HOSANNA
Lutheran Church, LCMC

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 19th - October 25th

Reformation Sunday





Thank you so much to everyone for your cards, gifts, dinners and many other ways of showing your appreciation to us for Pastors' Appreciation. We are very blessed and honored to be the pastors of Hosanna Lutheran Church! We are especially blessed by your support, prayers, love and faithfulness throughout the year as we all serve together in the Kingdom of God here in South Dakota.

God bless you all.

Craig and Janine

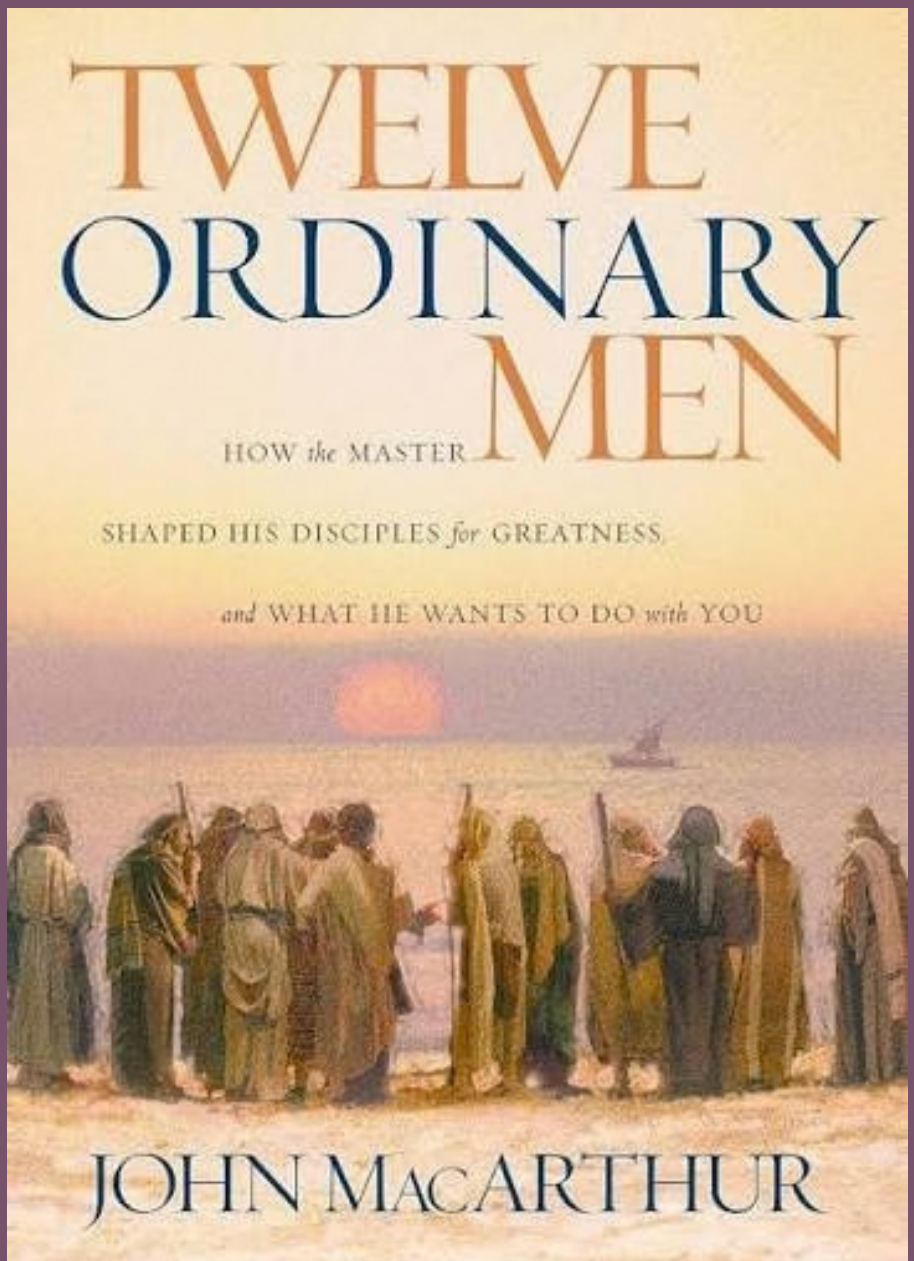
Congratulations to Dylan & Elizabeth McMahon on the baptism of their Son, Bennett Thomas McMahon, and their daughter, Evelyn Grace McMahon.
Bennett was born on June 19th, 2025; his sponsors are Shaye & Carissa Horacek.
Evelyn was born on August 5th, 2026; her sponsors are Matthew & Johanna Hansmann.



