



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 11th - August 17th, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost



God

SHALL
BLESS US.

PSALM 67:7



Congratulations to
Chris and Allie Tracy, and big sisters Leighton,
Kennedy, and Tatum, on the baptism of their daughter,
Madison Mae Tracy.

Madison was born on January 27th.

Her sponsors are Breanna DeKam and Caleb DeKam.



Youth Group

*YOUTH
SUMMER
Bible Studies*



Schedule

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



**They will meet at
the Firepit
tomorrow
at 7 PM!**



People
Against
Child
Hunger

PACH

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Hosanna is collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations in August to benefit the PACH program. This is an opportunity to directly impact families in our community.

We will be collecting items through August, 18th



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DONATE

We would love your help in providing items for our local PACH program.

We Are Collecting The Following Items:

Individual Juice Boxes
Granola Bars
4 oz Fruit Cups (not cans)
Pudding Cups
Cheese or Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers
Chicken Noodle Soup (10.75 oz)
Tomato Soup (10.75 oz)
Canned Corn (15 oz)
Canned Green Beans (15oz)
Spaghetti and Meatballs (14 oz)
Beef Ravioli (15oz)
Peanut butter (16 oz)
Macaroni and Cheese
Tuna or Chicken (4 oz)



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WHAT IS WTN PACH?

The Watertown Area PACH Program works with school staff to provide complimentary snacks and meals to students who may need additional food resources over weekends during the school year. The food is given to the child before she/he leaves school each Friday (or in case of a holiday, the last day before the break).



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ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOOL LUNCH?

No.

The Watertown Area PACH Program is not associated with the Federal Free/Reduced Lunch Program operated through the Watertown Schools. The Watertown Area PACH Program operates solely through volunteers and donations from Watertown area businesses and individuals.



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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any child in grades Pre-K through Grade 12, enrolled in any Watertown School or Codington County School or HeadStart.

**Parents complete a form at their school or through the website:
pachwatertown.org**



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MORE PACH DETAILS

Each week, about 500 students participated in the PACH program in the 2025-2026 school year.

Your donations stay in the community, as *100% of funding* is used to support the nutritional needs of the enrolled youth



Do you have a love for music?

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

**Each Wednesday @ 7 PM
starting August 19th**

Previous choir experience is encouraged.

**Questions?
Please talk to Sarah Becker
or email her at
sebrindle@gmail.com**

*Join Us
for*

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday Mornings @ 8:15 AM

July 19th - August 23rd

North of the Firepit

Bring a chair



BACK TO SCHOOL

BACKPACK BLESSING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD
DURING THE
CHILDREN'S SERMON

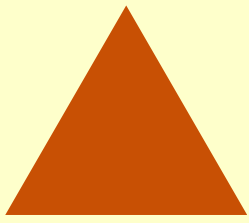


**7th – 10th Grade
Confirmation students**

OPEN HOUSE

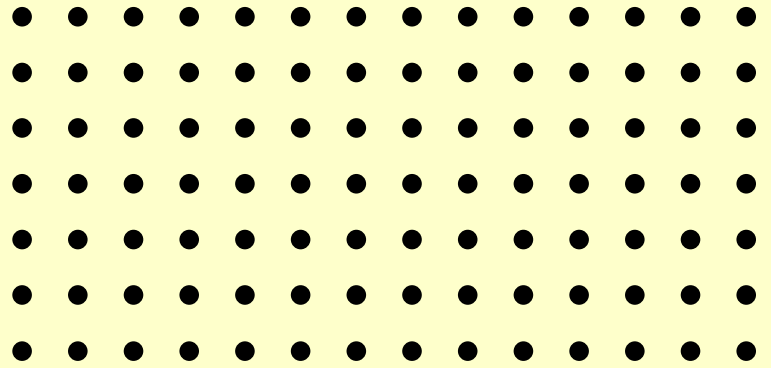
**Wednesday,
September 2nd
from 4:30 - 7:00 PM**

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

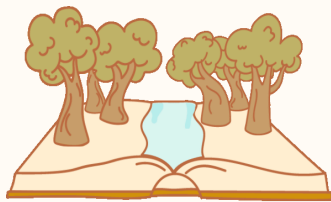
POTLUCK & ACTIVITIES

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:**

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.

