

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

The Latest Word

“Making God Known Through Word and Deed.”



A Message from Pastor Dan and Pastor Laura Overbo

“We can’t expect people to show up at our door. We have to go out and meet people where they are. This is the early Christian church model of taking the gospel out.” This statement was made by a pastor during the 2024 SD Synod Assembly.

Take the gospel out.

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer’s mission is to ‘make God known through word and deed.’ This is the embodiment of taking the gospel out and meeting people right where they are.

In this digital age, it can be easy to forget the living presence of the risen Lord in our concrete, human world. Despite this, we can be sure that Jesus is present. We encounter Jesus when we take the gospel out through acts of service to others. When we share the promise of hope, joy and love with others through our words and deeds, Jesus promises to be present.

We also meet Jesus in worship as we hear the word, receive communion and are strengthened by our community of faith.

A study by the Growth Institute found that people who come to church come because they have been influenced to do so by:

Friends or Relatives	79%
Pastor	6%
Sunday School	3%
Walk-in	3%
Program	3%
Special Need	2%
Visitation	1%
Evangelism Crusade	.5%

That personal contact is the most effective way to take the gospel out. We want to help you to take the gospel out and invite others in. Bags of microwave popcorn have been cleverly labeled with invitations to “Pop On Over.”

So, let us all go out and invite someone to “Pop on Over” to LCOOR!

Use the popcorn bags supplied in baskets at the welcome center to share the good news of Jesus’ love and grace for all.

Blessings,
Pastor Dan & Pastor Laura

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Dish to Pass by Twila Schmitt

"For all the Saints, who from their labors rest..."

This hymn has been playing in my subconscious over the past couple weeks...and it connects me to my Grandma Cece who died on Sept. 29, 2012. She reached the beautiful age of 98 – and incidentally was born on All Saints' Day.

*"Who Thee by faith before the world confessed; Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!"*

While I was growing up, Grandma lived nearby – and she would always light up whenever one of her grandchildren stopped by to visit. We always felt that we were the very best thing to happen to her when we were in her presence. This ability to make us feel special continued throughout her life. (I've since learned that this wasn't limited to her grandchildren!)

As All Saints' Day approaches, we at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer are preparing to recognize and remember those saints in our church family who have gone on before us. For those who have lost someone recently, this can be an especially emotional time. While our worship services mention those who have died since last All Saints' Day, we also encourage you to remember all who have made a lasting impact in your life.

*"But then there breaks a still more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia, Alleluia!"*

While re-reading my Grandma Cece's obituary this week, I realized that it began with this verse: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. – Philippians 1:21" And later it stated, "If you knew her, she has probably prayed for you!" Both are remarkable words to include – and so true!

*"From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host, in praise of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!"*

Amazing to think that this hymn, written by William W. How in 1864, can still ring true today. But I'm so thankful that it does! Alleluia!

"Angel Crisps"

It only seems fitting to include my Grandma's cookie recipe this month. If you have a favorite cookie recipe from your grandma, please send me a copy!

½ c. brown sugar	1 tsp. vanilla
½ c. white sugar	2 c. flour
½ c. butter	1 tsp. soda
½ c. Crisco	1 tsp. cream of tartar
1 egg	1/2 tsp. salt

Cream sugars, egg, butter, Crisco and vanilla. Sift flour, soda, salt and cream of tartar. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture. Roll in balls, dip top half into water and then sugar. Bake at 350 for 8-10 minutes.





Get Your Ladies Night Out Tickets Soon!

Tickets for Ladies' Night Out, set for Monday, Nov. 11, are going fast! Our featured entertainment will be The String Showdown, musical entertainers from the Twin Cities area. Desserts and coffee prepared by the Fellowship Committee are also included in the \$15 ticket price. A portion of the proceeds will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Join us for an evening of laughter and fellowship!



Advent Tour of Nativities Coming Up

Do you have a special Nativity scene that you would be willing to share during our Advent Tour of Nativities? More information will be coming soon on this wonderful event which will open in LCOOR's Great Hall on Friday, November 29. Questions, contact Twila at 605-886-2696.



Hey, guys! Can you help?

If you've always wondered what goes on at Ladies Night Out, here's your chance to find out! The Fellowship Committee each year recruits a fantastic group of men to help serve the coffee and water to the 40+ tables in the Great Hall. We'll post a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center so you don't have to wait to be asked! Thanks in advance!



Diamond (75+) Dinner is 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. Bill & Cathy Zubke will give an informative (and entertaining) presentation to wrap up the event! We look forward to an evening filled with great food & fellowship! Questions, call Twila at 605-886-2696.



October Mission of the Month

The mission is to develop strong relationships between the SD Synod and the church body in Cameroon. Members of this committee are volunteers with a passion to walk with our brothers and sisters in Cameroon to bring the Gospel to all and to alleviate injustice. Micah 6:8 “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God”. If you need more information on companion synod relationships, please contact the Companion Synod Coordinator at companion-synod@sdsynod.org.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (ELCC's) program ministries include seminary education, Bible schools, primary and secondary education, health care, rural development, women's and youth ministries, Bible translation and literacy, and a communication studio.

