



The Latest Word

"Making God Known Through Word and Deed."

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LCOOR Circles to meet Dec. 13th

All are invited to join the members of Priscilla and Martha Circles as they meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 13, for a time of fellowship and devotions. Pastor Laura will lead the bible study. Those attending are asked to bring a small plate of holiday treats to share.

Holidays got you down?

If you're just not feeling in the Christmas spirit, or simply wish you had someone to talk to as the holidays approach, our BeFrienders are here for you. We are fortunate to have several trained BeFrienders here at LCOOR who are happy to spend time with you and simply listen. Please call Twila in the church office at 605-886-2696 to learn more

Ladies Night Out Says "Thanks!"

The LCOOR Fellowship Committee wishes to thank ALL who attended the "sold out" Ladies Night Out on November 13 – and all the guys who helped with set up, serving, dishwashing and clean up! Our appreciation for ALL who made the evening a huge success is immense – and, at the risk of leaving someone out, we'll not try to all list the names! The fantastic desserts created

by Roger and Linda Austad and Candy Johnson were a highlight! In addition, we are grateful for the music provided by the Drifting Shadows Band and for Pastor Dave Nerdig's amusing presentation, "The Brotherhood Does the Ladies Night Out!" We appreciate Pastor Chris Matson being present and sharing about the Church on the Street Ministry. A portion of the evening's proceeds will help support Church on the Street. What a truly memorable evening!



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORS & STEWARDSHIP BOARD

As we watch the leaves fall from the trees and the grass becomes slowly buried under snow, this month gives us a solid reminder of the words from Isaiah chapter 40. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of the Lord stands forever.

Even though the seasons continue to change, God's word endures forever. God's promises are indestructible. They are forever. And God keeps speaking these promises.

During the coming season of Advent, we will gather each week to be reminded of God's promises that continue for us over time and through all the seasons. Our Advent theme, Out of Time will lead us on an exploration to see how people experience time and how God uses our experiences to meet us, challenge us, bless us, shape us, and call us into holy endings and new beginnings.

During the Reformation, Martin Luther's followers placed the letters VDMA over their doors and sewed them onto their clothes. VDMA stands for the Latin phrase, Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum which means, the word of our God endures forever. The indestructible Word, Christ our Lord- is coming.

Join us for worship during this Advent Season as we make time to hear God's promises again.

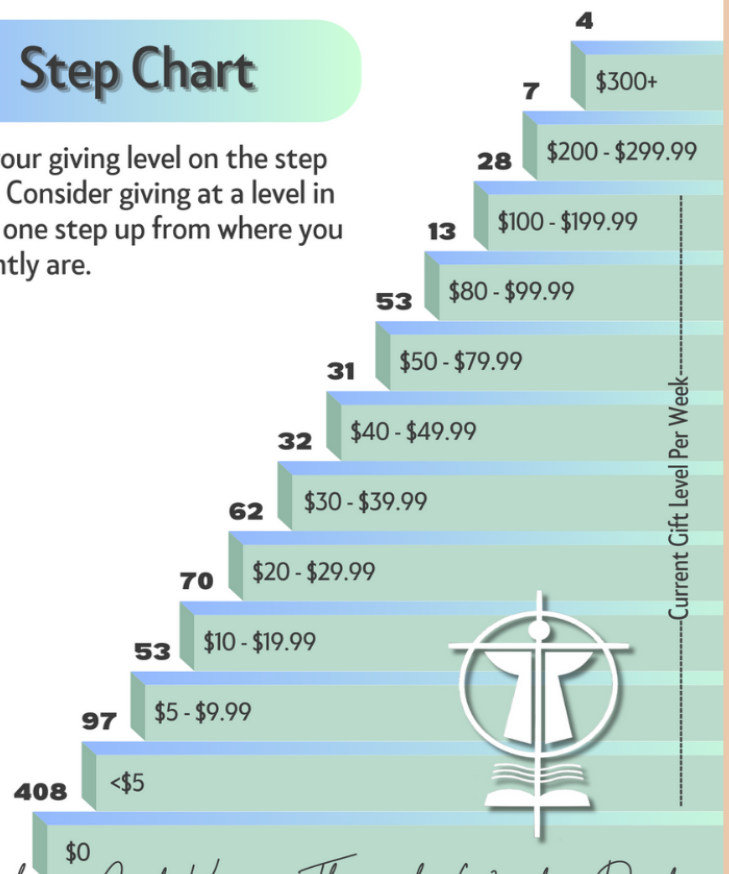
With Thanksgiving, *Pastor Dan & Pastor Laura*

2024 Stewardship Message

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous support of our mission. The stewardship committee would like to challenge members of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer to go up one step in your giving to our mission as we make God known through our words and our deeds.

