



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 21st - September 27th, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 2:13

It is God
who works in you,
both to will and to work
for his good pleasure.

Neeraj & Nijhar, regional directors;
Prayer mobilization and congregational
partnerships were here at Hosanna!

Nijhar preached and led the Faith Formation
opening, and Neeraj led a class in the chapel about
prayer, during the coffee hour.



Join Us for

New Member Classes

**September 27th
and October 4th
after Worship in the Chapel**

NEW MEMBER

SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 11TH



Pastor **APPRECIATION**

WE WILL CELEBRATE PR. CRAIG AND PR. JANINE



On Sunday, October 11th, 2026
We will have a basket available for cards
and treats during coffee!

A decorative border of autumn leaves and berries surrounds the central text. The leaves are in shades of orange, red, and brown, and the berries are small red circles.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

The Seasoned Citizens Supper

*Sunday, October 18th
starting @ 5:30 pm*

served by the Youth Group

The background is a dark blue, textured surface resembling snow or a night sky. It is decorated with several elements: a lit candle in a glass holder at the top left, a lit candle in a metal holder at the bottom left, and several star-shaped cookies or decorations scattered around. A large, stylized, light-colored star is visible in the upper left quadrant. The word "Advent" is written in a large, white, serif font at the top, and "Celebration" is written in a large, light-colored, cursive font below it.

Advent

**Sunday,
November 22nd**

2pm - 5pm

**Puzzles
a Movie**

Cookies & Hot Chocolate

Craft Stations

Bingo

Santa

Christmas Music

Sign up to help at the information table!

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.



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

Y.A.R.N.

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Lutheran Church, LCMC

You Are Really Needed

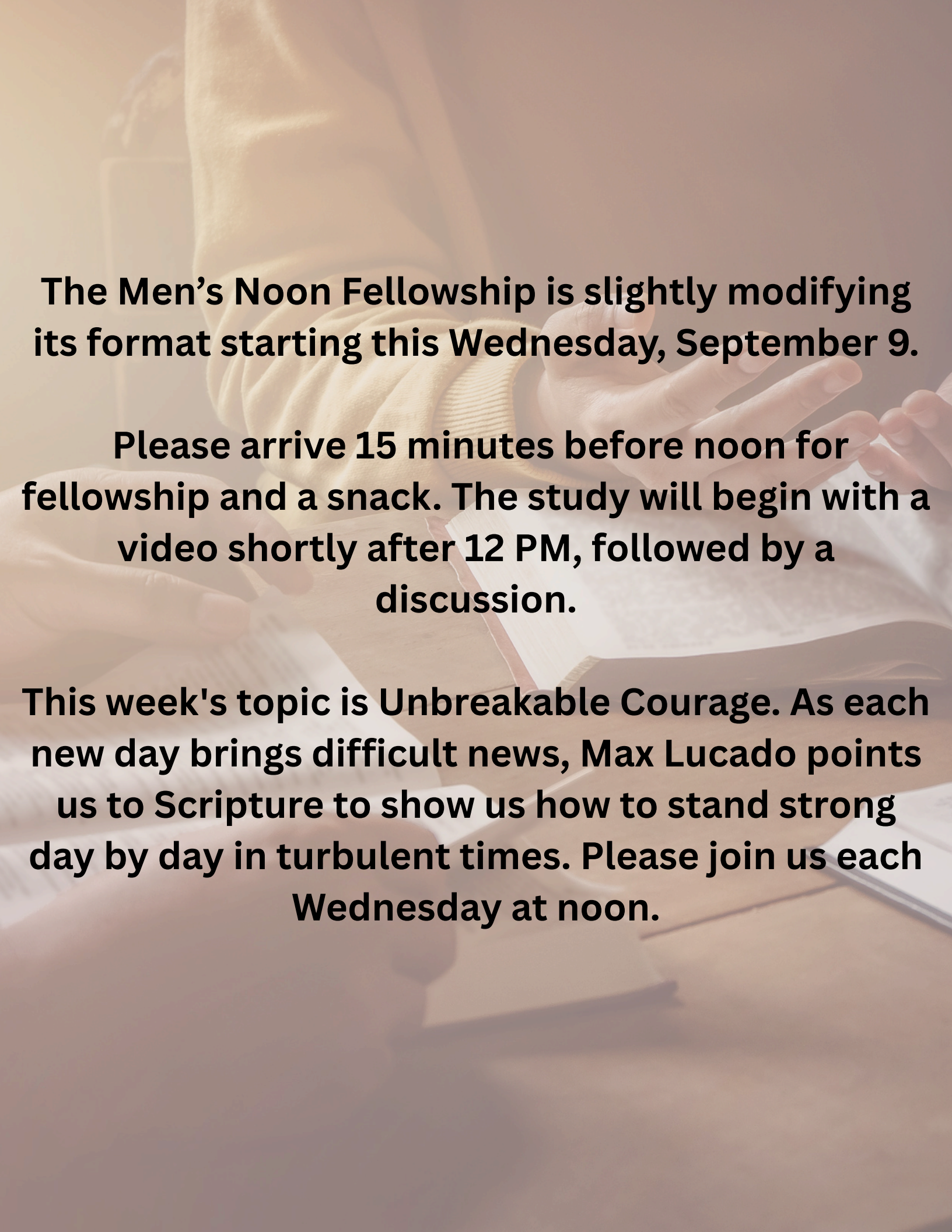
All are welcome to join us on the
1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 am

