



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 15th - June 22nd, 2026

4th Sunday after Pentecost



*Proclaim!*

MATTHEW 10:27





**WE ARE  
CLOSED**

**Tomorrow**

**Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> due to  
carpet install.**

**All activities are cancelled!**

Happy  
Fathers =  
Day

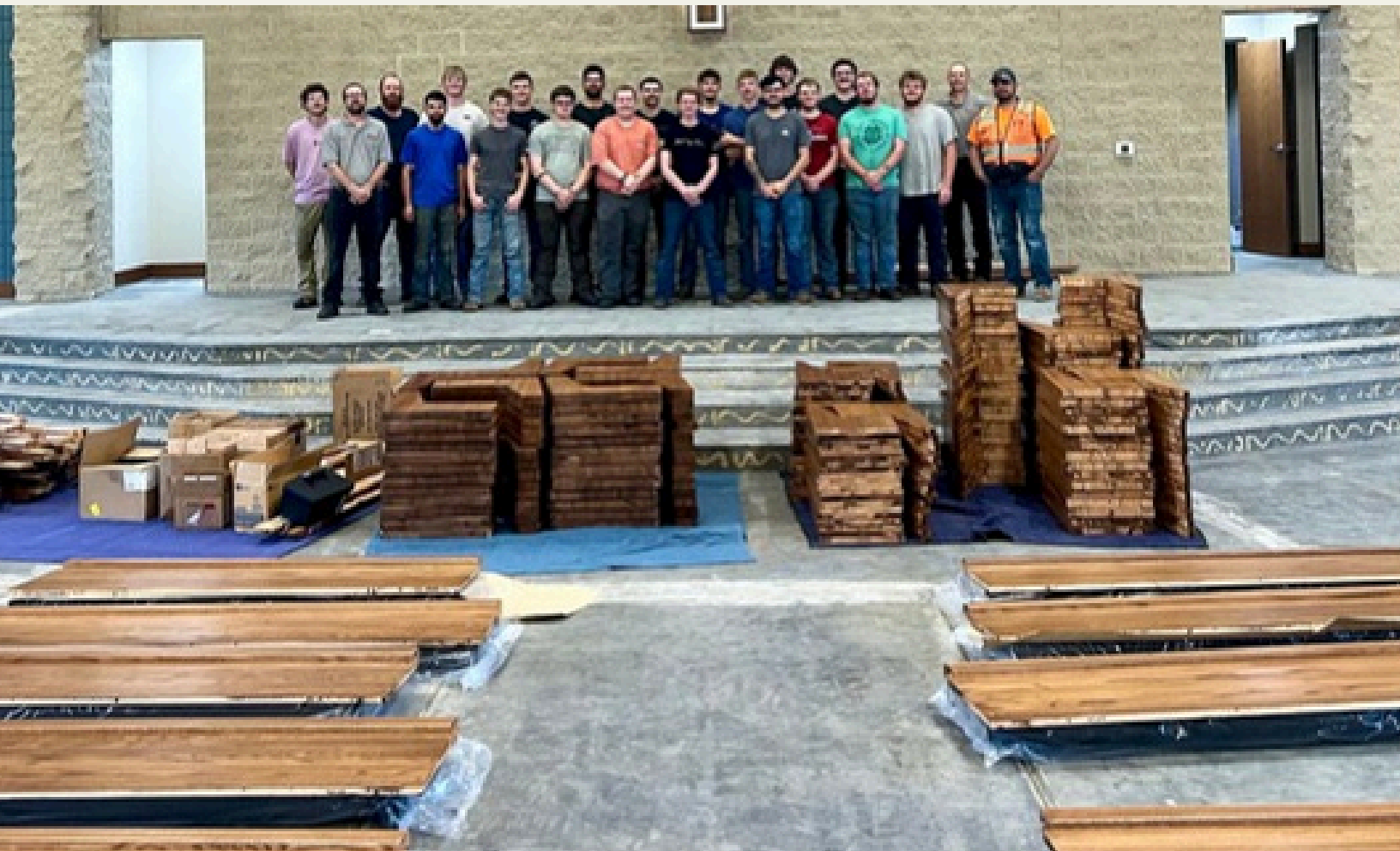
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Congratulations to MaCaffery “Mac” Young and Alyssa Olson on the baptism of their son, Parker James Young.

