



The Latest Word

"Making God Known Through Word and Deed."

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Junction Coffee Trailer

Will be at the lake every Sunday morning serving coffee and donuts. The money raised will go towards the LCOOR Capital Campaign. I am in need of a couple youth to help out with the coffee trailer each Sunday. **You'd be needed from 8:30 – 10:30 am.** Please text me if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks!!

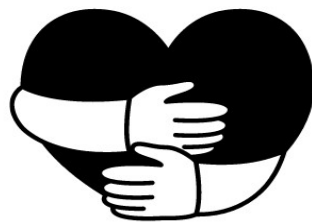
Save the Date: Ladies Night Out November 13

Mark your calendars for Monday, November 13, as the LCOOR Fellowship Committee is planning another fantastic Ladies Night Out! Ticket sales will begin September 1st. Watch for upcoming announcements about this year's exciting entertainment!

Comfort Packages Available

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer would like to provide a comfort care package to members of our congregation or community who are dealing with issues such as infertility, termination of pregnancy, miscarriage, and failed adoption.

These are often painful and isolating events and we would like to wrap our arms around them and let them know we care. A basket is located at the Welcome Center. If you know of anyone in need of a comfort care package, please feel free to use these resources.



Deliver a Caring Casserole

Our "Caring Casseroles" ministry provides a variety of delicious casseroles for you to deliver to friends and neighbors.

Know someone who just got home from the hospital? A family who recently had a baby?

A freezer filled with casseroles is located in Twila's office. Please stop by and pick up one (or two) and share in this caring ministry.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORS

Milestone Ministry recognizes and acknowledges the meaningful and memorable moments in people's lives from birth to death. A "milestone" is any significant cultural or developmental marker that we experience throughout our lives. Some examples in the church include baptism, beginning Sunday School, receiving a Bible, and First Communion.

The LCOOR Milestone Ministry Team will be helping to make this connection between your daily life and your life of faith. If you would like to join the Milestone Team, let Pastor Laura know.

The goal of Milestone Ministry is to honor the special moment, connect faith to daily life, and celebrate with prayer, blessing, and a special gift.

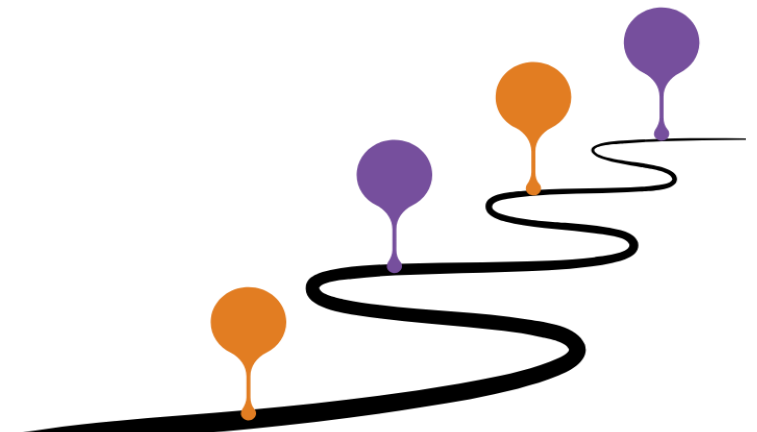
LCOOR has recognized milestones of faith in the past. We are excited to expand this ministry to include even more ages and stages. The goal for the coming year is to name and equip a milestone for each year between birth and graduation and additional significant life events that occur in the years after high school.

Milestone events are designed to be for both the child and parent/guardian. The events will be held on both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. There will be hands-on activities, games, and discussions for the children. Children will be recognized during worship following the class which is when they receive a blessing and gift.

We invite you to join us Monday, August 7th at 7 p.m. for a Milestone Ministries team planning meeting. We are looking forward to these classes as we grow in our faith together.



Pastor Dan & Laura Overbo



FINANCIAL NEWS

June 2023 Financial Report

Revenue		\$	76,087.40
Expenses		\$	81,197.10
Change in General Fund		\$	5,109.70
Revenue to Date		\$	635,416.63
Expenses to Date		\$	529,306.14
% of Budget Year Completed			50.00%
Annual Budgeted Income for 2023		\$	1,067,619.19
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD			59.52%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2023		\$	1,067,619.19
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD			49.58%

Lutheran World Relief



Offering comfort and care to those who need it most.

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

We are collecting **School Kits** in July and August. Instructions and school bags can be found at the Welcome Center or Lake Worship Information Table.

June Mission of the Month Totals

Mission of the Month dollars collected in June went toward Lutheran Campus Ministry. \$715.50 was brought in through offering and Noisy Can. This ministry also received \$1,000 that was budgeted for this mission. Thank You!



