



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 11th - May 17th, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter



**Resist
him,
firm
in your
faith.**

1 Peter 5:9

Congratulations



COOPER JOSHUA KETTWIG

Parents: Josh and Anna Kettwig

Future Plans: SDSU for Business

Favorite HS memory: Winning the State Football Championship my junior year.

Favorite Church memory: Making tie blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

- John 8:12



JERSEY RAE PEERY

Parents: Brian and Tanya Peery

Future Plans: Attend LATC for Nursing.

Favorite HS memory: Senior homecoming!

Favorite Church memory: Helping with VBS.

**God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.**

-Psalm 46:5

Congratulations



MARKUS PAUL PITKIN

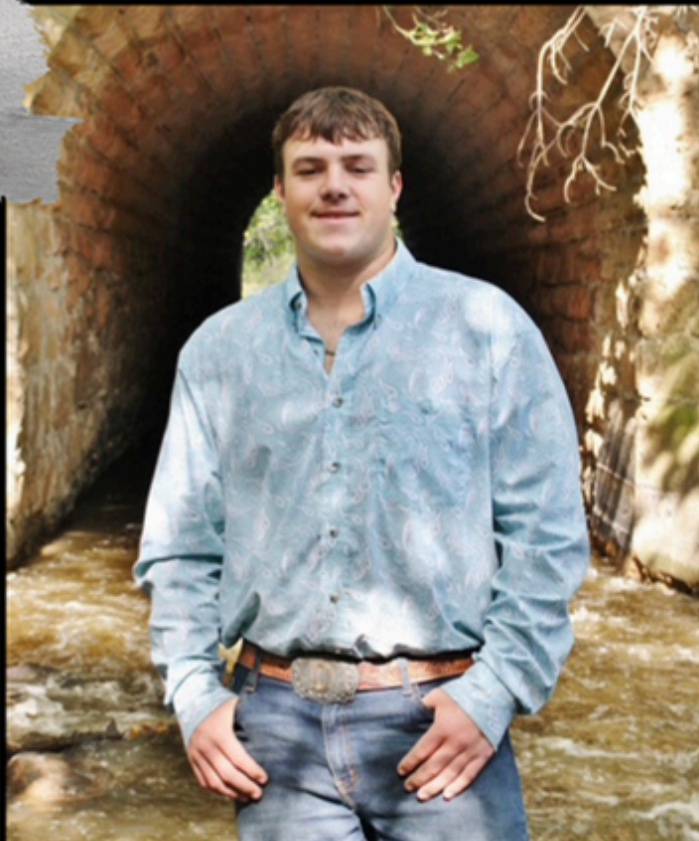
Parents: Paul and Andrea Pitkin

Future Plans: Attend North Iowa Area Community College on a baseball scholarship and major in business.

Favorite HS memory: Winning the 2024 Class 11AA State Football Championship with my friends and teammates.

Favorite Church memory: Taking Confirmation classes with my friends.

***I can do all things through him
who strengthens me.
-Philippians 4:13***



DRUE EDWARD WIENTJES

Parents: Billy & Danielle Wientjes

Future Plans: Attending LATC for their Heavy Equipment program.

Favorite HS memory: Friday Night Lights

Favorite Church memory: VBS

***Whatever you do, work heartily,
as for the Lord
and not for men.
-Colossians 3:23***

Property Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 5

Location: Church Facility

Opening: Prayer offered to begin the meeting

1. Attendance & Introductions

Welcomed new members:

Nate Albertson (Lake Area Tech instructor)

Randy Rakness (chairman), Duane Svalstad, John Hopper, Mark Wientjes, Don Farthing, Roger Carter, Darwin Carlson, Dick Nicolai,

Staff: Pastor Craig Werling, Pastor Janine Rew-Werling, Earl Benson

Other: Lori Storley

2. Church Repair & Construction Progress

Trim work and cabinet installation nearing completion (target: Friday)

Tile work progressing in the sanctuary bathroom

Pews arriving Thursday → to be stored at Lake Area Tech

Waiting on lighting fixtures (major timeline dependency)

Fire alarm and occupancy approval still pending (important for upcoming wedding on May 30)

3. Key Project Updates

Sanctuary & Interior

Organ installation tentatively scheduled (late June)

Carpet installation expected before organ setup

AV system:

Wiring installed; termination pending countertop installation

Sound booth constructed, awaiting final setup

Lighting system:

Will be remote/preset-based (training required)

Fixtures & Furnishings

Countertop measurements scheduled (May 6, 8:00 AM)

