



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 8th - September 13th, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

A photograph of a person standing on a large, dark rock with their arms outstretched towards a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, with a bright orange and yellow glow from the sun low on the horizon. The person is wearing a light blue shirt and dark pants. The overall mood is one of awe and praise.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Psalm 103:1

*Congratulations to Nicholas & Jenna Jensen
on the baptism of their daughter
Autumn Grace Jensen*

Autumn was born on December 31st, 2025.

*Her sponsors are Ethan and Lauren Aschenbrenner
and Ian Jensen.*



I wish you all the best and am very glad to see everyone back in the church. I really enjoyed working with you and everyone at Hosanna on this project, and it was truly a privilege to be part of the team that helped bring the church back to its original beauty.

I pray that God continues to bless you, Craig, and Hosanna Lutheran Church, and that this beautifully restored church will serve as a place of worship, fellowship, and faith for many generations to come.

May God's blessings be with all of you as you celebrate this special day.

Nick Hofer - Gil Haugen Construction

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

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

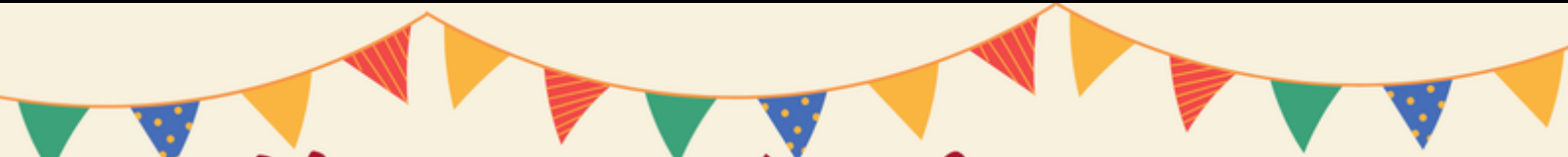
4th, 5th, 6th Grade:

Classroom 3

Teacher:

Danita Carlson

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



Hosanna Youth Group

Every Wednesday

Confirmation Classes, 5:45-6:45

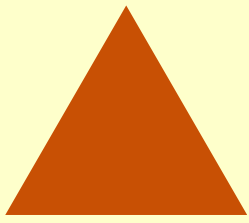
Supper Served at 6:45

Youth Group, 7-8 p.m.

Grades 6-12

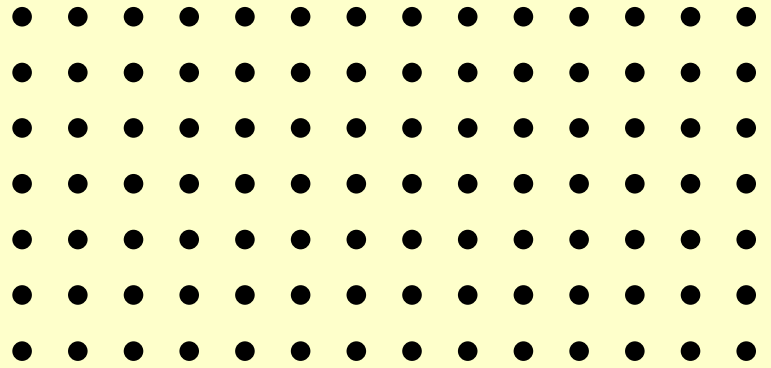
Small Group Bible Studies
& Large Group Activities





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.



Rally Sunday

POTLUCK & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH



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

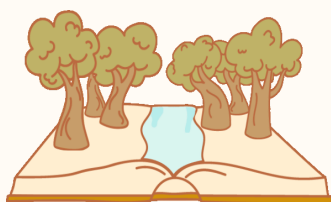
8:30-9:00AM	Registration - <i>coffee and muffins</i>
9:00-10:00AM	Worship - <i>Music & Message</i>
10:00-11:00	Keynote Presentation
11:00-12:00	Breakout Discussion Groups
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Moderated Panel Discussion
2:00-3:00	Closing Music and Prayer

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 20th & 27th
and October 4th
after Worship in the Chapel**

NEW MEMBER

SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 11TH

Youth Group Newsletter LINK





CLICK HERE

for order form

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.

Y.A.R.N.