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. Please consider supporting this life-giving ministry!

RaiseRight™ – Gift cards that give back

Earn anywhere, anytime with everyday purchases. It's fundraising for our Preschool that fits your lifestyle. The earning potential is limitless! Imagine earning up to 20% back for our preschool—just by shopping online or using gift cards to pay for everyday purchases. We purchase gift cards at a discount and sell them for face value. For example: If you purchase \$200 in Hy-Vee Gift Cards, the Preschool will earn \$10 from that purchase. Our Preschool will earn money just for you buying your groceries for the week. How wonderful is that! We have a select few gift cards on hand; such as Hy-Vee, WalMart, Wendy's, Buffalo Wild Wings and Menards, just to name a few. Stop by the Welcome Center or come into the church office during the week to see what we have and start earning for the Preschool today!

WELCA Fall Gathering Oct. 10

Anyone interested in attending the Prairie Coteau WELCA Fall Gathering at NeSoDak on Thursday, Oct. 12, should reach out to Marvey Satter or contact Twila Schmitt at 605-886-2696. “Harvesting Fruits” will be the focus of this year's gathering. In addition to the Bible Study, break-out sessions will include: Medicare, preparing a will and health concerns. Cost to attend is \$15, which includes lunch. Additional information is available at the Welcome Center.

October Circles & Gather Bible Study

Priscilla and Martha Circles will meet in October, focusing on the Gather Bible Study. Copies of Gather Magazine can be obtained at the Welcome Center. All are invited to attend.

- Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in the Gathering Space.
- Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9, in the Gathering Space.

Volunteers Needed for Worship! (Please!)

Some of you have asked if we still have “Faith & Care” months at LCOOR! The solid answer is YES! All of our members will receive a postcard and e-mail during one month each year, asking for volunteers to help during worship! Are you willing to read? To usher? To serve communion? We hope your answer is YES! Here's a little secret, though. You don't need to wait until you get that postcard or email to volunteer – we need you every week! The sign-up process can be completed easily online – or just reach out to Twila! It will truly make her day!

Financial News

August 2024 Financial Report	
August Revenue	\$ 165,971.53
August Expenses	\$ 183,316.71
Change in General Fund	\$ (17,345.18)
Revenue to Date	\$ 795,892.12
Expenses to Date	\$ 772,675.76
% of Budget Year Completed	66.67%

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Thrivent Choice Dollars Received in September

We have received a deposit from Thrivent Choice Dollars!

- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer – \$7.00
- LCOOR Preschool – \$24.00

Choice Dollars[®] helps support the mission of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and LCOOR Christian Preschool.

If you previously made a donation or directed Choice Dollars to us, we thank you for your support! If you haven't yet participated in Thrivent Choice but would like to do so or learn more about it, visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice. You can also contact your Thrivent advisor.

Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund

When you make LWR Quilts and Kits, you join countless others across the country who reach out to people in need around the world through this ministry.

Support our quilt and kit ministry by donating to LWR's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund to ensure that LWR can continue working with partners around the world to deliver these gifts.

LWR's Approximate Cost to Deliver Quilts and Kits Overseas:

One Mission Quilt	\$2.80
One School Kit	\$2.85
One Personal Care Kit	\$1.50*
One Baby Care Kit	\$3.10
One Fabric Kit	\$1.80

*No longer includes the cost of toothpaste.



Mission of the Month Distributions for August

Watertown Sandwich Ministry received \$2,096.67 through Special and Noisy Can Offering in addition to the \$2,500 that was budgeted for this ministry.

\$410 in Memorials & Special Gifts given since last writing

Fellowship

- given in memory of Christy Barkley by Ken & Renae Madison

Sandwich Ministry

- given in honor of Don & Kathy Scharn's 70th Wedding Anniversary by Ken & Renae Madison
- given in memory of Keaton Hanson by Ron & Sheila Moehring

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- given in memory Dorothy Nichols by Darwin & Nancy Brinkman
- given in memory of Barry Johnson by Darwin & Nancy Brinkman
- given by John & Lorna Stonebarger

Debt Reduction

- given in honor of Don & Kathy Scharn's 70th Wedding Anniversary by Marv & AJ Sherrill and Don & Kathy Scharn

Youth Ministry

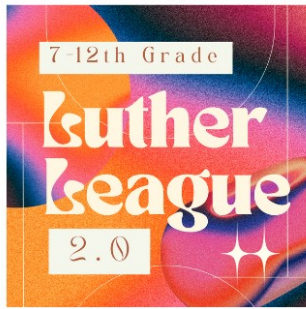
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A Thank You from Don & Kathy Scharn

We want to thank everyone who took time to send a greeting, called, or attended the open house for our 70th anniversary. We so enjoyed every contact and feel we really celebrated. We are very blessed for your friendships. A special thank you to our daughters and spouses who put in so much to make it happen. Wishing everyone great happiness.

Faith Formation & Youth Updates



Luther League 2.0

Luther League 2.0 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 October we will get together on **Wednesday, October 9th** (Helping with Harvest Fest Activities) and **Sunday, October 20th**.