New doors (fellowship hall areas) approved and ordered through insurance

Office window treatments delivered

Altar furniture completed and stored until installation

Exterior & Grounds

Lightning rods: 50% complete; finishing next week

No bat infestation; sealing work to be completed internally by Gil Haugen

Outdoor lighting repairs identified (electricians to address)

4. Timeline Outlook

Estimated sanctuary readiness: early July (target: first Sunday)

Outdoor services are delayed until indoor worship is completed

5. Storage & Logistics

Pews:

Delivery Thursday → transport and storage at LATC

Later delivery to the church with students and volunteers

Garage clutter reinstallation ter:

Significant accumulation has been identified

Plan to utilize the dumpster while available

6. Insurance & Financial Review

Discrepancies identified (e.g., missing amplifier claim)

Need to verify inclusion of:

Organ

Keyboards

Ongoing coordination with the insurance provider

7. Cleanup & Maintenance Planning

Cleanup Day scheduled: June 6

Possible second cleanup closer to the reopening of the sanctuary

8. Facility & Maintenance Issues Identified

Men's bathroom:

Door slams → needs a new closer

Light delay issue

Exterior dumpster:

Moves in high winds → needs anchoring solution

Parking lot sand/debris cleanup:

Requires equipment (brush/skid steer)

Garage organization and disposal decisions needed

9. Outdoor Worship Planning

Reorientation of layout planned

Potential improvements for capacity and comfort

Timing dependent on sanctuary readiness

10. Next Meeting

Date: June 2 at 6:30 PM



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**

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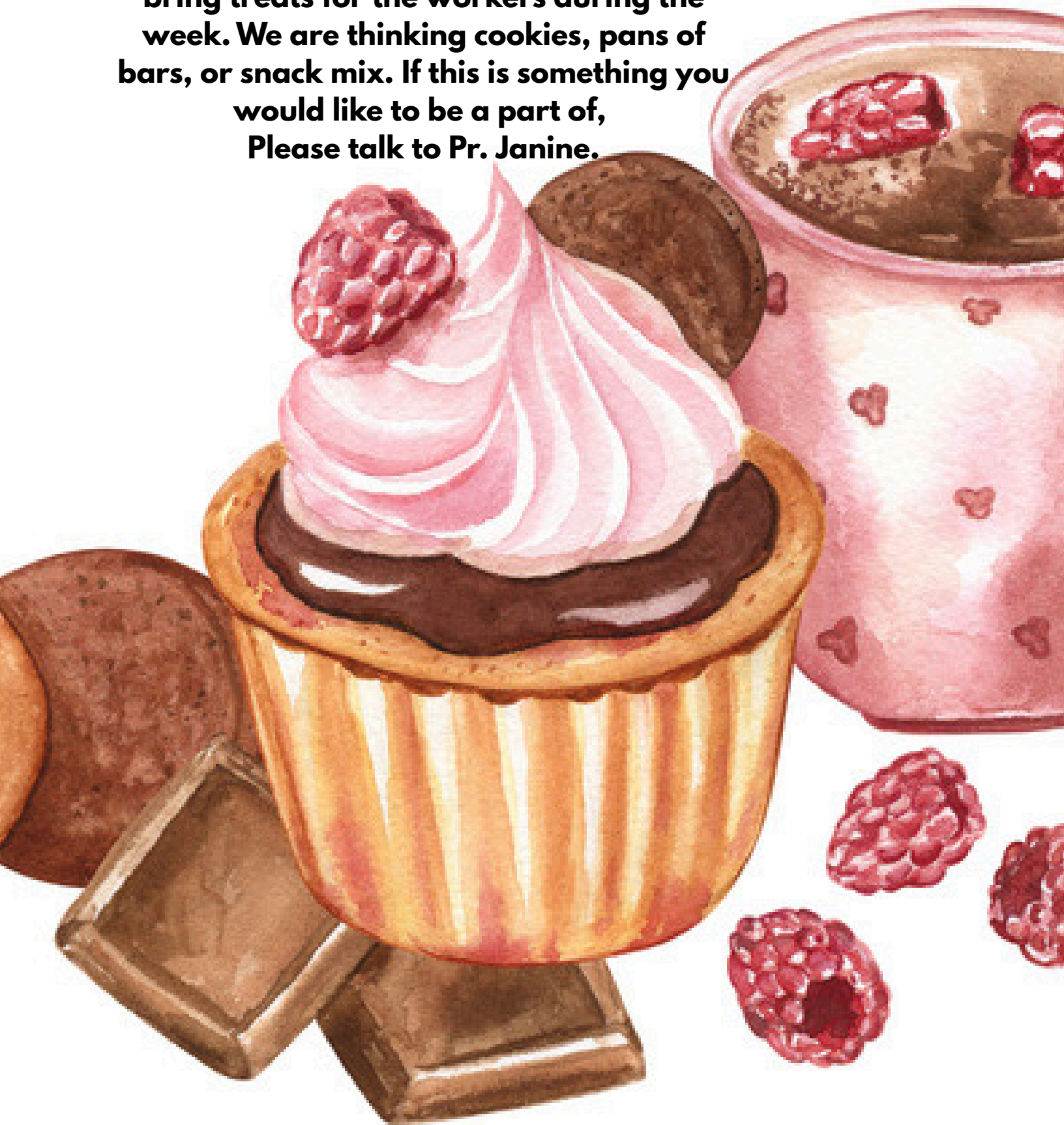


