

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

The Latest Word

“Making God Known Through Word and Deed.”



A Message from Pastor Laura Overbo

An Olympic equestrian champion was asked, “How does your horse know when it has to leap the hedges and hurdles, and why do some horses turn away or stumble?” The woman answered, “That’s simple. You tear your heart out of your body and throw it over the hedge. The horse knows how desperate you are to catch up to your heart. So, it leaps.” We, as a congregation, have a lot in common with equestrian riders. Our values are the equivalent of our hearts. Our values lead us and inspire us.

In late 2022, LCOOR went through an intentional process of naming our values as part of the Strategic Plan. The following are our core values:

- Welcoming:**
Accepting All as Our Neighbors
- Creating and Maintaining Christ-like Relationships**
- Supporting Worship:**
Through Music and Scripture

Developing Youth and Adults:
Encouraging and Engaging Their Faith

Developing Community Missions:
God’s Work, Our Hand’s

I had the opportunity to see these values being lived out in the fellowship area of our church. It was a Sunday morning this past spring, and a young family lined up at the door to personally greet each person as they entered the building. Smiles, handshakes, and names were exchanged as the parents and young kids were busy greeting. More than that, though, words of welcome were extended, relationships were built, and our mission was furthered because this family chose to share their gifts of time and love.

These small acts of living out our values make a huge difference. You make a difference.

Thank you,
Pastor Laura

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Kits purchased with Thrivent Funds

Al & Julie Rude delivered 38 school kits and 28 personal care kits to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer that were purchased with Thrivent funds. If you have Thrivent grants and need any ideas for projects, contact the church office at (605) 886-2696.



Mission Quilts

GHM includes quilts whenever possible when shipping medical supplies and equipment to mission hospitals and clinics overseas. Quilts and blankets are carefully wrapped around precious medical equipment to help protect the equipment during shipping. Once the container arrives and the contents distributed, the quilts are given to the hospital for use with their patients, many of whom have no covering for comfort or warmth. Often the hospital encourages the patient to take the quilt with them when they go home, knowing it will probably be the family's only blanket. Because mission quilts sent by GHM are often used on hospital beds, twin-size quilts are the best size. *Please mail or deliver to:*

Global Health Ministries
7831 Hickory Street NE
Minneapolis, MN 55432



Diamond (75+) Dinner Set

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!

**God's work.
Our hands.**

09.15.24

God's Work. Our Hands. Set for September 15

Two projects will take place on Sunday, September 15 for God's work. Our hands.

Following 9:30 a.m. worship Pastor Dan will be going to Mt. Hope Cemetery to clean headstones in the older section of the cemetery. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pastor Dan or find him after worship on September 15.

Following 9:30 a.m. worship Pastor Laura will be assembling newborn kits here at LCOOR. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pastor Laura or find her after worship on September 15.



Priscilla & Martha Circles to Meet

Priscilla and Martha Circles will resume in September, focusing on the bible study in the Gather magazine. Copies of the study can be found at the Welcome Center. All are invited to attend.

•Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, in the Gathering Space.

•Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, in the Gathering Space.



Meals on Wheels Helpers Needed: September 23-27

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

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



Ladies Night Out Tickets Available

The LCOOR Fellowship Committee will host another fantastic Ladies Night Out on Monday, November 11th. Our featured entertainment is The String Showdown, a musical duo from Minnesota. Tickets are \$15 each with a portion of the proceeds going to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The annual event provides a memorable night of fellowship, delectable desserts and fun entertainment! Tickets are available in the church office and at the Welcome Center.



Capital Campaign Celebration

Our Capital Campaign Celebration & Dedication will take place following worship on:

- Saturday, September 21
- Sunday, September 22
- Wednesday, September 25

Ice cream treats will be served!

Financial News



Mission of the Month Distributions for July

Church on the Street received \$1,351.27 through Noisy Can, Special Offering and Budgeted Funds.

Pueblo de Dios received \$1,336.26 through Noisy Can, Special Offering and Budgeted Funds.

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Thrivent Choice Dollars Received in August

We have received a deposit from Thrivent Choice Dollars!

- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer – \$88.00

Thrivent Choice[®] makes a meaningful impact. Choice Dollars[®] directions helps support the mission of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and LCOOR Christian Preschool.



September Mission of the Month

St. Dysmas is an ELCA (Evangelical Church in America) congregation located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, SD and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, SD. St. Dysmas also supports a Sunday evening worship at the Yankton Minimum Unit in Yankton, SD. More information can be found on their website at <https://www.stdysmas.com/support-st-dysmas>.

Gifts to the Mission of the Month are intended to go beyond your regular giving. Be sure to clearly state "Mission of the Month" on your offering envelope so that it can be credited properly.

Mobile Offering Available at LCOOR



\$220 in Memorials & Special Gifts given since last writing

Sandwich Ministry

- given in memory of Dorothy Nichols by Doug & Maylou Austin and Dave & Jan Johnson
- given in memory of Christy Barkley by Al & Pam Raeder

General Fund

- given in memory Dorothy Nichols by Grant & Deb Titze, Steve & Nancy Kjellsen, Ardys Berven and Todd & Lesli Jutting

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- given in memory Carol Lien by Pam Luckhurst and Darlene Bailey

Quilting Ministry

- given in memory of Dorothy Nichols by Darlene Bailey



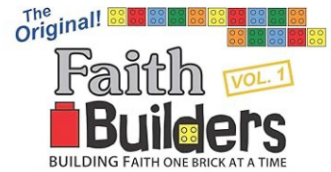
Salvation Army Needs Cereal

Our friends at the Salvation Army need boxes of cereal to help feed our neighbors. Please consider picking up a couple extra boxes while you are out doing your own grocery shopping and drop them off at the church.

Financial News Continued, Fellowship Opportunities & Events

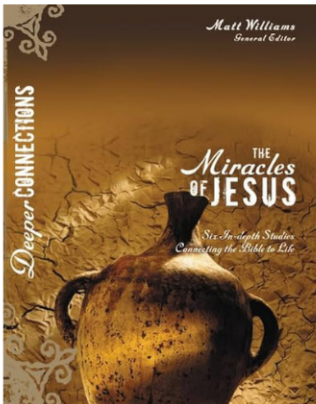
July 2024 Financial Report

Revenue	\$	73,421.24
Expenses	\$	92,474.27
Change in General Fund	\$	(19,053.03)
Revenue to Date	\$	629,920.59
Expenses to Date	\$	589,357.50
% of Budget Year Completed		58.33%
Annual Budgeted income for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34
% of Budgeted Income Received YTD		58.49%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2024	\$	1,076,987.34
% of Budgeted Expenses Incurred YTD		54.72%



Faith for Thought- Lego Style

Join Pastor Dan after 9:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, September 8 for an all ages activity. You will have the opportunity to construct Legos and discuss a story from the Bible.



6 Week Bible Study begins Sept. 19

During this 6-week Bible Study beginning Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. with Pastor Dan, participants are invited to bring their kids for separate activities led by LCOOR leaders. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Participant guides are \$10.



Faith Forward

We are excited to be one of Faith Forward's participating congregations this year! Part of this experience includes free online, interactive workshops and tools that parents and grandparents can use to help pass their faith to their children and grandchildren. For more information, scan the QR code.



THIS Love Quilt Along Bible Study

THIS Love is a faith based quilting series and Bible Study opportunity. Pastor Laura is asking interested individuals to sign up at the Welcome Center. THIS Love is a throw quilt with 12 blocks that reference twelve different Bible verses that share God's love for us. Quilters and non-quilters alike are invited to participate with the option to complete the Bible Study portion only, create individual quilt blocks or to complete an entire quilt. Bible Study will begin in the late fall or early winter. For additional information or questions, please contact Pastor Laura.



Meet LCOOR's Praise & Rejoice Choir Director

Norma "Kristy" Tostenson is my full name with Moldenhauer as my maiden name. There is a little story of why I go by my middle name that can be for later conversation.

I have been involved with music my whole life, as my mother is a musician as well. I have had great teachers and many opportunities to grow in music with teaching, playing, singing, planning/building, and directing involving all ages. God is good!