Step Chart

Find your giving level on the step chart. Consider giving at a level in 2024 one step up from where you currently are.



Making God Known Through Word & Deed

FINANCIAL NEWS

October 2023 Financial Report

Revenue	\$	82,717.29
Expenses	\$	86,831.46
Change in General Fund	\$	(4,114.17)
Revenue to Date	\$	943,294.11
Expenses to Date	\$	873,607.35
% of Budget Year Completed		83.33%
Annual Budgeted Income for 2023	\$	1,067,619.19
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD		88.35%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2023	\$	1,067,619.19
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD		81.83%

December Mission of the Month- LCOOR Care Fund

Our Mission of the Month for December is the Care Fund. Dollars donated to the Care Fund are primarily passed along to church members needing help with food, clothing, rent, utility payments, transportation, lodging and other emergencies. When donating to the Mission of the Month, be sure to clearly mark "Mission of the Month" on your offering envelope so that it is properly credited. The dollars you give through Mission of the Month are so very much appreciated by those receiving the help they need. Thank you.

Thrivent Choice Dollars received in November

We have received a deposit from Thrivent Choice Dollars! Thank you Julie Rude and Kymberly Thompson for directing these dollars to our church.

- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer – \$50.00

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who have directed their Choice Dollars® to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and LCOOR Christian Preschool this past year. With these dollars, we are able to fund various ministry projects that are not in the church budget.



A total of \$321,473.36 has been given or pledged toward our \$664,000 goal!

The Property Committee wants to let you know that they are gathering bids and plan to have the work done on the roof in the Spring of 2024. Thank you in advance for your generous support as we continue to 'Make God Known Through our Words and Deeds'.

2024 Offering Envelopes

Stop by before or after worship across from the Welcome Center to pick up your next year's offering envelopes. Or stop into the church office Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 5pm or 8:30-Noon on Friday to pick up your envelopes.

Annual Reports of the Committees

Reports for the Annual Meeting Booklet are due into Megan in the church office by Thursday, December 21.

Poinsettias

Order a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one or to the glory of God. These poinsettias will beautify the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services. You may take them home following the 5:30pm worship service on Christmas Eve. Cost of each poinsettia is \$20.00. Order Forms are available at the Welcome Center.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Simply Giving Program

The Simply Giving® Program is an automated stewardship program that helps members live generously. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic offering through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from a checking, savings, debit or credit card account.

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church year-round. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis.

Get started today by completing an Authorization Form! Forms are available at the Welcome Center or from Jodi Spilde in the church office.

Questions regarding the Simply Giving Program? Call or stop by the church office and Jodi will be happy to answer any questions you may have. 605.886.2696

Endowment Grants Approved

The following endowment grants were awarded to the following ministries:

Worship & Music Committee- \$500

New Altar Candles

Sewing Ministry Group- \$1,000

Fabric & Thread for Hospice Gowns

Prayer Shawl Ministry- \$425

Yarn

LCOOR Preschool- \$802.81

New Kidney Shape Table for Classroom

Quilting Ministry- \$500

Batting

Watertown Sandwich Ministry- \$5,000

Food Supplies for Sack Lunches

Bibles for Zimbabwe- \$500

Purchase Shona & Ndebele Bibles

Brothers & Sisters Behind Bars- \$2,000

As followers of Jesus, we are working to break the chain of addiction by building healthy relationships, advocacy, and providing essential unmet basic needs.

Lutheran Church of Nicaragua- \$500

Help send kids to the Nicaragua Lutheran Youth Camp

Holiday Shopping!

The holidays are right around the corner! Purchase SCRIP gift cards for all your shopping and gifting needs right here at the church.

