



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 14th - July 20th, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost

A photograph of a person in profile, resting their head on their hand, set against a teal background. The person's face is in shadow, and their hand is raised to their forehead. The overall mood is contemplative or weary.

**The Spirit
helps us
in our
weakness.**

**Romans
8:26**



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



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Youth Group

*YOUTH
SUMMER
Bible Studies*



Schedule

MONDAYS @ 7
WEDNESDAYS @ 7
THURSDAYS @ 7
SIGN UP TODAY!



**They will meet at
the Firepit this
Wed, July 15th at
7PM!**

Youth Group Newsletter LINK



Fireside Fellowship

Aug 5th

6 pm - 8 pm

**EAT BEFORE YOU COME OR
BRING A PICNIC DINNER
SOME TREATS AND BEVERAGES
WILL BE PROVIDED.**



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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.

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.

*Join Pastor
Janine*

FOR

Faith Circle

Thursday,
August 6th
@ 2PM

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11) – July 19, 2026

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So, when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’

He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.’”

– Matthew 13:24-29 –

Ever notice how when weeds first begin to grow, they have little flowers that can mimic existing plants making it hard to decide if it’s a weed or not? Then, after awhile the weeds are exposed and wildly out of control. (Seems like weeds grow faster too!) It’s perfectly natural to want to pull weeds out of the garden or landscape before they take over, especially when they are surrounding your choice plants in your vegetable garden, so we set our minds on the tedious pulling of weeds which is a daunting task that can seem endless during summer months. But if we want that perfect garden, we’ll have to keep weeding!

Sometimes in our families and communities of faith, we can get caught up in wanting to make things perfect there too. We end up judging others with a sense of “weeding” out those who are not similar to us. In the Parable of the Weeds we learn that the weeds came up alongside the wheat, yet the master tells the servants not to pull the weeds, but instead, “Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, ‘Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” (Matthew 13:30) Maybe that’s because we cannot trust ourselves to see clearly what is weed and what is not – that is up to the Creator who knows the hearts of all people.

“Let both grow together until the harvest” is a powerful reminder that we need to leave the judging or “weeding” to God. We are to learn and grow together as the church here on earth until the day of the harvest! Our task is not to pull weeds but to share the Good News of Jesus Christ who is the One that changes hearts and lives while we rest in his grace. Amen.

Pentecost 8 (Proper 11)

July 19, 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.



“St. Paul shows the holy cross in all creation, in that heaven and earth and all the creatures in it suffer with us and bear the dear, treasured cross. Therefore, we must not weep and moan so piteously when we fall on evil days. We must instead wait patiently for the redemption of the body and for the glory that shall be revealed in us.”

— Martin Luther —
Sermons from 1535, WA 41

Isaiah 44:6–8

In some ways, monotheism has a pretty firm grip on our world. Even among those who claim some sort of pluralistic world view, there is an assumption that all belief systems are paths to the same god. On the other hand, our world is awash in gods of all sorts. There is an endless list of idols we worship in place of the Living God.

Our reading from Isaiah is a declaration that there is only one true God, and it is the one revealed to Israel. To worship another is to worship falsely. This Living God has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ. He is not “one path among many” headed in the same general direction. He is the Living God incarnate. All the rest are impostors.

- Why do some of the most dangerous godlike impostors we encounter often come in the form of good things?
- Why is there such a strong tendency in our world to insist that all gods point to the same God? What is at stake here?
- Can you list any idols that have tempted you in this way? How are they a threat to faith in the Living God?

Psalms 119:57–64

The psalmist remains obedient to the Lord even in the face of the wicked. He follows the guidance of God and keeps his commandments even though he is suffering. He prays that the Lord would come quickly to him even as he does his best to follow God’s ways.

- When have you had a time in your life where you pled to God to hurry and act in your favor, even though you have been faithful in waiting for him to move?
- Is it wrong for us to remind God that we are trying to do what he has asked us to do? Why or why not?

Romans 8:18–27

Waiting, waiting, waiting. From the moment the Gospel first grabs hold of us in a way we can comprehend, it is easy to think of ourselves as simply waiting for the Kingdom to finally come. We see the darkness around us. We see the suffering and futility of all of creation, and we await God’s final intervention. Finding the patience to wait is only possible through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We are not called to try to speed up God’s timeline. We are not called to try to set a chain of events in motion that will finally move God to finish things up. We are called to wait in hope for something we can’t see. Any signs of God’s new

creation are obscure to us at best. But by the Spirit’s power, we wait in trust and hope.