HOSANNA
Lutheran Church, LCMC

You Are Really Needed

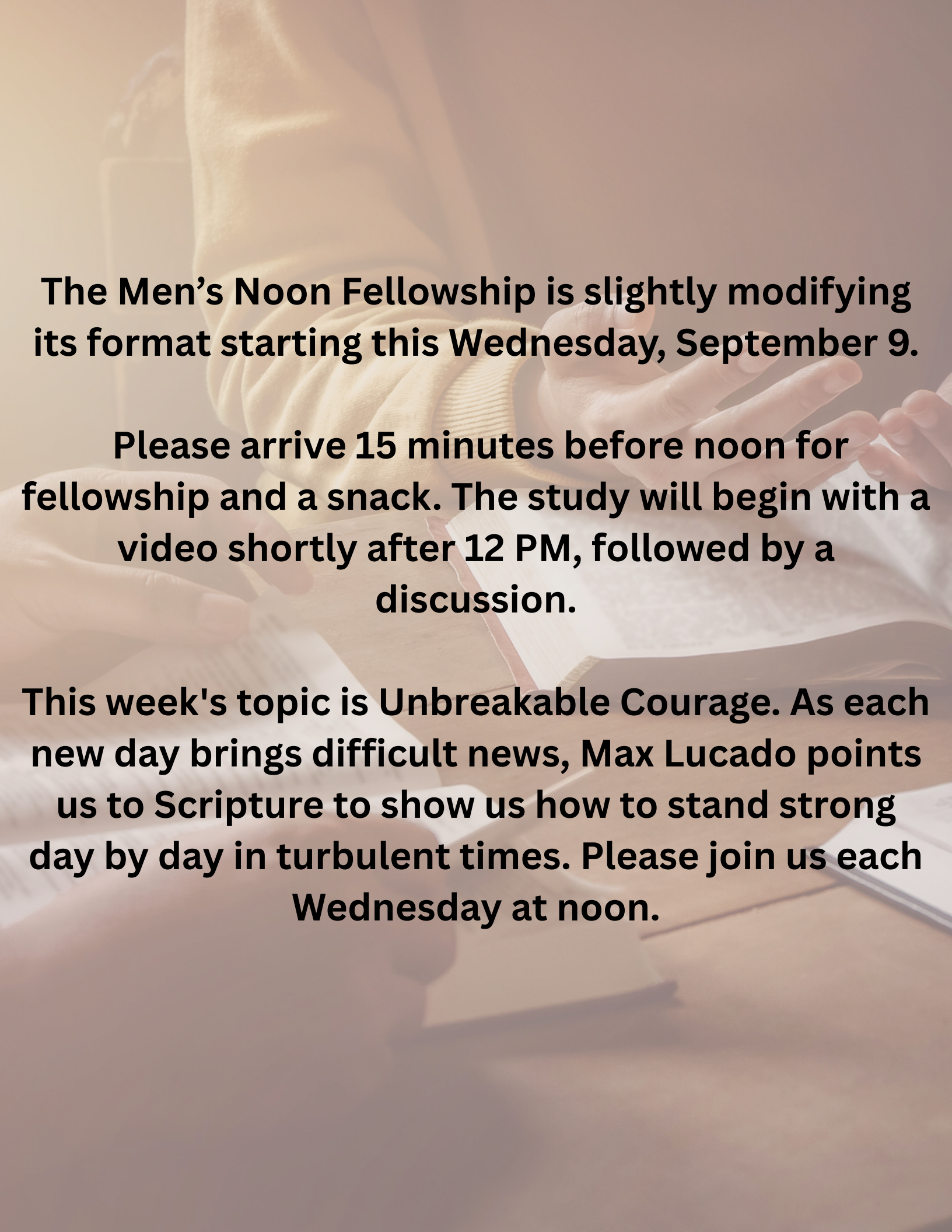
All are welcome to join us on the
1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 am

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 several hands of different skin tones holding a large, open book. The image is softly blurred and has a warm, golden-brown color cast, creating a sense of community and shared study.

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.



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**

*Join Pastor
Janine*

FOR

Faith Circle

Thursday,
October 1st
@ 2PM
Chapter 11

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19) – September 13, 2026

“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive as they are today.”

– Genesis 50:20 –

Joseph had every right to demand justice against his brothers. Jealous of the interpretation of his dreams, his brothers sold him into slavery. They further deceived their father into thinking that Joseph had been devoured by an animal (Genesis 37).

