



# The Latest Word

"Making God Known  
Through Word and Deed."

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## Biker Blessing

Bring your motorcycles and bicycles to the south parking lot of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on **Sunday, April 14 at 10:45 a.m.** (following 9:30 a.m. worship) for a biker blessing as we head into the summer!

## April Book Club

In April the LCOOR Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for April is *Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

## Prayer Shawls Available

Prayer shawls created by members of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer are available to anyone to be shared with family and friends. Prayer shawls can be given as a source of comfort as well as celebration. Stop by the church office or Welcome Center to select a prayer shawl.

## WELCA Spring Conference April 20

All are invited to attend the Prairie Coteau Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering, hosted here at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, on April 20. The theme is "Come and See!" Volunteers are needed to help serve the luncheon that day. If you are interested in attending (or volunteering) please sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact Marvey Satter or Twila in the church office for additional information.



Pictured above: Philip Lickei, Chloe Ofstehage and Emma Ofstehage were among the volunteers who served at Church on the Street in March.

## Church on the Street Celebrates Easter

LCOOR volunteers traveled to Sioux Falls on March 9th to help celebrate Easter worship with folks gathered for Church on the Street. Our group helped set up (and tear down) tables and chairs and also prepared food and served a meal to 230 hungry people! Pastor Chris Matson said it was a record attendance for Church on the Street! A heart-felt thanks to our volunteers: Char & Herb Loterbauer, Diana Hane, Dug Johnson, Twila Schmitt & Roger Whittle, Philip, Christy & Axel Lickei, Sarah, Emma & Chloe Ofstehage, Jack Holmquest, Norma Kearney, Jan Larsen, Sheila Moehring and Rod & Nancy Iverson.

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# PASTOR MESSAGE

"The Robin and the Chicken" Sung by Burl Ives, from the album "Walt Disney Presents Burl Ives' Animal Folk" from 1963.

A plump little robin flew down from a tree  
To hunt for a worm which it happened to see.  
A frisky young chicken came scampering by  
And gazed at the robin with wondering eye.  
Said the chick, "What a queer-looking chicken is that!  
Its wings are so long and its body so flat."  
While the robin remarked, loud enough to be heard,  
"Dear me, an exceedingly strange-looking bird!"  
"Can you sing?" Robin asked, and the chicken said "No,"  
But asked in return if the robin could crow.  
So the bird sought a tree, and the chicken a wall,  
And each thought the other knew nothing at all.



Spring is here and so are the robins. Watching the birds at the feeder in our back yard, I was recently reminded of the song, "The Robin and the Chicken" that I heard when I was in elementary school. These two birds discover one another and from the very beginning, all they see is how different they are. First, the birds look nothing alike. Second, the robin cannot believe the chicken can't sing yet the chicken cannot believe the robin cannot crow. Finally, each bird goes its way convinced that the other bird "knew nothing at all."

As people of God, we are each made unique. It can be so easy to focus on our differences. The robin and the chicken are both birds and share much in common. Yet all they see is what makes them separate, so they go their own ways drawing their own conclusions about the other.

Just as the robin and chicken are both birds, so are all people the same when considered from a spiritual perspective. Romans 3:22-24 reminds us, "There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." As humans, we can never measure up on our own. People cannot adequately glorify and please God.

As this text reminds us, however, all are justified freely by God's grace. This Easter proclamation still rings through the rafters and out into the world. Let us continue to live this Easter message each day as we let our differences enrich our lives together even as we affirm our common denominator: **Jesus Christ died and rose again for all people.**

Christ is Risen! You are loved! Alleluia!

Pastor Laura Overbo



# FINANCIAL NEWS

## February 2024 Financial Report

Revenue	\$	68,317.38
Expenses	\$	82,938.63
Change in General Fund	\$	(14,621.25)
Revenue to Date	\$	223,400.16
Expenses to Date	\$	163,655.72
Annual Budgeted Income for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34

### Thrivent Choice Dollars received in March

We have received a deposit from Thrivent Choice Dollars! Thank you Verla Ackley, Charles Arneson, Curtis & Wanda Dahl, Burdette & Janet Drake, Curt Friedrichsen, Robbyn Givens, Codi Hanson, Nancy Iverson, Pam Kohls, Dar Morrow, Michael Passow, Patsy Reiner, Marilyn Schimmel and Betty Wolff for directing these dollars to our church and preschool.

- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer – \$1,373.00
- LCOOR Christian Preschool - \$180.00

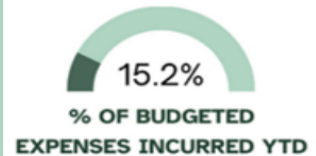
### Thrivent Choice® makes a meaningful impact

Choice Dollars® directions helps support the mission of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and LCOOR Christian Preschool.