- Planning and cooking a large meal? We've got you covered with grocery gift cards to Hy-Vee, County Fair Foods and Wal-Mart.
- Purchasing gifts for your loved ones and friends? We have a large list of supporting retailers to choose from. You can either use the cards to purchase the gifts or give the cards directly to your family and friends.

A percentage of each purchase benefits our **preschool program**. It takes about a week to receive the SCRIP gift cards if we need to place an order, so start planning and let us help you tackle your holiday to-do list through the purchase of SCRIP gift cards!

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

Endowing Our Future- It's easier than you might think...

A gift to the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Endowment Fund can be made in memory of a loved one or as a part of your own legacy plan, but also in honor of a special birthday, anniversary or even Christmas! Contact Jodi Spilde in the church office or Kathy McHenry at Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota (605.274.5030 or lpgsd@sdsynod.org) for more information.

\$6,875.00 Memorials & Special Gifts Given since last printing

Special Gifts

In memory of Ardell Johnson
from Judy Graves & Kerry Nichocoff, Marlys Fie, Lee & Judith Syring, Blair & Nancy Titze, Craig Christianson, William & Suzan Knese, Mark & Rhonda Roby, Steve & Nancy Kjellsen, Karen Kasperson, Peter & Mary Manley, Shawn & Michelle Lenning, Mavis & George Gehant

In memory of Ardy Gackstetter
from Allen & Julie Rude, Bruce & Colleen Hestad, Dorothy Nichols, John & Lorna Stonebarger, John & Jane McNeill

Sandwich Ministry

In memory of Ardell Johnson
from Buck & Belinda Crouse, Bill & Cathy Zubke, David & Jan Johnson

In memory of Dorothy Iverson
from Buck & Belinda Crouse

Debt Reduction

In memory of Ardell Johnson
from Marvin & AJ Sherrill

Prayer Shawls

In memory of Ardell Johnson
from Darwin & Nancy Brinkman

In memory of Dorothy Iverson
from Darwin & Nancy Brinkman, Pam Luckhurst, Rod & Doris Knight

In memory of Ardy Gackstetter
from Al & Pam Raeder, Pam Luckhurst

In memory of Jim Silliman
from Al & Pam Raeder, Pam Luckhurst

Youth Outdoor Activity Area

In memory of Jim Silliman
from Jim & Kathy Hanson, Gene & Cindy Day, Greta Siegel, Katie Mane, The Keppel Family, Ken & Renae Madison, Ken & Bonnie Karst, Rory & Lisa Olerud, Grant & Deb Titze, Marv & AJ Sherrill, The Bolin Family, Rick & Pam Berg, Allen & Julie Rude, Darwin & Nancy Brinkman, Bill & Cathy Zubke, Chuck & Lynn Langner, Bruce & Colleen Hestad, Greg & Connie Gertsen, Bill & Sharon Malcom, Elsie Burkland, Roger & Pat Crom, Herbert & Sandra Wiswall, Kenneth & Doris Hagen, Silliman Trust, Ronald & Margaret Schulz, Verdelle Anderson, George & Jan Newman, Robert & Deborah Walrath, Richard & Nancy Rogers, Steve & Nancy Kjellsen, Jim & Wendy Miller, Clark & Gerry Likness, Jim & Joan Lohman, Dave & Char Wolsky, Monte & Michele Hopper, Don & Kris Rigdon, Todd & Joy Freimark, Heath & Ann Rylance, Cheryl Hewitt, Larry & Lois Johnson, Terry & Diane Johnson, Gerald & Audrey Ward, Charles & Sonja Anderson, Allan & Susan Braaten, Dustin & McKenzie Padgett, David & Mary Petersen, Richard & Christine Gibson, Alan & Patricia Arends, William & Susan Crawford, Roger & Lissa Turbak, Jim & Donna Hill, Larry & Dawn Rieffenberger, Jerry & Judith Miller, Ronald & Suzanne Windemuller, Laura Davis, Wayne Leiner & Carol Pollard, Tom & Janice Lippincott

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

DECEMBER 2023



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7th/8th Grade Confirmation December Schedule:

Wednesday, December 6 –

Workshop #13

Wednesday, December 13 –

Workshop #14

Wednesday, December 20 –

Workshop #15

Wednesday, December 27 –

No Workshop (Christmas Break)

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 –

Workshop #16

Remember that we start with large group at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary and then move to small groups in the assembly classrooms. Small groups finish up around 8 pm.