FINANCIAL NEWS

\$465.00 given in Memorials & Special Gifts since last printing

Endowment (Special Gifts)

- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Doug & Nancy Linneman, Bonnie Werpy-Rye and Dave & Char Wolsky

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- given in memory of Millie Brinkman from Pam Luckhurst, Dave & Char Wolsky and Ron & Candace Johnson
- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Pam Luckhurst and Buck & Belinda Crouse
- given in memory of Kay Mahlen from Pam Luckhurst
- given in memory of Ken Ackley from Ken, Pam & Sandy Luckhurst, Dave & Char Wolsky and Rod & Doris Knight

Debt Reduction

- given in memory of Bonnie Schwinger from Marv & AJ Sherrill

Care Fund

- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Lee & Jane Hurlbert

Watertown Sandwich Ministry

- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Rod & Doris Knight and Dave & Jan Johnson

Youth Ministry

- given in memory of Margaret Hanson from Richard & Marian Riddle and Clark & Gerry Likness

August Mission of the Month- Watertown Sandwich Ministry

The core mission of the Watertown Sandwich Ministry is to make "Codington County Hunger-Free".

The Watertown Sandwich Ministry provides a nutritious meal of sandwich made of meat and cheese, homemade cookies, fresh fruit and granola bar three days a week. This meal eases the burden of the cost of food, providing increased financial security. The sack lunch is hand delivered by caring volunteers. These volunteers often see the same people and develop personal connections with the recipients of the meals. Mission of the month dollars will help subsidize the cost of the meat, cheese and fruit.

This is an ongoing ministry. Volunteers come in 3 days a week to make the sandwiches and pack the sack lunches to be delivered to those who experience financial insecurity. The Watertown Sandwich Ministry strives to address the issues of hunger, financial security, loneliness and lack of connection in Codington County.

As always, Mission of the Month donations should be over and above your regular giving. Thank you for your support of these ministries.

Mobile Offering



OPEN your camera app
HOVER over the code
TAP link that pops up



FINANCIAL NEWS



\$319,352.36

raised of \$664,000 goal

as of 7/13/2023



Back to School Shopping!

Shop the top brands for everything on your back-to-school list while earning \$s for our preschool program. Target, WalMart, Old Navy, Kohls, Best Buy, plus many other retailers to choose from.

We do have some cards available on site, however, it does take about a week to receive cards that need to be ordered, so prepare ahead of time and stop by the office or Welcome Center to place your gift card order.



Formerly ShopWithScrip



Inkjet Cartridge Recycling

Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our youth will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in. This will directly benefit our church youth not to mention it is great for the environment. You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges (placed in the original box that you would have thrown away to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag).

We do not have an outlet for LaserJet Toner Cartridges. Inkjet only. Thank you!



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

with Philip Lickei



*"To Move Freely. One Must
be Deeply Rooted"*

AUGUST 2023



2023-24 CHURCH SCHOOL ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

Will be available starting in August. Church school is available for children 4 years old (by September 1) through 6th grade. Please go to our church website (lcoorwatertown.org) to register your child/children. Contact the church office if you have any questions or concerns.

7TH/8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Registration will start in August. Be on the lookout for registration information on our church website www.lcoorwatertown.org. 7th/8th grade confirmation will be starting back up on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

DATES TO REMEMBER: CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS

August 29, 2023 – Church School Teacher Training at 6:00 pm

August 30, 2023 – 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Small Group Leaders Training at 5:30 pm

August 30, 2023 – Acolyte Training for 5th/6th Graders at 6:00 pm

August 30, 2023 – 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Parent(s) information meeting at 7:00 pm

September 6, 2023 – Wednesday Night Programs begin...

- 5:00 pm Community Meal
- 5:30 pm Church School (4 yr. olds to 6th grade)
- 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Worship
- 7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
- 7:15 pm High School Hang-out in Youth Room

September 10, 2023 – Sunday Morning Programs begin...

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:30 am Church School (4 yr. olds to 6th grade)
- 10:30 am Worship



BIBLE PRINCIPLES

Applying Bible Principles

“Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil — this is the gift of God” (Eccl. 5:19).

Don't you just love gifts? There is great satisfaction both in getting gifts and in giving them. Since we are created in the image of God, it stands to reason that He also must take great delight in giving and receiving gifts.

All that we have comes from His hand, but in particular, Solomon indicated that money and riches and the ability to enjoy them are gifts from God. In other words, God gives us that which is rightfully His, and then He allows us the enjoyment of wealth and money. As we enjoy what He has entrusted to us, no doubt He takes great pleasure in our enjoyment if our actions are in conformity to His Word and His will.

How can we be sure that our enjoyment of money and wealth is according to God's plan? The Bible contains a great deal of specific instruction as to how we are to use money, but this guiding principle is to motivate our entire lives, including the use and enjoyment of wealth: “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:31).

