



# The Latest Word

"Making God Known Through Word and Deed."

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## Books Available

Pastor Gary Westgard's latest book, "Why Old Men Weep in the Morning" is now available at ddr books in downtown Watertown. Price is \$20 + tax.

## May Book Club

In May the LCOOR Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for May is *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann.

## Summer Worship Schedule & Office Hours

From Memorial Day to Labor Day we will have worship at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. lakeside worship at Memorial Park and 9:30 a.m. worship at LCOOR on Sundays.

**Summer office hours:**  
Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-3:00  
Friday 8:30-12:00

## It's Road Ditch Time

Our two (2) miles of road ditch are in need of attention this spring. It's a simple hour out of your day or evening to make our two miles of Hwy 20 look fantastic! Our miles begin on Hwy 20 west to 449th. From there we have a sign on that NW corner, and our section goes for two miles to the next sign which is on the SW corner. As a point of reference, this is on Hwy 20 west past the lake, past the water tower, past the curves to 449th and the LCOOR sign. We have divided the miles into six(6) sections to make it easy for a family to pick up trash in an hour or less.

Section 1: 449th South side of Hwy 20. to the white tire on the fence—south side of the highway. Section 2: South side of Hwy 20 from the white tire to Memorial Park Road (448th Ave) Section 3: South side of Hwy 20, from 448 Ave. (Memorial Park Road) to the to the LCOOR sign. Section 4: North side of Hwy 20 from the LCOOR sign on 449th to the

white tire to 448th (Memorial Park Road) Section 6: North side of Hwy 20 from 448th Ave West to the LCOOR sign. Packets with bags and gloves are available at the church office and Welcome Center. Let's get this done by Memorial Day. Questions?? Pam Raeder 553-6784 or Al Raeder 553-6791.

## Graduates to Receive Prayer Shawls

Our 2024 high school graduates will be blessed with a prayer shawl during the 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (May 1) service and 9:30 a.m. Sunday (May 5th) worship service. Students and their families are invited to attend whichever service works best for them. Prayer shawls (created by members of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer) are always available to anyone to be shared with family and friends at times of celebration -- or anytime prayers are needed.



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# PASTOR MESSAGE

Does my offering matter?

Henri J.M. Nouwen, a 20th-century priest and spiritual writer, articulated what we know: giving and receiving gifts is a spiritual practice and a ministry.

Each week, we make the collection of offering a part of worship even if you give online or by texting. This collection is not just about gathering money to pay bills; it's much more than that. The giving of our offering is truly an extension of worship.

Living as a faithful disciple calls us to keep our priorities balanced by choosing where we want to and need to spend our time and energy. Living as a disciple invites us to see our giving as giving to God, that is why it is considered a spiritual practice. It is through sharing our offering gifts that we are invited to take part in the work or the ministry that God accomplishes here on earth.

What matters most about giving isn't the dollar amount; it's the transformative intention of using your gifts and resources for the kingdom of God.

Does your offering matter?

Yes. It does. It matters to you as a disciple. It matters to the church. It matters to the world.

If you need proof of the difference that you make, look no further than through the window of our preschool room. There you will find joy-filled faces as they learn and grow in Christ and knowledge.

Proof can be found as we replace the roof of our church building.

Proof can be found in the joy and energy of the youth groups, the Sunday School children, Confirmants, and High School Seniors who will be blessed in the days to come. Your gifts have been used to make sure that the youth have time, space, supplies, and leadership to facilitate opportunities for them to come to LCOOR and grow in their faith.

Thank you for all of the ways you continue to live your discipleship. Thank you for sharing what you have to enliven our shared mission to make God known through word and deed.

With gratitude,

Pastor Dan and Pastor Laura Overbo

# FINANCIAL NEWS

## March 2024 Financial Report

Revenue	\$	99,585.54
Expenses	\$	81,967.36
Change in General Fund	\$	17,618.18
Revenue to Date	\$	322,985.70
Expenses to Date	\$	245,623.08
% of Budget Year Completed		25.00%
Annual Budgeted income for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD		29.99%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD		22.81%

## Thrivent Choice Dollars received in April

We have received a deposit from Thrivent Choice Dollars! Thank you Tony & Lori Beyer, Robert & Paula Davis, Ron & Robbyn Givens, Joan Hakeman, Sam Hatlestad, Rod Iverson, Dan Kohls, Sharon Malcom, Kay Moe, Don Scharn, Lori Schultz, AJ Sherrill, Jodi Spilde and Kym Thompson for directing these dollars to our church and preschool.

- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer – \$333.00
- LCOOR Christian Preschool - \$207.00



## 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 <https://lcoorwatertown.org/> under the RESOURCES tab. **Registration Deadline is 5/30/2024.**



## Lenten & Holy Week Offering Totals

\$4,024.00 to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Preschool.

## March Mission of the Month & Noisy Can Offering Totals

\$2,709.75 to ELCA World Hunger.

## Be Part of the Thrivent Calendar

We're seeking original photography or artwork that captures the theme for next year's calendar, "Everyday Blessings." Think of the amazing places you've visited or sights you've seen while traveling. Or maybe the theme evokes images of something you cherish closer to home. Visit [thrivent.com/calendar](http://thrivent.com/calendar) to find instructions and learn more. **Entries accepted through June 30.**



# FINANCIAL NEWS

## \$825.00 Memorials and Special Gifts given since last printing



### Hospice Gowns

- *In memory of Neva Morrison* from Barb Struwe and Paula Davis

### Watertown Sandwich Ministry

- *In memory of Jason Morris* from Barb Cramer

### Debt Reduction

- *In memory of Eleanor Wiesner* from Marv & AJ Sherrill
- *In memory of Claire Konold* from Dave & Marvey Satter
- *In memory of Claire Konold* from Verdelle Anderson

### Global Barnyard (Church School Mission Offering)

- *In memory of Eleanor Wiesner* from Family & Friends

### Special Gifts

- *In memory of Neva Morrison* from M.C. & H.E. Petersen

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

- *In memory of Claire Konold* from Rod & Doris Knight

### Care Fund

- *In memory of Marilyn Radi Arneson*

## Global Health Ministries- Newborn Kits

The birth of a baby is one of the happiest of days - a day to celebrate. But for too many women around the world, pregnancy and the anticipation of childbirth is frightening.

GHM Newborn Kits are gifts that help a new mom celebrate her baby, and clothe and care for her child. Importantly, they are also used by overseas partners to encourage young women to seek prenatal care during pregnancy, greatly improving their chances for a healthy, happy outcome.

Instructions for Newborn Kits can be found at the Welcome Center or online at <https://www.ghm.org/newborn-kits>.

## Mission of the Month- Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

The ministry at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center seeks to foster mutual trust, respect and understanding while addressing the deep poverty that exists on the reservation.

There are six main ministries that operate out of their building.

- Common Basket Ministries
- Cultural Immersions
- Homeless Shelter – Day Shelter
- Lutheran/Lakota Job Corp
- Energy Assistance Matching Fund
- Children & Youth

Log onto their website at

<https://www.pineridgereconciliationcenter.org> to learn more about the ministry of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center.

Gifts to the Mission of the Month are intended to go beyond your regular giving. Be sure to clearly state “Mission of the Month” on your offering envelope so that it can be credited properly. Please consider supporting this life-giving ministry!



# FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

With the church school year winding down, it is time to start thinking about summer programming at LCOOR. In this month's newsletter, I will talk about May activities as well as upcoming ministry programs this summer. Please refer to the church website to keep up to date on what is going on in the children and youth ministry programs.



Philip Lickei

## Graduating Seniors Recognition

will take place on Wednesday, May 1st and Sunday, May 5th at the Worship services. Along with being recognized seniors will be given a prayer blanket made by members of LCOOR.



## Barnyard Bash- Wednesday May 8th!

Join us on Wednesday, May 8th from 5-7 pm for hot dogs, chips, drinks and bars. We will have 2 bouncy houses and small farm animals from "Barnyardigans" petting zoo. All are welcome!

## Vacation Bible School

VBS will take place from 5-8 pm on May 29th and 30th. VBS is offered for Pre-K through 4th grade. Please visit the church website ([lcoorwatertown.org](http://lcoorwatertown.org)) to register. A meal will be served both evenings. There is no cost for attending VBS.

## Junction

A youth Group for 1st – 4th grade will meet once a month during the summer. We will meet on Monday, June 17 / Monday, July 15 / Monday, August 5. We will meet from 6-7:30 pm all three of the days. Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

## Route 56

A youth Group for 5th & 6th grade will meet once a month during the summer. We will meet on Monday, June 17 / Monday, July 22 / Monday, August 12. We will meet from 6-7:30 pm all three of the days. Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

## Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Luther League 2.0 will meet at various times throughout the summer months. Gathering times will be announced through the "Luther League 2.0 Remind App". If you are not already included in the "Remind" notification, please let Philip know so you can be added.