Parker was born on January 22nd, 2026, and his sponsors are Joshua Olson, Mason Cordell, Kiarra Tuttle, and Jaida Young.



**Chauncey with Corey Mushitz  
and the WTC student crew  
who stored and then delivered  
the new pews on  
Monday, June 8th.**



# Property Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 2, 2026

Committee members attending: Randy Rackness, Chairman, Duane Svakstad, Mark Wientjes, Darwin Carlson, Don Farthing, Cory Mushi, Dick Nicolai, Other attending: Pastor Craig, Pastor Janine, Earl Benson, Lori Storley

## 1. Opening Prayer by Pastor Janine

## 2. Presentation: Pye-Barker Fire Safety Proposal

Presenter: Susie Hudson, Pye-Barker Fire & Safety

### Key Points

Pye-Barker proposes to replace services currently provided by Banco, Justice, and Xtreme, consolidating all inspections and monitoring under one company.

Susie emphasized Pye-Barker's local presence, national scale, and ability to service Edwards fire alarm systems, which the church uses.

She highlighted significant cost savings, especially reducing fire-extinguisher inspection fees from \$6.50 to \$2.75 each.

A new cell dialer is required (one-time cost: \$375).

Annual monitoring fee: \$540.

Pye-Barker technicians can perform sprinkler, alarm, hood, and extinguisher inspections in coordinated visits to avoid multiple trip charges.

### Committee Questions

Members raised several technical questions requiring follow-up with Pye-Barker technician Tanner, including:

Whether the system will use internet + cellular or cellular only.

Whether the system performs daily/regular communication health checks.

Whether trouble alerts will still identify specific zones/sensors, as Banco currently does.

Identity of the third-party monitoring company.

Susie will connect Tanner with Pye-Barker to answer these questions directly.

## 3. Cost Comparison Discussion of Pye-Barker Proposal

Committee noted that in 2025, the church spent \$4,517 with Banco due to repeated trouble calls and technician visits.

Estimated annual cost with Pye-Barker appears closer to \$1,600, pending confirmation.

Committee agreed no decision can be made until Tanner answers all technical questions.

## 4. Construction & Restoration Updates by Lori

Lori provided updates on ongoing restoration work:

### Flooring

All flooring (sanctuary + fellowship hall) is scheduled for the week of June 15.

Some concerns remain about floor conditions and carpet placement around the back pew.

### Furniture & Fixtures

New office furniture delivered.

Blinds to be installed.

Countertop installers may be ready by Thursday.

### Other Items

AV booth carpet squares must remain removable for cable access.

Lori confirmed all ordered materials have been delivered.

The committee thanked Lori for her extensive work.

## **5. Stained Glass Windows**

**12 windows total; 8 reportedly complete.**

**Past installation was done by committee members, not the vendor.**

**ServiceMaster removed the windows but damaged some frames.**

**Committee prefers Gil Haugen or the stained-glass vendor—not ServiceMaster—to reinstall them.**

**Pastor Craig will email Nick and Chauncey to coordinate proper installation and supervision.**

## **6. Insurance & Budget Updates**

**Earl is working with Brotherhood Mutual regarding insufficient funds in the Thrivent account to pay outstanding invoices.**

