



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 30th - July 6th, 2026
6th Sunday after Pentecost

I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28





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4TH OF JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Congratulations to Tryce and Brianna Snell
Woertink, and big sister Tully,
on the baptism of their son,
Baker Robert Woertink.

Baker was born on February 15th, 2026, and
his sponsors are Logan and Mercedes Phillips.



thank you

Thank you so much to our amazing volunteers who helped clean up the church! From dusting to organizing to planting bushes, your efforts make a massive difference in keeping our church beautiful. We are incredibly grateful for your willing hearts and hard work! THANK YOU!

Left to right:

Karen Farthing, Duane Svalstad, Roxy Brenden, Dick Nicolai, Mariane Wiles, Dana Jones, Don Farthing, Bill & Terra Jacobson, Linda & Randy Rakness, Pr. Janine & Pr. Craig and several others that are not pictured!





THANK YOU!

**Thea, Ada, Alma
& Otto Mohr
have been
working hard
and donated
money to our
Change
Offering!**





Fireside Fellowship
1st Wednesday of each month
tomorrow July 1st
& Aug 5th
6 pm - 8 pm

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

Youth Group

*YOUTH
SUMMER
Bible Studies*



Schedule

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



**Youth Group
will meet at
The Sandbar
Patio
Wed. July 8th
at 5:30 pm**



Youth Group Newsletter

LINK





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



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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 2nd
@ 2PM*

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9) – July 5, 2026

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- Matthew 11:28-30 -

Imagine horseback riding along a quiet country road lined with an over-growth of wildflowers or hiking endless trails atop mountains overlooking deep blue- and purple-colored canyons. Oh, the possibilities! Summer is a traditional time when most people plan their vacations to get away from their work; a time to rest and relax! The reality of escaping work for a while is that it will be there when you get back! In the text today, we are invited to a different kind of rest which goes beyond getting away for a little while.

We are personally invited with the words, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” The phrase, “Come to me” is a very personal way to invite someone and yet, God uses them. How does this invitation make you feel? Our Lord wants us to recognize that he is always with us, so he asks us to come, rest, and intentionally be in his presence.

God’s invitation is a call to believe and a call to a committed fellowship with Christ. As disciples, we are continually being formed and shaped by the one who created us and calls us into service. But this can be tiring, even as it is exciting and wonderful. So, we are instructed by our Lord to, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” As our faith in Christ and relationship with him grows, he will give us rest from our weariness and burdens.

How wonderful it is to know God loves us so much that he loves to be with us and hear from us. God also wants to show us how to have peace even in the midst of hardships or problems in this world. When we take rest in God’s presence and dwell there every day, we are transformed by his love and mercy. Christ will make us more Christ-like in our thoughts and actions. He will give us what we need for the day and that includes rest and restoration. When we rest in him, he restores our lives and teaches us how to live peacefully in a busy world that seeks to keep us moving and working and thinking all the time. Amen.

Pentecost6 (Proper 9)

July 5, 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.

“Sin is a powerful and cruel master and tyrant over all humankind on the whole earth, and no one can resist it, however wise, high, learned, and mighty he may be. ... Jesus Christ alone is the hero who can thwart that cruel, unconquerable foe. But it costs our Lord very dearly, for he must lose his life in doing it.”

— Martin Luther —

Lectures on Galatians, LW 26

Zechariah 9:9-12

This passage from Zechariah calls to mind Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. While the great generals and commanders of the day would ride into a city dressed in glory and majesty, God in the flesh entered the Holy City humbly, riding on a donkey. Despite the fact that his victory over sin and death puts to shame all earthly rulers with their short term victories, he does not come among his people with a demand for accolades and reverence. This is one of the most shocking realities of God’s presence among us. He chooses to shroud himself in humility. He chooses to take on a lowly place for the sake of his people.

This marks quite a difference from most rulers. Most earthly leaders can’t wait to take on the trappings of power and glory. Even the most humble of leaders among us ends up caught up in the will to draw honor and praise to ourselves. In Scripture, the One who actually is worthy of honor and praise does not seek it out. Instead, he comes with promises of setting prisoners free, restoring those who have fallen, bringing peace to a world scarred by violence. This is what it looks like when our king comes to us.

• How do our own rulers and leaders reflect or not reflect what

Zechariah shows us about God’s presence among us?

• How do we hold together the humility described here with the majesty we usually associate with the Living God?

Psalms 145:1-14

This psalm is an acrostic psalm which praises God for all of the great things he has done. Though the psalmist does not list anything specific that the Lord has done, he praises his name for His compassionate, loving, and faithful character.

