HOSANNA
Lutheran Church, LCMC

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 23rd - November 29th

1st Sunday of Advent



Congratulations to Jacob & Courtney Hageman and big brothers Liam and Jayden on the baptism of their son/brother, Isaac Jacob Hageman.
Isaac was born on September 28th, 2026.
His sponsors are Ryan Hanten and Erica Hageman.



Sympathy and prayers to

Scott and Sharese Jensen on the death of Scott's mother, Reva Brage.

Larry and Lisa Erickson on the death of Larry's brother, Bill Erickson.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who organized, helped, donated, and participated in the Advent Celebration!
It was a great way to kick off the Advent season.











The youth group helped with PACH on Wednesday! They worked hard and did a great job!





Dear Hosanna,

Thank you for your generous donation to our Needy Student Fund. Your kindness allows us to care for our students and reminds us how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful neighbor! In Mark 12:31, Jesus teaches, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Thanks for putting these works into action through your generosity and friendship with our school. What a friend we have in Jesus - and what a wonderful neighbor we have in Hosanna!

Todd at WMS

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 25th 7PM



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

We are collecting items for Rachel's Hope:

DISH SOAP and

ALL-PURPOSE CLEANER - most needed,

toilet paper, Kleenex, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, body wash for women & kids, and for men 2-in-1 body wash.

Monetary donations will be collected for

Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars!




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


Advent
A season of waiting and preparation
Hope • Love • Joy • Peace
Prepare your heart for Christmas


A Weary World Rejoices
ADVENT
devotions
SENT TO YOUR EMAIL DAILY
AND
POSTED ON FACEBOOK DAILY
NOV 29-DEC 25
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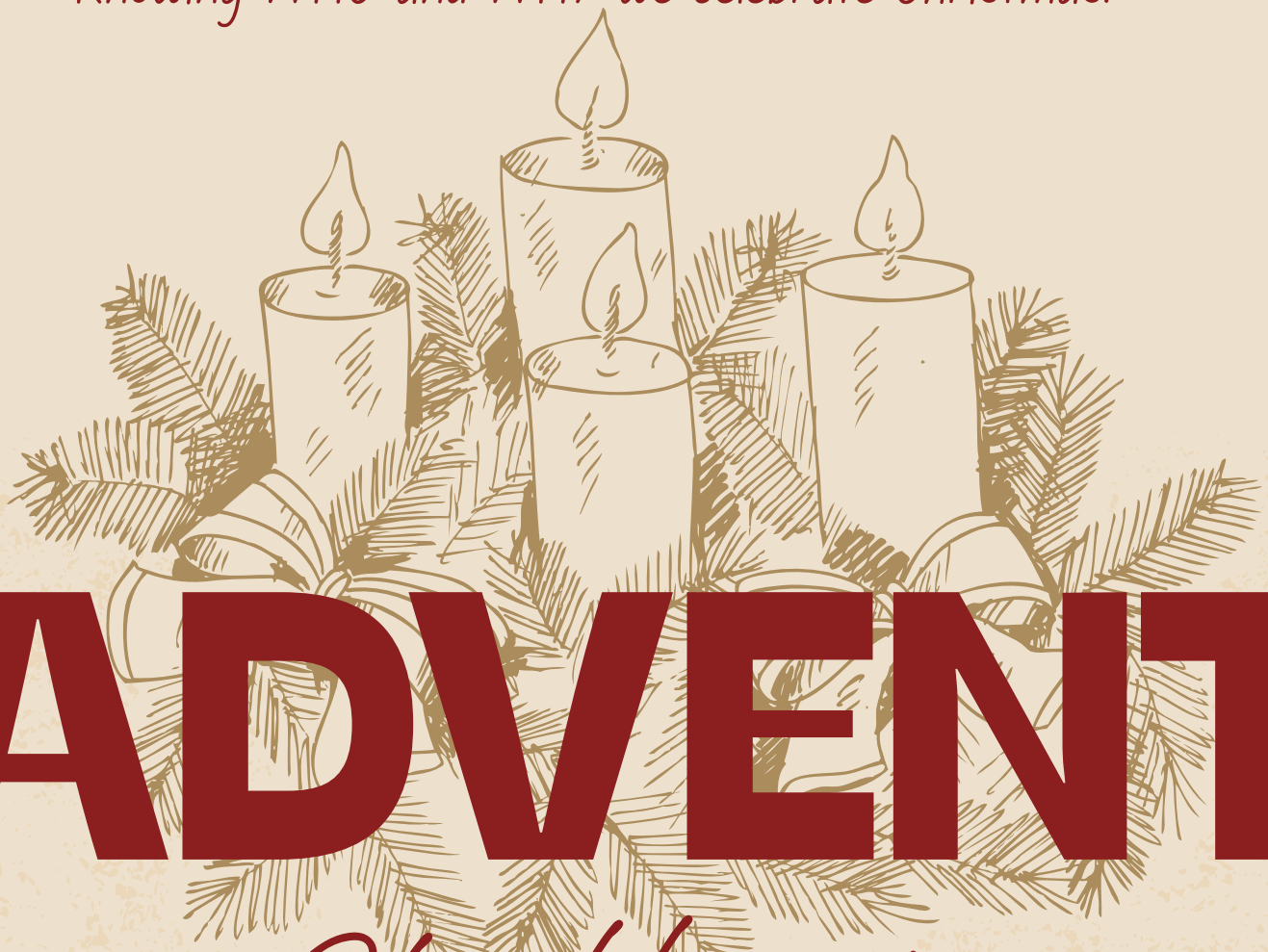
Advent
Facebook Daily Devotions
@ 9 am or 9 pm
Pastor Craig or Pastor Janine
will be on Facebook Live
November 30th - January 6th