### Simply Giving Program

The Simply Giving® Program helps our members live generously. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic gifts 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 filling out an Authorization Form! Forms are available on our website under the Resources tab, 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.



### February Mission of the Month & Noisy Can Totals

\$1,673.79 Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota. Thank you!!

### Timmerman Scholarships

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Members who are Watertown High School Graduates entering preferably their 1st or 2nd year of education or technical training at a South Dakota State supported institution are eligible to apply for one of three \$500 scholarships. More information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at <https://lcoorwatertown.org/> under the resources tab.

**Registration Deadline is 5/30/2024.**

# FINANCIAL NEWS

## \$50.00 Memorials and Special Gifts given since last printing



### Debt Reduction

- *In memory of Joyce Foster* from Marv & AJ Sherrill
- *In memory of Kevin Pierce* from Marv & AJ Sherrill

### Care Fund

- *In memory of Tom Myers* from Ron & Candace Johnson

## Lutheran World Relief- Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund

When we make LWR Quilts and Kits, we join countless others across the country who reach out to people in need around the world through this ministry.

**LWR spends around \$1.9 million to operate this program, distributing about \$18 million worth of quilts and kits each year.**

Those funds, combined with the generosity of donors, ensure LWR has the resources needed to move these items around the world. You can help!

### LWR's Approximate Cost to Deliver Quilts and Kits Overseas:

One Mission Quilt	\$2.80
One School Kit	\$2.85
One Personal Care Kit	\$1.50*
One Baby Care Kit	\$3.10
One Fabric Kit	\$1.80

\*No longer includes the cost of toothpaste



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

## Mission of the Month- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Preschool

- The LCOOR Christian Preschool began in September 1986 with an enrollment of 16 students.
- Today the Preschool has 18 students enrolled in the 4/5 year old Mon.-Thurs. morning program.
- The Director/Teacher is Nikki Landmark with Wendy Kruger as the Classroom Paraprofessional.

The preschool's key emphasis is on the development of socialization skills along with cognitive, language, gross & fine motor skills. Each week a Bible story is shared with the students along with a variety of music and verses. The students also have Chapel time once a month with the Pastors.

The Christian Preschool operates on tuition, special gifts (an example: Thrivent Choice Dollars) and fundraiser profits.

Mission of the month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with (Mission of the Month - Preschool) during April. Thank You for Your Support!

*"Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life."*

*Proverbs 22:6*





# FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY



Philip Lickei

# April 2024



## Monthly Youth Groups:

Junction... A youth Group for **1st – 4th grade** will meet the first Monday of each month. This month we will meet on **Monday, April 8th from 6-7:30 pm**. Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

Rt. 56... A youth group for **5th & 6th grade** meets once a month on a Monday. This month we will meet on **Monday, April 22nd from 6-7:30 pm**. Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

## Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

**Please note that this youth group is for 7-12 grades.** Every Sunday night we will gather for Luther League 2.0 at 6 p.m. Each evening we will enjoy a thought provoking discussion topic, snacks, games and awesome fellowship. Please feel free to bring your friends and join us for a fantastic ministry opportunity! This month we will gather on...

- Sunday, April 7 @ 6 pm
- Sunday, April 14 @ 6 pm
- Sunday, April 21 @ 6 pm
- Sunday, April 28 @ 6 pm

## April Christian Education Schedule:

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

- April 3, 10, 17 & 24

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

- April 7, 14, 21 & 28

## April Confirmation schedule is as follows...

### April 3 at 7:15 pm-

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

### April 10 at 7:15 pm-

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation  
9th Graders Confirmation (pictures & rehearsal)

### April 17 at 7:15 pm (Last Day of Confirmation)

7th Grade Confirmation  
8th Graders Confirmation (pictures & rehearsal)

## 2nd Grade First Communion Class...

2nd graders and parents will gather on **Sunday, April 7th from 10:30 am – 12 pm** (Immediately following the 9:30 worship).

This "Milestone Ministry" will be led by Pastor Dan and Pastor Laura. Each child will have the opportunity to paint a communion plate and chalice during our time together. Donuts and juice will be served. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

## New Members Welcomed in March

While we welcome new members all year round, we will “officially” received 6 new members in March. Please extend a friendly “hello” when you get the opportunity!



Nick Tieden & Ashley Abraham  
1028 Lake Alice Dr.  
Clear Lake, SD 57226



Andrew & Jaden Mears  
1648 5th St. NW  
Watertown, SD 57201



Carter & Mackenzie Buelow  
105 14th St. NE  
Watertown, SD 57201





# LCOOR PRESCHOOL NEWS



Our morning class is almost full so we will be starting a waiting list for an afternoon class. We need at least 10 students to have an afternoon class. If interested, please contact Nikki or Wendy at 886-2696 or check us out at [www.lcoorwatertown.org](http://www.lcoorwatertown.org) and see why LCOOR Preschool is the best place for your child to learn and grow!!



