

The Latest Word

“Making God Known Through Word and Deed.”



Reformation Journey Through Europe with Rev Dan and Laura Overbo - March 7-17, 2027

Step into the story of the Reformation on a remarkable journey through the historic cities and landscapes of Central Europe. **Traveling through the Czech Republic and Germany**, this immersive experience invites you to walk in the footsteps of the reformers whose faith and courage reshaped the Christian world.

Our journey begins in the enchanting city of Prague, where the legacy of Jan Hus helped inspire the movement that would later ignite the Reformation. From there we travel to cities rich in history and faith, including Dresden, Leipzig, and Berlin, discovering powerful stories from figures such as Johann Sebastian Bach and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

In Wittenberg, where Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses, we will stand at the very place where the Reformation began. We will also visit Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament, and Worms, where he courageously defended his beliefs before the Holy Roman Empire.

Along the way, we will experience the beauty of the Rhine Valley, sailing past castles and vineyards on one of Europe's most scenic rivers.

This journey blends inspiring history, meaningful reflection, and unforgettable landscapes—an experience that brings the story of the Reformation to life.

What's Included:

- 10 nights in 4-star hotels (Double Occupancy)
- Airfare from MSP
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Elias Tours Expert Tours Guides
- Entrance Fees to All Sites
- All Ground Transportation (Private Bus)

What's Not Included:

- Lunch
- Visa (If Applicable)
- Gratuities for Guide and Driver
- Travel Insurance from **Travelex**

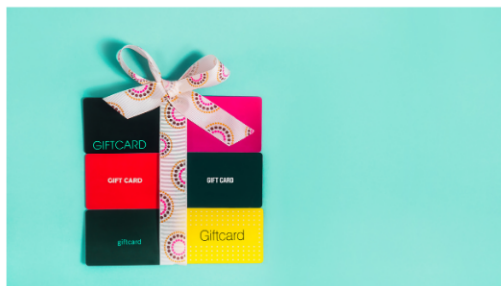
Pricing & Payment:

- \$5,290 Per Person (Double Occupancy)
- Single Room Supplement - \$890
- \$300 Deposit Per Person
- Balance Due by November 7, 2026

For Full Itinerary:

Visit www.eliastours.com/tours/reformation-journey-through-central-europe-with-rev-dan-overbo or contact Pastor Dan!

Financial Reports & News



Earn Money for Our Preschool

Celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, weddings and more while you earn money for Lutheran Church of our Redeemer Preschool.

Shop for a limited-time \$5 & \$10 gift cards, the perfect small gift for grads, teachers, and more. Stop by the Welcome Center or Church Office to see what gift cards we have on hand. It takes about a week to receive if we need to place and order for gift cards.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Received

We are grateful to share that our congregation recently received Thrivent Choice Dollars totaling **\$653**, supporting both our preschool and the broader mission and ministry of our church.



LCOOR Preschool – \$241

Thank you to Joan Hakeman, Dan Jenson, Dawn Johnson, Dar Morrow, Wendy Olson, Twila Schmitt and AJ Sherrill for directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to our preschool ministry. Your generosity helps provide faith-filled learning experiences, essential classroom resources, and a nurturing environment where young children can grow in both knowledge and in God's love. Your support is an investment in the lives and faith of our youngest learners.

LCOOR Mission & Ministry – \$412

We also extend our thanks to Steve Bergan, Tony Beyer, Candace Johnson, Robert Johnson, Kay Moe, Gloria Ostenvik, Cody Peterson, Patsy Reiner, Mark Reishus, Nancy Reishus, Richard Rogers and Bonnie Werpy Rye for supporting the mission and ministry of our church. Your gifts help us continue to share Christ's love through worship, faith formation, outreach, and compassionate care within our community and beyond.

We give thanks for each of you and for the meaningful difference your generosity makes. Your partnership in ministry is a true blessing to our church family.

Skip the Tax!



What if you could skip the tax on your required minimum distribution (RMD) and make a meaningful gift to support Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer instead? An IRA Charitable Rollover also reduces your taxable income without the need to itemize deductions. (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.

Financial Reports & News

March Mission of the Month: Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center and Fallout Shelter

Our March Mission of the Month was dedicated to supporting the LCOOR Preschool, a ministry that nurtures the hearts and minds of our youngest learners.

Thanks to your generosity, a total of **\$806.04** was raised through the Noisy Can and special offerings. Combined with additional support from the budget, the **Pine Ridge** received **\$1,403.02** and the **Fallout Shelter** received **\$1,250.00**.

Thank you for making a meaningful difference in the lives of these young learners and their families.



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.

May Mission of the Month: Church on the Street



We are excited to share that our Mission of the Month for May is Church on the Street. This ministry is dedicated to meeting people where they are—bringing the love of Christ beyond the walls of the church and into the community.

Through relationships, compassion, and presence, Church on the Street serves individuals who may not otherwise have a church home, offering hope, encouragement, and the message of God's grace.

We invite you to join us in supporting this important mission through your prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts throughout the month of May. Together, we can make a meaningful impact and continue sharing God's love in powerful ways. Be sure to clearly mark your donation as "Mission of the Month" when giving during May. Thank you for your generosity!

