



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 12th - October 18th

21st Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew 22:21

**Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's.**

*Congratulations to Kirk & Kelli (Wenande) Gilbertson
on the baptism of their daughter
Swayze Ann Gilbertson.
Swayze was born on June 9th, 2026.
Her sponsors are Jill Steilen and Brant Gilbertson.*



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YOU ARE INVITED TO

The Seasoned Citizens Supper

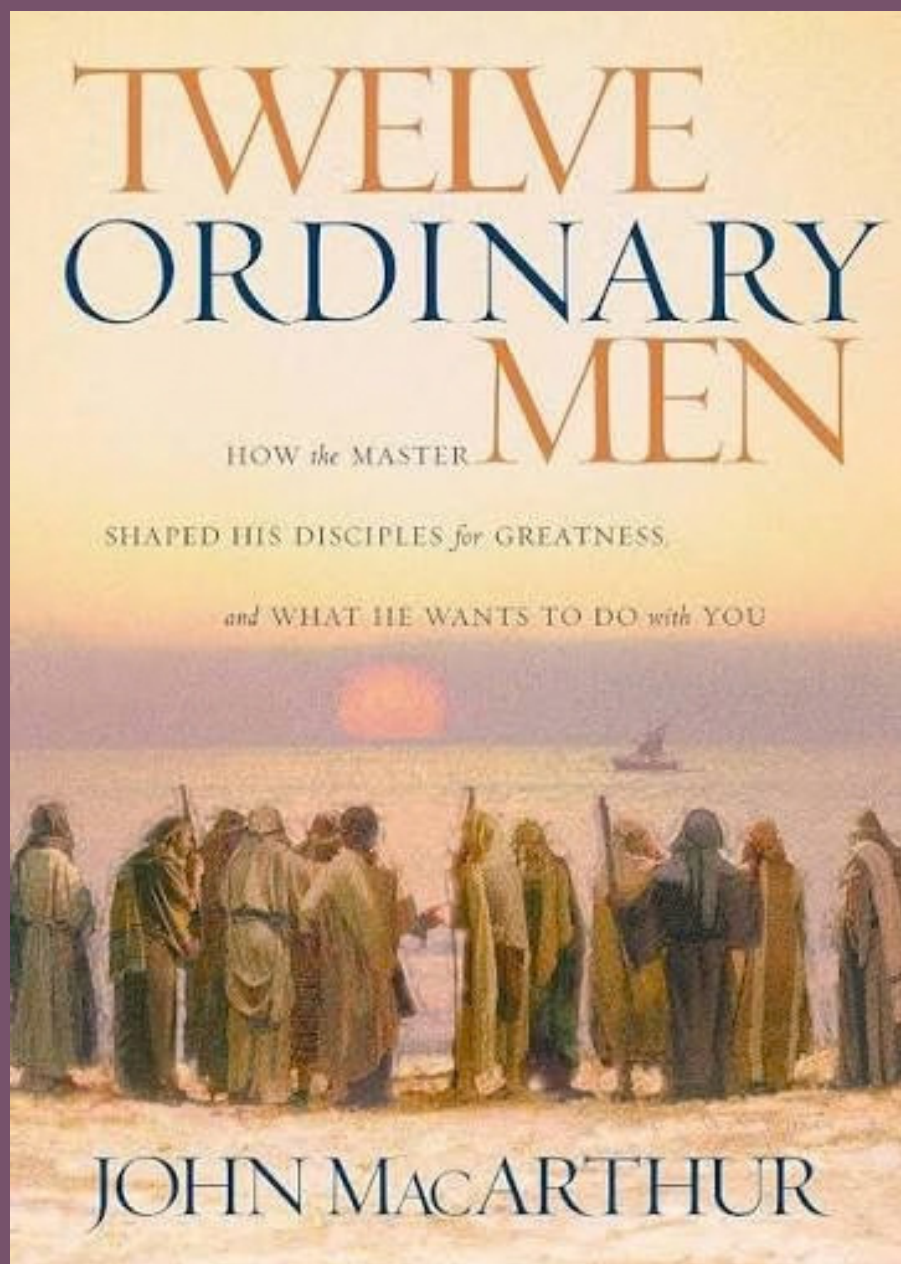
*Sunday, October 18th
starting @ 5:30 pm*

