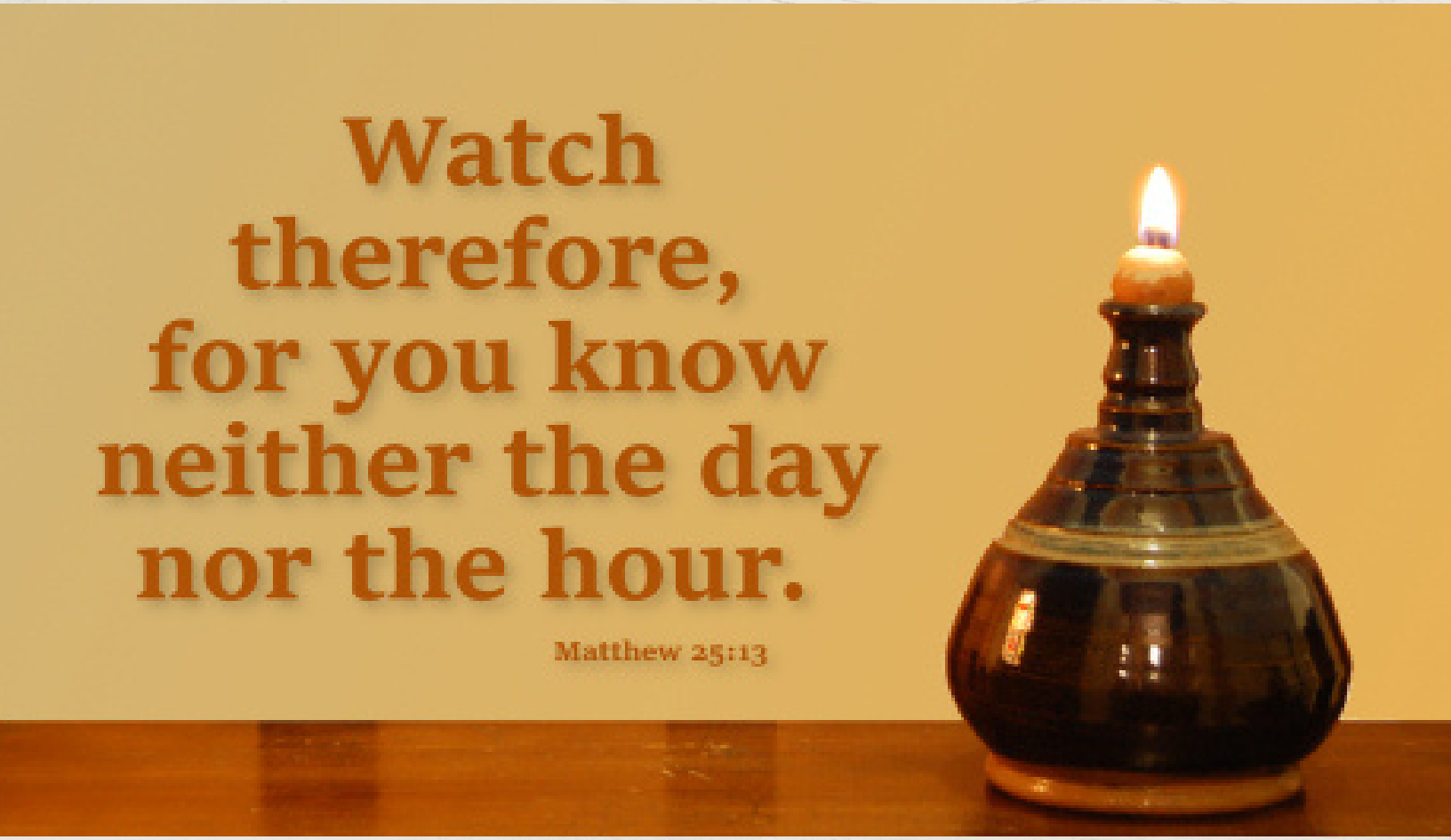
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Lutheran Church, LCMC

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 2nd - November 8th

24th Sunday after Pentecost



Sena Gjerde

Parents: Roy & Sara Gjerde

Sponsors:
Anton & Wendy Towne
Ryan & Carmen Abraham

Bible Verse:
So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
– 1 Corinthians 10:31

