HOSANNA
Lutheran Church, LCMC

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 9th - November 15th

25th Sunday after Pentecost



Thank You

Many thanks to so many of our members who pray for and support our Confirmation students and youth! We especially thank those who gift our confirmation students!

Brad and Diane Griepp for their beautiful quilts

Kent Knudson for the cedar cross rings

Bill Pries from Pries Laser Works for the Faith coins

Our yarn group for the cross bookmarks for their Bibles

What a beautiful example of the body of Christ encouraging one another in faith! Thank you!

Advent Celebration

FOR ALL AGES

Sunday,
November 22nd
2pm - 5pm

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

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 25th 7PM




Help us decorate
Hosanna for Christmas!
Saturday, November 28th
starting @ 10:00 am


Advent
Facebook Daily Devotions
@ 9 am or 9 pm
Pastor Craig or Pastor Janine
will be on Facebook Live
November 30th - January 6th

Christmas Poinsettias

$20 A PIECE

ORDERS DUE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Order forms are by the offering plates in the fellowship hall



Hosanna Faith Formation Christmas Program

20 DECEMBER

9:15 WORSHIP AND PROGRAM

PRACTICE DURING FAITH FORMATION IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
PLEASE SIGN UP HERE:
TINYURL.COM/FFCHRISTMAS26

People Against Child Hunger

Youth Group PACH Event on Wednesday, November 18th

Sign up today!

