



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 18th - August 24th, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

**Psalm
138:7**

**Though I walk
in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.**

Congratulations to
Dylan & Kelli Fritz on the baptism of their daughter,
Anna Marlene Fritz.

Anna was born on June 1st, 2026.

Her sponsors are Chelsie & Brandon Heiling
and Kayla & Kellen Bucknell.





Do you have a love for music?

**Hosanna Choir would like to
invite you to join them!**

**Each Wednesday @ 7 PM
starting August 19th**

Previous choir experience is encouraged.

**Questions?
Please talk to Sarah Becker
or email her at
sebrindle@gmail.com**



*Join Us
for*

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday Mornings @ 8:15 AM

July 19th - August 23rd

North of the Firepit

Bring a chair



BACK TO SCHOOL

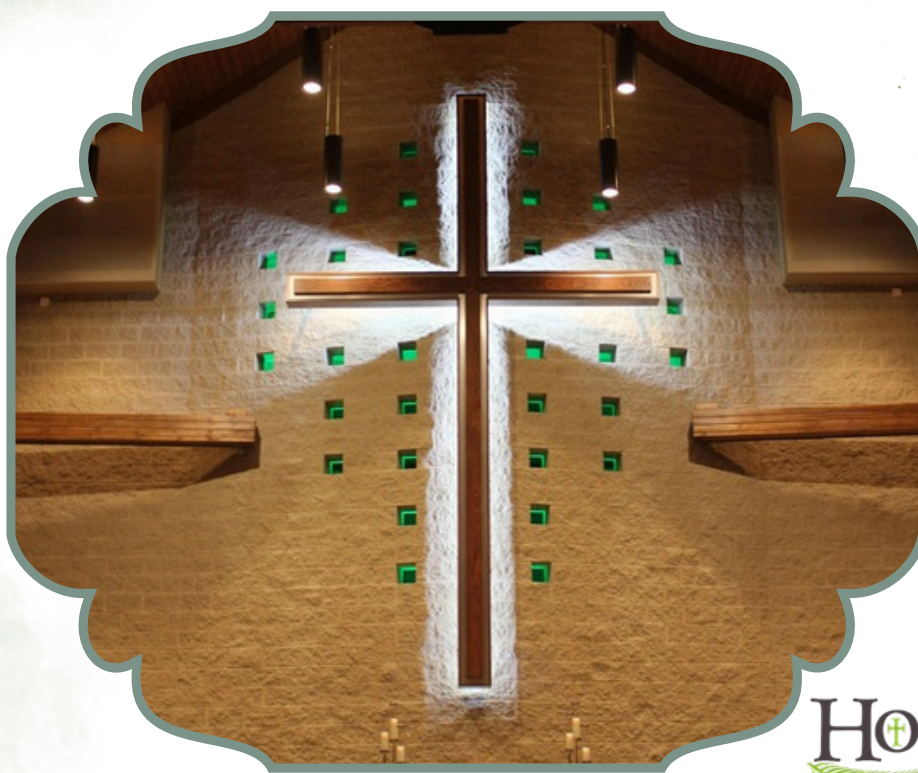
BACKPACK BLESSING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD
DURING THE
CHILDREN'S SERMON



**You are warmly invited to
the Rededication Service of
Hosanna Lutheran Church.**

SUNDAY | AUGUST 30TH | 9:15 AM

1617 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201



HOSANNA
Lutheran Church, LCMC

We are opening our doors for a special day of celebration, reflection, and renewal as we rededicate our church building and our mission to God. Come experience an inspiring message, uplifting worship, and a welcoming community ready to enter a fresh chapter together.

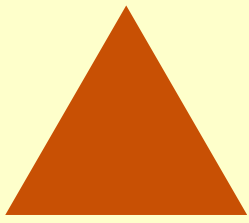
**Complimentary refreshments
immediately following the service**

**7th – 10th Grade
Confirmation students**

OPEN HOUSE

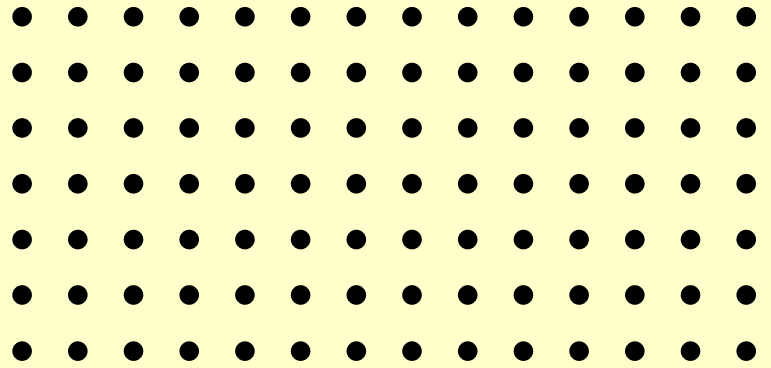
**Wednesday,
September 2nd
from 4:30 - 7:00 PM**

Stop in and visit with the Pastors quickly and receive information about the upcoming year!



