



The Latest Word

"Making God Known Through Word and Deed."

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New Summer Office Hours

During the summer months the church office will have new hours.
Monday-Thursday
8:30a.m. - 3:30p.m.
Friday
8:30a.m. -12:00p.m.

ENJOY THE SUMMER

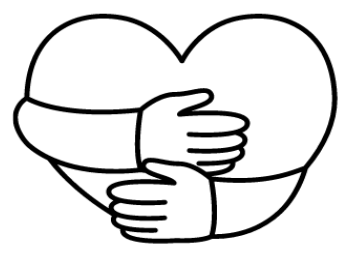
Special Guest at August Book Club

LCOOR book club members are reading the book "The Lemon Tree" by Sandy Tolan in an effort to better understand the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Faye Sharabi will interview her husband, Adnan, who was a Palestinian refugee. Guests are welcome to this meeting in the youth room on Thursday, August 24, beginning at 10:00 am.

Comfort Packages Available

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer would like to provide a comfort package to members of our congregation or community who are dealing with issues such as infertility, termination of pregnancy, miscarriage, and failed adoption.

These are often painful and isolating events and we would like to wrap our arms around them and let them know we care. A basket is located at the Welcome Center. If you know of anyone in need of a comfort package, please feel free to use these resources.



Save the Date: Ladies Night Out November 13

Mark your calendars for Monday, November 13, as the LCOOR Fellowship Committee is planning another fantastic Ladies Night Out! Watch the August newsletter for more information about our entertainment and ticket sales!

Salvation Army Needs Granola Bars & Cereal

Hunger doesn't take a break during the summer months! Please help us keep the Salvation Army Food Pantry stocked with boxed cereal and granola bars! These items can be dropped off in Kathy's Karts – or left with the Coffee Trailer at the lake. Thanks so much!



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORS

It's finally, officially summer. Today, as I am writing this, it is the first day of summer. I can't think of a better way to begin this season of beauty and life than with a moment or two of awe regarding this amazing world and universe we have been given to live in and care for.

Of course, along with the warm months of summer come the pests. Things that slither and things that buzz. I must admit that when it comes to certain pesky creatures, I am no longer in awe of creation as I move to annoyance (as with flies) or complete fear (as with snakes).

Did you know, however, that the housefly is the most talented aerodynamicist on the planet? The common housefly is superior to any bird, bat, or bee. According to a British scientist, "a housefly can make six turns a second, hover, fly straight up, fly straight down, fly backward, do somersaults, land on the ceiling, and perform various other showy maneuvers." All this with a brain that is smaller than a sesame seed.

Flies are loaded with sensors. In addition to their compound eyes, which permit panoramic imagery and are excellent at detecting motion, flies have wind-sensitive hairs and antennae. They also have three light sensors called ocelli, on the tops of their heads, which tell them which way is up. Roughly two-thirds of a fly's entire nervous system is devoted to processing visual images.

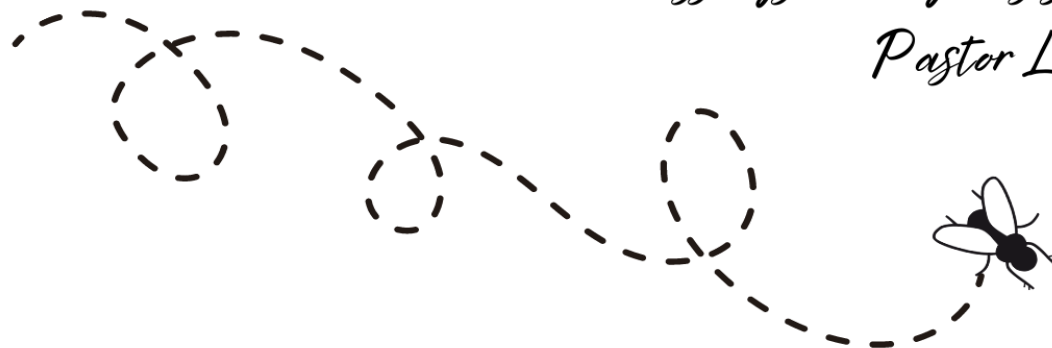
Just think about how much wisdom is in an ordinary housefly. A pest. Something we happily swat without a second thought.