High School Youth Group

- Sunday, December 3
- Sunday, December 10
- Sunday, December 17

We will not meet on Sunday, December 24 & 31 for Christmas and New Year's Break.

Every Sunday night we will gather for HS Youth Group from 6 – 7:30 pm. Each Sunday we will enjoy a thought provoking discussion topic, great snacks, amazing games and awesome fellowship. Please feel free to bring your friends and join us for a fantastic ministry opportunity!

Monthly Youth Groups:

- Junction... A youth Group for **2nd – 4th grade** will meet the first Monday of each month. This month we will meet on **Monday, December 4 from 6-7:30 pm. We will be having our Christmas party with snacks, games, prizes and wonderful fellowship!**
- Rt. 56... A youth group for **5th & 6th grade** and MS Merge... A youth group for **7th & 8th grade**, will combine for the month of December. **This month we will meet on Monday, December 18 from 6-7:30 pm. We will be having our Christmas party with snacks, games, prizes and wonderful fellowship!**

High School Youth Music Team

will be leading the music once a month at Wednesday Worship. We will practice at 7 pm on the Sunday prior to the worship we are singing at. If you have sang on the Lenten youth music team or have just starting participating in the high school ministry, please join us for this wonderful experience! For the month of December we will have our music practice on **Sunday, December 17 at 7 pm. We will sing at worship on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30 pm.** We will be singing Christmas songs for this worship!



FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Christian Education Schedule:

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

- December 3 – Christmas Program Practice
- December 10 – Christmas Program Practice
- December 17 - Christmas Program Practice
(Followed by the Christmas Program at 9:30 a.m.)

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

- December 6 – Christmas Program Practice
- December 13 – Christmas Program Practice
(Followed by the Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m.)
- December 20 - Church School

REMINDER...This year's Church School Christmas Programs will take place on...

- **Wednesday, December 13 at the 6:30 p.m. Worship** (Wednesday School Children)
- **Sunday, December 17 at the 9:30 a.m. Worship** (Sunday School Children)

***Church school will resume on Wednesday, January 3 and on Sunday, January 7, 2024.**



MILESTONE MINISTRIES

December Milestone Dates to Remember:

Sunday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. 1st Grade Christmas Story
Nativity Scene- Worship Recognition

Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. 1st Grade Christmas Story
Nativity Scene- Worship Recognition



Parents- Please attend these milestones with your child/children.

December Youth Sign Up Information

Saturday, December 2:

Reader: Kye P.
Projection: Hannah B.
Acolyte: 2 NEEDED
Blessing Assistants: 2 NEEDED

Sunday, December 3:

Reader: Ian M.
Projection: 1 NEEDED
Acolyte: Ainsley F. & Wyatt D.
Blessing Assistant: Henley K. & 1 NEEDED

Wednesday, December 6:

Reader: Dray D.
Projection: Jayla E.
Acolyte: 2 NEEDED
Blessing Assistant: Hadley R. & 1 NEEDED

Sunday, December 10:

Reader: Kole M.
Projection: Kyndall B.
Acolyte: 2 NEEDED

Wednesday, December 13:

Reader: Jayla H.
Projection: Bently K.
Acolyte: 2 NEEDED

Saturday, December 16:

Reader: Caleb C.
Projection: 1 NEEDED
Acolyte: 2 NEEDED
Blessing Assistants: 2 NEEDED

Sunday, December 17:

Reader: Graysn M.
Projection: 1 NEEDED
Acolyte: 2 NEEDED
Blessing Assistant: Kaitlyn S. & Paisly N.

Wednesday, December 20:

Reader: Jayla H.
Projection: Bently K.
Acolyte: Cayden K. & Brayden F.
Blessing Assistant: Haevyn J. & 1 NEEDED

Sunday, December 24 (9:30 a.m.):

Reader: Ryan N.
Projection: Kylie H.
Acolyte: Korri H. & 1 NEEDED
Blessing Assistant: 2 NEEDED

Sunday, December 24 (3:30 p.m.):

Reader: Twila
Projection: Lily L.
Acolyte: 2 NEEDED
Blessing Assistant: 2 NEEDED

Sunday, December 24 (5:30 p.m.):

Reader: Twila
Projection: 1 NEEDED
Acolyte: Wyatt D. & 1 NEEDED
Blessing Assistant: 2 NEEDED

Sunday, December 31:

Reader: 1 NEEDED
Projection: 1 NEEDED
Acolyte: 2 NEEDED

This information indicates who has signed up to help with worship in various areas.

