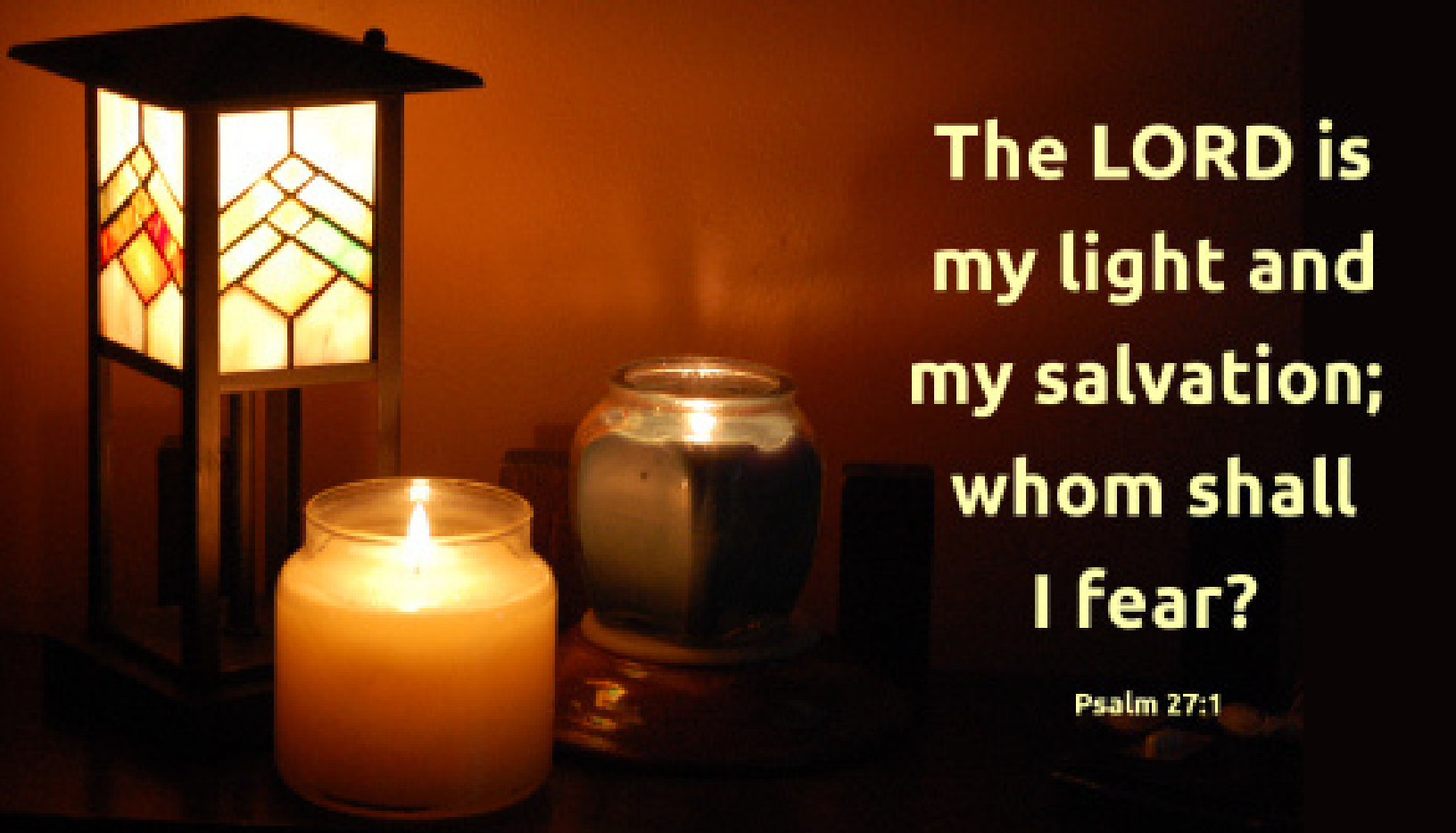




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 14th - September 20th, 2026

17th Sunday after Pentecost



**The LORD is
my light and
my salvation;
whom shall
I fear?**

Psalm 27:1

Special Guests



**Neeraj & Nijhar from World
Mission Prayer Leagues
will be here at Hosanna
Sunday, September 20th, 2026**

They will talk about World
Mission and Prayer
They will lead Worship
Open for Faith Formation and
Lead an adult education class
after Worship