Read an entire account of Jesus's life and wake up Christmas Morning
Knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate Christmas!



ADVENT

Challenge

24 DAYS · 24 CHAPTERS OF LUKE

DECEMBER 1ST - 24TH

December 25th - read John 1:1-18

We will post each chapter daily on Facebook at 5:00 am
and have it in the Weekly ENews for you.

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


A Light
in the Darkness
The holiday season is hard for some of us. You are not alone. Some who are struggling, and grieving have difficulty finding joy in this season.
Join us for a different kind of worship service of comfort and hope during all of life's challenges and losses.
Worship Service
Sunday, December 20th
@ 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve

Worship Services



1:30 pm & 4:30 pm

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.

Men's Noon Bible study

When we meet opposition to our beliefs in our culture, how do we remain firm in our faith while engaging people far from God?

Please join the Noon Men's Fellowship for a ten-session series.

Author and pastor Jarrett Stephens walks us through the book of Daniel, exposing the harsh realities of living in a culture opposed to God. While our circumstances may not be as extreme as Daniel's, we have much to learn from how he speaks truth to power and refuses to compromise his convictions.

We meet in the chapel every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1 PM.

Please join us for a few refreshments and conversation.


Confirmation Class
for 7th & 8th Graders
on Wednesdays
@ 5:30 pm at the Church
Supper @ 6:45 pm
$5 suggested donation


YOUTH GROUP
WEDNESDAYS
@ 7 PM
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

