



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 4th - May 10th, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter



**For Christ
also suffered
once for sins,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
that he might bring us to God.**

1 Peter 3:18

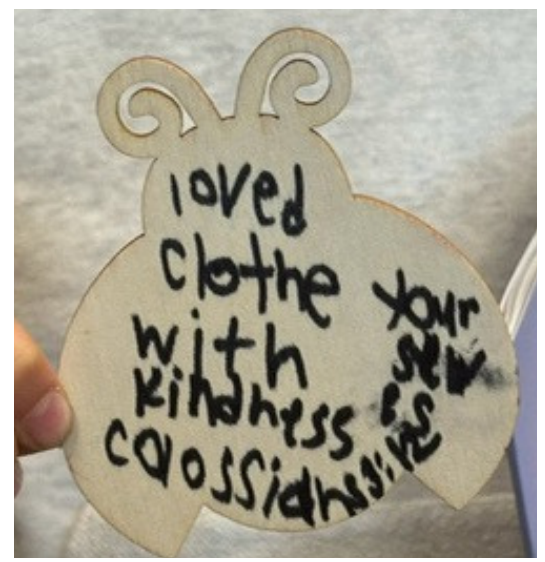


Happy
Mother's
Day

**Congratulations to
Josh and Megan Sogn on the baptism of their Son,
Theodore Nolan Sogn.**

**Theodore was born on October 8th, 2025. He was
baptized on May 2nd, 2026. He is also welcomed by
his big brothers: Treyden, Thomas and Tanner.**





This Wednesday!



HOSANNA YOUTH!

**CELEBRATE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND
KICK OFF OUR SUMMER ACTIVITIES!**



**Pizza
Ice Cream Sundaes
Games**

For Youth currently in Grades 5-12
Wednesday, May 6; 6-7:30 p.m. at the church

**Click or Scan the QR code if you'd like to be in a
summer youth Bible Study small group!**

Join Dick Nicolai



Even though every Christ-follower is called to regularly share their faith, few actually do. Conversations: A Simple Approach to Sharing the Gospel is a two-hour personal witnessing training course from The Gideons International where you will discover the simplicity of the Gospel and learn practical ways to share your faith with confidence.

LOCATION

Hosanna Lutheran Church


DATE

May 7, 2026

TIME

6:30 PM

**this Thursday, May 7th
at 6:30 pm in the Chapel**



**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR
RECOGNITION DAY
IS SUNDAY, MAY 17TH
DURING WORSHIP!**



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



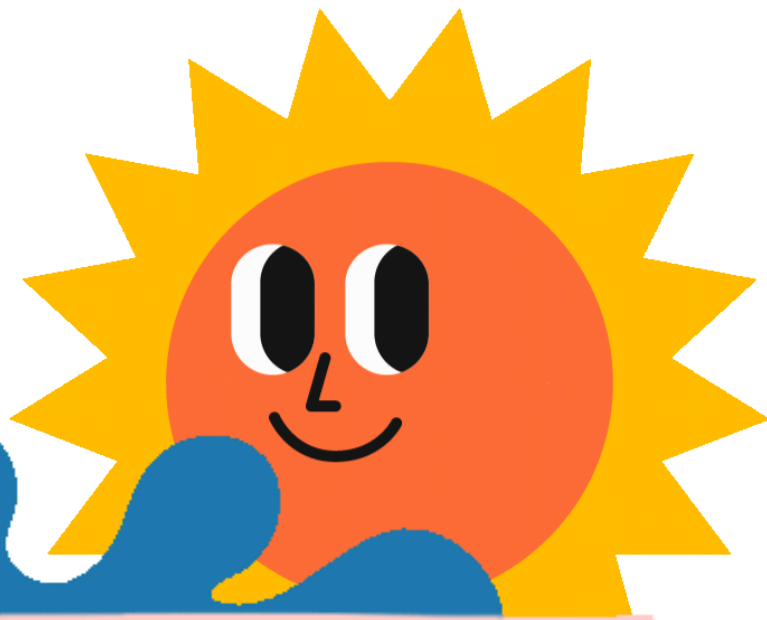
Cash and Carry at the church or special order! **\$25**

