

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

The Latest Word

“Making God Known Through Word and Deed.”



A Message from Pastor Dan Overbo

As we conclude our 2024 Stewardship Campaign “I’m In”, it is a good time to say THANK YOU for your generous support and for your financial support as we work toward a balanced budget.

Learning where God is calling us often requires a breathing space, a physical place to discern. It is another way of saying: make space for grace to happen! It’s the perspective that we are powerless over other people and what they do, and yet if we open ourselves to God we may be able to respond in ways we cannot even imagine.

Today, if you have not yet filled out your commitment card, may you look to Jesus and yourself as we are ALL called to be INVOLVED in the ministry financially and personally because we “Make God Known through our Words and Deeds.”

Pastor Dan Overbo
Senior Pastor



Sew True Quilting Bible Study

Beginning in January, Pastor Laura will be leading a new monthly quilting Bible study on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Pastor Laura with any questions.

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Financial Reports & News

October 2024 Financial Report

Revenue	\$73,840.86
Expenses	\$93,599.33
Change in General Fund	\$(19,758.47)
Revenue to Date	\$854,689.39
Expenses to Date	\$863,745.44
% of Budget Year Completed	83.33%
Annual Budgeted Income for 2023	\$1,076,987.34
% of Budgeted Income Received Year to Date	79.36%
Annual Budgeted Expense for 2023	\$1,067,619.19
% of Budgeted Expense Incurred Year to Date	80.20%

Annual Reports of the Committees

Reports for the Annual Meeting Booklet are due into Megan in the church office by **Monday, January 6.**

2025 Offering Envelopes Here

Stop by before or after worship to pick up your next year's offering envelopes. Or stop into the church office Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm or 8:30-Noon on Friday to pick up your envelopes.

*****Please Note: Envelopes were Re-numbered for 2025, do not use the new envelopes until January 1, 2025. Thank You.**

Mission of the Month - LCOOR Care Fund

Our Mission of the Month for December is the Care Fund. Dollars donated to the Care Fund are primarily passed along to church members needing help with food, clothing, rent, utility payments, transportation, lodging and other emergencies. When donating to the Mission of the Month, be sure to clearly mark "Mission of the Month" on your offering envelope so that it is properly credited. The dollars you give through Mission of the Month are so very much appreciated by those receiving the help they need. Thank you.

Mission of the Month Distributions for October

Cameroon Partner Ministry was our October Mission of the Month. \$967.54 was collected through the Noisy Can Offering and Special Gifts. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry we share in with the South Dakota Synod.

\$80 in Memorials & Special Gifts given since last writing

Debt Reduction

- *In memory of Judy Cordell* from Marv & AJ Sherrill
- *In memory of Terri Bruner* from Marv & AJ Sherrill

Prayer Shawls

- *In memory of Christy Barkley* from Roger & Linda Austad
- *In memory of Judy Cordell* from Roger & Linda Austad

Thrivent Choice Dollars received in November

We have received a deposit from Thrivent Choice Dollars! Thank you Dan & Laura Overbo and Jodi Spilde for directing these dollars to our church and preschool.

- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Preschool - \$58.00
- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer – \$25.00

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who have directed their Choice Dollars® to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and LCOOR Christian Preschool this past year. With these dollars, we are able to fund various ministry projects that are not in the church budget.

Financial & Other News

Endowment Grants Approved

The following endowment grants were awarded to the following ministries:

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| • Watertown Sandwich Ministry | \$5,000 | Food Supplies for Sack Lunches |
| • LCOOR Preschool | \$419.48 | Lego Table |
| • Sewing Day Ministry | \$1,000 | Fabric/Supplies for Hospice Gowns (local), Diapers, Blankets & Pillow Cases (Global Health Ministries) |
| • Watertown Cares | \$1,500 | Housing for 2 Families |
| • Quilting Ministry | \$500 | Batting |
| • Homes of Hope (Liam Urban) | \$250 | Travel and Supplies Mission Trip to Tijuana |

Each of these ministries will be recognized at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2025.

Endowing Our Future – It's easier than you might think

A gift to the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Endowment Fund can be made in memory of a loved one or as a part of your own legacy plan, but also in honor of a special birthday, anniversary or even Christmas! Contact Jodi Spilde in the church office or Kathy McHenry at Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota (605.274.5030 or lpgsd@sdsynod.org) for more information.

Holiday Shopping!

The holidays are right around the corner! Purchase SCRIP gift cards for all your shopping and gifting needs right here at the church.

- Planning and cooking a large meal? We've got you covered with grocery gift cards to Hy-Vee, County Fair Foods and WalMart.
- Purchasing gifts for your loved ones and friends? We have a large list of supporting retailers to choose from. You can either use the cards to purchase the gifts or give the cards directly to your family and friends.