Served by the Parents and
Hosted by the Youth Group
[Click here to sign up to help](#)

Faith Circle

**1st Thursday of each month at 2PM
with Pr. Janine**

***Books are \$15,
they are in the office***

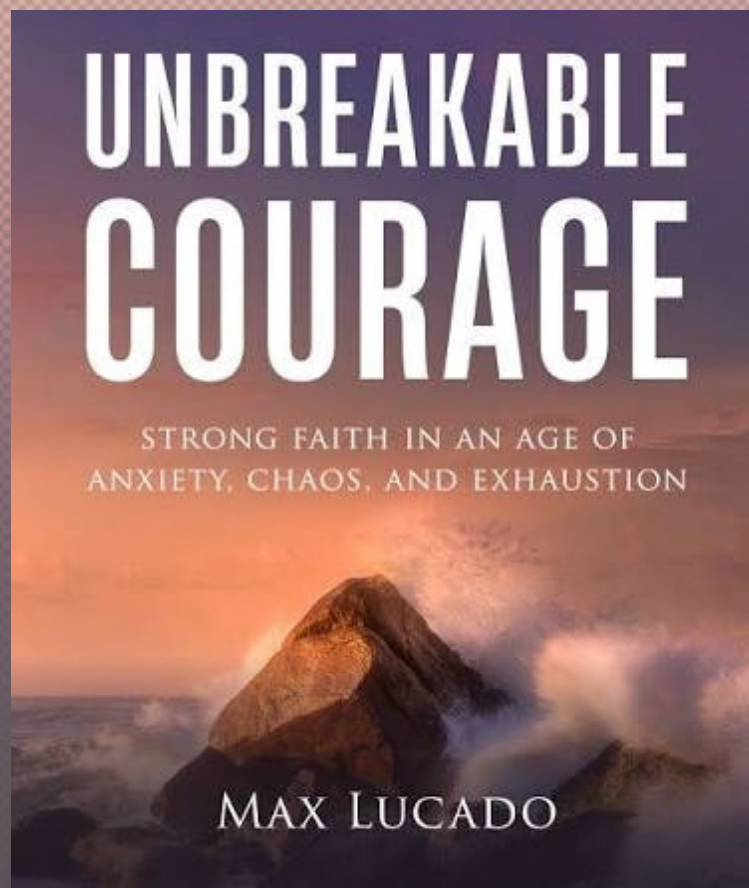


Bible study.

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

***This will start in
November and go through April***

**Books are \$13,
they are in the office**



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Advent

**Sunday,
November 22nd**

2pm - 5pm

**Puzzles
a Movie**

Cookies & Hot Chocolate

Craft Stations

Bingo

Santa

Christmas Music

Sign up to help at the information table!

HOSANNA YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

SEASONED CITIZEN DINNER

Come and connect with an elder generation of Christians who have been praying for you since you first entered Hosanna's doors! This is a fun evening for everyone! Parents serve, youth host!



QUAKE
February 12-15, 2027
Wisconsin Dells
Sign-up deadline:
Sunday, November 8

Sign up with Jenn - text, email, or in person and have your \$50 deposit to Jenn or Anna by Nov 8. Wisconsin Dells Quake fills up fast, so don't miss out!

**PACH SERVICE
PROJECT**
Wednesday,
November 18
6-7:30 pm

Help us PACH food bags for kids in Codington County! Meet at the PACH Warehouse by 6 pm.