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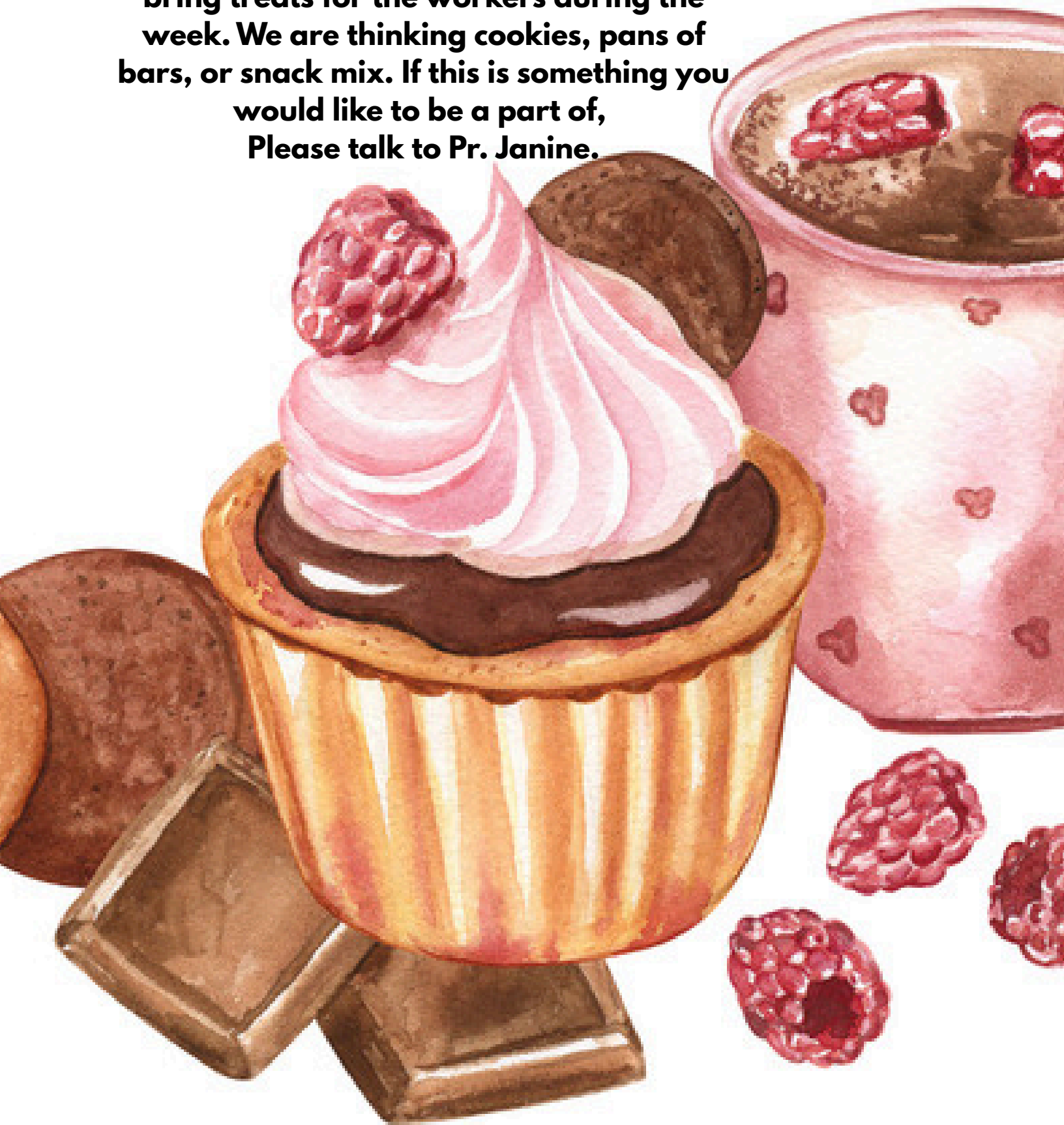


Save the Date

VBS at Hosanna!
July 27th - 31st

Treats for the Workers!

We would love to start a little group to bring treats for the workers during the week. We are thinking cookies, pans of bars, or snack mix. If this is something you would like to be a part of, Please talk to Pr. Janine.



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.

Men's Noon Bible study meets in the Chapel on Wednesdays



Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026

“For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.”

– Acts 17:23 –

Proclaim the Truth of God

Someone once wrote, “I was headed to a retreat center, but I had an appointment somewhere first. Time was short, and so I wanted to find the most efficient route. I opened my phone and asked Siri, ‘Directions to Christ the King.’ She replied, ‘Please direct your spiritual questions to someone better qualified to answer them, preferably a human being.’”