- Have you ever felt impatient for God’s Kingdom to come? What kinds of situations create that impatience?
- What are some actions people take in hopes of gaining control of God’s timeline? How are those actions similar to the original sin in the Garden of Eden?

Sometimes our waiting in darkness becomes too much for us. We bow down to pray, and no words come. The well is dry. Yet we have the promise that the Spirit even gives us the words to pray when we have no words. The one before whom we are nothing but beggars goes so far as to give us the words for that begging. In no way does God leave his chosen ones empty-handed.

- Have you ever experienced a period of spiritual emptiness, when you could find no trace of your faith? What is it like to stand before God, not only empty-handed, but without even a word to say?
- How does the promise of the Spirit’s intercession reinforce our understanding of how God goes about his saving work?

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

We think we know what the kingdom of heaven is like, but in our Gospel reading today, Jesus fired off a number of parables to describe it that go against our assumptions. All these parables share a common point. In this world, the good and the bad are mixed together, and it is in God’s hands. It is God’s responsibility to sort them out in the world to come.

In the church we are tempted, all too often, to want to get started with the sorting process. We want to set some standards, parameters that will keep the field pure and clean, and we seem not to notice if a little of the good gets tossed out with the bad.

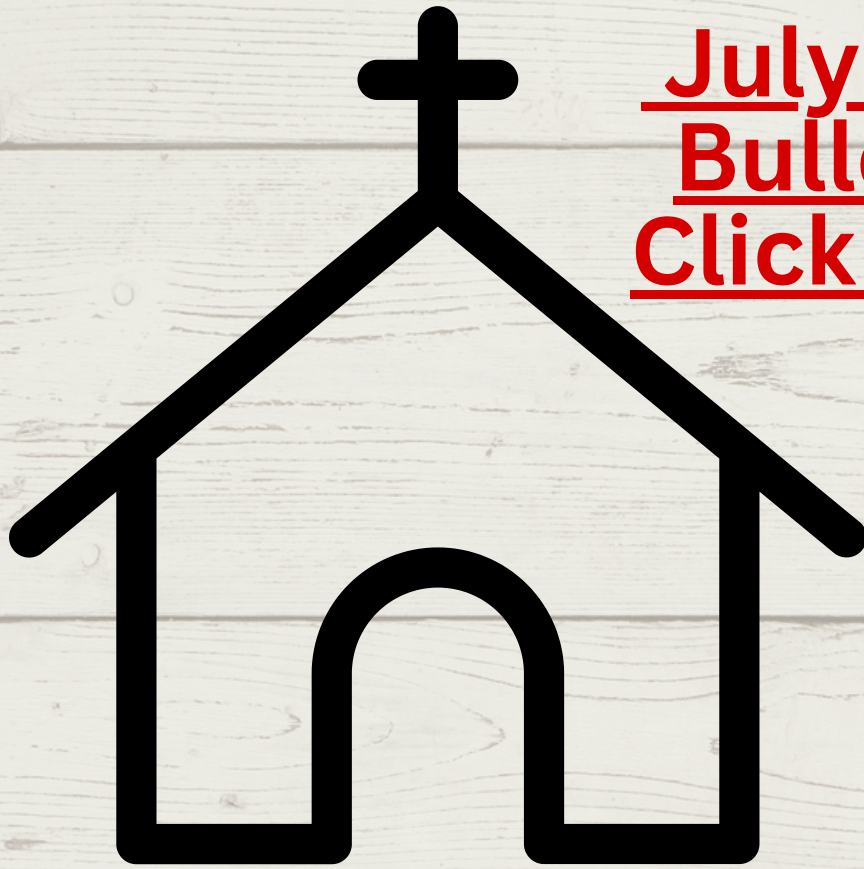
This set of parables reminds us that we are not called to step into God’s place to begin the sorting. We are simply called to scatter seeds, to add yeast, to tend to the fields. The harvest is in God’s hands, and by his mercy, we are not being chopped down and thrown into the fire, despite our own weedy tendencies. We are being nourished, again and again, by his Word.

- What are some ways the church or society tries to weed out bad elements? What sort of standard do we have for sorting the good from the bad?
- Have you ever been considered a bad influence? What if your life had been snuffed out at the first sign of sin?

TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 6:30 - Council Meeting
WED	12:00 - Men's Bible study 7:00 - Youth Group @ the Firepit
THU	10:00 - Coffee 7:00 - Youth small group w/Melissa G.
FRI	Endres/Victor Rehearsal
SAT	Endres/Victor Wedding
SUN	8:15 - Outdoor Worship 9:15 - Worship - IN THE SANCTUARY! 10:15 - Coffee
MON	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm 7:00 - Youth small group w/Jenn B.

