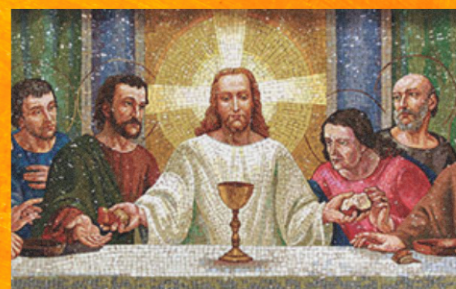


Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

The Latest Word

"Making God Known Through Word and Deed."

SAVIOUR
SERVANT
FRIEND



A Message from Pastor Dan - Sundays in Lent

Lent provides us with a perfect chance to explore the extraordinary attributes of our Savior, Servant, Friend, Jesus. It is a time to marvel at the many blessings we received when he laid down his life for us on the cross and then rose victorious from the grave. Each service in this series dwells upon a different aspect of our greatest Friend and what each characteristic means to us as his followers and friends.

Blessings,
Pastor Dan Overbo

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.

5 Week Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Dan

Join Pastor Dan on **Thursdays at 6:00 p.m., beginning March 6**, as he dives into our Lenten theme: "Savior, Servant, Friend." Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Community Ecumenical Lenten Services

Host Church:

First Congregational United Church of Christ | 121 1st Ave. SE

Theme: "Questions Jesus Asked"

All are invited to attend the Community Ecumenical Lenten services, beginning at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 12 through April 9. A light lunch will follow each week in the fellowship hall. Suggested lunch donation is \$5.

Pastors from participating congregations will lead worship each week. Pastor Dan and Laura will lead on April 9. Offering collected during the weekly services will be donated to the Salvation Army's One Roof Program, which provides resources for those suffering from hardship.

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A Message from Pastor Laura - Blessing Exchange & Leaves of Love Giving Tree

Stewardship is the “church word” for God’s call on our lives. Stewardship happens when we connect our resources to areas of need.

As Christians, we realize that we are richly blessed through God’s abundance. Therefore, we can be a blessing to others. God’s extravagance of forgiveness, love, time, skills, and resources are given for our joy and to be willingly and joyfully deployed for God’s mission and ministry.

To help connect our abundant blessings with areas of need, there are two new areas near the church information and welcome center: The Blessing Exchange and Leaves of Love.

The “Blessing Exchange” is in the corner behind the Welcome Center. The shelves are filled with labeled bins for LCOOR's ministry areas. Some bins invite you to drop off supplies to support a ministry such as Lutheran World Relief, Church On The Street, or Global Health. Other bins in the Blessing Exchange offer resources for you to take out into the world, such as prayer shawls, Infant Loss support, and cookie mixes for Watertown Sandwich Ministry.

The “Leaves of Love” on the Giving Tree name various resources needed for ministry at LCOOR. They will be continually updated.

These two areas show how a “little” can become a lot as we work together to further our mission of making God known through word and deed.



Bear one another's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill
the law of Christ.

-Galatians 6:2-



Dish to Pass by Twila Schmitt

There's just something special about church cookbooks! Much like a scrapbook, they tend to put together "the best" items from a certain era. My kitchen contains several such cookbooks. The "best" pages are spattered with ingredients – and for this reason – easy to find.

I've collected vintage cookbooks for years. I've also been known to get lost for hours at time if a thrift store has a section of old cookbooks. Recipes with oleo and lard, prepared in a double-boiler, just don't show up in the more recent cookbooks!

Of course these days we can find almost any recipe by sitting down at the computer and typing in the name of a dish that we remember. A recent search for "Silver Lane Spuds" however came up surprisingly short! Apparently, this cheesy, creamy hash brown dish is now referred to as "Funeral Potatoes."

As the season of Lent arrives this month, some may wonder if observing Lent has gone by the way of including lard and oleo in our recipes. Do we really have to "give something up" to participate in Lent? (Of course, the answer is "no.") In fact, there are a few things you could "add" here at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer! With the arrival of Ash Wednesday on March 5, our Priscilla Circle members are planning to serve a light lunch featuring Hamburger Soup following the 12:15 p.m. service. If you're available mid-day, it will be a wonderful time for fellowship. A second Ash Wednesday service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Dan will lead a Lenten bible study, "Savior. Servant. Friend," beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 6. And Wednesday Lenten worship services at 6:30 p.m. will be led by our Youth Music Team, beginning March 12.

While we prepare to celebrate Easter next month, we will move through this season together. Devotional booklets for Lent are available at the Welcome Center. And while I will read the daily devotions, I will also reflect on another aspect of the vintage cookbooks -- little bits of optimism sprinkled on the pages. Here's a favorite tidbit from the Skudesnes Church Cookbook: "It's too bad we can't forget our troubles as easily as we forget our blessings."

*"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it for the glory of God."
1 Corinthians 10:31*

Silver Lane Spuds would be a perfect sidedish during Lent or on Easter Sunday. This recipe was printed in the Butter 'n Love Recipes Cookbook, submitted by my mom, Adelpha Reppe.

