



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 28th - October 4th
19th Sunday after Pentecost

*Look down from heaven, and see;
have regard
for this vine.*

Psalms 80:14

Join Us for

New Member Classes

**October 4th
after Worship in the Chapel**

NEW MEMBER

SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 11TH



Annual Gathering

The LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) Annual Gathering is a four-day event, **October 4th - 7th** featuring keynote speakers, worship and Bible study, breakout sessions, vendors and plenty of opportunities for fellowship and networking in Des Moines, Ia.

This year's theme is "Unleashed" with the verse "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." – Galatians 5:1.

You are able to **watch on livestream** during the event on your own (we've provided the **website address below** for you) AND if you are interested, **you can contact Pr Janine to watch at the church during those days!**

www.LCMC.net/live



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!

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

The Seasoned Citizens Supper

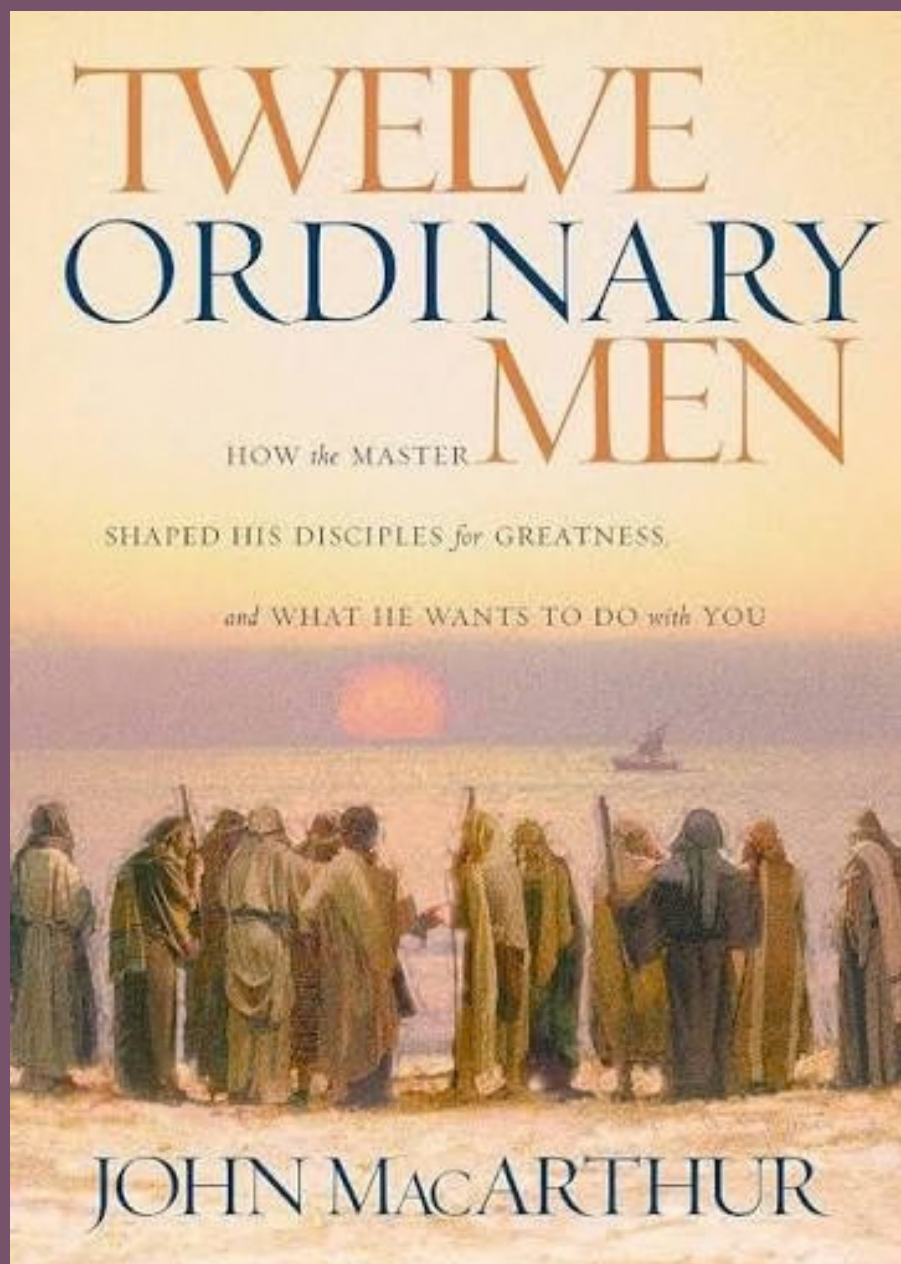
*Sunday, October 18th
starting @ 5:30 pm*

