

The Latest Word

“Making God Known Through Word and Deed.”



Small Things with Great Love - Bingo!

Summer brings a different rhythm to life. Schedules change, families travel, cabins and campgrounds call our names, and weekends are often spent at the lake, on the road, and enjoying God's creation outdoors. While many of us may be away from worship in the church building at times this summer, we are never away from opportunities to live out our faith.

Faith happens not only in pews, but also in everyday moments. We extend Jesus' love through acts of kindness and compassion. As followers of Jesus, we are called to share God's love wherever we are. Small acts of kindness can become powerful ways of reflecting Christ to others.

We want this way of living out our faith to be intentional. So, you and your loved ones are invited to join us in playing the "Do Small Things with Great Love" Bingo Challenge! Included with this newsletter is a Bingo card filled with simple acts of kindness and faith-sharing opportunities for all ages. You can complete four in a row, four corners, or a diagonal to earn a small prize.

Once you complete a Bingo, turn your card in at the Welcome Center at church or at the Lake for a small prize. Blank cards are also available.

Every completed card will also be entered into drawings for a family Treat Night at DQ! Drawings will be held on June 30 and July 31. There is no limit to your entries.

This game is a simple and fun way for all ages to stay connected in faith throughout the summer months. Whether it's writing an encouraging note, creating chalk art, sharing a compliment, or offering a helpful hand, showing kindness in ordinary moments is also a way that we share our belief that all people are important. These small actions matter deeply.

Mother Teresa once said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." As we move through the busy days of summer, may we continue to be the hands and feet of Christ wherever we go.

Blessings,

Pastor Dan and Pastor Laura Overbo



Do small things with GREAT LOVE



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Pick up trash in your neighborhood	Bring a food item to donate	Play a board game with someone	Let someone in line ahead of you	Tell a joke
Mail a postcard to a friend	Say "hi" to someone new	Call a friend or family member	Leave a positive note in a library book	Create fun chalk art
Teach someone something new	Write a thank you note	FREE SPACE! Your choice of kindness! _____	Plant some flowers or vegetables	Donate unused items
Return stray shopping carts	Deliver a 'Caring Casserole'	Offer to help someone	Smile at someone you don't know	Share a favorite book
Give someone a compliment	Listen to music with someone	Leave quarters (with a note) at a laundromat	Shop local when possible	Draw or color a picture

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God." -- 1 John 4:7

*Turn in completed card at the Welcome Table at the Lake or the church to receive a special prize!

* All entries will go into drawings to win a Family Treat Night at DQ! Drawings will be on June 30 and July 31!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER, Watertown, S.D.

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Skip the Tax!



What if you could skip the tax on your required minimum distribution (RMD) and make a meaningful gift to support LCOOR instead? Everyone over age 70 1/2 is eligible to make a tax-free gift from an IRA, even if you're not yet receiving RMDs. Contact your investment representative or Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or www.lpgsd.org for information about this and more tax-efficient ideas.

2026 Lenten Offering Total: \$5,214.56

This year's Lenten Offering was thoughtfully divided to support two important ministries:

- \$2,607.28 to Watertown Sandwich Ministry
- \$2,607.28 to LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen

Through these gifts, meals will continue to be shared with neighbors experiencing food insecurity, offering not only nourishment but also care, dignity, and community.

We also give thanks for the faithfulness shown through our Church School offerings:

2025/26 Church School Offering Total: \$706.90

This gift has been directed to Rachel's Hope, supporting their ongoing work of providing access to personal hygiene and household cleaning essentials to anyone who presents a need, regardless of their life circumstances.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously throughout this Lenten season and through our Church School program. Your offerings are making a real difference and extending Christ's love in tangible ways.

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Memorials

We are grateful to receive \$55.00 in Memorials and Special Gifts. These gifts are a meaningful way to honor lives that have touched many, while continuing to support ministries that serve others.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

In memory of Marv Sherrill, gift from Pam Luckhurst

Watertown Sandwich Ministry

In memory of Marv Sherrill, gift from Dennis & Paula Newman

Youth Ministry

In memory of Marty VanHeel, gift from Ken & Renae Madison

We give thanks for each of these generous remembrances. Through these gifts, comfort is shared with those who receive prayer shawls, nourishment is provided to neighbors through the Sandwich Ministry, and young people are supported in their faith journey.