• In what ways is the psalmist seeking to share God’s good reputation with the world? Why would that be important to do?

Romans 7:14-25a

“I don’t know why I did that.” How often have we thought or said those words? The best intentions — to lead a better life, to make better decisions, to be a better person — give way to the same old sins again and again and again. There is, within us, a war going on between the old and the new. The new person of faith wants to live according to God’s will. The old person of sin in us refuses. We do the things we hate, things we know are wrong, things that don’t square with who we want to be in the world, but we can’t stop ourselves.

Sin takes the reins and drives us into darkness. There is no escaping this by our own will. Admonitions to just try harder — to be more diligent, to make a better effort — only lead to despair. They lead to an endless quest to accomplish what we cannot accomplish. It is for this reason that we need a Rescuer. We need one who will come into this situation, enter our hearts — where only darkness dwells — and shine his light, breaking the chains of sin and death. Thanks be to God that Christ Jesus came into the world for this very purpose!

• What are some examples of doing those things we hate? What does it say about us that we persist in those things that do harm to our neighbors and to ourselves?

• When does the preaching of the law (what we do) need to give way to the promise of the Gospel (what he has done)?

Matthew 11:25-30

The creation of faith — the reality that some people are grabbed by the Gospel while others are not — is one of the great mysteries of Christianity. Here we see a brief glimpse behind the curtain. The Father has hidden the truth of the Gospel from some and revealed it to others. He has hidden it from the wise and intelligent and revealed it to infants. The very people who should be at the leading edge of the Christian movement are stuck in the darkness of sin, while those no one would expect are propelled to the forefront.

• How does the notion that God reveals the Gospel to some and not others strike you?

• What does the reality of election (God’s choice) mean for the life of faith? In what ways does a teaching like this shape our evangelism efforts? In what ways does it undermine them?

Jesus makes it clear that his yoke is for all those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. Those weighed down by the power of sin are invited into the presence of Christ. The Gospel is only for sinners — and that is not a designation the religious and spiritual leaders are willing to accept. The refusal to recognize our sinfulness is what closes our eyes and ears to the Gospel. This is what the Spirit must break through in order to create faith. When that happens we are given the gift of trading our heavy burden of sin and death for the gentle yoke of righteousness and life. This finally, brings the rest and peace we are desperate for.

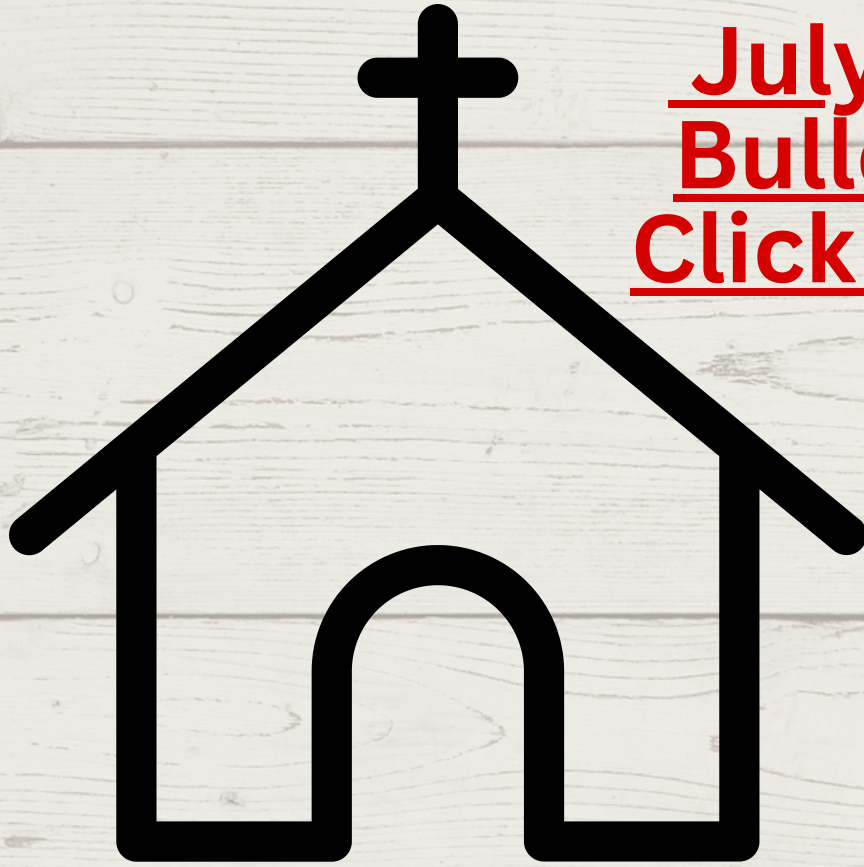
• What does the Gospel sound like in the ears of those who do not think they are sinners?

