

Vol. 44 Issue No. 2 Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Watertown, SD February 2024

## February Book Club

In February the LCOOR Book Club will be meeting Thursday, February 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. They will be reading The Last Lecture by Jeffrey Zaslow and Randy Pausch.

## **Circle Bible Studies**

Priscilla and Martha Circles will meet in February, focusing on the bible study, "Scripture and Nature," in Gather magazine. Copies of the study can be found at the Welcome Center

- Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, in the Gathering Space
- Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, in the Gathering Space.

## Mission Project-LWR Fabric Kits

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.

## **Lenten Services**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th with worship at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship will include communion and imposition of ashes. We will have a special soup luncheon following the 12:15 p.m. service. Subsequent Lenten services will be held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. throughout Lent with the Youth Music Team leading.

# Zimbabwe Mission Trip for 2024

Help bring God's transformation to the city of Bulawayo. Partner with local schools, orphanages, churches, youth programs to work with kids in need through VBS programs, music, art, worship, drama, sports, dance and more! We will share the love of Jesus and be a part of transforming the community. At the end of our Mission Trip, we will travel to Victoria Falls and participate in at least one safari at Hwange National Park. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in more information!

## Footsteps of Paul-Greece & Turkey Pilgrimage for 2025

Join Pastor Dan Overbo as we walk where Paul walked. See the ruins of the Philippi, Ephesus (Turkey), & Corinth. Renew your baptism, climb Mars Hill & board a boat to see the island of Patmos where the book of Revelation was written. See other Greek Islands as you reflect & absorb all we have seen and done. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in more information!

# Why Old Men Weep in the Morning by Gary Westgard

Available for purchase for \$20 at the Welcome Center. Pastor Gary was a member of LCOOR and visitation pastor here. Gary passed away in 2022, but decades of Gary's preaching and writings from every day events to the most profound have inspired and strengthened many. Thank you to his wife, Vivian, for making this book available to us.

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## PASTOR MESSAGE & MILESTONE MINISTRIES

## "What is Lent? I mean really, what's it for?"

This question was posed by a student who was thoroughly concerned that he might be missing the point and the purpose of this season called Lent. We talked for a few minutes about the symbolism of the purple paraments, that Lent means "slow" and it's a time for joining together to hear the stories of Jesus again. However, the truth is, Lent is also more than this.

- Lent can be thought of in temporal terms. Lent is a time, a countdown, a period, forty days, the long watch that ends the night.
- Lent can be thought of in terms of training. It is a discipline, a struggle, a fast, a commitment, preparation, a training, a scourging of the flesh, a putting-to-death of the flesh. (And who does this putting to death? God, not us.)
- Lent can be imagined in terms of its emotions. Lent is mourning our fallenness, grieving over sin, a season of sadness before the season of joy, a song of sorrow that precedes Easter's shouts of praise. Lent is the dance of despair and dejection, before Easter's lively rejoicing.
- Lent can be thought of in terms of truth. In Lent, the masks we wear to protect us from God's
  penetrating stare are stripped away. In Lent, our lives are grasped by the power of God's truth,
  which first strips us bare of our self-justifying lies, and second assures us that God truly loves us
  despite our failings.
- Lent can be thought of in terms of clothing. Lent is sackcloth, and Easter is joy (see Psalm 30). Lent is all ashes and the dark attire of death. Easter is a celebration.
- Lent is the bare, late-winter forest, denuded of leaf and life. Easter is the green blade rising from the buried grain.
- Lent is a season of coming in touch with our own sinfulness, need for redemption, and mortal condition. A time to learn -- really learn -- what it is to be dust and ashes.

For those who hunger for something deeper, this season of Lent is a perfect time for individual and communal spiritual renewal. For individuals, Lent is a season to deepen in Christian faith to mature in Christian faith practices. For Christian communities, Lent is a time to grow in fellowship and hospitality. Join us for all these "Lenten things" this season.

Wednesdays 6:30 pm- The worship theme is "The Beatitudes of Promise." Sundays 9:30 am- the worship theme follows a video series by Artist, Pastor Paul Oman.

So, invite a friend, make yourself feel comfortable, and together, let's dig into the meaning of Lent.

## February Youth Sign Up Information

Saturday, February 3:

Reader: Kylie H.

Acolyte: Korri H. & 1 NEEDED

Blessing Assistant: 2 NEEDED

Sunday, February 4:

**Reader:** Khloe V. **Acolyte:** 2 NEEDED

**Blessing Assistant:** 2 NEEDED

Wednesday, February 7:

Reader: Mackenzie S. Acolyte: Alexis L. & Brody L. Blessing Assistant: 2 NEEDED

Sunday, February 11:

Reader: Tyllie S.