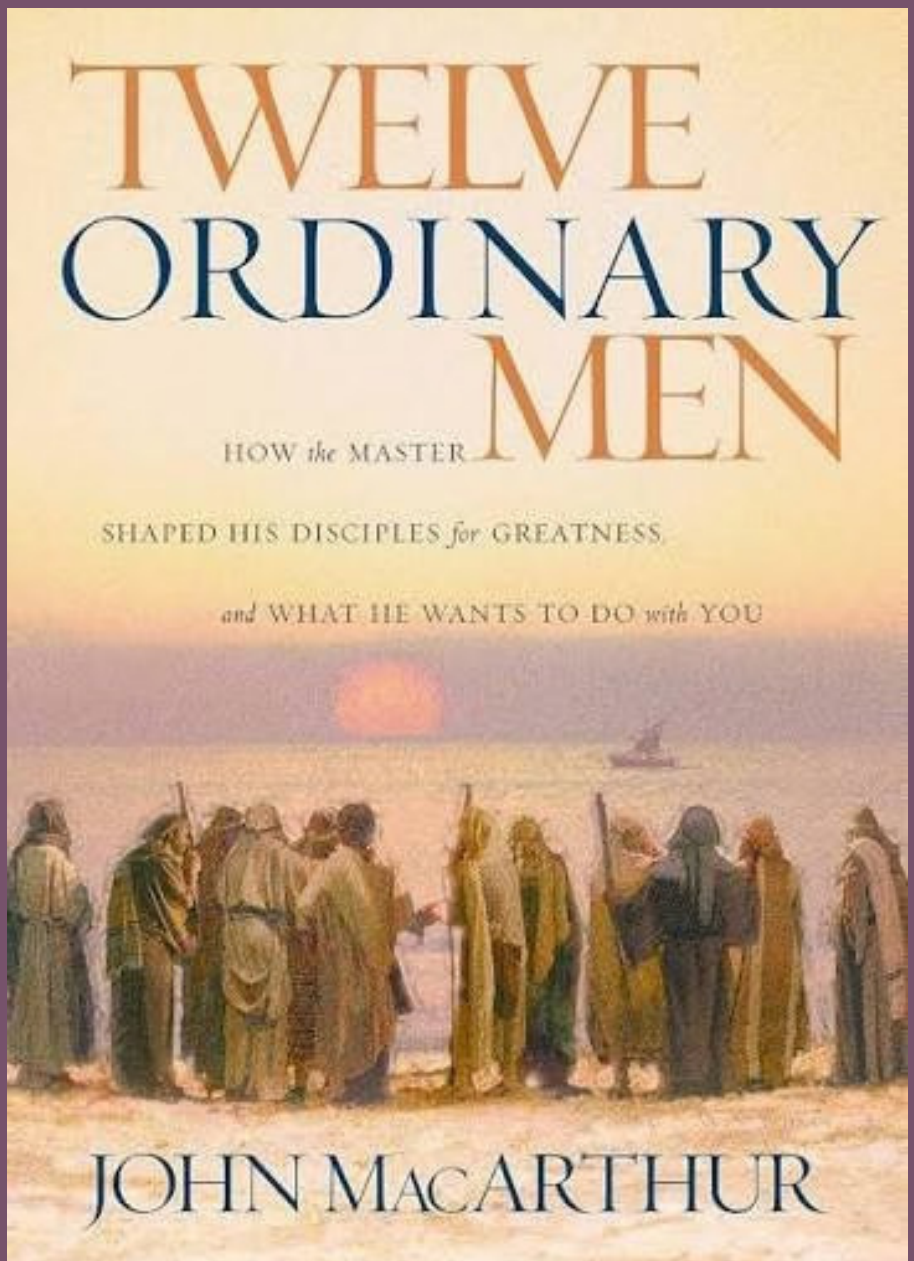
Previous choir experience is encouraged.