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.



Rally Sunday

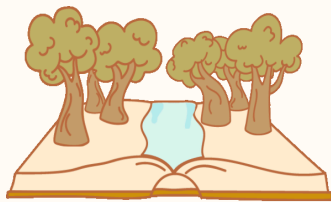
POTLUCK & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH



PLEASE JOIN US TO RECEIVE YOUR BIBLES

KINDERGARTENERS & 3RD GRADERS



Sunday, September 20th, 2026 at 9:15 AM

During our Worship service.

**We will invite the kids up for the
Children's Sermon to receive their Bibles.**

Join Us for

New Member Classes

**September 20th & 27th
and October 4th
after Worship in the Chapel**

NEW MEMBER

SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 11TH

Youth Group Newsletter LINK





CLICK HERE

for order form

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,
September 3rd
@ 2PM

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16) – August 23, 2026

“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

– Romans 12:3-5 –

There’s a memorable quote by Margaret Thatcher in which she observes, “Power is like being a lady... if you have to tell people you are, you aren't.” This quote cuts to the heart of when people think too highly of themselves. Know anyone like this? It's natural for people to pride themselves on when they’ve accomplished something they’re proud of, but what does Paul say in Romans 12:3? “For by the grace given to me, I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”

Paul goes on to make a comparison in verses 4-5 to the human body saying, “For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” Each function of the human body works together, big or small, just as we should do as members of the body of Christ.

Our sense of purpose in this world also comes from what God has given us. As Christians, we are called accordingly to serve the Lord and “Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.” (Romans 12:6) God’s gifts are for building up his church. Therefore, it makes sense that we all have different gifts. There is no room for arrogance in the body of Christ; everything we have comes from God, so we cannot be boastful of our gifts and talents. Anything at all that we accomplish, big or small, is because of him and not of our own doing.

Dear Lord, thank you for the many gifts you have bestowed upon us. Help us to value one another’s gifts and work together as one body in Christ and to seek ways to serve others with what you have given us. Amen.

Pentecost13(Proper 16)

August 23, 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.



The Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith. In the same way, he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and preserves it in unity with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

– Martin Luther –

Small Catechism: On the Third Article of the Creed

Isaiah 51:1–6

The Lord speaks to his people encouraging them who seek him and his righteousness to look back to the roots of their faith and nation. He speaks of their ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, as the stone quarry from which they were dug.

- If you look back on the generations of the faithful disciples who came before you, how does that bolster your faith?

- Compare Isaiah's words here to what Scripture says in 1 Peter 2:5 about the Church being built of "living stones." How are we, as believers in Christ, part of this same family of faith?

God calls his people to pay attention to him; to listen for his voice and to follow his ways. Struggles and hardship are temporary, but God's goodness, peace, and righteousness will be forever.

- Why is it so hard to remember the goodness of the Lord when we are in trouble or in pain? How does God remind us to pay attention to what he has already done and will do again in our lives?

Psalms 138

The psalmist gives thanks to the Lord who answered his prayers and in his time of need, strengthened him for the days ahead while guiding him through the paths of trouble he was facing. For this he sings the Lord's praises and proclaims that all people, from kings of Israel and other nations, to the lowly in society, will be seen and heard by God.

- In what down-to-earth ways, and through what means, can

we count on being able to see and hear God?

- Once we hear God's voice and know his protection, what does that compel us to do for the sake of his name?

In verse 1, the psalmist says "before the gods I sing your praise." Scripture acknowledges that there are other forces that seek to draw our attention and worship. Often the most tempting idols are good things in our lives!

- How can we enjoy and make use of the good things God provides, without turning God's good gifts into idols? How does expressing our thankfulness to God help to keep our faith directed to the right place?