A percentage of each purchase benefits our preschool program. It takes about a week to receive the SCRIP gift cards if we need to place an order, so start planning and let us help you tackle your holiday to-do list through the purchase of SCRIP gift cards!

Christmas Plants

Order a Christmas Plant in honor or in memory of a loved one or to the glory of God. These lovely plants will beautify the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve worship services. You may take them home following the 5:30pm worship service on Christmas Eve. Cost of each plant is \$20.00. Order Forms are available at the Welcome Center.

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 15, 9:30 a.m.

Church School Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.

Church School Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Church Office Closes at Noon

1:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

3:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

**All Christmas Eve worship services are by candlelight.*

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

No Worship or Programs | Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

Church Office Closes at Noon

Wednesday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

No Worship or Programs | Church Office Closed



Ladies Night Out Says “Thanks!”

The LCOOR Fellowship Committee thanks ALL who attended Ladies Night Out on November 11 – and all the guys who helped with set up, serving, dishwashing and clean up! The fantastic desserts created by Roger and Linda Austad and Candy Johnson were a highlight! We appreciate the representatives from Sleep in Heavenly Peace who shared about that ministry during our event and we are blessed to give a portion of the proceeds to that organization. What a truly memorable evening!



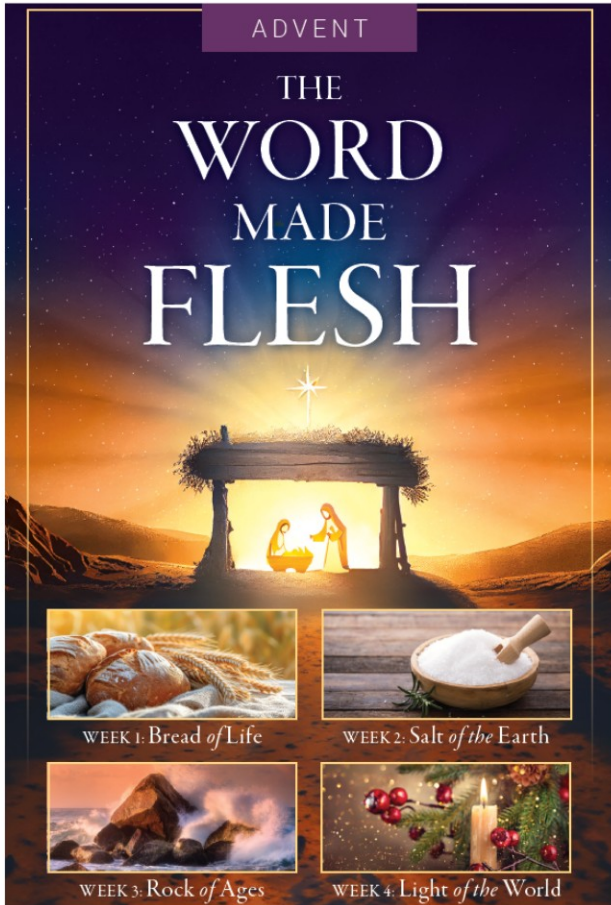
Deliver a Caring Casserole

Our “Caring Casseroles” ministry provides a variety of delicious casseroles for you to deliver to friends and neighbors. Know someone who just got home from the hospital? A family who recently had a baby? A freezer filled with casseroles is located in Twila’s office. Please stop by and pick up one (or two) and share in this caring ministry.



LCOOR Circles to meet Dec. 11th

All are invited to join the members of Priscilla and Martha Circles as they meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, for a time of fellowship and devotions. Those attending are asked to bring a small plate of holiday treats to share.



Advent Theme & Bible Study

Our 2024 Advent Theme is **The Word Made Flesh**. In this worship series for Advent, we are reminded that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed his divine nature to us through the description of physical substances we experience on earth. Join us during worship this Advent season on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Dan will be leading a 4-week Bible Study following this theme on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. beginning **Sunday, December 1**. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Advent Tour of Nativities: Thanks!

Thanks to all who shared their Nativity scenes for our "Advent Tour of Nativities." The wonderful collection in the Great Hall was enjoyed by people of all ages! Our hope was to provide a meaningful entry to the Advent season -- and a way to remember the true meaning of Christmas.



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer's Newest Addition

We would like to express our gratitude to Jack Rasmussen for creating the new Redeemer sign, which is displayed on the wall behind the Welcome Center. If you haven't had a chance yet, we encourage you to take a moment to admire this beautiful piece!

