



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 6th - April 12th, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter

**Praise
him,
sun and
moon.**

PSALM 148:3



Congratulations to our 1st Communion kids!

Back Row: Pr. Janine, Addison Crocker,
Jayde Hartwig & Pr. Craig

Front Row: Kent Fuller, Kyson Maag,
Parker Althoff & Birkley Snell



Cross Raising Service tomorrow, Wednesday, April 8th, in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm

For the
Bulletin

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The large cross will be installed
in the Sanctuary
that night during a worship service
as we give thanks to
God for all His blessings!

Cookies, donuts, and coffee to follow!



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.

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Hosanna Parent Group

We all want to raise great kids who love Jesus, but the pressures of modern life seem to work against our ability to do that. This study brings hope to weary parents doing their best to raise great kids!

**Join us for a 6 week study
on Sunday mornings from
10:45-11:30.**

**Let's connect and support
each other in this
parenting journey!**

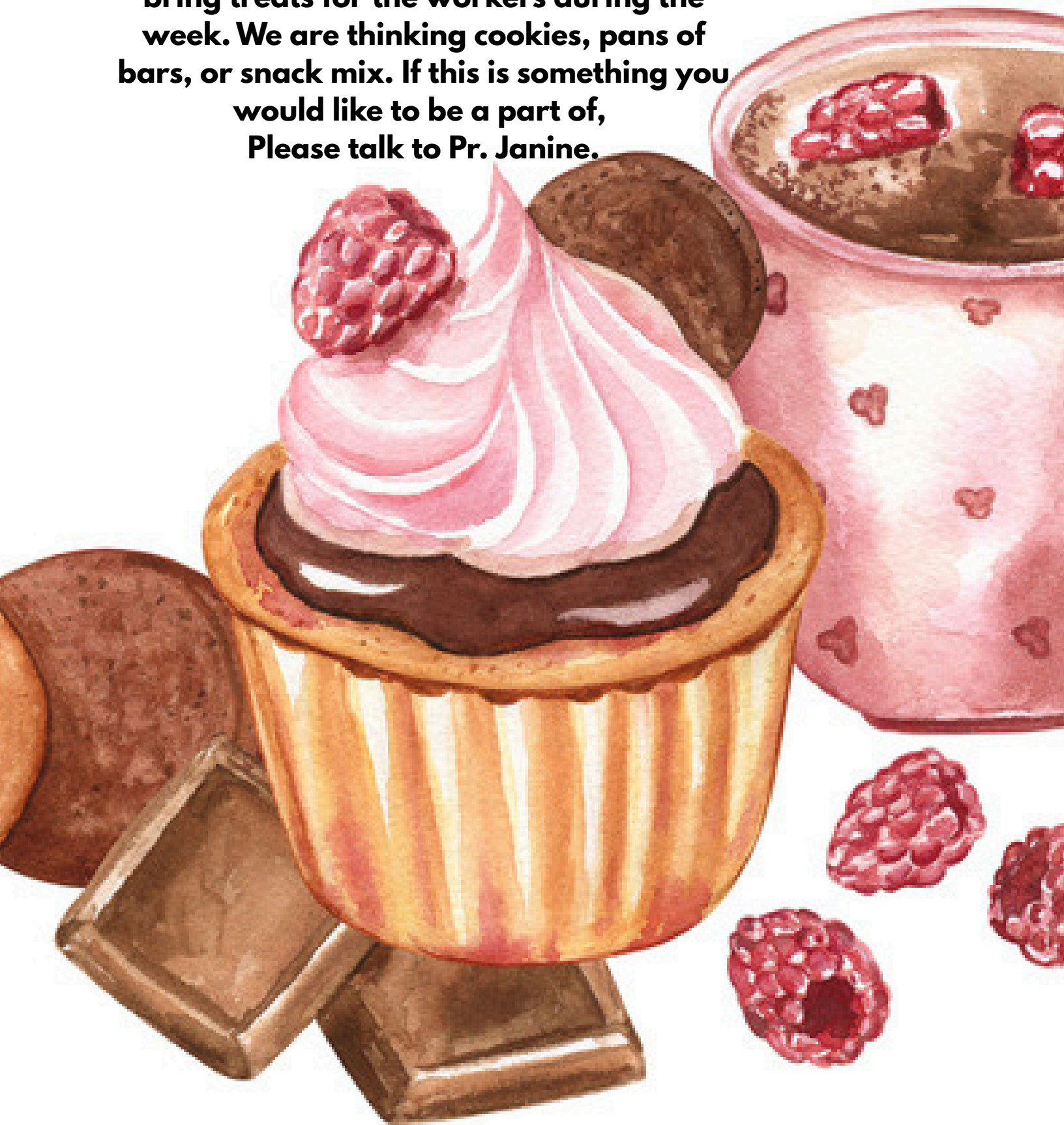
(during Faith Formation)