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

Thursday,
September 3rd
@ 2PM

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15) – August 16, 2026

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, (Selah)
that your way may be known on earth your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and
guide the nations upon earth. (Selah)

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

– Psalm 67 –

Can you recall a moment when your parent, teacher, or someone you looked up to, smiled at you in such a way that you knew instantly they were pleased with you? Pause for a moment and try to remember how that felt. To see the approval on the face of someone you admire, or love is such a great feeling. When we share these moments with others, we spread happiness and joy.

Psalm 67 is also a song and as you can see, contains the word “Selah” twice, which is believed to be included as a pause in the music. But why? In a beautiful melody or hymn, there is usually a moment in a song that the music director wants to draw your attention to, so there is a pause included. Consider the placement of the pauses in today’s reading: “May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,” (Selah). Pause for a moment and imagine God’s face shining upon us. Remember, there’s nothing we did to earn God’s grace or to have his face shine upon us, but how wonderful to know he loves us so much that we are in his favor.

Psalms were written in such a poetic style that several have been sung or chanted throughout history, which is evident in the next pause we see in Psalm 67:4. “Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.” (Selah) Imagine singing this with fellow believers as you made your way to a feast or celebration.

Psalms are rich in the history of Israel, but also relevant for our praise and worship today as part of the body of Christ. Just as we are reminded throughout the Psalms (with Selah) to draw us into the words, let us remember to pause every day to give God praise and sing his glories out loud so that others may be drawn to him! Amen.

Pentecost 12 (Proper 15)

August 16, 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.



*Faith takes Christ captive in his word,
when he's angriest, and makes out of his cruel words a
comforting inversion as we see here.*

*You say, the woman responds, that I am a dog. Let it be, I will
gladly be a dog; now give me the consideration that you give a
dog. Thus she catches Christ with his own words,
and he is happy to be caught.*

— Martin Luther, Sermon on Mark 7 —

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

It's so much easier to live faithfully when we are able to detect God's presence and movement in our lives. When we don't feel that as strongly it becomes a bit more difficult to be obedient and to trust in the promises of the Lord. When we have to wait a long time to see the fruits of God's promises in our lives we tend to forget, get lazy, or even disillusioned.

As Israel awaited the fullness of their future salvation, the Lord gave instructions and encouragement to the prophet of how to live faithfully in the present time. God urged the people to "keep justice, and do righteousness" in the meantime. This word meant for them to keep the Sabbath day holy and to hold fast to God's covenant promises, to love and serve the Lord even as they await what God will do to bring others into the fold.

• In both the biblical languages of Greek and Hebrew, the terms "righteousness" and "justice" come from the same root as the word for "what is right." Is it possible for real justice to exist in a society where people have no sense of moral righteousness?

• The New Testament (especially Paul's writings) say that it is faith and trust in God that makes us right (justified) before God? How does the Spirit's gift of faith make things right between us and God? What effect does that have in our relationship with others?

Psalms 67

Drawing on the Aaronic blessing of Numbers 6:24–26, the psalmist chants a blessing to the people. When God's face "shines" on his people there is blessing and honor for them, and his name becomes known in all the earth.

• When have you experienced someone's face "shining" on you?

What does that mean?

This God who looks so favorably on his people is referred to as both a "judge" and a "guide." Because of this, he is worthy of their praise and thanksgiving.

• People like to say "Don't judge me; I don't need anyone to tell me what to do." Why is it many people (including ourselves) often reject having a judge or guide in our lives? In faith, how are both of these actually a good thing?

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–29

In the early Church, those who had come to know salvation in Jesus Christ wondered what would become of the Jews who did not know the Savior. Paul struggled with this, too. But

he knew salvation — in Old Testament times — had always rested in the hands of God, and that God was faithful, even when we are not. In this lesson, Paul expresses his hope that God's attention to Gentiles will somehow incite his own people to "jealousy" — not simply envy or resentment, but renewed zeal for the Lord.

