



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 1st - September 7th, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost

A close-up photograph of a carved stone angel. The angel has a serene face with curly hair and large, feathered wings spread out to the sides. The carving is set into a rough, textured stone surface.

**Their angels always see the face of
my Father who is in heaven.**

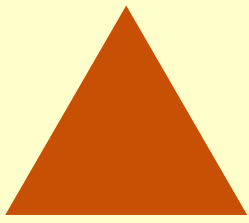
Matthew 18:10

**7th – 10th Grade
Confirmation students**

OPEN HOUSE

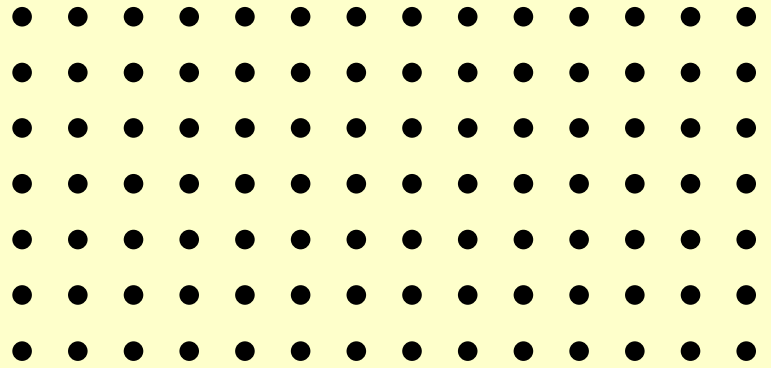
**Wednesday,
September 2nd
from 4:30 - 7:00 PM**

Stop in and visit with the Pastors quickly and receive information about the upcoming year!



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

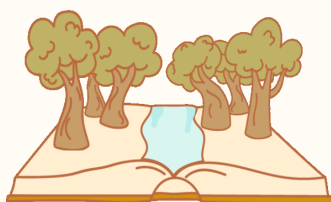
POTLUCK & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH



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:**

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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.

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.



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*

Faith Circle

Thursday,
September 3rd
@ 2PM
Chapter 10
Mary Magdalene

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18) – September 6, 2026

*“So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven
that one of these little ones should perish.”*

– Matthew 18:14 –

We are witnesses. That is our calling as disciples of Jesus. One of our vocational callings is to lead people to Jesus. Sadly, the opposite may also be true. How often have we led people away from Jesus because of our own sins. Jesus warned about those who would inhibit a person’s relationship with Jesus. “...but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.” (vs. 6).

One of the temptations we face is that of self-righteousness. The question of greatness is one of self-interest. Behind the question is that of looking for rewards or achievements where we might “win” the prize of greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Greatness in the kingdom is centered in a holy, childlike trust in God.

Seeking greatness is not the only temptation we face in this life. When someone sins against us the human temptation is to react in like manner. The world’s message is to not only get even, but to make sure everyone knows about the great sin that has been committed against you. We post on social media the sin perpetrated against us. We seek to rally people to our side. Sometimes we just want people to see how “evil” those who have a different opinion are than us.

This is not the way it is to be for followers of Jesus. We are taught to forgive. Jesus taught us to pray, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us! Jesus further modeled this from the cross as he prayed “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34).

We best witness to Jesus when we seek the one who has gone astray with the intention of reconciliation. We best witness to Jesus when we speak directly to the offender. Jesus continues the process of what happens if the offender does not listen. The aim of the process is not to vilify the one who offended, but by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us, lead them back to Christ.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, lead us to forgive those who sinned against us, following the example of Jesus who abundantly forgives us. Amen.

Pentecost15(Proper 18A)

September 6, 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.



*“Owe no man anything, but to love one another.”
To me, clearly and simply it means: Not as men, but as
Christians, are we under obligations. Our indebtedness should be
the free obligation of love. It should not be compulsory and law-
prescribed... Love’s obligation enables a man to do
more than is actually required of him.*

– Martin Luther–

Sermon on Romans 13, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Ezekiel 33:7–9

In an ancient city, the watchmen stood on the walls and kept an eye out for the sign of approaching enemies or natural disasters. They were responsible for the safety of all within the city — including themselves!

If the people of the city did not heed the sound of the warning trumpet and did not act, the watchman would not be held responsible, said the Lord. But if the watchman failed to do his duty to warn others of impending trouble, then the watchman would be held responsible for the bad that happened on his watch.

The Lord made the prophet Ezekiel a “watchman” over the house of Israel and gave him the great responsibility of sending a message of warning to the people concerning their wicked behavior. If Ezekiel failed to deliver the message from the Lord God then the Lord would make him culpable for the people’s iniquity. If the message was given to the people and the people did not listen, it would be the people’s own fault.