Hosanna Youth Newsletter
app.smores.com/n/n3z6f

Youth Group Newsletter LINK





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

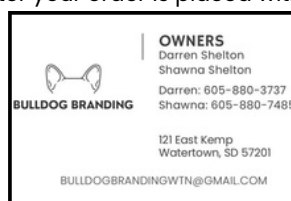


Cash and Carry at the church or special order!

\$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.

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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Lutheran Church, LCMC



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Y.A.R.N.

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You Are Really Needed

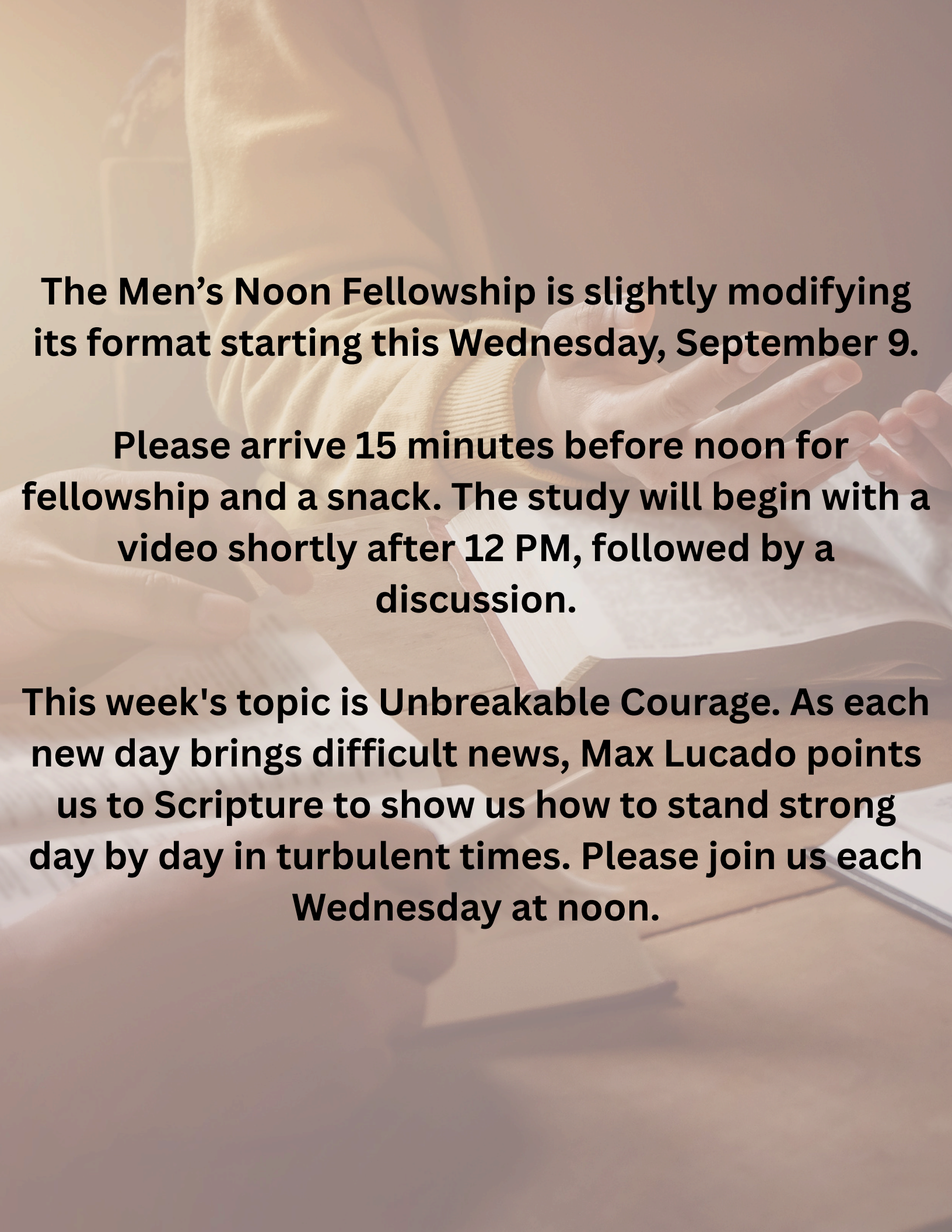
All are welcome to join us on the
1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 am

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.

