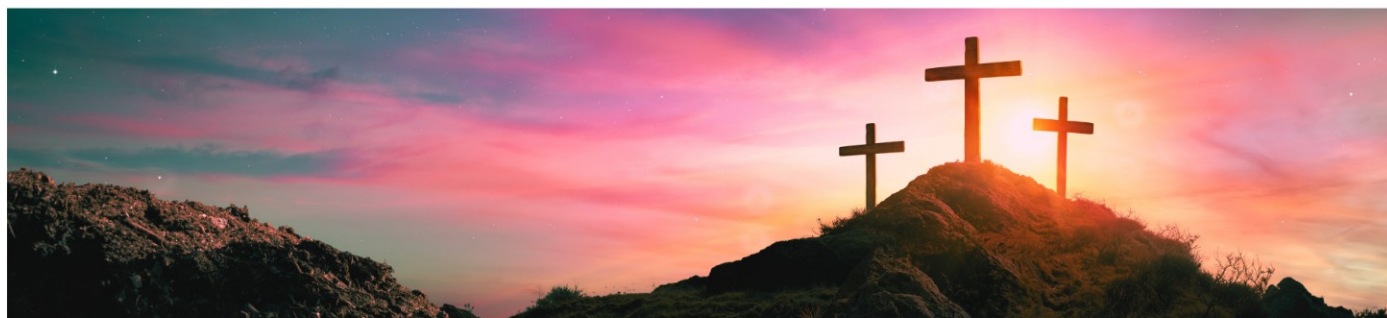


Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

# The Latest Word

“Making God Known Through Word and Deed.”



## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

### Palm Sunday (April 13):

- Procession of Palms
- Kids Sing during Worship
- Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee - free will donations to raise funds for worship and music technology.

### Maundy Thursday (April 17):

- Worship with First Communion and Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

### Good Friday (April 18):

- Tenebrae Worship at 6:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday (April 20):

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Special Music
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship with Special Music
- \*Holy Communion at both services*

## Volunteers Needed for Holy Week & Easter Worship

Please consider volunteering during our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Morning worship services. There are many opportunities for families and individuals to be involved as greeters, readers, ushers, communion servers and acolytes. Signing up is easy – go to [lcoorwatertown.org](http://lcoorwatertown.org) and find the “Volunteer at Worship” button – or simply give Twila at call in the church office at 605-886-2696.

## Spring Plants for Easter

Help beautify our sanctuary by purchasing a spring plant in memory or honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Cost of each plant is \$20. Complete an order form (found at the Welcome Center or Church Office). **Order deadline – April 13.**

## Lenten Offering

The Lenten Offering this year will be designated toward the **"Youth Outdoor Area"**. It will support the fire pit area and funding for a playground, creating a welcoming space for youth fellowship and activities. The fire pit will provide a gathering spot for storytelling, devotionals, and community bonding, while the playground will offer a fun and safe environment for younger members to play and connect. These additions aim to enhance the outdoor space, fostering faith, friendship, and engagement for all ages.

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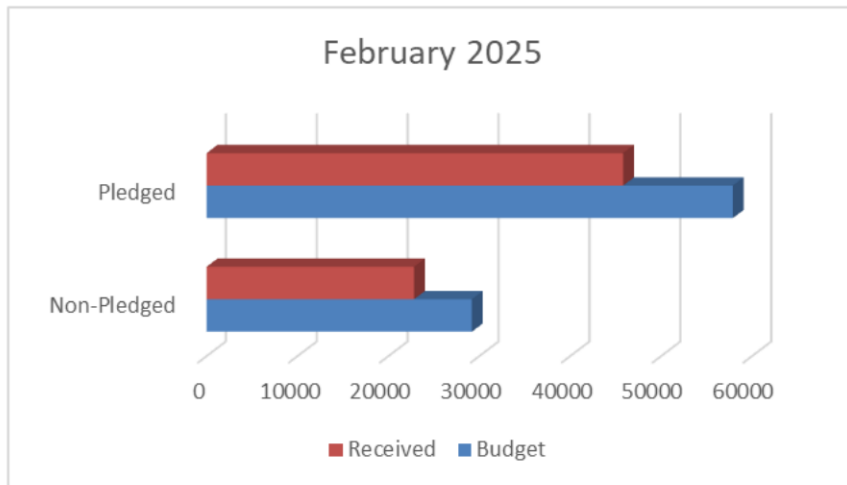
Preschool Happenings

