



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 25th - August 31st, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost



If anyone would
come after me,
let him
deny himself
and take up
his cross
and follow me.

**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.

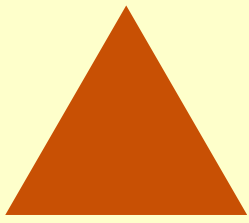
**Complimentary refreshments
immediately following the service**

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

OPEN HOUSE

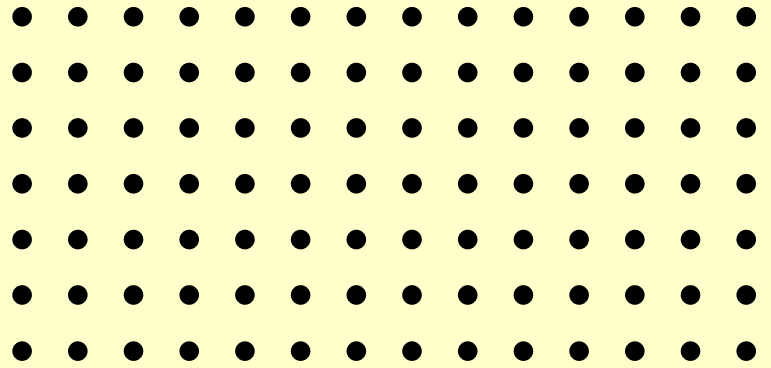
**Wednesday,
September 2nd
from 4:30 - 7:00 PM**

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

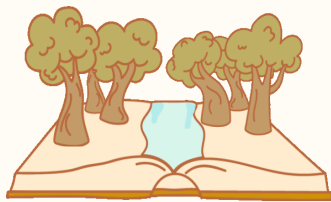
POTLUCK & ACTIVITIES

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.



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 Pastor
Janine*

FOR

Faith Circle

Thursday,
September 3rd
@ 2PM

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17) – August 30, 2026

“Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.’”

– Matthew 16:24–25–

Dietrich Bonhoeffer is well-known among many Lutherans. He was a German-Lutheran pastor and theologian, who died at the hands of Nazis in Germany during World War II. Before his death, Bonhoeffer wrote his work “Cost of Discipleship.” He writes how Christians today have taken advantage of God’s grace, referring to it as “cheap grace.” He says, “Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.”

God’s grace came at an expensive price: the life his only son Jesus Christ. So often we lose sight of the great cost our God paid on our behalf. So often we want to water down God’s grace, making it more palatable. Discipleship, following Jesus, is not easy. It is a life of sacrifice, and Jesus doesn’t try to pretend that it’s going to be easy for us. His words are plain and simple: deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me.

We are tempted to tell ourselves that it’s ok to miss worship because God will understand; he will forgive us. We want to sweep our sin under the rug and pretend it’s not there. What’s the harm, really? The harm is huge! When we treat God’s amazing gift of grace so frivolously, not only do we diminish the depth of God’s love for us, but we also avoid any form of repentance. Without repentance, there is no forgiveness of our sins. And so ultimately, we have put ourselves in a dangerous position.

God has called us to follow him in every way. We are called to act out of love and compassion for our neighbor. We are called to forgive one another as God forgives us through the sacrifice of Jesus. We are called to make sacrifices in order to make God a priority in our lives. In the moment it might seem difficult, but as Dietrich Bonhoeffer also says, “When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die. It may be a death like that of the first disciples who had to leave home and work to follow Him, but cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.”

Pentecost 14 (Proper 17)

August 30, 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.



So, too, pure love is a rare thing on earth.
Not that love in itself is impure, but too often it is mere pretense.
John implies as much in his words (1 Jn 3, 18), "My little children,
let us not love in word, neither with the tongue;
but in deed and truth."

– Martin Luther –

Sermon on Romans 12, Church Postil

Jeremiah 15:15–21

Certainly, Jeremiah was a man who knew what it was like to be persecuted as a servant of the Lord. Here, the prophet calls upon God to take vengeance on those who tormented him and he would like it to happen as quickly as possible. The prophet protests to the Lord, citing his own innocence and faithfulness, and asks why God has not protected him.

- Have you ever felt like Jeremiah? Have you felt as though God's promise has not come true for you, in spite of your commitment to Him?
- How is Jeremiah's ego at work in his complaint? In what sense does his lack of satisfaction come from his focus on himself?

Beginning in verse 19, God responds to Jeremiah's prayer with a promise, assuring the prophet that he has not been abandoned. God says to the prophet, "If you return, I will restore you." (Jer. 15:19) That word is שׁוּב (shuv) meaning to turn back or repent — i.e. return to a prior belief.

Imagine God saying to the prophet, and to us when we are struggling, "If you turn back to me, I will turn back to you." Jeremiah had to repent of his self-pity and failure to trust that God was truly with him and that things would work out in God's time, not Jeremiah's.

- Why is it important to know that God remains committed to the work of his Word, even when circumstances don't seem to indicate any success? In what sense is the life of faith always a matter of turning back to trust in the Lord?