Now, just think what it means to know that you are "fearfully and wonderfully made."

Psalm 8 proclaims, "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" (v.3-4)."

Blessings during this season of summer,

Pastor Laura



FINANCIAL NEWS

May 2023 Financial Report

Revenue		\$ 104,737.97
Expenses		\$ 87,805.65
Change in General Fund		\$ 16,932.32
Revenue to Date		\$ 559,329.23
Expenses to Date		\$ 448,299.08
% of Budget Year Completed		41.67%
Annual Budgeted Income for 2023		\$ 1,067,619.19
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD		52.39%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2023		\$ 1,067,619.19
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD		41.99%

Lutheran World Relief

Offering comfort and care to those who need it most.



Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

We are collecting **School Kits** in July and August. Instructions and school bags can be found at the Welcome Center or Lake Worship Information Table.

May Mission of the Month Totals

Mission of the Month dollars collected in May went toward Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. \$936.29 was brought in through offering and Noisy Can. This ministry also received \$1,000 that was budgeted for this mission. These gifts to this ministry helps foster trust, respect and understanding while addressing the deep poverty that exists on the reservation.

FINANCIAL NEWS

\$795.00 given in Memorials & Special Gifts since last printing

Mission & Endowment (Special Gifts)

- given in memory of Travis Hakeman from Chuck & Lynn Langner
- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Laverne & Louise McPeek, Allen & Julie Rude, Randy & Chris Owen and Ken & Bonnie Karst
- given in memory of Ken Ackley from Al & Pam Raeder

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- given in memory of Millie Brinkman from Rod & Nancy Iverson, Ron & Robbyn Givens, Al & Pam Raeder, Sharon Bevers, and Ron & Candace Johnson
- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Harlan & Judy Konrad and Burt & Barb Andersh
- given in memory of Judy Zueger from Carroll & Diann Moe
- given in memory of Ken Ackley from Darwin & Nancy Brinkman

Handbell Choir

- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Ron & Robbyn Givens, Roger & Pat Crom and Carroll & Diann Moe

Debt Reduction

- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Marv & AJ Sherrill

God's House 365 Capital Campaign

- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Ken & Renae Madison, Jim & Kathy Hanson and Doug & Maylou Austin

Quilting Ministry

- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Al & Pam Raeder

LCOOR Preschool

- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Darwin & Nancy Brinkman
- given in memory of Millie Brinkman

Worship & Music Ministry

- given in memory of Millie Brinkman from Chuck & Lynn Langner

Youth Ministry

- given in memory of Ken Ackley from Harlan & Judy Konrad
- given by Diane Koosman

July Missions of the Month- Church on the Street

In July our mission of the month dollars will go to our brothers and sisters in Christ down in Sioux Falls. Church on the Street is a ministry with the Unhoused of Sioux Falls.



Church on the Streets mission is to take the gifts of the Church out to the people who, for whatever reason, cannot come inside. Building relationships as God did through listening, asking questions, being present and consistent, and showing compassion to all of God's people. Every human being, regardless of whether they are housed or unhoused, deserves a community where they feel at home. Worship Once a Month - Laundry with Love - Undercover Closet - Fruits of the Freezer - Health and Healing Visit churchonthestreetsf.org to learn more about the Mission & Outreach of Church on the Street.

Pueblo de Dios

A bilingual church in central Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Pueblo de Dios is a congregation of English speakers and Spanish speakers in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Each Sunday they gather to worship together as one people - the people of God. Many of the families speak Spanish at home and English at work and school, or have one parent that prefers English and one parent that prefers Spanish. Each Sunday they read scripture, pray, and declare their beliefs together - no matter what language is spoken. MISSION: Following God; Breaking down barriers; Standing with people in need.