Silver Lane Spuds

- 2 lb. frozen hash browns, thawed
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1-1/2 c. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 can cream of chicken soup (with 1/2 c. melted butter in it)
- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- Crushed corn flakes (on top)

Mix all together. Bake at 350 degrees for about one hour uncovered.



Financial Reports & News

January 2025 Financial Report	
Revenue	\$ 114,671.85
Expenses	\$ 81,183.85
Change in General Fund	\$ 33,488.00
Annual Budgeted income for 2025	\$ 1,090,027.31
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2025	\$ 1,090,027.31



Thrivent Choice Dollars Received

LCOOR \$1,387.00 and LCOOR Preschool \$1,252.00

Thank You Verla Ackley, Barb Andersh, Verdelle Anderson, Charles Arneson, Darlene Bailey, Darwin & Nancy Brinkman, Douglas Burns, Burdette & Janet Drake, Gary Eide, Jan Larsen, Clark & Gerry Likness, Kevin & Bernie Luoma, Al & Pam Raeder, Twila Schmitt, Steve Schull and Betty Wolff 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.

Global Health Ministries - Hospice Kits

Since 1987 Global Health Ministries (GHM) has sent almost 80,000 Hospice Kits to help the hands that heal around the world. Palliative care and hospice programs continue to be an important ministry of the church overseas in countries where thousands of people benefit every year from their special care for people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other devastating illness. The need has not diminished, and your gift of these Kits is a blessing to those who receive them. Kit Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or online at <https://www.ghm.org/hospice-kits>.

\$90 received in Memorials and Special Gifts

Sandwich Ministry

- In memory of Marlys Benson from Deb Larson

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- From Doug & Holly Schimmel

Debt Reduction

- In memory of Marilyn Schimmel from Marv & AJ Sherrill

January Mission of the Month - Youth Mission Trips

We are grateful for the generous support of our congregation for the January Mission of the Month: Youth Mission Trips. Through your giving, we raised \$987.24 from the Noisy Can and Special Offering, along with an additional \$250.00 from the budget, bringing the total to \$1,237.24!

These funds will directly support our youth as they embark on a meaningful mission trip this June, allowing them to serve communities in need, grow in their faith, and experience the joy of sharing God's love in action. Your contributions make these life-changing opportunities possible, and we thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Timmerman Scholarships

Are you a member of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and a graduate of Watertown High School? If you're entering your first or second year of education or technical training at a South Dakota state-supported institution, you may be eligible for the Timmerman Scholarship! Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help with educational expenses.

How to Apply:

Applications and more information are available:

- In the Church Office
- At the Welcome Center
- Online at lcoorwatertown.org under the RESOURCES tab

Deadline to Apply: March 31, 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to support your education!



March Mission of the Month- LCOOR Preschool

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Christian Preschool has been nurturing young hearts and minds since its founding in September 1986. Today, the preschool continues its mission of providing a faith-based early education with students enrolled in the 4/5-year-old morning program (Monday-Thursday).

Under the caring leadership of Director/Teacher Nikki Landmark and Classroom Paraprofessional Wendy Kruger, the preschool emphasizes socialization, cognitive development, language skills, and fine & gross motor skills. Each week, children engage in Bible stories, music, and scripture verses, with a special Chapel time once a month led by the Pastors.

The Christian Preschool operates partly on tuition, special gifts (such as Thrivent Choice Dollars), and fundraiser proceeds. Your Mission of the Month offering provides additional support to continue this vital ministry.

Please consider giving above and beyond your regular offering to support our preschool's mission. Be sure to clearly mark your donation as "Mission of the Month - Preschool" when giving during March.

Thank you for your generosity!

*"Teach children how they should live,
and they will remember it all their life."
Proverbs 22:6*



Circle Bible Study

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

- Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m.
Monday, March 17, in the Gathering Space
- Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Gathering Space.



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!

New Members Welcomed in February

While we welcome people to LCOOR at all times, we 'officially' receive new members a few times a year. The following folks were welcomed to membership in February:



Patrick & Brandy Clapsaddle
315 2nd St. SW
Watertown, SD 57201



Stewart & Wendy Flanery
Dakota Flanery
186 W. Lake Dr.
Arlington, SD 57212



Bailey Schlotterbeck
1117 12th Ave. NE
Watertown, SD 57201



Gerald & Ellyn Schulte
1153 Sunset St. NW
Watertown, SD 57201

Charlie Ward and Sam Ward
1845 Westminster Ave. N. #305
Watertown, SD 57201

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ
has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Faith Formation & Youth Updates



Serve Boldly Summer Mission Trip - Milwaukee, WI | June 22-27, 2025

Join us on our **9-12 grade** summer youth trip for an immersive journey of service and spiritual growth. Spend 4 days serving communities in need, engaging in meaningful service projects, and building lasting connections with fellow youth participants. Whether you're sorting medical supplies, helping with yard work, or spreading love and positivity wherever you go, these trips are designed to leave a lasting impact on both you and the communities you serve.

More information is available per request by visiting with Pastor Dan or Wendy. You can also email us at pastordan@lcoorwatertown.org or wendy@lcoorwatertown.org.