We are thankful for the continued ways our community remembers loved ones by supporting ministries that make a real difference in the lives of others.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Received

We are grateful to share that Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer recently received \$656.00 through the Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars program!

A heartfelt thank you to Verdelle Anderson, Charles Arneson, Steve & Nyla Bergan, and Ruth Haugerud for generously directing their Choice Dollars to support the ministry and mission of our church. Your kindness and generosity help make a meaningful difference in the work we do together as a congregation.

We are truly thankful for your continued support and for the many ways you help strengthen our church family and community outreach.

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!

Lutheran World Relief: 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 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.



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June Mission of the Month: Watertown Sandwich Ministry

As our Mission of the Month, the Watertown Sandwich Ministry reminds us what it means to live out Christ's call to love and serve our neighbors. Through this ministry, more than 280 sack lunches are prepared and distributed three times each week to individuals and families throughout our community who are facing food insecurity.

What began in 2011 with volunteers delivering just 40 lunches from their vehicles has grown into a vital outreach ministry. Each lunch includes a sandwich, fruit when available, and homemade cookies, with extra items added whenever donations allow. For many recipients, this lunch may be their only meal of the day.

The Sandwich Ministry is about more than food. It provides compassion, dignity, encouragement, and connection to neighbors who may be struggling financially, physically, or emotionally. Every lunch delivered is a reminder that someone cares.

We are incredibly thankful for the volunteers and supporters who make this ministry possible through their time, donations, homemade cookies and prayers. Because of your generosity, this outreach continues to touch lives in meaningful ways.

As food costs continue to rise and the need in our community grows, ongoing support is more important than ever. During this Mission of the Month emphasis, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Watertown Sandwich Ministry through financial gifts, cookie baking or volunteering your time. Together, we can continue sharing hope and nourishment with our neighbors—one lunch at a time.

July Mission of the Month: St. Dysmas

Our Mission of the Month for July is St. Dysmas of South Dakota. This ministry shares the love, hope, and forgiveness of Christ with incarcerated individual. Through worship services, Bible studies, mentoring, and compassionate support, St. Dysmas helps bring encouragement and spiritual guidance to those who are often forgotten.

Their work reminds us that God's grace reaches all people and that every person is worthy of hope, dignity, and a second chance. We invite you to keep this ministry, its volunteers, and those they serve in your prayers throughout the month of July.

Special offerings designated for Mission of the Month will help support the ongoing work and outreach of St. Dysmas of South Dakota. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to sharing Christ's love with others.

April Mission of the Month Review: Lutheran Campus Ministry

Lutheran Campus Ministry received wonderful support from our congregation. Through Noisy Can collections and Special Offerings, a total of **\$843.90** was given during the month. **Combined with additional support, the ministry received a total of \$1,843.90.** Thank you for your generosity and commitment to supporting college students in their faith journey. Your gifts help provide fellowship, spiritual guidance, and a welcoming Christian community for students navigating an important season of life. We are grateful for the many ways our congregation continues to share Christ's love through mission support.

LCOOR News & Events

Spring Market - Thank You!

We give heartfelt thanks to all the vendors, shoppers, volunteers, and everyone who donated their time, talents, and gifts to make the Spring Market such a wonderful success. We are truly blessed by the generosity and fellowship shared throughout the day.

The donations at our congregation table raised \$148 for new candle lighters for our acolytes. Lunch, provided by Hayden Willhite and family, raised \$348 to help pay off negative lunch accounts in the Watertown School District. The Sandwich Ministry also blessed the event with coffee and cookies, raising \$142 to continue supporting its ministry.

We are grateful for each person who contributed in any way.

Circle Bible Study

- Martha Circle will meet at **11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 8**, at the Wheel Inn.
- Priscilla Circle and Martha Circle will come together to meet at **9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10**, in the Gathering Space.

Garden Stepping Stone Project

Join us on **July 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall** for a special garden step stone project!

