

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

The Latest Word

“Making God Known Through Word and Deed.”



Say “Farewell” to Twila on May 25

Our church family and friends will have a chance to say “farewell” to Twila Schmitt **before worship services on May 25**. After serving 8 years as Welcoming and Caring Ministries Coordinator, Twila is retiring at the end of May. We wish her all the best!

Biker Blessing in May

Bring your motorcycles, bicycles or any other kind of ‘wheels’ to the south parking lot of LCOOR on **Sunday, May 18 at 10:45 a.m.** (following 9:30 a.m. worship) for a biker blessing!

“WOMAN AT THE WELL -
LIVING WATER”

VBS

REGISTER NOW!
MAY 28-29 | 5-8PM



Register Now! Vacation Bible School is May 28 & 29

Get ready for our 2025 Vacation Bible School, “Woman at the Well - Living Water,” happening **May 28 and 29 from 5-8 p.m.!** Kiddos from Pre-K to 4th grade are invited for music, crafts, games, Bible stories, and more! Plus, we’ve got meals covered. **Just scan the QR code to register now!**

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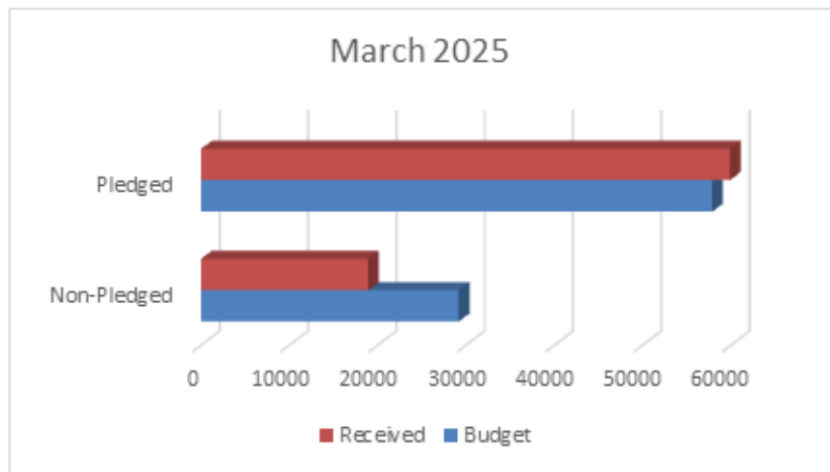
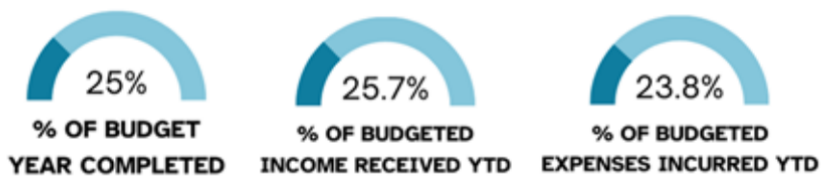
May 2025
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Financial Reports & News

2025 Financial Report	
Revenue to Date	\$ 280,720.18
Expenses to Date	\$ 258,935.05
Net Income	\$ 21,785.13
Annual Budgeted income for 2025	\$ 1,090,027.31
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2025	\$ 1,090,027.31



Mission of the Month - March Update

March Mission of the Month supported the LCOOR Preschool. Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$834.62 through the Noisy Can and Special Offering. With the additional \$1,000 from our budget, the Preschool received a total of \$1,834.62! Thank you for helping support this important ministry!

Thank you from ELCA SD Synod

Thank you to the members of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer from the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In grateful appreciation for giving \$43,168 for mission support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



May Mission of the Month - Lutheran Campus Ministry: A Witness to Grace in Academic Life

Campus Ministry serves young adults in higher education, rooted in a deep theological heritage while engaging the realities of modern university life.

Through worship, learning, fellowship, and service, the university community encounters the richness of God's love. Just as Christ's embrace knows no bounds, Campus Ministry welcomes all who teach and learn, inviting them to walk the challenging and transformative path of discipleship.

Please consider giving above and beyond your regular offering to support (LuMin) Lutheran Campus Ministry of South Dakota. Be sure to clearly mark your donation as "Mission of the Month" when giving during May. Thank you for your generosity!