Youth Music Team

High school youth will practice for Lenten Youth Music Team on **Wednesday, March 5th**, immediately following Ash Wednesday service. Songs will be selected and practiced that evening. The team will lead the music at worship during the Wednesday night Lenten services.



Junction

A youth group for **1st – 4th grade**. We will meet on **Thursday, March 13 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, March 27 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... March: 2, 9, 16 and 30.
There will be no class Sunday, March 23 due to Spring Break.

Wednesdays... March: 5, 12 and 26.
There will be no class Wednesday, March 19 due to Spring Break.

Faith Formation & Youth Updates

9-12 GRADE

Luther League

Luther League 2.0

Luther League 2.0 will begin meeting 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.

March 5: Youth Music Team practice immediately after Ash Wednesday worship. We will pick songs for the upcoming Lenten season.

March 12: Youth Music Team will sing at service. Immediately following service will be Bible Talk at approximately 7:15 p.m.

March 19: No Church School or activities due to Spring Break.

March: 26: Youth Music Team will sing at worship. Luther League will meet following service. Project to be announced.



Below is a reminder of the church schedule:

Sundays

8:30 am Church School and Confirmation
9:30 am Worship

Wednesdays

4:45 pm Meal
5:30 pm Church School and Confirmation
6:30 pm Worship

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



Freshman



Sophomore



Junior



Senior

Students & parents are encouraged to sign up.

Confirmation

Confirmation students will be working on their Faith Books during the Lenten season.

The Salvation Army Watertown Yearly Impact Report

The Mission of The Salvation Army of Watertown is to empower people to change in an environment of Christian compassion by providing holistic services to those who come within our sphere of influence



Social Service Programs



Lodging Assistance

\$5,581

60 Households

Rental Assistance

\$11,945

64 Households

Utility Assistance

\$13,202

86 Households

Transportation

Assistance \$1,011

64 Households

Clothing and Household

Vouchers \$5,905

362 Households

2,181 Items

Food Assistance



Meals Served

39,776

\$3.57/meal = \$142,000

Food
Boxes

2,204 Boxes

5,072 People Served

\$35/Box = \$77,140

Holiday Assistance



Christmas

6,657 Toys

3,384 Clothing

210 Families

592 Children Served

Thanksgiving

190 Boxes

465 People Served

Back 2 School

289 Children Served

115 Families

4,647 School Items

516 New Clients
in 2024



The Salvation Army
Watertown SD
BEYOND
The Salvation Army Watertown
621 4th St Se 605.886.4030
Captains Dennis and Kelly Jolly
Corps Officers

968 Volunteers

8,132 Hours



LCOOR Preschool Happenings

The Preschool is the Mission of the Month for March and we are starting our annual fundraising.

We will be selling Rada Cutlery again this year. You will find catalogs/order forms at the Welcome Center. If you wish to purchase Rada Cutlery, you can also order online: <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1020874.b7255>

Please help us raise funds for this our preschool and THANK YOU for all you do to help us spread God's word and his love to these children.



We Have a Few Spots Left

We are looking forward to next year and we would love to have your child join us!! If interested please contact Nikki or Wendy at 886-2696 or check us out at www.lcoorwatertown.org and see why LCOOR Preschool is the best place for your child to learn and grow!!

March Calendar

March 19-20

No School - Spring Break



**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



RaiseRight

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Turn Your Shopping into Giving!

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!

- ☀ Shop from 750+ top brands
- ☕ Grab your morning coffee
- 🔧 Tackle home projects
- 🍴 Order takeout

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.



Valentine Love Bugs



Space Week





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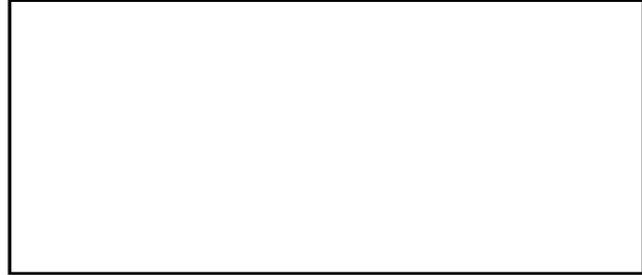
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March Book Club

The LCOOR Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for March is *James* by Percival Everett.

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.**



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Deadline for the March 2025 Newsletter:
Monday, March 17, 2025

Prayer Chain

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605-886-2696

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<https://lcoorwatertown.org/>



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Youtube

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

Staff

Senior Pastor..... Dan Overbo
Associate Pastor..... Laura Overbo
Preschool Teacher/Director..... Nikki Landmark
Preschool Teacher Aide/ Faith Formation Assistant
..... Wendy Kruger
Welcoming & Caring Ministries..... Twila Schmitt
Business Manager..... Jodi Spilde
Business Administrative Assistant..... Megan Thyen
Sound & Technology..... Zach Stanton
Custodian..... Roman Gainor

Sheets Needed for Quilts

The LCOOR Quilters are always in need of sheets to be used for quilting. Sheets of any size can be re-purposed. New sheets (especially twin size) are also greatly appreciated. Feel free to drop off the sheets at the church office or in a marked bin near the Welcome Center.

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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