## May Christian Education Schedule

**Sunday Church School will gather at 8:30 am on...**

- May 5th (This will be our last class for the school year)
- May 8th at 5 pm for the "Barnyard Bash"

**Wednesday Church School will gather at 5:30 pm on...**

- May 1st (This will be our last class for the school year)
- May 8th at 5 pm for the "Barnyard Bash"



# DISH TO PASS

For many, many years while I was growing up, I remember hearing that my Grandmother was a “prayer warrior.” And I never really knew what that meant. But looking back now, I see that she was faithful and steadfast in her prayers. She, of course, prayed for her family and the people she knew best. But she also prayed for people she didn’t know. People in the news. People overseas. Friends she lost touch with over the years.

During the years I’ve worked here, I’ve experienced various comfort levels from people asking to be included in the prayers of the church. Some folks don’t want others to know what they are going through.

So they don’t ask. I absolutely understand that! Your name doesn’t need to be listed in the bulletin! But please know, there are prayer warriors here who will pray for you. And we will always ask your permission to list your name!

Just like during my Grandma’s day, we also have a Prayer Chain here at LCOOR. The biggest difference is that ours includes emailing a group of prayer warriors. If you’d ever like to have the prayer chain started for someone in your family, simply call the church office at 605-886-2696. Again, we can include your name, or simply ask for prayers for your current needs.

Medical issues. Mental health struggles. Relationships. Prayer is powerful – and delicate.

*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” – Romans 12:12*

Being on the LCOOR team, it has been amazing to witness how God has answered prayers! It has been suggested a time or two that we follow-up our prayer chain requests by sharing the outcome for those requests. While we praise God for them, it’s tough to pass them along!

But I urge you to remember: prayer works! Please don’t hesitate to ask. We are a family of praying people! Amen.



By Twila Schmitt

**IF YOU’VE BEEN PRAYING FOR WONDERFUL DESSERT FOR UPCOMING GATHERINGS,  
BETTY CHADWELL’S LEMON BARS ARE THE ANSWER!**

## LEMON BARS

1 PKG LEMON CAKE MIX

1 CAN LEMON PIE MIX

3 EGGS

MIX AND SPREAD IN GREASED JELLY ROLL PAN.

BAKE AT 350 FOR 25–30 MINUTES.

### FROSTING:

1–8OZ. CREAM CHEESE

1/3 C. BUTTER

1 TSP. VANILLA

(BEAT ABOVE INGREDIENTS UNTIL FLUFFY)

ADD 3 C. POWDERED SUGAR.

FROST BARS & ENJOY!!





# LCOOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

A BIG thank you to all of you who purchased items through Rada Cutlery and/or gave money to the Giving Wall!! 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.



## May Dates to Remember

- **May 8th**-Show and tell
- **May 15th**-Pre-Kindergarten Graduation Forest Friends-10:00 am
- **May 16th**- Last day of school



## 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

## Need Groceries??

Buy Scrip here and help out the Preschool at the same time! Hy-Vee, Walmart, County Fair and many more! Need a gift card; this is a perfect place to buy them. Stop by the Welcome Center to see the full list. Any questions about the Scrip program, please call the office 886-2696.





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**Fishing League Registration Open!**  
 Registration for LCOOR's fishing League is open at the Welcome Center! Come fish with us as we meet at various area lakes each Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. beginning June 5th. Teams of two to four people are invited to join the league for some friendly competition and fellowship. Cost is \$15 per person. Locations will be announced in a group text each Wednesday!



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Deadline for the June 2024 Newsletter: Monday, May 20, 2024

## Staff

- Senior Pastor..... Dan Overbo
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<https://lcoorwatertown.org/>



## Facebook

[www.facebook.com/lcoor](http://www.facebook.com/lcoor)



## Youtube

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

## Circle & Bible Studies

Priscilla and Martha Circles will meet in May and discuss the bible study found in the Gather Magazine, available at the Welcome Center.

- Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, May 13, in the Gathering Space
- Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, in the Gathering Space.

## Salvation Army Needs Boxed Cereal

Our friends at the Salvation Army need boxes of cereal 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!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:30am Church School                      8:30am Watertown Sandwich Ministry                      9:30am Confirmation Worship- 8th Grade with Holy Communion                      6:00pm Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Preschool Fundraising Packets Due</b></p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry                      2:00pm Maple Place Communion                      5:15pm Endowment Committee Meeting                      6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:00am Sewing Ministry Group                      11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY                      1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry                      12:15pm Men's Lunch                      4:45pm Community Meal                      5:30pm Church School                      6:30pm RECOGNITION: High School Graduates                      6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion (last worship until Fall)                      7:30pm Handbell Rehearsal                      7:30pm Praise &amp; Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00am Quilting                      5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon                      8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship                      6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
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