

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

ISSUE NO. 10

October 2026

The Latest Word

“Making God Known Through Word and Deed.”



Harvest Fest is October 7 - We Need Volunteers and Bakers!

We need your help to make Harvest Fest a success! Volunteers are needed to help with games, activities, and other areas throughout the evening. In addition to volunteers, we need around 40 cakes for the cake walk! **Sign up to volunteer or bring a cake here: www.lcoorwatertown.org/serve.**

Everyone is invited to join us for Harvest Fest on **Wednesday, October 7, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at LCOOR! This fun-filled evening has something for all ages, including **live music from Jaded**, an inflatable obstacle course, carnival games, mini golf, pumpkin bowling, face painting, a cake walk, popcorn, free beverages, and more. Enjoy outdoor games and activities throughout the evening, while indoor prize games and the cake walk will run from 5:00–6:00 p.m. There will also be a **Pie the Pastor** drawing at 6:45 p.m. for a chance to pie Pastor Dan! Pie the Pastor tickets are \$1 each, and cake walk tickets are 4 for \$1. Proceeds will benefit future youth activities and equipment.

BBQ Pitstop Food Truck will be available from 5:00–7:00 p.m. with food available for purchase by cash or card. Bring your lawn chair and come enjoy an evening of food, fun, music, and fellowship. **Harvest Fest is open to everyone!**

Fall Market: Craft Show and Vendor Fair - Saturday, October 10

Calling All Crafters, Vendors and Shoppers!

Join us for our Fall Market: Craft Show and Vendor Fair at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown, SD on **Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity to shop handmade goods, unique products, or small business offerings.

To sign up as a vendor, visit our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org, click the 'Serve' tab on the main menu and find the Fall Market Vendor Signup or scan the QR code.



Only a few vendor spots remain so be sure to get signed up now! **Payment is due prior to the event.**

Shoppers: mark your calendars, call your friends and plan to spend part of your day with us! With a variety of local crafters, vendors and small businesses all in one place, there will be plenty to browse and discover. We look forward to welcoming you to the Fall Market!

Financial Reports & News



Thrivent Choice Dollars Received!

We are grateful for the recent Thrivent Choice Dollars® donations supporting our ministries.

- **Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Preschool received \$78.00**
- **Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer received \$42.00**

Thank you to Curt Friedrichsen, Candace Johnson, Stephanie Kinnander and Ryan Nuttall for supporting us through your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Mission of the Month: The Beacon Center



This October, LCOOR is highlighting **The Beacon Center** as our Mission of the Month.

The Beacon Center is a local resource that provides support, encouragement, and practical assistance to individuals and families in our community who are experiencing difficult circumstances. Through its programs and services, the Beacon Center helps people find hope, stability, and a path forward.

As a congregation, we believe that being the hands and feet of Christ means caring for our neighbors and responding to needs in our community. Supporting organizations such as the Beacon Center is one way we can live out our mission of **"Making God Known Through Word & Deed."**

Throughout October, your gifts will help support the work of the Beacon Center and the people they serve. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference and helps provide needed resources to our neighbors.

Thank you for helping LCOOR reach beyond our walls and share God's love through acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity.

OCTOBER IS _____
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



Financial Reports & News



Mission & Endowment Grant Applications Now Open!

The Mission & Endowment Committee at LCOOR is excited to invite groups to apply for **grant funding** to support special ministry projects.

- Application forms are available in the **church office** and at the **Welcome Center**.
- 🕒 **Deadline to apply:** Monday, November 2 at **12:00 Noon**.

Don't miss this opportunity to help bring new ministry ideas to life!



Sweet Corn with a Side of Generosity

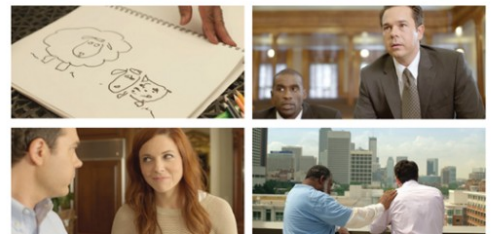
We are grateful to the John Moes Family for their generous donation of sweet corn, which was shared with our congregation at three of our summer lake worship services. The sweet corn was enjoyed by many, and we were blessed by the wonderful response of those who made donations in appreciation. **A total of \$1,489.00 was received and directed to Feeding South Dakota.**

Thank you to the Moes Family for their generosity and to everyone who helped turn a simple gift of sweet corn into an opportunity to feed others and share God's love through generosity!