Joseph would be taken to Egypt where he would serve Pharaoh by interpreting the dreams about a coming famine. This led the Pharaoh to put him in charge of storing up the food in preparation for the famine (Genesis 41:25-57). As the famine became widespread, Joseph’s brothers come to Egypt looking for food.

Eventually, Joseph makes himself known to his brothers. “And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.” (Genesis 45:9).

We live as sinners in a broken world. There are things that we endure that are meant to harm, wound, and inflict suffering upon us as was the case with Joseph. A mother gives birth to her only son who was conceived in rape. She had the opportunity to get an abortion but chose not to punish the son for the father’s evil act. She recognized that even in horrible circumstances God can bring good from it.

A young man is on life-support after being caught in the crossfire of rival gangs. On his driver’s license he has indicated the willingness to be an organ donor. From this one man’s tragic senseless death came life for three others awaiting a transplant. God brought forth life from death.

This is what God does through Jesus. God sent his son into the world, enduring the evil and hatred of sinners who saw to his death on the cross. God did not let death have the last word. God raised Jesus from the dead! What was intended for evil, God brought about our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to trust in you to bring forth good from the evil that we experience, with the assurance that whether we live or whether we die, we belong to you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Pentecost16(Proper 19A)

September 13, 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.



Now, if there were no one on earth who forgave sins,
but there were on Law and works, how timid and miserable a
poor distressed conscience would be! But now, when God has
filled everyone's mouth so that he can say to another:
"Your sins are forgiven," no matter where you are,
the golden year has begun.

—Martin Luther—

Church Postil

Genesis 50:15–21

This text comes at the end of a very long story in Scripture, beginning back in Genesis 37. Joseph, the favored son of Jacob, was sold into slavery by his brothers who were jealous of his relationship with their father. Joseph faced many trials in the foreign land, including false accusations and imprisonment. When God brought him to Pharaoh's attention, Joseph was placed in charge of the granaries of Egypt to prepare for an impending drought. It is that same drought that eventually brings Joseph's brothers to Egypt hoping to buy some food for the family.

When Joseph reveals himself to his brothers, he is forgiving and merciful and even brings the whole family down to live with him in Egypt. But now their father Jacob has died, and the brothers are not sure if Joseph considers himself free to take revenge. Once again they beg for his forgiveness and mercy.

• From what you actually see in Scripture, how did Joseph feel?

Was he plotting revenge, or was he already in a different place?

Joseph's profound statement, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good," is a remarkably wise and faith-centered analysis, looking back on his life. This is not an easy conclusion for us to reach on our own. Amidst the hurts and trials of life, it is God alone who can work forgiveness in our hearts.

• When have you experienced this same reality of God at work, even in the midst of human sin?

• Why do you suppose our God is so concerned with mercy and forgiveness?

Psalms 103:1–12

In Hebrew terminology, to "bless the Lord" means to praise and give thanks to God. Biblically, to say a "blessing" before we eat a meal, for example, does not mean we are doing anything to the food; we are giving ~~our~~ thanks to God as the giver of the food.

• What are some of the many things that the psalmist is thanking God for here? Which are material benefits, and which are spiritual benefits?

Strictly speaking, the Hebrew language does not have the same past, present, and future tenses that English has. Instead, Hebrew speaks in terms of completed and uncompleted actions.

• In this psalm, how is God praised both for what he has done,

and what he has yet to do? How are the two connected?

Romans 14:1–12

Paul makes a careful distinction between law and gospel, and touches upon what is referred to as *adiaphora*. While this Greek word (meaning "indifferent things") does not appear here in the biblical text, it is a term that is often used by theologians to speak of subjects that are debatable, but not essential to salvation.

In these verses, Paul uses the example of religious dietary restrictions and the celebration of religious holidays. Under the Jewish law, such things literally were "written in stone" and a person was held accountable for obeying them. But with the coming of Christ and the institution of the New Covenant, our Lord set aside a number of the old ceremonial laws.

• When it comes to things that are neither commanded nor forbidden in Scripture, in what sense are we (as people of faith) free to use our own discretion? Does this have to be a source of contention when we don't agree?

• In cases where we are free to use our own discretion, why might we refrain from exercising that freedom out of concern for the scruples of others?