Rory Hennen

Parents: Scott & Andrea Hennen

Sponsors:
Matt Birkeland,
Paul and Mary Schmidgall

Bible Verse:
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Kendra Mohning

Parents: Tim Mohning and Emily Mohning

Sponsors:
Charlie and Rachel Mohning

Bible Verse:
nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:39

Rylle Olson

Parents: Stuart & Karen Olson

Sponsors:
Chad & Darci Anderson

Bible Verse:
Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7

Paige Stormo

Parents: Damon Stormo and Stacey Stormo

Sponsors:
Ryan and Tiffany Stormo

Bible Verse:
Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.
- Revelation 2:10

Jack Sutten

Parents: Jarod & Kristina Sutten

Sponsors:
Luke and Rose Brakke

Bible Verse:
Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
Ephesians 6:11

Back row: Pr. Craig, Jack Sutten, Rylle Olson, Rory Hennen, Pr. Janine
Front row: Paige Stormo, Kendra Mohning and Sena Gjerde



Hosanna Faith Formation Christmas Program

20 DECEMBER

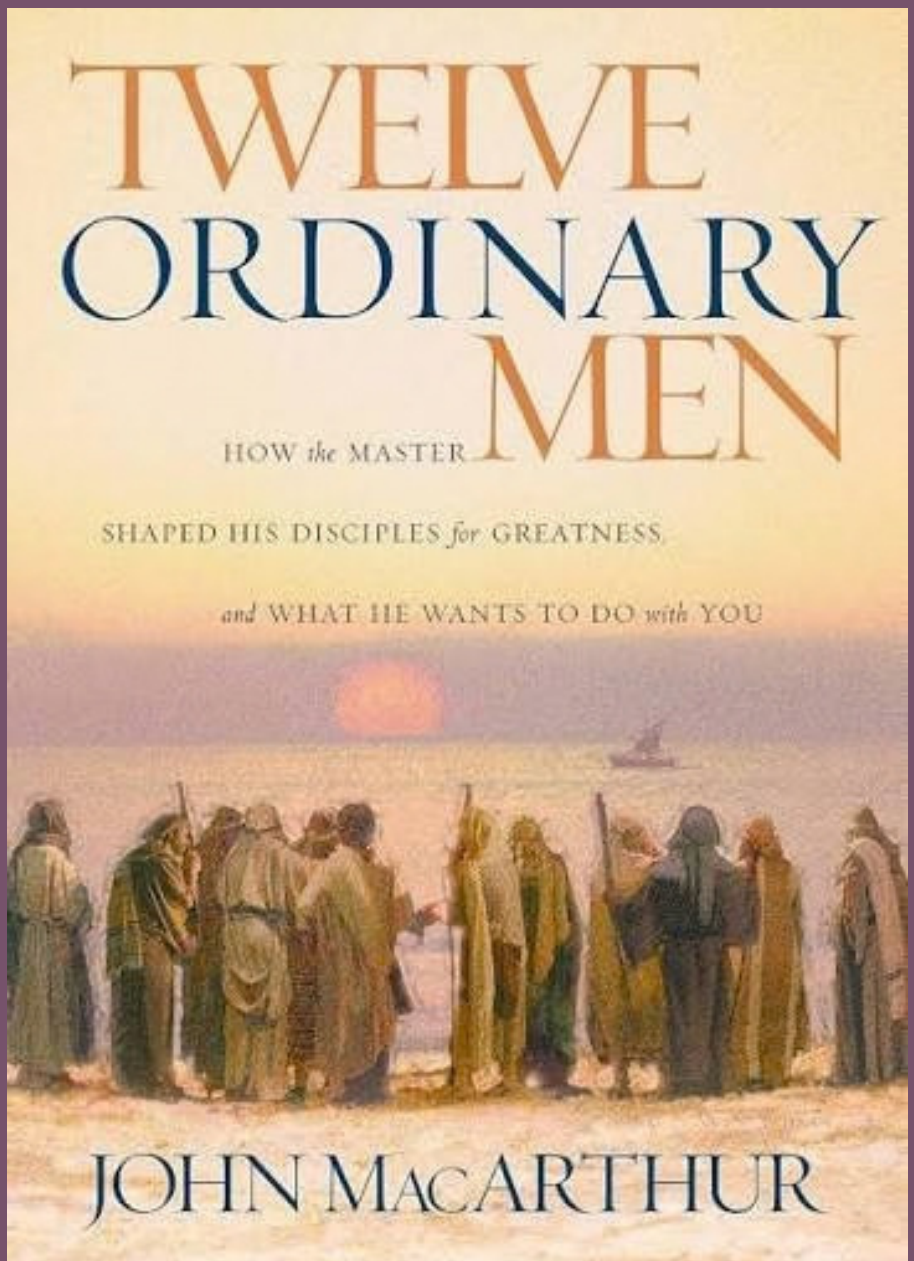
9:15 WORSHIP AND PROGRAM

PRACTICE DURING FAITH FORMATION IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
PLEASE SIGN UP HERE:
TINYURL.COM/FFCHRISTMAS26

Faith Circle

1st Thursday of each month at 2PM
with Pr. Janine
They will meet this Thursday, November 5th.