PARENTS: If you see an area with a need, please call the church office at (605) 886-2696 to sign your child up or sign up on the master sheet that is posted at the information center in the gathering space.

Reader: 7th & 8th Grade Students

Projection: 7th & 8th Grade Students

Acolyte: 5th & 6th Grade Students

Blessing Assistant: 4th Grade Students

FELLOWSHIP & MINISTRY

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.

Salvation Army Social Service Numbers

Emergency Lodging- 51 households

Prescription Help- 10 households

Rental Assistance- 62 households

Transportation- 25 households

Utility Assistance- 69 households

Clothing/Household Vouchers-
174 households (2,372 items)

Food Boxes-
1, 861 boxes (4,489 total people)

Meals-
11,564 meals (\$3.57/meal = \$42, 283.48)

December Book Club

In December, the book club will be reading the *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. They will meet Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m. at Chris Carter's house for their Christmas gathering. The book for January 2024 (1-25-24) will be *Seven Perfect Things* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Leaders will be Pastor Sam and Chris Chandler. They will look at the list and pick books for 2024 at the December meeting.

Advent Tour of Nativities: Thanks!

Thanks to all who shared their Nativity scenes for our Advent Tour of Nativities! The wonderful collection was viewed and enjoyed by people of all ages! (Had you ever seen a Holy Family made of nuts and bolts?) Our hope was to provide a meaningful entry to the Advent season and a way to remember the true meaning of Christmas.



Christmas Schedule

Wednesday, December 20- Normal Schedule

Saturday, December 23- No Worship

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve):

- 9:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 3:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship w/ Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 27- No Worship or Church School Programming (Christmas Break)

Saturday, December 30- Normal Schedule

Sunday, December 31- 9:30 a.m. Worship, No Church School Programming (Christmas Break)

DISH TO PASS

Do you set up a Nativity scene each year? What memories does it bring?

During our recent “Advent Tour of Nativities” at LCOOR, members and friends of our church family brought in just over 100 nativity scenes to be displayed and enjoyed in the Great Hall. While the stables and figures were awe-inspiring, it was honestly the stories behind them that made the event so memorable for me.



By Twila Schmitt

The first Nativity I ever called my own -- a tiny brown plastic stable with glitter on the roof and the Holy family nestled inside – was a gift from my second grade Sunday School teacher. My next Nativity was a hand-painted set that my mom made. A wooden stable completed the scene. This set moved with me to my first apartment – and everywhere I have lived since that time.

When my boys were very young, I ordered a chubby toddler-friendly Nativity from Avon. One year, our Springer Spaniel also decided that the pieces belonged to him – so a couple of the figures still bear his teeth marks!

Now, as I unwrap each piece in my Nativity, I think about the many years my boys helped with this task. It allowed us to talk about the Christmas story on their level. And I’m confident that they have passed that story along to my grand-girls. In fact, during recent visits, I’ve noticed shepherds and angels in their bathtub and spotted Wise Men mingled within their toy collections! What better way to live the Christmas story all year long!

“And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” – Luke 2:7

WHAT COULD BE MORE FESTIVE THIS TIME OF YEAR THAN “CHRISTMAS WREATHS?”
PHYLLIS BOWERSOX SHARED THIS RECIPE THAT YOU CAN MAKE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

- 4 C. MINI MARSHMALLOWS
- ½ C. BUTTER OR MARGARINE
- ½ TSP. GREEN FOOD COLORING
- ½ TSP. VANILLA
- 4 C. CORNFLAKES



MELT BUTTER AND MARSHMALLOWS IN MICROWAVE OR DOUBLE BOILER. ADD GREEN COLOR AND VANILLA. POUR OVER CORNFLAKES AND MIX UNTIL FLAKES ARE ALL COATED. DROP BY TABLESPOON ON WAXED PAPER. SHAPE INTO WREATHS. (YOU MAY DIP YOUR FINGERS INTO COLD WATER.) DECORATE WITH CINNAMON CANDIES.