Romans 11:33 – 12:8

In his letter to the Romans, Paul transitions from a section where he has raised many difficult questions with a "doxology" of sorts that praises the name of the Lord and glorifies his wondrous deeds and inscrutable ways. The

Lord's ways are so far above and beyond us that we often don't even know the right questions to ask. We must rely solely on the Word of the Lord to help us to know the little bit that we do know.

- When was the last time you simply sat and pondered the goodness of the Lord? (Do it now. What comes to mind?)

- In what sense do our unanswered questions actually reinforce the need for faith and trust in God?

In the Small Catechism, Luther said in thankfulness that "God has given us our bodies and souls and all that is ours ..." Here in verse 12, Paul encourages the Christians in Rome to "present your bodies as a living sacrifice to God." In our modern hyper-sexualized culture, the human body is often used and displayed for many reasons that have nothing to do with faith.

- How can we affirm the goodness of creation in the human body, without turning them into instruments of sin? How does faith actually help us to resist temptation, and why is this a good thing?

The Lord is continually at work transforming us into his faithful people, and with this gift of transformation comes greater discernment of the ways and will of God.

- Why is it sometimes a temptation to look at the progression of our lives and claim that our own hard work and diligence is what has made us who we are today? How is that a denial of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 16:13–20

Jesus asks the question of his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" Their answers vary from John the Baptist to Elijah or another prophet. Then Jesus puts them on the spot. "Who do YOU say that I am?"

- In what ways does Jesus put all of us on the spot by asking, "Who do you say that I am?" Why is this an essential question for each person to answer on their own?

Simon gets the answer right when he says, "You are the Christ, the son of the Living God." Jesus goes on to say that this faith was not something Peter came up with on his own; Peter's faith was the result and evidence of having been blessed by God. Playing on Peter's name, which means "rock," Jesus said the rock of faith would build his church.

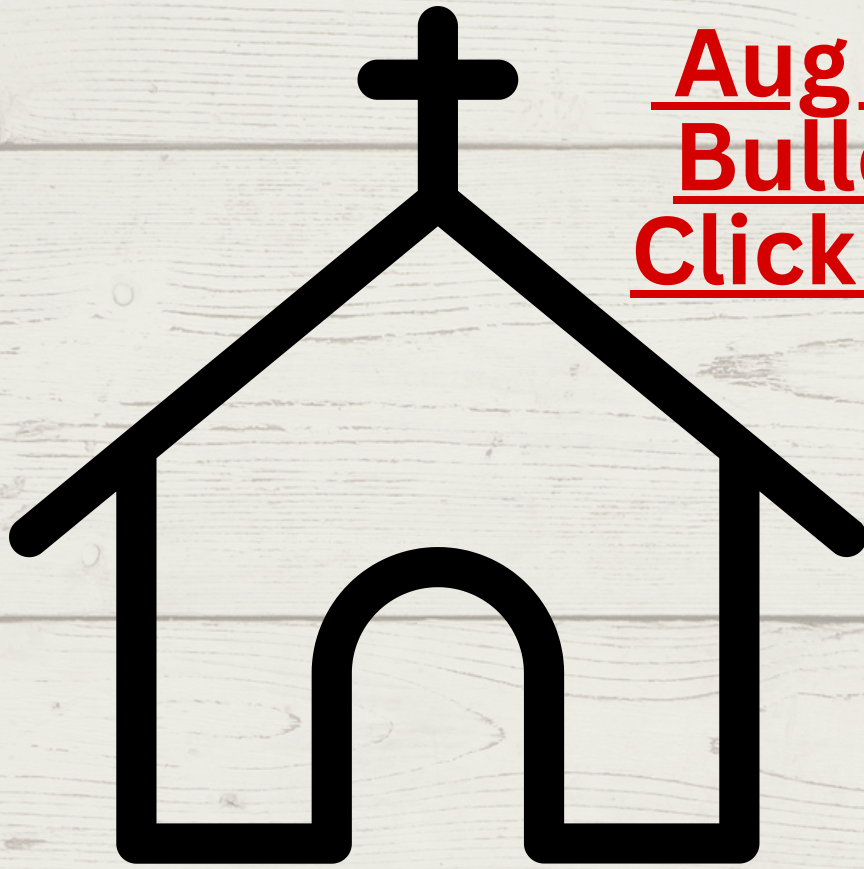
- If, in fact, we are justified by faith in Christ, in what way is the whole church of Christ built on the rock of faith?

- How is our confession of faith the same as Peter's? In what sense is faith both personal and communal?

TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 10:00 - YARN
WED	12:00 - Men's Bible study 7:00 - Choir
THU	10:00 - Coffee
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	8:15 - Outdoor Worship - Last one 9:15 - Worship - Backpack Blessing 10:15 - Coffee
MON	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm

This Weeks Bulletin

Aug 23rd
Bulletin
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LIVE

STREAM



AUG Servant Team!

Servant Team #5 - Serves - September 2026, April 2027 and November 2027

- Brenden, Denny & Roxy
- Becker, Nathan & Sarah & family
- Drake, David & Sylvia
- Drake, Merlyn & Bonnie
- Esteves, Lindsay & Julio & family
- Froke, Rick & Denise
- Gjerde, Roy & Sara & family
- Hageman, Jacob & Courtney & family
- Hanson, Ron & Vinceen
- Holien, Ried
- Knutson, Kent & Ileen
- Kolden, Leslie & Rona
- Lauseng, Bill & Donna
- Lowry, Steven & Cora
- Marquardt, Paul & Pam
- Negaard, Eric & Amber & family
- Parish, Judy
- Petersen, Maynard & Donna
- Pyle, Steve & Sandi
- Roe, Karen
- Schmidt, Mark & Tami
- Snell, Brandon & Vanessa & family
- Stormo, Damon & family
- Stormo, Stacey & family
- Tesch, LeRoy
- Tisher, Travis & Keri & family
- Wientjes, Colton & Amanda & family
- Wientjes, Billy & Danielle & family
- Wiesner, Neil & Fay

HLC AUGUST 23RD SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Eloise Falk



Head Ushers:
Need 1



Lector:
Doug Keffeler



**Non-Communion
Sunday**

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, August 16th, 2026

Attendance: 39 & 192

General Offering: \$5,561.81

Hospitality: \$145

Facility: \$150

VBS PACH Offering: \$220

HLC Year to Date Financial Report as of 7-31-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$240,101	\$244,221.98	\$ 4,120.98 - Over Budget
Expenses	\$193,457	\$183,213.41	\$10,243.59 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

AUGUST Benevolence & Mission Outreach

\$2250 – Abdul Messieh – financial support for our
New Hope Mission Society missionary in Kerala State, India.

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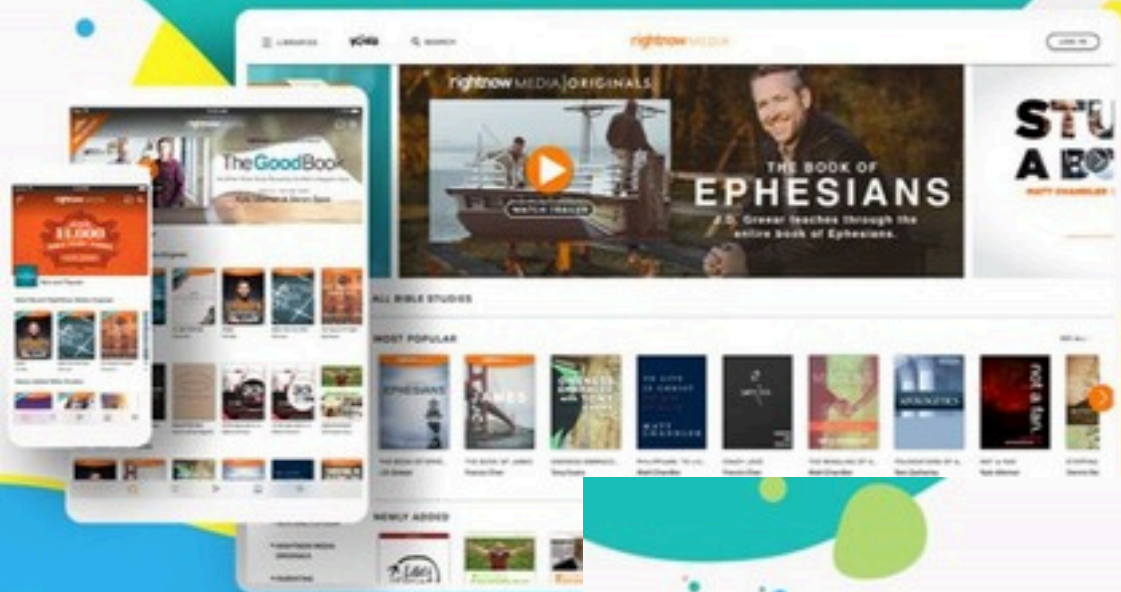
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Thank you for your generosity!

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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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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, anxiety 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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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.