Books are $15,
they are in the office

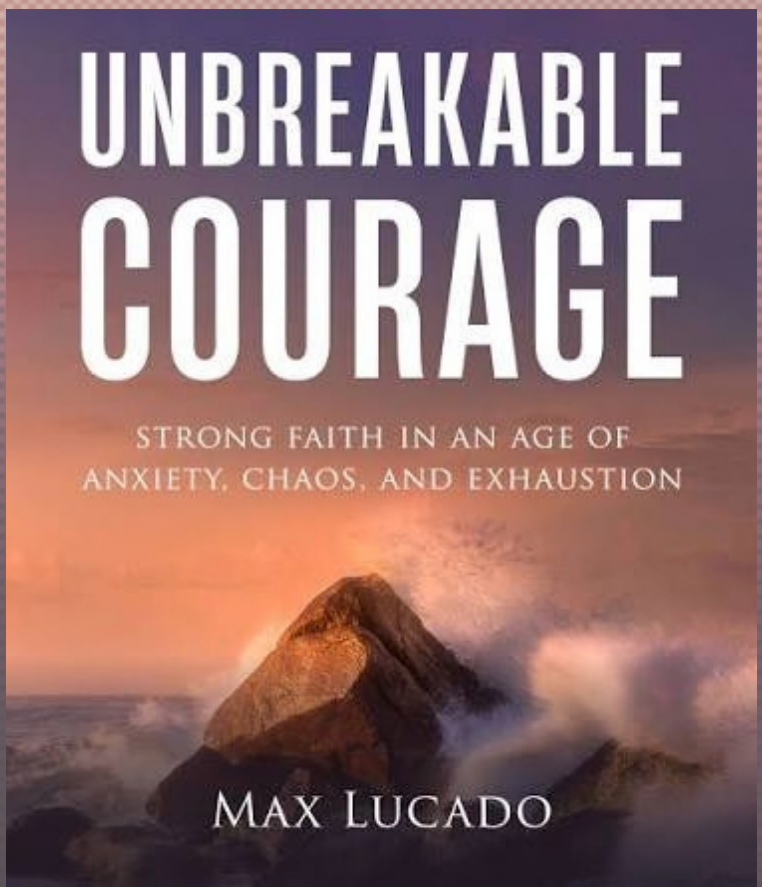


Bible study

2nd Thursday of each month at 2PM with Pr. Janine

This will start in November and go through April

Books are $13, they are in the office



Advent Celebration

FOR ALL AGES

Puzzles
a Movie
Cookies & Hot Chocolate
Craft Stations
Bingo
Santa
Christmas Music

Sunday,
November 22nd
2pm - 5pm

Sign up to help at the information table
or use the QR code!

HOSANNA YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

SEASONED CITIZEN DINNER

Come and connect with an elder generation of Christians who have been praying for you since you first entered Hosanna's doors!
This is a fun evening for everyone!
Parents serve, youth host!

QUAKE
February 12-15, 2027
Wisconsin Dells
Sign-up deadline: Sunday, November 8

Sign up with Jenn - text, email, or in person and have your $50 deposit to Jenn or Anna by Nov 8. Wisconsin Dells Quake fills up fast, so don't miss out!

PACH SERVICE PROJECT
Wednesday, November 18
6-7:30 pm

Help us PACH food bags for kids in Codington County! Meet at the PACH Warehouse by 6 pm.

Hosanna Youth Newsletter
app.smore.com/n/n3z6f

Youth Group Newsletter

LINK



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CLICK HERE
for order form

Youth Group Fundraiser

Funds will be usedfor YouthGroupFaith-buildingexperiences 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:
hosannafaithformation@gmail.com

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

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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

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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.

The Men's Noon Fellowship

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.

We will be studying Idols.

