



# The Latest Word

"Making God Known Through Word and Deed."

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## Diamond (75+) Dinner Set for Oct. 5

Our "Diamond Dinner," celebrating our 75+ faithful generation, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5. The LCOOR Fellowship Committee will host the meal, which will follow the 5:30 p.m. worship service. Postcards containing full details will be in the mail soon!

## SAVE THE DATE: Ladies Night Out November 11

Mark your calendars for Monday, November 11, as the LCOOR Fellowship Committee is planning another fantastic Ladies Night Out! Ticket sales will begin Sept. 1. Watch for upcoming announcements about this year's exciting entertainment!

## August Book Club

The LCOOR Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for August is *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

## Grief Groceries Program Seeking Helpers

When someone is grieving, it can be difficult to complete even the most basic tasks – like grocery shopping. LCOOR has a program to help with this need. We are looking for helpers in the following areas:

- Folks to shop for groceries (with our "Grocery" fund)
- People to make the delivery to a grieving family
- Financial support

For additional information, contact Twila or Pastor Dan at the church office at 605-886-2696.

## A Thank You from Vivian Westgard

Dear Friends,  
I want to say thank you for purchasing Gary's last book. He would be happy to hear how many sold. Also, thank you for all the cards and words of healing since my fall. My shoulder was smashed so it is taking longer to heal, but it will heal! God bless you all.

## Shelves Needed for Welcome Center Area

LCOOR is looking for someone to build shelving for our 'donation station' near the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space. These shelves will provide a home for the variety of donations we take in throughout the year. If you are interested in building shelving, please contact Pastor Laura in the church office at 886-2696.

## Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations go out to Emmaline Elshere, Carter Schmidt, Addy McGillivray, Hayden Thomas, Wyatt Kruger, Miranda Falconer and Ella Lickei. They will each receive \$1,000 at the end of this year for college from the Leonard and Ardell Timmerman Scholarship Fund.

## Collecting School Kits in August

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



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# PASTOR MESSAGE

When we hear the stories of the impact on our community and world, we are inspired by LCOOR's mission and vision all over again.

Every day there are new and powerful stories of changed lives because of LCOOR's ministry. You make a difference. There is a sense of God taking us into a new season of impact and connection with those who need our words and deeds.

In June, LCOOR was recognized at the Assembly of the South Dakota Synod for the "Feed My Sheep" Award. This award is a credit to each of you for the amazing ways you are using both word and deed to make sure that no one knows hunger.

The feeding ministries supported by LCOOR include:

**ELCA World Hunger**

**Kathy's Kart-Salvation Army Food Pantry**

**Watertown Sandwich Ministry**

**Grief Groceries**

**Caring Casseroles**

You are a vital part of these ministries. Your passion for our church, your love of Christ, and your giving means this award is not just a piece of paper. It is a reality of changed lives.

This is who we are as a church. LCOOR is known for rolling up our sleeves and getting to work, for doing God's work through word and deed.

The gifts that you give have made a tremendous impact on our shared ministries and will continue to do so as we live into our mission. The work of sharing the good news is alive and well in this church because of you. Thank you for the privilege of stewarding your faithful gifts.

With gratitude,  
Pastor Dan and Pastor Laura Overbo



## Junction Coffee Trailer

Our YOUTH have raised over \$800 so far this summer from selling coffee and donut holes at the worship service at Memorial Park! Thank you for your support and generosity. Come on out Sunday mornings this next month and get your morning boost; visit with the kids and worship on the shores of beautiful Lake Kampeska.

# FINANCIAL NEWS

## May 2024 Financial Report

Revenue	\$	78,591.02
Expenses	\$	83,866.99
Change in General Fund	\$	(5,275.97)
Revenue to Date	\$	480,912.98
Expenses to Date	\$	412,893.44
% of Budget Year Completed		41.67%
Annual Budgeted income for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD		44.65%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD		38.34%

## June 2024 Financial Report

Revenue	\$	75,586.37
Expenses	\$	83,120.72
Change in General Fund	\$	(7,534.35)
Revenue to Date	\$	556,499.35
Expenses to Date	\$	496,882.78
% of Budget Year Completed		50.00%
Annual Budgeted income for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD		51.67%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD		46.14%

## Mission of the Month Distributions

May – Pine Ridge received \$1,866.33 through Noisy Can, Special Offering and Budgeted Funds.