Thrivent Choice Dollars Received

- LCOOR \$1,138.00
- LCOOR Preschool \$141.00

Thank You Chris Chandler, Curt Dahl, Burdette & Janet Drake, Pastor Sam Hatlestad, Joan Hohnstadt, Sharon Malcom, Darline Morrow, Dave & Linda Nerdig, Michael Passow, JoAnn Roti, Justin Ruesch, Jodi Spilde, Frank & Sheila Tschakert, Bonie Werpy Rye and Duane Zubke for directing your Choice Dollars® to LCOOR and LCOOR Preschool. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and support. Thanks to the generous support from Thrivent, we're able to continue uplifting ministries and missions that go beyond our regular church budget. Your contribution plays a vital role in helping us serve our community and faithfully carry out our mission.

Financial Reports & News



New Ink Cartridge Recycling

Donate your used ink cartridges to help the LCOOR Playground Fund. Empty Inkjet cartridges can be dropped in the green recycling can located near the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space. Have cartridges that you keep forgetting to bring in? You can mail them in at no cost to you! Visit planetgreenrecycle.com or scan the QR code and enter our **program ID code 32747** to receive your prepaid shipping label.



GET YOUR FREE SHIPPING LABEL HERE:



Global Health Newborn Kits

Newborn Kit Challenge! This year, help GHM send 10,000 Newborn Kits to waiting partners overseas, so more moms and their babies can thrive! The gift of a GHM Newborn Kit is a blessing for the woman who receives it, providing basic items to help her clothe and care for her child, and celebrate new life!

Importantly, the promise of this gift can also motivate her to connect with a health worker when she is expecting - a connection that can save her life. GHM sends Newborn Kits along with medical supplies and equipment to partners in Cameroon, Central African Republic, Liberia, Madagascar, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, where they are used to encourage women to visit their local hospital or clinic for prenatal care and assisted delivery. Once that connection is made, mom is more likely to return for postnatal care, vaccinations for all her family and other health interventions - and to tell her friends and family they should do the same! The Newborn Kit is a blessing multiplier! Kit Instructions can be picked up at the Welcome Center.

\$180 Received in Special Gifts and Memorials in March

Debt Reduction

- \$161,017.01 PAID OFF IN FULL!!

Sandwich Ministry

- In memory of Lois Jones, grandmother of Leann Jungen from Lloyd's Heating
- Special Gift from Randy Petrick
- In memory of Tom Foster from Marv & Joyce McGillivray

Youth Ministry

- In memory of Florence Fleming from Ken & Renae Madison

LCOOR Events & Activities



Wednesday Meal Crew

Thank you to the volunteers who prepare and serve our Wednesday night meal. You are appreciated beyond measure!



8th Grade Students Confirmed

In the ELCA Lutheran tradition, Confirmation is a public affirmation of our faith. On their Confirmation Day, students hear again the words that were spoken at their baptism. It's a time to take personal ownership of our relationship with God and commit to continuing in the promises made at our baptism—trusting in God's grace, participating in the life of the church, and living as disciples of Jesus. Through Confirmation, we learn more deeply about the Bible, the Lutheran teachings, and how our faith connects to everyday life. It's not about having all the answers, but about saying 'yes' to a lifelong journey of faith, community, and service.



Summer Worship at Memorial Park

Worship at Memorial Park will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 25. Additionally, we will continue to have worship here at LCOOR in the sanctuary on Sundays, beginning May 25, at 9:30 a.m.



Fishing League Begins June 4

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 4th. 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.



Caring Casseroles Available

Sharing food has been a long-standing Lutheran tradition – and our Caring Casserole ministry is here to make it a little easier! Stop by the church office to pick up a (frozen) casserole for someone who has just had surgery, a family who has recently had a baby or someone who just needs a little “pick-me-up!”

May Book Club

The LCOOR Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for April is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.



LCOOR Garden

Our church garden is ready for another season of growth! If you are interested in tending your own section of the garden this year, we would love to have you join us. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, there's a place for you. Please reach out to Pastor Laura or Megan if you would like to reserve a spot or learn more about getting involved.



Circle Bible Study

Priscilla and Martha Circles will meet in May, focusing on the bible study in the Gather magazine. Copies of the study can be found at the Welcome Center.

