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Through Word And Deed..."*

The Latest Word



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New Members Welcome 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.

The Season of Advent

Advent is a time of preparation. We in the Christian church take this time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Advent begins for us on Saturday, November 26th. Here are some of the activities you’ll find during Advent at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer:

- ☆ **Lighting of the Advent Candles** ~ The word Advent is from the Latin “adventus” which means “coming”... Join us in worship each week as we anticipate Christ’s birth with the lighting of Advent candles.
- ☆ **Sunday Church School Christmas Programs** ~ Celebrate the coming of the baby Jesus with the pre-school through sixth grade church school students. The Wednesday School Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm, in lieu of WOW Worship. The Sunday Church School program is Sunday, December 18th at 10:30 a.m., in lieu of the 10:30 traditional worship service.

Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Saturday, December 24th ~ All worship services are candlelight services and will include favorite Christmas Carols.

- ☆ 1:30 p.m. This worship service will feature a Worship Team leading the carols, Special Music by the LCOOR Handbells and more!
- ☆ 3:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. These traditional worship services will feature accompaniment & by organ, along with Special Music by the Praise & Rejoice Choir.
- ☆ 10:00 p.m. This traditional worship service will feature piano, flute and guitar accompaniment, along with Special music by Shawn McDonnell.

Pastoral Candidates Meet & Greet

You are invited to meet and greet this pastoral couple prior to the evening service on Saturday, December 3rd from 4-5:15 p.m. in the Great Hall. A congregational vote on the Senior and Associate Pastor Positions will take place on Sunday, December 4th at 11:30 a.m.



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Message from Pastor Dave Nerdig



INCARNATION By Pastor Dave Nerdig for the people of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on Christmas 2022

Not with scent of pine and tinsel bright
Not with crackling fire and stockings hung
Not with family dear all gathered round
Not with choir or lyre or carols sung.

Not well rested, fed with doula near
Not in soft, soft bed and quilted warmth
Nothing clean and folded ready here
No preparations made to bring him forth.

The record simply says that "the time came
For her to deliver her child and she gave birth
To her first-born son and wrapped him in
Bands of cloth and laid him in a manger,
Because there was no place for them..."

No multitude of heavenly host declaring praise.
The angels didn't sing of peace to her.
Just work worn shepherd's far-fetched tales
That pondered deep, caused heart and soul to
stir. God moved and blessed earth forgot to care
But love would not be stilled by lassitude.
His gentle gift would not be turned aside.
His grace demands a place regardless of our
gratitude. The master of the universe comes
near with mercy, power, and grace unswerving.
Salvation comes to all of us, unwaiting
Incarnate love to people undeserving.

December 11, 2022

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us," our brother,
whose birth restores hope and courage to chil-
dren of this earth. Mountains and valleys will
have to be prepared; new highways opened,
new protocols declared. Almost here! God is
nearing, in beauty and grace! All clear ev'ry gate-
way, in haste, come out in haste! We first saw

Jesus a baby in a crib. This same Lord Jesus to-
day has come to live in our world; he his pre-
sent, in neighbors we see our Jesus is with us,
and ever sets us free.

All Earth is Hopeful, ELW 266

This beautiful Spanish hymn moves us to hope
for the day when *God's truth and justice set
ev'rybody free*. In the meantime, we work toward
that end, tearing down the mountains and filling
up the valleys that separate us. Praying that we
will look into the eyes of our neighbors and see
that Jesus is with us, setting us free to love our
brothers and sisters as we have been loved by
him.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, open our eyes that we may
see you and your longing in the least of these
our neighbors. Take away the sin that divides
us. Destroy the excuses that immobilize us.
Move us to love, forgive, and heal others as you
love forgive, and heal us. Amen. *Pastor Dave Nerdig*

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Light four candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness
He is coming tell the glad tidings
Let your lights be shining

*-Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah verse 4,
ELW 240*

We light candles, hang lights on our homes and
our trees to push back the darkness of the en-
croaching days of winter. But for follower of
Christ there is more to those lights. We pray
that these lights will also push back the en-
croaching darkness of what Martin Luther calls,
sin, death and the power of the devil in our
world. Each Sunday, we light one more candle
pushing back a little harder, hoping a little more
fervently that Christ will come and set all things
right again.

(Continue reading on page 4)...