Paul was in Athens. The Greeks were an ecumenical society; they offered something for everyone! There was a temple on every corner. Athens was a place where trading routes crossed; it was a place where the world came together, and they wanted everyone to feel at home. They even had an altar inscribed “To an unknown god.” Those who could not find a specific temple at least had a place to worship, a place where their god could be honored and remembered.

Paul went to Mars Hill, which was a place of theological debate and discussion. He commended them for their religious practices and called their attention to this altar for the unknown God. He stepped into their world and reached them from their point of view. In doing so, however, he did not settle for the ecumenical open-mindedness of the Athenians. He told them what they were missing. He boldly proclaimed the God of creation and His Son Jesus Christ. Some thought his message was ridiculous, especially the death and resurrection of Christ.

Paul was qualified to answer their questions, and he willingly risked status, position, and respect by boldly proclaiming the Gospel message of grace and in doing so, some came to believe. We live in a similar society, where buffets are the norm so that everyone who enters can be satisfied. There are religious houses on every corner, something for everyone. Diversity can be a good thing, but are we willing to be like Paul, boldly proclaiming the truth of the Gospel message, sharing the “unknown God” who fulfilled every promise in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus so that they will seek the true God and find life in Him?

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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.



But to us he is called a Comforter, and a comforter is one who makes a sad heart glad and joyful toward God and tells you to be of good cheer for your sins are forgiven, death is slain, heaven is open, and God smiles upon you.

– Martin Luther –

Sermons on John 14, LW 24

Acts 17:16–31

Paul described the Athenians as “extremely religious.” Their piety seemed to be without limit. They even created altars for unknown gods, just in case the gods they think they know didn’t cover all of the bases. This altar to an unknown god points out the basic problem in the Athenians’ religion. It is all left to their imagination. The number of gods and their specific purposes and activities are limited only by what the people can think of.

Paul came to them with something else. He came with a Word about the One God who created all that is and took on flesh in the particular person of Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God shows his people who he is. The Athenians’ religion can only show them who they imagine the gods to be. In Jesus, we see God as he wants to be seen.

- What’s the difference between religion and faith?
 - What does Paul’s way of speaking to the Athenians show us about how we might share the Good News with those who practice other religions?
 - What is the danger in religion based on our imaginations, assumptions, theories, or philosophies about what God must be like?
- Paul focused on Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. Such notions caused some of the enlightened Athenians to scoff. They couldn’t believe in something so far-fetched and outside their experience as one being raised from the dead.
- Why would Paul put such emphasis on the Resurrection when speaking to those so likely to scoff at such ideas?
 - How are we tempted to downplay those aspects of our faith that are the most far-fetched or hard for people in our own culture to believe?

Psalms 66:8–20

The psalmist proclaimed that the Lord daily bears our burdens. Not only did the Lord lead his people out of slavery in Egypt, but he provided for their every need. In war with those who desired to conquer Israel, the Lord defeated foreign armies. All of this was done by God even when the people were unfaithful.

- How is God’s faithfulness not dependent upon human faithfulness? How many times do we see this truth repeated in the scriptures?

1 Peter 3:13–22

If there was one attribute that characterizes Christians,

according to Peter, it would be hope. One of the gifts that goes hand in hand with the promise of forgiveness and new life is hope for the future. This is not hope based on our capacity to improve our situation. Instead, it is the hope that comes from knowing our lives are in the hands of our merciful Father.

Being able to account for that hope when confronted by nonbelievers is part of our witness. We are reminded that when we give an account of what we believe, we are to do so with gentleness and reverence. The hope that inhabits us is not of our own making. It is the Spirit’s work upon us.

- If you were asked, how would you explain the hope that is in you, given all the darkness that fills the world?
- How is hope linked to faith? How is hopelessness or despair linked to faithlessness?

John 14:15–21

Jesus’ words of assurance to his disciples strike at the heart of one of our deepest fears as human beings: the fear of being abandoned, to be left as an orphan. Jesus had just finished telling his disciples that he was going to suffer and die at the hands of those who found his teaching intolerable. The disciples had every reason to feel that they would soon be alone. Certainly these men who had left behind their normal lives to follow Jesus on his path had to be a bit worried about these words. Jesus had become the one they trusted for guidance and support. He was the one they depended on to lead them in right paths. He had become like a father to them. And then he told them he was soon going to die.