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

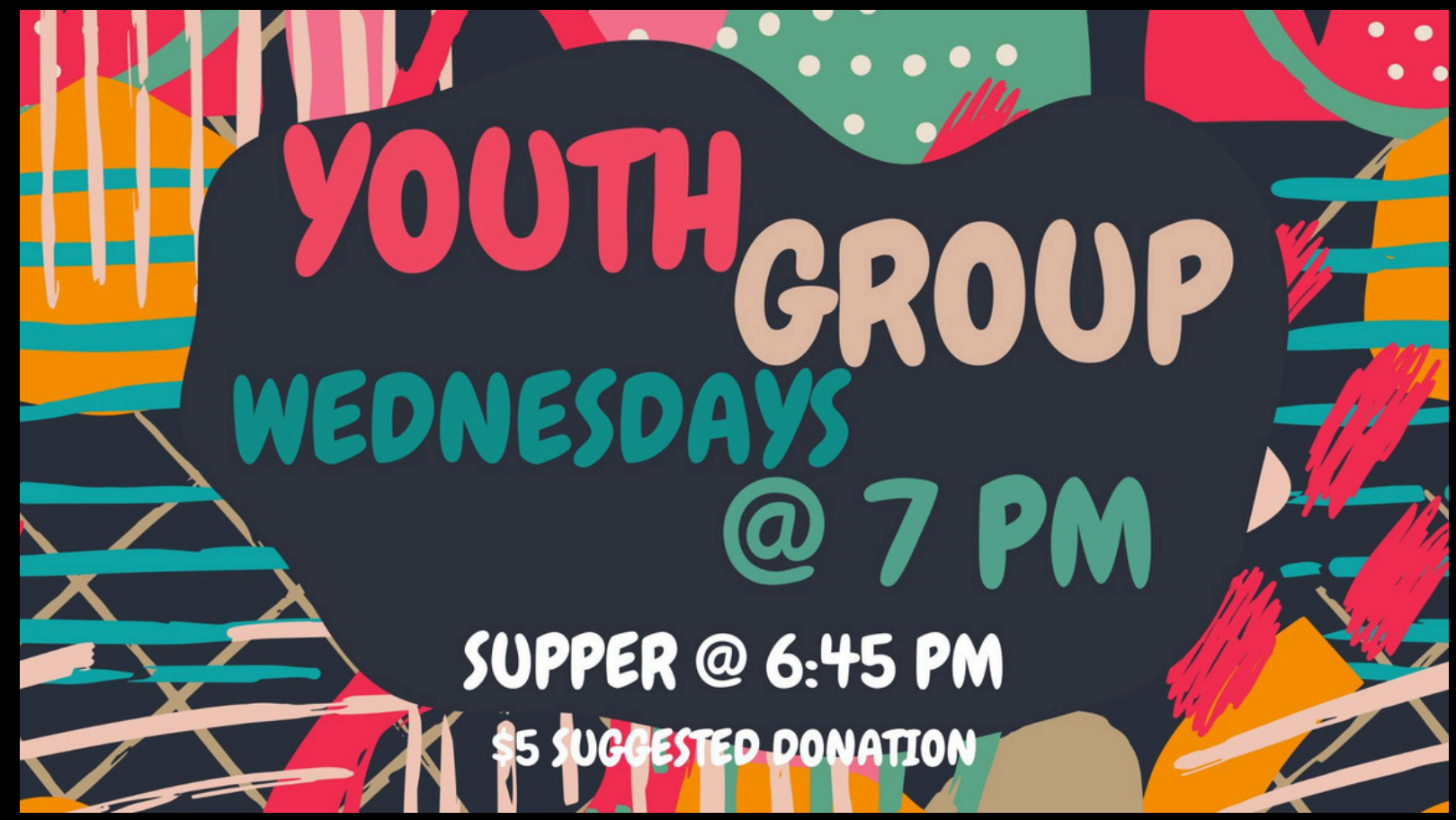
for 7th & 8th Graders

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

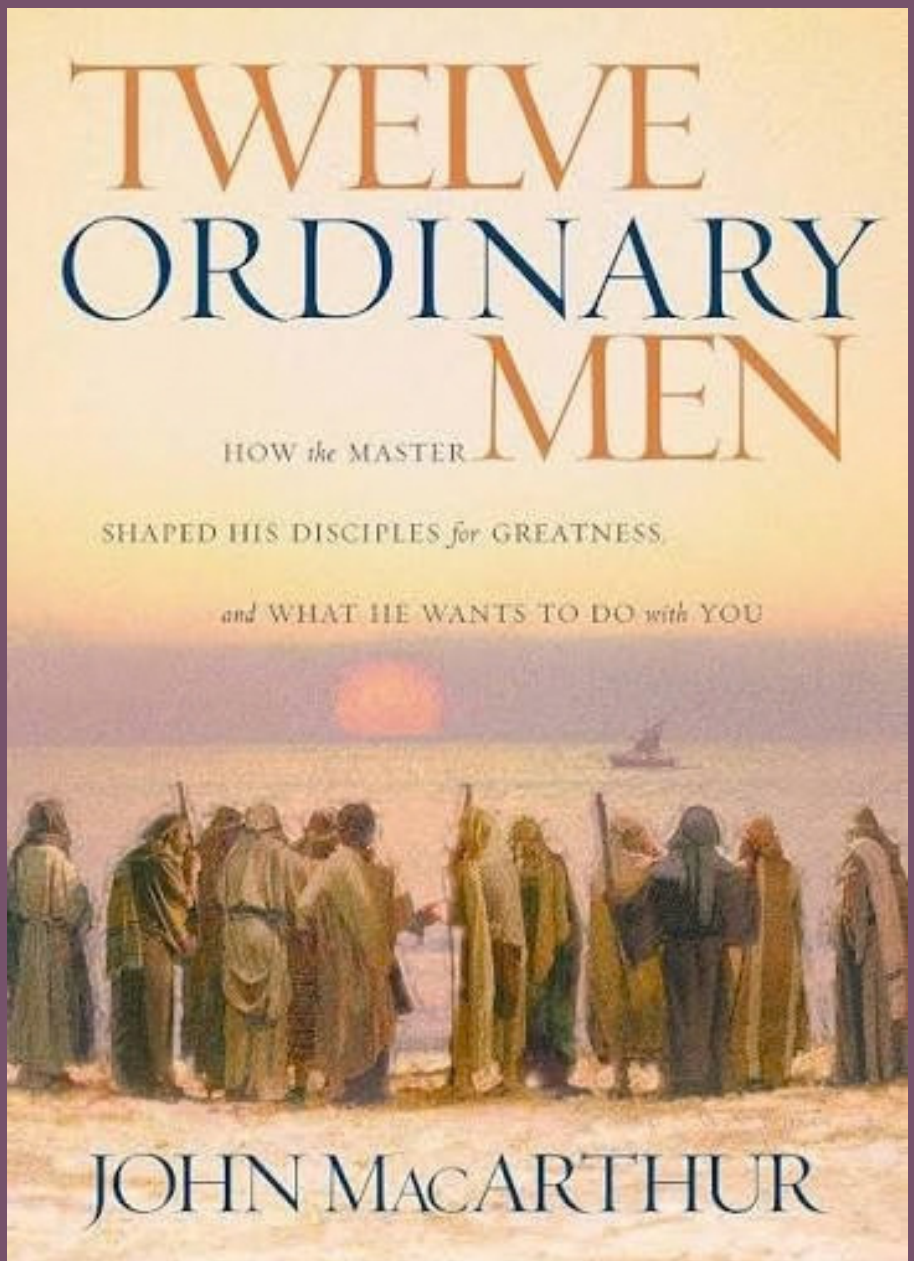
Please sign up at the information table.