Matthew 18:21–35

The question of forgiveness comes up as Peter wants to know how many times he should forgive another person when sinned against. Jesus answers with a riddle of sorts, "Not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Jesus is serious about forgiveness — even if keeping count all the way to seventy-seven is nearly impossible. Perhaps that's the point! We are called to forgive as many times as it takes and stop keeping count or keeping score.

• Why is it so hard for us to forgive repeatedly? Would Jesus say there is a time when we stop forgiving? How is that the same or different from what relationship professionals might say?

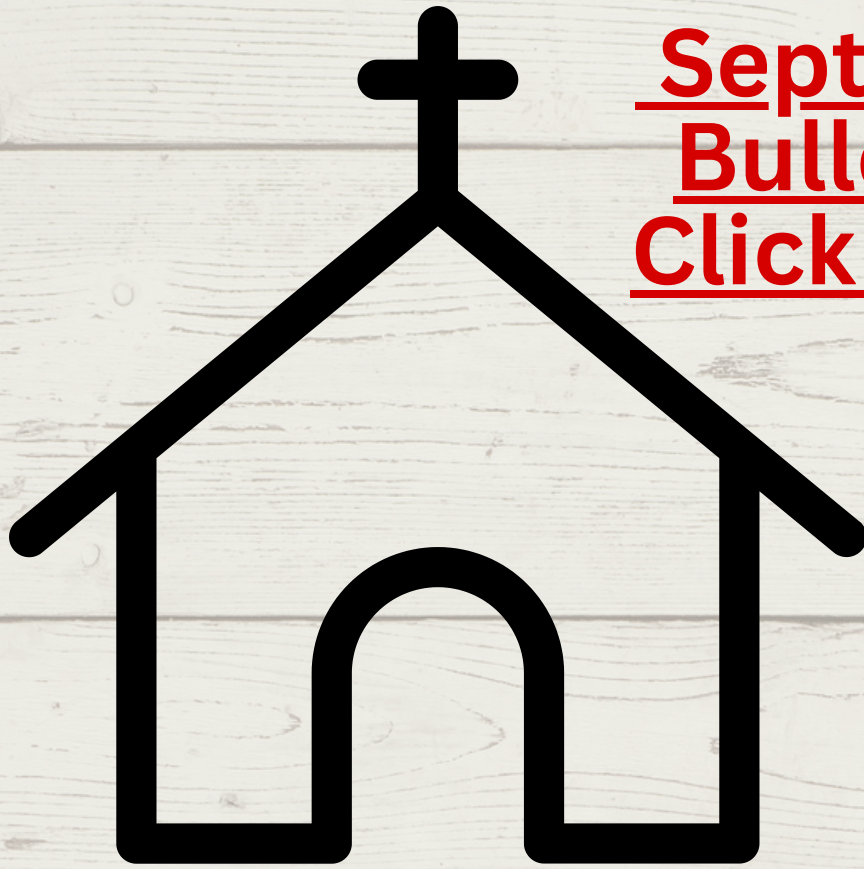
Jesus tells a parable using large sums of money and some very unforgiving characters. One servant who was forgiven much was unmerciful toward a fellow servant who owed him a debt smaller than the one he owed his master. When the master found out about the injustice, he was furious for the servant's lack of grace.

• Why is Jesus so adamant that we practice forgiveness repeatedly and extravagantly?

TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 6:30 - Church Council Meeting
WED	9:30 - Quilting 12:00 - Men's Bible study 2:00 - Parkinson's Support meeting 5:45 - Confirmation Class 6:45 - Youth Meal - Youth group to follow 7:00 - Choir
THU	10:30 - Kevan Salisbury Funeral 12:00 - Pr. Craig's Bible study 6:00 - Pr. Craig's Bible study
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	9:15 - Worship 10:15 - Coffee 10:30 - Faith Formation Rally Sunday 11:15 - Potluck
MON	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm

This Weeks Bulletin

Sept 13th
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 13TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Angie Eickmeyer