Financial News

October 2022 Financial Report

Revenue	\$	97,747.17
Expenses	\$	88,450.49
Change in General Fund	\$	9,296.68
Revenue to Date	\$	824,343.65
Expenses to Date	\$	757,693.09
% of Budget Year Completed		83.33%
Annual Budgeted income for 2022	\$	999,898.00
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD		82.44%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2022	\$	999,817.20
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD		75.78%

\$205 given in Memorials/Special Gifts since last printing

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Given in memory of Michael Rye by Rod & Nancy Iverson

Roof Fund

- Given in memory of Michael Rye by Al & Pam Raeder
- Given in memory of Pastor Gary Westgard by Jim & Debbie Wollan

Care Fund

- Given in memory of Pastor Gary Westgard by Allen and Julie Rude
- Given in memory of Michael Rye by Allen & Julie Rude

Ministry Events/Worship

- Given in memory of Pastor Gary Westgard by Chuck & Lynn Langner

General Fund

- Given in memory of Michael Rye by Dennis & Bonnie Weippert

Debt Reduction

- Given in memory of Michael Rye by Marv & AJ Sherrill

Special Gifts

- Given in memory of Michael Rye by Janet Am-bur

Thrivent Choice Dollars received in November

We have received a deposit from Thrivent Choice Dollars! Thank you Pastor Sam Hatlestad and Dar Morrow for directing these dollars to our church.

- ♦ Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer – \$96.00

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who have directed their Choice Dollars® to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and LCOOR Christian Preschool this past year. With these dollars, we are able to fund various ministry projects through Choice Dollars that are not in the church budget.





**(INCARNATION by
Pastor Dave Nerdig continued)...**

As we light our advent candles, we do one thing more. We pray that God emboldens us to proclaim the good tidings of Jesus in our word and our deeds. We pray that he would show us how our lives can be lights that are shining. While there is nothing wrong with elves on shelves and chocolate filled advent calendars there is also something serious going on in this Advent seasons. We don't have to look too far to see that the world is not as God intended it. Mercy, forgiveness, justice and love, do not reign here. Our first prayer is that God would make mercy, forgiveness, justice and love reign in our own hearts and then radiate into a world that needs those things as desperately as we do.

Prayer: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

*Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (A), ELW
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**LETTERS FROM PLEASANT
VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**
CHRISTMAS 1985 TO CHRISTMAS 1999



DAVE ALAN NERDIG

"There is a rumor that Marguerite Oland wandered out onto the prairie one December evening stomped her foot, pointed at the ground, and refused to move until they came and built the church around her. It's not the truth of course, but Marguerite has never been one to let the truth get in the way of her saintly reputation."

Letters from Pleasant View Lutheran Church tells the stories of fifteen Christmases as they unfold in the lives of those who worship at the white framed church planted firmly in the snow swept plains of South Dakota. With humor, bite, and grace its characters struggle with what it means to live in a community that is a bit too human but never the less richly blest with God's unconditional love.

**Available in the Church Office or
at the Welcome Center
\$15**

Mission of the Month - LCOOR Care Fund

Our Mission of the Month for December is the Care Fund. Dollars donated to the Care Fund are primarily passed along to church members needing help with food, clothing, rent, utility payments, transportation, lodging and other emergencies. When donating to the Mission of the Month, be sure to clearly mark "Mission of the Month" on your offering envelope so that it is properly credited. The dollars you give through Mission of the Month are so very much appreciated by those receiving the help they need. Thank you.





Youth Ministry

"To Move Freely, One must be Deeply Rooted"



December 2022

High School Sunday Youth Group... meets every week on **Sunday**. Times on Sunday will vary depending on the activity that is scheduled. These gatherings will be announced through the High School Youth text list, the church bulletin/newsletter and on the LCOOR website. All 9th – 12th graders are encouraged to attend and as always, friends are welcome! The November schedule of activities will be...

December 4 @ 7 pm

December 11 @ 7 pm (Prepare Christmas Bags for Elderly Members)

December 18 @ 4 pm (Deliver Christmas Bags to Elderly Members)



7th/8th Grade Confirmation

Workshop dates for the month of December are...

December 7 – Workshop #9 (Why Christmas Matters)

December 14 – Workshop #10 (Christmas Visiting)

December 21 – Small Group Christmas Parties

December 28 – NO Workshop (Christmas Break)

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. Thanks!



Middle School Merge/Route 56

For the month of December, we will meet on **Monday, December 19th**. We will gather at the church at **6:30 pm and be done at 8:30 pm**. Christmas themed activities along with Christmas treats will be on deck for the evening. As always, friends are welcome!!