served by the Youth Group

Faith Circle

**1st Thursday of each month at 2PM
with Pr. Janine**

***Books are \$15,
they are in the office***

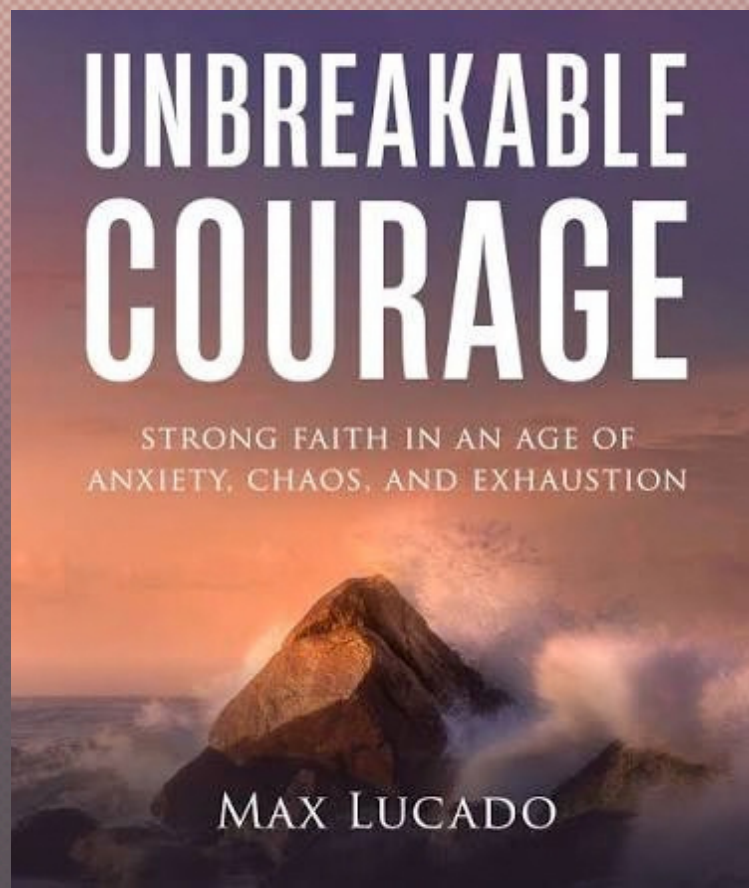


Bible study.

**2nd Thursday of each month at 2PM
with Pr. Janine**

***This will start in
November and go through April***

**Books are \$13,
they are in the office**



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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

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Y.A.R.N.