Seasons of Life

FAITH THROUGH
THE GENERATIONS

WOMENS RETREAT BRITTON LUTHERAN PARISH

A time and place for women in all kinds of stages of life to come together and rest in God's Word. Whether you're newly married, a busy mom, empty nester or caretaker, retired, a proud grandma, whatever your story may be, this is the place for you. Come hear of God's faithfulness in the changing seasons.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

8:30AM-3:00PM

COST OF \$25



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
PASTOR JANINE
REW-WERLING

MUSIC LED BY
PEDER GULLESON

FIRST LUTHERAN
CHURCH
504 9TH AVE.
BRITTON, SD 57430

Women's Retreat Program

8:30-9:00AM Registration - *coffee and muffins*

9:00-10:00AM Worship - *Music & Message*

10:00-11:00 Keynote Presentation

11:00-12:00 Breakout Discussion Groups

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:00 Moderated Panel Discussion

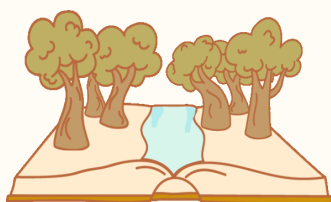
2:00-3:00 Closing Music and Prayer

REGISTER ON THE BRITTON
LUTHERAN PARISH APP OR
SIGN UP IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL



PLEASE JOIN US TO RECEIVE YOUR BIBLES

KINDERGARTENERS & 3RD GRADERS



Sunday, September 20th, 2026 at 9:15 AM

During our Worship service.

**We will invite the kids up for the
Children's Sermon to receive their Bibles.**

Join Us for

New Member Classes

**September 27th
and October 4th
after Worship in the Chapel**

NEW MEMBER

SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 11TH

Youth Group Newsletter LINK





Youth Group Fundraiser

Funds will be used for Youth Group Faith-building experiences such as Quake (retreat weekend), Christian concerts, and local youth group activities.

Option 1

Short Sleeve Tshirt



\$20 Youth \$25 Adult

Option 2

Long Sleeve Tshirt



\$25 Youth \$30 Adult

Option 3

Sweatshirt



\$30 Youth \$35 Adult

Option 4

Quarter Zip



\$40 Adult

Option 5

Baseball Hat

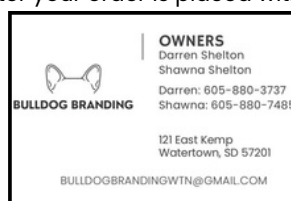


Cash and Carry at the church or special order!

\$25

Order forms can be dropped off
or mailed to the church office
or emailed to:
hosannafaitformation@gmail.com

Orders will be delivered in batches
approximately 2-3 weeks
after your order is placed with us.



Thanks to Darren at Bulldog Branding!

T-Shirt orders are in the classroom!

We will submit another order in early July if you would like to order.

Welcome to
Faith Formation
2026-2027!



Opening

approximately 10:30-10:45; Held either in the sanctuary or the chapel

Classes

approximately 10:45-11:30

Ages 3-5: Nursery

Teachers:

Jersey Peery,
Zayne Hartwig,
Natalie Gross,
Ellie Gross

Kgn and 1st Grade:

Classroom 1

Teacher:

Stephanie Hayunga

2nd and 3rd Grade:

Classroom 2

Teacher:

Melissa Gross

4th, 5th, 6th Grade:

Classroom 3

Teacher:

Danita Carlson

Y.A.R.N.