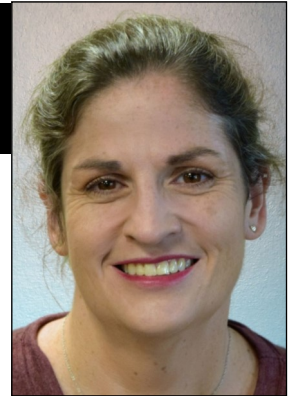
Night Owlz Book Club is a new group for HS students. We meet on Wednesday nights from 8 – 9 pm in the youth room. During our time together, we will read and discuss various books. We are currently reading the Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis. Night Owlz will meet on **December 7th & 21st**. (We will not meet on the 14th)





Christian Education

By Rachel Clendenin



“A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn,”

Words by Placide Cappeau, Music by Adolphe Adam, translated by John Sullivan Dwight

These words from the Christmas carol, “O Holy Night”, are so powerful even in our world today. As grown-ups, the holidays can be in a word, exhausting. “Are my kids going to enjoy Christmas? I must clean my house, company is coming! I need to bake (what feels like) 60 dozen cookies! I forgot to call Aunt Edna!” These thoughts run through my head constantly. Then Christmas Eve comes, and it seems as though the world quiets for a bit. The “thrill of hope” is in the air, and all the weary in the world rejoice, realizing it’s not about these thoughts. It’s about the new and glorious morning that is coming, with hope. It’s about the birth of a humble king with new ideas and salvation. Sharing that message with our kiddos, that Jesus came much they did, in a small, much anticipated package. This is the best Christmas present of all.

In the Education wing, things have been super busy! We are gearing up for programs and learning about the coming of Jesus. We have learned that even though some people (the Sadducees) tried to trip Jesus up, He didn’t fall for it and talked about Heaven. We have learned that God loves us forever, and He keeps us safe. We have also learned to be Thankful!

A special shout-out and Thank You to our Middle School Merge and Rt. 56 Youth Group kiddos that assisted in the “Hanging of the Greens.” Their help was awesome!

We received a kind note from Shana Stone, the nurse from the Watertown Middle School after the hygiene supplies were delivered. “Dear LCOOR Members, Thank you so much for the hygiene items that were donated for WMS Students. We will make sure they are put to good use. I/We appreciate you! Shana Stone, RN & WMS Staff.” Again, thank you all who donated to our community ministry for kiddos that don’t have enough. It really means more than words can say for these kiddos.

It is Christmas Program season! Please come and enjoy the kiddos ministry back to you! They have already been working hard at it!

SAVE THESE DATES PLEASE!

December 14, 2022, 6:30 pm: Wednesday Church School Christmas Program (ages 3 years to 6th grade) during Worship, Kids report to their assemblies like usual at 5:30pm

December 18, 2022, 10:30 am: Sunday Church School Christmas Program (ages 3 years to 6th grade) During Worship, (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE DIFFERING FROM PREVIOUS YEARS), Kids report to their assemblies like usual at 9:30

December 19, 2022, 6:30pm-8pm: Rt. 56 & Middle School Merge

December 25, 28, and January 1st: No Church School

January 4, 2023: Church School Resumes with regular WOW activities!

As we enter this holy season, I pray the thrill of hope hits us all early, especially our beautiful children.

Christmas Blessings ~ *Rachel*



Worship Music Ministry



Christmas Eve Instrumental Group

High school age youth and adults are invited to join this brass group in playing for the 3:30pm and 5:30pm Christmas Eve Worship Services. See Robbyn for more information. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.

Poinsettias

Order a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one or to the glory of God. These lovely red poinsettias will beautify the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve weekend worship services. You may take them home following the 10pm worship service on Christmas Eve. Cost of each poinsettia is \$15.00.

Additional Worship Help Needed this Month

December is a busy month for all of us. Even if you are not scheduled to serve during the month of December; please stop by the Welcome Center to sign-up to help when you can. There are many additional services on Christmas Eve which offers many more opportunities to serve. You can sign up to serve by talking with Twila in the Church office, at the Welcome Center or on-line: www.lcoorwatertown.org then click on SERVE → CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER AT WORSHIP IN DECEMBER...or see Twila to indicate your interest.

