

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids  
701 N. Orleans Ave.  
Dell Rapids, SD 57022

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### Coming Up at LCDR

- 8/7 9:30 am Worship @ LCDR
- 8/10 1:45 pm Afternoon at the Movies: "The Croods 2"
- 8/12 7 pm - 10 pm High School Thunder Road Event
- 8/13 12:00 pm leave for Confirmation Retreat at NeSoDak
- 8/14 9:30 am Worship @ LCDR  
5:00 pm return from Confirmation Retreat
- 8/17 Take Me Out to the Ball Game Road Trip  
6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm new Sunday school teacher orientation  
7:00 pm Council Meeting  
7:30 pm returning teacher orientation
- 8/18 12:00 pm Young at Heart
- 8/19 September Newsletter deadline
- 8/21 9:30 am Worship @ LCDR
- 8/23 MS Slip N Slide Kick Ball
- 8/24 12:30 pm Assemble September Newsletter  
7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
- 8/28 **RALLY SUNDAY**  
9:30 am—Worship at City Park + Blessing of the Backpacks  
Potluck & Fellowship & Games immediately following the service
- 8/31 Parent/Student meetings for youth grades 6 - 9  
Parent/Student meeting for Summer '23 Boundary Waters (grades 8-11)

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of DELL RAPIDS  
August 2022

# The Shepherd's Staff

Chosen to Serve † Sharing the Journey † Making Christ Known

## Sunday, August 28 ~ 9:30 am ~ Dell Rapids City Park

# RALLY SUNDAY

### Worship in the Park & Blessing of the Backpacks

Everyone will meet at the Dell Rapids City Park Bandshell for the Worship Service at 9:30 am. Please bring a lawn chair or a blanket for the service.

Following the service there will be a potluck picnic, yard games and a bouncy house!

Grilled hot dogs, drinks, root beer floats and dinnerware provided. Bring a side dish to share and enjoy much needed fellowship!

### Women of the ELCA

LCDR partnered with Church on the Street's "Laundry With Love" program on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The event helped 33 families with their laundry at a Sioux Falls laundromat. With monetary donations of \$750 (including a \$200 matching donation from WELCA) and additional supplies, we were able to provide quarters, detergent, fabric softener, as well as meals for 100 people in need. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed money, time, and supplies!



Your donations were so important for this event! Thank you, Gail Nagelhout, Roberta Geraets, Gloria Brown, Gayla Evans, Grady and Sandra Lamer for preparing the meals. Thank you, Carolyn Drew, Miles and Amber Pollmann, Becky Randall, Bev Rieck, Gail Nagelhout, Sandra Lamer, Bob Harms, and Tom and Lori Morris for assisting families at the Laundromat. Your time and kindness are greatly appreciated!

### Sendoff Celebration Jordan Stone Sunday, August 14

Help us acknowledge Jordan as she prepares to take the next step in becoming an ordained pastor.

Jordan will soon leave for her Internship at Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas.



Join us Sunday, August 14 for Worship at 9:30 am when Jordan will be a guest pastor along with Pastor Solveig Hendrickson, both daughters of LCDR.

Celebrate Jordan after worship in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, August 14

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Kathy Bongers, Secretary  
Amy Dybedahl, Treasurer  
Tom Morris, Bev Rieck, Sue Bredlow,  
Grant Olson, Karen Nielsen, Josh Anhalt,  
Steve Munk, Chase Jones

**Financial Snapshot for June 2022**

Monthly Total Income Goal: \$32,083.33  
June Total Regular Income: \$24,396.00  
June Expenses: \$27,361.07  
**YTD through June:**  
Income \$180,210.68  
Estate Income \$ -  
Expenses \$184,030.40  
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7.5% of Offering is paid to Synod monthly

*From the Senior Pastor:*

Dear people of LCDR,

Very soon we launch into a school year of youth/family and education activities ... which are very much the heart of who we are as LCDR.

I have come to think of youth and family ministry as being similar to successfully training a young hunting dog, with the guiding principal of, "First things first, they have to learn to love being here!"