**Join us for VBS
July 27th - 30th!
Sign up today!**

[Click here for the form](#)

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.



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.

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2026

“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace,
who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ,
will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”

- 1 Peter 5:10 -

Suffering Leads to Glory with Him

Jesus was gone. The disciples were alone. They knew things, but did they know enough? How were they supposed to continue Jesus' work? How were they supposed to do the miracles, speak the words, teach the lessons that would change people's lives? They lost their teacher. They left their families, and in many cases couldn't return because their families had rejected Jesus. The world was opposed to everything they had come to believe. It still opposes our faith today and threatens us, too. We wonder how we will ever be capable of doing what God calls us to do.

The truth is that we are not capable, but there is hope because God promised that He would provide everything we need. He will restore, support, strengthen, and establish us. He is indeed the God of all grace, and He has called us to this life. He has invited us to share in His eternal glory that is found in Jesus Christ our Lord. This might mean suffering, but that, too is a gift because in it we share the glory of Jesus. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we have all we need to live in faith and serve God, including other believers who will join us in the work.

We know Jesus Christ because of the testimony of those who came before us and future generations will know Him because we will share our faith with them. We are bound together by the power of the Holy Spirit, made one by God's Word through God's grace, continuing the work of Jesus Christ together despite the opposition that threatens our lives.

This is a reason for us to celebrate. We have reason to dance in the streets. We have reason to praise God with joy, to delight in His presence because we are His forever. He has won the victory. He has defeated our enemies. He has made all things right and we are called to tell the story of His innumerable deeds, His faithfulness, and His power, until we join in His eternal glory as He has promised to those who believe.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026



Whoever does not know God hidden in suffering
does not know God at all.

- Martin Luther -

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.

Acts 1:12-26

The fulfillment of Scripture is a recurring theme in the book of Acts. All sorts of things that might appear to be random or contrary to God's plan are understood to be in accord with Scripture and part of God's plan.

In this episode, Judas' betrayal of Jesus and his eventual death are understood as fitting into God's overall plan of salvation. Luke does not explore here the relationship between divine necessity and human responsibility. He simply states that Judas' actions were a fulfillment of Scripture.

• What significance do you find in the differences between this recollection of Judas' death and the version in Matthew 27:3-10? If Judas' actions were part of God's plan, how can Scripture say he was responsible for what he did?

The remaining eleven determine that they must replace Judas so that their number will again be complete. They have clear requirements for the replacement. (Note that these requirements rule out Paul, whose story will fill half of the book of Acts).

• Why do you think it was so important to replace Judas? What do the specific qualifications the eleven were looking for tell us about what they considered important?

Eventually, it will become important for believers to be able to witness to what they have not seen. As time passes and the church grows, the witnesses of the Gospel will include people who never heard Jesus teach, never witnessed a healing, never saw him risen from the dead. But for now, the eleven find it important for the replacement to be a first-hand witness, and they determine that the best way to choose between the two candidates is through the casting of lots. They assume that God will make his will known in this way.

• Do you think there is any significance to the fact that we never hear another word about Matthias?

Psalm 68:1-10

The psalmist celebrates the righteous judgment and the abundant gifts that the Lord gives. He looks out for the needy and protects his people from their enemies. His love for orphans and widows is a defining characteristic of his nature.

• Why is it important to praise the Lord for his goodness and equity? Does it help us to appreciate the Lord when we think about his works?

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Peter is clear about telling believers that they will suffer for the faith. Jesus suffered and so shall we. He was insulted, persecuted, and killed so why would those who love and follow him think it would be any different for us? Peter explains that suffering such as this, for Christ's sake, should not cause us to be ashamed. Instead it brings God glory.