Books are in the office for $5.

Faith Circle

1st Thursday of each month at 2PM
with Pr. Janine
They will meet Thursday, December 3rd.

Books are $15,
they are in the office

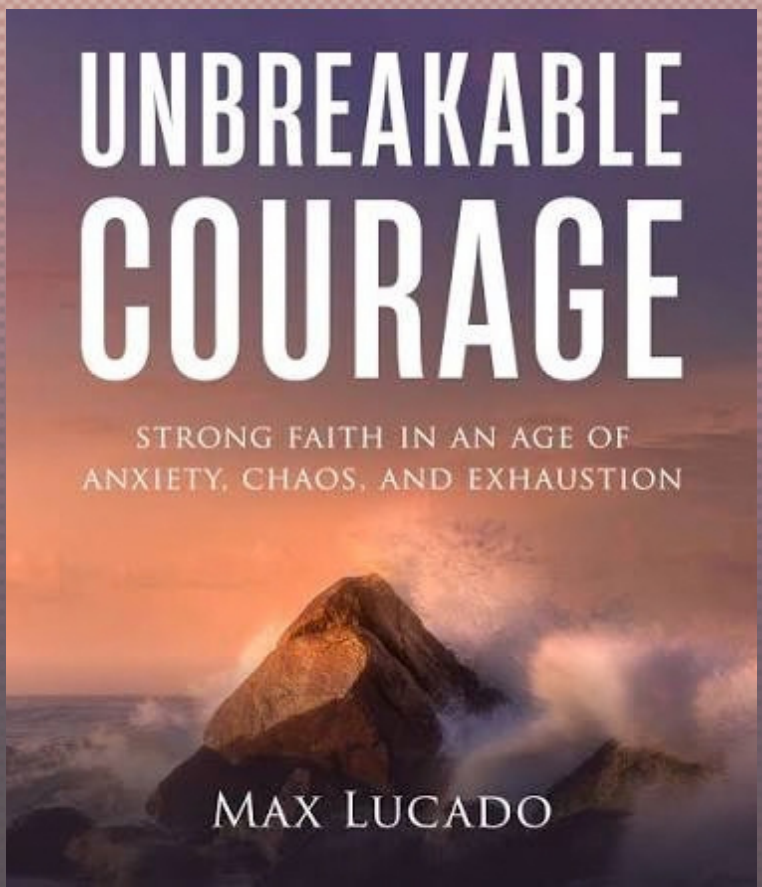


Bible study

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

First class is this
Thursday, November 12th
and they will go through April

Books are $13, they are in the office



Listening for the Promise
Weekly Devotional

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28) – November 15, 2026

"[26] But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29] For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30] And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

- Matthew 25:26-30 –

The parable of the talents is not about works-righteous, but about the way a gospel transformed heart naturally does good works. It makes this point by contrast with an untransformed heart.

A master goes on a journey and entrusts his three servants with great wealth. To them he gives five talents, two talents, and one talent, respectively. Since he gives them different amounts of wealth, the talents do not represent saving grace which would be the same for each. Rather, they represent the different gifts, abilities, and opportunities for kingdom work that each person has.

While the master is on his journey, the servant with five talents earns five more, and the servant with two talents earns two more. However, the one with a single talent simply buries the money in the ground. After a long time, the master returns to settle accounts. Here we see that the master is Jesus and that the time frame of the parable is the period between Jesus' ascension and his second coming in judgment. This is the time for kingdom work (investing talents).

When the servants speak to their master, the difference between the first two and the third is striking. The first two say, "Master, you have delivered to me five (two) talents, here I have made five (two) talents more." To these the master responds, "Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." However, the third servant says, "Master, I know you to be a hard man . . ., so I was afraid and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." This last servant is then rebuked and cast into outer darkness.

