

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

# The Latest Word

June &amp; July 2025

“Making God Known Through Word and Deed.”



## New Staff Members Welcomed

We are excited to welcome two new members to the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer staff! Karri Willhite has joined us as our Welcoming and Caring Ministries Coordinator. Karri grew up in North Dakota and moved to Watertown in 2004 to attend Lake Area Tech. She and her husband are blessed with five children (Logan, Zane, Ashlin, Abigail, and Derek). In their free time, they enjoy camping and spending time outside with their two dogs, Duke and Daisy.



We also welcome Sam Langner, who is stepping into the role of Sound and Technology. Sam was born and raised in Watertown and is a lifelong member of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. He graduated from Southeast Tech in 2014 and Dakota State in 2019. He enjoys winter skiing, golfing, and watching the Timberwolves and Vikings in his free time. We are grateful for the gifts both Karri and Sam bring to LCOOR and look forward to the ways they will enrich our ministries.



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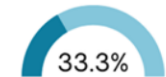
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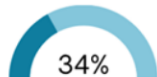


## Financial Reports & News

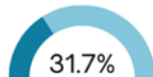
2025 Financial Report		
Revenue to Date		\$ 370,330.92
Expenses to Date		\$ 346,006.91
Net Income		\$ 24,324.01
Annual Budgeted income for 2025		\$ 1,090,027.31
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2025		\$ 1,090,027.31



% OF BUDGET  
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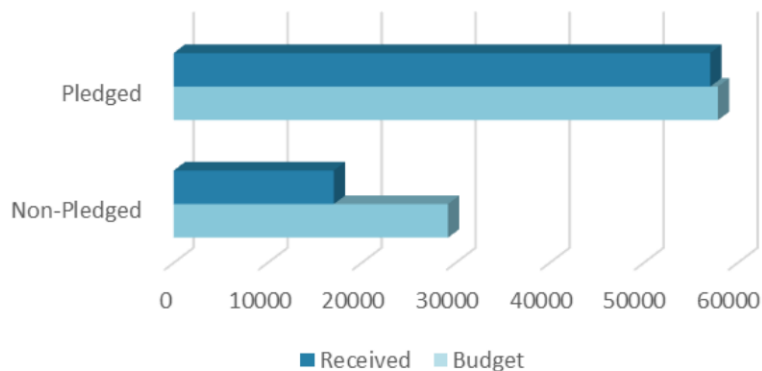


% OF BUDGETED  
INCOME RECEIVED YTD



% OF BUDGETED  
EXPENSES INCURRED YTD

April 2025



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



## We need your help to build Personal Care Kits

Whether you make one or a few Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits, every kit you make will be cherished by the person who receives it in their time of need. Check out the Personal Care Kit Resources at <https://lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits/instructions> or pick up an instruction sheet at the Welcome Center.

July & August we will collect school kits. Be on the lookout for school bags and list of items needed.

## Mission of the Month - April Update

Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$686.50 for Pine Ridge and \$701.49 for the FallOut Shelter through the Noisy Can and Special Offering. Pine Ridge also received \$1,000 and FallOut Shelter received \$250 that was budgeted. Thank you for helping support these ministries!

## \$120 Received in Special Gifts and Memorials since last printing

### Memorials

- In memory of David Orthaus from Mathilda Moe
- In memory of Carol Tesch from Kathleen & Thomas Holmes

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

- In memory of Dick Strait from Jeff & Paula Orthaus
- In memory of Carol Tesch from Pam Luckhurst
- In memory of Rozella Glanzer from Pam Luckhurst

## Shop & Earn – A Simple Way to Support Our Preschool!

Make fundraising a part of your everyday life with gift cards from RaiseRight. Whether you're buying groceries, dining out, or shopping online, you can earn money for our preschool just by using gift cards for your purchases!

Stop by the church office during the week and see Jodi Spilde—we have a variety of gift cards on hand and will continue placing orders throughout the summer.

Thank you for your continued support. Every purchase makes a difference in the lives of our preschoolers!



## Financial Reports & News

### Inkjet Fundraiser Update



Thank you to everyone who turned in their used inkjet cartridges for recycling! We collected and sent out in April, 94 cartridges to Planet Green Recycle—and we're excited to share that we received a check for \$79! These funds have been earmarked for the Playground Fund, helping to create a fun and safe space for our children.

We're still collecting cartridges! You can drop off your used inkjet cartridges in the small receptacle located by the Giving Tree. Proceeds from our next shipment will support Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization that builds and delivers beds to children in need.

