl or on Feb. 19 due to Spring Break!*

MS MERGE & ROUTE 56

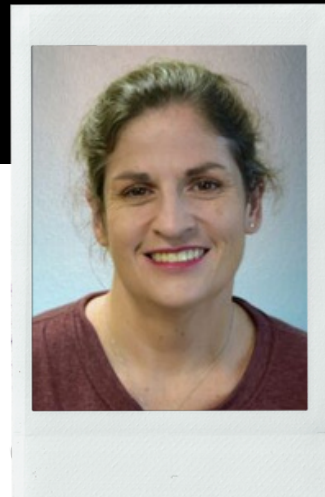
For the month of February, we will meet on **Sunday, February 26th.** We will gather at the church at **3:00 pm and be done at 4:30 pm.** Super fun activities, games and wonderful treats will be on deck for the afternoon. As always, friends are welcome!!


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



“Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.” 

1 John 4:11

Greetings from the Education Wing! Happy February! With it being the month of love, this verse, 1 John 4:11, reminds us that God has loved us beyond measure. With this in mind, we must love each other as well, even when it’s hard. It is something we work on in Church School. Love each other.

January has been a busy month in Christian Ed again! We have been talking about John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus, the Disciples, and the Beatitudes. The kids have talked about the Ministry and history of Jesus, which helps them to understand that he is the Son of God, in human form.

Rt. 56 & MS Merge met and had a good time, with a warm weather theme. The kiddos made necklaces to celebrate the warm weather (which is coming, fingers crossed), and played Sardines, the reverse of hide-and-seek. Ask them about it! It’s a hoot! Upcoming, please note there are a few dates updated for Rt. 56 & MS Merge!

IT’S TIME FOR CAMP! February 26 and March 1 we will do some camp activities with our kids and have camp days! Wear your camping gear! More information will follow!!

A special Thank You to Pastor Dave and Linda Nerdig for their service over the last year...we are grateful! Also a warm welcome to Pastor Dan and Pastor Laura Overbo! We are looking forward to working with you!

Let’s remember to love each other as God has loved us!

DATES TO KNOW:

Rt. 56 and MS Merge Dates (please note the day changes):

-Sunday, February 26, 3-4:30pm

-Sunday, March 26, 3-4:30pm

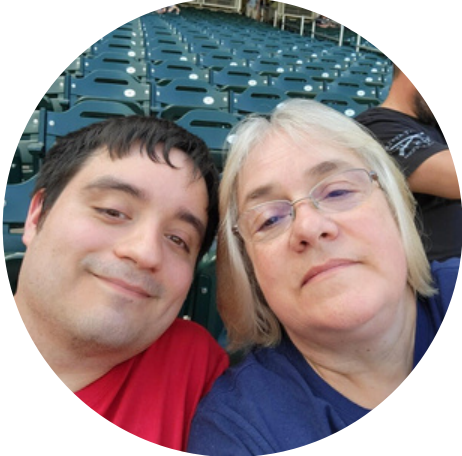
-Sunday, April 23, 3-4:30pm

-No Church School on March 15 or 19th

*Blessings -
Rachel*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Warmest of Welcomes to our
January 2023 New Members!



Steven Ays & Amanda Kienow



John Wittrock



Kara & Travis Pieschke



Michelle Gamble



Darrel & Ruth Haugerud



Todd & Chelsea Hodenfield
Hattie & Sean



Caley Kocmich
Tilly & Timber



Shawn & Tera McDonnell
Makenna & Mattisyn

If you -- or others you know -- wish to join our LCOOR family, please contact Twila at 605- 886-2696.

WORSHIP MUSIC & MINISTRY

Lenten Services

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd with worship at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship will include communion and imposition of ashes.

Subsequent Lenten services will be held each Wednesday throughout Lent. The Lenten Youth Music Team will lead at 6:30 p.m. services.

There are lots of Special Music opportunities during Lent. Instrumentalists and vocalists, please talk to Robbyn to schedule a service that fits your schedule.



Head Ushers and Sound & Projection Operators Needed at Lenten and Holy Week Services

Are you being called to serve as a Head Usher or as a Sound & Projection Operator at Lenten or Holy Week services? Opportunities are available throughout Lent during Lenten worship services, as well as for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services.

If you are a member of the Sound & Projection Team, talk to Robbyn about signing up to serve at these services. Please let Twila know if you are interested in serving as a Head Usher during Lent.

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. Please prayerfully consider serving in this vital ministry of your church. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pam Luckhurst at 881-7196, Pam Raeder at 886-9628 or call Robbyn in the church office.

WORSHIP MUSIC & MINISTRY

Bake the Bread of Life

Bakers are needed to make communion bread for worship. Sign up at the Welcome Center to serve.

This is a great activity for parents and kids, grandparents and grandchildren, adult leaders and youth and more. The sign-up sheet, recipe and instructions are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, call Robbyn in the church office at (605) 886-2696 or send an e-mail to robbyn@lcoorwatertown.org.



Children's Church

It's fun, it's exciting and it's a great way to connect with the kids in our congregation while sharing the awesome news about Jesus Christ! Children's Church is a time for the children of the congregation to hear a sermon that is prepared especially for them on their level. This special ministry is provided on the first and third Sundays of each month at the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services and is geared toward children age three through second grade. Resources are available to help you prepare for your time during worship. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to serve as a Children's Church leader, please contact Robbyn in the church office at 886-2696 or robbyn@lcoorwatertown.org.