**Landscaping and irrigation damage may require a separate claim; further clarification pending.**

**Irrigation system is likely damaged; the Tree Farm contractor will evaluate once construction equipment is removed.**

## **7. Cleanup Day & Re-Entry Timeline**

**Original cleanup date (June 6) postponed.**

**New proposed cleanup day: Saturday, June 27.**

**Thrivent Action Team funds approved; T-shirts distributed; \$250 card available for food.**

**Target date for returning to the sanctuary: Sunday, July 5 (tentative).**

**Outdoor worship will resume only after sanctuary re-entry.**

**Randy will coordinate cleanup day logistics.**

## **8. Flat Roof Inspection**

**Previous inspection (late fall) looked good.**

**Committee recommends another inspection soon, after construction is completed.**

**Chauncey may assist; Don and Duane will help evaluate.**

## **9. Electrical & AV Updates**

**Several change-order invoices from Englestad received:**

**\$1,100 – Sound booth work**

**\$425 – Wi-Fi conduit**

**\$2,300 – AV conduits and junction box**

**These are not fire-related and will be paid by the church.**

**Water was discovered in under-floor conduits; ServiceMaster vacuumed out 18 gallons total.**

## **10. Pest Control**

**Committee agreed to resume Sodak Pest Control after restoration is complete.**

**Bat-control warranty remains valid for the life of the roof.**

## **11. Landscaping**

**Weeding and plant maintenance will be included in the June 27 cleanup day.**

**Some dead shrubs and grass will need replacement.**

**Herbicide options discussed; care must be taken around living plants.**

## **12. Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 7, with the expectation that the sanctuary will be in use by then. After July, the committee will return to quarterly meetings.**

## **13. Closing**

**Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer: "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory..."**

# Youth Group



**Wednesday @ 7 pm**

# Youth Group Newsletter

**LINK**



# HOSANNA'S SPRING CLEAN UP

We will be cleaning the  
inside and outside of Hosanna!

Please sign up at the information table.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Saturday, June 27th @ 9AM





# **Fireside Fellowship**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month**

**July 1st & Aug 5th**

**6 pm - 8 pm**

**EAT BEFORE YOU COME OR  
BRING A PICNIC DINNER  
SOME TREATS AND BEVERAGES  
WILL BE PROVIDED.**



**Join us for VBS  
July 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>!  
Sign up today!**



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## 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:  
[hosanafathformation@gmail.com](mailto:hosanafathformation@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!

**Y.A.R.N.**

**HOSANNA**  
Lutheran Church, LCMC

**You Are Really Needed**

**moved to  
next week**

*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**

*1st Thursday  
of each month @ 2PM*

*All are Welcome*

# Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7) – June 21, 2026

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’”

- Psalm 91:1-2 -

Have you ever been caught outside in a sudden rainstorm and had to run for some kind of shelter? What’s worse is having the storm grow stronger and darker in a matter of minutes, leaving you a bit uneasy and worried about your safety. It’s all too common in summer months for storms to come and go quickly, so a little preplanning can mean the difference between being safe or being vulnerable to the elements.

Now, imagine not only seeking shelter from a storm but also shade to rest on a hot sunny day. God provides both shelter and nourishment when we choose to dwell with him. Psalm 91:1 assures us that, “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.”

God is our shelter and our refuge for life; he is with us through all of life’s dangers and fears. This is not a promise that life will always go our way, but rather a promise that God will always be with us. We can rest and trust in the Lord. “I will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” (Psalm 91:2)

How do we choose God as our dwelling place? The reality is that God has already chosen us and offers us a safe place to rest. While we cannot choose God on our own, we can signal our intentions to him by beginning each day with devotion and prayer. Just like preplanning for an outing to make sure we have everything we need, so it is with beginning our day in devotion and prayer to ensure we have everything we need to faithfully serve the Lord, and the first thing we need is Him. Daily devotion and prayer also help us grow in faith as our relationship with God our Father is deepened. The Holy Spirit fills us with guidance to follow God’s will daily. Imagine taking shelter in such a place where you are nourished and given rest; we have this in God!

The best place to seek shelter from the storms of life is to dwell with God every day through prayer and devotion. Allow the Holy Spirit to draw you into a closer relationship with God our Father who comes to us and invites us to forsake others and abide in him. Amen.