April 2025 Calendar



## Financial Reports & News

2025 Financial Report		
Revenue to Date		\$ 190,389.90
Expenses to Date		\$ 167,174.47
Net Income		\$ 23,215.43
Annual Budgeted income for 2025		\$ 1,090,027.31
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2025		\$ 1,090,027.31



### February Mission of the Month - ELCA World Hunger

We are grateful for the generous support. Through your giving we raised \$1,138.78 from the Noisy Can and Special Offerings in February along with the \$1,000 from the budget, bringing the total sent to ELCA World Hunger to **\$2,138.78!**

### \$180 Received in Memorials and Special Gifts

#### Sandwich Ministry

- In memory of Lois Jones (grandmother of Leann Jungen) from Lloyd's Heating
- Special Gift from Randy Petrick
- In memory of Tom Foster from Marv & Joyce McGillivray

#### Youth Ministry

- In memory of Florence Fleming from Ken & Renae Madison

### April Missions of the Month - Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center and Fallout Shelter Ministries

The **Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center** has been serving in Pine Ridge South Dakota for over 40 years. At the center, they offer a range of services designed to provide help and hope to their community. Our Kid's program fosters growth and learning for young minds, while the Job Corp supports individuals in finding meaningful employment. The Energy Matching program assists families in managing their energy costs, and Homeless Shelter provides a safe haven for those in need. Additionally, Pine Ridge host groups from around the world, promoting connection and collaboration. The Lutheran Lakota Ministry is a 501c3 supported by the [ELCA](#), The [South Dakota Synod](#) of the ELCA, and the South Dakota [Episcopal Diocese](#).

**Fallout Shelter Ministries** was established as a non-profit ministry in 2016, with the clear goals of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and preparing people for the unexpected. The ministry is founded by and operated by the Ohm Family, led by Rich and Beret. The focus of the ministry is simple – to say yes to the opportunities to serve in God's kingdom, doing the good things he has prepared for us in advance. As their capacity to serve has increased, their opportunities have grown. They teach, serve, love, and live the mission.

Please consider giving above and beyond your regular offering to support both of these South Dakota ministries. Be sure to clearly mark your donation as "Mission of the Month" when giving during April. Thank you for your generosity!

## Financial Reports & News



### Your Life Can Make a Difference

As a partner ministry of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA, Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota provides creative solutions to help you align your financial, tax, and estate planning goals with your faith and generosity. Whether through a gift today or a legacy plan that supports your loved ones and the ministries closest to your heart, your life can make a lasting impact.

We invite you to join us on Sunday, April 13, as we welcome Kathy McHenry, Executive Director, who will share insights on how you can create a meaningful legacy through thoughtful planning.



### Quilt & Kit Shipping Fun

When we make LWR Quilts and Kits, we join countless others across the country who reach out to people in need around the world through this ministry.

LWR spends around \$1.9 million to operate this program, distributing about \$18 million worth of quilts and kits each year.

You can help! Consider giving a gift toward the Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund.

#### **LWR's Approximate Cost to Deliver Quilts and Kits Overseas:**

One Mission Quilt	\$2.80
One School Kit	\$2.85
One Personal Care Kit	\$1.50*
One Baby Care Kit	\$3.10
One Fabric Kit	\$1.80

\*No longer includes the cost of toothpaste

### Thrivent Choice Dollars Received

LCOOR \$353.00 and LCOOR Preschool \$188.00

Thank You Verla Ackley, Burt Andersh, Robert Davis, Curt Friedrichsen, Rod & Nancy Iverson, Dawn Johnson, Dan Kohls, Gloria Ostenvik, Allen Rude, Don Scharn, AJ Sherrill and Kym Thompson for directing your Choice Dollars® to LCOOR and LCOOR Preschool. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and support.