Idols
Things that compete with God for our trust, devotion, and obedience.

Session 1 — The Commandment Against Household Traps
Session 2 — The Sneak Attack: Idols Hidden in Plain Sight
Session 3 — The Secret Rooms of the Mind
Session 4 — The Ultimate Trade-Off: Whom Will We Serve?

Please join us each Wednesday at noon.

Confirmation Class

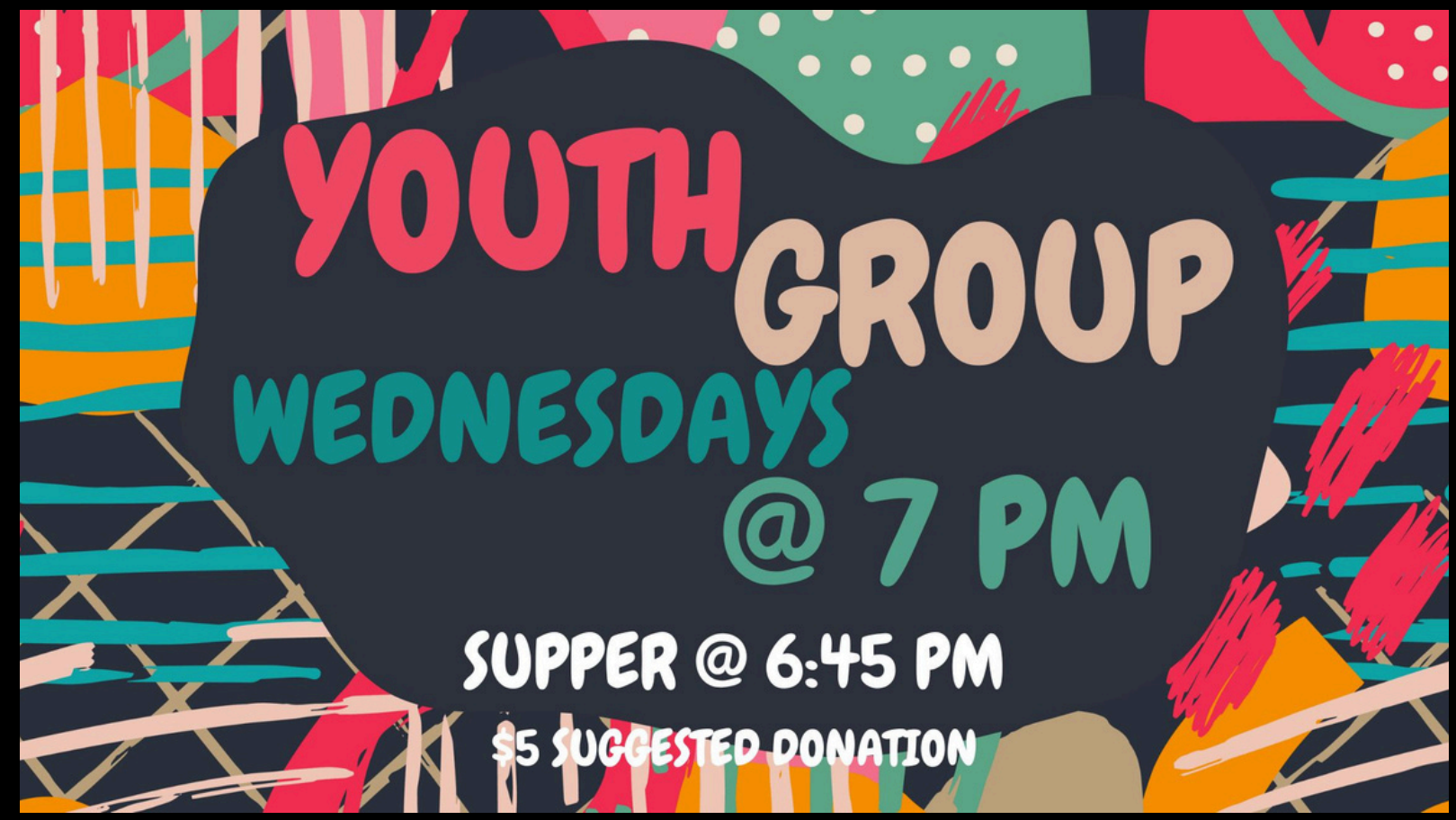
for 7th & 8th Graders

on Wednesdays

@ 5:30 pm at the Church

Supper @ 6:45 pm

$5 suggested donation





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

This Thursday,
November, 5th
@ 2PM
New Book
Twelve Ordinary Men
Books are $15

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise
Weekly Devotional

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27) – November 8, 2026

[10] And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11] Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13] Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

- Matthew 25:10-13 -

Because the bridegroom is delayed in coming, they need extra oil for their lamps. The wise virgins brought extra oil, but the foolish virgins did not. Thus, when the bridegroom comes, the foolish virgins must go out in search of oil. As a result, they miss the procession and are shut out of the feast. So, it initially seems that the wise virgins are saved by their good works while the foolish virgins are damned for their carelessness.