A background image showing a pair of hands holding an open book. The hands are positioned as if presenting the book, with fingers gently gripping the edges. The book's pages are visible, showing some text. The overall tone is warm and focused, with a soft, slightly blurred background.

The Men's Noon Fellowship is slightly modifying its format starting this Wednesday, September 9.

Please arrive 15 minutes before noon for fellowship and a snack. The study will begin with a video shortly after 12 PM, followed by a discussion.

This week's topic is Unbreakable Courage. As each new day brings difficult news, Max Lucado points us to Scripture to show us how to stand strong day by day in turbulent times. Please join us each Wednesday at noon.

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



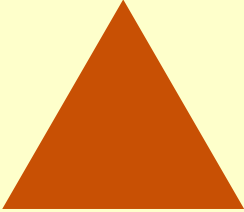
Do you have a love for music?

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

Each Wednesday @ 7 PM

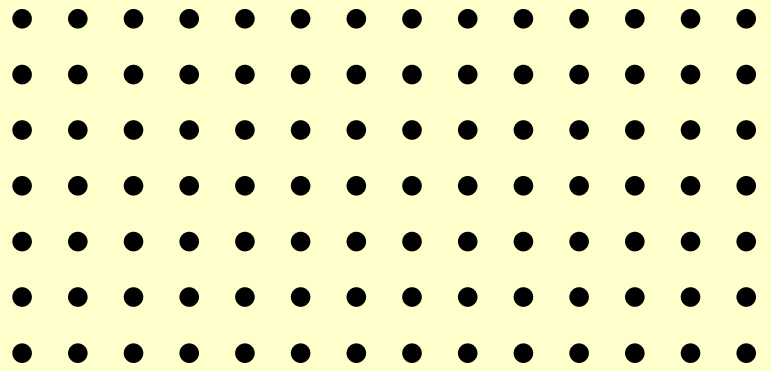
Previous choir experience is encouraged.

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



Judges

A 10-WEEK STUDY



Join

Pastor Craig on

Thursdays @

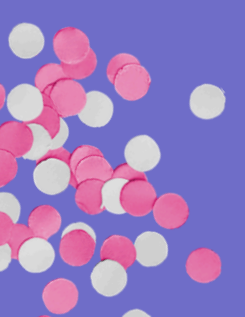
Noon & 6PM

September 10th -

November 12th

Please sign up at the information table.

Books are in the office for \$5.



*Join Pastor
Janine*

FOR

Faith Circle

Thursday,
November, 5th
@ 2PM

New Book

Twelve Ordinary Men
Books are \$15



All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24) – October 18, 2026

¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

– Matthew 22:17–21 –

The Pharisees try to trap Jesus by asking him if it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not. This is a dilemma. If Jesus says “yes”, the Pharisees will paint him as a Roman sympathizer, and Jesus will lose his status as a teacher of Israel. On the other hand, if Jesus says “no”, the Romans might well arrest him for inciting a tax revolt. In response, Jesus avoids both of these false alternatives. Instead, he resolves the dilemma by implicitly distinguishing between God’s absolute authority and Caesar’s relative authority. It is within this implicit framework that Jesus tells the Pharisees to give Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to give God the things that are God’s. In other words, he tells them to pay taxes to Caesar but to reserve worship for God alone.

Some people interpret this passage as implying that we should render “spiritual” things to God and “material” things to Caesar. On this view taxation is a purely secular matter, not a spiritual concern. But this interpretation is false. After all, “the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein (Psalm 24:1).” Consequently, God owns Caesar himself and therefore owns all of Caesar’s stuff. So, we can’t say that taxation is of no concern to God.