2023 Salvation Army Volunteer Breakdown

2023
**BELL RINGING
RECAP**

841.25
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS
IN WATERTOWN

\$42.89
TOTAL AVG PER HOUR

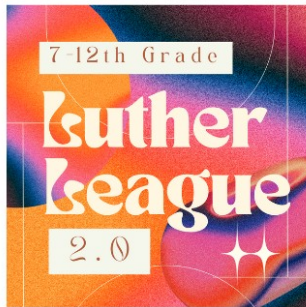
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TOTAL WATERTOWN VOLUNTEERS RAISED IN 2023

YOUR TIME MAKES A DIFFERENCE

2 HOURS - PROVIDES 20-25 MEALS
4 HOURS - KEEPS A FAMILY STABLE AND HOUSED DURING A TIME OF CRISIS
8 HOURS - PROVIDES 9 FAMILIES WITH A FOOD BOX FOR THE MONTH

LOVE BEYOND
TO VOLUNTEER VISIT REGISTER.ORG OR SCAN THE QR
ALL MONEY RAISED STAYS LOCAL!

Faith Formation & Youth Updates



Luther League 2.0

Luther League 2.0 will meet 1 or 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 for a **"Remind" text** for dates and times that we gather.

For the month of December we will gather on the 15th from 6-7:30 pm for the Family Christmas Bingo!

Wednesday & Sunday Church Schedule Reminder

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

Church School & Confirmation Dates for December

Sunday:

December 8, 15
(Christmas program at 9:30 am worship on the 15th.)

Wednesday:

December 4, 11 & 18
(Christmas program at 6:30 pm worship on the 18th).



Church School Christmas Program Practice & Program

Sunday Practices:

December 8th & 15th

Sunday Program:

The Christmas program will take place on Sunday, December 15th at the 9:30 am Worship.

Wednesday Practices:

December 4th, 11th & 18th.

Wednesday Program:

The Christmas program will take place on Wednesday, December 18th at the 6:30 pm Worship.



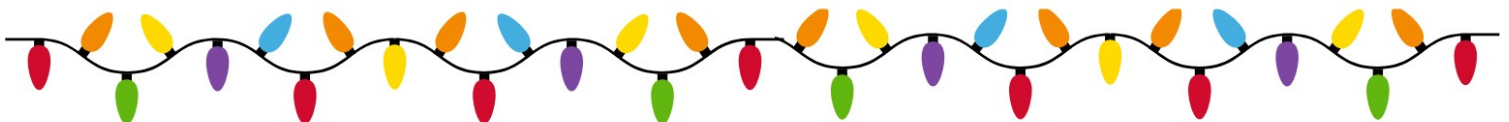
Junction

A youth group for **1st – 4th grade**. We will not meet on our normal Thursday evening. Instead, you are invited to come to the Family Christmas Bingo on **Sunday, December 15th from 6-7:30 pm**. Prizes will be awarded for bingo winners, Christmas crafts will be offered along with snacks and wonderful fellowship. Bring your entire family with you!



Route 56

A youth group for **5th & 6th grade**. We will not meet on our normal Thursday evening. Instead, you are invited to come to the Family Christmas Bingo on **Sunday, December 15th from 6-7:30 pm**. Prizes will be awarded for bingo winners, Christmas crafts will be offered along with snacks and wonderful fellowship. Bring your entire family with you!



LCOOR Preschool Happenings

This month we will be celebrating the fulfillment of God's promise, Baby Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. We will be decorating the room and singing lots of Christmas songs. The students will spend this month preparing for their Christmas program and finding out the true meaning of the season! Merry Christmas from the Preschool!!

Thank YOU!

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who purchased the Advent Calendars. We truly appreciate all of your support for this amazing ministry!!

Care to help our preschool?
All help is appreciated.

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



December Calendar

December 12th:

Chapel

December 18th:

Christmas Program 10:00 a.m.

December 19th:

Pajama Party

December 23rd-January 3rd:

Christmas Break-No School

January 6th:

Classes Resume





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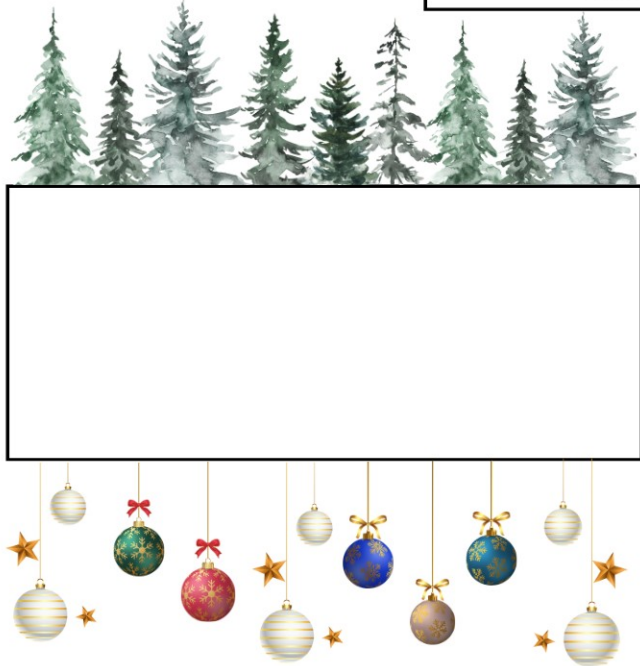
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Volunteers needed for Christmas Eve Worship