However, the symbolism of this parable supports a gospel emphasis. The bridegroom is Jesus the Messiah. The wedding feast is The Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The lighted lamps represent saving faith that shines forth in words and deeds. Finally, the oil represents the work of the Holy Spirit in creating and sustaining this saving faith. Thus, the wise virgins are saved by their faith in Christ while the foolish virgins are damned by their unbelief.

This interpretation is clinched by the words of the Lord to the foolish virgins, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." This doesn't mean that the Lord did not know who they were. It means that he did not know them in a saving relational way. So, the message of the parable is to believe the gospel and trust in the work of Christ before it is too late. This is gospel proclamation, not works-righteousness.

Another emphasis of the parable is that the coming of Christ will be surprising and uncertain. Go back and read Matthew 24. In Matthew 24 Jesus' disciples think that the destruction of the Temple and the end of the history will be one and the same event. In response Jesus says that the destruction of the Temple will occur within their own generation and will be preceded by signs. By contrast, the second coming will not be preceded by signs and will therefore catch people by surprise. This is a good antidote to both end time speculation and spiritual sloth.

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Sola Lectionary Text Study

Pentecost24(Proper 27A)

November 8, 2026

Proclamation Points

Thefollowing are somethoughtsand 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.

We should learn to cling to the Word with patience and not let go of it even though the period of waiting for help last a hundred years. For God delays action out of grace, in our best interest, that our faith may become strong and great and He may give more abundantly what He has promised.

- Martin Luther -

Comment on Genesis 31

Amos 5:18-24

Theword of the Lord is biting and harsh. "I hate your offerings and solemn assemblies," says the Lord. Our God is more concerned with his people truly seeking him and the way in which we care for others. In the verses leading up to this text, God expressed his displeasure that his people have failed to hear the truth and live according to his will, but rather have lived in sin and evil. He urged them to be faithful and to seek justice.

The Hebrew word for "justice" (mishpat) is a term associated with the courtroom and the punishment of criminals — as in "the criminal justice system." In the context of God's judgment, it was a word used to indicate that sinners would "get what they deserve."

• *How does this definition of the word justice help explain the images in verse 19? In what sense does God's justice pursue us, even when we think we have escaped?*

In modern religious circles, the word "justice" has taken on a very different meaning from the way it was originally used in Scripture. "Justice" is often used as a catch-all word to refer to acts of charity toward and assistance of those in need, or to policies that favor the disadvantaged.

• *Why did the Lord indicate that he hated the "solemn assemblies" and "offerings" of his people? How would God remark about our worship and offerings today?*

• *In what sense does doing justice — i.e., doing what is right and fair in the eyes of God — require us to address inequities, especially in legal matters? Has this word changed over time?*

• *In a courtroom context, what would it mean to ensure justice for those who are poor? Compare Exodus 23:6.*

Psalm 70

The psalmist cried out to God to come quickly and put to shame those who "delight in my hurt." It can seem, at times, like there are those who do take joy in hurting others. Evil is a reality of human existence.

• *Where have you seen such evil that delights in the harm of persons? What, if anything, is done about it?*

The psalmist claimed to be poor and in need, and urged the Lord to act quickly on his behalf. Those who seek the Lord will not be disappointed.

• *How is the request of David a cry for justice from the Lord?*

• *Have you ever cried out for God to come quickly and to serve his righteous justice in your midst? What was that like for you?*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul taught the Thessalonians about the last day, when Jesus would come again in glory with the angels of heaven, and the dead would be raised to stand before him in judgment. Since many assumed Jesus' return would happen in their lifetime, they had begun to worry about Christians who had already died and what their ultimate fate would be at Christ's return. In order to clear up their misconceptions, Paul reiterated the promise of Christ.