The primary difference between the servants is not their works (a surface issue) but rather the different conditions of their hearts lying at the base of their works (the root issue). Because the first two servants have hearts transformed by the gospel, they love their master, trust his character, and work in confidence. By contrast, the third servant has not been transformed by the gospel and therefore hates his master, distorts his character, and is paralyzed by fear. His bad works therefore reveal his bad faith for which he is judged. (On the opposition between love and fear see 1 John 4:17-19.)

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Sola Lectionary Text Study

Pentecost25(Proper 28A)

November 15, 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.

God does all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.

– Martin Luther –

Explanation to the Third Article of the Creed

Zephaniah 1:7-16

In the decades before Judah was conquered by the Babylonians in the 6th century B.C., God sent many prophets to his people. In this text, the prophet Zephaniah speaks about the approaching "day of the Lord." God warned that his wrath would be unleashed on those in Jerusalem and Judah who were complacent and denied his almighty power. Their idolatry and disobedience, even under the influence of the good king Josiah, left them with no excuses. They could not blame their evil on their king! In response to their evil God promised to show his power by complete and utter devastation of the earth.

One of the Lord's major complaints against the people was their complacency. We are no strangers to complacency in our culture.

• *What did the people mean when they said: "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill"? What is the source of such fatalism and complacency in faith? Have you ever experienced that kind of attitude?*

As with many Old Testament prophecies regarding the coming Day of the Lord, this passage can be understood on different levels. In one sense, it applies to the historical destruction of Jerusalem, which occurred not long after the prophet spoke these words. It can also point forward to the consummation of all things, when Christ returns in glory on judgment day.

• *How are both the historical and future Day of the Lord related? What do both have to do with the spiritual upheaval brought about in Jesus' first coming, in his death, and resurrection?*

Psalm 90:1-12

The psalmistsang about the steadfastness of the Lord welcoming his people to be with him, "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations." The Lord is our everlasting sanctuary, in him we find rest and shelter.

• *In what ways do we honor our dwelling place with God similarly to how we tend to our houses?*

The psalmist acknowledges in this hymn that a thousand days for human beings is like a single day for the Lord. His wisdom and understanding are too vast for us to comprehend. Things change so quickly for us, but the Lord God does not change.

• *Does the thought of God's power ever cause you to pause and simply be in awe? How does this psalm point you to such wondrous thoughts?*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

As he wrapped up his letter to the church in Thessalonica, Paul said that the day of the Lord would come like a thief in the night. He likened it to when a woman is pregnant and goes into labor before the expected time. The infant comes when the time is right; there is no forcing the child to be birthed, and the pain must be endured until the baby is born. There is simply no way around it!

So it is with the coming of the Lord; he will come in God's good time, and though there will be signs and labor pains, the exact moment is only known by God.

• *Why is it so easy for us to forget that we are waiting for the return of Christ? Are there any signs present today?*

• *What are the "labor pains" we experience as we wait for Christ's return?*

Paul played on the images of day and night, saying "You are all children of light, children of the day" (v. 5), which he contrasted with people who indulge in the "night life."

• *In a spiritual sense, what does it mean to "keep awake and sober" (v. 6)? What is Paul encouraging us to do?*

• *Paul used the same metaphor in a different way in verse 10. What does he mean by "awake" and "asleep" here?*

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told a parable about a man who entrusted his property to some of his servants, that they would do business for him in his absence. The servants received different amounts of talents (money), all of which were according to their abilities.

Each of the servants increased the number of talents given to him except for one. The servant who received only one talent buried it in the ground and refused to work with it to increase its original value. Upon his return, the master was pleased with the other servants for being faithful stewards of what they were given, but he chastised the one who buried the master's talent and did nothing with it. The master commended the faithful servants and granted them even more, but the unfaithful servant was cast into outer darkness.