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

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

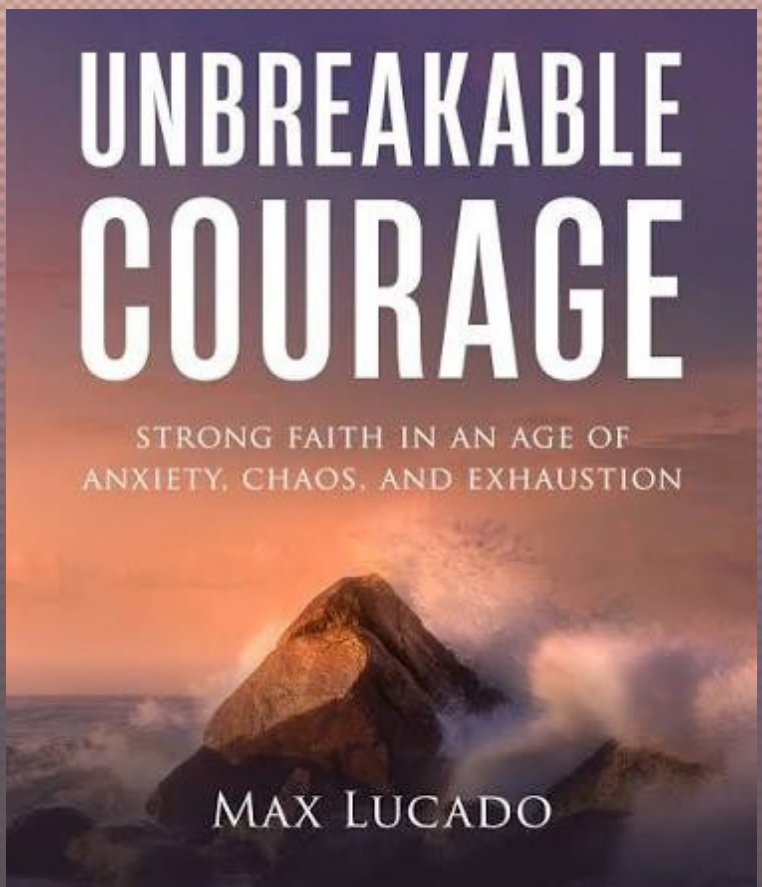


Bible study

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

Next Class will be Thursday, December 10th

Books are $13, they are in the office



Listening for the Promise
Weekly Devotional

First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2026

"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

- Mark 13:32 -

Hope is Found Only in Jesus

We have already seen the signs of Christmas, but today the church begins a journey through the season of Advent. We will be very busy in the coming weeks with shopping, baking, wrapping and decorating. There will be programs and parties, but Advent is about so much more. It is a time for waiting. It is a time for watching. We can't avoid Christmas in the world but during Advent we are also to be readying our hearts for the coming of our King.

We are preparing to welcome the baby in the manger, but we are also waiting for His second coming. Jesus Christ has already come, died, and been raised, but we still wait for the fulfillment of all His promises. The work of salvation is complete, but it still needs to be completed. Eternity is already ours, but we have to wait until the Day when it comes to fruition. We live in the already but not yet. Light is in the world, but darkness still plagues us.

We begin Advent in darkness, but the Light will increase over the next four weeks as we look forward the Nativity of Jesus. The Gospel text for today is "Mark's Little Apocalypse." We are tempted to look for the signs that are described in this text, pointing out cosmic phenomenon, natural disasters, and newspaper headlines worrying that every event proves the time is now. Mark reminds us, however, that we will never know the day or the hour. It is for the Father to decide when Christ will come again.

Instead of worrying about the apocalypse, God calls us to use our gifts to share His hope and peace with those who are lost and dying. Jesus is coming to bring light in the world, but while we wait, we can make the world a little brighter. There is so much to do in the next few weeks, but there is nothing more important than sharing the message of hope and peace that has been and will be fulfilled in Jesus, the Baby and the King.

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Sola Lectionary Text Study

Advent1

November 29, 2026 (Year B)



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.

Not only have such great strides been made in the world of commerce, but also in the spiritual field have there been great changes. Error, sin, and falsehood have never held sway in the world as in these last centuries... such sins cry to heaven, and so provoke and defy the last daythat it must soon break in upon them.