• *In what ways does our "ignorance" about the things of God cause us anxiety and even fear? Why does that happen?*

• *In the midst of our fears, why is a promise from God often more powerful and necessary than an explanation?*

Verse 14 says, "God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep" (ESV). The Greek word *axei* — usually translated "will bring" — can also have more of the sense "will go and get" (literally, "will take into custody").

• *How might the translation "go and get" better show the similarity between our resurrection and the resurrection of Jesus, where God "raised him up" days after his death?*

Many modern Christians believe in something called the Rapture — a human-invented teaching that says God will secretly take living believers up into heaven prior to the Resurrection on judgment day.

• *Why is it important to read this passage in the context of Paul answering a very specific question? How has this been used to create an entire theology based on the idea of Rapture?*

• *How is a secret, pre-resurrection Rapture specifically denied in this passage? According to verses 15-16, will the living be taken up into heaven prior to the dead being raised on the last day?*

Matthew 25:1-13

Enthusiastic believers often warn us, "The end is near!" as their lives focus on being prepared for destruction. In a similar way, those who appear to take the return of Jesus most seriously are those who are certain the end is coming within our own lifetimes. Jesus turns this assumption around by telling a parable about ten virgins — some wise and some foolish — giving us some insight about what it really means to be ready for our Lord's return.

• *Were the wise virgins those who assumed the bridegroom was coming immediately, or those who were prepared for a wait? In everyday life, how do you plan differently if you are anticipating a short wait as opposed to a long wait?*

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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	**10:00 – Coffee** **12:00 – Pr. Craig's Bible study** **2:00 – Faith Circle** **6:00 – Pr. Craig's Bible study**
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	**9:15 – Worship** **10:15 – Coffee** **10:30 – Faith Formation**

This Weeks Bulletin



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NOV. Servant Team!

Servant Team #7 - Serves - November 2026 and June 2027

- Benson, Earl
- Brekke, Terry & Sharon
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- Erickson, Larry & Lisa
- Erickson, Terry
- Farthing, Don & Karen
- Geist, Nate & Lindsay & family
- Gjerst, Logan & Bethany & family
- Griepp, Brad & Diane
- Hartwig, Jake & Amanda & family
- Hopkins, Linda
- Jacobson, Bill & Terra
- Jones, Dana & Rose
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- Mohning, Tim & Emily & family
- Nichols, Lannie & Gina
- Petersen, Terry & Peggy
- Peterson, Robb & Jodi
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- Schafer, Ashley & family
- Skinner, Karen
- Small, Gayle & Dorothy
- Streckfuss, Chris
- Svalstad, Duane & Judy
- Williams, Ron & Pat

HLC NOVEMBER 8TH SERVANT TEAM



Keyboard Accompanist:
Eloise Falk



Head Ushers:
Need 1



Lector:
Need 1



Non Communion Sunday

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, November 1st, 2026

Attendance: 319

General Offering: $7,872.66

Hospitality: $70.71

Helping Hands: $200

Facility: $50

HLC Year-to-Date Financial Report as of 9-30-26

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Giving	**$305,583**	**$316,333.02**	**$14,335.50 - Over Budget**
Expenses	**$248,465**	**$234,244.62**	**$14,220.38 - Under Budget**

