



The Latest Word

"Making God Known
Through Word and Deed."

Vol. 48 Issue No. 6 Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Watertown, SD June & July 2024

June & July Book Club

In June the LCOOR Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, June 27 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for June is *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom. In July the LCOOR Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, July 25 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for July is *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

Caring Casseroles Available

New baby? Recent surgery? Death in the family? If you know someone who could use a little "pick-me-up" in the form of a home-style casserole, please remember that our Caring Casseroles are available. Stop by during office hours to pick one up this summer!

Cereal for the Summer

Our friends at the Salvation Army need boxes of cereal to help feed our neighbors this summer. Please consider picking up a couple extra boxes while you are out doing your own grocery shopping! Drop the boxes at LCOOR – or bring them to Lake worship -- and we will deliver them!

Meals on Wheels Delivery July 15-19

We have exciting news in LCOOR's Meals on Wheels delivery world – Linda Koch will now be coordinating our volunteers! Our church provides the volunteers to deliver meals every 10 weeks – and we're always looking for folks who are available from 11 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday! Remaining weeks for 2024 include: July 15-19, Sept. 23-27 and Dec. 2-6. Please be ready to say "yes" when you get a call from Linda!



Summer Sundays Need Volunteers!

Could your family sign up to help at our Lake Kampeska worship? We need people (of all ages) to hand out bulletins and help collect offering! It's a memorable way to spend a Summer Sunday! You can sign up online at lcoorwatertown.org or give Twila a call at 605-886-2696. Thanks so much for serving!

Comfort Packages Available

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer will provide a "Comfort Care" package to members of our congregation or others in our community who are experiencing issues such as infertility, termination of pregnancy, miscarriage, or failed adoption.

These are often painful and isolating events and we would like to wrap our arms around them and let them know we care. These packages are available, along with Prayer Shawls, in the closet right across from the church office. For additional information, contact Pastor Laura or Twila Schmitt.

Inside:	Pastor Message..... Page 2	Faith Formation Ministry..... Page 5
	Financial News..... Page 3	Dish to Pass..... Page 6
	Financial News..... Page 4	Preschool News..... Page 7
	INSERT: June/July Calendar	

PASTOR MESSAGE

Thank you for your generosity in support of the Capital Campaign! We share our heartfelt gratitude for each and every gift. To date, we have received over \$316,000 in generous gifts!

Your financial contributions fuel our mission and ensure that Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer continues to be a vibrant, growing church. Work has begun on the roof and new shingles have been installed. There have been 35 sheets of OSB underlayment that have had to be replaced. Air conditioner units have been replaced and are ready to take on the summer weather. As we take care of our physical building, we ensure that future generations will continue to be sheltered as they gather to deepen their faith.

It's not too late to give to the Capital Campaign. In addition to taking care of our physical building, the Capital Campaign contributions will pay off debt owed from the original building. We look forward to celebrating the completion of all projects and announcing the final campaign totals this coming fall.

In the meantime, there is more to celebrate. As I write this, we gather to celebrate the graduation of our preschool students. It has been a year of remarkable growth as we watch shy students walk through the doors in the fall and emerge as confident learners in the spring.

The new bunks for the community garden will be planted in the coming days. A basket for extra produce will be in the fellowship hall. The intention is to make fruits and vegetables available to those unable to grow their own garden. If you have a bountiful garden, please feel free to contribute to the produce stand.

We look forward to gathering for VBS as we are "All Aboard the Ark" and are reminded of God's promise of love and protection.

The vitality of the ongoing mission and ministry of LCOOR is attributed to the unwavering dedication of the staff, council, board members, and generous members. Your investment in your church reflects your deep care for LCOOR and enables us to live into our mission of making God known through word and deed.

We are deeply grateful for your engagement, prayers, and generosity.

Pastor Dan and Pastor Laura Overbo

FINANCIAL NEWS

April 2024 Financial Report	
Revenue	\$ 79,336.26
Expenses	\$ 83,403.36
Change in General Fund	\$ (4,067.10)
Revenue to Date	\$ 402,321.96
Expenses to Date	\$ 329,026.45
% of Budget Year Completed	33.33%
Annual Budgeted income for 2024	\$ 1,076,987.34
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD	37.36%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2024	\$ 1,076,987.34
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD	30.55%

Lutheran World Relief

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

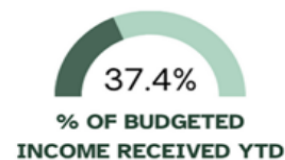
We are collecting **School Kits** in July and August. Instructions and school bags can be found at the Welcome Center or Lake Worship Information Table.

