



The Latest Word

*"Making God Known
Through Word and Deed."*

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Grief Groceries Program Seeking Helpers

When someone is grieving, it can be difficult to complete even the most basic tasks – like grocery shopping. LCOOR has started a program to help with this need. Helpers are needed in the following areas:

- Folks to shop for groceries (with our "Grocery" fund)
- People to make the delivery to a grieving family
- Financial support

For additional information, contact Twila Schmitt or Pastor Dan Overbo at the church office 605-886-2696.

March Book Club

In March the LCOOR Book Club will be meeting Thursday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. They will be reading *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (March 24):

Kids Sing for Worship with Procession of Palms at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday (March 28):

Worship with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday (March 29):

Tenebrae Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday (March 31):

with Holy Communion at all services:

- 7:00 a.m. Worship with Handbell Choir
- 8:30 a.m. Worship with Praise & Rejoice Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Praise & Rejoice Choir

New Members to be Welcomed in March

While we welcome new members all year round, we will "officially" receive new members in March. Our New Member Orientation is set for 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20th. Please contact Twila Schmitt, Welcoming & Caring Coordinator, for additional details on becoming a member.

Community Ecumenical Lenten Services

2024 Host Church:

First United Methodist Church

2024 Theme:

"So They May Know My Love."

All services begin at 12:05 p.m. and will be followed by a time of conversation, fellowship and a light lunch. Suggested meal price is \$5.

Wednesday, March 6:

Serving Church: Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Wednesday, March 13:

Serving Church: First Congregational United Church of Christ

Wednesday, March 20:

Serving Church: Holy Rosary Catholic Church of Kranzburg

Offering collected during the services will be given to the Watertown Ministerial Associations One Roof Program with the Salvation Army. This program is funded by local churches to provide resources for those suffering from hardships.

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PASTOR MESSAGE

This month as we look to the future here at Lutheran Church of our Redeemer, we are filled with so much hope and excitement. During this season of Lent is a perfect time to ponder and fill out some of these thoughts for our church. Please fill out these questions and bring them back to the church office.

PRESENT

If someone new to our community asked, "What are some of the things you really like about your Lutheran Church of our Redeemer?" three things I might say include...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I think people want to be actively involved in Lutheran Church of our Redeemer when...

FUTURE

In the future, I'd like to see our Church.....

In addition, I think Lutheran Church of our Redeemer has a great challenge and opportunity to.....

This is my prayer for the future our Lutheran Church of our Redeemer: Dear God.....

FINANCIAL NEWS

January 2024 Financial Report

Revenue	\$	155,082.78
Expenses	\$	80,717.09
Change in General Fund	\$	74,365.69
Revenue to Date	\$	155,082.78
Expenses to Date	\$	80,717.09
Annual Budgeted Income for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34

Lenten Offerings

This year's Lenten Offerings, as directed by the Church Council, are being directed to the Preschool here at LCOOR!

Through caring, learning and play; Miss Nikki and Miss Wendy have created a remarkable preschool program. Follow along with all the happenings on our Facebook page LCOOR Preschool . Thank you so much for your continued support of our preschool ministry.

Thrivent Choice Dollars received in February

We have received a deposit from Thrivent Choice Dollars! Thank you Burt & Barb Andersh, Verdelle Anderson, Darlene Bailey, Darwin & Nancy Brinkman, Dawn Johnson, Allen Rude, Richard Schroeder, Steve Schull and Barb Struwe for directing these dollars to our church and preschool.

- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer – \$677.00
- LCOOR Christian Preschool - \$936.00

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January Mission of the Month & Noisy Can Totals

Nicaragua Youth Retreat
\$1,404.44

Nicaragua Companion Synod
\$1,404.43

THANK YOU!!

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.

FINANCIAL NEWS

\$170.00 Memorials and Special Gifts given since last printing

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- From Jane Ham
- In memory of Harlow Ostenvik
- In memory of Carol Connell from Darlene Bailey
- In memory of Cynthia Emery from Pam Luckhurst
- In memory of Tom Myers from Pam Luckhurst

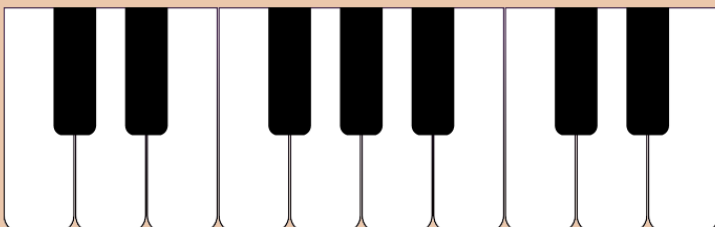
Global Health Ministries Hospice Kits



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 www.ghm.org/hospice-kits.