EXPERIENCING THE LIFE THAT IS TRULY LIFE



LIVING
GENEROUSLY



COMING IN OCTOBER... A 5-Week Cinematic Journey of Biblical Living

Jesus spoke about generosity throughout His ministry in ways that can seem foreign—even to those of us in the church today.

Join us for a five-week journey as we walk alongside **Frank and his family**, explore what it means to live generously, and discover how God's promises can shape the way we live, give, and care for others.

Come chart a course of your own journey of generosity.



LCOOR News & Events



Redeemer's Kitchen - October 25

Overwhelmed? Busy? Or maybe you're just tired of the same thing every night for supper? We can help! Redeemer's Kitchen will meet **Sunday, October 25 after the 9:30 a.m. worship** to prep seven freezer meals.

October Menu:

- Tuscan Pasta
- Egg Roll Bowl
- Chicken Cordon Blue Bake
- Beef Enchilada Bake
- Porkchops w/ Mixed Veggies
- Cilantro Lime Chicken w/ Rice
- Sausage Pesto Bake
- Peanut Butter Cookies

More information, including pricing and sign-up are available at the Welcome Center or by contacting Karri in the church office at karri@lcoorwatertown.org or (605) 886-2696.

Circle Bible Study Update

Beginning in October, Martha Circle will permanently join with Priscilla Circle.

Priscilla Circle will meet at **9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Space on the following Wednesdays:** October 14, November 18, and December 9.

KXLG Live and Local

Bramble Park **ZOO** WATERTOWN, SD

Community CHILI COOK OFF

DATE: OCTOBER 3RD, 2026
TIME: 10 AM - 4 PM
LOCATION: BRAMBLE PARK ZOO

ACTIVITIES:
10 am-4 pm: Zoo Hours (\$5 admission)
Train Rides from Midwest Bible Camp, Face Painting by Snow Queens, Boys & Girls Club Big Blue Blocks and other kids' activities!
Noon-2 pm: Westside Whiskey Performs
Noon: Public Tasting Begins (\$3 Per Person to taste all the Chili)
2:15 pm: Awards Ceremony

\$2,500 PRIZE MONEY AWARDED
SPONSORED BY: PLATINUM Realty

JUDGE'S CHOICE	SHOOT & HOLLER	SHOWMANSHIP	PEOPLE'S CHOICE
1ST: \$600	1ST: \$300	1ST: \$300	1ST: \$300
2ND: \$300	2ND: \$200	2ND: \$200	
3RD: \$100	3RD: \$100	3RD: \$100	

All Entry Fees Covered by: **DAKOTALAND** FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Register by 9/25/26 at www.MyKXLG.com

Community Chili Cook-Off

Come out and support **Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer** at the Community Chili Cook-Off on **Saturday, October 3, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bramble Park Zoo!** Enjoy plenty of family-friendly activities, live music, chili tasting, and more. **The public tasting begins at noon, with the awards ceremony at 2:15 p.m.** Stop by, enjoy some chili, and cheer on LCOOR as we represent our congregation in the cook-off!

New Member Orientation

Join us in the church office conference room on **Sunday, November 1 following 9:30 a.m. worship.** We will have an hour to answer questions, learn about ministries and volunteer opportunities, and tour the church. **New members will be welcomed during worship on November 1, 4, and 7.**

LCOOR News & Events



God's Work. Our Hands.

Thank you to everyone from Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer who joined us for God's Work, Our Hands Day at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Your willingness to spend time cleaning and caring for the cemetery was a meaningful way to serve our community and honor those who have gone before us.

Those who participated reflected on how this work was gratifying and necessary, as some no longer have family nearby to care for their graves. Some of the headstones we cleaned were more than 100 years old, and some were even impossible to read because of years of moss growth. By giving your time and energy, you helped make sure these lives and these stories are not forgotten.

Thank you for putting **God's Work, Our Hands** into action!



GriefShare®

Grief Support Group

*Help and encouragement
after the death of a loved one*

At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

Sundays 2:00pm-3:30pm
October 18 - January 10
Register: <https://find.griefshare.org/find>
Meetings will be held in
Education wing Assembly C
Enter through the Preschool entrance.

griefshare.org

Mobile Soup Kitchen Resumes



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer's Mobile Soup Kitchen **will take place every other Sunday from October 4, 2026 - April 18, 2027.**

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide a hot, free meal to those in our community who may be experiencing food insecurity or simply need a meal.

Cash donations and gift cards are greatly appreciated and will go toward ingredients and other essential supplies. Consider purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight, available from Jodi in the church office. Your purchase supports the soup kitchen while also benefiting our church. **We are also looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping, please email Karri at karri@lcoorwatertown.org.**

Our coffee trailer will be parked in the Guest House parking lot (101 N Broadway, Watertown, SD 57201) from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. every other Sunday.