**We will finish up our
Bible study on
April 12th & 19th**



Treats for the Workers!

We would love to start a little group to bring treats for the workers during the week. We are thinking cookies, pans of bars, or snack mix. If this is something you would like to be a part of, Please talk to Pr. Janine.



STARTING ON WED, APRIL 15TH

HOT TOPICS AT
YOUTH GROUP
WEDNESDAYS
@ 7 PM

SUPPER @ 6:45 PM

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

Prayer Time
Tuesday Mornings
@ 9:30 am
at the church!



Join Us

Every Tuesday

@ 10am for

Coffee &

Fellowship

in the Chapel!



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

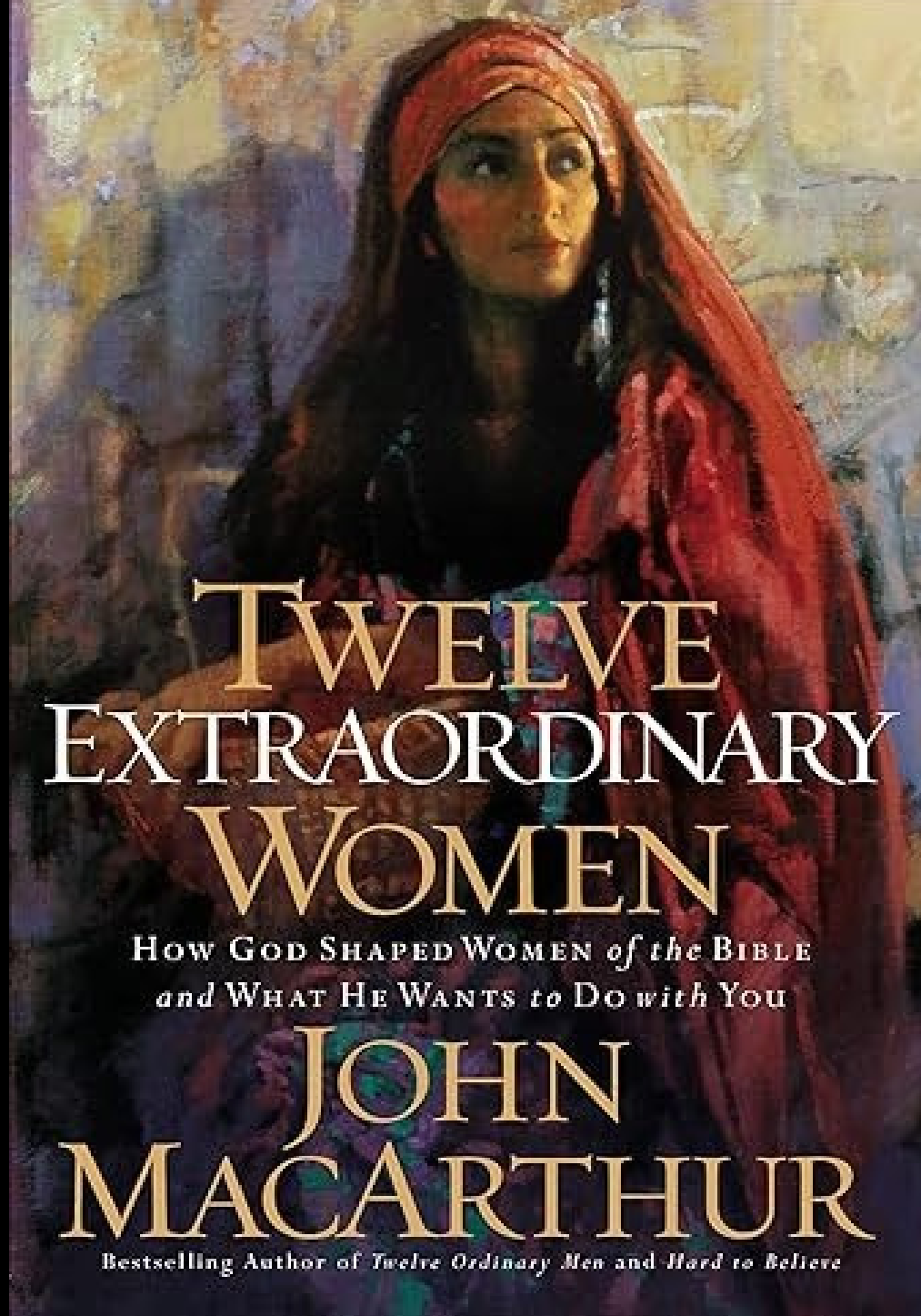
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
of each month
9:30am to noon