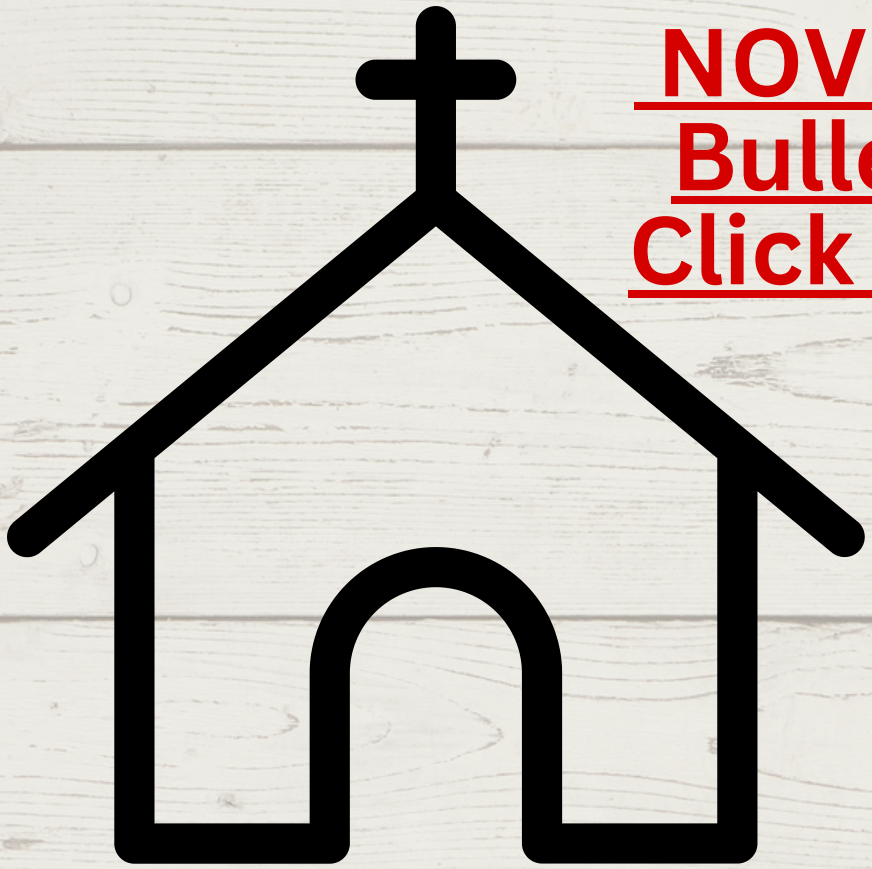
• *How does faithful stewardship require great responsibility? In what sense does our trustworthiness in small things demonstrate our trustworthiness in larger things?*

• *Are the things we have in life ours to do with as we please? Do we deserve all of the things we have acquired? How does the answer to that question show where our hearts really are?*

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MON	**Office Hours** **Mon – Thurs 10am to 2pm**
TUE	**9:30 - Prayer** **10:00 - Coffee** **6:30 - Church Council**
WED	**9:30 - Quilting** **12:00 - Men's Bible study** **2:00 - Parkinson's Support Group** **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 - Pr. Janine's Bible study** **6:00 - Pr. Craig's Bible study**
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	**9:15 - Worship/Communion** **10:15 - Coffee** **10:30 - Faith Formation**

This Weeks Bulletin



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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 NOVEMBER 15TH SERVANT TEAM



Keyboard Accompanist:
Dorothy Fuller



Head Ushers:
Need 2



Lector:
Mike Aadland



Communion Assistants:
Dana Jones, Amanda, Adley & Jayde Hartwig

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, November 8th, 2026

Attendance: 201

General Offering: $5,513.41

Hospitality: $75

Youth Group: $150

HLC Year-to-Date Financial Report as of 10-31-26

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Giving	**$334,686**	**$350,091.36**	**$15,405.36 - Over Budget**
Expenses	**$295,059**	**$276,333.75**	**$18,725.25 - Under Budget**

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

NOVEMBER Benevolence & Mission Outreach

$3,550 - Channel to Brazil for Christ - Christian Education and Training for Children in Fortaleza, Brazil