I remember expressing my views on taxation at a clergy gathering once. I said that we should eliminate property and income taxes since they imply government ownership of our homes and our persons, respectively. In response, a pastor of a large evangelical church said, “But aren’t we supposed to give Caesar that which is Caesar’s?” Whether or not you agree with my views of taxation, I hope you find this pastor’s superficiality and ignorance appalling. (This could also be clerical cowardice at work, trying to derail a needed but controversial discussion.)

In response to this pastor’s bogus argument, we must first note the status of the voting citizen. In representative forms of government, voting citizens are both rulers and subjects. As subjects, they must pay their taxes, but as rulers, they have the right and the responsibility to advocate and vote for Biblically just policies of taxation. And this means that Christians should have vigorous and spirited discussions about the implications of Biblical law for taxation. After all, since God’s law protects private property, taxation is a spiritual matter too! What confidence we can have in our Lord. By his very nature he is righteous and fair. We can count on him to hear our pleas and answer us when we call on him. In fact, he wants us to do just that.

Pentecost21(Proper 24A)

October 18, 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.



"All things are yours whether ... life or death or the present or the future, all are yours; and you are Christ's...."
This is not to say that every Christian is placed over all things to have and control them by physical power – a madness with which some churchmen are afflicted – for such power belongs to kings, princes, and other men on earth.

–Martin Luther, On Christian Liberty–

Isaiah 45:1–7

The word of the Lord came to King Cyrus of Persia. Though Cyrus was an unbeliever who did not worship the God of Israel, God chose to use Cyrus as an instrument to achieve his divine goals. As we hear, God calls Cyrus by name and equips him for His own purpose: to free his people from their bondage in exile and allow them to return home.

- Does God's use of Cyrus necessarily imply that Cyrus had a saving faith in the one true God? In what ways can and does God use even those who do not know him or worship him?
- How are the good things in life a reflection of God's will and creative action, even if they are done by people who may not be doing things in God's name?
- What does verse 3 tell us about God's motive for "calling us by name"? How is this similar to what happens to us in Baptism?

In verse 1, Scripture uses the word "anointed" to refer to Cyrus. This word in Hebrew is *meshia* (what we know as the word "Messiah"). This title was generally reserved by the Hebrew people to refer to their own kings, chosen by God – such as Saul, David, and Solomon.

- What would it have meant to the Jewish people to hear God call Cyrus the Persian his "anointed"? How might their understanding of God's ways have grown? Who do we acknowledge as THE "Anointed One" who has delivered us from our bondage to sin and allows us to return "home"?

Psalms 96:1–9 (10–13)

In this psalm of praise, the greatness and majesty of God are extolled above all things, including the so-called "gods" of other nations. The people are enjoined to add their prayers and praise to God in worship. Even nature itself is called to give glory to God.

The word "ascribe" in verses 7–8 comes from the Hebrew root *yahav*, literally "give." Used as an imperative, it's a way of saying "attribute to" or "give credit to."

- When it comes to self-worth and success, why do people like to take credit for their own accomplishments and works? How about when it comes to faith?

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Paul wrote to the faithful in Thessalonica, that he, Timothy and Silvanus are truly grateful for their ministry and that they give thanks to God for them. Paul reminded them that the three men keep the whole group in prayer,

acknowledging that the Holy Spirit has been given to them for faith and the mission of the Gospel.

- Does the Holy Spirit have to be present for faith and for the mission of the church? (See Luther's explanation to the Third Article of the Creed.) How do you know the Holy Spirit when you see it?

Paul goes on to mention that the Christians became "imitators" of them and of Christ which made them an example to others of the life of faith. The Greek word used here for "example" is *tupos* which is akin to the English word "type" or "typical." Paul and his friends were representative of what faith in Christ looked like – they gave up everything for the Gospel. They travelled wherever the spirit led them. They ended up in prison and abused and beaten for the mission of God.