Individuals, children, grandparents, and families are all invited to create and decorate a stepping stone that will become part of our church prayer garden and outdoor youth area. This is a wonderful opportunity to add to our prayer garden and outdoor activity areas.

No artistic experience is needed — just come ready to create and enjoy time together. **A meal will be served, and all are welcome!**



Caring Casseroles

If you or someone you know could use a little extra care and comfort, please stop by the church office to pick up a frozen casserole meal. These meals are available for anyone recovering from surgery, welcoming a new baby, going through a difficult time, or simply needing a little “pick-me-up.”

Whether it is for yourself, a friend, a neighbor, or a family member, no need is too big or too small. Sometimes a warm meal can be a simple but meaningful reminder of God’s love. We are grateful for the opportunity to share kindness and lighten the load for others in our community.

Please feel free to stop by the church office and pick up a frozen meal at any time.

LCOOR Fishing League

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 3. Teams of two to four people are invited to join the league for some friendly competition and fellowship. Locations will be announced in a group text each Wednesday! There is no cost to register and shirts will be provided by Thrivent.

2026 Vacation Bible School

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with and attended VBS 2026, True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!

From our volunteers and leaders to the families and kids who joined us each day; thank you for making this week so special. Your time, energy, prayers, creativity, and enthusiasm helped create a fun and faith-filled experience where children could learn more about trusting Jesus in every part of life.

We are grateful for everyone who donated supplies, prepared snacks, decorated, led music and activities, taught lessons, guided groups, and supported VBS behind the scenes. Thank you also to all the parents and families who shared your children with us this week!

What a joy it was to grow together in faith, laughter, and friendship as we followed our True North — Jesus!



Faith Formation & Youth Updates



Luther League

Luther League is for 9th-12th grade students. **This summer we are planning to meet every other Wednesday at 6 p.m.** Watch the church calendar and Facebook for more details or **sign up with the Luther League Remind to keep informed.** (The Remind is available on our website or the Luther League bulletin board next to the youth room.) There will be a variety of bible studies, treats, games, service projects, and fellowship.

Luther League is also currently taking donations for the St. Francis House in Sioux Falls. Students will be working at the St. Francis House this summer in collaboration with Our Savior's Lutheran Church. **Donations needed include:** toilet paper, paper towels, napkins and monetary donations for clothing.

Remind App QR Codes for Luther League Students



9TH



10TH



11TH



12TH



Summer Schedule: Junction & Route 56 Youth Group

Junction, a youth group for **1st-4th grade** and Route 56, a youth group for **5th-6th grade** will meet together in the summer months. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

- **Thursday, June 18 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, July 16 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Aug. 13 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Join us for fun summer activities! Friends are always welcome!



Coffee Cart - Summer Worship at Memorial Park

Church staff will have the Coffee Cart available at lake side services throughout the summer months. Coffee and donut holes will be available for \$2. The funds raised by the coffee cart will then be used to help purchase more outdoor activities for our youth.

LCOOR Preschool



Thankful for the Wonderful Memories
at LCOOR Preschool!!
2025-2026



Summer Worship Schedule

- Saturdays at LCOOR at 5:30 p.m.
- Sundays at Memorial Park at 9:00 a.m.
- Sundays at LCOOR at 10:30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!



Road Ditch - Thank You!



Road ditch cleanup is complete for the 39th year. Thank you to the following families for taking care of our environment: Darwin and Dustin Brinkman and family, Diane and Mike Madsen, Ron and Sheila Moehring, Mark and Nancy Reishus, Ryan Nuttall family, Eric Johnson family and Karri Willhite family. On to the 40th year of road ditch cleanup for LCOOR.



Deadline for the August 2026 Newsletter:
Monday, July 20, 2026



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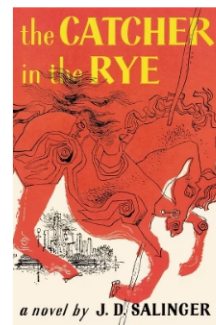
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June & July Book Club

For the month of June, the LCOOR Book Club will meet on **Thursday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room**. The book for June is *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger.

For the month of July, the LCOOR Book Club will meet on **Thursday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room**. The book for July is *The Last Bookshop in London* by Madeline Martin.

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