Faith Circle

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

Books are $15,
they are in the office

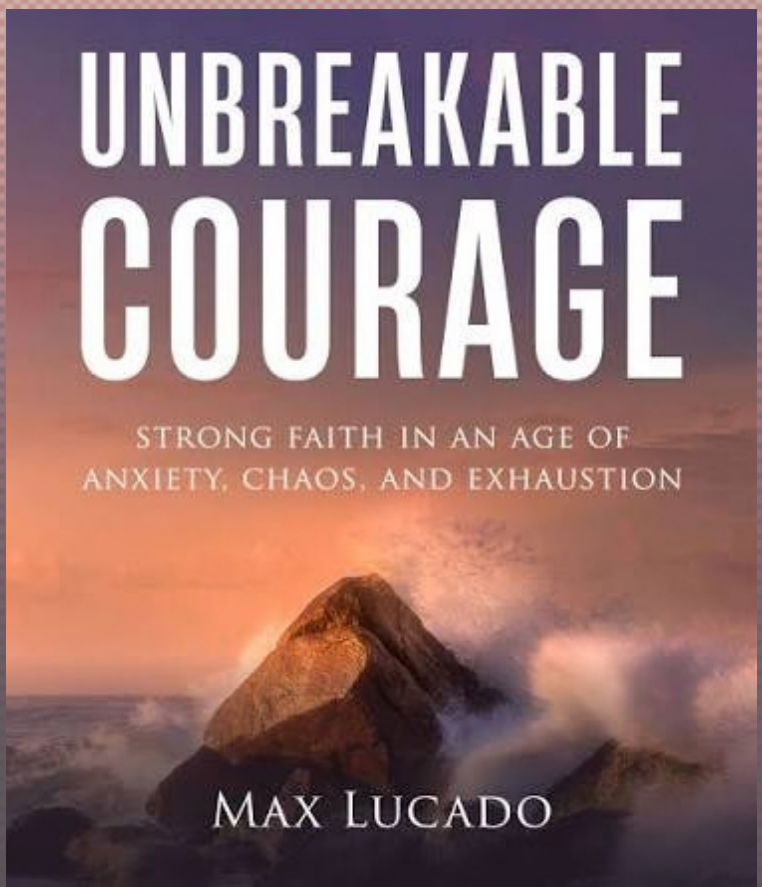


Bible study

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



Advent Celebration

FOR ALL AGES

Puzzles
a Movie
Cookies & Hot Chocolate
Craft Stations
Bingo
Santa
Christmas Music

Sunday,
November 22nd
2pm - 5pm

Sign up to help at the information table
or use the QR code!

HOSANNA YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

SEASONED CITIZEN DINNER

Come and connect with an elder generation of Christians who have been praying for you since you first entered Hosanna's doors!
This is a fun evening for everyone!
Parents serve, youth host!

QUAKE
February 12-15, 2027
Wisconsin Dells
Sign-up deadline: Sunday, November 8

Sign up with Jenn - text, email, or in person and have your $50 deposit to Jenn or Anna by Nov 8. Wisconsin Dells Quake fills up fast, so don't miss out!

PACH SERVICE PROJECT
Wednesday, November 18
6-7:30 pm

Help us PACH food bags for kids in Codington County! Meet at the PACH Warehouse by 6 pm.

Hosanna Youth Newsletter
app.smore.com/n/n3z6f

Youth Group Newsletter

LINK



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CLICK HERE
for order form

Youth Group Fundraiser

Funds will be usedfor YouthGroupFaith-buildingexperiences 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.