If you desire a complete list of what and where I've been I will surely share in person as we learn about one another. For now my hope is for us to always keep Jesus first with the Holy Spirit guiding us musically.

Letter for Praise & Rejoice Choir Members

Dear Members of the Choir,

I am excited to meet each one of you. I have heard some about you collectively so with anticipation wait to hear you sing.

Sept. 8, 10:30 we will gather in the chapel for a greet/meet and sing gathering. I will welcome your thoughts on the past, music preferences, and what you see for the future growth. I feel it important to find out about you as a group to fully prepare.

A hope is to have rehearsals on Sundays at 10:30. The schedule is for us to sing Sept. 29 for the first time. Anthem ideas to choose from "Children of the Heavenly Father", "For the Beauty of the Earth" with the theme of "More or Less – Kingdom of Life".

My email is kristytostenson@gmail.com and my phone is 605-949-1372. You are welcome to contact me.

Musically in Christ,

Kristy Tostenson



New Member Orientation September 25

Our New Member Orientation is set for 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25. New Members will be recognized during the worship of their choice on Saturday (Sept. 28), Sunday (Sept. 29) or Wednesday (Oct. 2). Please contact Twila Schmitt, Welcoming and Caring Coordinator, for additional details on becoming a member.

Faith Formation & Youth Updates

Church School & Confirmation Start Date

Church School & Confirmation will start on **Sunday, September 8th/Wednesday, September 11th.**

Online registration is available on the church website. Please register for church school or confirmation at lcoorwatertown.org



Junction

A youth group for **1st – 4th grade.** We will meet on **Thursday, September 12 from 6-7:30 pm.** Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

Wednesday & Sunday Church Schedule

Wednesday:

4:45 pm Meal
5:30 pm Church School and Confirmation
6:30 pm Worship

Sunday:

8:30 am Church School and Confirmation
9:30 am Worship



Route 56

A youth group for **5th & 6th grade.** We will meet on **Thursday, September 26 from 6-7:30 pm.** Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!



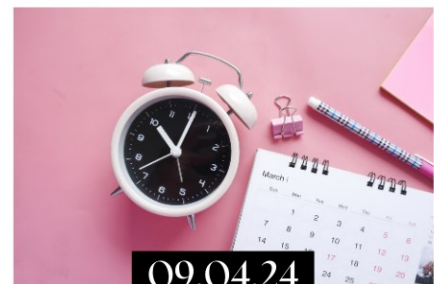
Luther League 2.0

Luther League 2.0 is a youth group for **7-12 grade** that will meet 2 times a month for service activities and fellowship. Most of the time we will meet on Sunday afternoons or evenings depending on the activity for that day. Please keep a look out on our church website for dates and times that we gather. For the month of September we will get together on **Sunday, September 15 (TBA) and on Sunday, September 29 from 3-6 pm.**



7th/8th Grade Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting

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.



Church School Teacher Information/Training Meeting

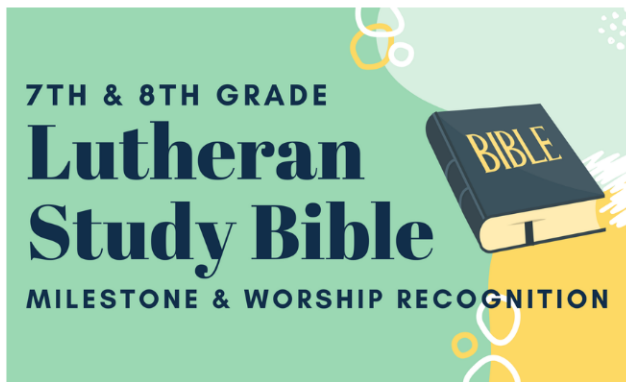
Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 4th at 5:30 pm.** If you are serving as a Church School teacher this year we hope you will attend this meeting. Also, please let Philip or Wendy know if you would like to serve as a teacher this upcoming school year.