- What evidence do you see in our world that being “orphaned” is one of our most basic fears? What does it do to our sense of belonging to be abandoned by those we love?

Recognizing their fear, Jesus assured his disciples that he was not orphaning them. He was sending someone in his place who would look after them. The Holy Spirit will abide in them and keep them in his Word. He will counsel and support them in their daily lives.

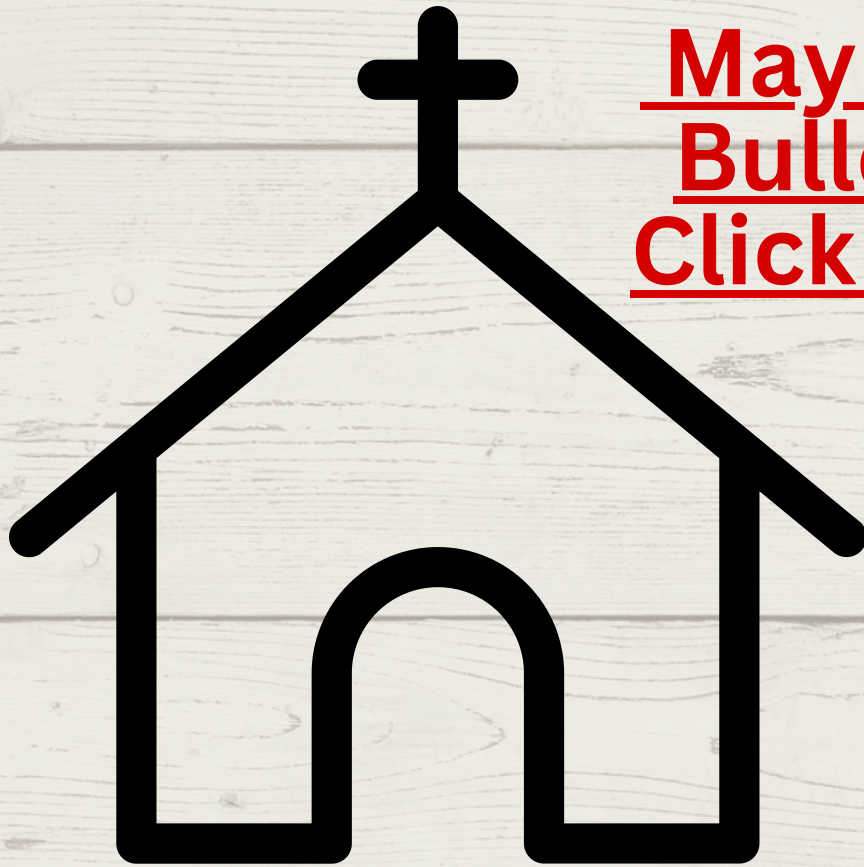
All too often, the sin in us tempts us to attribute to the Spirit those things which are actually our own will and desire. But Jesus assures us that the work of the Spirit is to show us who God is. The Spirit is revealing God’s gifts to his chosen ones. These gifts are visible to the eyes of faith, even when they are obscure to the world.

- What are some of the ways we try claim our plans as the work of the Spirit? What are some of the ways we try to claim the work of the Spirit as our own work?

MON	<p>Office open Mon - Thurs 10am - 2pm</p>
TUE	<p>9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 10:00 - YARN 6:30 - Property Committee meeting</p>
WED	<p>12:00 - Men's Bible study 5:45 - Confirmation/Last one 6:45 - Youth Meal 7:00 - Youth Group</p>
THU	<p>10:00 - Coffee 2:00 - Faith Circle 5:00 - Melissa Gross Bible study 6:30 - Sharing the Gospel Event</p>
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	<p>9:15 - Worship/Happy Mother's Day! 10:15 - Coffee</p> 

This Weeks Bulletin

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MAY Servant Team!