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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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.

The Men's Noon Fellowship

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.

We will be studying Idols.

Idols
Things that compete with God for our trust, devotion, and obedience.

Session 1 — The Commandment Against Household Traps
Session 2 — The Sneak Attack: Idols Hidden in Plain Sight
Session 3 — The Secret Rooms of the Mind
Session 4 — The Ultimate Trade-Off: Whom Will We Serve?

Please join us each Wednesday at noon.

Confirmation Class

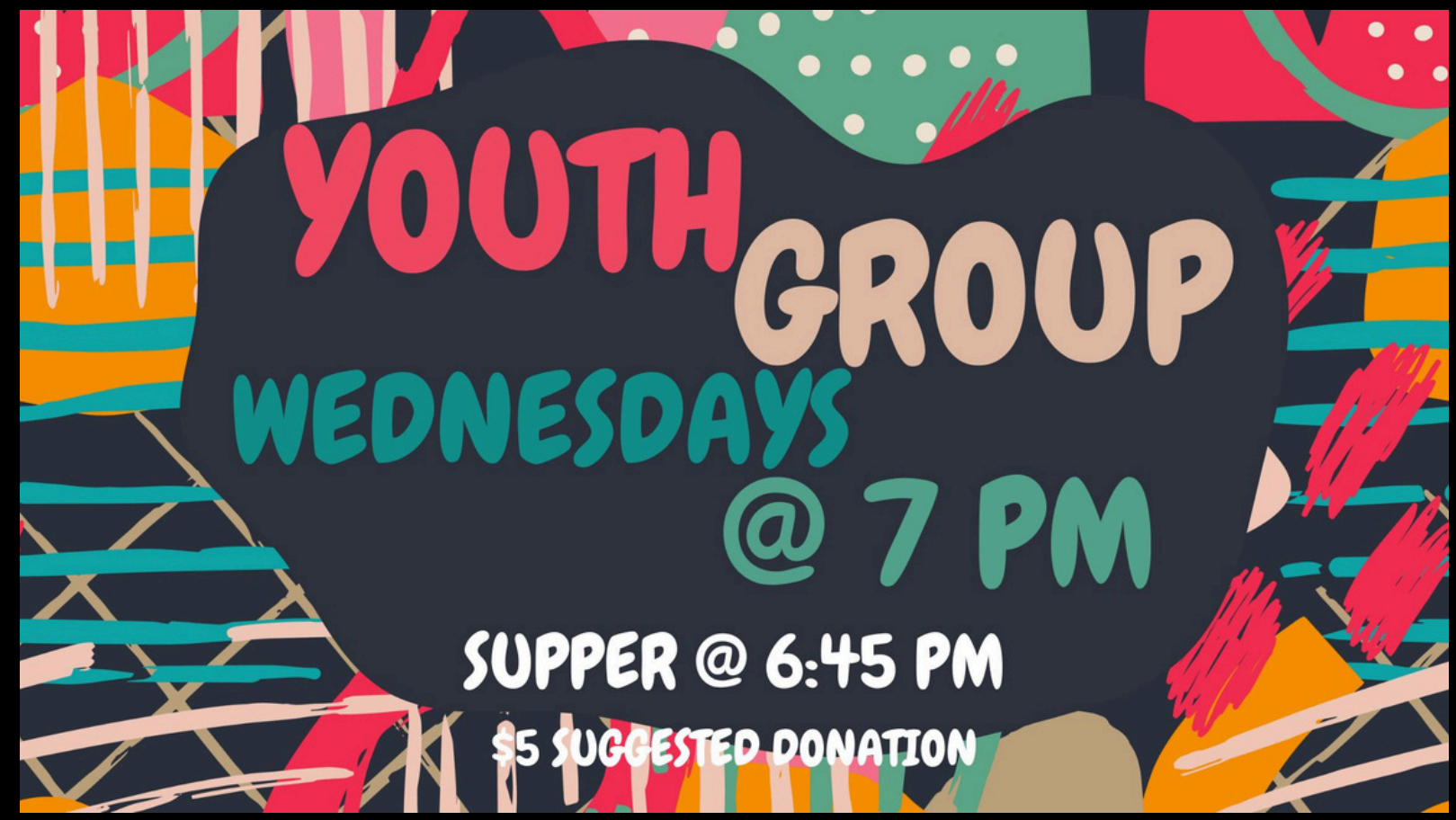
for 7th & 8th Graders

on Wednesdays

@ 5:30 pm at the Church

Supper @ 6:45 pm

$5 suggested donation





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

Reformation Sunday – October 25, 2026

[34] Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. [35] The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. [36] So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. [37] I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. [38] I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

- John 8:34-38 -

Jesus here addresses the bondage of sin and our liberation from it. He says that the one who practices sin is a slave to sin and that such a slave is in danger of being thrown out of God's house. Yet, as the Son of God, Jesus remains in God's house, for he is the rightful heir. Thus, if the Son sets a slave free, he will remain in God's house as a freeman alongside God's Son. We are therefore saved by the Son, and thus by grace, not race. Physical descent from Abraham offers no escape from the bondage of sin which is the universal problem of all humanity.

When we describe this bondage of sin, it is essential that we choose the right metaphor. Is this bondage merely a spiritual sickness, or is it a spiritual death? If the former, then the human will has the residual power to cooperate with God's grace (synergism) in the process of salvation. If the latter, salvation is God's work alone (monergism) and has the form of a spiritual resurrection from the dead. Moreover, this latter alternative also entails the doctrine of predestination since God's work alone accounts for the salvation of his elect.

At the time of the Protestant Reformation, the Catholic Church held that the human will was merely sick, not dead. Thus, it still had the residual power to cooperate with God when assisted by divine grace. With God's help it could earn enough merit for its salvation. But if it failed, it could rely upon the surplus merit earned by previous saints. Since these saints had earned more merit than they needed for their own salvation, they left a surplus of merit which was stored up by the Church and dispensed through the sale of indulgences. By purchasing these indulgences, people could reduce their time in purgatory.