This Weeks Bulletin

July 19th
Bulletin
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LIVE

STREAM



JULY Servant Team!

Servant Team #3 - Serves - July 2026

- Aadland, Mike & Shannon
- Berven, Jim & Ardys
- Carlson, Darwin & Cathy
- Carlson, Grant & Alexis
- Carlson, Joel & Danita
- Dargatz, Greg & Cindy
- DeBerg, Jan
- Eickmeyer, Dave and Angie
- Eickmeyer, Ernie
- Gjerde, Delles & Janelle
- Halverson, Kevin & Beth
- Harkness, Lindsay & family
- Johnson, Everett & Mary
- Johnson, Kyle & Cecilia
- Lang, Dale & Char
- McGrath, Don & Lynn
- Monnens, Jesse & Lori & family
- Monnens, Kathy
- Ottenbacher, Duane & Amber & family
- Pickthorn, Sherman & Thelma
- Smith, Kaley
- Sogn, Howard & Linda
- Sogn, Joshua & Megan & family
- Solum, Brent & Kristina & family
- Solum, Janet
- Stolp, Gary
- Thyne, Caitlyn & family
- Thyne, Lois
- Tracy, Chris & Allie & family
- Tracy, Jamie
- Ward, Scott & Connie

HLC JULY 19TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Eloise Falk



Head Ushers:
Doug Keffeler
and
Josh Kettwig



Lector:
Danita Carlson



**Communion
Assistants:**
Joel & Danita
Carlson,
Gabby Ottenbacher
and
Need 1 more kiddo

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, July 12th, 2026

Attendance: 199

General Offering: \$8,619.99

Hospitality: \$43.50

Facility: \$50

HLC Year to Date Financial Report as of 5-31-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$181,895	\$164,724.37	\$17,170.63 - Under Budget
Expenses	\$139,332	\$132,677.18	\$ 6,654.82 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

JULY

Benevolence & Mission Outreach

\$1,130 – Boy's and Girl's Club of Watertown – Where need most

\$1,740 – Friends of Madagascar (Mission Partner) – Unrestricted use

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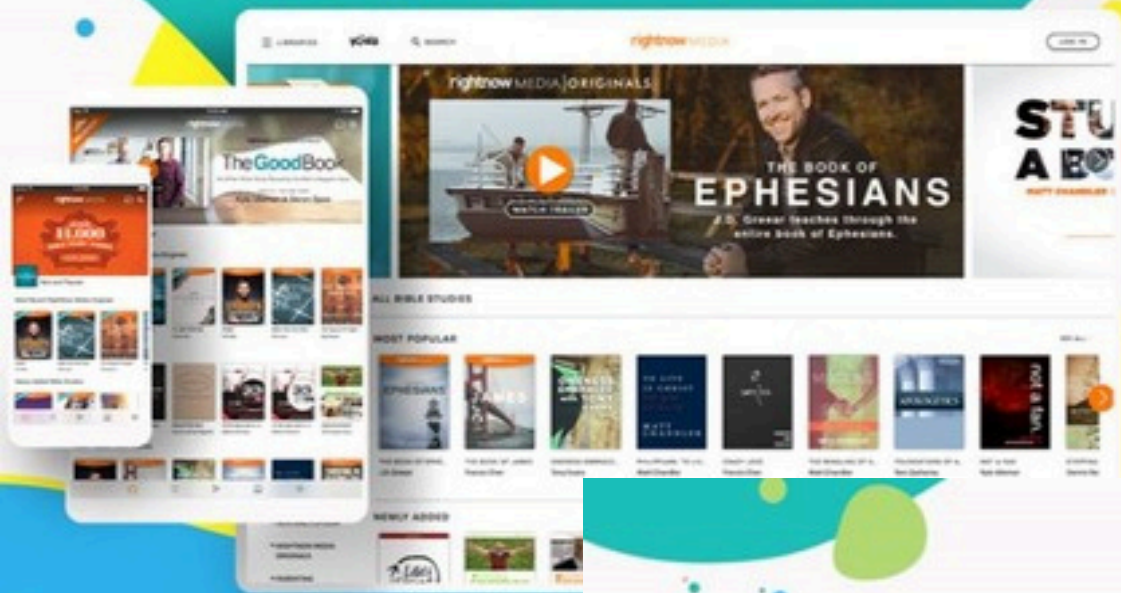
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the fellowship hall
5. Mail checks to 1617 14th Ave NE
Watertown, SD 57201

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

JUNE 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
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.