HOSANNA
Lutheran Church, LCMC

You Are Really Needed

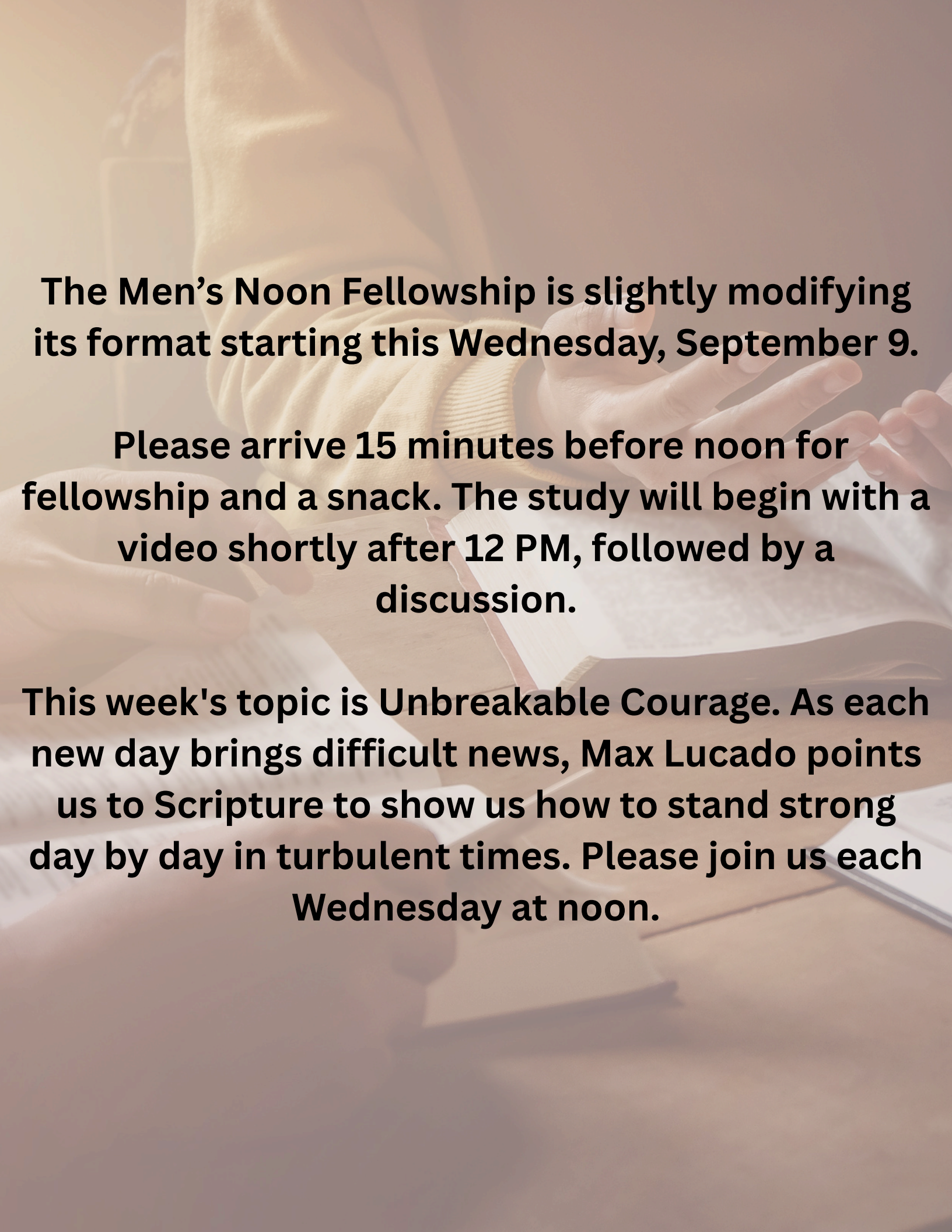
All are welcome to join us on the
1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 am

Quilt Ministry

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
of each month
9:30am to noon

Bring supplies if you can or fabric to donate.

All are welcome to help create quilts for local and worldwide comfort.

A background image showing a pair of hands holding an open book. The hands are positioned as if presenting the book, with fingers gently gripping the edges. The book's pages are visible, showing some text. The overall tone is warm and focused, with a soft, golden-brown color palette.

The Men's Noon Fellowship is slightly modifying its format starting this Wednesday, September 9.

Please arrive 15 minutes before noon for fellowship and a snack. The study will begin with a video shortly after 12 PM, followed by a discussion.

This week's topic is Unbreakable Courage. As each new day brings difficult news, Max Lucado points us to Scripture to show us how to stand strong day by day in turbulent times. Please join us each Wednesday at noon.

Confirmation Class
for 7th & 8th Graders
on Wednesdays
@ 5:30 pm at the Church
Supper @ 6:45 pm
\$5 suggested donation



YOUTH **GROUP**
WEDNESDAYS
@ 7 PM

SUPPER @ 6:45 PM

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION



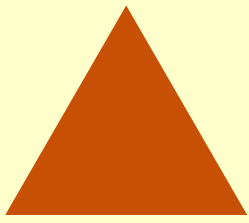
Do you have a love for music?