Dr. Seuss Fun!!



**April is the month when LCOOR Preschool starts its annual fundraising. The Preschool is also the Mission of the Month for April.**

Starting **Monday, April 1st** for the whole month of April, we will have a **"Giving Wall"** by the Welcome Center to support the Preschool. We will also have **Rada Cutlery** catalogs and order forms there. If you wish to purchase Rada Cutlery, you can also order online: [radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1020874.b7255](http://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1020874.b7255) Please help us raise funds for this **WONDERFUL** program and **THANK YOU** for all you do to help us spread God's word and his love to these children.

**Care to help our preschool?  
All help is appreciated.**

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

## April Dates to Remember

- **April 1st (No School)** Easter Monday
- **April 11th (No School)** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **April 29th**-Fundraising packets due



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## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

### Salvation Army Needs Peanut Butter & Jelly

Our friends at the Salvation Army need peanut butter and jelly to help feed our neighbors this month. Please consider picking up a couple extra jars while you are out shopping! Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks!



### April Craft Night

Join us **Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Gathering Space for Craft Night! More information and sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. Sign up deadline is April 18.

## The Latest Word



A monthly publication of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

Deadline for the May 2024 Newsletter: Monday, April 22, 2024

### Staff

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

### 2024 Church Council

President ..... Monte Hopper  
Vice President ..... Ryan Nuttall  
Secretary..... Codi Martin  
Treasurer ..... Laurie Tennis  
Ann DeSpiegler      Gwen McGilliavary  
Jan Birkeland              Jessica Kruse  
Alan Stager

### Prayer Chain

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### Phone

605-886-2696

### Website

<https://lcoorwatertown.org/>



### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/lcoor](http://www.facebook.com/lcoor)



### Youtube

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

### Circle & Bible Studies

Priscilla and Martha Circles will meet in April, focusing on the bible study, "Scripture and Nature," in Gather magazine. Copies of the study can be found at the Welcome Center.

- Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, April 8, in the Gathering Space.
- Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, in the Gathering Space.

### Looking for 30-Cup Percolators

The Fellowship Committee is looking for a few gently used 30-Cup Coffee Percolators. If you have one that you no longer use, consider bringing it to the church for future Fellowship events. Questions, call the church office at 605-886-2696.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>31</b></p> <p>No Church School No Sandwich Ministry 7:00am Easter Worship with Holy Communion 8:30am Easter Worship with Holy Communion 10:00am Easter Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>No Preschool- Easter Monday</b> No Sandwich Ministry Office Closed 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b></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 7:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise &amp; Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00am Quilting 1:15pm Chair Yoga 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:30am Church School 8:30am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30am First Communion Class- 2nd Grade 6:00pm Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Communion at Edgewood Memory Care 10:15am Communion at Edgewood Cedar View 2:00pm Martha Circle 6:00pm Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade) 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Executive Committee 6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Priscilla Circle 12:15pm Men's Lunch 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm Church School 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion 7:15pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:15pm Confirmation Pictures / Rehearsal (9th Graders) 7:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise &amp; Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>No Preschool / Parent Teacher Conferences</b> 1:15pm Chair Yoga 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>

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<p><b>21</b></p> <p>First Communion Recognition  Stewardship Moment  8:30am Church School  8:30am Watertown Sandwich Ministry  9:30am Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion  6:00pm Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>May Newsletter Deadline</b>  8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry  6:00pm Rt. 56 Youth Group (5-6 Grade)  6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY  1:00pm Staff Meeting  6:30pm Craft Night</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>First Communion Recognition  Stewardship Moment  8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry  12:15pm Men's Lunch  4:45pm Community Meal  5:30pm Church School  6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion  7:30pm Handbell Rehearsal  7:30pm Praise &amp; Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10:00am Book Club  10:45am Preschool Chapel Time  1:15pm Chair Yoga  5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon  8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>5:30pm 9th Grade Confirmation Worship  5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:30am Church School  8:30am Watertown Sandwich Ministry  9:30am Blended Worship  9:30am Confirmation Worship- 8th Grade  6:00pm Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Preschool Fundraising Packets Due</b>  8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry  2:00pm Maple Place Communion  5:15pm Endowment Committee Meeting  6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:00am Sewing Ministry Group  11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY  1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry  12:15pm Men's Lunch  4:45pm Community Meal  5:30pm Church School  6:30pm RECOGNITION: High School Graduates  6:30pm Worship (last worship until Fall)  7:30pm Handbell Rehearsal  7:30pm Praise &amp; Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00am Quilting  1:15pm Chair Yoga  5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon  8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>