Bring supplies if you can or fabric to donate.

All are welcome to help create quilts for local and worldwide comfort.

Men's Noon Bible study meets in the Chapel on Wednesdays





Faith Circle

**This Thursday, April 9th
@ 2:00 pm
in the Chapel**

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Second Sunday of Easter – April 12, 2026

“Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin,
was not with them when Jesus came.”

– John 20:24 –

My Lord and My God

Has anyone ever told you a story that made you say, “Wow, I wish I had been there!”? You don’t just want to hear about it; you want to experience what they experienced. I’m sure Thomas felt the same way. It is easier to doubt than to believe. The other disciples surely had their own doubts, questioning everything, trying to understand. They heard Jesus talk about suffering and death, but they did not believe it could happen to Him. They knew He raised people from the dead, but they didn’t imagine that He would be raised, too.

This story of Thomas begins on Easter when Jesus first appeared before the disciples. They were sad, grieving, confused, doubtful, and afraid. Their attitude changed when they saw Jesus. Their tears turned to laughter. Can you imagine walking into a room full of laughing disciples when all you can think of is your dead Master? Thomas must have thought they were crazy. “How can you be laughing at a time like this?”

We pick on Thomas, but can we really blame him? It is possible that he had not even heard Jesus had been raised. Thomas’ doubt does not suggest a lack of trust or love; he was still feeling the sadness of Good Friday. The disciples were given an incredible gift: peace and forgiveness. They would not have believed without the power Jesus gave them when He breathed on them. Thomas needed the breath of Jesus, too. He did not believe until Jesus gave him the Spirit that He had given to them all. Then confessing Thomas responded with faith by saying, “My Lord and my God.”

Jesus gives us the same gift. He comes to us and says, “Be at peace. Trust in me and trust in my Father. His promises are true, and He is faithful. Whatever you face, do so with faith, knowing that everything is already finished. Live in the forgiveness I have obtained for you and take it out the door into the world for others.” This is the life we are called to live, possible only by God’s grace.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Proclamation Points



Now, this one fact, that one so exalted as Christ himself, the only and eternal Son of God, has trod the path of suffering before us, enduring unlimited distress, agony transcending the power of humanity to experience — this alone should be enough to admonish and urge anyone to patiently endure affliction.

– Martin Luther –
Sermon on 1 Peter

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.

Acts 5:29–42

After being flogged by the religious leaders, the disciples were given one restriction: they were not to speak in the name of Jesus. All that was required for them to get along peaceably among their own people was to be quiet about what they believed. Instead, they were ceaseless in their teaching about Jesus. Their witness could not be contained.

• *Why didn't the disciples just keep quiet and stay out of trouble? What are some ways we are tempted to remain silent about what we believe?*

Gamaliel, a respected teacher among the Pharisees, was pretty certain that he had the situation figured out. He had seen would-be messiahs come and go before. There was never a shortage of charismatic figures leading people down a rosy path, only to disappear as quickly as they arose. Gamaliel figured Jesus was just another one in a long line, and if his disciples were left alone, they would quickly lose interest in following one who was crucified as a criminal. But Gamaliel also offered another insight. It occurred to him that if Jesus really was who he claimed to be, there was no way this movement could be stopped. In fact, those trying to stop it would find themselves fighting against God. Gamaliel concluded that the safest course of action was to simply let things unfold.

