

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

The Latest Word

“Making God Known Through Word and Deed.”



How Much is “Enough?”

Kathy McHenry of Lutheran Planned Generosity recently reminded us that we are the only ones who can answer that question for ourselves. Only we can honestly know what's enough for our daily lives. Knowing your own “enough” means that you understand what you truly need to live well.

Knowing how much is enough for us isn't selfish—it's wise. It helps us honor God's gifts and resist fear. When we understand our needs, then we can let go of excess and live generously. Once we understand what is enough for our lives, then we know how much we can share. Knowing our own level of “enough” means we are then free to choose how to use our gifts or talents, time, and money in generous ways. Knowing our “enough” opens possibilities as we ask how God can use us to be a blessing to others.

During this season of thankfulness and gratitude, take some time to ask yourself:

“How much is enough- for me, for my family, for a faithful life?”

And once you discover your “enough,” ask the next question:

How can God use what I have to bless others?

The “Daily 3 + 1” is a simple way to develop an attitude of gratitude.

- Write down three things you are grateful for—big or small.
- Then add one way you can share—a kindness, a prayer, an act of service, a gift of time, or financial support.

Practicing gratitude is a powerful way to live into the promise of “enough.” Gratitude shifts our focus from what we lack to what we already have. It opens our hearts to God's daily provision and prepares us to live generously.

With grateful hearts,

*Pastor Dan Overbo
& Pastor Laura Overbo*

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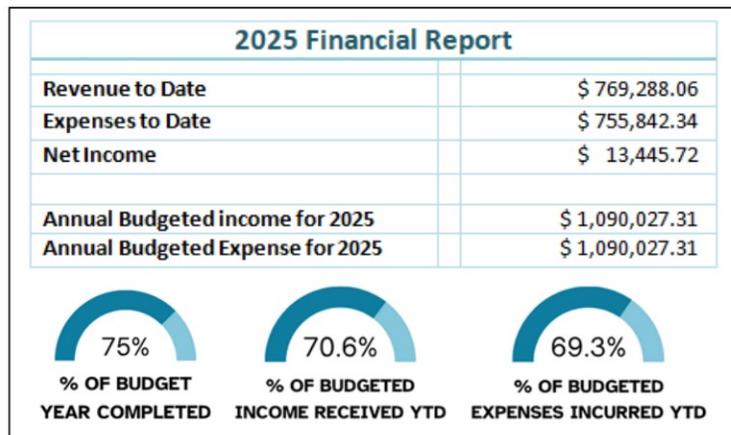
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Mission of the Month Update

In September, we lifted up our Companion Synods in **Nicaragua and Cameroon**. Through your generous giving—via the **Noisy Can, Special Offerings, and budgeted mission funds**— we were able to share God's love and support in meaningful ways.

- **Nicaragua received:** \$1,521.97
- **Cameroon received:** \$1,519.97

Thank you for your faithful generosity and continued support of these important global ministries!



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: Friday, November 7 at 12:00 Noon.**

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



November Mission of the Month: The Beacon Center

Our Mission of the Month for November is The Beacon Center in Watertown, SD. The Beacon Center offers a variety of services and community support to help protect and assist victims during times of crisis. These services are available to all trauma victims in our community, and individuals can seek help confidentially and anonymously.

Each year, The Beacon Center expands its outreach and resources thanks to the generous support of people who care. Your gifts this month will help continue their mission of providing safety, healing, and hope for those in need.

Please consider making a special gift—above and beyond your regular offering—to support the mission of this community resource.

Advent Theme: Together in Advent



Week 1: Be Present

Week 2: Send Peace

Week 3: Share Joy

Week 4: Wrap in Love

Financial Reports & News



Thank You!

If you haven't heard it lately, listen up. "THANK YOU!" The gifts you share with this congregation matter. Whether your invaluable time, your unique talents or your generous financial support, never forget that you are appreciated and we couldn't do what we do without the blessings God shares through you. Your life makes a difference!



Skip the Tax!

Are you over 70 ½ with retirement accounts? Make a direct gift to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer from your IRA with a qualified charitable distribution to avoid income tax, lower your adjusted gross income used to calculate Medicare premiums, and meet your required minimum distribution if over age 73. Visit with your Investment Banker for more information and to make your charitable gift.



\$150 in Special Gifts and Memorials Received

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- In memory of Pat Wicks and Sy Korbal from Roger and Linda Austad

Salvation Army One Roof Program

- In memory of Pat Wicks from Ken and Renae Madison

Special Gift/Memorial

- In memory of Pat Wicks from Jim and Kathy Hanson

Prayer Garden

- In memory of Vaughn Neshiem from Al and Pam Raeder and Linda Barkley



Thrivent Choice Acknowledgment

We're grateful to share that our Preschool received \$141 through Thrivent Choice Dollars®.