**Hosanna Choir would like to
invite you to join them!**

Each Wednesday @ 7 PM

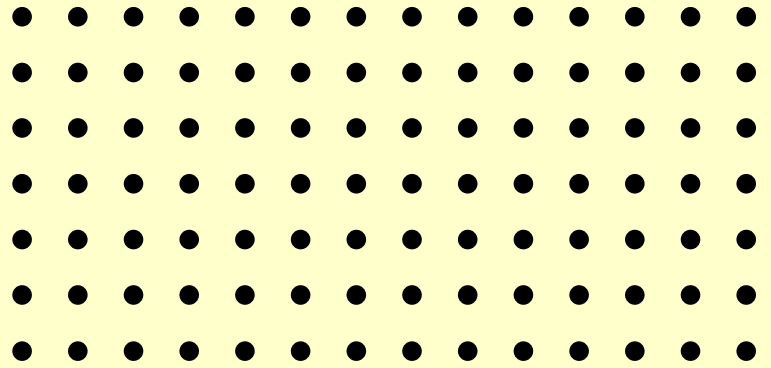
Previous choir experience is encouraged.

**Questions?
Please talk to Sarah Becker
or email her at
sebrindle@gmail.com**



Judges

A 10-WEEK STUDY



Join

Pastor Craig on

Thursdays @

Noon & 6PM

September 10th -

November 12th

Please sign up at the information table.

Books are in the office for \$5.

*Join Pastor
Janine*

FOR

Faith Circle

Thursday,
October 1st
@ 2PM
Chapter 11

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20) – September 20, 2026

“...let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

– Isaiah 55:7 –

Did it ever occur to you how much our sense of fairness is at odds with God’s mercy? The prophet Isaiah calls upon the wicked to repent. No matter what the person’s past, there is hope that comes from God who is compassionate and willing to not only pardon, but abundantly pardon. This is certainly good news. In many respects, such repentant individuals are not unlike the people who were invited to work in the vineyard in the last hours of the day.

Today’s Gospel is a parable from Jesus about workers called by a master to work in his vineyard (Matthew 20:1–14). At the break of day, the first workers agree with the master about the wage for their work. As the day goes on, the master employs more workers. Even as the end of the day approaches, more people are hired (vs. 7). Finally, the day is over, and it is time to receive payment.

The people hired at the end of the day receive the same payment as those hired at the very beginning. Those hired at the beginning of the day cry “unfair”. “...These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” (vs. 12).

Yes, the same people who come to Jesus late in life will receive the same grace as those of us received when we were baptized as infants. They may never have sat through two years of confirmation, attended council meetings, tithed, served the church suppers, chaperoned youth group trips, helped with Vacation Bible school, or some of the many things we expect from church volunteers.

God’s grace is simply that, grace! “Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or would you begrudge my generosity?” (Vs. 15). As God’s children we are not called to insist on the world’s level of faithfulness. Afterall, God has also dealt with us in a generously grace filled way.

Heavenly Father, make our hearts sincere in praying for the return of the wicked and grant us the courage to extend the forgiveness you have shown us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Pentecost 17 (Proper 20A)

September 20, 2026

Proclamation Points

The following are some thoughts and questions to be used for a text study on the weekly lessons, or for jump-starting the imagination of the preacher and hearer in preparing for the proclamation event.



Therefore we must not consider this parable in every detail, but confine ourselves to the leading thought, that which Christ designs to teach by it... what the householder had in mind and what he aims to teach, how he desires to have his goodness esteemed higher than all human works and merit, yea, that his mercy alone must have all the praise.

– Martin Luther –

Sermon on Matthew 20

Isaiah 55:6–9

There is a sense of urgency in the prophet's words: "Seek the Lord while he may be found ..." It's as if the grace and mercy of God are just a limited-time offer. Perhaps they are, in a sense. We all have but a finite time on this earth, and as all our lessons today show, there will be a time when the day draws to a close. We are called to forsake any ways of ours that don't coincide with God's ways. The Word of the Lord came to Isaiah describing the lofty ways of God which are far from human understanding.

• How do we get our ways mixed up with God's ways? Do we

ever have this "faith business" fully figured out?

• What does it mean to "return to the Lord?" In what way does this assume there is already a relationship between us and God to return to?