• In what ways is it our responsibility to teach and admonish both unbelievers and fellow believers alike about disobedience to God’s will? Where does our responsibility begin and end?

• In what sense does a watchman’s job also require patience

and obedience?

• How was this message not just a message for individuals, but a message for the whole community to repent and be obedient to the Lord so that he might restore Israel?

Psalms 32:1–7

The Lord calls us to repentance but sometimes we are stubborn and refuse to submit to his will in our lives. With disobedience comes correction. When forgiveness comes to us it is a great blessing. The psalmist prays that all people would not be silent in the face of the Lord, but instead open their hearts and mouths to repent and seek reconciliation with God. When sin plagues our lives, it is a heavy, overwhelming burden. When forgiveness is granted to us, the weight is lifted and we can live in freedom, giving thanks to God and rejoicing in his holy presence.

• Why are we so often reluctant to confess our sins and shortcomings to the Lord? Is it because we think we have no sin to confess?

• Has there been a time when you kept silent in the face of God and felt the terrible weight of unrepented sin? Did you confess eventually? How did that change things for you?

Romans 13:1–10

St. Paul asserts that love is the fulfillment of the law. Doing good to others is the epitome of obedience to the laws of God. Yet he begins this chapter with instructions about being obedient to the civil government. Paul says our obedience is required because those who have positions of authority are put there by God himself. But note that Scripture mentions nothing about whether those authorities are even “Christian.”

• How does God work through the civil government to make his ways known to all the earth — even when that government is not explicitly Christian?

• In this society where it is easy to criticize governing authorities — and on a daily basis, people openly show disrespect to elected leaders — in what ways does it challenge you to think about your Christian responsibility to respect the civil authority?

Simply reading this text aloud will immediately give rise to questions about the limits of our obedience and which governing authorities we must or may not obey. Certainly, Scripture shows there are times when “We must obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

• When Scripture commands obedience to authority, why are we so quick to want to talk about “exceptions to the rule?” In what ways do people try to get around this Romans text based on “religious” excuses? Have you seen this in our culture recently?

Matthew 18:1–20

In this passage, the disciples want to know who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. When Jesus speaks of the “kingdom,” he is describing what faith is like in our lives. Faith is not about being the greatest in an earthly sense, rather he points to the little children around him to show his followers that they must become humble and trusting like children to be the greatest in his kingdom. Being like children, receiving them, and protecting them from harm (including spiritual harm) is what is required of Jesus’ followers.

• How do we get tripped up in “bigger-is-better” thinking in

our faith communities and in our own lives?

• How are we asked to turn from being “big” to being “small” again in our journey with Christ? What does genuine Christian humility look like?

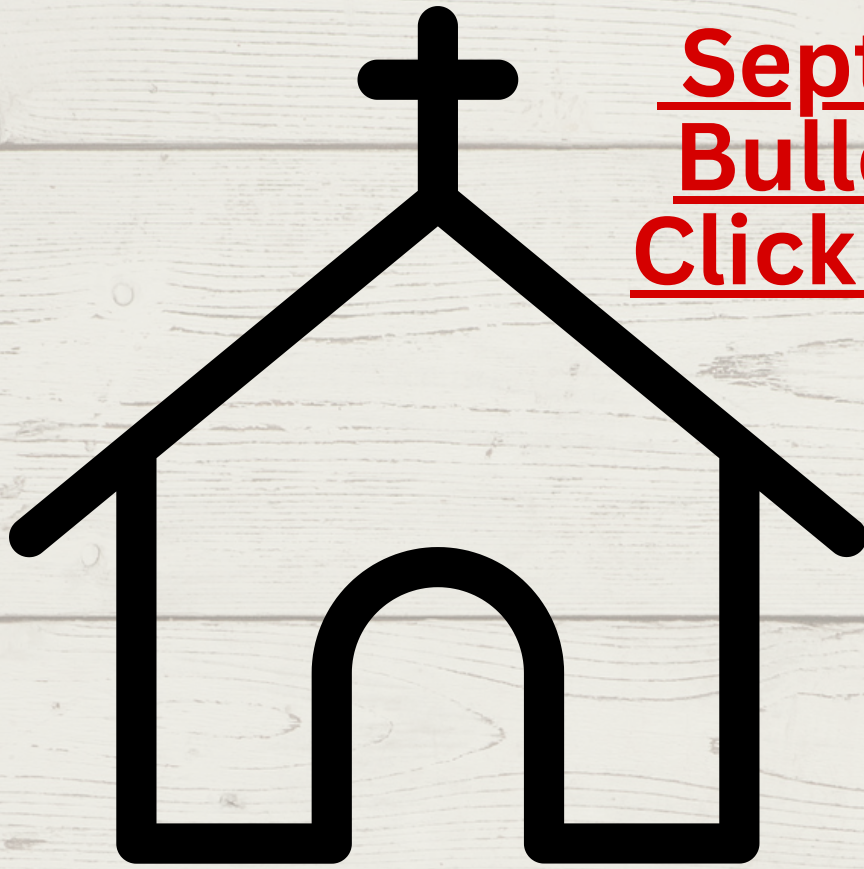
• In what sense does our life of discipleship reflect a child-like faith?

