Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

The Latest Word

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"Making God Known Through Word and Deed."



LIVING GENEROUSLY

We continue our journey this month alongside Frank and his family, as they explore what it means to live generously, and discover how God's promises can shape the way we live, give and care for others.

LCOOR Prayer Chain: Be a Prayer Warrior

Prayer is one of the ways we care for one another and live out our faith. Being part of the LCOOR Prayer Chain is a meaningful way to give back, participate in the life of our congregation, and support others through the power of prayer. When we become prayer warriors, we become part of the work of God's kingdom, lifting those who need healing, comfort, strength, and hope.

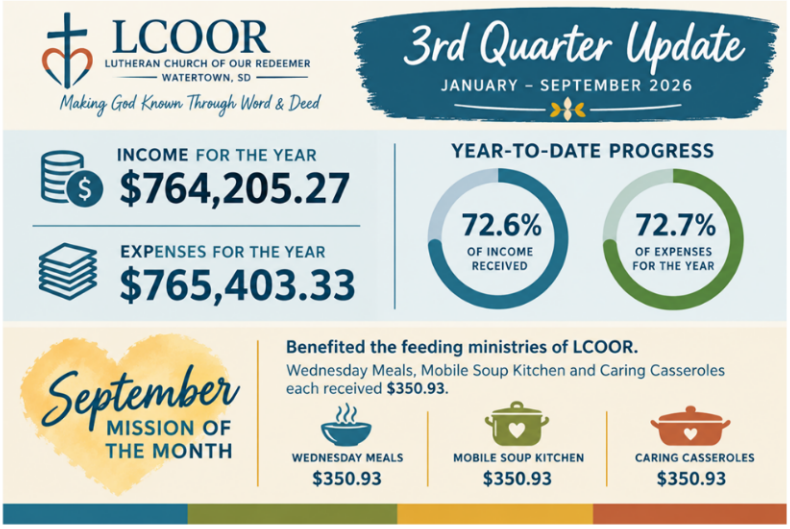
Would you like to be a prayer warrior? If you would like to pray for people in our congregation and community who are in need, email Karri at Kari@lcoorwatertown.org and ask to be added to the Prayer Chain membership list.

If you or someone you love needs prayers for healing, comfort, or strength, please reach out to Marilyn Chapman or contact Karri at the church by email or phone. If they need a visit, please notify the church and/or pastors.

You don't have to have all the right words to pray. You simply need a willing heart. Together, we can surround one another with prayer and remind each other that we are never alone in God's love.

Power of Prayer

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Thank You

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. You are making God known through word and deed.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Received!

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

- **Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Preschool received $101.00**
- **Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer received $75.00**

Thank you to Rod & Nancy Iverson, Nikki Landmark, Marv & Joyce McGillivary, AJ Sherrill and Bonnie Werpy-Rye for supporting the ministries of our church and preschool through your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Missions of the Month: Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars & St. Francis House

This November, LCOOR's Mission of the Month will support **Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars** and **St. Francis House,** two ministries that offer hope, support, and new beginnings to those facing challenging life circumstances.

Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars supports individuals as they transition from incarceration back into the community, helping them with rehabilitation and the process of rebuilding their lives. Through support and encouragement, this ministry helps individuals work toward a fresh start and a more positive future.

St. Francis House provides a welcoming place of refuge and support for individuals experiencing homelessness and other difficult life situations, helping them take steps toward stability and a brighter future.

Through your generosity, we can help these ministries continue their important work of sharing compassion, restoring hope, and reminding others that every person is worthy of dignity, care, and a second chance.

Thank you for sharing your blessings and helping LCOOR make God known through Word & Deed!

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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!



Did You Know? Your IRA Can Make a Difference!

If you are age 70½ or older and have a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you may be able to support LCOOR through a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** while enjoying potential tax benefits.

Beginning at age 73 for many IRA owners, the IRS requires annual withdrawals called **Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs).** These withdrawals are generally taxable.

A QCD allows you to donate directly from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as LCOOR. Your gift may count toward your RMD and may be excluded from your taxable income.

How does it work? Contact your IRA custodian or financial advisor and request that your gift be sent directly to LCOOR. The gift must come directly from your IRA to qualify.

Your generosity helps LCOOR continue **Making God Known Through Word & Deed!**

Please consult your financial or tax advisor to learn whether this giving option is right for you.

Soup Cook-off Sign-up:

LCOOR News & Events



Redeemer's Kitchen - Nov. 22

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, November 22 after the 9:30 a.m. worship** to prep seven freezer meals.

November Menu:

- Buffalo Chicken Pasta
- 3 Bean & Beef Chili
- Sweet & Sour Chicken w/ Rice
- Crockpot Lasagna
- Beef Stroganoff w/ Egg Noodles
- Chicken & Mushroom Stew
- Steak Fajitas
- Sugar 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

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:** November 18, and December 9.

Mobile Soup Kitchen

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

During the month of November, **we will be serving on Sunday, November 1, 15, & 29 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Guest House parking lot** (101 N Broadway, Watertown, SD 57201).

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 preschool. **We are also looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping, please email Karri at karri@lcoorwatertown.org.**

A Note Regarding Ladies' Night Out

Ladies' Night Out will take a break in 2026 as we work on something new. We look forward to bringing you a refreshed and reimagined Ladies Night Out in 2027!

Advent Tour of Nativities

Join us for our Advent Tour of Nativities from November 27–30, 1–5 p.m. each day! We invite you to share your Nativity set with the community during this special (and free) event. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center.

We're also looking for baked goods for our bake sale during the Tour of Nativities! **If you'd like to contribute, please sign up on our website at:** www.lcoorwatertown.org/serve.

