



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 7th - July 13th, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost

**The Spirit himself
bears witness
with our spirit
that we are
children of God.**

Romans 8:16



Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot fully express our gratitude for your incredible hard work and devotion. In the wake of the fire, your hands and hearts labored tirelessly to clean, restore, and prepare our sanctuary for worship once again.

Because of your love and sacrifice, what was damaged has been renewed, and our church home stands ready to welcome all who seek comfort and community. Thank you for being the living hands and feet of Christ when we needed it most. We look forward to continuing to praise God together in our restored space.

With love and deepest thanks, Pastors and staff at HLC

Youth Group

*YOUTH
SUMMER
Bible Studies*



Schedule

MONDAYS @ 7
WEDNESDAYS @ 7
THURSDAYS @ 7
SIGN UP TODAY!



Note Location Change!



**Youth Group
will meet at
Legends
Wed. July 8th
at 5:30 pm**





**Join us for VBS
July 27th - 30th!
Sign up today!**



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Youth Group Newsletter

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Fireside Fellowship

Aug 5th

6 pm - 8 pm

**EAT BEFORE YOU COME OR
BRING A PICNIC DINNER
SOME TREATS AND BEVERAGES
WILL BE PROVIDED.**



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:
hosanafaitformation@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.

*Join Pastor
Janine*

FOR

Faith Circle

*This Thursday,
July 9th
@ 2PM*

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10) – July 12, 2026

“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”

– Romans 8:16–17 –

Every October we remember and celebrate the Lutheran Reformation. We acknowledge and celebrate Martin Luther’s key insight that we are “Liberated by God’s grace!” These words go to the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the basis of the Lutheran Reformation – Christians gain salvation only by the grace of God. We call this justification by faith alone.

In studying the origins of our Lutheran heritage, it is clear that faith and love are both divinely essential in the Christian life, but faith alone justifies. Once we have been justified by faith, we enter the active life in works of love toward our neighbor and our faith communities.

We read in Romans that as children of God, we are “heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.” This clearly reveals that we are to be in community with one another. It is through the fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ that we can grow together in faith and love.

When we actively participate in our community of faith, we gain so much more collectively. We were made to be in fellowship with other Christians! As we plan and enjoy these summer months, let us remember the words in Hebrews 10:25, “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.” Being part of an active community of faith is the Church here on earth.

As we celebrate the Reformation, let us remember that Luther declared the Holy Spirit, “Has a unique community in the world, which is the mother that begets and bears every Christian through the Word of God, which the Holy Spirit reveals and proclaims, through which he illuminates and inflames hearts so that they grasp and accept it, cling to it, and persevere in it.”

Take a moment to let this all sink in. What a heritage of faith we share and that we are all children of God! How awesome is that? Amen.

Pentecost 7 (Proper 10)

July 12, 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.

“Where there is faith in Christ, there the Holy Spirit pours both comfort and childlike confidence into the heart. The heart no longer doubts God’s gracious will and help, because he has promised both grace and help, fulfillment and comfort, not because of our own worthiness but because of the merit and the name of Christ, his Son.”

— Martin Luther —

Sermon on Romans 8:12–17, WA 22

Isaiah 55:10–13

The power of God’s Word to create a new reality is once again on display in this passage from Isaiah. God’s Word, sent out from God himself through his messengers, accomplishes God’s purposes. It does not return empty. The imagery of rain and snow watering the fields is a helpful reminder that the timing of God’s purposes is not under our control.

When it comes to sharing the Word, we might look for immediate results, expecting our proclamation to take a congregation by storm and shape them into new beings overnight. But the image Isaiah gives takes time. The distance between rain falling from the heavens and bread being on the table can seem immense. But that is the kind of timing we can expect from God’s Word. It takes root and grows in the hearer over time.

• How does our patience or impatience impact how we hear these words? Does it ever seem as if Isaiah had it wrong, that God’s will is not being accomplished?

While promising an ultimate fulfillment of God’s purposes, Isaiah also clearly acknowledges that things are not currently as they should be. Thorns and briars still litter the fields. In the working of God’s purposes there is the real enemy of sin and death to be battled. There will be difficulties, periods of drought and damaging storms — but finally God’s Word gets the job done. God promises that.

• How do difficulties in life undermine our confidence in this Word? How do difficulties strengthen our faith? How does a life of comfort and ease undermine the power of this Word?

Psalms 65

The psalmist begins this hymn in the ESV saying, “Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion...” The Hebrew word translated in this passage as “due to” is *dumiyah*. This word can be either a positive waiting in “silence,” or an unbearable waiting in silence as in times when we are suffering and cannot hold on any longer as we wait for God to act on our behalf. In this psalm it is a content waiting for God to act; he is the one who blots out our sin, he is the one who draws us into his presence, and he is the one who waters the earth in his perfect timing.