• As Christians, we believe that Jesus is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6) and that "there is no other name given among mortals by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). How can we hold this truth with certainty, while at the same time, not putting ourselves in the place of deciding who is saved and who is not? _____

Paul continues his teaching and discussion of Israel's place in the heart of God by saying, "the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."

• How is this good news for us who believe in Christ, that God's gifts and promises are irrevocable? If God could back out of his promise to Israel, what would that say to us who rely for salvation on his promise in Christ?

Matthew 15:21–28

Jesus was approached by a Canaanite woman whose daughter is afflicted with a demon. She came in sheer desperation, but Jesus doesn't say one word. His disciples are clearly very uncomfortable with the situation and beg Jesus to send her away. Jesus finally answers her claiming he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.

• Does it ever feel to you as if God does not care about your concerns, or that God has more important things than your life to be concerned about?

We need to be clear about who is in charge in this story. Jesus is not mistaken or in need of correction. This is not an indication of a "lack of sensitivity" on his part. He knew exactly what he was doing.

As in all things, Jesus' goal was and is faith. Though his response may seem harsh to our ears, Jesus spoke exactly the right words to illicit faith from the woman.

• How is it that only in being judged that we understand mercy? Why is it that only when we are separated from God that we understand the true meaning of grace?

• How is faith something that goes to the Lord despite everything that stands in the way?

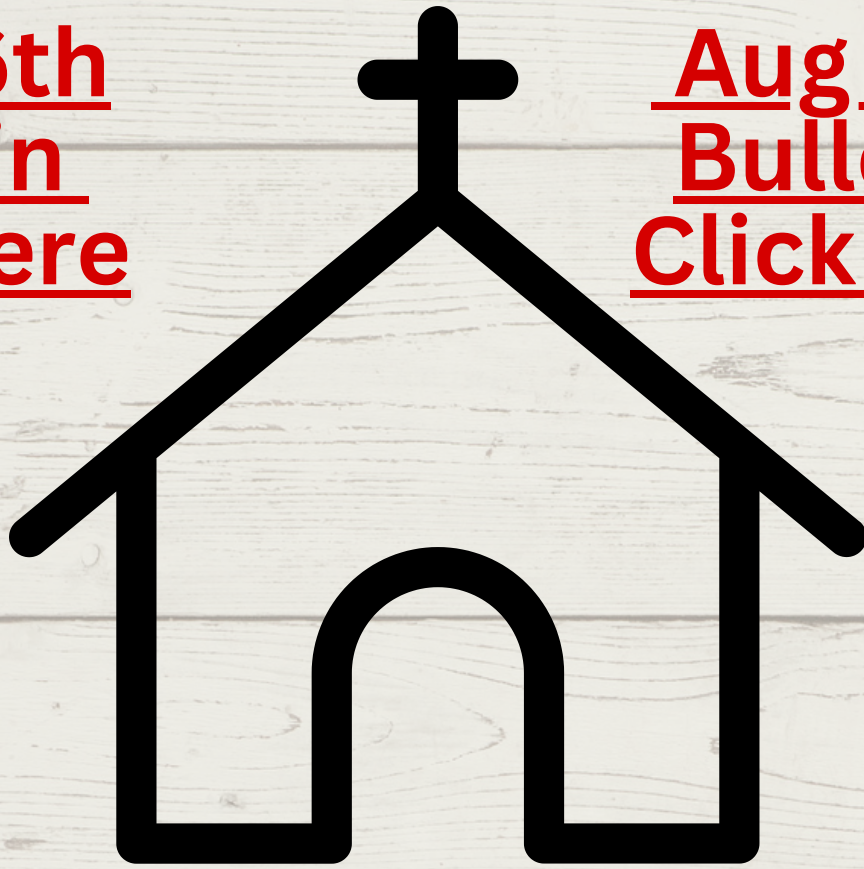
• In what sense did Jesus' harsh response to the woman actually put the words of faith in her mouth? That is to say, how was her confession of faith shaped by the Word of the Lord himself?

TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 6:30 - Church Council
WED	12:00 - Men's Bible study 2:00 - Parkinson's Meeting 7:00 - Youth @ the Firepit
THU	10:00 - Coffee
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	8:15 - Outdoor Worship 9:15 - Worship - Baptism - Communion 10:15 - Coffee
MON	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm

This Weeks Bulletin

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STREAM



AUG Servant Team!