We need your help to build Personal Care Kits



Whether you make one or a few Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits, every kit you make will be cherished by the person who receives it in their time of need. Check out the Personal Care Kit Resources at <https://lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits/instructions> or pick up an instruction sheet at the Welcome Center.

Be sure to join the [Quilters and Kit-Makers Facebook \(facebook.com/groups/lwrquilters\)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/lwrquilters) group to learn, share and fellowship with others who are putting their faith into action making LWR Personal Care Kits.



April Mission of the Month & Noisy Can Offering Totals

\$1,824.94 to the LCOOR Preschool.

\$47.00 given in Memorials since last printing

Preschool Giving Wall Fundraiser

- given in memory of Jake Obermeier by Harley & Marilyn Petersen

Watertown Sandwich Ministry

- given in memory of Ole Olerud by Pastor Sam Hatlestad

Debt Reduction

- given in memory of Virginia Walraven by Marv & AJ Sherrill



FINANCIAL NEWS

June Mission of the Month- Campus Ministry (LuMin) A ministry to young adults on campuses.



Campus Ministry is both faithful to a rich theological tradition and driven by the challenges of the contemporary university.

Drawing on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, Campus Ministry bears witness to God's amazing grace within the context of higher education. Sensitive to the pastoral needs of those on campus and engaged in the intellectual discourse of the university, Campus Ministry strives to communicate the Gospel in fresh ways.

Through worship, study, fellowship, and service, members of the academic community taste the fullness of God's grace. As expansive as Christ's love, Campus Ministry reaches out to all who teach and learn, inviting them to experience the challenge of following Jesus on the Way. As always, Mission of the Month donations should be over and above your regular giving. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

July Mission of the Month- Church on the Street & Pueblo de Dios

Will be split between our Sioux Falls brothers and sisters at Church on the Street and Pueblo de Dios.

Church on the Street is a ministry with the unhoused of Sioux Falls. Church on the Street's mission is to take the gifts of the Church out to the people who, for whatever reason, cannot come inside. Building relationships as God did through listening, asking questions, being present and consistent, and showing compassion to all of God's people. Every human being, regardless of whether they are housed or unhoused, deserves a community where they feel at home. **Worship Once a Month - Laundry with Love - Undercover Closet - Fruits of the Freezer - Health and Healing** Visit

<https://churchonthestreetsf.org/> to learn more about the Mission & Outreach of Church on the Street.

Pueblo de Dios a bilingual church in central Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Pueblo de Dios is a congregation of English speakers and Spanish speakers in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Each Sunday they gather to worship together as one people – the people of God. Many of the families speak Spanish at home and English at work and school, or have one parent that prefers English and one parent that prefers Spanish. Each Sunday they read scripture, pray, and declare their beliefs together – no matter what language is spoken. **MISSION: Following God; Breaking down barriers; Standing with people in need.** As always, Mission of the Month donations should be over and above your regular giving. Thank you for your support of these ministries.

We are reaching out ahead of the busy summer season to thank you for supporting our mission of Making God Known Through Word and Deed! Many of our members make generous contributions throughout the year, and we appreciate your gifts.

We know many of you travel over the summer or have other commitments. If you think you might miss weekly services over the next few months, consider signing up for recurring giving through our Simply Giving program. It takes just a few minutes to set up, and your continuous gifts throughout the year helps sustain our missions, activities and programs as we look to the future with much hope and excitement.

Looking to donate online or set up recurring giving? Visit our website at lcoorwatertown.org/resources to contribute Online or to print out a Simply Giving Form. (Or, you can use your smartphone and give by text to [605-250-6765].) Please feel free to reach out to Jodi Spilde in the church office with any questions you may have.

Laurie Tennis
Council Treasurer

Jodi Spilde
Business Manager

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

JUNE & JULY

With Memorial Day behind us, summer has officially begun. Please take note of the youth activities and dates below. We do not meet on a regular basis during the summer, so please keep this sheet handy so you know when things are coming up. Junction and Rt. 56 activities will be posted on the LCOOR Facebook page to serve as a reminder.