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 lighting is warm and soft, 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.

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



YOUTH **GROUP**
WEDNESDAYS
@ 7 PM

SUPPER @ 6:45 PM

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION



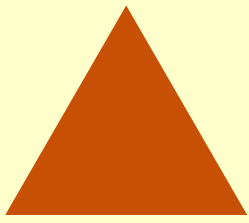
Do you have a love for music?

**Hosanna Choir would like to
invite you to join them!**

Each Wednesday @ 7 PM

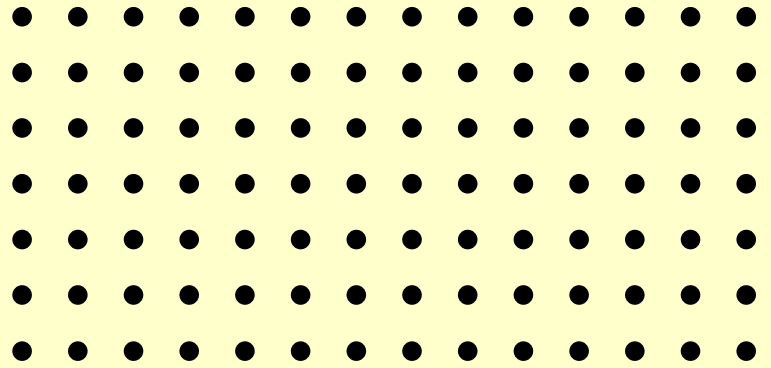
Previous choir experience is encouraged.

**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

Thursday,
October 1st
@ 2PM
Chapter 11

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21) – September 27, 2026

“Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.”

– Philippians 2:3 –

I was preparing for the Maundy Thursday liturgy. As part of the liturgy, we were going to have foot washing, remembering how Jesus knelt before his disciples and washed their feet (John 13:1–20). The hardest part of preparing for that service was to get volunteers to agree to have their feet washed. Such an act of humble service is not one the congregation was used to receiving.

This is also true as we age. The older we get the less we can do on our own. The mind is indeed willing, but the body doesn't cooperate nearly as well. Dimming eyesight, difficulty hearing, slower moving, and difficulty remembering all can be quite humbling to us. While we tend to look at such things as a loss, I believe God is teaching us something that we forget as we grow up.

Before God, we are all dependent. Jesus himself is humble before the Father. “And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Take note of the emphasis Paul places on Jesus' death. Quoting Deuteronomy 21:23 Paul writes, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.” Jesus became a curse in looking out for our own interest, that of salvation.

That isn't the end. “Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.” We humble ourselves in confessing that Jesus is our Lord. Likewise, as followers of Jesus we humble ourselves not looking out for our own interest but the interest of others.

Chief among those interests is sharing this good news. Remember, there are those in our lives who humbled themselves enough to look out for our interest that we may know Christ and confess him as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pentecost 18 (Proper 21A)

September 27, 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.