Faith Formation & Youth Updates

Junction Youth Group

A youth group for **1st to 4th grade**. We will meet **Thursday, October 15, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!



Youth Information

Church school for three-year-olds through sixth grade will be Sunday at **8:45 a.m.** and Wednesday at **5:45 p.m.** Confirmation will be Wednesdays from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** and will include Wednesday night worship. Parents need to be in worship with their child.

Doors to the education wing will remain locked until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. All students and families may enter the building for supper through the main or office doors of the church. **Sign up for church school and confirmation is available through our website.**

There will be no church school or confirmation Wednesday, Oct. 7 due to Harvest Fest and Sunday, Oct. 11, due to the Native American Day holiday.

The kids in church school will sing in worship, **Wednesday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 25.**

Route 56 Youth Group

A youth group for **5th & 6th grade**. We will meet **Wednesday, October 14, from 3:45-5:00 p.m.** We're still gathering once a month, but now we'll meet on Wednesday afternoons between school dismissal and church school. **Hop on Bus 73 at Watertown Intermediate School and get dropped off right at church (or ride with a parent);** just don't be late, because the bus fills up fast! Then stick around for our Wednesday meal at 5:00 p.m. before heading to church school!



3rd Grade Bible Milestone

3rd graders will receive their Bible and learn how to find the books, chapters and verses. Parents, please attend church school and worship with your child on **Wednesday, Oct. 14 or Sunday, Oct. 18.**

Meet Crossroads 78

A youth group created just for students in **7th & 8th grade!** We will meet **Monday, Oct. 5 & Oct. 19 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Stay in the know! Parents and students are encouraged to scan the QR code to sign up for the Remind App to receive updates and announcements.



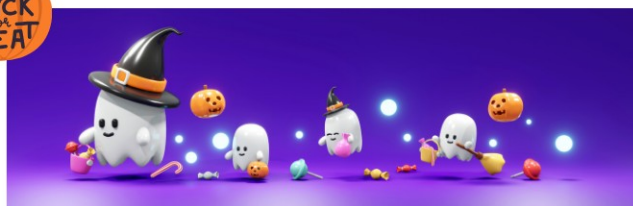
Luther League Youth Group

Luther League offers a vibrant youth group for students in 9th to 12th grade. **We will meet on Wednesday nights following 6:30 p.m. worship.** To stay updated, sign up for the Luther League Remind, which you can find on our website, on the bulletin board next to the youth room, or provided below. **There will be no Luther League on Wednesday, October 7, due to Harvest Fest.**



LCOOR Preschool 🎃👻👻🎃👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻👻

It's been a great first month of school and we're so excited to see what the rest of the school year has in store for us!! A big THANK YOU to all who have been so generous in purchasing items off our giving tree, it's greatly appreciated!!



Join us **Thursday, October 29th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Great Hall here at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer! Our LCOOR Preschoolers will be dressed up and ready celebrate the fun of Halloween! Those who are interested can bring candy to hand out for roughly 20 students. All are welcome to attend!



October Calendar

October 12

No School (Native American Day)

October 22

Chapel

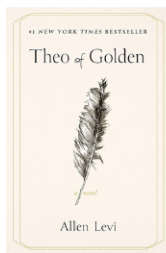
October 29 🎃

Halloween Parade & Party (wear your costume!)



October Book Club

For the month of October, the LCOOR Book Club will meet on **Thursday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for October is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.



Pick Your College Quilt Raffle!



Five beautiful quilts, each representing a local college, will be raffled off: SDSU, USD, NDSU, UND, and Northern State University. Place your raffle ticket in the basket beside your favorite college to cast your vote. The college with the most tickets will be named our Local Favorite! **Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and are available at the Welcome Center or church office.** All five quilt winners will be drawn on November 19. Proceeds support the development of our Outdoor Activity Areas. **Choose your school. Cast your vote. Support a great cause!**



New Sanctuary Screens

We're excited to share that new screens have been installed in our sanctuary! These screens will enhance our worship experience and give us new capabilities for sharing worship, music, messages, and other visual elements with our congregation. We're thankful for this new addition and look forward to all the ways we can use it in worship.