Upcoming Milestones



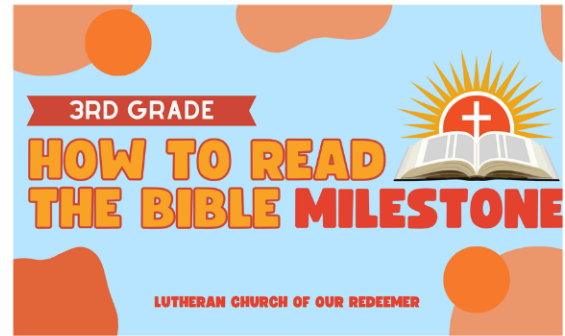
Milestone: Back to School Student Blessing

Join us Sunday, September 8 during church school at 8:30 a.m. or Wednesday, September 11 during church school at 5:30 p.m. as we help students kick off the back to school season! Students of all ages will make a backpack tag and receive a blessing as they mark the beginning of the school year.



Milestone: 7th & 8th Grade Lutheran Study Bible

7th & 8th grade confirmation students will receive their Lutheran Study Bible during worship on Sunday, September 8 during 9:30 a.m. worship OR Wednesday, September 11 during 6:30 p.m. worship. Parents please attend this milestone. Confirmation class will still take place prior to worship at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 8 and at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11.



Milestone: 3rd Grade How to Read the Bible

3rd graders will learn how to find the books, chapters and verses of the Bible during this special milestone. This will take place during church school on Sunday, September 15 at 8:30 a.m. or Wednesday, September 18 at 5:30 p.m. Parents please attend this milestone with your child.



Milestone: 4 Year Old Keys to Forgiveness & Spark Story Bible

4 year olds will receive their Spark Story Bible during worship on Sunday, September 22 at 9:30 a.m. worship or Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. worship. Prior to worship (during church school) on Sunday, September 22 at 8:30 a.m. or Wednesday, September 25 at 5:30 p.m. 4 year old's and their parents will learn the importance of saying 'I'm sorry' and hearing the words 'you are forgiven' Parents please attend this milestone.

LCOOR Preschool Happenings



Welcome Back Students & Parents!

We are so excited for the school year to begin. This year we will have 19 students in our morning class. We're looking forward to a fun and exciting school year.



Wendy Kruger

Preschool Paraprofessional



Nikki Landmark

Preschool Director/Teacher



School Starts
Tuesday, September 3



September Dates to
Remember:

August 28th: (11am-7pm)

Open House for Incoming Students

September 3rd:

Frist Day of School



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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

SEPTEMBER 11 BBQ

SEPTEMBER 18 CHICKEN ALFREDO

SEPTEMBER 25 PIZZA

OCTOBER 2 GOULASH

OCTOBER 9 WALKING TACOS
(HARVEST FEST)



LCOOR Needs Musicians

We need:

- Piano Players
- Guitarists
- Drummers
- Singers

Sundays at 9:30am Worship

Practice one hour prior to worship

Wednesdays at 6:30pm Worship

Practice one hour prior to worship

Let's make
beautiful music
together and
glorify God with
our talents!

For more information or to sign up, contact Julianne Decker or Megan
at (605) 886-2696 or megan@lcoorwatertown.org.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

HARVEST Fest

FOOD | GAMES | FELLOWSHIP

5:00 TO
7:30 PM

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OCTOBER

RAIN OR SHINE!

ALL AGES
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<p>1</p> <p>9:00am Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion (Last Lake Worship) 9:30am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Church Office Closed 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>First Day of Preschool 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting 2:00pm Church Directory Photos</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 2:00pm Church Directory Photos 5:30pm Church School Teacher Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting 7:00pm Handbell Info & Polishing Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 2:00pm Church Directory Photos 5:15pm AI-Anon 5:15pm Mission & Endowment Committee Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>10:30am God's Work Our Hands Sunday 8:30am 3rd Grade How to Read the Bible Milestone 8:30am Church School 8:30am Confirmation Workshop 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Stewardship Moment 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm 3rd Grade How to Read the Bible Milestone 5:30pm Church School 5:30pm Confirmation Workshop 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 5:15pm AI-Anon 6:00pm Miracles of Jesus - Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:00am Quilting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Capital Campaign Celebration and Dedication</p>

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