The sinner does not so much need to be washed as he needs to die, in order to be wholly renewed and made another creature, and to be conformed to the death and resurrection of Christ, with whom he dies and rises again through baptism.

– Martin Luther –

The Babylonian Captivity of the Church

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

Ezekiel was a prophet at the time of the Exile in Babylon (586–539 B.C.), when the people of Judah had been conquered and carried off to the land of Babylonia, far from their homeland. Dejected and feeling sorry for themselves, the people cried out that God was not being fair. They began to repeat an old proverb that they thought explained their misery: “The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” The people believed that they were suffering for their parent’s sin when in fact they were suffering for their own disobedience and idolatry.

• *Why is it so easy to blame others for the suffering that is caused by the sins we commit? Why couldn’t (or wouldn’t) the Israelites in Exile see their own culpability?*

In response, the Lord says it is the people of Israel who are the ones not being fair and just. God insists that he has not only been just, but that he has also been gracious and merciful to those who are his own. Those who are righteous shall live, says the Lord, but those who turn away from righteousness will die.

• *In these verses, how does God express both his justice and his mercy? Instead of complaining and blaming past generations and even the Lord himself, what did God want the people to do? Why is this so hard?*

Psalms 25:1–10

This psalm is written from the perspective of a person who has been put down and treated badly by others, a person who feels shamed. It is not a boastful prayer, but an expression of dependence upon God. He knows he isn’t sinless, but he also knows where to turn in times of trial. When the psalmist said that he waits for the Lord, he is confessing that he waits with hope for the One who will rescue and shelter him from harm.

• *Are there times in life when we suffer the scorn of others legitimately? Does that make it any less difficult to bear, knowing that we deserve the shame we’ve received?*

• *What gives the psalmist hope? What does the writer believe God can do?*

Philippians 2:1–4 (5–13) 14–18

Paul here is speaking to people of faith — people who knew the promise of Christ in their lives. On that basis, he encourages them to live in a manner that follows from such a faith. He gave some practical advice on what a faithful life

looks like in a world of sin and evil. At the center of this passage (verses 5–13) is a section known as the “Kenosis Hymn,” a beautiful creed-like poem describing the suffering and exaltation of Christ.

• *In some lectionaries, the center verses (5–13) are listed as an optional part of the reading. How does the surrounding text in Philippians 2 sound different if these verses are left out?*

Paul knows that there is comfort in Christ. He knows that there is encouragement, affection, and heart-felt sympathy in the Body of Christ. He simply appeals to what he knows and what the Philippians also know — that Christ grants love, unity, and support to his people for the mutual uplifting of one another. This is the foundation of the faith community and Paul appeals to this reality to continue to encourage believers to act in a Christ-like manner toward one another, with the mind and heart of the suffering servant Jesus, who emptied himself unto death for his beloved children.

• *How does this hymn strengthen your faith and desire to live a servant’s life? What do you hear in this passage that encourages you?*

Matthew 21:23–27 (28–32)

Upon entering the Temple, Jesus was confronted by the chief priests and the elders of the people regarding his authority. They want to know who gave him his authority. Jesus turns their question around and asks them about John the Baptist and where John’s authority came from.

• *What answer did the elders want to give Jesus? What prevented them from giving that answer?*

• *What was the correct answer to Jesus’ question? How is it also the answer to the elders’ original question to Jesus?*

It is interesting that Jesus responded to his accusers by referring not simply to John’s preaching, but to the baptisms that John performed at the river Jordan. Like Jesus after him, in baptism, John had actually dared to proclaim the forgiveness of sins.

• *What does this text say about the nature of baptism? Is baptism simply a human ceremony, as some claim, or does it convey a promise by God’s authority?*