June – Lutheran Campus Ministry received \$1,546.92 through Noisy Can, Special Offering and Budgeted Funds.

## BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING!

Shop the top brands for everything on your back-to-school list while earning \$s for our Preschool program. Target, WalMart, Old Navy, Kohls, Best Buy, plus many other retailers to choose from.

We do have some cards available on site, however, it does take about a week to receive cards that need to be ordered, so prepare ahead of time and stop by the office or Welcome Center to place your gift card order.



## Thrivent Choice Dollars received in July

We have received a deposit from Thrivent Choice Dollars! Thank you Doug Austin, Dar Morrow, Allen Rude and Jodi Spilde for directing these dollars to our church and preschool.

- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer – \$81.00
- LCOOR Christian Preschool - \$15.00

Choice Dollars® directions helps support the mission of LCOOR and LCOOR Christian Preschool.

# FINANCIAL NEWS

## August Mission of the Month

This month we highlight the Watertown Sandwich Ministry. A group of dedicated volunteers pack over 275 sack lunches every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. These sack lunches consist of a sandwich made of meat and cheese, homemade cookies, fresh fruit and a granola bar. These sack lunches are hand delivered by caring volunteers. These volunteers often see the same people and develop personal connections with the recipients of the meals. The Watertown Sandwich Ministry is sustained through grant funding and special offerings. This ongoing ministry seeks to continue to provide a nutritious meal to those who experience financial insecurity. Prayerfully consider making an offering this month to the Watertown Sandwich Ministry.

## \$2,035 given in Memorials since last printing

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

- given in memory of Evelyn DeVine by Pam Luckhurst, Al & Pam Raeder, Greg & Connie Gertsen, Steve & Nancy Kjellsen
- given in memory of Tom DeVine by Pam Luckhurst
- given in memory of Evelyn Likness by Al & Pam Raeder, Steve & Nancy Kjellsen
- given in memory of Dorothy Nichols by Pam Luckhurst, Al & Pam Raeder
- given in memory of Barry Johnson by Roger Whittle & Twila Schmitt
- given in memory of Sam Horstmeyer by Larry & Joyce Horstmeyer

### LCOOR Preschool Ministry

- given in memory Dorothy Nichols by Ken & Renae Madison

### Youth Ministry

- given in memory Justin Radtke by Al & Pam Raeder

### Youth Outdoor Play Area

- given in honor of Janice & Allen Birkeland 50th Wedding Anniversary by Judy & Lyla Jabs
- given by Allen & Jan Birkeland

### ELCA World Hunger

- given in memory Barry Johnson by John & Mary Larson

### Care Fund

- given in memory Marilyn Radi Arneson by Charles Arneson
- given by Martha Circle

### Undesignated Memorial

- given in memory Dorothy Nichols by Allen & Julie Rude

### Debt Reduction

- given in memory Barry Johnson by Marv & AJ Sherrill
- given in honor of Seim's Anniversary by Marv & AJ Sherrill
- given in memory of Dorothy Nichols by Marv & AJ Sherrill

### Watertown Sandwich Ministry

- given in memory Evelyn Likness by Clark & Gerry Likness
- given in memory of Barry Johnson by Bill & Susan-Oda Knese, Ken & Renae Madison, Todd & Cami Gotsleben, Bruce & Wendy Allen, Selmer Hatlestad, Simmone Walford, Ardys Berven, Shawn & Michelle Lenning, Violet Stahl, Brian & Karen Pellish, Bill & Sharon Malcom, Mavis & Rev. George Gehant, Steve & Nancy Kjellsen, Dave & Linda Nerdig, Dave & Jan Johnson, Blair & Nancy Titze, Carol & Brad Johnson, Craig Christianson



# FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

## AUGUST 2024

With August upon us, it is time to start thinking about fall children and youth ministry programming. Please take note of the dates and times of upcoming meetings and activities. As always, you can check out the church website to keep up to date on our children and youth ministry programs.