The funds we received from Thrivent will enable us to continue supporting various ministries and missions that fall outside of our regular church budget. Your contribution makes a meaningful difference in our efforts to serve our community and live out our mission.

Thank you for being a vital part of our ministry. Together, we can achieve so much more.



### Gift Card Fundraiser

Support LCOOR Preschool effortlessly—just by shopping with gift cards! Purchase SCRIP (gift cards) from your favorite brands and earn funds for our preschool with every purchase. No extra spending. No extra time. Just everyday shopping made meaningful!

It's that simple! Visit the Welcome Center or church office to purchase gift cards or learn more about this easy way to give back. Shop. Earn. Support.





### Babysitter List Available

Just a reminder to all you parents of young children – an LCOOR Baby Sitter List is available at the Welcome Center! We all need a little break now and then, so why not pick up a list next time you're at church?



### Meals on Wheels Thanks Karla Stimson!

We're so thankful that Karla Stimson has stepped up to organize volunteer drivers from our congregation for Meals on Wheels. LCOOR's next delivery week is April 7-11. (Commitment is from 11 a.m. to noon each day.) Please contact Karla at 605-520-0215 if you are available to help with Meals on Wheels deliveries in April or in the coming months.



### Deliver a Caring Casserole

Our Caring Casserole ministry is available to anyone who wishes to drop off a meal to a friend, neighbor or family member! The casserole freezer is located in Twila's office and is available before or after worship – or any time the church office is open. Thanks for helping us care for one another!



### Circle Bible Study

Priscilla and Martha Circles will meet in April, focusing on the bible study in the Gather magazine. Copies of the study can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office. All are welcome to attend.

- Martha Circle will meet at **2 p.m. Monday, April 14**, in the Gathering Space
- Priscilla Circle will meet at **9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 16**, in the Gathering Space.



### April Book Club

The LCOOR Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for April is *One Life* by Barbara Winton.

## Faith Formation & Youth Updates

# IMPORTANT

### First Communion

First Communion class and preparation for 2nd grade students and their parents will be held **Sunday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m.**, following the Sunday service. Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. The service for First Communion will be held **Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.**

### 8th Grade Confirmation

Confirmation students will continue to work on their Faith Books during the Lenten season. The confirmation rehearsal/photo will be **Wednesday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m.** Confirmation services will be **Wednesday, April 30th and Saturday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 4th.**

### Senior Recognition

Our 2025 graduating seniors will be recognized during worship on **Wednesday, May 7 and Sunday, May 11.** Along with being recognized, seniors will be given a prayer blanket made by members of LCOOR.

### LCOOR Family Fun Night: Bowling at Tommy's Lanes & Lounge!



All ages are invited to join us **Sunday, April 27 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.** at Tommy's Lanes & Lounge in downtown Watertown. \$5 per person for two games with no shoe fees! Space is limited so please sign up at the Welcome Center or scan the QR code below to reserve your spot.



# SCAN ME



### Junction

A youth group for **1st – 4th grade.** We will meet on **Thursday, April 3 from 6-7:00 p.m.** Join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!



### Route 56

A youth group for **5th & 6th grade.** We will meet on **Thursday, April 24 from 6-7:00 p.m.** Join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

### Church School and Confirmation Dates for March:

**Sundays...** April: 6, 13 and 27. There will be no class Sunday, April 20 due to the Easter Holiday.

**Wednesdays...** April: 2, 9, 23 and 30. There will be no class Wednesday, April 16 due to Holy Week.

### Last Day of Church School

The last day of church school is **Sunday, May 4 & Wednesday, May 7.** The last Wednesday evening worship is **Wednesday, May 7.** See you in the fall!