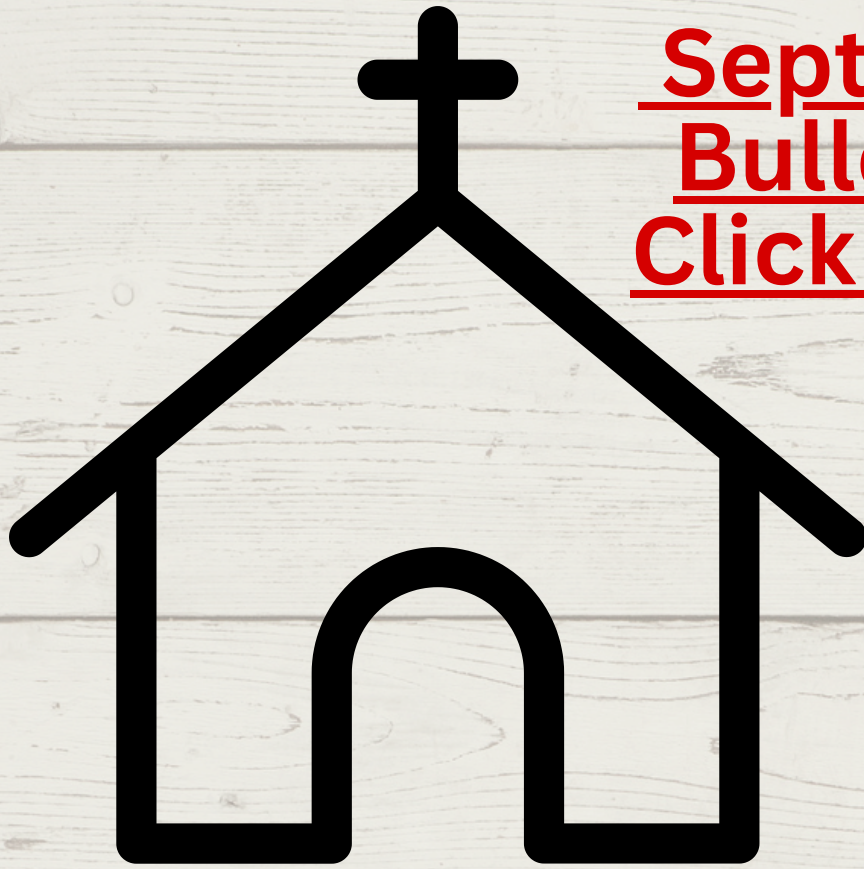
As the reading goes on, Jesus drew the distinction between those who claim to obey God and those who actually do obey him.

• *What evidence of faith does Jesus want to see in us? What sort of “change” does he want to happen? In the end, by whose authority does faith happen in our lives?*

MON	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm
TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee
WED	9:30 - Quilting 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 6:00 - Pr. Craig's Bible study
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	9:15 - Worship/Gideon Sunday 10:15 - Coffee 10:30 - Faith Formation 10:30 - New Member Class

This Weeks Bulletin

Sept 27th
Bulletin
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LIVE

STREAM



Oct. Servant Team!

Servant Team #6 - Serves - October 2026

- Abers, Debby
- Brist, Todd & Jennifer & family
- Brist, Travis & Gina
- Carter, Roger & Shirley
- Crandall, Kim
- Drake, Bob & Pam
- Elkins, Jeff & Janet
- Filipek, Cindi
- Flemming, Ed & Jackie
- Gravatt, Carter & Teresa & family
- Heiser, Blake & Jani
- Hopper, John & Cindy
- Hunter, Jim & Tammy & family
- Kaasa, Duane & Jane
- Kaasa, Larry & Audra & family
- Krause, Sheila
- Larson, John & Mary
- Magedanz, Andrew
- Peterson, Gene
- Pries, Bill & Angie
- Ronning, Wayne
- Schladweiler, Scott & Kristi & family
- Schneider, Carol
- Schulte, Jan
- Suttan, Jarod & Kristina & family
- Thyne, Gabriel & family
- Valberg, Jan
- Zinter, Dennis & Donna

HLC SEPTEMBER 27TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Angie Eickmeyer