Global Health Ministries - Newborn Kits

The birth of a baby is one of the happiest of days but for too many women around the world, pregnancy and the anticipation of childbirth is frightening. GHM Newborn Kits are gifts that help a new mom celebrate and care for her baby.

Many people also knit, crochet or sew baby hats and baby blankets for GHM to send overseas. These are sent both in Newborn Kits and also separately to mission hospitals and clinics who request them for their pediatric wards.

Kit instructions can be found at www.ghm.org/newborn-kits or stop by the Welcome Center.

LCOOR News & Events



Spring Market: Craft Show and Vendor Fair - Saturday, May 9

Join us for our Spring Market: Craft Show and Vendor Fair at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown, SD on **Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

With over 50 vendors, you'll find a wide variety of handmade crafts, unique gifts, home décor, and specialty items. Bring your friends and family and spend the day browsing, supporting local creators, and celebrating spring with us!

Circle Bible Study

- Martha Circle will meet at **2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11**, in the Gathering Space.
- Priscilla Circle will meet at **9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13**, in the Gathering Space.

For the month of June, Priscilla Circle and Martha Circle will have a joint meeting on June 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Listening Hearts Meeting

Listening Heart Ministries (formerly Befrienders) will have a meeting on **May 12 at 4:00 p.m.**

Please join us if you are interested in joining or are currently part of Listening Hearts Ministries.



\$9,840.00 Memorials and Special Gifts

We are grateful for the following gifts received.

Watertown Sandwich Ministry

- In memory of Marv Sherrill from Al & Pam Raeder, LCOOR Staff, Doug & Shelly Alvine, Ron & Sheila Moehring, Herman & Denise Ottenbacher and Dave & Jan Johnson
- In memory of Gretchen Bray

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- In memory Marv Sherrill from Roger & Linda Austad, Burt & Barb Andersh and Darwin & Nancy Brinkman

Endowment (Undesignated Memorials)

- In memory Marv Sherrill from Allen & Julie Rude, Greg Pahl, Gary & Carna Kruse and Sharon Bevers

Endowment (Technical School Fund)

- Anonymous

LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen

- In memory of Marv Sherrill from Deb Larson

LCOOR Preschool

- In memory Marv Sherrill from Richard & Margaret Matyska

Timmerman Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to this year's Timmerman Scholarship recipients: Danae Schumacher, Emma Ofstehage, Ethan Stimson, Haydn McGillivray, Jaxen Riley, Kayden Friese, Samuel Karst, Shelby Spilde, and Sophia Nichols.

These students will be recognized during worship services on May 3 and May 6.

LCOOR Preschool



Ocean Week



A big thank you to Jaime from the Bramble Park Zoo for bringing the zoo to school!



Zoo at School



May Calendar

- May 6:** Show and Tell
- May 13:** Graduation at 10:00 a.m.
- May 14:** Last Day of School

Care to Help Our Preschool? ★

- New/Used toys
- Support Fundraisers
- Classroom Giving Tree
- Scrip Dollars
- Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Snacks/Juice



Our caterpillars have arrived. We're patiently waiting for them to turn into butterflies!!

Faith Formation & Youth Updates

Church School Schedule

- Church School is Sunday at 8:45 a.m. and Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

The last day of church school is Sunday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 6, Senior High School Recognition and Teacher Appreciation will also be held Sunday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 6. Thanks to all who have helped make the school year a success. Volunteers are always needed and welcome.



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.



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!

Remind App QR Codes for Luther League Students



9TH



10TH



11TH



12TH

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.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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PRE-K THRU 4TH GRADE

MAY 26-28, 2026 FROM 5-8PM WITH MEALS SERVED

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE.



TRUE NORTH

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 8TH GRADE CONFIRMANDS!

Summer Worship Schedule

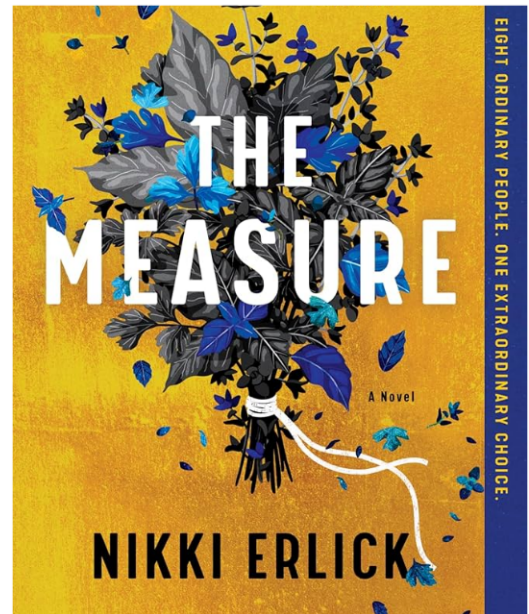
Worship at Memorial Park will **begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 24.**

Additionally, we will continue to have worship here at LCOOR on Sundays, **beginning May 24, at 10:30 a.m.**



It's Road Ditch Time

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 or have questions—call Al—605-553-6791. Let's clean this up before Memorial Day. Thank you for helping with this church service project.



May Book Club

The LCOOR Book Club will meet on **Thursday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room.** The book for May is *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick.



Deadline for the June/July 2026 Newsletter:
Thursday, May 21, 2026

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