Philip Lickei

JUNE & JULY

Junction

A youth Group for **1st – 4th grade** will meet once a month during the summer. We will meet on **Monday, June 17 / Monday, July 15 / Monday, August 5. We will meet from 6-7:30 pm all three of the days.** Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

Route 56

A youth Group for **5th & 6th grade** will meet once a month during the summer. We will meet on **Monday, June 17 / Monday, July 22 / Monday, August 12. We will meet from 6-7:30 pm all three of the days.** Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Luther League 2.0 will meet at various times throughout the summer months. Gathering times will be announced through the **“Luther League 2.0 Remind App”**. If you are not already included in the “Remind” notification, please let Philip know so you can be added.

Youth Mission Trip Meeting

We will be heading to Duluth, MN June 23-28 for our youth mission trip. Prior to the trip we will have a mission trip meeting on **Monday, June 3rd at 6:00 pm for youth and parents.** At this meeting we will sign any trip waivers needed and go over what the week will look like. This is also a time for youth and parents to ask any questions they may have. Our meeting will take place in the youth room; please enter the church through the pre-school entrance.

Junction Coffee Trailer

The Junction Coffee Trailer will be out at Memorial Park for our lake worships again this summer. If you are a middle or high school youth and would like to help serve coffee and donut holes please let Philip know. **If you would like to volunteer, you will need to arrive at Memorial Park around 8:15 am. We will close down the coffee trailer around 10:45 am.**

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

DISH TO PASS

The Watertown Artwalk has been one of my favorite activities for the past several years! It can be a “solo” walk – or something you could do with family or friends. Here’s my summer invitation to you: take some time to look up and record the following Bible passages, then take a stroll downtown and experience the Watertown Artwalk as a “Scripture Walk.” There are 14 amazing sculptures downtown. I recommend starting at the “Spark of Magic” just outside Gather then head east on Kemp toward Foundation Plaza. (I would be happy to walk along with you! Just call the church & we’ll set up a time!)



By Twila Schmitt

“Spark of Magic” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

“Here After” (1 Corinthians 16:13)

“Comet in Orbit” (Psalm 19:1)

“Spiral Conception” (Romans 15:13)

“Alternate Reality” (1 John 4:12)

“Can You Smell It?” (Proverbs 22:6)

“Sara’s Inspiration” (Genesis 1:20-22)

“Stag Party” (Psalm 42:1)

“Wood kNot” (Galatians 6:9)

“Spectrum” (James 1:17)

“Splash” (Luke 6:23)

“When Wealth Was Pelts” (Romans 8:31)

“Nibbles” (Psalm 34:8)

“Lyrical Knap” (Psalm 100)



NOW THAT YOU’VE WALKED OFF ALL THOSE CALORIES, YOU SHOULD REWARD YOURSELF!
MARY WIKA’S “MILLION DOLLAR COOKIES” WOULD BE JUST PERFECT!

MILLION DOLLAR COOKIES

2 C. SHORTENING	½ TSP. SALT
1 C. WHITE SUGAR	4 C. FLOUR
1 C. BROWN SUGAR	2 TSP. VANILLA
2 EGGS, BEATEN	1 C. CHOPPED PECANS



CREAM SUGAR AND SHORTENING. ADD EGGS AND VANILLA. ADD REST OF INGREDIENTS. FORM INTO SMALL BALLS AND ROLL IN SUGAR. PRESS FLAT ON SPRAYED COOKIE SHEET WITH BOTTOM OF GLASS. BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR 10-12 MINUTES.

LCOOR PRESCHOOL NEWS



THANK YOU so much to all of you who supported the Preschool through the Giving Wall and Rada Cutlery Fundraiser. It was a big success!! The Giving Wall raised \$1,767.00 and Rada was \$1,026.23. It's such a blessing that we can continue this ministry for these children and share God's love with them!