Acolyte: Avery K. & 1 NEEDED

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Wednesday, February 14:

Reader: Kyndall B. Acolyte: 2 NEEDED

**Blessing Assistant: 2 NEEDED** 

Saturday, February 17:

**Reader:** Makynzie S. **Acolyte:** 2 NEEDED

**Blessing Assistant: 2 NEEDED** 

Sunday, February 18:

Reader: Tyllie S. Acolyte: 2 NEEDED

**Blessing Assistant: 2 NEEDED** 

Wednesday, February 21:

Reader: Grady J.
Acolyte: 2 NEEDED

**Blessing Assistant: 2 NEEDED** 

Sunday, February 25:

Reader: Wyatt K. Acolyte: 2 NEEDED

Wednesday, February 28:

Reader: Dawson M. Acolyte: 2 NEEDED

This information indicates who has signed up to help with worship in

various areas.

**PARENTS:** If you see an area with a need, please call the church office at (605) 886-2696 to sign your child up or sign up on the master sheet that is posted at the information center in the gathering space.

**Reader:** 7th & 8th Graders **Acolyte:** 5th & 6th Graders **Blessing Assistant:** 4th Graders

# FINANCIAL NEWS

## **December 2023 Financial Report**

Revenue		\$ 106,558.42
Expenses		\$ 92,244.26
Change in General Fund		\$ 14,314.16
Revenue to Date		\$ 1,128,440.33
Expenses to Date	П	\$ 1,045,739.80
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% of Budget Year Completed		100.00%
Annual Budgeted Income for 2023		\$ 1,067,619.19
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD	П	105.70%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2023		\$ 1,067,619.19
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD		97.95%

## 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 184 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 an authorization 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/.



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your ink cartridges and drop them of at the
Welcome Center or in the church office.

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- Epson

## February Mission of the Month- Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota

Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota LO 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).



## **LCOOR Care Fund**

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Care Fund was the recipient of \$971.95 brought in from special offering and the noisy can in worship in December.

# FINANCIAL NEWS & NEW MEMBERS

# \$43,046.06 Memorials and Special Gifts given since last printing

## **Endowment**

• from the late Alberta Frerichs

### **Debt Reduction**

 In memory of Ken & Jo Bailly from Marv & AJ Sherrill

## **Hospice Gowns & Baby Kits**

 In honor of Bev Splinter from the Handbell Choir

## **Special Gifts**

 In memory of Bert Hemme from Scott & Sharese Jensen

# 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 2023 Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer received \$3,108.00 through directed Thrivent Choice Dollars® and the Preschool received \$1,817.00. 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.

## Timmerman Scholarships

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Members who are Watertown High School Graduates entering preferably their 1st or 2nd year of education or technical training at a South Dakota State supported institution are eligible to apply for one of three \$500 scholarships. More information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at <a href="https://lcoorwatertown.org/">https://lcoorwatertown.org/</a> under the RESOURCES tab. Registration Deadline is 5/30/2024.

# New Members Welcomed in January

While we welcome everyone at all times, we "officially" received and recognized new members in January! Please WELCOME our newest members to the LCOOR family:



Tyler, Alison & Amelia (7 mo.) Gorrell



Benjamin Storm



Nicholas Harms, Cason (10) & Lilah (7)



Clark Toben

# FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

# Tebruary 20



Philip Lickei

## **Monthly Youth Groups:**

- Junction... A youth Group for 1st 4th grade will meet the first Monday of each month. This month we will meet on Monday, February 5 from 6-7:30 pm. Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!
- Rt. 56... A youth group for 5th & 6th grade meets once a month on a Monday. This month we will meet on Monday, February 26 from 6-7:30 pm. Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

## Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Please note that this youth group is for 7-12 grades. Every Sunday night we will gather for Luther League 2.0 at 6 p.m. Each evening we will enjoy a thought provoking discussion topic, snacks, games and awesome fellowship. Please feel free to bring your friends and join us for a fantastic ministry opportunity! This month we will gather on...

- Sunday, February 4
- Sunday, February 11
- Sunday, February 25 (Making Tie-Blankets)
- We will not meet on Feb. 18 due to the 4 day weekend.

## **Youth Music Team**

will continue practicing for the Lenten Worship Services this month. We will practice on **Sunday nights at 7 p.m.** (following Luther League 2.0) in the sanctuary. Our practice schedule for February is Sunday, February 4, 11 & 25.

Our first 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service we will sing at is on Wednesday, February 21 (Please arrive around 6 p.m. to go over the songs for the worship service).