Psalms 26

Like Jeremiah, the psalmist calls upon God as one who has been a faithful servant. He says to God, "Judge me and see if I have lived with integrity. Test me, Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind."

- Do you find the psalmist to be a little arrogant or presumptuous in these verses? Would you be so bold as to pray in such a way?
- Assuming the writer is sincere in the way he describes his life, what do you think is at the center of his concern? What does he want from God? In what sense does the manner of his life show that God has already been at work in him?

Romans 12:9–21

Scripture assures us that God's grace actually produces something in us, seen in the fruit of our words and deeds. People of faith will exhibit certain traits that we are reminded of again and again. Though they are not yet

perfected in us, the arc of the Christian's life will be marked by the attributes Paul describes here.

One such attribute is love. We are reminded in 1 John 4:19 that we are only able to love because God first loved us. We are not permitted to exact vengeance upon our enemies — that role is reserved for God alone. Instead we are to share, love, and show kindness to our enemies; our love is to be "sincere." The Greek word here is *an-hypokritos* which means "without hypocrisy."

- What are some of the personal character qualities that are highlighted in the verses? Which do you tend to exemplify the most? Which do you not?
- Do you ever struggle with loving someone that is hard to love? How do you love "without hypocrisy?" To whom do you turn when you struggle with this?

Matthew 16:21–28

Right before this part of the chapter, Jesus had instructed his followers to beware of the "leaven" of the Pharisees and Sadducees. He wanted them to be discerning of their law-based teachings. Then he showed them a different way.

He spoke of God's forgiveness as "the keys of the kingdom of heaven," asserting that whatever they bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever they forgive here will be forgiven in heaven.

- Why did Jesus need to give the disciples these specific instructions to contrast the teaching of the Jewish leaders in comparison with the approach they were to take in regard to sin?

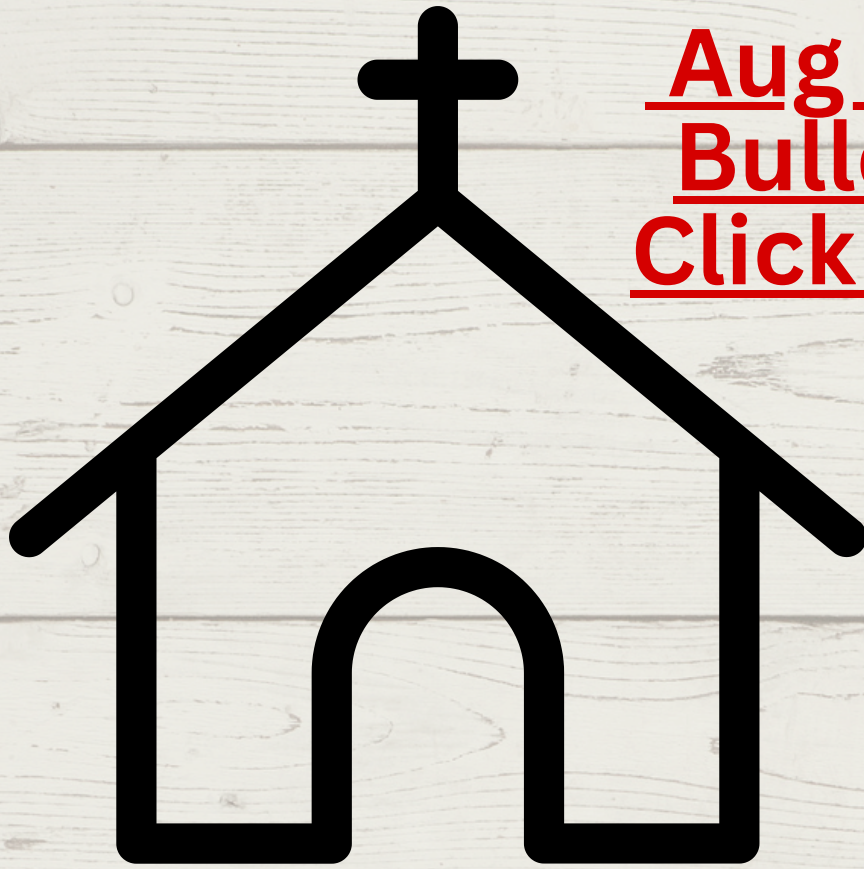
Immediately after this, Jesus began to tell his disciples what was about to happen to him. He would be arrested, tried, and put to death, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. Peter took great offense to Jesus' words and pulled him aside to chastise him. Jesus reacted strongly to Peter — calling him "Satan" and scolding him fiercely. Jesus showed his disciples the way of his own cross, and that we are to follow him no matter what it costs.

- Why did Peter have such a hard time with Jesus' prediction of his own death and resurrection? Why do we?
- Why are Jesus' words about his death such an affront to the world? Why are they difficult even for those who are followers of Jesus?
- What does it mean in our own life of faith to deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Jesus unto death?

TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee
WED	9:30 - Quilting 12:00 - Men's Bible study 7:00 - Choir
THU	10:00 - Coffee
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	9:15 - Worship - Rededication service 10:15 - Coffee and Treats
MON	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm

This Weeks Bulletin

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LIVE

STREAM



Sept 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 30TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Angie Eickmeyer
and
Dorothy Fuller



Head Ushers:
Earl Benson
and
Everett Johnson



Lector:
Mike Aadland



**Communion
Assistants:**
Tammi Krause
and
**Need 1 more adult
and 2 kids**

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

Attendance: 31 & 128

General Offering: \$7,317.64

Hospitality: \$26

Facility: \$30

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.

2026 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS & MEMBERS

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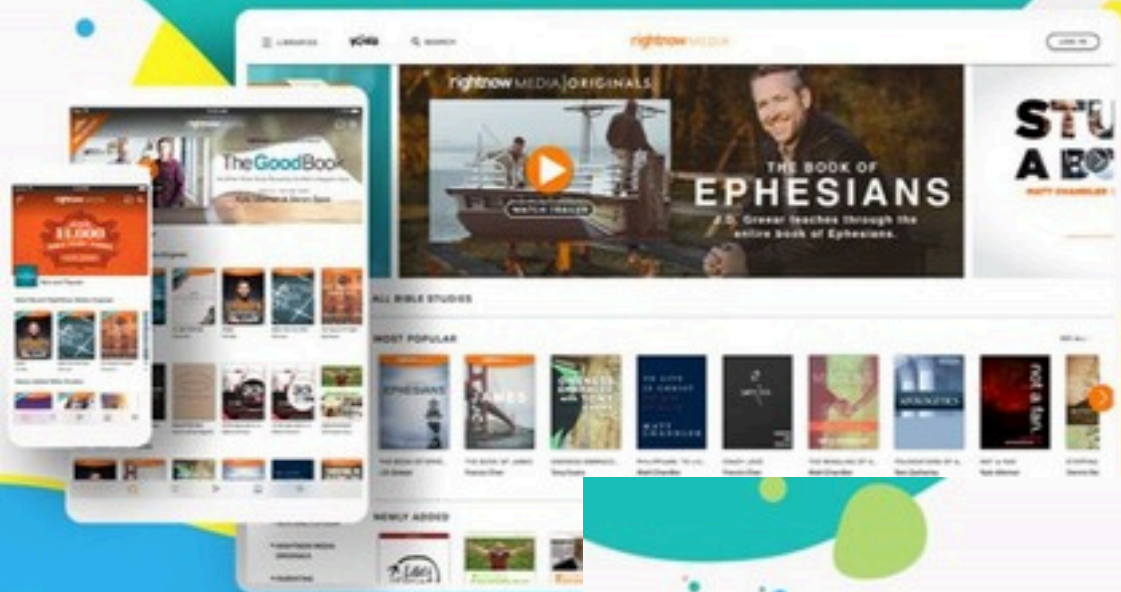
Please contact Anna at 605-237-8399 or email her @ watertownhosannalutheran@gmail.com



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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!

1. Text \$(with amount) to 855-625-1726
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



Endowment Fund Board Members

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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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NORTH COUNTRY
Fiber Fair

Crocheting
Felting
Knitting
Spinning
Weaving
And more!

September 18-20, 2026

Classes • Vendors • Fiber Circle
Fiber Trivia • Raffles • Demos
Fiber Competitions

Codington County Extension Complex
Watertown, SD

Free Fair Admission • No pets
See website for full schedule:

NorthCountryFiberFair.org





Magic Needlers' Quilt Guild presents the
29th Watertown Quilt Show

*"Building a Beautiful Country,
One Quilt at a Time"*

Saturday, October 3, 2026 & Sunday, October 4, 2026
10:00 am to 5:00 pm Noon to 4:00 pm

Codington County Extension Complex
Entrance H • 1910 W Kemp Ave • Watertown, SD
Quilt Show Admission - \$7.00

Featured Quilter:
Karen Kasperson

Saturday Noon Luncheon & Trunk Show - \$15.00
featuring Peggy Anderson & Sally Schroeder
Paperpiecing Quilts

Limited seating luncheon, advance tickets available at:
Dakota Quilt Shop • Needleworks Sewing Center

Sunday Trunk Show- 2:00 PM
featuring Diantha Larson & Cheryl Schuh
Star Quilts

Hundreds of Quilts • Boutique • Scissor Sharpening
Fabric and Craft Vendors • Demos

PUMPKINS!

Fall Festival!

Saturday, October 10

10 AM – 4 PM

- Pumpkins 4 Sale
- Corn Maze
- Petting Zoo
- Barrel Train
- Inflatables
- Iron Skillet Toss
- And Much More!

\$7 Lunch Combo

Sloppy Joe or
Mac n Cheese,
Chips, & Cookies

Free ..

*You're
gonna love this
place!*

Coffee, Cocoa,
Hot Apple Cider

Pumpkin Patch – 4 acres of pumpkins,
for sale on Saturdays, Oct. 10 – Nov. 7

MIDWEST BIBLE CAMP
1500 N Hwy 20 Watertown





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.