Thank you to Gary Eide, Wendy Olson, Jodi Spilde, and Kym Thompson for directing your Choice Dollars to support our ministry with young children. Your gifts make a lasting impact!



Ladies' Night Out

The LCOOR Fellowship Committee will host another fantastic Ladies' Night Out on Monday, November 10th with doors opening at 6 p.m. and the event beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The annual event provides a memorable night of fellowship, delectable desserts, entertainment from Pastor Dave Nerdig, storyteller and music by Bruce Reinhardt.

Tickets are \$15 and are available in the church office and at the Welcome Center. This year, you also have the option to reserve a table for \$120 with table reservations open October 1st - 30th. We look forward to having you join us for an evening of laughter and fellowship!

Hey, guys! Can you help? We need 15 men to help serve the coffee and water to the 40+ tables at Ladies' Night Out. Please let Karri Willhite in the church office know if you are willing to help. Thanks in advance!



Calling All Crafters, Vendors and Shoppers!

Join us for our Fall Market – Craft and Vendor Fair at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown, SD! This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your handmade goods, unique products, or small business offerings just in time for the holiday season.

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 Sign-up or scan the QR code.



Once you've signed up, we'll reach out to you via email to collect payment. You can choose to pay online or send/drop off your payment at the church office:

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
2001 2nd St. NW
Watertown, SD 57201

Vendor Setup Times:

- Friday, November 21 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM
- Saturday, November 22 | 6:45 – 8:45 AM

Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up early! We look forward to a great day of community, creativity, and connection.

Shoppers: mark your calendars, call your friends and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 22 from 9am-3pm.



Thanksgiving Food Donation Offering

As we give thanks for God's many blessings, we are also mindful of those in our community who face food insecurity.

During this Thanksgiving season, **we invite members of the congregation to participate in our Thanksgiving Food Donation Offering by bringing non-perishable food items such as canned goods, boxed stuffing, boxed potatoes, and other shelf-stable items commonly accepted by local food pantries.**

Donations may be dropped off at the church or brought to worship on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 19

Saturday, November 22

Sunday, November 23

Together, let us share God's love and care by helping ensure that every table in our community is filled with nourishment and gratitude this Thanksgiving.



Family Fun Night: Christmas Bingo!

Join us **Sunday, December 14 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** for an evening of fun, fellowship, and festive Bingo! All ages are invited to come enjoy bingo, laughter, and community with snacks and drinks provided.

Prize Donations Needed!

- We're looking for prizes for children, families, and older individuals (e.g., gift cards, toys, lotion, candles, puzzles, games, candy, craft kits.)
- Prizes don't need to be extravagant or expensive. We do request that the items are new.

Donations can be dropped off in the church office through **Wednesday, December 10.**

Come celebrate the season with us!

Church Directories are HERE!

Our new church photo directories have arrived and are ready for pick up at the Welcome Center! If you had a photo taken or submitted a photo, please stop by and collect your copy from the designated boxes. A limited number of extra directories are also available, free of charge, on a first-come, first-served basis for those who did not have a photo included.

LCOOR News & Events



A Listening Presence

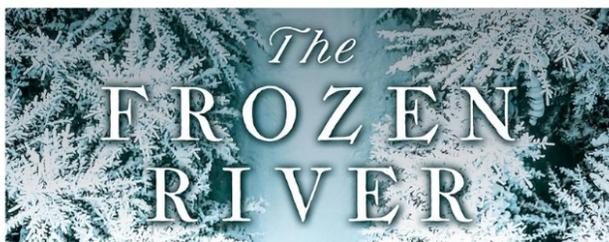
BeFrienders to Meet

Befrienders will meet on **Sunday, November 23 at 10:30 a.m.** Questions? Contact Karri Willhite in the church office at (605) 886-2696 or via email at karri@lcoorwatertown.org.

Circle Bible Study

Priscilla and Martha Circles will meet in November. They will be focusing on the Bible study in the Gather magazine. Copies of the study can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office. All are welcome to attend either study!

- Priscilla Circle will meet at **9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12**, in the Gathering Space.
- Martha Circle will meet at **2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17**, in the Gathering Space.



November Book Club

The LCOOR Book Club will meet **Thursday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for November will be *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.



Redeemer's Kitchen - November 16

Overwhelmed? Busy? Or maybe you're just tired of the same thing every night for supper? We can help! **Redeemer's Kitchen will meet the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 9:30 a.m. worship** to prep seven freezer meals. For November we will gather on **Sunday, November 16**.

November Menu:

- Chickpea Curry
- 3 Bean and Beef Chili
- Sweet and Sour Chicken with Rice
- Beef Stroganoff with Egg Noodles
- Chicken Fajitas
- Crockpot Lasagna
- Chicken and Mushroom Stew
- Sugar Cookies

YUM!

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.