# February Christian Education Schedule:

Wednesday Church School will gather at 5:30 p.m. on: February 7, 21 & 28.

Sunday Church School will gather at 8:30 a.m. on: February 4, 11 & 25.

# 7th/8th Grade Confirmation February Schedule:

Wednesday, February 7 -

Workshop #20

Wednesday, February 14 -

No Confirmation – Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 21 -

Workshop #21

Wednesday, February 28 –

Workshop #22

# DISH TO PASS

Now, it's February! In the frigid temps of a South Dakota winter, it's tempting to hunker down and start complaining -- about everything! I'm hoping that you'll join me (instead) in focusing on ways to keep your spirits bright!

Many years ago, a friend gifted a book that I pull off my bookshelf whenever I feel the need to refresh. It's called "The Art of Abundance," and it begins:

"Always leave enough time in your life to do something that makes you happy, satisfied, even joyous. That has more of an effect on your well-being than any other single factor."



By Twila Schmitt

Maybe you already have those "things" you can do that make you happy? Or maybe you've been putting them off "until the kids are grown" or "until retirement?" Maybe you feel that life is too darn busy to fit in one more thing? Then, again, maybe you're looking for something now?

If you keep an eye on the calendar here at church, you'll find several opportunities:

- Attend book club!
- Sign up for craft night!
- Join the quilters!
- · Deliver Meals on Wheels!
- Learn to make Prayer Shawls or baptismal afghans!
- Come to Bible Study on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings!
- Check out Men's Lunch!
- Dine together following first Saturday's worship!
- Try Chair Yoga!
- Enjoy our Wednesday Family meal!
- Sing with the choir or ring hand bells!

And if you don't see something on the calendar that sparks your interest, make time to stop by the office and chat. There are ministries that go on behind the scenes that might be just the right fit for you!

"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit makes you feel dry down to your very bones." – Proverbs 17:22

Let's work together through these coming winter months to keep our spirits bright!

How about baking a batch of Dianne Knebel's "Caramel Rolls" to make someone's day a bit sweeter?

## CARAMEL ROLLS

2 TUBES PILLSBURY BISCUITS 1/3 C. WHITE SUGAR 1 TSP. CINNAMON

SPLIT AND ROLL BISCUITS IN ABOVE MIXTURE. PUT IN GREASED BUNDT PAN.

MIX: ½ C. BROWN SUGAR, ½ C. MARGARINE, ½ C. WHITE SUGAR, ¾ CUP VANILLA ICE CREAM BOIL UNTIL IT BUBBLES. POUR OVER ROLLS. BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR 20 TO 25 MINUTES. TAKE OUT AND LET STAND A FEW MINUTES. TURN OUT ON PLATE.

# LCOOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

# We still have a few spots open!!

Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program. It is open to anyone not just church members.

We will fill the morning class first and if there's 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.

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

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

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







## **Snowman Directed Drawings**



## **February Dates:**

February 14th- Valentine's Day Party
February 19th- No School-President's Day
February 22nd-Chapel





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## **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

## Salvation Army- Boxed Potatoes & Hamburger Helper

Our friends at the Salvation Army need boxed potatoes and hamburger helper type meals to help feed our neighbors this month. Please consider picking up a couple extra boxes while you are out shopping! Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks!



## February Craft Night

Join us Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space for Craft Night! We will be creating beautiful mason jar flower displays! Sign up at the Welcome Center by Friday, February 16th.



# The Latest **Word**

A monthly publication of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

Deadline for the March 2024 Newsletter: Monday, February 19, 2024



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## Youtube

https://www.youtube.com/c/ LutheranChurchofOurRedeemer

## Meals on Wheels February 26 - March 1

Helpers needed!! Many of our volunteers are snowbirds – so we are looking for volunteers who can help deliver Meals on Wheels Feb. 26 to March 1. (Commitment is from 11 a.m. to noon each day.) Please contact Twila at 605-886-2696 if you are available to help.

## BeFrienders to Meet February 8

Our BeFrienders group will meet at 10 a.m. on Feb. 8, with a special guest speaker from Prairie Lakes Hospice. If you've ever considered becoming a BeFriender, you are also welcome to attend and learn more about the program. Call Twila at the church office (605-886-2696) for more information.

## February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30am Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan 8:30am Church School 8:30am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Blended Worship 10:30am Annual Congregation Meeting 6:00pm Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade) 7:00pm Youth Music Team Practice	8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 5:30pm Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:45pm Al-Anon	30 9:00am Sewing Ministry Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting	31 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan 5:30pm Church School 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal	1 9:00am Quilting 1:15pm Chair Yoga 5:15pm Al-Anon	2 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry	3 5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal
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