Psalms 27:1–9

The Lord is our shelter and protection. There is no need to be afraid, declares the psalmist, for the Lord will care for his people in times of trouble. The only thing the psalmist asks for is to dwell in the Lord's house and to gaze upon His beauty. For us, as Christians, to consider these things is to bring to mind heavenly dwellings and the future time when we shall see God face to face (1 John 3:2). But for the original psalmist, this was a reference to the earthly Temple in Jerusalem.

• In what sense is our worship here on earth a foreshadowing of our future in the life to come? When do we get to be with God here and now?

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

Paul begins this letter by making reference to his arrest and imprisonment which has advanced the Good News of Christ. In an unlikely place and unpleasant experience, Paul proclaims that his hardship has given him the opportunity to witness to the whole imperial guard. Paul felt increased boldness in his witness about Christ because of his difficult situation.

• When you have been in the midst of trying times, have you ever thought of it as an opportunity to bear witness to your faith in a special way? Has it given you greater boldness to proclaim Christ and him crucified?

• Like Paul, how might we use our own negative experiences to "advance the gospel"? In what way does speaking from our pain make our witness more honest?

Paul says he is "hard pressed" to decide whether it would be better for him to live or die. He trusts in the promise of the resurrection in Christ and knows that death is not the end of his relationship with the Lord. And yet, he also knows that the Lord still has work for him to do.

• What does Paul mean when he says in verse 21, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain?" In what sense is Paul already "with" Christ? Can you say the same?

• Speaking as one who knew he was drawing nearer to the end of his life, does Paul sound dejected? Or does he sound enthusiastic? What is it that drives him on?

Matthew 20:1–16

Once again, keep in mind that when Jesus speaks of the "kingdom," he is talking about what faith is like in real life, — both now and in the life to come. In this parable, Jesus compares the kingdom to workers hired at various times in the day, though all receive the same pay in the end. Faith is not a matter of "how long" or "how much" we have, as if any of that can be measured or compared.

• Do all people come to faith at the same point in their lives and under identical circumstances? If we know that, why are we tempted to measure and compare the faith of others with our own?

Some of the laborers acted as if the master did something unjust in the way he paid the workers. In verse 15, he speaks of his right to give what belongs to him, saying, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Literally, the Greek phrase reads: "Is your eye evil because I am good?"

• In what sense does the reality of God's grace and mercy expose our sinfulness?

• Do we think ourselves worthy of God's blessings because we are Christians? Or is it the blessing of God that has made us Christians to begin with?

Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism, "God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and live a godly life now and in eternity." God's gift to us is the gift of faith. It is not something we can conjure up on our own, rather it is something that the Holy Spirit works within us.

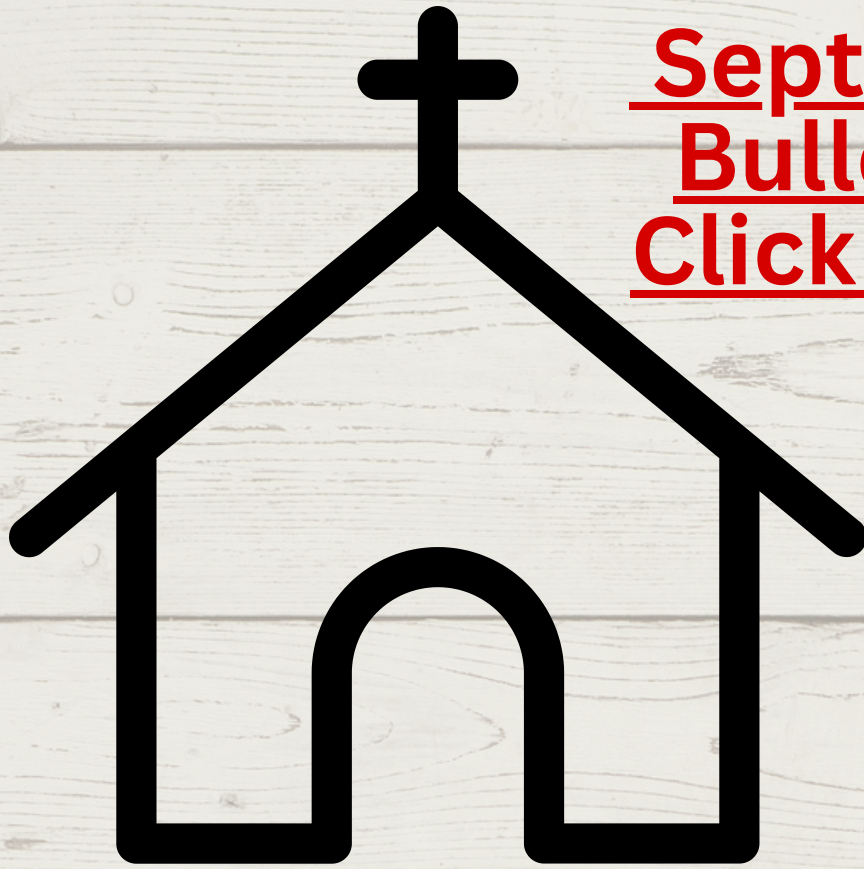
• In what way, as people of faith, are we already workers for hire in God's kingdom? What is our pay? Is it something we earn on our own, based on how well we do our job?