## Faith Formation & Youth Updates

9-12 GRADE

# Luther League

## Luther League 2.0

Luther League 2.0 will meet Wednesdays immediately following worship at approximately 7:15. Activities will include things such as Bible Talk, an opportunity to explore scripture and how it applies to your life as a student. We will also have evenings set aside for fun, games and service projects.

**April 2:** Luther League will meet following the service. There will be no Youth Music Team at service this night.

**April 9:** Youth Music Team will sing at service. Luther League will be immediately following service at approximately 7:15.

**April 16:** No Church School or activities due to Holy Week.

**April 23:** Luther League will meet following service.

**April 30:** Luther League will meet following service.

Never miss a Luther League gathering by signing up for the REMIND App.



Freshman



Sophomore



Junior



Senior

Students & parents are encouraged to sign up.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
"WOMAN AT THE WELL - LIVING WATER"

PRE-K TO  
4TH GRADE

# VBS

MAY 28-29 | 5-8PM | MEALS SERVED

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OUR WEBSITE OR  
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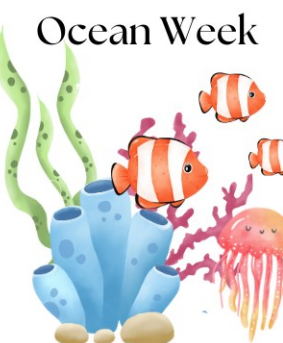


## LCOOR Preschool Happenings

A BIG thank you to all of you who purchased items through Rada Cutlery. We really appreciate your support! We also want to thank the parents and students for going out and selling the fundraiser items! We couldn't make this program a success without all of you.



Dr. Seuss Fun!



Ocean Week

## April Calendar

### April 10

No School - Parent-Teacher Conferences

### April 21

No School - Easter Monday



## 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







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Levi and Micah enjoying our new church chairs for kids! You can grab one for your child to use as a pew booster near the Welcome Center.



## The Latest Word

A monthly publication of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

Deadline for the May 2025 Newsletter:

**Monday, April 21, 2025**

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Business Administrative Assistant.....	Megan Thyen
Director of Faith Formation.....	Wendy Kruger
Sound & Technology.....	Zach Stanton
Custodian.....	Roman Gainor



## Burning of the Mortgage Ceremony

Join us on **April 27th**, both during and after worship, as we celebrate the generous donation that has allowed us to fully pay off the remainder of our mortgage.

### Church Council

President .....	Ryan Nuttall
Vice President .....	Alan Stager
Secretary.....	Gwen McGillivray
Treasurer .....	Jessica Kruse
Ann DeSpiegler	Matt Blackwelder
Jan Birkeland	Cindy Day
Kim Pearson	



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<b>30</b> 8:30am Church School 8:30am Confirmation Workshop 9:30am Worship 10:30am Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm Al-Anon	<b>1</b> 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Quilting Bible Study - Sew True Quiltlets	<b>2</b> 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm Church School 5:30pm Confirmation Faith Books 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League 2.0	<b>3</b> 9:00am Quilting 5:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 5:15pm Al-Anon 6:00pm Junction (for grades 1st to 4th) 6:00pm Lent Bible Study	<b>4</b> Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry	<b>5</b> Temple Talk - Fallout Shelter Ministries (during worship) 5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal
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<b>20</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>No Church School or Confirmation (Easter)</b> 8:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>21</b> Church Office Closed <b>May Newsletter Deadline</b> No Preschool - Easter Monday 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm AI-Anon	<b>22</b> 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting	<b>23</b> 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm 8th Grade Confirmation Pictures & Rehearsal 5:30pm Church School 5:30pm Confirmation Workshop 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League 2.0	<b>24</b> 10:00am Book Club 5:15pm AI-Anon 6:00pm Route 56 Youth Group	<b>25</b> Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry	<b>26</b> 5:30pm Traditional Worship
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