• *Do you think the success of Christianity is proof of the truth of the Gospel? If something is successful, does that automatically mean God is blessing it?*

• *Is suffering or failure an indication that God is withholding his blessing? How does the theology of the cross shape our understanding of success and failure?*

Psalms 148

The entire creation praises the Lord! From the highest heaven to the deepest sea, praises come forth for the awesome Creator.

• *Can you imagine such praise as rocks and hills, stars and sea creatures worshipping the Lord of all? What would that look and sound like?*

1 Peter 1:3–9

Imperishable inheritance is hard to imagine. Everything that we work so hard for, save, invest and tend in order to have something to pass on to our heirs eventually passes away. Farms are sold off in pieces. Heirlooms get lost or broken. Even if the inheritance is not squandered or lost,

eventually the heir will pass away.

What we have been given in Christ, however, is an imperishable inheritance. It has staying power. In this way, it is wholly unlike any other inheritance. Nothing in this world lasts. But the salvation that we have in Jesus Christ lasts forever. God himself is watching over and protecting the heirs he has chosen, until at last we claim our inheritance — the salvation of our souls.

• *What is the difference between an inheritance and a wage? Why is it significant that salvation is described as our inheritance? Do you think it is possible to squander or waste or lose the inheritance you've been given through Christ?*

John 20:19–31

It's difficult to imagine the kind of darkness that surrounded and filled the disciples in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. They had pinned their hopes and dreams on this one individual, and now it all was lost. This was more profound than losing a friend or loved one. These disciples had altered their lives to conform to what they thought Jesus was going to do. They had left behind their old way of being to prepare for the new way Jesus was supposed to usher in. And then he was executed without even putting up a fight. The disciples were lost in the darkness of grief and despair.

Then into the midst of that darkness, Christ, the very one they were grieving, appeared among them, shining the light of new life — a new reality. Jesus, whose death they had witnessed firsthand, was now among them, alive and well. Simply by appearing in their midst, Jesus changed the disciples' concept of what was possible and what was true. They could suddenly see that God was acting in the world in a way they had never before imagined. God was bringing life out of death.

• *When have you been the closest to despair? What kind of word or action broke through your despair? How is Jesus still breaking through our doubts and fears and sorrows?*

Thomas wasn't there to witness this life-changing, death-defying light. The darkness that surrounded him was a shield against the joyous proclamations of his friends. He couldn't conceive of the kind of world they were describing. He couldn't imagine that things could be so different from what he had always known. He couldn't just will himself out of the darkness of his despair and grief.

• *Do you think Thomas's doubt was unreasonable? How could he be expected to believe something as unheard-of as the Resurrection without seeing it first hand?*