Music News: Piano Players Needed!

We are in need of additional piano players to play along side our worship teams on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Players are financially compensated for their time. Contact Megan at (605) 886-2696 or via email at megan@lcoorwatertown.org for more info.



Mission of the Month- ELCA World Hunger

ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From agriculture and nutrition, water and sanitation, healthcare, education and training, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

All Mission of the Month is intended to be above and beyond your regular giving. Clearly mark your offering 'Mission of the Month'.

CURRENT CHALLENGES


As many as
828 million people
worldwide live in hunger.

In the United States,
1 in 6 people isn't sure where their next meal will come from.




The root causes of hunger are complex and include rising costs, global conflict, climate change and the lingering impact of COVID-19.

ELCA World Hunger walks alongside communities in 64 countries — including the United States — to create unique solutions to specific challenges. With your help, our church can grow its support for our most vulnerable neighbors in a changing world.

“I can proudly say I am now able to run successful projects without fear of failure. My family lacks nothing, I have all that I once dreamt of having, and I am a proud mother.”

—RUMBIDZAI TOMU, Zimbabwe

With support from ELCA World Hunger, Rumbidzai received the tools and training she needed to begin raising poultry. Her family can now afford to eat three meals a day, and she has been able to send her four children to school.



“LET US LOVE NOT IN WORD OR SPEECH BUT IN DEED AND TRUTH.”
—JOHN 3:18

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

7th/8th Grade Confirmation March Schedule:

Wednesday, March 6 –

Faith Books

Wednesday, March 13 –

No Confirmation – Spring Break

Wednesday, March 20 –

Faith Books

Wednesday, March 27 –

No Confirmation - Holy Week

Monthly Youth Groups:

- Junction... A youth Group for **1st – 4th grade** will meet the first Monday of each month. This month we will meet on **Monday, March 4th from 6-7:30 pm**. Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!
- Rt. 56... A youth group for **5th & 6th grade** meets once a month on a Monday. This month we will meet on **Monday, March 18 from 6-7:30 pm**. Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Please note that this youth group is for 7-12 grades. Every Sunday night we will gather for Luther League 2.0 at 6 p.m. Each evening we will enjoy a thought provoking discussion topic, snacks, games and awesome fellowship. Please feel free to bring your friends and join us for a fantastic ministry opportunity! This month we will gather on...

- Sunday, March 3
- Sunday, March 10
- Sunday, March 24
- **We will not meet on Sunday, March 17 (Spring Break) and Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday).**



Philip Lickei

March Christian Education Schedule:

Wednesday Church School will gather at 5:30 p.m. on:

- March 6 & 20
- **No church school on March 13 (Spring Break)**
- **No church school March 27 (Holy Week)**

* The Pre-K through 4th grade children will sing at the March 20 worship service

Sunday Church School will gather at 8:30 a.m. on:

- March 3, 10 & 24
- **No church school on March 17 (Spring Break)**
- **No church school on March 31 (Easter)**

* The Pre-K through 4th grade children will sing at the March 24 Palm Sunday worship

Youth Music Team

will continue leading worship for our 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Services. (Please arrive around 6 pm to go over the songs for the worship service). We will sing on...

- **Wednesday, March 6, 13 & 20**



DISH TO PASS

All the “fluff” of Easter used to upset me. You know...the chocolate bunnies, marshmallow peeps and Easter presents like kites and basketballs – and bicycles! It used to bother me that people focused more on getting their families to the “best” Easter brunch buffet than to worship. And (if I dare admit it), there were times that I decided to not attend services on Easter, since the church would already be overflowing with people!

And then what happened? I tuned into Lent...and I discovered that the 40 days leading up to Easter are a personal journey. These 40 days are not a time to judge how others choose to worship. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, we are able once again to begin our individual journey.

“So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!” – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Our collective Lenten opportunities are many. Ecumenical community worship services will be held each Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. (this year at First United Methodist Church). Here at LCOOR, our Wednesday evening Lenten services begin at 6:30 p.m. And, there are Lenten devotional booklets available at the Welcome Center for additional self-study.

While we ultimately find ourselves thinking ahead to the glorious Resurrection that we celebrate on Easter morning (and our family meals and gatherings), my prayer is that we can also take time to reflect on these Lenten days as well. I know what a difference it has made for me.

And, yes, when Easter arrives, I absolutely plan to enjoy some marshmallow peeps!