Sound & Projection Team

Now is a great time to join the Sound & Projection Team as we head into Advent, Christmas and a new year of worship and activities. Team members are needed on Saturday evenings, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during the school year. Set up a time with Robbyn, at your convenience, to be trained. Call the church office at (605) 886-2696 or email Robbyn at robyn@lcoorwatertown.org

Praise & Rejoice Choir

This teen and adult choir meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to rehearse. Under the direction of Tera McDonnell, this group sings for worship an average of two times per month and at many festival worship services. Everyone is welcome to join in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Handbell Choir

Teens and adults are invited to join this group. A basic knowledge of music is helpful, but reading music is not required in order to be a part of this group of merry ringers. The Handbell Choir, under the direction of Bev Splinter, meets Wednesday evenings at 7:15 to practice. This group plays for worship an average of one time per month, as well as for some of the festival worship services.



(Handbell Choir pictured above dressed for their Calypso music performance on Sunday, November 20th.)





Stewardship 2023



We are so thankful for all that you do to support the ministries of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. Your prayers, volunteer time and financial gifts are an integral part reaching our 2023 Stewardship Goals.

As of November 22nd, **194 families have returned their Statement of Intent card**. If you are not among this number...there is still time to submit your intent. We ask that you prayerfully consider what amount your family can give in offerings in 2023. Statement of Intent cards can be picked up at the Welcome Center or church office or you can visit our website <https://lcoorwatertown.org/> and click the Stewardship Tab where you can fill out your Intent confidentially. We ask that you do this soon, as the new year is fast approaching.

Your financial gifts do make a difference. Again, we are grateful for your current and future generosity. This is a vibrant congregation with many generations banded together showing the love of God to all, near and far.

Blessings,

Jodi Spilde, Business Manager

Stewardship Results – and comparisons with last year:

November 22, 2022 Promised Offerings \$539,475.48
(194 Pledge Cards Returned, 104 increased)

November 21, 2021 Promised Offerings \$504,894.00
(188 Pledge Cards Returned, 100 increased)

Fellowship and Outreach



LCOOR Circles to meet Dec. 7th

All are invited to join the members of Pricilla and Martha Circles as they meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, for a time of fellowship and devotions. Pastor Dave will lead the bible study. Those attending are asked to bring a small plate of holiday treats to share.

LCOOR at Winter Wonderland

As you tour the Optimist Winter Wonderland at City Park, be sure to watch for LCOOR's brilliant display! Thanks to the families who helped design and set up the lighted scene! Winter Wonderland is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 6 to 9 p.m. through December 26.

Deliver a Caring Casserole

Our "Caring Casseroles" ministry provides a variety of delicious casseroles for you to deliver to friends and neighbors. Know someone who just got home from the hospital? A family who recently had a baby? A freezer filled with casseroles is located in Twila's office. Please stop by and pick up one (or two) and share in this caring ministry.

Holidays got you down?

If you're just not feeling in the Christmas spirit, or simply wish you had someone to talk to as the holidays approach, our BeFriendsers are here for you. We are fortunate to have several trained BeFriendsers here at LCOOR who are happy to spend time with you and simply listen. Please call Twila in the church office at 605-886- 2696 to learn more.

2023 Offering Envelopes Here

Stop by before or after worship across from the Welcome Center to pick up your next year's offering envelopes. Or stop into the church office Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 5pm or 8:30-Noon on Friday to pick up your envelopes.

Meet the Staff: Megan Thyen Business Administrative Assistant



I grew up in Aberdeen and moved to Watertown in 2012 to attend LATI. After graduating in 2014 with an Associates Degree of Applied Science, my husband and I spent five years living and working in the Webster area. We moved back to Watertown in 2021 and welcomed a daughter in August 2022. My family includes my husband Ryan, daughter Rylee, and spoiled dog Moose. In our free time we enjoy traveling, camping, hiking, skiing, gardening and spending time with our family and friends.





Dish to Pass

By Twila Schmitt



*Jeg er så glad hver julekveld,
For da ble Jesus født!
Da lyste stjernen som en sol,
Og engler sang så søtt.*

Somewhere in my memory banks, the above lyrics recently floated in... While I've never spoken a word of Norwegian, I sang "in Norwegian" many years during our Sunday School Christmas programs. Our music leader brought Olaf in to teach us how the words should sound. He was Norwegian through and through. I can still hear his voice.

While I'm certain now that we never really captured the lyrics accurately, our rendition of "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve" brought some smiles to a generation who were still familiar with the language.