Thank you for your continued support in turning recycling into meaningful impact!

### SUMMER SCHEDULE



#### Summer Worship Schedule and Office Hours

**Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. -**

Worship at LCOOR

**Sundays at 9:00 a.m. -**

Worship at Memorial Park

**Sundays at 9:00 a.m. -**

Worship at LCOOR

#### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### Timmerman Scholarship Recipients

We are proud to announce the recipients of the Timmerman Scholarship. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, is awarded to LCOOR church members that are Watertown High School graduates who will be attending a South Dakota state-supported institution or technical college.

Congratulations to the following students:

**Wyatt David Kruger, Ava Luken, Haydn Allen McGillivray, Sophia Nichols, Jaxen Dennis Riley, Carter Joe Schmidt, Shelby Lynn Spilde, and Chase Eugene Stimson.**

We commend these outstanding graduates on their achievements and wish them continued success in their academic journeys.



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## LCOOR News & Events

### June Mission of the Month – Church on the Street

Church on the Street is a ministry walking alongside the unhoused community in Sioux Falls. Their mission is to take the gifts of the Church beyond its walls—to the streets, shelters, laundromats, and anywhere people gather—reaching those who, for any number of reasons, may not be able to come inside.

Through relationship-building modeled after Christ—by listening, asking meaningful questions, showing up consistently, and offering compassion—they remind every individual of their dignity and worth. Their belief that every human being, housed or unhoused, deserves to experience belonging and community.

Ministry includes:

- ✨ Worship Once a Month
- 🧺 Laundry with Love
- 👤 Undercover Closet
- 🍓 Fruits of the Freezer
- 💙 Health and Healing

Learn more about our mission, outreach programs, and how you can get involved:

🌐 [churchonthestreetsf.org](http://churchonthestreetsf.org)

### Serve Church on the Street July 12

Church on the Street is a ministry that walks with those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Worship is once a month at the Heritage Park in Sioux Falls May through October. November through April worship is at the Multi-Cultural Center.

Last year, their pantry fed over 1000 people a month, and now they are serving 1700 people monthly. This year a federal grant worth \$50,000 that provides fresh produce from local producers ended prematurely. Donations of money and produce are helpful. COTS also help with Laundry with Love twice a month.

Pastor Chris ministers to people in jail, prison, and the juvenile detention center in addition to the Church on the Street congregation. The weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup>, Mara Stillson, daughter-in-law to Kent Stillson, was ordained as a Deacon. She is called to serve Church on the Street.

### July 12, 2025 – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer will be helping with this wonderful ministry. We will be heading to Sioux Falls to serve a meal in Heritage Park to approximately 200 people. We will meet down there at approximately 10:00 am. Service starts at 11:00 am. We need 12+ volunteers and people of all ages to visit and worship. If you have not attended an event at Church on the Street, you are missing out! Bring your lawn chair.

A quote from Pastor Chris, “There is much to do as we continue to share the good news of Jesus and gather around the sacraments to be fed by our Lord. Worship numbers are increasing, too, as the number of those without a home increases in Sioux Falls.”

Look for a Sign Up Genius by June 13<sup>th</sup> for items that we will need for this event and for volunteers. Monetary donations will be accepted as well. If you would like to car pool or would be a driver of a car pool, please talk to Pastor Dan or Char Loterbauer.





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## LCOOR News & Events

### July Mission of the Month - Watertown Sandwich Ministry

This month, we highlight the Watertown Sandwich Ministry—a compassionate outreach program serving our community with care and consistency.

Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, a dedicated team of volunteers prepares and packs over 260 sack lunches. These meals include a meat and cheese sandwich, homemade cookies, fresh fruit, and a granola bar—thoughtfully assembled to provide a balanced and nourishing meal.

But this ministry is about more than just food. Volunteers personally deliver these lunches, often seeing the same individuals week after week and forming meaningful connections built on trust, dignity, and kindness.

The Watertown Sandwich Ministry is made possible through grant funding and special offerings. It is an ongoing effort to support those facing financial insecurity, and your generosity helps sustain it.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a special offering this month to support the continued work of this vital ministry. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference in someone's life.