• No one asks to suffer, to be sure. But how does our suffering for Christ indicate our faith in him?

Peter urged believers to cast all of their concerns on Jesus who protects them from the prowling enemy. We are to resist the devil and be aware of his tempting ways even as we await future glory in Christ.

• How often do you think about Satan prowling around like a roaring lion seeking to eat you alive? How does that drive you to the comfort of Jesus?

John 17:1-11

Today's gospel reading is from Jesus' prayer on behalf of his disciples. It comes just before Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. In it we see Jesus' request of the Father, his will for his followers and his faith that God the Father will protect and sustain them. It may seem rather strange to hear Jesus asking to be "glorified." It does not fit neatly with how we tend to think of Jesus, as humble and self-denying. We also have in our ears the witness of the other gospels, and Jesus' desire to have the cup pass from him if possible. But here we see Jesus calling upon the Father to glorify the Son, with a clear sense that what has taken place and what is about to take place are not to be avoided. In glorifying the Son, in raising him from the dead, the Father will be glorified because the world will see who he really is.

• Is Jesus, after all of his self-giving, now seeking his own gain? In what way does Jesus show the nature of true glory?

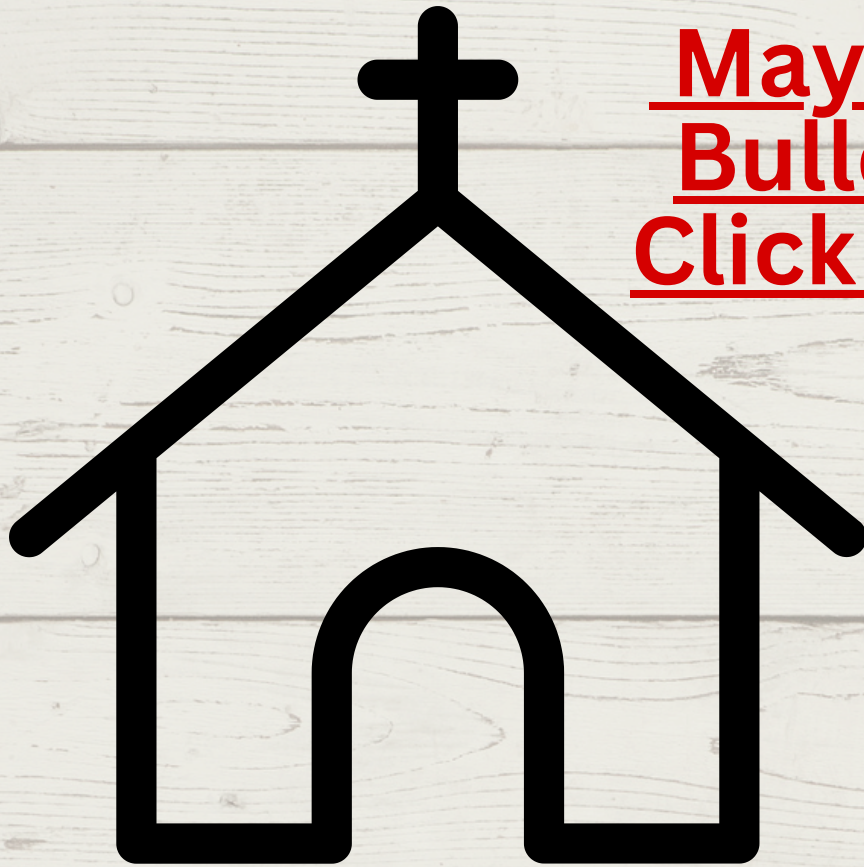
Throughout this prayer, the events of the past, present, and future are brought together in this "hour." Jesus spoke of future events as if they had already happened ("I am no longer in the world") and past events (being glorified in his followers) as not yet complete. Jesus' prayer is on our behalf too, and not just for those near him. Jesus appealed for unity among his followers, the same unity that is shared between God the Father and God the Son. It is Jesus' will that his followers would be one, as Father and Son are one.

• What do you think it means for a diverse people to be "one"? In what sense are the Father and the Son "one"? How does that help us understand what Jesus is talking about here?

MON	Office open Mon - Thurs 10am - 2pm
TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 6:30 - Church Council
WED	9:30 - Quilting 12:00 - Men's Bible study 6:45 - Youth Meal 7:00 - Youth Group
THU	10:00 - Coffee 5:00 - Melissa Gross Bible study
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	9:15 - Worship/Communion/ Senior Recognition 10:15 - Coffee

This Weeks Bulletin

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MAY Servant Team!