• How is the "reward" of faith always a matter of grace, rather than payment we deserve?

MON	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm
TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 10:00 - YARN
WED	12:00 - Men's Bible study 5:30 - Confirmation Class 6:45 - Youth Meal 7:00 - Youth group 7:00 - Choir
THU	2:00 - Coffee 12:00 - Pr. Craig's Bible study 6:00 - Pr. Craig's Bible study
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	9:15 - Worship/Communion/ Special Guest and K & 3rd Gr. Bibles 10:15 - Coffee 10:30 - Faith Formation

This Weeks Bulletin

Sept 20th
Bulletin
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LIVE

STREAM



Sept Servant Team!

Servant Team #5 - Serves - September 2026, April 2027 and November 2027

- Brenden, Denny & Roxy
- Becker, Nathan & Sarah & family
- Drake, David & Sylvia
- Drake, Merlyn & Bonnie
- Esteves, Lindsay & Julio & family
- Froke, Rick & Denise
- Gjerde, Roy & Sara & family
- Hageman, Jacob & Courtney & family
- Hanson, Ron & Vinceen
- Holien, Ried
- Knutson, Kent & Ileen
- Kolden, Leslie & Rona
- Lauseng, Bill & Donna
- Lowry, Steven & Cora
- Marquardt, Paul & Pam
- Negaard, Eric & Amber & family
- Parish, Judy
- Petersen, Maynard & Donna
- Pyle, Steve & Sandi
- Roe, Karen
- Schmidt, Mark & Tami
- Snell, Brandon & Vanessa & family
- Stormo, Damon & family
- Stormo, Stacey & family
- Tesch, LeRoy
- Tisher, Travis & Keri & family
- Wientjes, Colton & Amanda & family
- Wientjes, Billy & Danielle & family
- Wiesner, Neil & Fay

HLC SEPTEMBER 20TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Lynn Osthus



Head Ushers:
Earl Benson
and
Everett Johnson



Lector:
Pastors



**Communion
Assistants:**
Denise Froke,
Vinceen Hanson
and need 2 kids

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, September 13th, 2026

Attendance: 215

General Offering: \$4,983.99

Hospitality: \$330

Youth Group: \$255

Facility: \$650

HLC Year to Date Financial Report as of 8-31-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$276,480	\$290,815.50	\$14,335.50 - Over Budget
Expenses	\$221,696	\$209,305.93	\$12,390.07 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

SEPTEMBER

Benevolence &

Mission Outreach

\$3030 – Augustana District – Tabor Congregation in Ethiopia –
to help build churches in rural areas