Deadline for the November 2026 Newsletter:
Monday, October 19, 2026

Church Council

President Alan Stager
Vice President Matt Blackwelder
Secretary Kim Pearson
Treasurer Jessica Kruse
Jan Birkeland | Cindy Day | Scott Leitheiser
Bret McGillivray | Dana Stimson



Address
2001 2nd St. NW
Watertown, SD 57201



Phone
605-886-2696



Website
<https://lcoorwatertown.org/>



Prayer Chain
Marilyn Chapman 886-4858
Email: karri@lcoorwatertown.org



Facebook
www.facebook.com/lcoor



Youtube
<https://www.youtube.com/c/LutheranChurchofOurRedeemer>

Staff

Senior Pastor Dan Overbo
Associate Pastor Laura Overbo
Preschool Teacher/Director Nikki Landmark
Preschool Teacher Aide Wendy Kruger
Welcoming & Caring Ministries Karri Willhite
Business Manager Jodi Spilde
Business Administrative Assistant Megan Thyen
Director of Faith Formation Wendy Kruger
Faith Formation Assistant Mallory Kohl
Sound & Technology Sam Langner
Custodian Roman Gainor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:45am Church School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Redeemer's Kitchen 1:30pm LWR Truck at Grace Lutheran	28 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm AI-Anon	29 9:00am Sewing Ministry Group 11:00am Text Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting	30 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 3:45pm Route 56 Youth Group - 5:00pm Community Meal 5:45pm Church School 6:30pm 7th & 8th Confirmation 6:30pm Dedication of Prayer Labyrinth 6:30pm Worship with 7th Grade Bible Recognition 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League 2.0 (9-12 Grade)	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 10:00am LCOOR at Community Chili Cook-Off 5:30pm Dedication of Prayer Labyrinth 5:30pm Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal
4 8:45am Church School 9:30am Dedication of Prayer Labyrinth 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Mobile Soup Kitchen	5 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 3:00pm Fellowship meeting 6:00pm Crossroads 78 Youth Group (7-8 Grade) 6:45pm AI-Anon	6 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Text Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting	7 No Activities or Meal (Harvest Fest) 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 5:00pm HARVEST FEST 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal	8 5:15pm AI-Anon 6:00pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan	9 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 5:00pm Fall Market Vendor Set-Up	10 7:00am Fall Market Vendor Set-Up 9:00am Fall Market: Craft & Vendor Fair 5:30pm Beacon Center Talk: Domestic Violence Awareness Month 5:30pm Worship
11 No Church School / Native American Day Observance 9:30am Beacon Center Talk: Domestic Violence Awareness Month 9:30am Worship	12 Church Office Closed <i>Native American Day</i> No Preschool Class 6:45pm AI-Anon	13 11:00am Text Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Executive Committee 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	14 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Priscilla Circle 12:15pm Men's Lunch 3:45pm Route 56 Youth Group 5:00pm Community Meal 5:45pm 3rd Grade Bible Milestone 5:45pm Church School 6:30pm 3rd Grade Bible Milestone Recognition 6:30pm 7th & 8th Confirmation 6:30pm Beacon Center Talk: Domestic Violence Awareness Month 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League 2.0 (9-12 Grade)	15 9:00am Quilting 5:15pm AI-Anon 6:00pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan 6:00pm Junction (for grades 1st to 4th)	16 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:00am Quilting	17 Stewardship #1 3:00pm Wedding (Noeldner & Haan) 5:30pm Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Stewardship #1 8:45am 3rd Grade Bible Milestone 8:45am 5th & 6th Grade & Stewardship Committee "Project" 8:45am Church School 9:30am 3rd Grade Bible Milestone Recognition 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Mobile Soup Kitchen 2:00pm GriefShare	19 November Newsletter Deadline 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Crossroads 78 Youth Group (7-8 Grade) 6:45pm AI-Anon	20 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Text Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting 2:30pm Quilting Bible Study	21 Stewardship #1 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 5:00pm Community Meal 5:45pm Church School 6:30pm 7th & 8th Confirmation 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion & Children Sing 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League 2.0 (9-12 Grade)	22 10:00am Book Club 11:00am Preschool Chapel 5:15pm AI-Anon 6:00pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan	23 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	24 Stewardship #2 3:00pm Wedding - (Gasper & Fryer) 5:30pm Worship
25 Stewardship #2 8:45am Church School 9:30am Worship with Children Singing 10:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Redeemer's Kitchen 2:00pm GriefShare	26 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm AI-Anon	27 11:00am Text Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting	28 Stewardship #2 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 5:00pm Community Meal 5:45pm Church School 6:30pm 7th & 8th Confirmation 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League 2.0 (9-12 Grade)	29 9:00am Preschool Halloween Parade 5:15pm AI-Anon 6:00pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan	30 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry	31 Stewardship #3 5:30pm Worship