• How have you experienced silence before God? Has it been

both positive and negative? What made the difference?

• In what ways have you seen God’s timing be perfect – never late and never early?

Romans 8:12–17

The distinction between spirit (*Gk: pneuma*) and flesh (*Gk: sarx, sarkos*) is compared to the distinction between adoption and slavery. Through the flesh we are enslaved to sin. We are caught in the realm of death. We live in the fear that slaves experience, the fear of having no permanent place in the household, the fear of being always subject to punishment, even the resentment of freedom lost.

By contrast, through the Spirit we have life and freedom. We are adopted as sons and daughters — heirs, with Christ, to the promises of God. The heir has a known and honored place in the house — a place that is assured. That reality takes away from us the fear that clings to our flesh and sets us free to live the life we’ve been given to live.

Be careful not to confuse this flesh/Spirit distinction with negating the value of life on earth in favor of life in heaven. Faith is an embracing of the life we now live as a life yoked to the Spirit of Christ.

• What is the danger of equating flesh/Spirit with earth/heaven?

How does a confusion of those two undermine life in the Spirit?

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

The Parable of the Sower and its accompanying explanation present some interesting challenges. What begins as a description of a sower and seeds turns into a discussion of the different kinds of soil. The temptation is to lead the hearers to personal reflection on whether they are “good soil.” The problem is that there is no hope to be found in such a question. Soil can’t change itself. It can’t kill off the weeds or scare off the crows. It can’t turn itself into a rich field instead of a rocky path. It just is what it is. If, upon reflection, one concludes they are not good soil, there is little to be done about that.

The key here is to consider the sower. His valuable seed is tossed about with no concern for where it lands. Roads and ditches, weed patches and plowed fields are all treated the same: They all receive the seed. This sower is not concerned with being careful or frugal with the seed. His mission is to sow it everywhere.

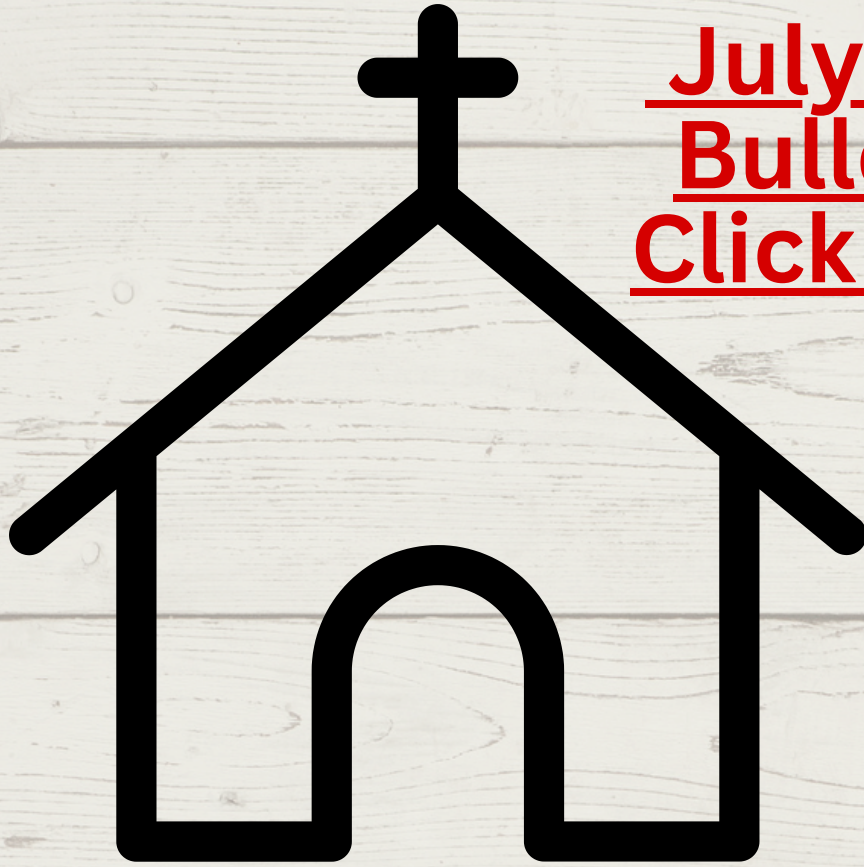
• Why do we so often fall into the trap of wanting to categorize everyone, including ourselves, when we hear this parable?

• What does this notion of an extravagant sower tell us about how God desires his Word to be shared? How does a focus on the sower’s actions shape our reading of the text differently than when we focus on the seed or the types of soil?

TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 10:00 - YARN 6:30 - Property Committee Meeting
WED	9:30 - Quilting 12:00 - Men's Bible study 5:30 - Youth Group @ Legends 7:00 - Guys small group w/Dave E.
THU	10:00 - Coffee 2:00 - Faith Circle 7:00 - Youth small group w/Melissa G.
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	IN THE SANCTUARY! 9:15 - Worship 10:15 - Coffee
MON	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm 7:00 - Youth small group w/Jenn B.

This Weeks Bulletin

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JULY Servant Team!

Servant Team #3 - Serves - July 2026

- Aadland, Mike & Shannon
- Berven, Jim & Ardys
- Carlson, Darwin & Cathy
- Carlson, Grant & Alexis
- Carlson, Joel & Danita
- Dargatz, Greg & Cindy
- DeBerg, Jan
- Eickmeyer, Dave and Angie
- Eickmeyer, Ernie
- Gjerde, Delles & Janelle
- Halverson, Kevin & Beth
- Harkness, Lindsay & family
- Johnson, Everett & Mary
- Johnson, Kyle & Cecilia
- Lang, Dale & Char
- McGrath, Don & Lynn
- Monnens, Jesse & Lori & family
- Monnens, Kathy
- Ottenbacher, Duane & Amber & family
- Pickthorn, Sherman & Thelma
- Smith, Kaley
- Sogn, Howard & Linda
- Sogn, Joshua & Megan & family
- Solum, Brent & Kristina & family
- Solum, Janet
- Stolp, Gary
- Thyne, Caitlyn & family
- Thyne, Lois
- Tracy, Chris & Allie & family
- Tracy, Jamie
- Ward, Scott & Connie

HLC JULY 12TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Dorothy Fuller



Head Ushers:
Randy Rakness



Lector:
Jan DeBerg



**Non-Communion
Sunday**

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, July 5th, 2026

Attendance: 219

General Offering: \$14,443.83

Hospitality: \$54

Facility: \$500

YARN: \$40

Helping Hands: \$300

HLC Year to Date

Financial Report as of 5-31-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$181,895	\$164,724.37	\$17,170.63 - Under Budget
Expenses	\$139,332	\$132,677.18	\$ 6,654.82 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

JUNE Benevolence & Mission Outreach

\$5,000 - Augustana District - Tabor Congregation for the support of 5 Evangelists

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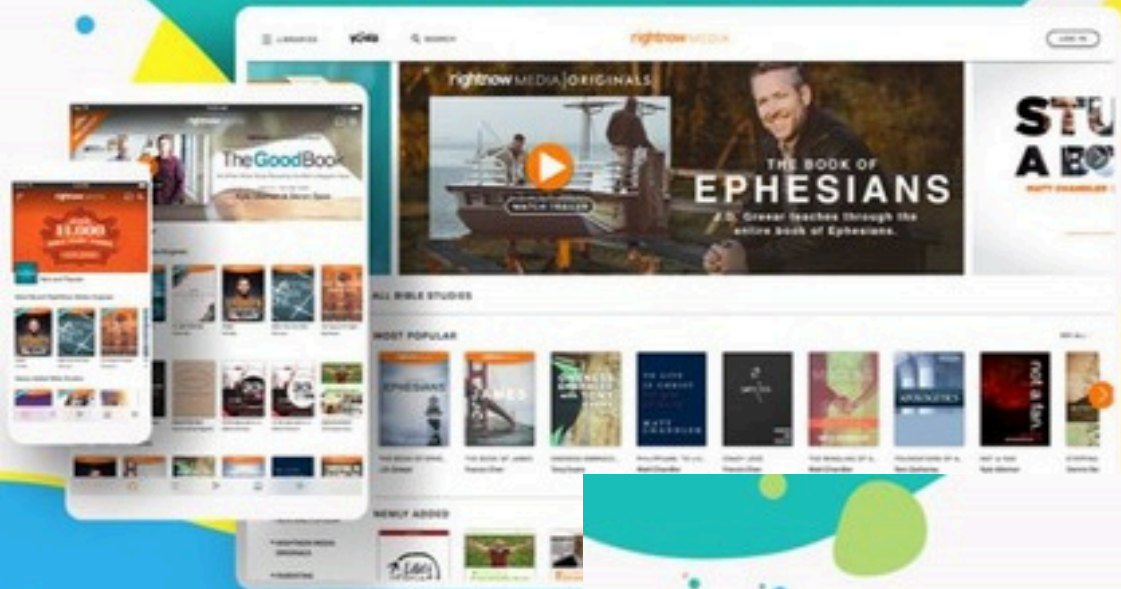
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5 ways to Give

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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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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

JUNE 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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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.