There's nothing wrong with money. There's nothing wrong with enjoying the things that money can buy. Solomon was correct when he said that both are gifts from God. The key is to use money in such a way that our enjoyment will bring glory to God. One of the primary ways to do that is to give to the Lord and His work here at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

During the past few months, have you kept God's glory as the number one priority in your use of money? Or have other things taken the place of your giving to God?



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Crew Returns from Holy Land Pilgrimage

Pastor Dan, Pastor Laura, Twila Schmitt, Bev Splinter and Annette Gugel were among a 40-person pilgrimage July 6-19 in The Holy Land. The itinerary included stops from Petra to the Dead Sea and Bethlehem to Jerusalem. They are pictured above on the Sea of Galilee.



Our pilgrimage began in Petra, Jordan, where we hiked to The Rose City carved more than 2,300 years ago. (Ask Pastor Dan about his memorable camel ride!)



At the Chapel of the Ascension, we saw "the last footprint of Jesus" preserved in stone. It was an incredible experience to "walk where Jesus walked" many times while we were in The Holy Land.

FELLOWSHIP & MINISTRY

Bake The Bread of Life

Bakers are needed to make communion bread for worship. Sign up at the Welcome Center to serve. This is a great activity for parents and kids, grandparents and grandchildren, adult leaders and students and more. The sign-up sheet, recipe and instructions are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, call the church office at (605) 886-2696 or send an e-mail to megan@lcoorwatertown.org.



Interested in Chair Yoga??

Have you done chair yoga before? Or have you always been interested in giving it a try? Now is your chance! This type of yoga is great for building strength, flexibility and balance. Contact Megan in the church office at (605) 886-2696 or by email at megan@lcoorwatertown.org for more information.

Join the Sound & Projection Team

Summertime is a wonderful time to learn how to serve on the Sound & Projection Team. High school age students on up to the more mature are welcome to join the Team. Training is provided. Don't worry; you will be paired with a veteran member of the Team before you are asked to go solo. Feel free to stop by the sound board and chat with a Team member or talk to someone in the church office to hear more about this exciting opportunity.

If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact the church office. Call (605) 886-2696 or email megan@lcoorwatertown.org.

DISH TO PASS

Be-Frienders are not “new” at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. But soon, Be-Frienders will become involved in several new and exciting ways here!

Before you read any further, I hope you’ll consider this as ***your invitation*** to become a Be-Friender!

Here’s a snapshot of some of the things our Be-Frienders might do:

- Deliver a “care package” to someone on our prayer list!
- Visit shut-ins or nursing home residents!
- Send “caring cards” to brighten someone’s day!
- Greet members & guests before worship services!
- Connect with visitors & present our “Welcome Wagon” gift!
- Follow up with new member families!

We’re looking for folks of all ages – men and women – who want to make a positive difference. We can work with most any schedule, so it doesn’t matter if you’re still in the work force or retired! Please watch for future announcements about a gathering time!

For now, I’d love to know if you’re interested in joining our existing team of Be-Frienders! You can give me a call at church (605-886-2696) or shoot me an email at twila@lcoorwatertown.org. I’m looking forward to hearing your ideas and serving with you!

“God’s gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully.” -- 1 Peter 4:10



By Twila Schmitt

ON A RECENT TRIP TO NORTHERN MINNESOTA, WE INDULGED IN SEVERAL VARIETIES OF PIE! NOW THAT WE’RE HOME AGAIN, THIS “WHITE CHOCOLATE BERRY PIE” BY MICHELLE STARK SOUNDS LIKE A WONDERFUL SUMMERTIME TREAT!

WHITE CHOCOLATE BERRY PIE

1 BAKED 9-INCH PASTRY SHELL, COOLED
5 SQ. WHITE BAKING CHOCOLATE
2 T. MILK
4 OZ. CREAM CHEESE, SOFTENED
1/3 C. POWDERED SUGAR

1 TSP. ORANGE PEEL
8 OZ. WHIPPING CREAM, WHIPPED
1 PT. RASPBERRIES/STRAWBERRIES
1 SQ. WHITE BAKING CHOCOLATE, MELTED



MICROWAVE 5 SQUARES OF WHITE CHOCOLATE AND MILK IN A LARGE BOWL FOR 2 MINUTES, OR UNTIL CHOCOLATE IS ALMOST MELTED, STIRRING HALFWAY THROUGH HEATING TIME. STIR UNTIL CHOCOLATE IS MELTED. COOL AT ROOM TEMP. BEAT CREAM CHEESE, POWDERED SUGAR AND ORANGE PEEL UNTIL SMOOTH. BEAT INTO CHOCOLATE MIXTURE. FOLD WHIPPED CREAM INTO CHOCOLATE MIXTURE. SPREAD IN BOTTOM OF PASTRY SHELL. PLACE RASPBERRIES/STRAWBERRIES ON FILLING. DRIZZLE WITH MELTED CHOCOLATE. REFRIGERATE ONE HOUR, OR UNTIL READY TO SERVE.

SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 5, 2023



How to pray for your kids as they start the new school year

1. **Pray** that they treat all their classmates in a way that would be pleasing to God.
2. **Pray** for focus and dedication; that they may give their best at everything they do, in order to glorify God.
3. **Pray** for physical, emotional, and spiritual safety.
4. **Pray** that they enjoy school and learning, and see the benefit in an education.
5. **Pray** that they may be a living example of God's love.
6. **Pray** for their teacher(s), that they find joy in their work, and strive to give their best everyday.
7. **Pray** that they discover what they enjoy, and encourage them in the pursuit of their dreams.
8. **Pray** for patience. For the parents, the kids, and the teachers.



www.WhatWeLearnedInSundaySchool.com



Care to help our preschool?

All help is appreciated.

- *New/Used Toys
- *Classroom Giving Tree
- *Snacks/Juice
- *Thrivent Choice Dollars
- *Scrip Dollars
- *Support our fundraisers

August Dates to Remember:

August 30, 11:00a.m-7:30p.m- Open House for Incoming Students

Email: preschool@lcoorwatertown.org
Facebook: LCOOR Preschool Phone: 886-2696



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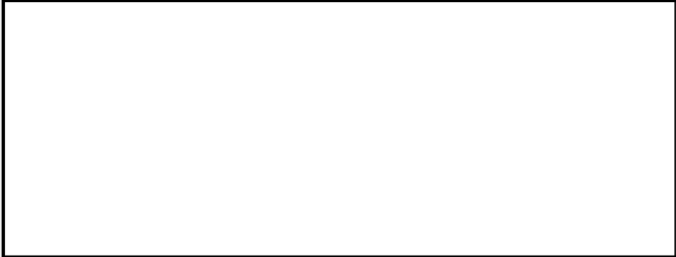
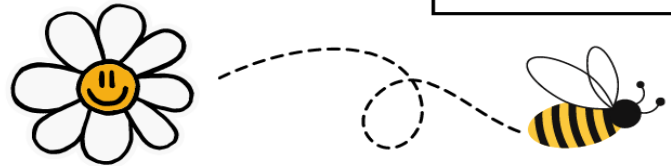
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Summer Sundays Need Volunteers!

We need people (of all ages) to hand out bulletins, help collect offering and serve communion! It's a memorable way to spend a Summer Sunday morning! You can sign up online at www.lcoorwatertown.org -- or you can give Twila a call at 605-886-2696. Thanks so much for serving!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Deadline for the September 2023 Newsletter: Monday, August 21, 2023

Staff

- Senior Pastor..... Dan Overbo
- Associate Pastor..... Laura Overbo
- Director of Faith Formation..... Philip Lickei
- Preschool Teacher/Director..... Nikki Landmark
- Preschool Teacher Aide..... Wendy Kruger
- Welcoming & Caring Ministries..... Twila Schmitt
- Business Manager..... Jodi Spilde
- Business Administrative Assistant..... Megan Thyen
- Custodian..... Adam Lauseng

2023 Church Council

- President Bev Splinter
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Facebook

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Youtube

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

Special Guest at August Book Club

LCOOR book club members are reading the book "The Lemon Tree" by Sandy Tolan in an effort to better understand the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Faye Sharabi will interview her husband, Adnan, who was a Palestinian refugee. Guests are welcome to this meeting in the youth room on Thursday, August 24, beginning at 10:00 am.

Salvation Army Needs Boxed Potatoes

Please help us keep the Salvation Army Food Pantry stocked with boxed potatoes and "Hamburger Helper"-like meals. These items can be dropped off in Kathy's Karts – or left with the Coffee Trailer at the lake. Thanks for your generosity!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 10:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p>31 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 2:00pm Communion at Maple Place 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>1 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting</p>	<p>2 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:00am Day Camp- 3rd - 6th Grade 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery</p>	<p>3 9:00am Quilting 9:00am Vacation Bible School 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery</p>	<p>5 3:00pm Wedding - Trenice Pehrson & Anthony Bullene 5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
<p>6 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion 10:30am Timmerman Scholarship Recipients Recognition 10:30am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion</p>	<p>7 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Faith Formation Team Meeting (formerly Christian Ed Committee) 6:45pm AI-Anon 7:00pm Milestone Team Meeting</p>	<p>8 9:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 6:00pm Executive Committee 6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>9 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>10 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>11 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>12 5:30pm Worship (Lay led)</p>
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<p>20 Stewardship Moment 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion 10:30am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion</p>	<p>21 Newsletter Deadline 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00am LATC Kick-Off Street Fair 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>22 9:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting</p>	<p>23 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>24 10:00am Book Club with Special Guest 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>25 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>26 5:30pm Worship (Lay led)</p>
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