• How does the image of weariness and carrying heavy burdens help shape our preaching/hearing of God’s Word?

TUE	<p>9:30 - Prayer</p> <p>10:00 - Coffee</p> <p>10:00 - YARN</p>
WED	<p>12:00 - Men's Bible study</p> <p>6:00 - Fireside Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 - Guys small group w/Dave E.</p>
THU	<p>10:00 - Coffee</p> <p>2:00 - Faith Circle</p> <p>7:00 - Youth small group w/Melissa G.</p>
FRI	
SAT	 <p><i>Happy 4th of July</i></p>
SUN	<p>BACK IN THE SANCTUARY!</p> <p>9:15 - Worship/Communion</p> <p>10:15 - Coffee</p>
MON	<p>Office Hours</p> <p>Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm</p> <p>7:00 - Youth small group w/Jenn B.</p>

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 5TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Angie Eickmeyer



Head Ushers:
Earl Benson
and
Everett Johnson



Lector:
Mike Aadland



**Communion
Assistants:**
Mike & Shannon
Aadland

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, June 28th, 2026

Attendance: 198

General Offering: \$3,982.71

Hospitality: \$27

Change Offering: \$343

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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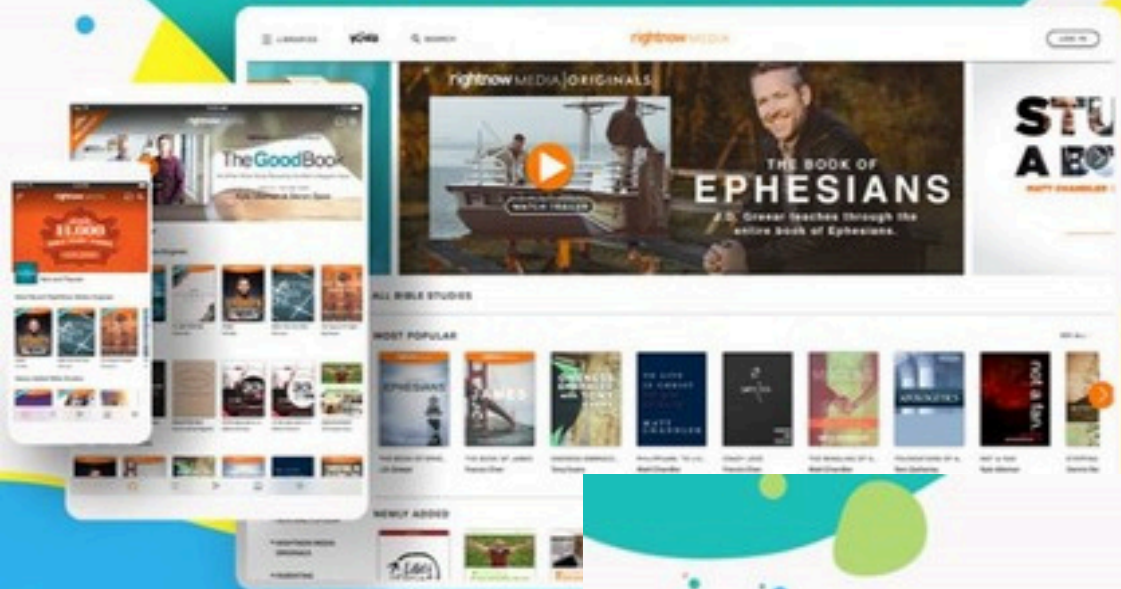
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the fellowship hall
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Watertown, SD 57201

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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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.



**STRONGER BOYS.
STRONGER MEN.
STRONGER TOMORROWS.**

JULY 7-9, 2026

★ AT JOY RANCH ★

Young Timber Camp is designed for young lads ages 10-13 who need or would like to learn core life skills and be mentored by positive role models in a Christian environment.



Through hands-on activities, outdoor adventures, teamwork, mentorship, and faith-based guidance, boys will grow in confidence, character, and their walk with God.



"As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens
another."

- PROVERBS 27:17

BUILDING BOYS INTO GODLY MEN

-  **CORE LIFE SKILLS**
Learn practical skills for life and leadership.
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Explore, learn, and grow in God's creation.
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