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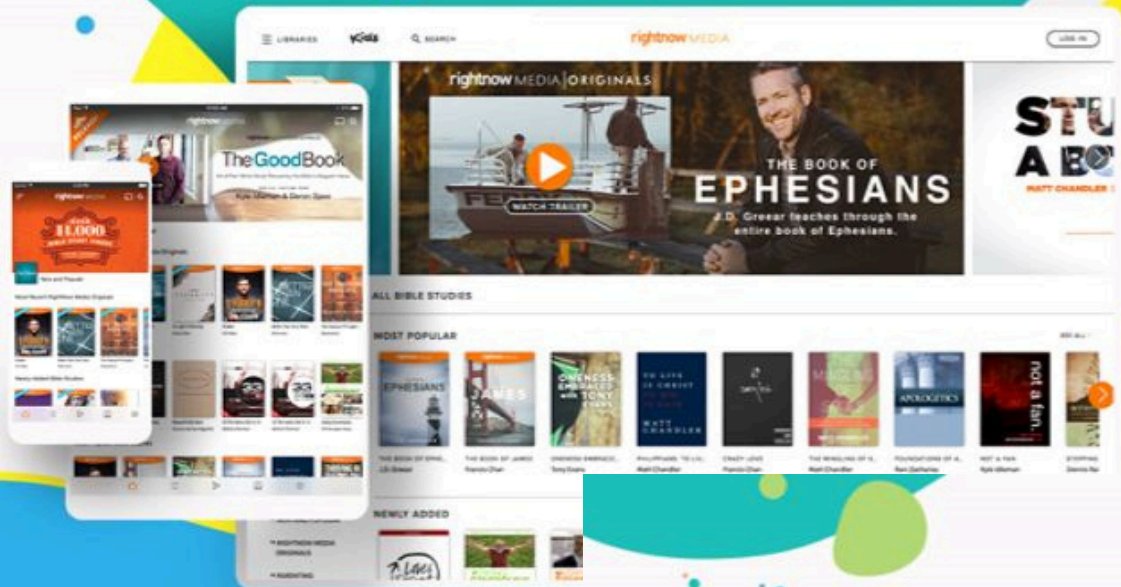
Please contact Anna at 605-237-8399 or email her @ watertownhosannalutheran@gmail.com



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1. Download the free ***Vanco Mobile*** app from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Search for our Church name ***Hosanna Lutheran Church.***
3. Donate!

Thank you for your generosity!

1. Text \$(with amount) to 855-625-1726
Click the link they send you
Put in your information

5 ways to Give

2. Download Vanco Mobile App
Search for Hosanna Lutheran

3. Fill out an electronic giving form
They are located on the
information table

4. Place your gift in the offering plates in
the fellowship hall

5. Mail checks to 1617 14th Ave NE
Watertown, SD 57201

HELPING HANDS FUND



**This is a discrete fund used to help
those in need!**

**If you would like to give to this fund,
just place your donation in an
offering plate
and mark it Helping Hands.**



Endowment Fund Donations

Your donation can be sent to the church office at

1617 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201

Checks must be written out to HLC Endowment Fund



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Augustana District's
September
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Augustana District
Video



Upcoming FREE Theological Classes

Rev. Dr. Marney Fritts, Theology Coordinator for the Augustana District of LCMC, will be hosting a series of free online classes covering the theological distinctives the District is held together by, and which give the fellow congregations life and nourishment when gathered. The classes will cover topics such as:

- What is in the AD Statement of Faith
- The Law-Gospel Distinction
- The Power of Proclamation: Handing Over the Goods
- Justification and Vocation
- Sanctification as Purely Passive
- On Being Theologians of the Cross
- The Office of Pastor and the Royal Priesthood of Believers



These classes are geared for those congregations that are interested in Augustana District AND for member congregations. The classes will be held via Zoom the third Thursday of the month from 7 – 8 p.m. (CST), September 17, 2026 – March 18, 2027.

The Zoom link may be found at <https://augustanadistrict.org/events/confessing-christ-together/> or by clicking or scanning the QR Code above.

Any questions may be directed to dte@augustanadistrict.org



THE CHANNEL TO BRAZIL

Align With God in 2024

"So that the works of God might be displayed."

In John 9 we read about one of Jesus' miracles where he restored the sight of a blind man. At the beginning of the story, we see the disciples questioning Jesus about who had sinned to cause the blind man his disability.

Rather patiently (we might imagine), Jesus insinuates that the disciples are asking the wrong question. He encourages them to look forward, 'while it is still day,' (v4) rather than backward upon who to blame.

What are you looking forward to this new year? Right now, it feels like the world is full of suffering and poverty of spirit and unity. In this passage, Jesus teaches us that with suffering comes the opportunity for God's works to be displayed.

Children growing up in the slums are suffering because they are neglected and failed by a wider community that is unable to care for their physical needs and education. By supporting CBC you have the opportunity to step in as the healing hands and feet of Jesus.

Thank you for your partnership with us that displays the mighty works of God where there is sickness, anxiety and desperate poverty.

May God Bless you and your family this year.

Marc Marques
Executive Director

Summer Newsletter



FRIENDS of MADAGASCAR MISSION

Throughout the history of global mission work from churches within the United States, beginning in the 19th Century, we have seen the great mission outreach organized for the most part by Mission Societies. In the 20th Century the mission work was taken over by church denominations. It became institutionalized. As we enter the 21st Century, we are once again experiencing a return to Mission Societies claiming a greater role in Christian mission work around the globe.