Head Ushers:
Ron Jutting



Lector:
Doug Keffeler



**Non-Communion
Sunday**

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, September 20th, 2026

Attendance: 243

General Offering: \$8,628.24

Hospitality: \$64

Facility: \$30

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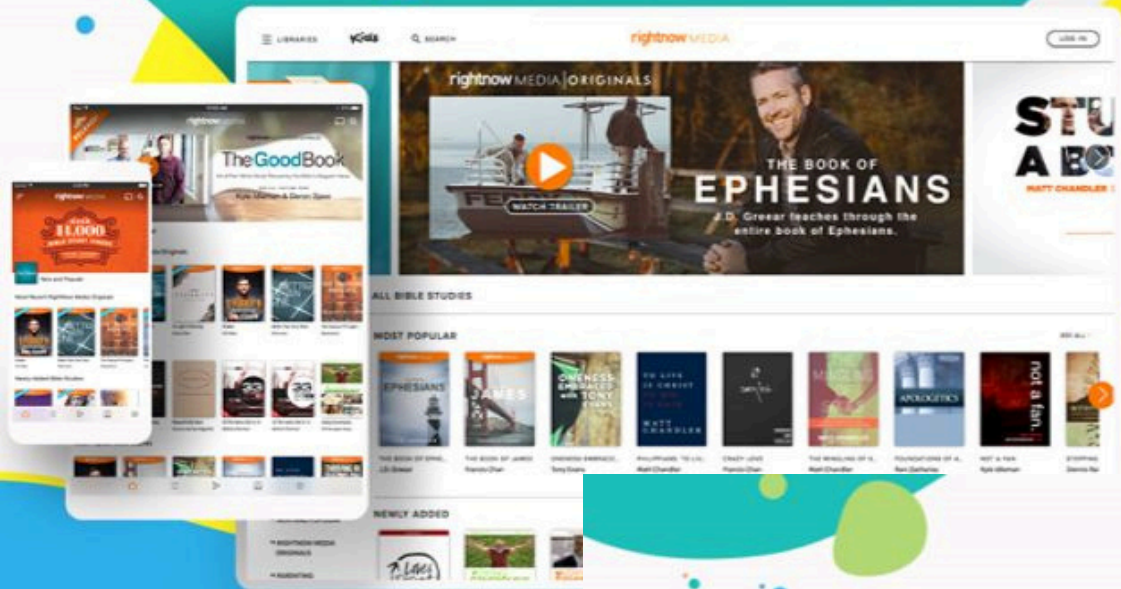
Please contact Anna at 605-237-8399 or email her @ watertownhosannalutheran@gmail.com



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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

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Augustana District's
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Augustana District
Video



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 dte@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, 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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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 ..

Coffee, Cocoa,
Hot Apple Cider

*You're
gonna love this
place!*

Pumpkin Patch – 4 acres of pumpkins,
for sale on Saturdays, Oct. 10 – Nov. 7

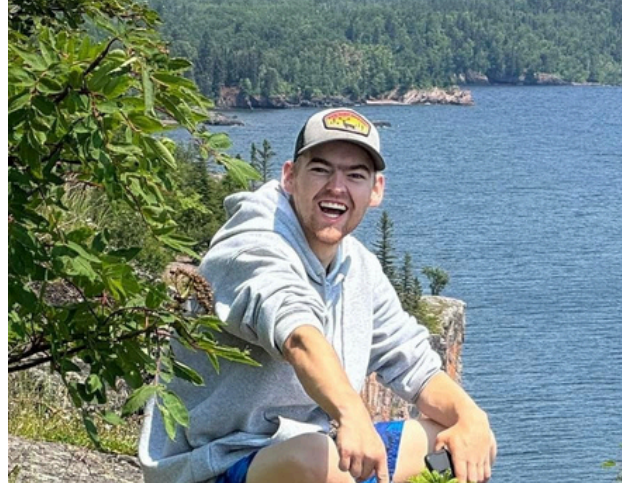
MIDWEST BIBLE CAMP
1500 N Hwy 20 Watertown



TRIVIA NIGHT



Help raise funds for COTA in honor of John Crandall, who needs a life-saving kidney transplant. Proceeds will assist with a lifetime of transplant-related expenses.



DATE: Saturday, October 24th

TIME: Social at 6pm, Trivia 7-9pm

PLACE: Cloud 9, Watertown



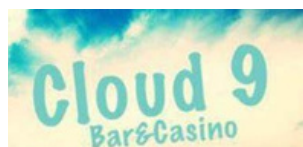
cota.org/cotaforteamjohnnc

\$20per person - Teams of 8.

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place.

Call or text Kim at 605-520-4181 to register your team.

SCAN to learn more about John's Story.





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.