A Thank You from Pastor Dave

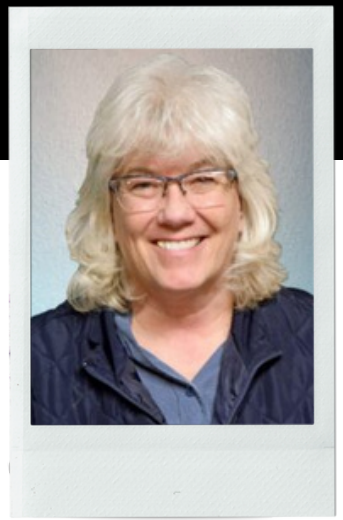
Linda and I would like to thank all of you for the amazing reception and all the cards and gifts you shared with us. We have never felt so appreciated. Your hospitality and generosity are overwhelming. It has been such a great joy serving among you and we are pleased that we can now relax and take a seat in the pew as our new pastors begin their ministry among us. Thank you so much.

Pastor Dave and Linda Nerdig



DISH TO PASS

By Twila Schmitt



I don't "love" nametags, but I'm looking forward to wearing them this month!

During January, we WELCOMED nine new families to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer – and I bet they don't know all of our names yet! (You can see their names & faces printed in this newsletter.) And this month, as we WELCOME Pastor Dan & Pastor Laura & family, I'm pretty sure they will appreciate seeing our names with our faces at least a few times!

As your "WELCOMING & Caring Ministries Coordinator," I strive to know your names, but admittedly fall short. (We are a big church family.) That's why I'm excited for nametags! I think they are an integral part of making everyone feel WELCOME here.

Another amazing way to get to know each other's names is through our on-line directory! If you haven't already been using it, I urge you to stop by our website and follow the easy directions to install it on your phone, i-pad or computer! (Or if you'd rather, find me before or after worship and I'll walk you through the process.)

Of course, the best possible way to get to know each other is to step just outside our comfort zones and greet each other. Actually talk to each other. Most of us watch for our friends and the folks we already know at church. How about inviting someone you haven't met yet to join you for a cup of coffee between services?

During our recent "New Member" gathering, we gifted each family with a copy of LCOOR's "Celebrating 50 Years Cook Book." While the recipes are fantastic, the book also brings a side of church history displayed in photos, text and names of members. (If you haven't picked one up in a while, they are available for purchase at the Welcome Center or the church office.) It can be a great conversation starter!

Which brings me back to nametags. Whether you like them or loathe them, I hope we can have some fun with them this month! We'll provide the markers– you can do the rest!

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

– Psalm 103:1

HOW ABOUT SHARING DIANE AADLAND'S "DELICIOUS DESSERT" WITH A NEW FRIEND IN FEBRUARY?

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| 1 SMALL JIFFY CAKE MIX | 1 (8-OZ) PKG. CREAM CHEESE, SOFTENED |
| 1-1/2 C. MILK | 1 (NO. 2) CAN CRUSHED PINEAPPLE, DRAINED |
| 1 (8-OZ) COOL WHIP | |
| 2 REGULAR-SIZE BOXES LEMON INSTANT PUDDING | |



PREPARE JIFFY CAKE MIX AS DIRECTED ON BOX. PUT IN GREASED 9X13-INCH PAN. BAKE 15 MINUTES AT 350. COOL. MIX 2 BOXES INSTANT PUDDING WITH MILK, ADD CREAM CHEESE AND PINEAPPLE. POUR ON COOLED CAKE. TOP WITH COOL WHIP. SPRINKLE WITH NUTS, IF DESIRED. REFRIGERATE UNTIL READY TO SERVE. SERVES 15-18.



Enrolling Now!

Pre-Kindergarten

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

We still have a few spots open!!

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.

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



Pajama Day!



Snowman Directed Drawings



February Dates to Remember

**February 14th–
Valentine's Day Party**
**February 20th–
No School
President's Day**



Care to help our preschool? **All help is appreciated.**

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

Email: preschool@lcoorwatertown.org
Facebook: LCOOR Preschool Phone: 886-2696

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Church School 10:30am Traditional Worship 11:30am Annual Congregation Meeting 5:00pm HS Youth Music Team Practice 6:00pm HS Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 2:00pm Communion at Maple Place 4:00pm HS Coffee & Conversation @ LCOOR 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:15pm CANCELED- Men's Lunch 4:45pm Wednesday Meal 5:30pm Church School 6:30pm W.O.W. Worship 7:15pm 7/8 Confirmation Workshop 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:30am Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30am Church School 10:30am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion 5:00pm HS Youth Music Team Practice 6:00pm HS Youth Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 4:00pm HS Coffee & Conversation @ LCOOR 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Strategic Plan Team Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Priscilla Circle 12:15pm Men's Lunch 4:45pm Wednesday Meal 5:30pm Church School 6:30pm W.O.W. Worship w/ Holy Communion 7:15pm 7/8 Confirmation Workshop 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30pm Worship (Lay led) / Installation of Pastors Dan & Laura Overbo</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>Camp Sunday 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Church School 10:30am Traditional Worship 3:00pm MS Merge/Rt. 56 5:00pm HS Youth Music Team Practice 6:00pm HS Youth Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 4:00pm HS Coffee & Conversation @ LCOOR 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Camp Wednesday 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 4:00pm Traditional Lenten Worship 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm Church School 6:30pm Lenten Worship led by Youth Music Team 7:15pm 7/8 Confirmation Workshop 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>