It is in this climate of change, in how mission work is being done today, that the Friends of Madagascar Mission was begun. We believe we have a unique role in the future of mission, particularly in Madagascar at this time. In 2010 we began our fund raising activities and each year we continue to grow in giving from our generous donors. For this we give thanks to God!

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NORTH COUNTRY
Fiber Fair

Crocheting
Felting
Knitting
Spinning
Weaving
And more!

September 18-20, 2026

Classes • Vendors • Fiber Circle
Fiber Trivia • Raffles • Demos
Fiber Competitions

Codington County Extension Complex
Watertown, SD

Free Fair Admission • No pets
See website for full schedule:

NorthCountryFiberFair.org





Magic Needlers' Quilt Guild presents the
29th Watertown Quilt Show

*"Building a Beautiful Country,
One Quilt at a Time"*

Saturday, October 3, 2026 & Sunday, October 4, 2026
10:00 am to 5:00 pm Noon to 4:00 pm

Codington County Extension Complex
Entrance H • 1910 W Kemp Ave • Watertown, SD
Quilt Show Admission - \$7.00

Featured Quilter:
Karen Kasperson

Saturday Noon Luncheon & Trunk Show - \$15.00

featuring Peggy Anderson & Sally Schroeder
Paperpiecing Quilts

Limited seating luncheon, advance tickets available at:
Dakota Quilt Shop • Needleworks Sewing Center

Sunday Trunk Show- 2:00 PM
featuring Diantha Larson & Cheryl Schuh
Star Quilts

*Hundreds of Quilts • Boutique • Scissor Sharpening
Fabric and Craft Vendors • Demos*

PUMPKINS! Fall Festival!

Saturday, October 10

10 AM – 4 PM

- Pumpkins 4 Sale
- Corn Maze
- Petting Zoo
- Barrel Train
- Inflatables
- Iron Skillet Toss
- And Much More!

\$7 Lunch Combo

Sloppy Joe or
Mac n Cheese,
Chips, & Cookies

Free ..

Coffee, Cocoa,
Hot Apple Cider

*You're
gonna love this
place!*

Pumpkin Patch – 4 acres of pumpkins,
for sale on Saturdays, Oct. 10 – Nov. 7

MIDWEST BIBLE CAMP
1500 N Hwy 20 Watertown





2026 Board of Directors

Resources

Watertown Area Memory Care & Aging Network has the following community resources available

- Memory Care Support Group
- Respite Care Financial Assistance
- Mary Drake Resource Library
- Community Caregiver Fair
- Memory Screening Event
- Savvy Caregiver Training Classes
- Caregiver Mentor Program

Upcoming Events

Watertown Event Center
West Highway 212 / 1901 9th Avenue SW
Watertown, SD 57201
First Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm!

July 1, 2026

“Navigating the Road Ahead: Senior Driving & Caregiver Support”

by Matt Hegg & Alexis Buysse, Community Engagement, Watertown Police Department

August 5, 2026

“Dementia: Signs, Types & Severities”

by Dr. Sara Erickson, PHD Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Bridgeway Counseling

September 2, 2026

“Continuum of Care”

by Aaron Shives, MD, Prairie Lakes Brown Clinic

October 7, 2026

“Let’s Talk and Share”

by The Support Group

November 4, 2026

“Teepa Snow Educational Material”

by Christina Ruml, State LTC Ombudsman for State of South Dakota

December 2, 2026

“Caregiver Christmas Party”

by Dar Fuchs & Chastity Wittemore



Connie Lake

Connie’s journey caring for those with dementia / Alzheimer’s started in 1980. Her first job was to create an activity program in a long term care facility for their residents. It was not long before folks with that diagnosis were in her heart. In 1997, she created a recreation program in a long term care memory care unit. The focus was “person centered” with engagement and positive communication. A supportive community was a huge help and part of her career. She is retired now but the passion remains to create programs & offer more help for this country’s unsung heroes - caregivers!

The Watertown Memory Care Support Group was created in 1998 by Connie Lake and Deanna Bullis to give caregivers a place to belong. Caregivers were able to listen, share, and learn how to care for themselves. This mission remains true today.