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Advent Tour of *Nativities*

A FREE community event celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Featuring Nativities from all over the world- Old and New/ Near and Far. FREE ADMISSION. Quilt raffle tickets and bake sale items available to purchase.

Nov. 27th – 30th / 1pm –5pm

2001 2nd ST NW
Watertown SD 57201



Faith Formation & Youth Updates

Junction Youth Group

A youth group for **1st to 4th grade.** We will meet **Thursday, November 5, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

Route 56 Youth Group

A youth group for **5th & 6th grade.** We will meet **Wednesday, November 11, 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!

Crossroads 78

A youth group for students in **7th & 8th grade!** We will meet **Monday, Nov. 2 & Monday, Nov. 16 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.

Youth Information

Church school for three-year-olds through sixth grade will be Sundays at **8:45 a.m.** and Wednesdays 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.

There will be no church school Wednesday, Nov. 25 and Sunday, Nov. 29, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Milestone: 4-Year-Old Keys of Forgiveness & Spark Story Bible

Join us **Sunday, November 1 and Wednesday, November 4** during church school for this special milestone. Children and their parents will learn the importance "I'm sorry" and "You are forgiven". Children will also receive their Spark Story Bible.

Milestone: 1st Grade Christmas Story & Nativity Scene

Join us **Wednesday, November 18 and Sunday, November 22** during church school for this special milestone. You will hear the Christmas story and paint a nativity scene with your child. Worship recognition for this milestone will take place on **Sunday, December 6 at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.**

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 or on the bulletin board next to the youth room. **There will be no Luther League on Wednesday, November 25, due to Thanksgiving break.**



Advent Calendar Fundraiser

In November, the Preschool will be selling Advent Calendars for a fundraiser. We will have them available in the classroom, in the church office, at the Welcome Center, and we will also have some for sale at the Nativity Tour!! **They are $10 each.**



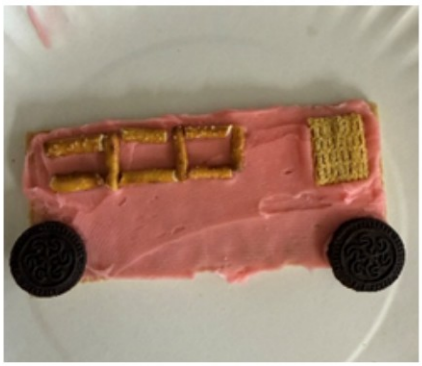
November Calendar

November 19:
No School (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

November 25-26:
No School (Thanksgiving Break)













Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1



November Book Club



For the month of November, the LCOOR Book Club will meet on **Thursday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book is *My Friends* by Frederik Bachman.

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 Member Orientation and Recognition

Join us in the church office conference room on **Sunday, November 1, following 9:30 a.m. worship** for New Member Orientation. We'll spend about an hour getting to know one another, answering questions, learning more about the ministries and volunteer opportunities available at LCOOR, and taking a tour of the church. Whether you're curious about getting more involved or simply want to learn more about our church community, this is a great opportunity to get connected and discover where you might feel at home. **New members will be welcomed during worship on November 1, 4, and 7.** We look forward to welcoming you!

Deadline for the December 2026 Newsletter:
Monday, November 16, 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day Stewardship #3 8:45am Church School with 4 Year Old Milestone 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion & New Members Received 10:30am Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Mobile Soup Kitchen 2:00pm GriefShare	2 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry **12:00pm Mission & Endowment Grant Application Deadline** 6:00pm Crossroads 78 Youth Group (7-8 Grade) 6:45pm Al-Anon	3 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Text Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting 5:15pm Mission & Endowment Committee Meeting	4 Stewardship #3 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 5:00pm Community Meal 5:45pm Church School with 4 Year Old Milestone 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion & New Members Received 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League (9-12 Grade)	5 9:00am Quilting 5:15pm Al-Anon 6:00pm Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade)	6 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 10:00am Visitation (Linda Nelson) 11:00am Funeral (Linda Nelson)	7 Stewardship #4 5:30pm Worship with Holy Communion, New Members Received, Brothers & Sisters Behind Bars Temple Talk 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal
8 Stewardship #4 8:45am Church School 9:30am Worship with Brothers & Sisters Behind Bars Temple Talk 10:30am Choir Rehearsal 2:00pm A Gathering of the Prairie Coteau Conference 2:00pm GriefShare	9 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm Al-Anon	10 11:00am Text Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting 2:30pm Quilting Bible Study 5:30pm Church Council Meeting	11 Veteran's Day Stewardship #4 12:15pm Men's Lunch 3:45pm Route 56 Youth Group (5-6 Grade) 5:00pm Community Meal 5:45pm Church School 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Worship with Brothers & Sisters Behind Bars Temple Talk 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Luther League (9-12 Grade)	12 5:15pm Al-Anon	13 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry	14 Stewardship #5 5:30pm Worship
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22 8:45am 1st Grade Milestone Class 8:45am Church School with 1st Grade Milestone (Christmas Program Practice) 9:30am Worship 10:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Redeemer's Kitchen 2:00pm GriefShare	23 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm Al-Anon	24 11:00am Text Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting	25 **No Worship or Activities (Thanksgiving Break)** **No Preschool - Thanksgiving Break** 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry	26 Thanksgiving Day **Church Office Closed** **No Preschool (Thanksgiving Break)** 5:15pm Al-Anon	27 Church Office Closed 1:00pm Tour of Nativities	28 1:00pm Tour of Nativities 5:30pm Worship
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