## Pentecost4(Proper 7)

June 21, 2026



*Temptation is a most useful thing... (it) becomes a servant when we resist it, because it then produces a hatred of iniquity and a love of righteousness. And in our future immortal body it will neither have dominion nor rule, nor will it be a servant.*

- Martin Luther -

Lectures on Romans, LW 25:319

### 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.

#### Jeremiah 20:7-13

These verses give us a key insight into the nature of Jeremiah's ministry, as well as how he felt about his calling as a prophet. This was not something he had chosen, or even would have been interested in choosing, but a burden placed upon him by God himself, from which he knew he would never be free.

• *Why did Jeremiah wish he could cease being a prophet, and just keep his mouth shut? Have you ever wondered if life might actually be easier apart from faith?*

• *In verse 7, of what does Jeremiah accuse God?*

In the story of the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24), the two disciples speak of their experience in hearing Jesus words by saying, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)

• *How did Jeremiah use a similar metaphor in verse 20:9? Did Jeremiah experience this "burning" as a positive or negative thing?*

In the midst of his fears and misgivings, this lesson ends with a strong statement of faith from Jeremiah. His words are ones of strength and victory, in spite of circumstances that suggest the opposite.

• *Given the pain and hardship we often experience in faith, what is the Gospel promise in which we live? What assurance does God give us?*

#### Psalms 91:1-10 (11-16)

This psalm is an expression of trust in God's protection and rescue. Multiple metaphors are used to describe the refuge and safety we find in the Lord, including the image of a protective fortress, deliverance from a hunter's snare, the shelter of a mother-bird's wings, and a shield in hand-to-hand battle.

• *Which of these metaphors do you most resonate with? Why? How might each be applicable in different situations of life?*  
• *Is this psalm suggesting that nothing bad will ever happen to*

*people of faith? Or is there a deeper promise here?*

#### Romans 6:12-23

In this text, Paul confronts the inevitable false assumption that people often make when presented with the Gospel of grace. "If our sins are forgiven, why not go on sinning..."

• *How does this question itself show a lack of spiritual maturity on the part of the one arguing?*

Paul responds in a straightforward and sensible manner. Forgiveness and grace is not given to us by God to make it easier for us to sin, but as the means by which we would have the opportunity to struggle against sin.

• *In your actual faith experience, does being forgiven make you want to sin more? How does God's forgiveness give us hope that our sin can be conquered?*

#### Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

A lesson like this one is troubling to our modern sensibilities. Talk of persecution, hatred, and the rejection of family are difficult enough, but talk of the devil and hell add to the supernatural proportions of the tension Jesus describes in these verses. Far from being a soft and reassuring scene painted in pastel colors, this passage of Scripture confronts our assumptions about an easy faith.

• *In what sense does this passage illustrate and elaborate what Jesus meant when he said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)?*

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus warns his disciples that they will face times of persecution. There are certainly places in the world where being a Christian can cost one his life. But it is often hard for many who do not face such circumstances to understand what real persecution is.

• *When have you experienced genuine hatred from others because of your faith? Or would you say you haven't?*

The word "atheism" comes from the Greek words meaning "without God." Many self-proclaimed atheists spend a lot of time discussing, stressing, and speaking against the concept of God. Their actual faith perspective might better be described as "anti-theism" ("against God").

• *In your experience, are those who vocally espouse atheism people who are disinterested in the subject of faith? How is their view a form of religion, not unlike others?*

• *Is atheism simply an indifference toward God and faith? Or is there something more intentional and sinister about unbelief? Who is the "master" being worshiped?*

In the Small Catechism and the explanation to the Ten Commandments, Martin Luther repeatedly uses the phrase "We should fear and love God so that ..."

• *How do Jesus' words in this lesson show us that God is one worthy of our fear and love? How do both of these come together only in faith? —*

TUE



WED

12:00 - Men's Bible study

7:00 - Youth Night @ the Fire pit

THU

10:00 - Coffee

7:00 - Youth Small group w/Melissa G.