- Martin Luther -
Sermon, Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

Israelhad rebelled against the Lord God and things were getting ugly between Creator and creature. In the previous chapter of Isaiah, God had left Israel to the devices of their enemies because of their idolatry and distrust of him. His judgment against them was like grapes being trampled in the winepress (Isaiah 63:3). But then the Lord relented from his anger as his people cried out to him to remember them, even as they remembered all that God had done for them in the days of Abraham and Moses. They cried out to the Lord to come down from heaven and save them from their enemies. They acknowledged the wonders of the Lord Almighty who had done great things for them, things they never imagined or dreamed possible. The people affirmed God's patience and God's care for those who wait patiently for him to act.

- *Why are we humans so impatient for God to act even as we know that God will act in his own time?*

Isaiah 64:6-7 is a confession of sin, "in our sins we have been a long time... we have become like one who is unclean... there is no one who calls upon your name." Their confession of sin was followed by an acknowledgement that God is the potter and Israel is the clay that is formed by his hand.

- *In what ways does God form us through forgiveness and mercy?*
- *How is our acknowledgement of our sin an invitation for the potter to shape us into who he wants us to be?*

Psalm 80:1-7

Thepsalmistcentered this hymn around Joseph, son of the patriarch Jacob. Joseph had an important role in feeding the tribes of Jacob during the famine in Egypt. God led young Joseph through the bitterness of sibling rivalry, and his brothers' plot to do away with him for good. Out of this Joseph and his brothers, God created his vine that was led through the wilderness and replanted in the promised land.

- *How was Joseph's life important for the sustainability of Israel?*
- *Why is our familyhistory important for our lives today?*

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Spiritual gifts have often been a source of strife within the church, debating over who has what and who doesn't. Assessing the giftedness of others or taking pride in our own gifts all too often creates a hierarchy among believers. This was certainly the case among the Christians in Corinth. Their constant ranking and comparison led to endless conflict in their congregation. Addressing that conflict was a key purpose of Paul's letters to the Corinthian congregation. Right at the beginning he made a declaration about spiritual gifts, giving thanks that they are not lacking in any spiritual gift. He started right out by leveling the hierarchy the Corinthians had so carefully constructed.

- *What comes to mind when you hear a term like "spiritual gifts"?*
- *Do you think of some people as more spiritually gifted than others?*
- *How do you understand the purpose of the gifts of the Spirit?*
- *How do the gifts of the Spirit aid us during this time of waiting for the kingdom to come?*

Mark 13:24-37

Speculation about the end times has been a preoccupation of Christians since the day of Christ's ascension. Wondering, watching, and waiting have been the lot of the people of God. In every generation there has been someone who couldn't resist the temptation to interpret signs and events and start the clock running on Christ's return. And every generation has passed on, still waiting for the day of the Lord.

- *In what sense can a preoccupation with time-lines and prediction of the end times stem from a lack of faith?*

As he was approaching his crucifixion, Jesus spoke to his disciples about the coming of a new age, but he did not give them many details. He warned them of signs and spoke of budding trees heralding spring, but he gave them no timeline. He simply told them to stay awake, keep their eyes open, and to be ready. There are no days off for God's chosen ones. We are called to be in a perpetual state of readiness.

- *What does it look like to be ready for the return of Christ? Is the coming of Christ something for us to fear?*
- *What kinds of signs do you expect to signify Christ's return?*

Jesus spoke of the angels coming to gather in his elect. The image of election can be disconcerting at times. It carries with it the fear of being absolutely without control of our situation. It certainly sounds as if everything, the timing of the new kingdom, the signs that will precede it, and who will be received into it, is in God's hands.

- *Why does the notion that the future is in God's hands and not ours cause us to worry?*
- *In what sense is God's election and control the only thing that can provide any real hope in the face of the future?*

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MON	**Office Hours** **Mon – Thurs 10am to 2pm**
TUE	**9:30 – Prayer** **10:00 – Coffee**
WED	**9:30 – Quilting** **12:00 – Men's Bible study** **7:00 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship**
THU	
FRI	
SAT	**10:00 – Christmas Decorating**
SUN	**9:15 – Worship/Parr Baptisms** **10:15 – Coffee** **No Faith Formation** **Advent Daily Devotions start!**

This Weeks Bulletin

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NOV 29th Bulletin Click Here



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DEC. Servant Team!