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus...” – Colossians 3:16-17



SHARON MALCOM'S HAMBURGER SOUP RECIPE HAS BEEN REQUESTED SEVERAL TIMES SINCE IT WAS SERVED HERE ON ASH WEDNESDAY! THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF PRISCILLA CIRCLE AND MARTHA CIRCLE WHO PREPARED THE WONDERFUL MEAL THAT SNOWY DAY!

HAMBURGER SOUP

2LBS LEAN GROUND BEEF

2 LARGE ONIONS

BROWN AND DRAIN GROUND BEEF & ONIONS.

ADD 10 CUPS WATER *

4 BEEF BOUILLON CUBES

2 C. DICED POTATOES

1-2 C. DICED CARROTS

1-2 C. DICED CELERY

1 QUART STEWED TOMATOES

1 TSP. SALT & PEPPER TO TASTE

4 TSP. SEASONED SALT

2 TSP. DRIED BASIL

2 BAY LEAVES

½ CUP BARLEY OR RICE



* I USE MY CROCKPOT FOR SIMMERING – AND IT IS FULL, SO I DON'T ADD ALL THE WATER AT ONCE. WATER CAN BE ADDED AS COOKING OR AT SERVING.

LCOOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are filling up fast!

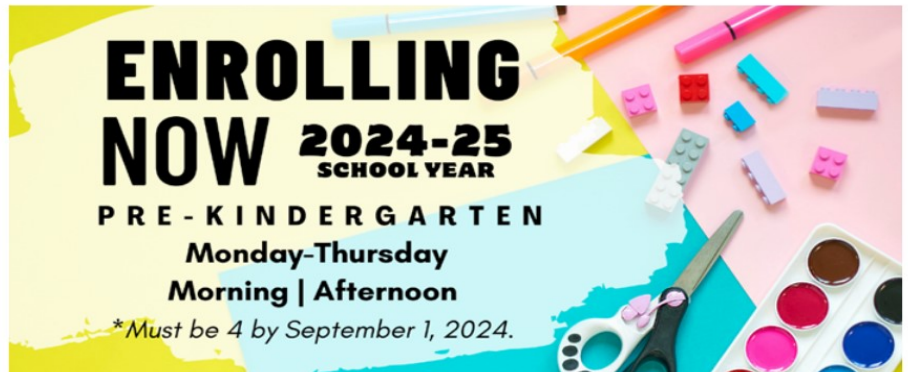
Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program. It is open to anyone not just church members.

We will fill the morning class first and if there's interest, we will open an afternoon class.

Our curriculum includes introducing letters and sounds, numbers, first/last names, shapes, and colors. We also socialize and play, listen to a lot of books, and sing songs along with many other learning activities. The students also learn about God's love, hear and learn stories and songs about Jesus.

We would love for your child to be part of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Preschool!!

Any questions please call Miss Nikki or Miss Wendy at 886-2696 or email us at preschool@lcoorwatertown.org.



D is for Dress Up



Chapel with Pastor Laura & Pastor Dan

Penguin Directed Drawings



**No School March 13-14
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



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Salvation Army- Canned Fruit

Our friends at the Salvation Army need canned fruit to help feed our neighbors this month. Please consider picking up a couple extra cans while you are out shopping! Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks!



March Craft Night

Join us Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space for Craft Night! We will be creating string art flowers! Sign up at the Welcome Center by Friday, March 15th.



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Deadline for the April 2024 Newsletter:
Monday, March 18, 2024

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Ladies Night Out ticket sales benefit Church on the Street

The LCOOR Fellowship Committee would like to thank all who purchased tickets and attended Ladies Night Out 2023! Proceeds from ticket sales totaling \$2,000 have been sent to the ministry of Church on the Street in Sioux Falls!

Circle & Bible Studies

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

- Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, March 11, in the Gathering Space
- Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, in the Gathering Space.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25</p> <p>8:30am Church School 8:30am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Blended Worship 6:00pm Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 2:00pm Communion at Maple Place 6:00pm Rt. 56 Youth Group (5-6 Grade) 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00am Sewing Ministry Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Craft Night</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 10:00am Prairie Coteau WELCA Planning Meeting 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 12:05pm Community Lenten Service 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm Church School 5:30pm Google Doc Tutorial (Council Members) 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
<p>3</p> <p>8:30am Church School 8:30am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion 2:00pm Prairie Coteau Conference Assembly 6:00pm Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade) 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:05pm Community Lenten Service 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm Church School 5:30pm Google Doc Tutorial 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 1:15pm Chair Yoga 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>9</p> <p>LCOOR Serves Church on the Street 5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>
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