FRI

SAT

SUN

9:15 - Worship/Lowry Baptism/Communion

10:15 - Coffee



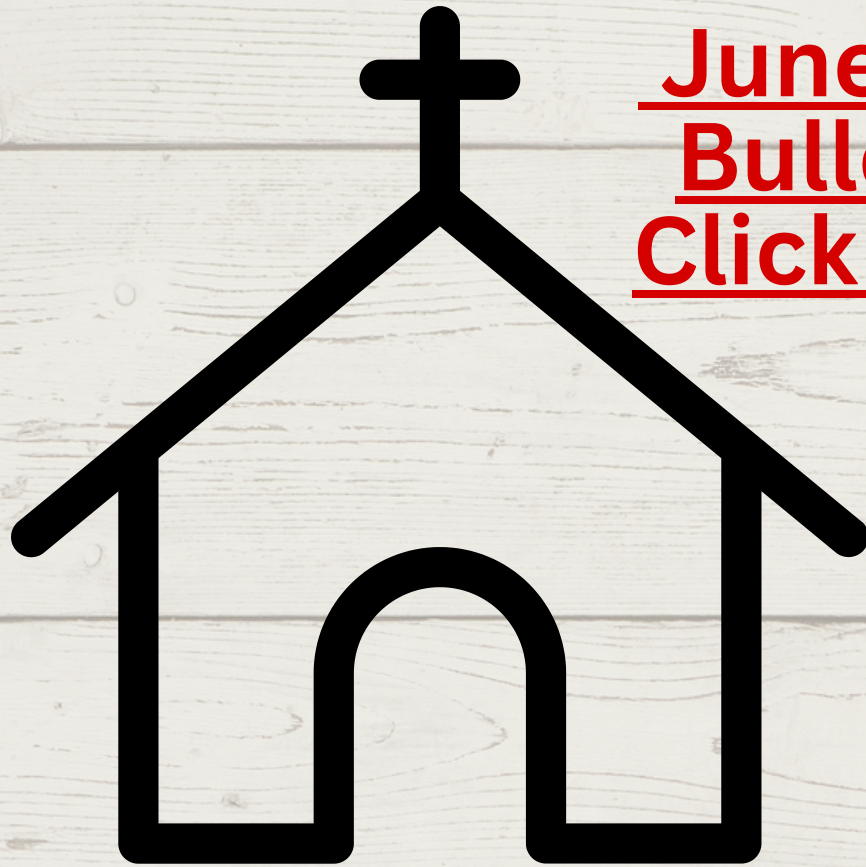
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Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm

# This Weeks Bulletin

June 21st  
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# JUNE Servant Team!

## Servant Team #2 - Serves - June 2026

- Albertson, Nathan & Larin
- Beck, Mary
- Cornell, Glenn & Carol
- Fritz, Dylan & Kelli
- Geise, Marianne
- Gilbertson, Kirk
- Gilbertson, Scott & Dede
- Hennen, Andrea & Scott & family
- Jutting, Ron & Cathy
- Kettwig, Josh & Anna & family
- Kettwig, Kobe
- Moshier, Carol
- Moshier, Timothy
- Nicolai, Dick & Jeune
- Olson, Doug & Vickie
- Parliament, Larry & Connie
- Pitkin, Paul & Andrea & family
- Rademacher, Ruth
- Rakness, Randy & Linda
- Snell, Bob & family
- Torstenson, Arcelia
- Torstenson, Darwin & Rebecca
- Torstenson, David
- Winkelman, Larry & Jean
- Woertink, Trace & Brianna

## HLC JUNE 21ST SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard  
Accompanist:**  
Eloise Falk



**Head Ushers:**  
Ron Jutting  
and  
Doug Keffeler



**Lector:**  
Doug Keffeler



**Communion  
Assistants:**  
Cathy Jutting  
and  
Olivia Wulff

# Attendance & Offering

Sunday, June 14th, 2026

Attendance: 230

General Offering: \$20,434.99

Hospitality: \$46

Facility: \$150

## HLC Year to Date Financial Report as of 5-31-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$181,895	\$164,724.37	\$17,170.63 - Under Budget
Expenses	\$139,332	\$132,677.18	\$ 6,654.82 - Under Budget