This past month, I've had the privilege of reading wonderful memories from family and friends of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer that were submitted for our 2022 Advent Devotional. These stories, poems and prayers have been compiled -- and the finished booklet is available at The Welcome Center. If you're unable to stop by, just let me know and I will make sure you get one!

We all have our favorite memories of the holidays, but Christmas Eve holds a special place in my heart. It was always a rambunctious time in our family, as between 15 to 20 young cousins (mostly boys) were part of the gathering at our Grandma and Grandpa's house every year. Christmas Eve is also my little brother's birthday -- so there was always birthday cake! We have some (hilarious) photos of all of us piled on our grandparents' sofa. It's a wonder how they got us all to hold still for that long!

As we enter the season of Advent together, my hope is that you also take time to reflect and that you also look forward with anticipation to the wonderful celebration that is Christmas!

*I am so glad each Christmas Eve,
The night of Jesus' birth!
Then like the sun the Star shone forth,
And angels sang on earth.*

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Janet Drake's Almond Bark Candy recipe brings back memories of these delightful treats in my family!

Almond Bark Candy

1 pkg. almond bark 2 c. salted peanuts
1 c. peanut butter 3 c. Rice Krispies
2 c. marshmallows

Heat oven to 350. Shut off. Place 1 package of almond bark in heavy skillet and put in oven ½ hour. Remove and add the remaining ingredients. Mix all together and drop from teaspoon on wax paper. (Other recipes call for melting the almond bark in double boiler, or using the microwave!) Yummy!



Happy Holidays!

From Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Preschool

This month we will be celebrating the fulfillment of God's promise, Baby Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. We will be decorating the room and singing lots of Christmas songs. The students will spend this month preparing for their Christmas program and finding out the true meaning of Christmas!

December Calendar

December 14th- Forest Friends Christmas Program-10:00 a.m.

Wise Owls Christmas Program-2:00 p.m.

December 19th-January 2nd-Christmas Break-No School

January 3rd-Classes Resume



If you're ordering from Amazon this Christmas season, you can help support the Preschool by going to Amazon Smile or type in the link below and it will take you directly there. Sign in as you normally would for Amazon and find Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown. The preschool gets a percentage of your





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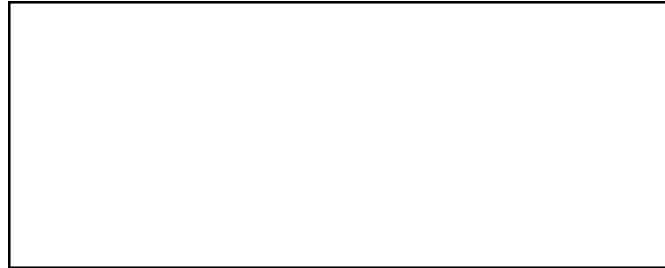
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Salvation Army—Cereal & Granola Bars Needed

During December, our friends at The Salvation Army Food Pantry would appreciate boxed cereal and granola bars. 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 in advance for your generosity!



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A monthly publication of
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Deadline for January 2022 newsletter:
Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Staff

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Angel Tree Gifts

The Salvation Army Angel Tree is up near the Church Office. Pick up a tag or two from the tree soon, and please be sure to return your unwrapped gifts no later than **Friday, Dec. 16**. Thanks for helping with this important ministry!



December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 First Sunday of Advent No Church School No HS Youth Group 8:30am Contemporary Worship/Holy Communion 10:30am Traditional Worship/Holy Communion	28 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 2:00pm Communion at Maple Place 6:45pm AI-Anon	29 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting 5:15pm Grief Group	30 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 4:45pm Wednesday Meal 5:30pm Church School 6:30pm W.O.W. Worship/Holy Communion 7:15pm 7/8 Confirmation Small Group Leaders Meeting 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm HS Night Owlz	1 9:00am Quilting 5:15pm AI-Anon	2 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry Office Closes at Noon	3 4:00pm Pastoral Candidates Meet & Greet 5:30pm Worship (Lay Led) 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal
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25 10:30am Christmas Day Worship/Communion	26 No Preschool - Christmas Break (Dec. 19 - Jan. 2) 6:45pm AI-Anon	27 No Preschool - Christmas Break (Dec. 19 - Jan. 2) 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	28 No Preschool - Christmas Break (Dec. 19 - Jan. 2) 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry	29 No Preschool - Christmas Break (Dec. 19 - Jan. 2) 5:15pm AI-Anon	30 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry Office Closes at Noon	31 5:30pm Service of Lessons & Carols (Lay Led)