- In what ways is our life in Christ atypical of the life of unbelievers?
- Why do we suffer for the transmission of the Gospel message? Does that make it easier or harder? Why?

Matthew 22:15–22

The Pharisees set out to trap Jesus once again. This time they tried to flatter him with platitudes about being truthful and not caring about the opinions of others. Then they asked him about paying taxes to Caesar. Their ploy was to corner him into saying something objectionable. If Jesus answered, "No, we don't have to pay taxes," they could accuse him of anarchy. If he said, "Yes, of course we must pay taxes," they could accuse him of a lack of devotion to God. Jesus' profound response foiled their trap.

- In what way was the Pharisees' question an attempt to justify their own sinfulness? In what ways do human beings try to use God's words to make a case for our own sinful desires?

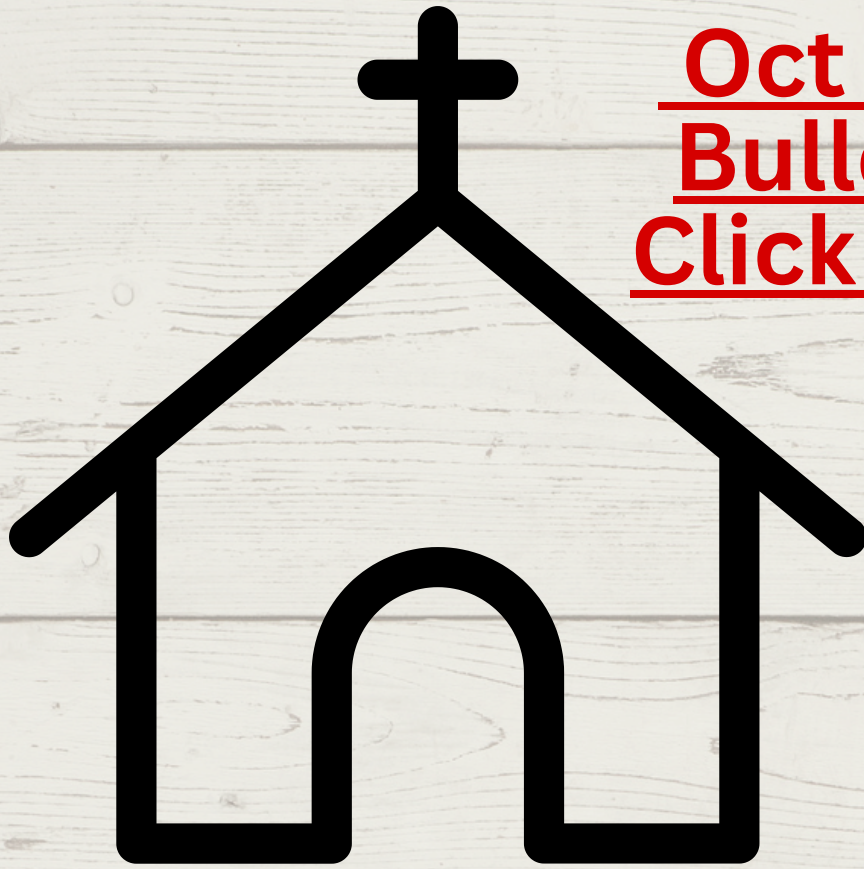
In Baptism God promises to mark us with his likeness as he calls us into a life of following Christ. On our foreheads we are branded with the cross of Christ and sealed with the Holy Spirit forever. This is the ultimate truth of our lives! At the same time we are called to honor those in civil authority as an expression of our honoring of God who places people in positions of power.

- What does God want us to give to Caesar? What in us does God want for himself?
- How is Luther's explanation of the fourth commandment an acknowledgment of our duty to honor those in authority over us as a reflection of how we honor God?