*Please see a Council member if you have any questions.*

# **JUNE Benevolence & Mission Outreach**

\$5,000 - Augustana District - Tabor Congregation for the support of 5 Evangelists

## **2026 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS & MEMBERS**

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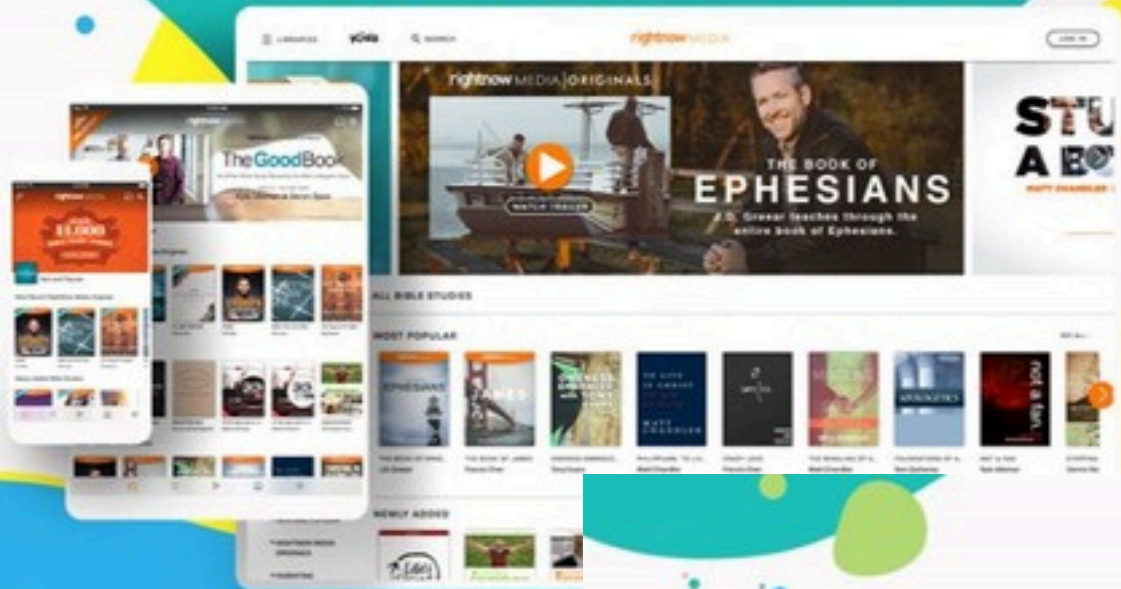
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Search for Hosanna Lutheran
3. Fill out an electronic giving form  
They are located on the  
information table
4. Place your gift in the offering plates in  
the fellowship hall
5. Mail checks to 1617 14th Ave NE  
Watertown, SD 57201

# 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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Dick Nicolai



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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

# **JUNE 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.***

# FREE CAMP



TWO  
WEEKS  
TO  
CHOOSE  
FROM!

## June 15-18

OR

## June 21-24

**Midwest Bible Camp**  
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# JULY 7-9, 2026

★ AT JOY RANCH ★

Young Timber Camp is designed for young lads ages 10-13 who need or would like to learn core life skills and be mentored by positive role models in a Christian environment.




Through hands-on activities, outdoor adventures, teamwork, mentorship, and faith-based guidance, boys will grow in confidence, character, and their walk with God.



"As iron sharpens iron,  
so one man sharpens  
another."

- PROVERBS 27:17

## BUILDING BOYS INTO GODLY MEN

-  **CORE LIFE SKILLS**  
Learn practical skills for life and leadership.
-  **OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**  
Explore, learn, and grow in God's creation.
-  **MENTORSHIP & FRIENDSHIPS**  
Build bonds and grow through godly mentorship.
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