Luther saw the Achilles heel of this entire system. It was the assumption that the human will was merely spiritually sick. By contrast, Luther believed that the human will was dead in trespasses and sins so that nothing less than the atonement of Christ and the regeneration of the Spirit could save it from its bondage to sin. Therefore, in his classic work, The Bondage of the Will, Luther held that the bondage of the will—along with the corollary doctrine of predestination—was the central issue of the Protestant Reformation.

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Sola Lectionary Text Study

ReformationSunday (A)

October 25, 2026

Proclamation Points

Thefollowing are somethoughtsand 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.

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the
gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth: Let goods
and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body
they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His Kingdom is forever.
- Martin Luther-
A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Revelation 14:6-7

Inthese two verses of the last book of the Bible we hear the words of the first of three angels with messages for John. In this vision, the first angel tells John of an "eternal gospel" that is to be proclaimed to all peoples of the earth. The time of judgment has come. It is time to worship the one God, creator of heaven and earth. The ultimate goal of God's final judgment is that the whole creation would glorify him. The time for repentance is here.

• How does this call to a final judgment apply to each moment of our present lives?

• Is this message something we are to fear? Or is this a comforting word for those who love the Lord and have suffered at the hands of the evil?

Psalm 46

In the face of great hardships, the Psalmist proclaimed that the Lord God is our shelter and strength. He helps us in times of trouble. The trouble he mentions is trouble indeed: the earth giving way, mountains being moved and pushed into the sea, and nations raging in warfare. The Lord is with us in these major crises but also in our personal struggles. He shields us like a fortress, walling us off from pain and misery.

• If the psalmist is indeed correct, why are there still so many trials and struggles in this life?

• How is Jesus the answer to all of life's crises? How will the Lord protect his holy church through his power and might?

One of the most beloved of psalm verses to meditate on in prayer is found in verse 10. "Be still and know that I am God." Notice how those words follow imagery of crashing waves, and the noise of destruction.