MON	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm
TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 6:30 - Church Council meeting
WED	9:30 - Quilting 12:00 - Men's Bible study 2:00 - Parkinson's Support Group 5:30 - Confirmation Class 6:45 - Youth Meal 7:00 - Youth group 7:00 - Choir
THU	10:00 - Coffee 12:00 - Pr. Craig's Bible study 6:00 - Pr. Craig's Bible study
FRI	Katie Good/Tyler Hegge Rehearsal
SAT	Katie Good/Tyler Hegge Wedding
SUN	9:15 - Worship/Baptism/Communion 10:15 - Coffee 10:30 - Faith Formation 5:30 - Seasoned Citizens Supper

This Weeks Bulletin

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Oct. Servant Team!

Servant Team #6 - Serves - October 2026

- Abers, Debby
- Brist, Todd & Jennifer & family
- Brist, Travis & Gina
- Carter, Roger & Shirley
- Crandall, Kim
- Drake, Bob & Pam
- Elkins, Jeff & Janet
- Filipek, Cindi
- Flemming, Ed & Jackie
- Gravatt, Carter & Teresa & family
- Heiser, Blake & Jani
- Hopper, John & Cindy
- Hunter, Jim & Tammy & family
- Kaasa, Duane & Jane
- Kaasa, Larry & Audra & family
- Krause, Sheila
- Larson, John & Mary
- Magedanz, Andrew
- Peterson, Gene
- Pries, Bill & Angie
- Ronning, Wayne
- Schladweiler, Scott & Kristi & family
- Schneider, Carol
- Schulte, Jan
- Suttan, Jarod & Kristina & family
- Thyne, Gabriel & family
- Valberg, Jan
- Zinter, Dennis & Donna

HLC OCTOBER 18TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Eloise Falk



Head Ushers:
Todd Brist
and
Doug Keffeler



Lector:
Grant Werling



**Communion
Assistants:**
Carol Schneider,
Kristina, Kallen &
Jase Suttan

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, October 11th, 2026

Attendance: 219

General Offering: \$15,501.24

Hospitality: \$70

Youth Group: \$1,010

A/V Fire Recovery: \$500

Choir Music: \$1,000

Helping Hands: \$1,000

Contingency: \$2,500

HLC Year-to-Date Financial Report as of 9-30-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$305,583	\$316,333.02	\$14,335.50 - Over Budget
Expenses	\$248,465	\$234,244.62	\$14,220.38 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

OCTOBER Benevolence & Mission Outreach

\$635 – Watertown High School – Needy Student Fund

\$315 – Watertown Middle School – Care Fund

\$905 – New Hope Mission Society – Ministry of Brother Titus in Nigeria

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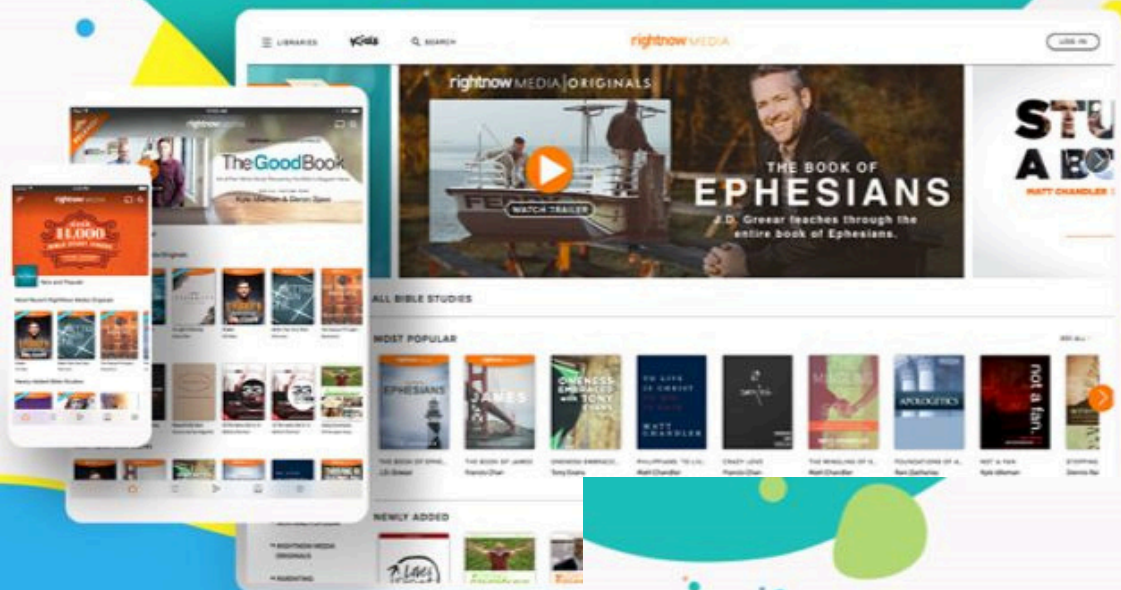
Please contact Anna at 605-237-8399 or email her @ watertownhosannalutheran@gmail.com