This month we will be celebrating the fulfillment of God's promise, Baby Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. We will be decorating the room and singing lots of Christmas songs. The students will spend this month preparing for their Christmas program and finding out the true meaning of the season! Merry Christmas from the Preschool!!

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who purchased the Advent Calendars. We truly appreciate all of your support for this amazing ministry!!



December Calendar:

- December 18th-** Pajama Party
- December 19th-** Forest Friends Christmas Program (10:00 a.m.)
- December 20th - January 1st-** Christmas Break, No School
- January 2nd-** Classes Resume

Care to help our preschool? All help is appreciated.

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

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



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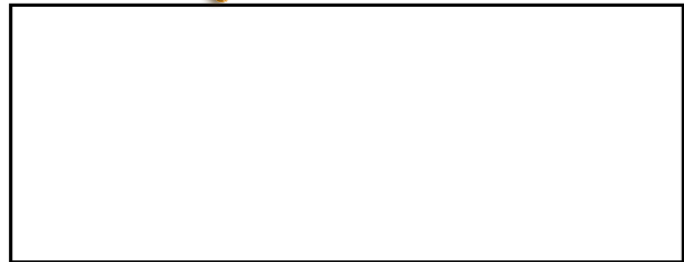
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Merry Christmas



Salvation Army- Boxed Cereal & Peanut Butter Needed During December

Our friends at The Salvation Army Food Pantry would appreciate boxed cereal and peanut butter. As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



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A monthly publication of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

Deadline for the January 2024 Newsletter:
Monday, December 18, 2023

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Next Meals on Wheels Delivery: Dec. 18-22

LCOOR's next opportunity to deliver Meals on Wheels will be Dec. 18-22. If you'd like to volunteer in this important ministry, please contact Twila at 605-886-2696.

LCOOR at Winter Wonderland

As you tour the Optimist Winter Wonderland at City Park, be sure to watch for LCOOR's newest display! Thanks to the families who helped set up the lighted scene! Winter Wonderland is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 6 to 9 p.m. through December 24, plus 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, December 25.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26 Christ the King No Church School 8:30am Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan 8:30am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Blended Worship 1:00pm Advent Tour of Nativities</p>	<p>27 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 1:00pm Advent Tour of Nativities 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>28 9:30am Sewing Day 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>29 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan 5:30pm Church School 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:15pm HS Hang-out in Youth Room 7:30pm Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30 10:45am Preschool Chapel 1:00pm Chair Yoga 5:15pm Al-Anon 6:00pm Hope for the Holidays</p>	<p>1 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>2 5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
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<p>17</p> <p>Stewardship Moment 8:30am Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan 8:30am Church School 8:30am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Church School Christmas Program 6:00pm HS Youth Group 7:00pm Youth Music Team Practice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Preschool Pajama Party 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 2:00pm Maple Place Communion 6:00pm Rt 56 & MS Merge Youth Group 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00am Book Club @ Chris Carter's Home 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 10:00am Preschool Christmas Program 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Preschool Christmas Break- No School Stewardship Moment 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 12:15pm Men's Lunch 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan 5:30pm Church School 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:15pm HS Hang-out in Youth Room 7:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Preschool Christmas Break- No School Committee Annual Reports due into Megan 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Pastors Conference 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 1:00pm Chair Yoga 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Church Office Closed NO WEDDINGS 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 10:00am Worship & Music Committee Decorate & Candles 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Preschool Christmas Break- No School NO WEDDINGS</p>
<p>24</p> <p>No Church School Preschool Christmas Break- No School 9:30am Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion 3:30pm Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion 5:30pm Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Preschool Christmas Break- No School Church Office Closed 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Preschool Christmas Break- No School 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>No Church School- Holiday Break Preschool Christmas Break- No School 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Preschool Christmas Break- No School 1:00pm Chair Yoga 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Church Office Closed Preschool Christmas Break- No School NO WEDDINGS 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>30</p> <p>NO WEDDINGS 5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>
<p>31</p> <p>No Church School 8:30am Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan 9:30am Blended Worship</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Preschool Christmas Break- No School Church Office Closed 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm Church School 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:15pm HS Hang-out in Youth Room 7:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 1:00pm Chair Yoga 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>6</p>