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You Are Really Needed

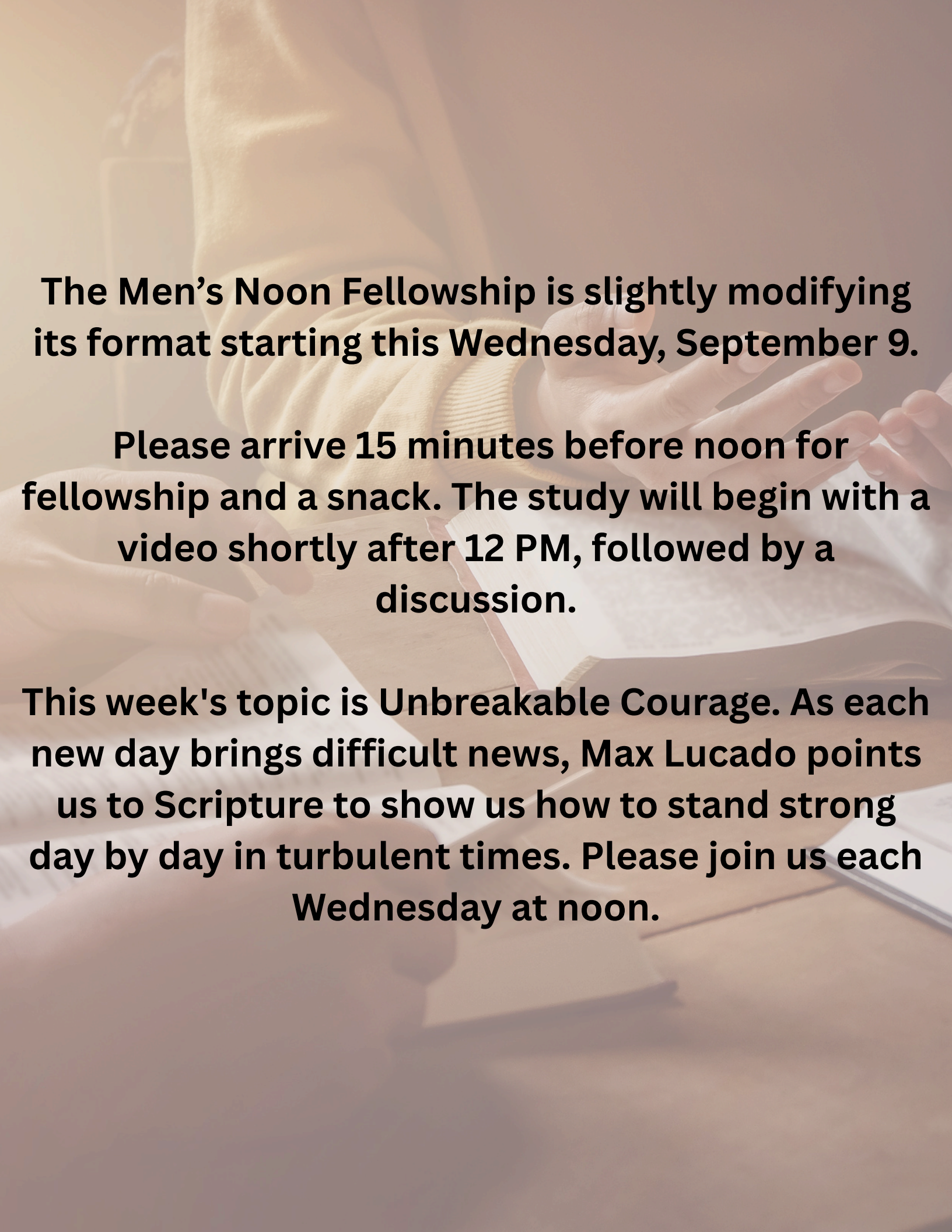
All are welcome to join us on the
1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 am

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 a pair of hands holding an open book. The hands are positioned as if presenting the book, with fingers gently gripping the edges. The book's pages are visible, showing some text. The overall tone is warm and focused, with a soft, slightly blurred background.

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



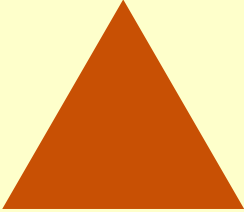
Do you have a love for music?