MON

**Office open
Mon - Thurs 10am - 2pm
Closed Easter Monday**

TUE

**9:30 - Prayer
10:00 - Coffee
10:00 - YARN**

WED

**9:30 - Quilting
12:00 - Men's Bible study
5:30 - Confirmation
6:30 - Cross Raising Service**

THU

**10:00 - Coffee
2:00 - Faith Circle
5:00 - Melissa Gross Bible study**

FRI

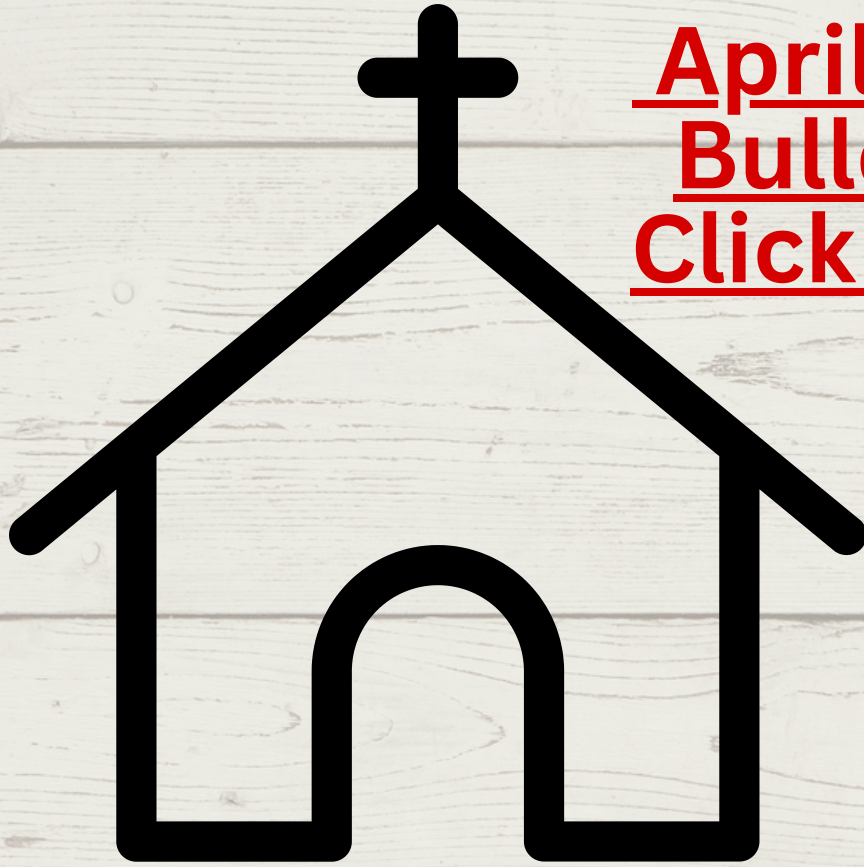
SAT

SUN

**9:15 - Worship
10:15 - Coffee
10:30 - Faith Formation
10:45 - Parent Bible study**

This Weeks Bulletin

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LIVE

STREAM



APR. Servant Team!

Servant Team #7 - Serves - April and November 2026

- Benson, Earl
- Brekke, Terry & Sharon
- Bue, Harvey & Doris
- Davidson, Betty
- Erickson, Larry & Lisa
- Erickson, Terry
- Farthing, Don & Karen
- Geist, Nate & Lindsay & family
- Gjerst, Logan & Bethany & family
- Griep, Brad & Diane
- Hartwig, Jake & Amanda & family
- Hopkins, Linda
- Jacobson, Bill & Terra
- Jones, Dana & Rose
- Jorgenson, Deb
- Kalt, Dean & Vonnie
- Larson, Sharon
- Lawrence, Bryce & Karissa & family
- Mohning, Tim & Emily & family
- Nichols, Lannie & Gina
- Petersen, Terry & Peggy
- Peterson, Robb & Jodi
- Pieper, Jim & Shelly
- Schafer, Ashley & family
- Skinner, Karen
- Small, Gayle & Dorothy
- Streckfuss, Chris
- Svalstad, Duane & Judy
- Williams, Ron & Pat

HLC APRIL 12TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Angie Eickmeyer



Head Ushers:
Need 1



Lector:
Need 1



**Non-Communion
Sunday**

Attendance & Offering

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, 2025

Attendance: 152

General Offering: \$220

Attendance & Offering

Good Friday, April 3rd, 2025

Attendance: 122

General Offering: \$280

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, April 5th, 2026

Attendance: **277** - 8:30 & **157** - 10:30

General Offering: \$23,669.88

Hospitality: \$21

Facility: \$550

Youth Group: \$110

Lent Offering: \$100

Lutefisk: \$25

HLC Year to Date Financial Report as of 3-31-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$ 94,585	\$91,190.40	\$ 3,394.60 - Under Budget
Expenses	\$ 82,799	\$80,428.53	\$ 2,370.47 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

MARCH

Benevolence &

Mission Outreach

\$2000 - Watertown Christian School

\$665 - Augustana District - for theological conference scholarships for seminarians

\$905 - Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ - for general operating expenses