### Mark your calendars... Church School & Confirmation will start on:



**Sunday, September 8th & Wednesday, September 11th**

Online registration will start on **Thursday, August 1st**. Please register on our church website...lcoorwatertown.org



Philip Lickei

### Junction

A youth Group for **1st – 4th grade**. We will meet on **Monday, August 5 from 6-7:30 pm**. Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

### Route 56

A youth Group for **5th & 6th grade**. We will meet on **Monday, August 12 from 6-7:30 pm**. 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.

### Acolyte Training for 4th, 5th and 6th Graders:

To prepare the kids for being acolytes this fall we will be having two acolyte training workshops. The workshop dates are **Monday, August 26th at 6pm and Wednesday, August 28th at 6 pm**. You only need to attend one of these workshops. Each workshop will be around 45 minutes and we are asking for students and parents to attend the workshop. We strongly encourage our 4th, 5th & 6th graders to serve as acolytes during the school year.

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### Church School Teacher Information/Training Meeting

will take place on Wednesday, September 4th at 5:30 pm. If you are serving as a Church School teacher this year will hope you will attend this meeting. Also, please let Philip or Wendy know if you would like to serve as a teacher this upcoming school year.

### 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting

will be held on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 pm. This year’s confirmation program will look a little different. At our meeting we will go over all of the changes, so attendance is super important.

# DISH TO PASS

Sometimes things just seem “too much” and “too complicated” – and we’re tempted to just ignore them. For example, I’ve had a pile of boxes, filled with assorted papers (and other junk) sitting in my kitchen for the past two weeks. They’re not really in the way, but they are certainly out of place.

I have a similar drawer in my office here at work – a “catch all” space containing all sorts of things that don’t seem to fit in anywhere else. This drawer served me well last week when someone asked if we had a written history of the amazing stained glass windows here at LCOOR. (I knew exactly where it was!)



By Twila Schmitt

This made me recall another drawer I had claimed back when I worked at the YMCA. Because it was a shared workspace, there was only one drawer to call my own. I labeled it the “Drawer of Wonder.” It puzzled my co-workers, but I was able to stash things there until I needed them.

If you wonder where I’m going with all this, it’s pretty simple. We are all “drawers of wonder,” filled with unique ways to offer encouragement when life gets “too complicated.” When we pay attention to our friends and neighbors, we’ll know when things become “too much.” Take time to listen. Offer to keep someone in your prayers. Send a note. Sometimes a kind word can make all the difference in their world.

*“I am as a wonder and surprise to many, but You are my strong refuge. My mouth shall be filled with Your praise and with Your honor all the day.” – Psalm 71:7-8*

ALONG THIS SAME THEME, THE FOLLOWING RECIPE MAY APPEAR TO BE “TOO COMPLICATED.” BUT IT’S BEEN TASTE-TESTED AND LCOOR STAFF-APPROVED TO BE WORTH THE EFFORT! THANKS, BEV!

## BEV SPLINTER’S STRAWBERRY RHUBARB CREAM CHEESE BARS

### FOR THE FILLINGS:

4 CUPS CHOPPED RHUBARB  
1- 3 OZ. PKG. STRAWBERRY JELLO  
1 CUP SUGAR  
2- 8 OZ. BRICKS CREAM CHEESE (AT ROOM TEMPERATURE)  
1 CUP SUGAR  
2 EGGS  
1 TSP. VANILLA

### FOR THE CRUST/TOPPING:

2-1/2 CUPS ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR  
1 CUP FIRMLY PACKED BROWN SUGAR  
1 CUP BUTTER, CHILLED