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



## MOM Bible Study

### Mom & Me Bible Study

This summer Wendy will introduce a bible study for moms and daughters in elementary school. Together we will take a look at our faith and focus on growing stronger in our relationship with each other (mom and daughter) and the Lord. Topics will include things such as how God made me, friends, family and loving God. We will meet **Mondays in July at 5:30 p.m. for approximately an hour. Dates are: July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at the Welcome Center or by emailing Wendy at [wendy@lcoorwatertown.org](mailto:wendy@lcoorwatertown.org) by June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### Calming Coloring for Adults

Beginning in June, calming coloring sheets will be available for adults to use during worship. Designed to be peaceful and reflective, these pages can help quiet the mind and support focus during the service. If you'd like to try one, you'll find them available on the activity tree in the Gathering Space. Feel free to pick one up before worship begins!



## Faith Formation & Youth Updates

### Middle & High School Summer Youth Conference

Youth are invited to join our Director of Faith Formation, Wendy Kruger, for a Summer Youth Conference on **Saturday, August 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD.** This free event includes keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Chan, music by Tangled Blue, worship, and breakout sessions full of faith and fun. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Wendy Kruger at (605) 886-2696 to register. **Registration deadline is Friday, June 13.**

9-12 GRADE

### Luther League

#### Luther League 2.0

Luther League 2.0 will meet at various times throughout the summer for bonfires, bible study and service projects. **Make sure to sign up for the Remind app to stay informed of summer activities.**



#### Teachers Needed

Church school teachers will be needed for Wednesday night church school this fall. Please consider giving of your time and talents to share the word with our youth. Church school runs for approximately 45 minutes before WOW service at 6:30 p.m. If you don't want to teach alone – consider finding a friend and taking turns or teaching it together. Volunteers will be needed to make the coming school year successful for our kids – please prayerfully consider being a part of our Wednesday night team.



#### Summer Junction Schedule

A youth Group for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We will meet **Thursday, June 5, Thursday, July 10, and Thursday Aug. 7 from 6-7:00 pm.** Join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!



#### Summer Route 56 Schedule

A youth Group for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We will meet on **Thursday, June 12, Thursday, July 17 and Thursday, August 14 from 6-7:00 pm.** Join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

#### Mission Trip

A mission trip will be led by Pastor Dan and Wendy at the end of June to Milwaukee, Wis. A group of seven high school students will participate.



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## LCOOR Preschool



Thankful for the Wonderful Memories at LCOOR Preschool!



2024-2025





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## Martha & Priscilla Circle

- Martha Circle will meet at 12 p.m. Monday, June 9, at the Wheel Inn.
- The combined Circles will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, in the Gathering Space.



## The Latest Word

A monthly publication of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

Deadline for the August 2025 Newsletter:  
**Monday, July 21, 2025**

### Prayer Chain

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605-886-2696

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<https://lcoorwatertown.org/>



### Facebook

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



### Youtube

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

## Staff

Senior Pastor..... Dan Overbo  
Associate Pastor..... Laura Overbo  
Preschool Teacher/Director..... Nikki Landmark  
Preschool Teacher Aide ..... Wendy Kruger  
Welcoming & Caring Ministries..... Karri Willhite  
Business Manager..... Jodi Spilde  
Business Administrative Assistant..... Megan Thyen  
Director of Faith Formation..... Wendy Kruger  
Sound & Technology..... Sam Langner  
Custodian..... Roman Gainor



## Coffee Trailer

The LCOOR coffee cart will be available at lake services again this summer. Any youth interested in working the coffee cart during the summer months should contact Wendy Kruger at (605) 886-2696. Proceeds for the coffee cart will go towards youth outdoor area.

## 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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park with Holy Communion 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:00am Biker Blessing (at LCOOR & Memorial Park Worship)	<b>2</b> 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm Al-Anon	<b>3</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>4</b> 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Fishing League	<b>5</b> 9:00am Quilting 5:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 5:15pm Al-Anon 6:00pm Junction (for grades 1st to 4th)	<b>6</b> Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry	<b>7</b> 3:30pm Madisen Hansen & Trevor Dixon Wedding 5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal
<b>8</b> 9:00am Worship 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park	<b>9</b> 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:00pm Martha Circle (Wheel Inn) 6:45pm Al-Anon	<b>10</b> 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Executive Committee 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Combined Circle Gathering 6:00pm Fishing League	<b>12</b> 5:15pm Al-Anon 6:00pm Route 56 Youth Group	<b>13</b> Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry	<b>14</b> 3:00pm JoAnna Austad & Jackson Nei Wedding 5:30pm Traditional Worship
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