Servant Team #1 - Serves - December 2026

- Anderson, Ben & Mindy & family
- Brindle, Jeff & Sherri
- Caulfield, Jerald
- 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, Gloria
- Rud, Mark & Carolyn
- Schmahl, Paul
- Spieker, Cliff & Dorothy
- Storley, Reed & Lori
- Timmer, Randy & Christina
- Wientjes, Mark & Cathy
- Zeitler, Marlo

HLC NOVEMBER 25TH SERVANT TEAM



Keyboard Accompanist:
Lynn Osthus



Head Ushers:
Les Kolden

HLC
NOVEMBER 29TH
SERVANT TEAM



Keyboard Accompanist:
Lynn Osthus



Head Ushers:
NEED 1



Lector:
Karen Olson



Non Communion Sunday

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026

Attendance: 203

General Offering: $6,320.69

Hospitality: $71

Youth Group: $550, Facility: $30

Decorating Committee: $220

A/V Fire Recovery: $500

Helping Hands: $1,000

Contingency: $2,000

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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Need help or have questions?

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

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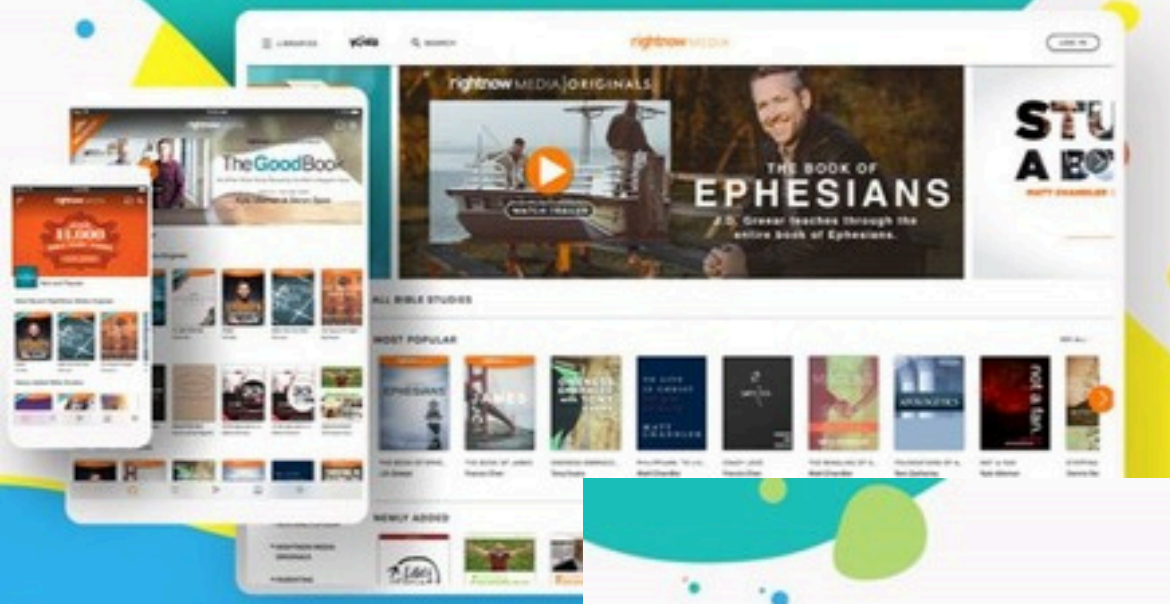

We've purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free access to ***everyone*** in our church. If you haven't already accepted your invite:

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

Endowment Fund Board Members

President: Tyler Gross

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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!

Newsletter Click Here!

Digital Magazine Click Here!



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.