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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

President: Tyler Gross

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Augustana District
Video



Upcoming FREE Theological Classes

Rev. Dr. Marney Fritts, Theology Coordinator for the Augustana District of LCMC, will be hosting a series of free online classes covering the theological distinctives the District is held together by, and which give the fellow congregations life and nourishment when gathered. The classes will cover topics such as:

- What is in the AD Statement of Faith
- The Law-Gospel Distinction
- The Power of Proclamation: Handing Over the Goods
- Justification and Vocation
- Sanctification as Purely Passive
- On Being Theologians of the Cross
- The Office of Pastor and the Royal Priesthood of Believers



These classes are geared for those congregations that are interested in Augustana District AND for member congregations. The classes will be held via Zoom the third Thursday of the month from 7 – 8 p.m. (CST), September 17, 2026 – March 18, 2027.

The Zoom link may be found at <https://augustanadistrict.org/events/confessing-christ-together/> or by clicking or scanning the QR Code above.

Any questions may be directed to dte@augustanadistrict.org



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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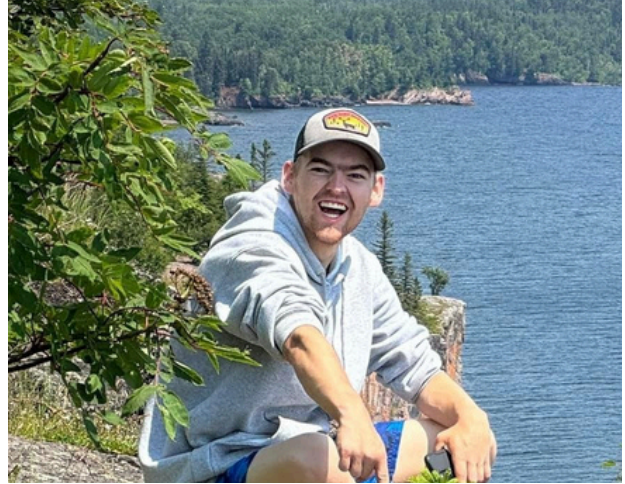
Annual soup supper,
held at
New Hope Lutheran Church, rural Hayti,
Wednesday night, October 21, 2026,
serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Meal includes choice of soup, breads, pie or dessert.
Free will offering.



TRIVIA NIGHT



Help raise funds for COTA in honor of John Crandall, who needs a life-saving kidney transplant. Proceeds will assist with a lifetime of transplant-related expenses.



DATE: Saturday, October 24th

TIME: Social at 6pm, Trivia 7-9pm

PLACE: Cloud 9, Watertown



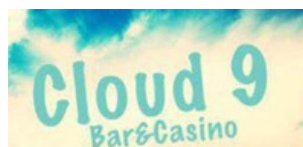
cota.org/cotaforteamjohnnc

\$20per person - Teams of 8.

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place.

Call or text Kim at 605-520-4181 to register your team.

SCAN to learn more about John's Story.





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.