Wonderful Memories at LCOOR Preschool!! 2023-2024



ENJOY THE SUMMER



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

2001 Second St. N.W.

Watertown, SD 57201

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE

PAID
WATERTOWN, SD
57201
PERMIT NO. 587

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

HELL-Summer

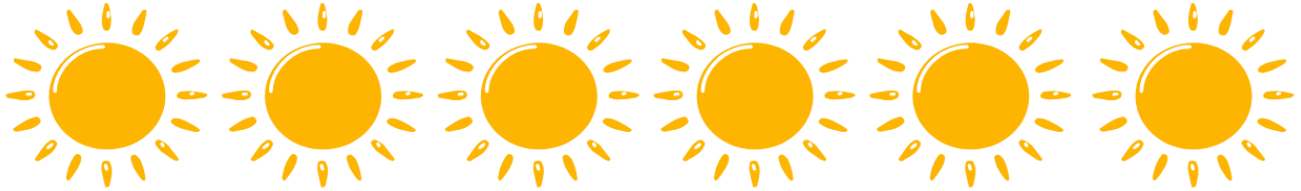
Combined Circle Bible Studies

Priscilla and Martha Circles will meet at

9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12.

Pastor Laura Overbo will lead the Bible Study from the Gather Magazine. Copies are available at the Welcome Center.

Circles will not meet in July and August.



The Latest Word



A monthly publication of
Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

Deadline for the August 2024
Newsletter: Monday, July 22, 2024

Staff

Senior Pastor..... Dan Overbo
 Associate Pastor..... Laura Overbo
 Director of Faith Formation..... Philip Lickei
 Preschool Teacher/Director..... Nikki Landmark
 Preschool Teacher Aide/ Faith Formation Assistant
 Wendy Kruger
 Welcoming & Caring Ministries..... Twila Schmitt
 Business Manager..... Jodi Spilde
 Business Administrative Assistant..... Megan Thyen
 Sound & Technology..... Zach Stanton
 Custodian..... Roman Gainor

2024 Church Council

President Monte Hopper
 Vice President Ryan Nuttall
 Secretary..... Codi Martin
 Treasurer Laurie Tennis
 Ann DeSpiegler Gwen McGilliavary
 Jan Birkeland Jessica Kruse
 Alan Stager

Prayer Chain

Marilyn Chapman 886-4858
Email: twila@lcoorwatertown.org

Phone

605-886-2696

Website

<https://lcoorwatertown.org/>



Facebook

www.facebook.com/lcoor



Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LutheranChurchofOurRedeemer>

Using Your Thrivent Action Grants?

Thrivent members, are you using your Thrivent Action Grants? These grants, which provide up to \$250 for projects, can be extremely useful for projects here at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer! If you'd like a little assistance during the on-line application process, just give us a call at 605-886-2696. We're happy to make some project suggestions – and we can walk you through the application!

thrivent

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 9:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY -- Church Office Closed 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Sewing Ministry Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 5:00pm Pre K - 4th Grade VBS</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Synod Assembly Timmerman Scholarship Deadline 5:00pm Pre K - 4th Grade VBS 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon Synod Assembly 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Synod Assembly 5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion 9:30am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Youth Mission Trip Meeting 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Fishing League</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 9:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Executive Committee 6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30am Combined Circle Gathering 6:00pm Fishing League</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion 9:30am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Junction/Rt. 56 Youth Group 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00pm Fishing League</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:00am Quilting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am Community Sewing Day 5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Depart for Youth Mission Trip 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 9:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 2:00pm Maple Place Communion 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00am Sewing Ministry Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Fishing League</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am Book Club 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon Return from Youth Mission Trip 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 9:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>NO Fishing League 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Church Office Closed 9:00am Quilting 5:15pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 9:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p>1 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>2 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>3 NO Fishing League 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closed 9:00am Quilting 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>5 Church Office Closes at Noon</p>	<p>6 5:30pm Traditional Worship 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
<p>7 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 9:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p>8 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>9 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>10 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Fishing League</p>	<p>11 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>12 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>13 5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>
<p>14 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 9:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p>15 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 6:00pm Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade) 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>16 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>17 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 6:00pm Fishing League</p>	<p>18 9:00am Quilting 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>19 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:00am Quilting 11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery</p>	<p>20 5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p>21 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion 9:30am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>22 Newsletter Deadline 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Rt. 56 Youth Group (5-6 Grade) 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>23 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>24 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>25 10:00am Book Club 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>26 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>27 5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>
<p>28 9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 9:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p>29 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 2:00pm Maple Place Communion 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>30 9:00am Sewing Ministry Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>31 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>1 9:00am Quilting 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>2 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>3 5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>