- Martha Circle will meet at **2 p.m. Monday, May 19**, in the Gathering Space
- Priscilla Circle will meet at **9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 7**, in the Gathering Space.
- The combined Circles will meet at **9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11**, in the Gathering Space.

**THANK
YOU**

Meals on Wheels THANK YOU

Thanks to Karla Stimson, Linda Koch – and all the LCOOR volunteers who recently completed a successful week of organizing and delivering Meals on Wheels! To help out during future delivery weeks, contact Karla at 605-520-0215.

Faith Formation & Youth Updates

Last Day of Church School

The last day of church school is **Sunday, May 4 & Wednesday, May 7**. The last Wednesday evening worship is **Wednesday, May 7**. See you in the fall!

9-12 GRADE

Luther League

Luther League 2.0

Luther League 2.0 will meet 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.

May 7: Luther League will meet following the service. This will be the last meeting of the school year.

We 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.

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 register by Friday, June 13, using the QR code.** Questions? Contact Wendy Kruger at (605) 886-2696.



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Summer Junction Schedule

A youth Group for 1st – 4th 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 5th & 6th 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!

Coffee Cart

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 at the church office. Proceeds for the coffee cart will go towards youth outdoor area.

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.

Need Groceries?? Buy Scrip!

Buy Scrip here and help out the Preschool at the same time! Hy-Vee, Target, 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.



We are 100 Days Smarter!



Chapel with Pastor Dan & Pastor Laura



Our caterpillars have arrived.

We're patiently waiting for them to turn into butterflies!!



May Calendar

May 7

Show & Tell

May 14

Graduation at 10:00 a.m.

May 15

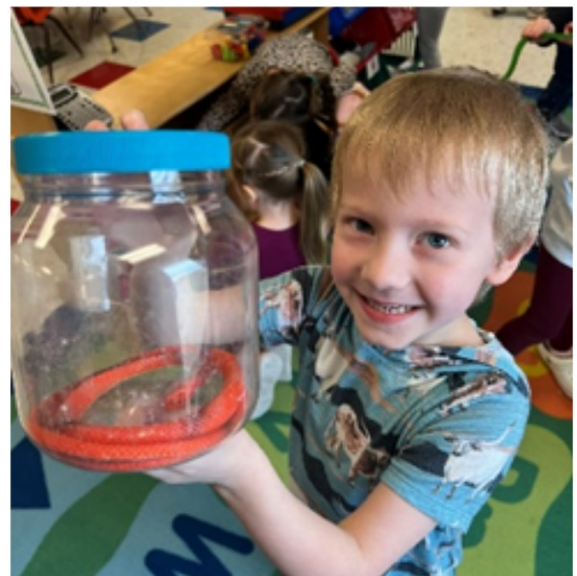
Last Day of School



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

Pet Store for Dramatic Play





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Graduates to Receive Prayer Shawls

Our 2025 high school graduates will each be blessed with a prayer shawl during the 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (May 7) service and 9:30 a.m. Sunday (May 11) 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 be shared with family and friends at times of celebration – or anytime when extra prayers are requested. Prayer Shawls can be found in the Blessing Exchange bin near the Welcome Center.



The Latest Word

A monthly publication of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

Deadline for the June/July 2025 Newsletter:

Monday, May 19, 2025

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

Road Ditch Cleanup 2025

What a great family project. Bags and instructions are available at the Welcome Center. Grab bags and instructions for a section—pick up the trash—take the bags to your blue container—know you helped keep our environment clean. If you need a vest—call Al—605-553-6791. Let's clean this up before Memorial Day. Thank you for helping with this community service project.

Church Council

President	Ryan Nuttall
Vice President	Alan Stager
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Treasurer	Jessica Kruse
Ann DeSpiegler	Matt Blackwelder
Jan Birkeland	Cindy Day
Kim Pearson	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Last Day of Confirmation 8:30am Church School 8:30am Confirmation Workshop 9:30am Worship 10:30am Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm LCOOR Family Fun - Tommy's Lanes Bowling!	28 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm AI-Anon	29 9:00am Sewing Ministry Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting	30 Last Day of Confirmation 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm Church School 5:30pm Confirmation Workshop 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion & 8th Grade Confirmation 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League 2.0	1 9:00am Quilting 5:15pm AI-Anon 6:00pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan	2 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry	3 5:30pm 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
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