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

Each Wednesday @ 7 PM

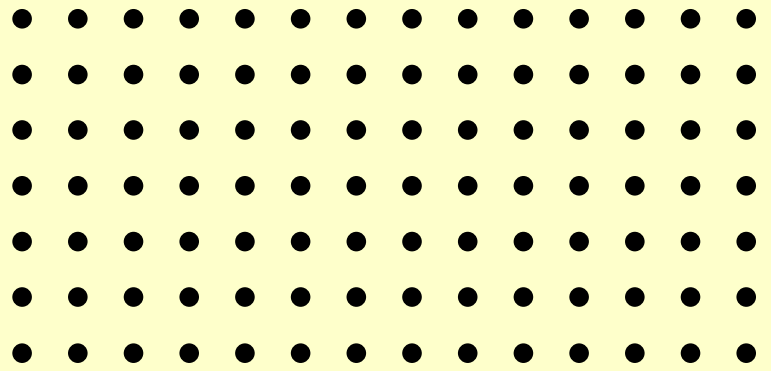
Previous choir experience is encouraged.

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



Judges

A 10-WEEK STUDY



Join

Pastor Craig on

Thursdays @

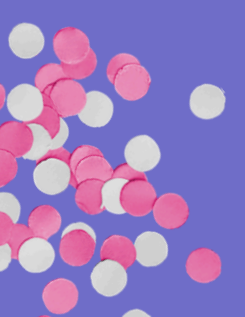
Noon & 6PM

September 10th -

November 12th

Please sign up at the information table.

Books are in the office for \$5.



*Join Pastor
Janine*

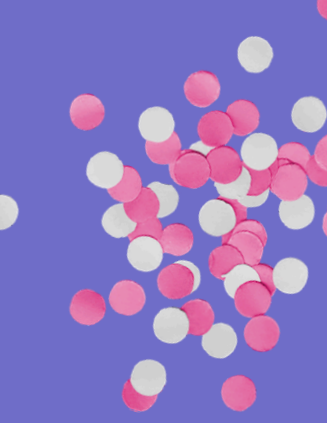
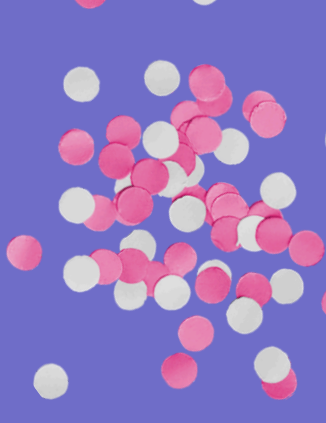
FOR

Faith Circle

Thursday,
November, 5th
@ 2PM

New Book

Twelve Ordinary Men
Books are \$15



All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22) – October 4, 2026

*⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.
– Matthew 21:43-45 –*

These verses conclude the parable of the tenants with a warning of pending judgment. In the preceding verses, the master of a house leased his vineyard to tenants and went away to another country. At the time of the harvest, he sent servants to collect the produce from the tenants. However, the tenants beat and/or killed these servants. The master then sent even more servants, but the tenants treated them the same way. Finally, the master sent his son, thinking that the tenants would surely respect his son. Instead, the tenants killed the son in order to get his inheritance and thereby claim the vineyard for themselves. In response, the master decides to kill the tenants and rent the vineyard to others.

This parable describes the rebellious history of, and the consequent judgment upon national Israel. Israel had abused and killed the prophets whom God had sent to them, and they would soon kill God’s Son. As a result of this treachery, God would take the kingdom away from them and give it to others producing its fruits. Thus, when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard this parable, they knew that Jesus was pronouncing judgment upon them.

Yet, in God’s providence, this judgment upon national Israel would open the way for the salvation of all people, Jews and Gentiles alike. In the Old Testament economy, Israel was both a chosen people and a chosen nation. They were supposed to be an example to the other nations. And since God’s presence dwelled in the Temple, Jerusalem was the spiritual center of the world. There was thus an inward orientation toward this spiritual center, even though spiritual blessings were supposed to flow outward from national Israel to the broader world.