Servant Team #4 - Serves - August 2026, March 2027 and October 2027

- Althoff, Nate & Katherine & family
- Blais, Mackenzie & Kelsey & family
- Carter, Josh & Ranae & family
- Chapin, Terry & Rose
- Fleming, Josh & York, Dani
- Good, Jayson & Taylor
- Good, Todd & Vicki
- Gross, Tyler & Melissa & family
- Hayunga, Jason & Stephanie & family
- Kaiser, Kurt & Ramona
- Keffeler, Doug & Nikki
- Keller, Sheldon & family
- Krause, Tammi
- Lien, Dennis & Susan
- Lien, Patti
- Maag, Josh & Nikki & family
- McNamara, Mike & Lynda
- Miller, Kim & Chad
- Olson, Stuart & Karen & family
- Osthus, Lynn
- Stangl, Wayne & Rhonda
- Stormo, Gordon & Beth
- Stoudt, Jim & Sandy
- Stroup, Rich & Susie & family
- Thorson, Lance & Leslie & family
- Wiles, Mariane

HLC AUGUST 16TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Lynn Osthus



Head Ushers:
Doug Keffeler
and
Les Kolden



Lector:
Jan DeBerg



**Communion
Assistants:**
Need 2 adults
and 2 kids

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, August 9th, 2026

Attendance: 33 & 155

General Offering: \$16,960.19

Hospitality: \$58.50

Youth Group T-shirt sales: \$25

Helping Hands: \$500

Contingency: \$5500

VBS: \$800

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.

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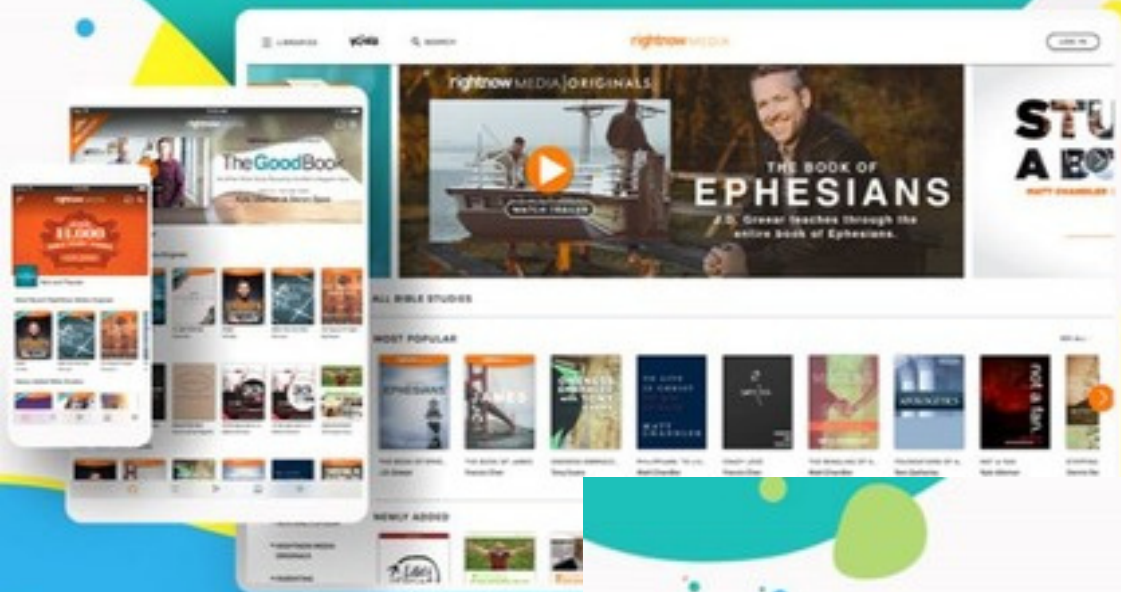
Please contact Anna at 605-237-8399 or email her @
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1. Download the free ***Vanco Mobile*** app from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Search for our Church name ***Hosanna Lutheran Church.***
3. Donate!

Thank you for your generosity!

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

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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

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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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.