• How easy or difficult is it for you to keep still and silent in the face of distressing events? How does God come to us in the silence of our prayers?

Romans 3:19-28

As St.Pauldescribed how the Law of God works, he explained that it only works on those who are "under the law." Meaning, it only affects those who are working diligently to keep the law. When we live under the law we are accountable to God by the law. Unfortunately we cannot keep the law perfectly.

The good news that Paul sought to drill into their heads was that we are made right with God through Christ, and not through the law. We all fall short of living up to the law, but we are tempted to work harder and harder to fulfill that which does not give life. Even though the law gives us an understanding of what sin is — no one can be justified by following the law.

In God's perfect time, he revealed his righteousness in his Son, Jesus. The Gospel was shown apart from the law, precisely because the law cannot save.

• Scripture is clear that it is only through faith in Christ that salvation is given. So, why do we try so hard to keep the law perfectly?

• How does Christ's love and forgiveness make us "right" with God? Is this something we can procure for ourselves?

• How do we have to be in touch with our sin in order to be able to understand the depths and meaning of God's grace for us in Jesus Christ?

John 8:31-36

Shortly after Jesus told his disciples that he was going away, he told a group of Jews who had followed him that if they would abide in his Word, then they would truly be his disciples. Their response indicates their lack of understanding about what Jesus was offering them. Jesus' point was that they were unaware of their blind-spots. They had no clue that they were slaves to sin or that they even needed to be freed by the mercy of Jesus.

• Do you think the Jews who "believed" in Jesus really wanted what he was offering them or did they simply not understand?

We can infer from Jesus' words the negative of what he said: If you don't abide in my Word, then you will not be a part of what I am doing. Further, you won't be a part of what the God of Israel is doing — since Jesus is one with the Father.

• Considering what Paul wrote in our second lesson, what do you think the Jews here assumed about the law? How would that kind of thinking impede their willingness to follow Jesus?

The word for "abide" in the Greek is meinete (from the verb meno meaning "to stay or remain"). By remaining in Jesus' Word, the disciples and all who would listen were promised the Truth which would set them free. They would be truly liberated from all that holds humanity captive: sin, death, and the devil.

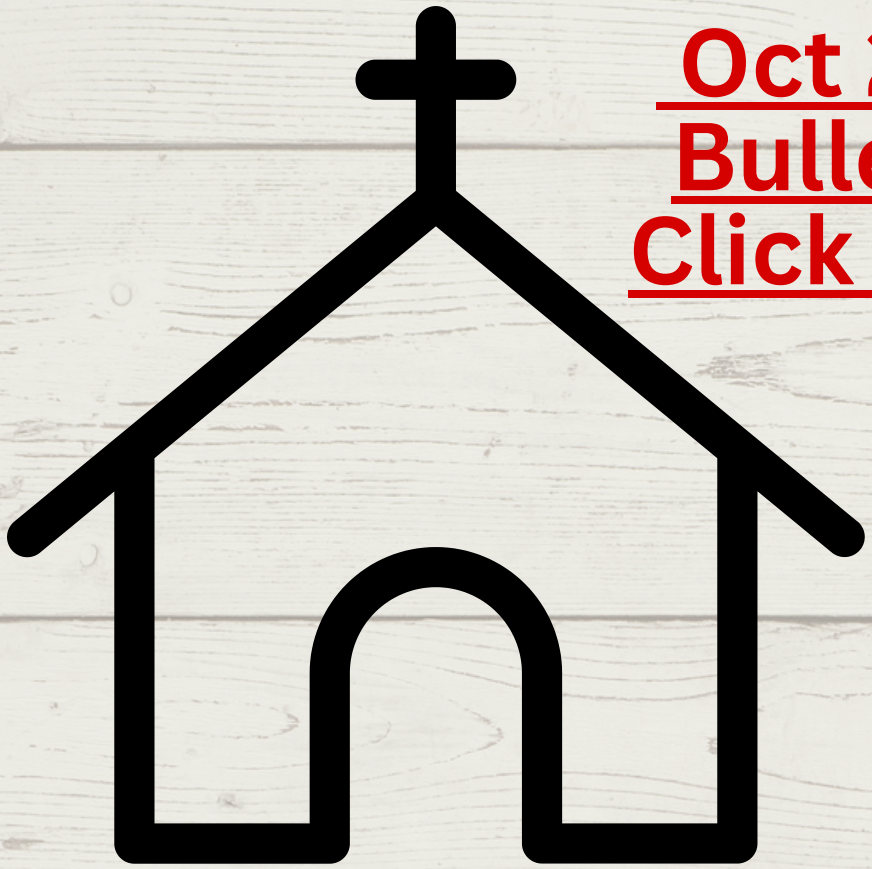
• How was Jesus not just the speaker of truth, but is the Truth from God himself?