However, when Jesus died, the curtain separating the Holy of Holies from the rest of the Temple was torn from top to bottom in two. Thus, through the shedding of Christ’s blood, the barrier separating God from sinful humanity was removed. As a result, there was no longer a geographic spiritual center on earth. Rather, there was an outward movement from Israel to the ends of the earth, resulting in a polycentric economy where God’s Spirit would dwell in every believer’s heart. So, by killing God’s Son, national Israel brought God’s judgment upon itself, yet in a way that universalized God’s salvation and calling for all people, Jews and Gentiles alike.

Pentecost 19 (Proper 22A)

October 4, 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.



By faith, as St. Peter says, we acquire a new and clean heart, and God will and does account us entirely righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator. . . And such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins is followed by good works. . . We say, besides, that if good works do not follow, faith is false and not true.

– Martin Luther –

Smalcald Articles, Part III, Article VIII

Isaiah 5:1–7

At the time in which Isaiah lived, the glory days for the kingdom of Judah were over. The Assyrians had already conquered the northern kingdom of Israel, and it would not be long before the Babylonians would do the same in the kingdom of Judah to the south.

As a parable of this judgment, the prophet speaks of the vineyard of the Lord, his “beloved.” The vineyard, which represents the houses of Israel and Judah, is destroyed after it yields wild grapes. The Lord, who did everything he could to create a beautiful haven for his people cried out to the vineyard tenants, “What more could I have done for you?”

• What is the difference between fruit that is “cultivated” and fruit that is “wild?” Compare Paul’s description of the Works of the Flesh vs. the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22–23.

• Why must we depend on God to cultivate good fruit in our lives? Left “wild” to ourselves, what do we produce?

In verse 7, the fruit that God expects from his people is contrasted with what he actually finds through a play on similar-sounding Hebrew words:

God Wanted:	The Vineyard Produced:
Mishpat = Justice	Mispach = Bloodshed
Zedekah = Righteousness	Ze’aqah = Outcry

God calls the people of Jerusalem and Judah to judge the vineyard, and in doing so, they are convicted of their own sins. During Holy Week, on Good Friday, there is an ancient set of prayers called the Solemn Reproaches. These laments mirror the good that God has done for his people since the beginning of time up to the crucifixion of Christ. As each reproach is said we hear, “O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you?”

• In what ways is understanding God’s radical grace in our lives a result of first understanding our sin and its consequences? Why is it important to recognize that we are responsible for our sinful condition? Where is the good news in God’s sorrowful words?

Psalms 80:7–19

The psalm for today picks up the same imagery of God’s people as his beloved vineyard. It serves as a fitting reflection and response to the first reading from Isaiah, this time from the perspective of God’s people.

• What are some of the things in this psalm that match the vineyard parable in Isaiah 7? In what sense does Isaiah

answer the questions asked in this psalm?

• Under the reality of judgment, what does the psalmist pray for? If the life of God’s people is to be restored, who must make it happen? In what sense is our prayer the same?

Philippians 3:4b–14

Paul responded to those who were tempted to brag of their own self-righteousness by saying that if anyone could justify himself by his works, it would be the apostle himself. Paul is righteous according to the law — he calls himself “blameless” when it comes to keeping the law to the letter. But this, he tells the Philippians, is “rubbish” compared to what Christ Jesus has done for him. “Rubbish” is a polite way of translating the Greek word *skubala*, which literally means “crap” or “dung.”

• Why would Paul refer to the good he had done in his life as

“crap?” Compare Isaiah 64:6. What is he saying here?

In our desire to justify ourselves we often cling to the accomplishments that we can boast about, but none of these is anything when it comes to our life in Christ. It is only through Jesus that we are righteous.

• What things have you been prone to clinging to in your life that have made you feel good about yourself? How are those unimportant when it comes to our salvation?