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

OCTOBER Benevolence & Mission Outreach

$635 - Watertown High School - Needy Student Fund

$315 - Watertown Middle School - Care Fund

$905 - New Hope Mission Society - Ministry of Brother Titus in Nigeria

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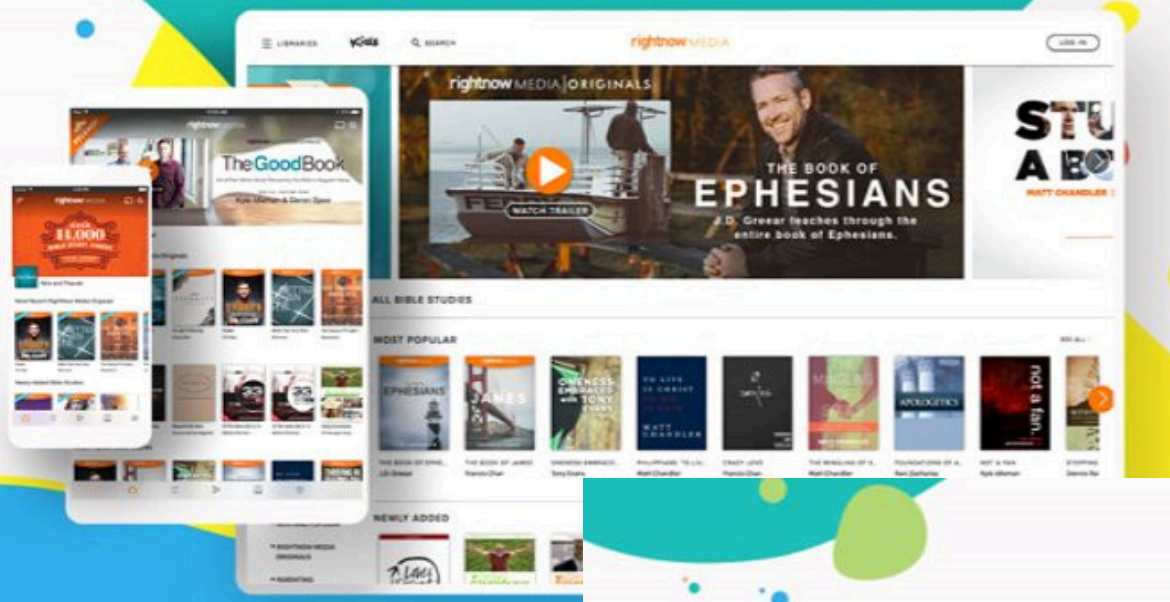
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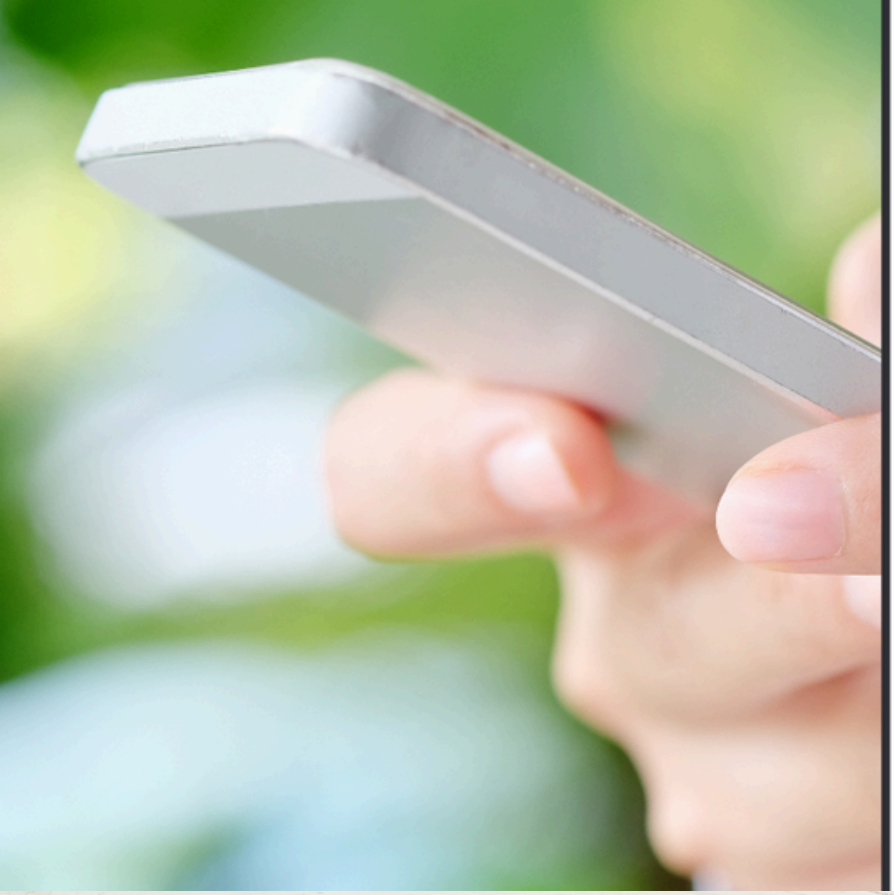
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2. Search for our Church name ***Hosanna Lutheran Church***.

3. Donate!
   Thank you for your generosity!

5 ways to Give

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

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 Video

CONFESSING CHRIST TOGETHER

Augustana's Theological Distinctives

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 dtc@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, anxi-ety and desperate poverty.

May God Bless you and your family this year.

Marc Marques
Executive Director

Monthly 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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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
FirstWednesday of eachmonth 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 heros - 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.