If your Christmas plans include worshipping here at LCOOR, please consider helping during worship. Each service will need greeters, ushers, communion servers and readers. You can sign up via the church website or stop by the Welcome Center. Thank you!



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Deadline for the January 2025 Newsletter:
Monday, December 16, 2024

Prayer Chain

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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



Salvation Army Needs a Pantry Restock

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

2024 Church Council

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>No Church School or Confirmation (Thanksgiving Break)</p> <p>8:30am The Word Made Flesh - Bible Study with Pastor Dan</p> <p>9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>1:00pm Advent Tour of Nativities</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p> <p>11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery</p> <p>1:00pm Advent Tour of Nativities</p> <p>5:30pm Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Group</p> <p>11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY</p> <p>11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p> <p>11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery</p> <p>12:15pm Men's Lunch</p> <p>4:45pm Community Meal</p> <p>5:15pm New Member Orientation</p> <p>5:30pm Church School</p> <p>5:30pm Confirmation Workshop</p> <p>6:30pm 1st Grade Christmas Story Milestone Recognition</p> <p>6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Quilting</p> <p>11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery</p> <p>5:15pm Al-Anon</p> <p>6:00pm 'Follow' Bible Study with Pastor Dan</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p> <p>11:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30pm New Members Received</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>6:30pm Saturday Evening Meal</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30am Church School</p> <p>8:30am Confirmation Workshop</p> <p>8:30am The Word Made Flesh - Bible Study with Pastor Dan</p> <p>9:30am 1st Grade Christmas Story Milestone Recognition</p> <p>9:30am New Members Received</p> <p>9:30am Worship</p> <p>10:30am Church Council Meeting</p> <p>10:30am Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p> <p>6:45pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Executive Committee</p> <p>6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p> <p>9:30am Combined Circle Christmas Gathering</p> <p>12:15pm Men's Lunch</p> <p>4:45pm Community Meal</p> <p>5:30pm Church School</p> <p>5:30pm Confirmation Workshop</p> <p>6:30pm New Members Received</p> <p>6:30pm Worship</p> <p>7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:45am Preschool Chapel</p> <p>5:15pm Al-Anon</p> <p>6:00pm 'Follow' Bible Study with Pastor Dan</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>15</p> <p>8:30am Church School 8:30am Confirmation Workshop 8:30am The Word Made Flesh - Bible Study with Pastor Dan 9:30am Church School Christmas Program 10:30am Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm LCOOR Family Fun Night - Family Christmas BINGO!</p>	<p>16</p> <p>January Newsletter Deadline</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>Christmas Plant Order Deadline</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 10:00am Preschool Christmas Program 12:15pm Men's Lunch 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm Church School 5:30pm Confirmation Workshop 6:30pm Church School Christmas Program 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Preschool Pajama Party 9:00am Quilting 5:15pm AI-Anon 6:00pm 'Follow' Bible Study with Pastor Dan</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</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30am The Word Made Flesh - Bible Study with Pastor Dan 9:30am Worship 10:30am Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>No Preschool - Christmas Break</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon No Preschool - Christmas Break</p> <p>1:00pm Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion 3:30pm Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion 5:30pm Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Church Office Closed No Worship/Programming (Christmas Day) No Preschool - Christmas Break</p>	<p>26</p> <p>No Preschool - Christmas Break</p> <p>5:15pm AI-Anon 6:00pm 'Follow' Bible Study with Pastor Dan</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon No Preschool - Christmas Break</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>28</p> <p>No Preschool - Christmas Break</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship</p>
<p>29</p> <p>No Preschool - Christmas Break</p> <p>9:30am Worship 10:30am Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>No Preschool - Christmas Break</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 2:00pm Maple Place Communion 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon No Preschool - Christmas Break</p> <p>11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Church Office Closed No Worship/Programming (New Year's Day) No Preschool - Christmas Break</p>	<p>2</p> <p>No Preschool - Christmas Break</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 5:15pm AI-Anon 6:00pm Executive Committee 6:00pm 'Follow' Bible Study with Pastor Dan 6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon No Preschool - Christmas Break</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p>