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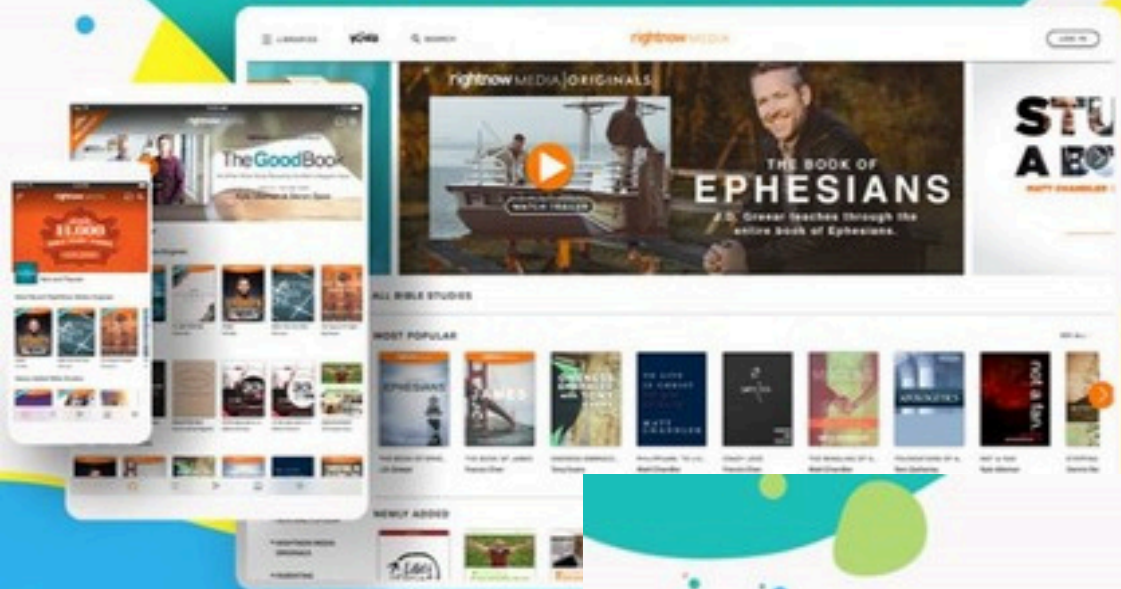
Please contact Anna at 605-237-8399 or email her @ watertownhosannalutheran@gmail.com



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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

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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

April 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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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!

January 7, 2026

“Safe Hands, Calm Hands” (Teepa Snow)
 by Christina Ruml, State Ombudsman for State of South Dakota

February 4, 2026

“Language, Swallowing, and Dementia”
 by Kirsten Blackwell, Speech - Language Pathologist with PLHS

March 4, 2026

“Holding God’s Hands”
 by Pastor Sara McManus, First United Methodist Church

April 1, 2026

“Adult Day Services / My Care Line Respite Care & Telemedicine at The Village”
 by Krista Beauchamp & Dalton Wagner

May 6, 2026

“Keeping Precious Memories” (Creating Memory Books)
 by Dar Fuchs & Friends

June 3, 2026

“Let’s Talk”
 by The Support Group



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.



Moms, you are invited to gather with like-minded women for an encouraging time of fellowship and prayer for our children and schools.

Come take a breather with other women who understand that we don't have to do life alone.

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:30 – 11:30 am

**Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall
4100 S Bahnson Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57103**

Sign-up by Monday, April 20 with this link or QR code...

<https://forms.gle/QGDnEA3jmZVv3Fix5>



But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

From 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 ESV

MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

DO CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS WORSHIP THE SAME GOD?



Bill Scott, Director of International Operations for Ratio Christi, will be presenting a compelling case on this crucial question.

Join us for a respectful and engaging lecture and dialogue.

Both events are **FREE** and open to all.

MAIN EVENT

LECTURE & DIALOGUE

Thursday, April 9th, 2026

7:00pm

Student Union, Market Stage

BONUS SEMINAR

SCIENCE & FAITH

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

10:00am

Rotunda E

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SUMMER PROGRAM ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

When school's out, learning doesn't stop! At Our Little Village Learning Center, summer is structured, engaging, and designed to keep your child school-ready.

Led by Carol Dagel with 47 years of teaching experience, our Summer Program features grade-appropriate, standards-based learning combined with hands-on activities, art, outdoor exploration, and meaningful intergenerational experiences on the Harmony Hill campus.

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Meals included

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Spots are LIMITED and they will fill quickly.

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