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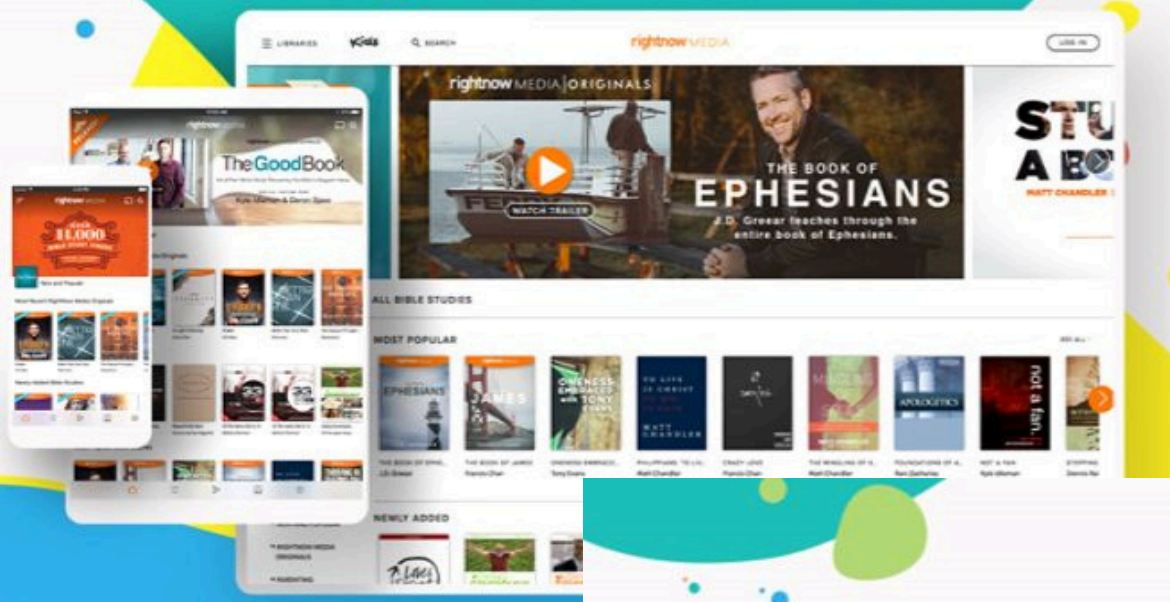
Please contact **Anna at 605-237-8399 or email her @ watertownhosannalutheran@gmail.com**

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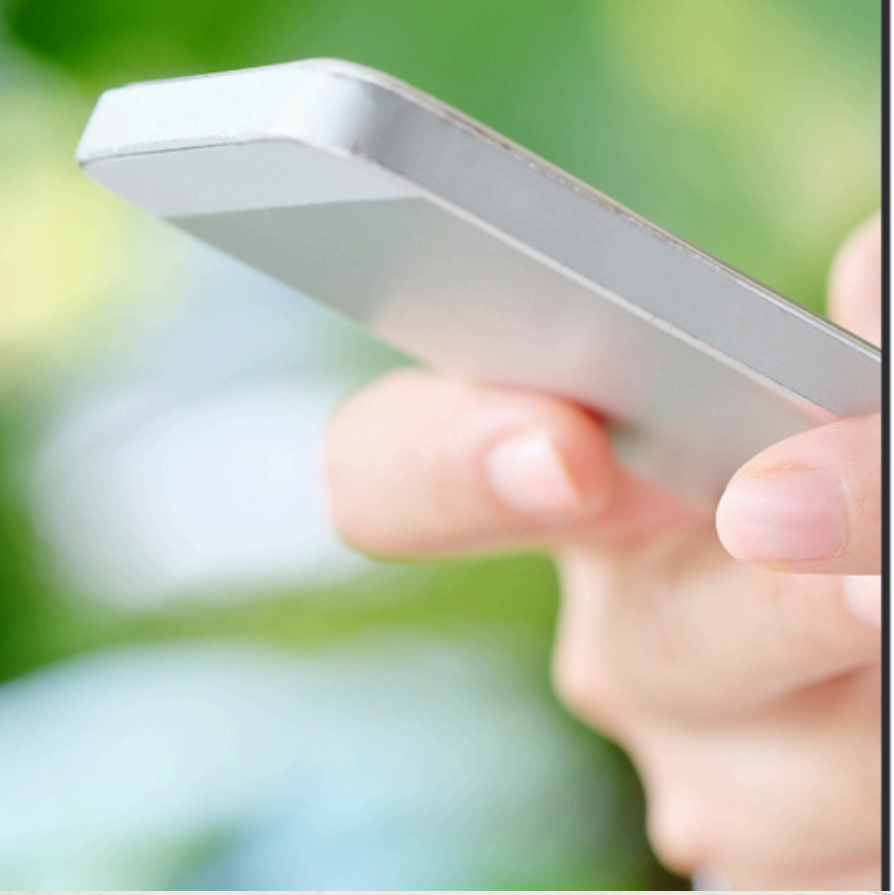
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2. Search for our Church name ***Hosanna Lutheran Church***.

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's October Newsletter Click Here

Augustana District Video

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

Monthly 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
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.