Youth Music Team

Will sing once a month starting in October. We will practice the Wednesday a week before we sing to go over the songs for worship. **This month, we will practice on Wednesday, October 16th at 7:15 pm. We will lead music at worship on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm.**

Church School & Confirmation Dates for October

Sunday:
October 6, 13, 20 & 27
Wednesday:
October 2, 16, 23 & 30

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



Harvest Fest

All ages are invited to join us for Harvest Fest at LCOOR on Wednesday, October 9 from 5:00-7:30pm, rain or shine! Meal to be served. We look forward to sharing in fellowship as we celebrate the fall season!

- 🍁 Inflatables
- 🍁 Carnival Games
- 🍁 Pumpkin Painting
- 🍁 Face Painting



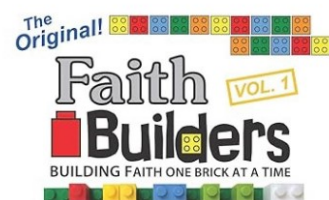
Junction

A youth group for **1st – 4th grade**. We will meet on **Thursday, October 3 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 **Thursday, October 17 from 6-7:30 pm**. Join us for games, crafts, snacks and awesome fellowship. Friends are always welcome!



Faith for Thought- Lego Style

Join Pastor Dan after 9:30 a.m. worship on **Sunday, October 6** for an all ages activity. You will have the opportunity to construct Legos and discuss a story from the Bible.

LCOOR Preschool Happenings

It's been a great first month of school and we're so excited to see what the rest of the school year has in store for us!! Also, A big THANK YOU to all who have been so generous in purchasing items off our giving tree, it's greatly appreciated!!



October Dates to Remember:

October 10th- 📷

Picture Day

October 14th-

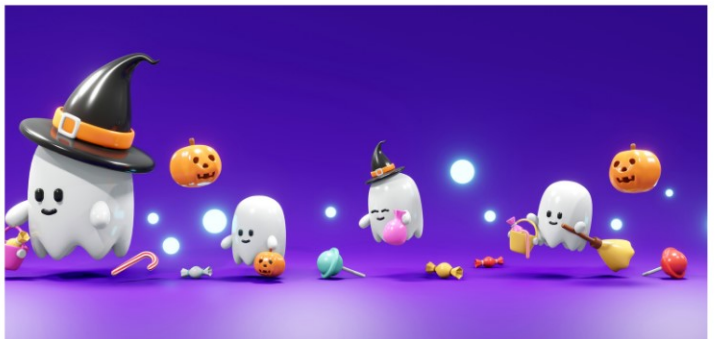
No School-Native American Day

October 24th-

Chapel

October 31st - 🎃

Halloween Parade & Party- wear your costume!!



Preschool Halloween Parade

Join us **Thursday, October 31st at 9:00 a.m.** in the Great Hall here at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer! Our LCOOR Preschoolers will be dressed up and ready celebrate the fun of Halloween! Those who are interested can bring candy to hand out for roughly 20 students. Unable to purchase candy but still interested in the fun? Contact the church office at 605-886-2696. All are welcome to attend!



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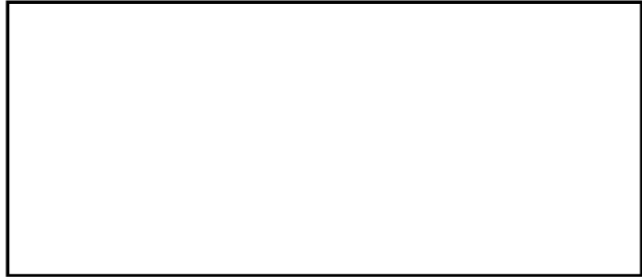
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Book Club

The LCOOR Book Club will meet **Thursday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for October is *The Second Mrs. Astor* by Shana Abe.




MISSION & ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Mission & Endowment Committee at LCOOR is inviting groups to apply for a grant for special ministry projects. Application forms can be picked up in the church office.

DEADLINE IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024.

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Deadline for the November 2024 Newsletter:
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Salvation Army Needs Cereal

Our friends at the Salvation Army need boxes of cereal. Please consider picking up a couple extra boxes 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 Martin
Treasurer	Laurie Tennis
Ann DeSpiegler	Gwen McGilliavary
Jan Birkeland	Jessica Kruse
Alan Stager	

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<p>29</p> <p>8:30am Church School 8:30am Confirmation Workshop 9:30am New Members Received 9:30am Worship 10:30am Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal 3:00pm Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 2:00pm Maple Place Communion 6:45pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Group 11:00am Area Pastor TEXT STUDY 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15pm Men's Lunch 4:45pm Community Meal 5:30pm 3 Year Old's Prayer Pillow Milestone 5:30pm Church School 5:30pm Confirmation Workshop 6:30pm New Members Received 6:30pm Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 5:15pm AI-Anon 6:00pm Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade) 6:00pm Miracles of Jesus - Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00am Watertown Sandwich Ministry 10:30am Jerry Carlson Graveside Funeral 5:00pm Judy Trzynka Visitation</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Judy Trzynka Funeral 5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6:30pm Diamond Dinner (75+)</p>
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