• As a congregation are children truly important to you?

TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 10:00 - YARN
WED	12:00 - Men's Bible study 4:30 - 7:00 - Confirmation Open house 7:00 - Choir
THU	10:00 - Coffee 2:00 - Faith Circle Chapter #10
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	9:15 - Worship - Communion 10:15 - Coffee
MON	Office closed for Labor day! Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm 

This Weeks Bulletin

Sept 6th
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 6TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Dorothy Fuller



Head Ushers:
Les Kolden
and
Need 1 more



Lector:
Logan Eide



**Communion
Assistants:**
Denise Froke
and
**need 1 adult and
2 kids**

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, August 30th, 2026

Attendance: 230

General Offering: \$5,625.71

Hospitality: \$160

Fire Recovery: \$100

Helping Hands: \$50

HLC Year to Date Financial Report as of 7-31-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$240,101	\$244,221.98	\$ 4,120.98 - Over Budget
Expenses	\$193,457	\$183,213.41	\$10,243.59 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

AUGUST Benevolence & Mission Outreach

\$2250 – Abdul Messieh – financial support for our
New Hope Mission Society missionary in Kerala State, India.

2026 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS & MEMBERS

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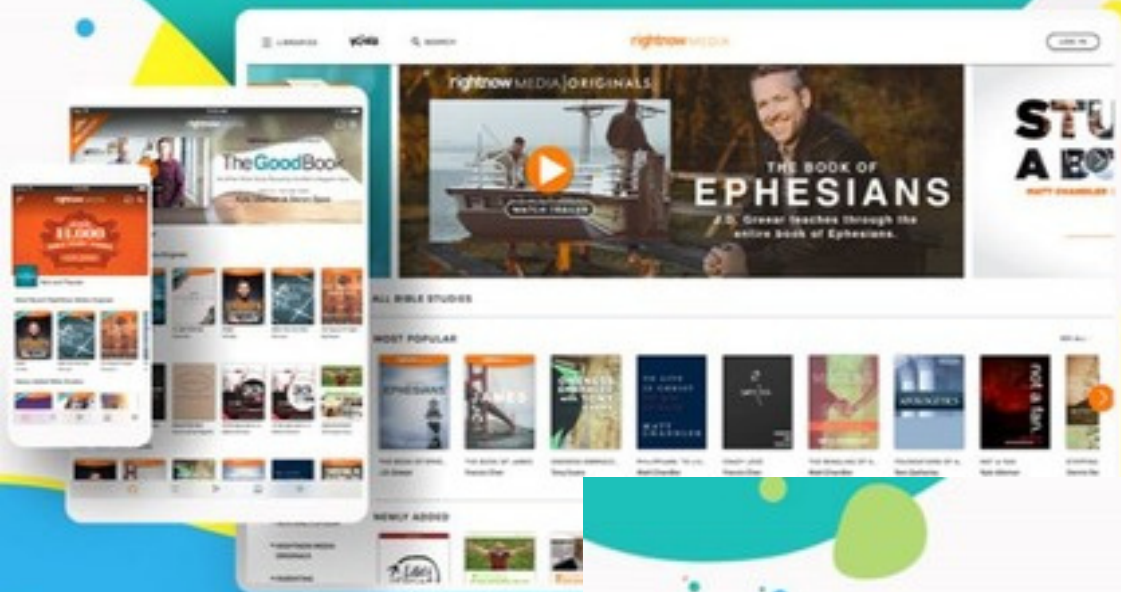
Please contact Anna at 605-237-8399 or email her @
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1. Download the free ***Vanco Mobile*** app from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Search for our Church name ***Hosanna Lutheran Church.***
3. Donate!

Thank you for your generosity!

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



Endowment Fund Board Members

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Augustana District's
July & August
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!

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For more detailed
information:

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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.


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— of the —
Watertown
Regional Library

Grants provided by:
Modern Woodmen
and Thrivent

Questions:
Call 605-881-1694
or Email
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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 ..

*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.