Some years ago I purchased a high-bred and wired-up German Shorthair pup – that I miserably failed at helping become a hunter. The more commands I taught and the more I tried to push her out to range in search of birds, and when she became intimidated by the sound of gunfire (and by my frustration with her) her instincts just shut down and she quit. She wouldn't do anything but walk underfoot and look sadly for relief from something that she didn't want to do.

So when I gave up on her like she had given up on me, before I tried again with another pup I read a very helpful book on training dogs which in chapter one said, "First things first, the pup needs to learn to love to hunt." It encouraged that for a pup's first full season in the field, to turn it loose to run freely with the trained dogs, to play, to learn to enjoy the hunt, and then praise the heck out of it every time it accidentally does something right.



When I read that, and actually succeeded doing so with a new pup, it struck me, "Why wouldn't that also be a first principle for youth and family ministry, for training up the faith life of our kids?" "First things first, they have to learn to love being here!"

So I have advocated, and we do all that we can to ensure that our children feel welcome, wanted and engaged in all that we do. We want them to feel respected and honored for who they are now as kids, not just for what we hope they may become someday as adults. We invest resources (staff, leaders, teachers, money) into activities and programs that they enjoy enough to invite their friends. We openly welcome those friends and other newbies that join us. And then we encourage their families to participate and learn to love being here, too.

An important element of who we are as a community of faith, offering the welcoming love of Jesus, is that ALL people of God MATTER to God, and to us too (including youth, all youth, and their families). They matter enough to have patience, and offer grace, and invest deeply of our time and resources – so that like a pup in training – in the community of faith in which we work together to grow their faith, "First things first, they learn to love being here!"

*P Jeff Sorenson*

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                                   | Saturday   |
|--|--------|---|--|---|--|--|
| 6  | 1      | 2   | 3  | 4   | 5  | 6  |
| 13<br>12 pm depart for NeSoDak for the 10 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Retreat   | 8      | 9   | 10<br>1:30 pm WELCA Afternoon at the movies: "The Croods 2"  | 11<br>7 pm - 10 pm High School youth Thunder Road Event                           | 12<br>9 am First Friday Bike Club        | 13<br>12 pm depart for NeSoDak for the 10 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Retreat |
| 20   | 15     | 16  | 17<br>7 am Depart for Twins Game<br>6 pm Education Committee Meeting<br>6:30 pm New SS Teacher Orientation<br>7 pm Council Meeting<br>7:30 pm Returning SS Teacher Orientation   | 18<br>9:30 am Staff Meeting<br>12 pm Young at Heart<br>2 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry | 19<br>9 am September Newsletter deadline | 20   |
| 27   | 22     | 23<br>2:30 pm Worship @ DNRC<br>1 - 2:30 pm grade slip-n-slide kickball<br>3 - 4:30 pm 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> grade slip-n-slide kickball | 24<br>12:30 pm Assemble & mail<br>September Newsletter<br>1:30 pm Priscilla Circle Bible Study<br>7 pm Stewardship Meeting   | 25  | 26                                       | 27   |
| 28<br><b>RALLY SUNDAY</b><br>9:30 am Worship @ City Park + Blessing of the Backpacks<br>10:30 am Potluck + Games in the Park | 29     | 30  | 31<br>6:30 pm 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Parent/student meeting<br>7:30 pm 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> grade Parent/student meeting<br>8:15 pm 2023 Boundary Waters Trip Meeting (8 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> grade) |   |  |  |

**AUGUST 2022**

## LCDR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES July 20, 2022 (abbreviated)

**Treasurer's Report:** Members reviewed the treasurer's report. Amy Dybedahl noted that the report is missing a few pages; however, the summary is included. Expenses are normal.

**Member Action (transfers in/out):** We have no transfers at this time. There are two families for which we have received transfer papers but we will not act on this until after we receive them during worship.