Servant Team #1 - Serves - May and December 2026

- Anderson, Ben & Mindy & family
- Brindle, Jeff & Sherri
- Caulfield, Jerald & Patricia
- 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
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- Gunderson, LeRoy & Kathy
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- Helwig, Sean
- Hieb, Willard & Sharon
- Holgate, Jeff & Julie & family
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- Kamara, Hawa & family
- Knox, Kaid & Kindra & family
- Miller, David & Haley & family
- Mutschler, Bruce & Shelly
- Orthaus, David & Gloria
- Rud, Mark & Carolyn
- Schmahl, Paul
- Spieker, Cliff & Dorothy
- Storley, Reed & Lori
- Timmer, Randy & Christina
- Wientjes, Mark & Cathy
- Zeitler, Marlo

HLC MAY 10TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Dorothy Fuller



Head Ushers:
Les Kolden



Lector:
Need 1



**Non-Communion
Sunday**

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

Attendance: 175

General Offering: \$10,457.83

Hospitality: \$62

Facility: \$500

Lent Offering: \$1000

Lutefisk Supper: \$25

Helping Hands: \$25

HLC Year to Date

Financial Report as of 3-31-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$ 94,585	\$91,190.40	\$ 3,394.60 - Under Budget
Expenses	\$ 82,799	\$80,428.53	\$ 2,370.47 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

APRIL

Benevolence & Mission Outreach

\$3615 - New Hope Mission Society for Shaliach Bible School in Kerala State, India

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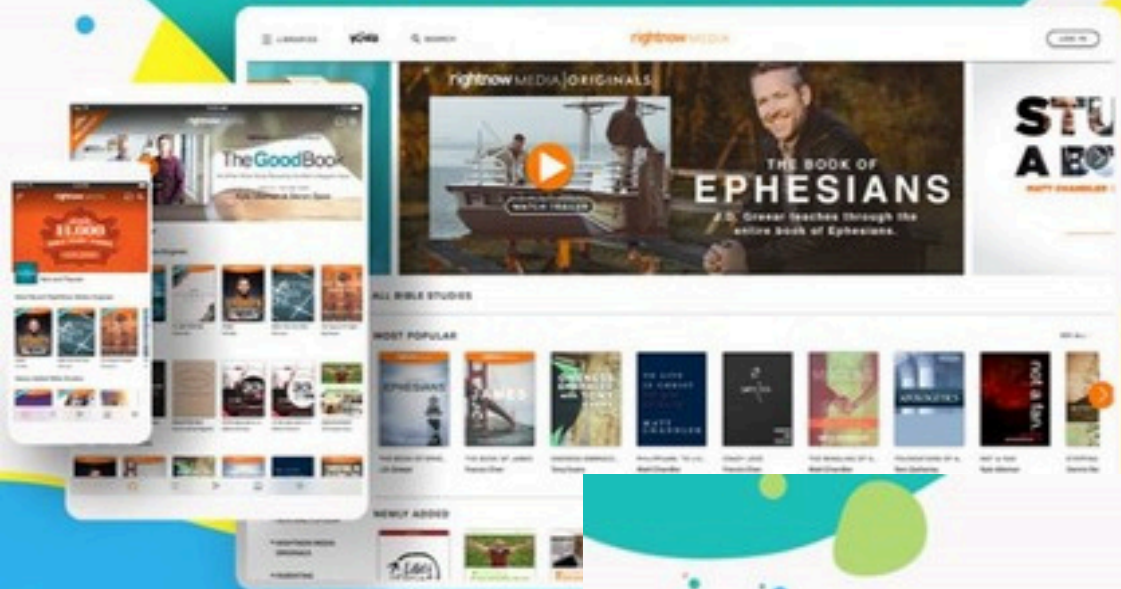
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They are located on the
information table
4. Place your gift in the offering plates in
the fellowship hall
5. Mail checks to 1617 14th Ave NE
Watertown, SD 57201

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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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

May 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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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!

January 7, 2026

“Safe Hands, Calm Hands” (Teepa Snow)
 by Christina Ruml, State Ombudsman for State of South Dakota

February 4, 2026

“Language, Swallowing, and Dementia”
 by Kirsten Blackwell, Speech - Language Pathologist with PLHS

March 4, 2026

“Holding God’s Hands”
 by Pastor Sara McManus, First United Methodist Church

April 1, 2026

“Adult Day Services / My Care Line Respite Care & Telemedicine at The Village”
 by Krista Beauchamp & Dalton Wagner

May 6, 2026

“Keeping Precious Memories” (Creating Memory Books)
 by Dar Fuchs & Friends

June 3, 2026

“Let’s Talk”
 by The Support Group



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.

Come to
WORSHIP FEST

MIDWEST BIBLE CAMP

1500 N HWY 20

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH @4PM

WALKING TACOS PROVIDED

Fundraiser for Free Camp for Kids!

Music provided by local Watertown Worship Leaders