Servant Team #1 - Serves - May and December 2026

- Anderson, Ben & Mindy & family
- Brindle, Jeff & Sherri
- Caulfield, Jerald & Patricia
- Corey, Cam
- Dahl, Robert
- Duklet, Chris & Jill & family
- Eide, Stacy & Jacqueline
- Falk, Warren & Eloise
- Fedt, Doug & Heather
- Foust, Yvette
- Freudenthal, Gerald & Janelle
- Fuller, Lee & Dorothy
- Fuller, Dusty & Nicki & family
- Greene, Dale & Margaret
- Gunderson, LeRoy & Kathy
- Haug, Loren & Bev
- Helwig, Sean
- Hieb, Willard & Sharon
- Holgate, Jeff & Julie & family
- Jensen, Scott & Sherese
- Kamara, Hawa & family
- Knox, Kaid & Kindra & family
- Miller, David & Haley & family
- Mutschler, Bruce & Shelly
- Orthaus, David & Gloria
- Rud, Mark & Carolyn
- Schmahl, Paul
- Spieker, Cliff & Dorothy
- Storley, Reed & Lori
- Timmer, Randy & Christina
- Wientjes, Mark & Cathy
- Zeitler, Marlo

HLC MAY 17TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Eloise Falk



Head Ushers:
Need 2



Lector:
Need 1



**Communion
Assistants:**
Sherri Brindle
and
Carolyn Rud

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, May 10th, 2026

Attendance: 193

General Offering: \$7,336.24

Hospitality: \$81

HLC Year to Date Financial Report as of 4-30-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$145,516	\$132,880.93	\$12,635.07 - Under Budget
Expenses	\$111,511	\$107,570.44	\$ 3,940.56 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

MAY

Benevolence & Mission Outreach

\$1130 - Beacon Center - for use where needed most by our local domestic abuse shelter

\$1800 - Friends of Madagascar Mission - for the total annual support of 2 evangelists and their families

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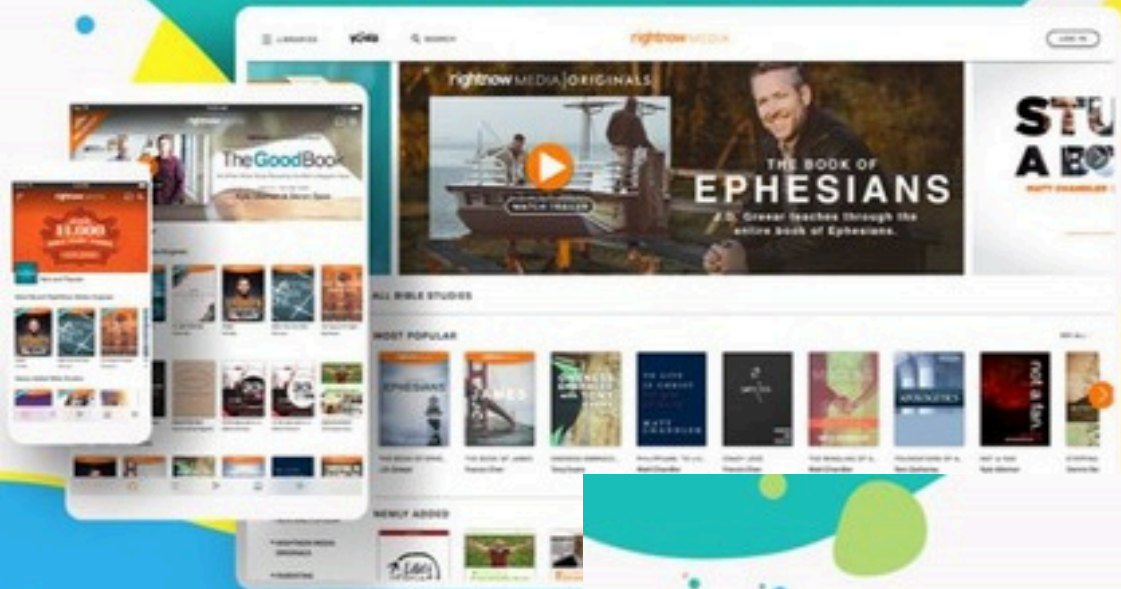
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the fellowship hall
5. Mail checks to 1617 14th Ave NE
Watertown, SD 57201

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

May 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.

Come to
WORSHIP FEST

MIDWEST BIBLE CAMP

1500 N HWY 20

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH @4PM

WALKING TACOS PROVIDED

Fundraiser for Free Camp for Kids!

Music provided by local Watertown Worship Leaders