Head Ushers:
Randy Rakness



Lector:
Need 1



**Non-Communion
Sunday**

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, September 6th, 2026

Attendance: 186

General Offering: \$8,632.36

Hospitality: \$53

A/V Fire Recovery: \$500,

Facility: \$50,

Helping Hands: \$1000

Contingency: \$2500

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

2026 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS & MEMBERS

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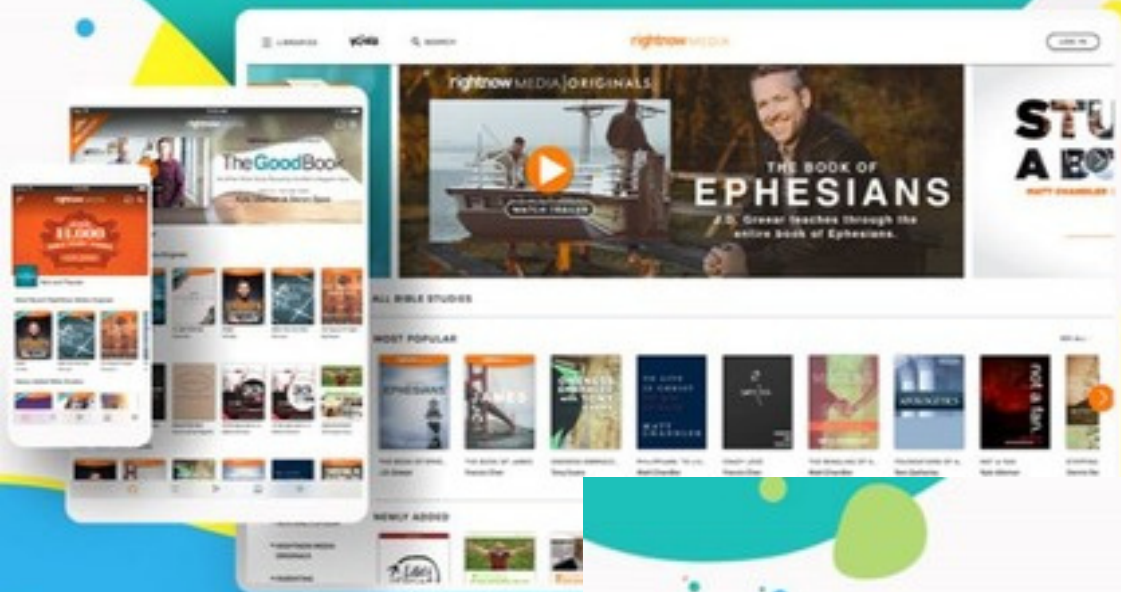
Please contact Anna at 605-237-8399 or email her @
watertownhosannalutheran@gmail.com



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for everyone in our church!



We've purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free access to **everyone** in our church. If you haven't already accepted your invite:

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to 49775



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OUR NEW GIVING APP

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



Endowment Fund Board Members

President: Tyler Gross

Treasurer: Karen Olson

John Hopper

Dana Jones

Dick Nicolai



Augustana District's
September
Newsletter Click Here

Augustana District
Video



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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Live in the Path of Hope
**SUICIDE PREVENTION
AWARENESS & REMEMBRANCE
WALK & CEREMONY**



Wednesday, September 9, 2026
SD Army NG Readiness Center
1951SD-Hwy 20, Watertown, SD

5:30pm - Check in/Resource Tables
6:00pm - 5K Run/Ruck & 2 Mile Walk
7:15pm - Remembrance Ceremony

Bring pictures or items to remember & honor your loved ones.



**HOPE GROWS STRONGER WHEN A
COMMUNITY WALKS TOGETHER.**

Free event for ALL ages!

988 • Call • Text • Chat



**GLACIAL LAKES
SAFE**



For more detailed
information:

glisafe.org

2026 USED BOOK *Sale*

**Codington County
Extension Complex
South Entrance**

1910 W Kemp Ave • Watertown, SD

11 Friday, September 11th
10AM - 7PM

12 Saturday, September 12th
10AM - 5PM

13 Sunday, September 13th
12PM - 4PM

DONATIONS of gently used Books, DVDs, CDs, and Albums accepted at Extension Complex between September 8-10, 2026 from 9AM to 5:30PM.

DONATIONS can also be made at specially marked shopping carts at County Fair Foods and HyVee from September 4-10.


FRIENDS
of the
Watertown
Regional Library

Grants provided by:
Modern Woodmen
and Thrivent

Questions:
Call 605-881-1694
or Email
FriendsofLibrary.Wat@gmail.com





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 ..

*You're
gonna love this
place!*

Coffee, Cocoa,
Hot Apple Cider

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.