As always, Mission of the Month donations should be over and above your regular giving. Thank you for your support of these ministries.

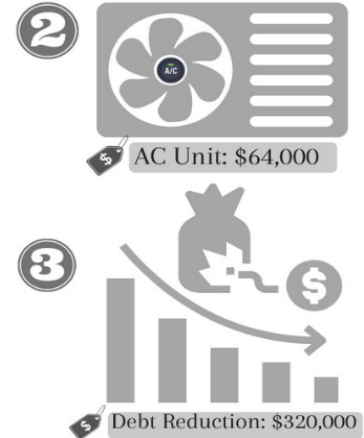
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\$319,352.36

raised of \$664,000 goal

as of 6/16/2023



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We are at 48% of our GOAL!

- Property Committee professionally assessed the condition of our roof. They have received a bid of \$280,000 and will continue to work with contractors for the best possible plan to move forward.
- One of the air conditioning units needs replacing at an estimate of \$64,000.
- As of January 1, 2023, we have \$320,000 remaining on our mortgage which will mature in 2027. An identified goal of the Strategic Plan is to eliminate our debt.

Please prayerfully consider investing in our God's House 365 Capital Campaign.

"Can we do this?", the answer is: "Yes we can.", with God's blessing.

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Timmerman Scholarships Awarded

The Mission and Endowment Committee administers the Leonard and Ardell Timmerman Scholarship Fund. Students are selected in recognition of their high scholastic achievement, civic, church and community activities, extracurricular activities, self-discipline, and consideration and concern for the well-being of others.

This year the committee was able to award **six** students from LCOOR to each receive a \$500 college scholarship. These students will be recognized at the 10:30 a.m. worship on August 6th.

- Emilia Ebsen (South Dakota State University, Brookings)
- Makenna Lambert (Lake Area Technical College, Watertown)
- Ella Lickei (Black Hills State University, Spearfish)
- Addy McGillivray (South Dakota State University, Brookings)
- Allison Rokusek (Lake Area Technical College, Watertown)
- Dillon Schroeder (Lake Area Technical College, Watertown)

Checks will be issued to the students and school for their second semester.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

with Philip Lickei



"To Move Freely, One Must be Deeply Rooted"

JULY 2023



2023-24 CHURCH SCHOOL ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

Will be available starting in August. Church school is available for children 4 years old (by September 1) through 6th grade. Please go to our church website (lcoorwatertown.org) to register your child/children. Contact the church office if you have any questions or concerns.

JUNCTION COFFEE TRAILER

Will be at the lake every Sunday morning serving coffee and donuts. The money raised will go towards the LCOOR Capital Campaign. I am in need of a couple youth to help out with the coffee trailer each Sunday. **You'd be needed from 8:30 – 10:30 am.** Please text me if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks!!

7TH/8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Registration will start in August. Be on the lookout for registration information on our church website www.lcoorwatertown.org. 7th/8th grade confirmation will be starting back up on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

HS COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Will happen at various times throughout the summer. Just like HS Hang-out, I will send out a text letting you know when we will get together. The plan is for this to happen in the morning on a weekday. I will let you know the time and location through a text. For a change of pace, we are going to meet at various coffee shop locations throughout the summer.

LCOOR ADVENTURE DAYS

Will take place the first week of August. Registration forms for the Adventure Days are available online on our website (lcoorwatertown.org). Grade levels, dates and times of the Adventure Days are...

3rd & 4th Grade	August 1	9am-3pm
5th & 6th Grade	August 2	9am-3pm
4 yr olds-2nd Grade	August 3	9am-1pm



BIBLE PRINCIPLES

Applying Bible Principles

An oxymoron is the use of two terms which are contradictory in nature. “Jumbo shrimp” is an oxymoron. “Ferocious lamb” is another. “Dumb scholar” is yet another.