Thank you to the following families for picking up trash on LCOOR's two miles of road ditch and for keeping our environment clean:

Dustin Brinkman family, Darwin Brinkman family, Mike and Diane Madsen, Ron and Shelia Moehring, Mark and Nancy Reishus, Ryan Nuttall family, Eric Johnson family. Next year LCOOR Road Ditch project celebrates 40 years of keeping the highway free of trash. Thank you to all who helped, and see you in the spring.

Faith Formation & Youth Updates

Church School & Confirmation Schedule Reminders



- **Church School** is Sunday at 8:45 a.m. and Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.
- **Confirmation** is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

There will be no church school or confirmation Wednesday, Nov. 26th and Sunday, Nov. 30 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Just a reminder, offering is collected during church school. All proceeds will go to support Rachel's Hope this school year. Please help support this wonderful ministry through the church school offering.



Faith Formation team meeting will be held Tuesday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m.

9-12 GRADE

Luther League

Luther League Youth Group

A youth group for 9th - 12th grade will meet every Wednesday immediately following the church service. Please join us for a variety of bible study, treats, games, service projects and fellowship.

Luther League will also serve the meal for the Fall Market on Saturday, Nov. 22. If you are interested in helping serve please contact Wendy.



Junction & Route 56 Youth Group

Junction and Route 56 will be held together in the month of November. We will meet in the youth room **Thursday, Nov. 6 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** for crafts, games, snack and fellowship. There will be no youth group in December as all students are encouraged to attend Christmas bingo with their families.

Milestone: 1st Grade Christmas Story and Nativity Scene

Parents and first grade students are asked to join us **Sunday, November 16 or Wednesday, November 19 during church school** for this special milestone.

Parents and children will hear the Christmas story and will stain a nativity scene of their own. Parents, please attend this milestone with your children. **Worship recognition for the Nativity Scenes will take place on Sunday, December 7 at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.**

LCOOR Preschool



In November, the Preschool will be selling chances to win this beautiful quilt donated by Kris Dewitt. The tickets will be 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00 with proceeds benefiting LCOOR Preschool. We will draw the winner December 1.

NOVEMBER

November Calendar

November 12:

Chapel

November 20:

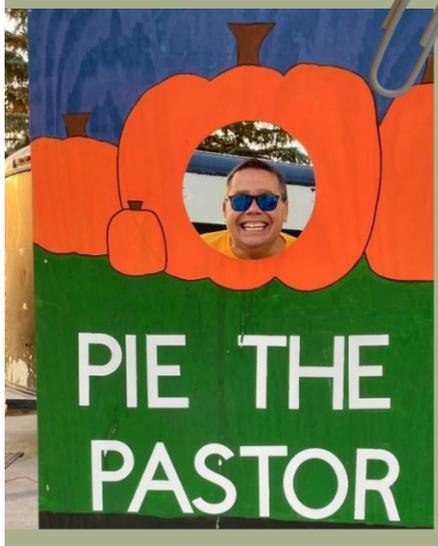
No School- Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 26 and 27:

No School-Thanksgiving Break



HAPPY THANKS GIVING



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26 Stewardship Campaign 8:30am Confirmation Workshop 8:45am Church School 8:45am Milestone: What's Fair (Kindergarten) 9:30am Worship 10:30am Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 10:00am Bradley Howell Funeral 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>28 9:00am Sewing Ministry Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>29 Stewardship Campaign 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 12:15pm Men's Lunch 5:00pm Community Meal 5:30pm Confirmation Workshop 5:45pm Church School 5:45pm Milestone: What's Fair (Kindergarten) 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League (9-12 Grade)</p>	<p>30 9:00am Preschool Halloween Parade 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>31 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery</p>	<p>1 Stewardship Campaign 5:30pm Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
<p>2 All Saints' Sunday Stewardship Campaign 8:30am Confirmation Workshop 8:45am Church School 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>4 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Quilting Bible Study - Sew True Quillets 5:30pm Faith Formation Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5 Stewardship Campaign 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 5:00pm Community Meal 5:30pm Confirmation Workshop 5:45pm Church School 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League (9-12 Grade)</p>	<p>6 9:00am Quilting 5:15pm Al-Anon 6:00pm Junction AND Route 56 Youth Groups</p>	<p>7 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>8 Stewardship Campaign 4:00pm Alexis Wendland & Lucas Ching Wedding 5:30pm Worship</p>
<p>9 Stewardship Campaign 8:30am Confirmation Workshop 8:45am Church School 9:30am Worship</p>	<p>10 6:30pm Ladies Night Out 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>11 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Executive Committee 6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>12 Stewardship Campaign 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Priscilla Circle 11:00am Preschool Chapel 12:15pm Men's Lunch 2:00pm Watertown Parkinson's Support Group 5:00pm Community Meal 5:30pm Confirmation Workshop 5:45pm Church School 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League (9-12 Grade)</p>	<p>13 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>14 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>15 Stewardship Campaign Thank You 5:30pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>

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