Matthew 21:33–46

Given the familiar biblical image in the Old Testament, the religious authorities would have known right away that Jesus was referring to God’s people as his “vineyard.” But here, in this parable, the accusation is not against the vineyard itself, but of the caretakers of the vineyard — the “tenants” who had been charged by God with caring for God’s people. • What are the similarities between Isaiah’s parable and Jesus’

parable? What are the differences?

• What sin was at the root of this parable?

• This parable foreshadows the condemnation and death of Jesus. What part did the Jewish religious authorities play in his death? Who are the “other tenants” (v. 41) that Jesus refers to?

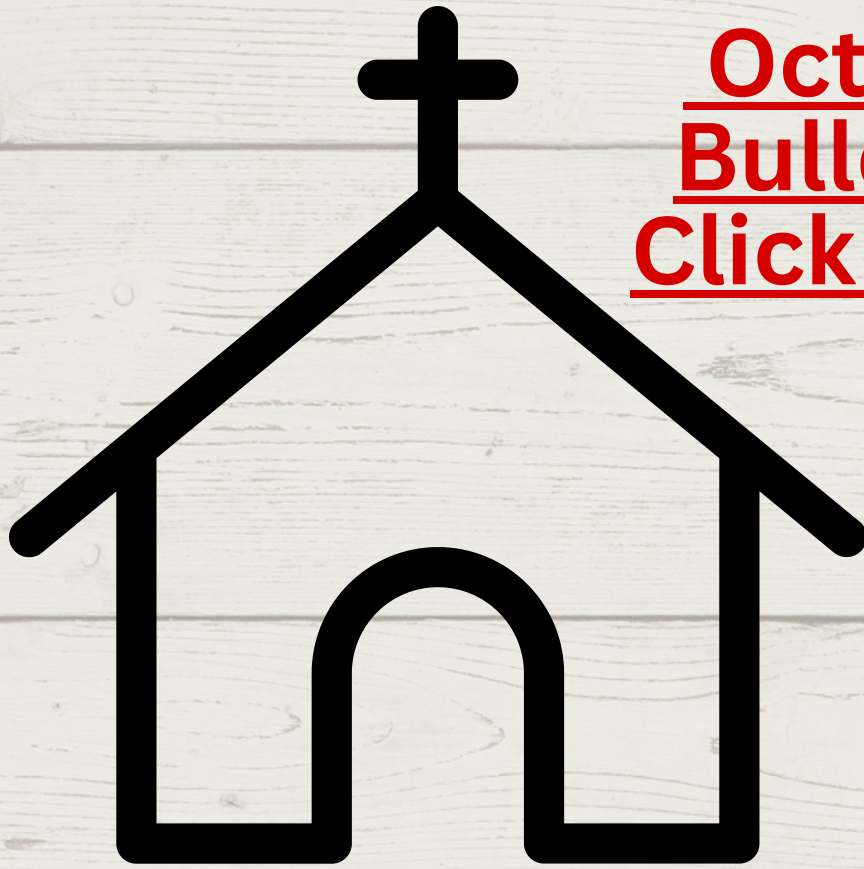
Psalms 118:21 — “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...” — is the single most Old Testament verse quoted most often in the New Testament.

• What do you think is so important about this verse in helping us understand the central message of Jesus?

MON	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm
TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 10:00 - YARN
WED	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 2:00 - Faith Circle 6:00 - Pr. Craig's Bible study
FRI	Mack/Wilson Rehearsal
SAT	Mack/Wilson Wedding
SUN	9:15 - Worship/Communion 10:15 - Coffee 10:30 - Faith Formation 10:30 - New Member Class

This Weeks Bulletin

Oct 4th
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 OCTOBER 4TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Angie Eickmeyer