• Pontius Pilate once asked, "What is truth?" (John 18:38) How would you answer that question if someone asked you?

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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** **6:00 – Pr. Craig's Bible study**
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	**9:15 – Worship/Confirmation/Communion** **10:15 – Coffee** **10:30 – Faith Formation**

This Weeks Bulletin



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LIVE STREAM

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NOV. Servant Team!

Servant Team #7 - Serves - November 2026 and June 2027

- 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
- Griepp, 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 OCTOBER 25TH SERVANT TEAM



Keyboard Accompanist:
Dorothy Fuller



Head Ushers:
Les Kolden
and
Need 1 more



Lector:
Confirmands



Communion Assistants:
Cindy Hopper,
Need 1 more adult and 2 kids

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, October 18th, 2026

Attendance: 232

General Offering: $5,884.04

Hospitality: $55

Youth Group: $160

Faith Circle: $91

Facility: $80

Helping Hands: $50

HLC Year-to-Date Financial Report as of 9-30-26

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Giving	**$305,583**	**$316,333.02**	**$14,335.50 - Over Budget**
Expenses	**$248,465**	**$234,244.62**	**$14,220.38 - Under Budget**

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

OCTOBER Benevolence & Mission Outreach

$635 - Watertown High School - Needy Student Fund

$315 - Watertown Middle School - Care Fund

$905 - New Hope Mission Society - Ministry of Brother Titus in Nigeria

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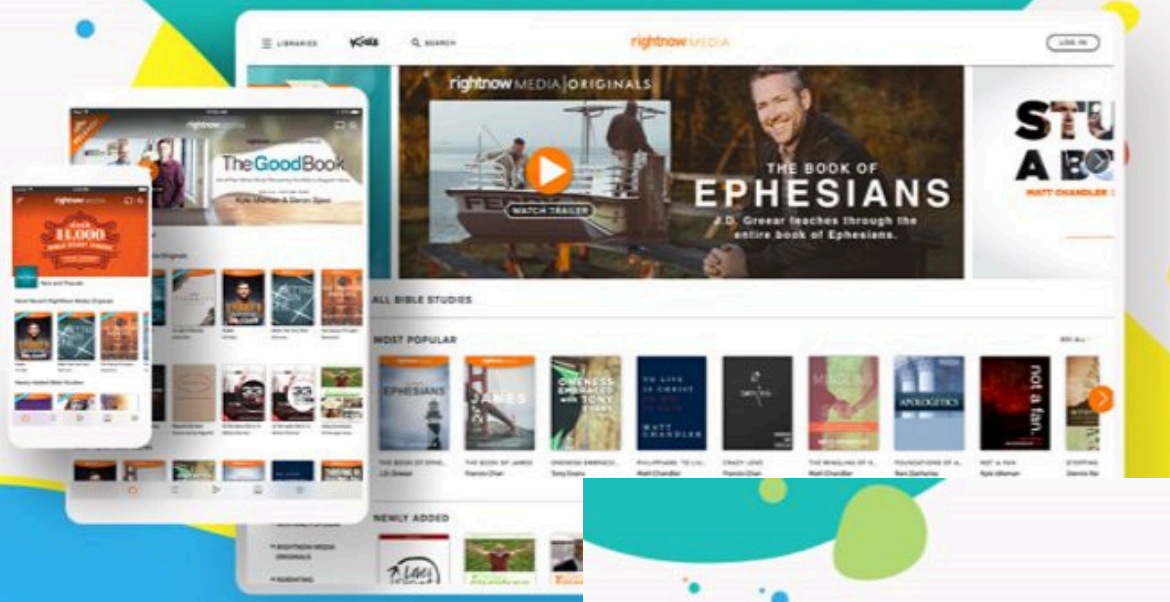