One of the saddest and most contradictory is the oxymoron, “Stingy Christian.” Because we have been redeemed through our faith in Christ, Christians should be the most generous of all people. We have been abundantly blessed of God, who has given us all things richly to enjoy (Rom. 8:32).

James 1:17 expresses this truth clearly: “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

Think about some of God’s good gifts:

God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11).

God gives the rain (Job 5:10).

God gives health (Jer. 30:17).

God gives life (Acts 17:25).

God gives strength (Isa. 40:29).

God gives riches (1 Chron. 29:12).

God gives grace (2 Cor. 12:9).

God gives eternal life (Rom. 6:23).



And God gives us money and the ability to get wealth. Solomon said that money is one of God’s gifts to people. The purpose for which He gives us money is stated clearly in Ecclesiastes 5:19 — for our enjoyment.

Some of us make that the primary reason for money. We major in pleasure and the things money can do for us. But there is another major purpose God gives us money, something that also can bring great pleasure: To give it back to Him.

That’s why of all the oxymorons in existence, “Stingy Christian” is the most contradictory. We who have been given the most from God should be the most generous people in the world.

As the tombstone in an old cemetery read, “What I spent, I had; what I saved, I lost; what I gave, I have.”



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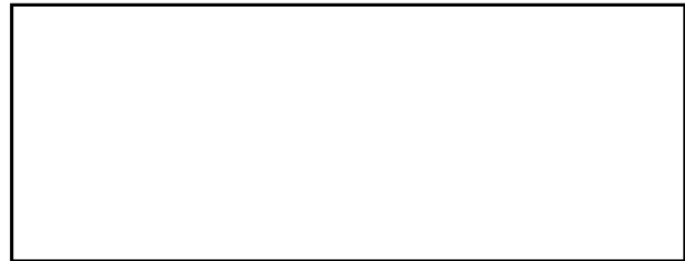
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Summer Sundays Need Volunteers!

Could your family sign up to help at our Lake Kampeska worship? We need people (of all ages) to hand out bulletins and help collect offering! It's a memorable way to spend a Summer Sunday! You can sign up online at www.lcoorwatertown.org or stop by the Welcome Table at the lake to choose your Sunday! You can also give Twila a call at 605-886-2696. Thanks so much for serving!



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Deadline for the August 2023 Newsletter:
Monday, July 17, 2023

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Prayer Shawls Available to All

Prayers shawls crafted by many talented hands here at LCOOR serve as a tangible reminder that a person is being remembered in prayer. Our prayer shawls are available at no charge for anyone to share. They can be picked up at the Welcome Center, or near the church office. Did you know that our group also brings at least a dozen prayer shawls each month to the Prairie Lakes Hospice program? We know that prayer shawls reach far beyond our immediate community, as "thank you" cards are regularly received from grateful families whose loved one received a prayer shawl from LCOOR. We're thankful for all the continued memorials and financial gifts to this meaningful ministry.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 10:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p>26 Urban Plunge Youth Mission Trip to Omaha 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 2:00pm Communion at Maple Place 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>27 Urban Plunge Youth Mission Trip to Omaha 9:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting</p>	<p>28 Urban Plunge Youth Mission Trip to Omaha 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Fishing League</p>	<p>29 Urban Plunge Youth Mission Trip to Omaha 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>30 Church Office Closes at Noon Urban Plunge Youth Mission Trip to Omaha 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>1 5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
<p>2 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion 10:30am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion</p>	<p>3 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Fishing League</p>	<p>6 9:00am Quilting 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>7 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>8 12:00pm Celebration of Life - Kermit Johnson 5:30pm Worship (Lay led)</p>
<p>9 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 10:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p>10 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>11 9:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 6:00pm Executive Committee 6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>12 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Fishing League</p>	<p>13 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>14 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>15 Stewardship Moment 5:30pm Worship (Lay led)</p>
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