Head Ushers:
Need 2



Lector:
Logan Eide



**Communion
Assistants:**
Kim Crandall,
Tammy Hunter
and
Need 2 kids

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, September 27th, 2026

Attendance: 224

General Offering: \$2,969.44

Hospitality: \$50.12

Adult Faith Formation: \$70

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

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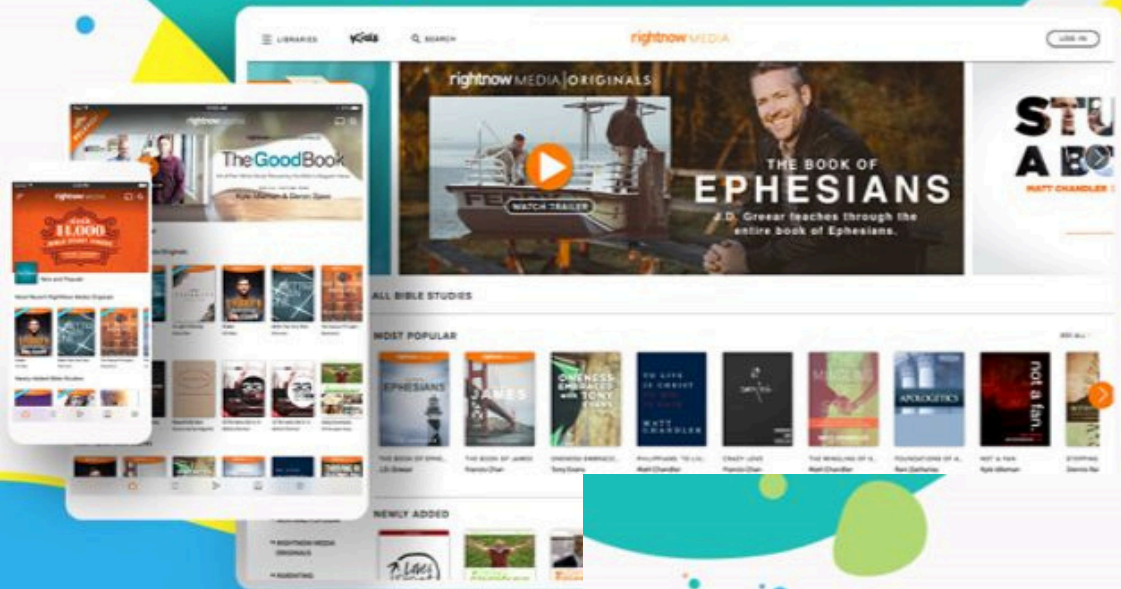
Please contact Anna at 605-237-8399 or email her @ watertownhosannalutheran@gmail.com



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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
September
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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

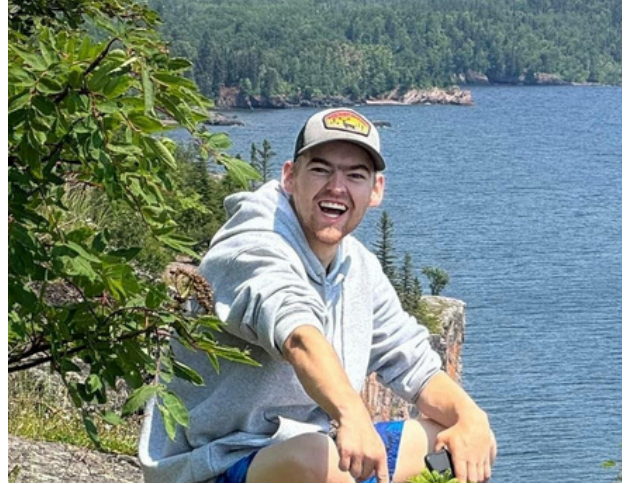
MIDWEST BIBLE CAMP
1500 N Hwy 20 Watertown



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



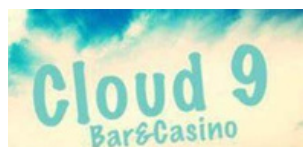
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\$20per person - Teams of 8.

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.