PREHEAT THE OVEN TO 350-DEGREES (F). IN A MIXER BOWL, COMBINE FLOUR, AND BROWN SUGAR ON LOW. ADD CUT BUTTER AND MIX ON LOW UNTIL MIXTURE BECOMES COARSE CRUMBS. PUT 2/3 OF THE CRUST MIXTURE INTO THE BOTTOM OF A PARCHMENT-LINED 9X13" PAN. PRESS IT DOWN TO CREATE THE CRUST. BAKE IN THE OVEN FOR 10-15 MINUTES OR UNTIL IT JUST STARTS TO BE A TINY BIT GOLDEN ON THE EDGES.

IN A MEDIUM-SIZED BOWL, COAT THE RHUBARB WITH THE JELLO AND 1 CUP OF THE SUGAR. SET ASIDE. IN THE MIXER BOWL, COMBINE ROOM TEMPERATURE CREAM CHEESE AND SUGAR UNTIL LIGHT AND FLUFFY. ADD THE EGGS AND VANILLA. MIX AT MEDIUM SPEED UNTIL WELL-BLENDED.

POUR THE CREAM CHEESE MIXTURE OVER THE PARTIALLY-BAKED CRUST, AND SPREAD IT EVENLY. SPRINKLE THE COATED RHUBARB/STRAWBERRY MIXTURE OVER THE CREAM CHEESE (BE AWARE THAT THE CREAM CHEESE MIXTURE IS SOFT, SO YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO A LOT OF SPREADING WITHOUT GETTING IT ALL MIXED UP). TOP WITH THE REMAINING CRUST MIXTURE.

BAKE AT 350-DEGREES (F) FOR 45-50 MINUTES UNTIL THE EDGES ARE BROWN AND BUBBLING, AND THE CENTER IS STILL KIND OF WOBBLY WHEN YOU SHAKE IT, BUT NOT TOO WOBBLY. COOL ON A COOLING RACK FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, THEN REFRIGERATE FOR AT LEAST 3 HOURS.

# LCOOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

School Starts Tuesday, September 3, 2024

back2school  
prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near  
when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school."  
*Amen.*

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## August Dates to Remember

August 28th: Open House for Incoming Students

Care to help our preschool? **All help is appreciated.**

- \*New/Used Toys
- \*Classroom Giving Tree
- \*Snacks/Juice
- \*Thrivent Choice Dollars
- \*Scrip Dollars
- \*Support our fundraisers



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## Cereal for 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!



## Gallon Pickle Jars Needed

The Fellowship Committee needs gallon-sized pickle jars (with lids). If you have a few - or know where we could pick up a few jars -- please contact Twila in the church office.

# The Latest Word



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Deadline for the September 2024  
Newsletter: Monday, August 19, 2024

## Staff

Senior Pastor..... Dan Overbo  
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Preschool Teacher Aide/ Faith Formation Assistant  
..... Wendy Kruger  
Welcoming & Caring Ministries..... Twila Schmitt  
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Sound & Technology..... Zach Stanton  
Custodian..... Roman Gainor

## 2024 Church Council

President ..... Monte Hopper  
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605-886-2696

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<https://lcoorwatertown.org/>



## Facebook

[www.facebook.com/lcoor](http://www.facebook.com/lcoor)



## Youtube

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

## Meals on Wheels Helpers Needed: September 23-27

Helpers needed!! Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels every 10th week. Our next delivery week is September 23-27. (Commitment is from 11 a.m. to noon each day.) Please contact Linda Koch at 605-520-2339 if you are available to help.

## New Members Orientation September 25

While we welcome new members all year round, we will "officially" receive new members in September. Our New Member Orientation is set for 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25. Please contact Twila Schmitt, Welcoming and Caring Coordinator, for additional details on becoming a member.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship at Memorial Park 9:30am Traditional Worship</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 2:00pm Maple Place Communion 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Church School &amp; Confirmation Online Registration Begins 9:00am Quilting 5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion 9:30am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:00pm Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade) 6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>5:15pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>
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