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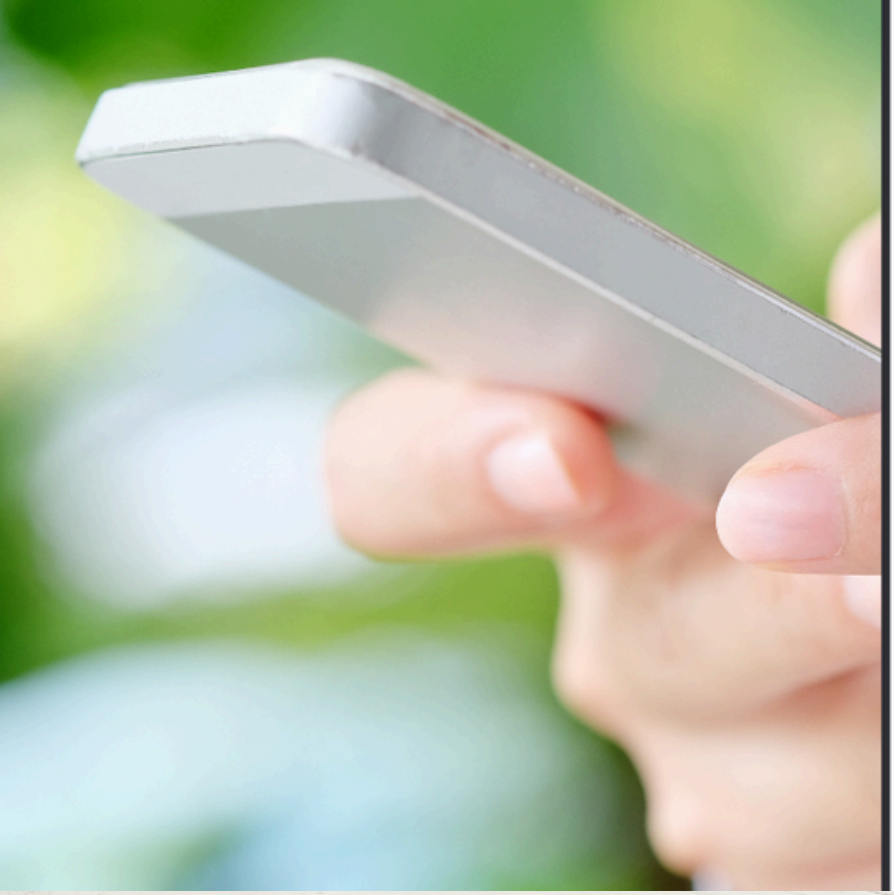
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for everyone in our church!



We've purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free access to ***everyone*** in our church. If you haven't already accepted your invite:

1. **Text HLW**
2. **to 49775**



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OUR NEW GIVING APP

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!

5 ways to Give

1. **Text $(with amount) to 855-625-1726**
   Click the link they send you
   Put in your information

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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Augustana District Video

CONFESSING CHRIST TOGETHER

Augustana's Theological Distinctives

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 dtc@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, anxi-ety 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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Annual soup supper,

held at

New Hope Lutheran Church, rural Hayti,

Wednesday night, October 21, 2026,

serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Meal includes choice of soup, breads, pie or dessert.

Free will offering.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Children's Organ Transplant Association
Giving Hope ... Making Miracles



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/cotaforteamjcinc

$20per person - Teamsof8.
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.

AMJ Style

lake
Lake Area Kidney Endowment

Cloud 9
Bar&Casino



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
FirstWednesday of eachmonth 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 heros - 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.