**Pastors' Report:** Pastor Jeff reported he and John have begun making plans for the school year and hope to complete that by early August. Pastor Jeff is working with Deb to clean up some record keeping and will be looking at membership records to make updates.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**a. Position opening report:** Pat Eidsness may have to delay her start date as Senior Ministry Leader. She may be able to put in limited hours.

**b. 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning:** Sue reported some of the plans and ideas include temple talks, "do you remember?" sessions, activities to involve the youth, and invite former pastors and past members to share stories. We want to inform other churches. We need complete a history book, adding the last 25 years to current records and this could be purchased. One project would be to clean up and redo the confirmation wall. The celebration is expected to be a two-day event. There will be a banquet on Saturday and worship on Sunday. It is expected to have a larger attendance than the fellowship hall can handle and will have to explore options. The actual anniversary date is September 27. Pastor Jeff made a motion to set September 28 and 29, 2024 as our big event weekend. Motion carried.

Sue made motion to start a church directory project by having Deb gather information from a few companies. This will be a separate project from the anniversary committee.

**c. Ministry Priorities for 2023:** congregational forum will be July 31. Pastor Jeff asked council members to attend the forum and results can then be brought to the August meeting.

**d. Wedding Coordinator** Sue reported she knows of a possible candidate. Pastor Jeff prepared a new job description and the council reviewed the description. The coordinator would be a liaison between the couple and the church and would attend both the rehearsal and the wedding. We do have a couple of weddings coming up. Lee made motion to approve the wedding coordinator job description with one change in wording (exempt to contracted). Motion carried.

**New Business:** Nothing at this time.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Karen Nielsen reported that it has been a great week at VBS. They will now start readying for fall and are looking for teachers who are excited about and invested in working with our youth.

**Stewardship/Mission Outreach:** No report

**Property:** Pastor Jeff reported he received a quote to seal cracks with tar, patch, and seal the parking lot. He will pass the information to Steve for the property committee.

**Worship:** Sue Bredlow reported this committee did not meet in July. John handled all the licensure and it is done. We are out of faith chests. She had no updates on the praise band.

**Youth/Family Ministry:** Bev reported the committee has not met. John has informed them of high school youth activities, which included a trip to Dave & Busters. Confirmation camp was a resounding success. Movie events downtown were hosted with a good turnout. The trip to a Twins game is on August 17 with 20 adults and kids signed up. A retreat for confirmation campers will be August 13 and 14. A canoe trip to Boundary Waters is planned for the summer of '23. The National Youth Gathering is in 2024. This committee will work with other committees for a Holy Smoke barbeque cook off which will be a fundraiser for the youth. The rest of summer will be spent in preparation for the school year. There is a meeting with parents on Aug 31.

**Technology:** Josh Anhalt reported on the sound system for downstairs. Matt Tudor put together a list for an ideal setup which came to approximately \$4300.00. They have \$2000.00 budgeted for this. Jared made motion to allow the technology committee to spend an additional \$2000.00 out of the Youth and Family designated fund for this project. Motion carried.

**Fellowship/Community Outreach:** Grant Olson reported they had to cancel the park activity due to excessive heat. They are thinking of combining that event with the blessing of backpacks which is August 28 in the park.

**Executive/Budget/Personnel:** Nothing to report

**Executive Session:** – Executive session began at 8:41 p.m. Executive session ended at 9:04 p.m.

Motion by Pastor Jeff to allow Dave Bredlow to return to his custodial work beginning on July 25 if he provides us with a physician's letter clearing him for the work based on his job description. Motion carried. Lee made motion to allow unpaid leave for Dave from August 29 to November 21. Motion carried. Jared made motion to market the custodian position for two weeks listing it as a temporary job while Dave is on leave. Motion carried.

**Announcements:** The next Council Meeting will be August 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Kathy Bongers



## 150th Anniversary Planning

The 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids is coming up in 2024!

We need your help in planning our celebration. It's not too soon to begin laying plans, setting dates, reserving space, etc.

If you would like to be part of the planning group for our 2024 Anniversary celebrations, please contact Pastor Jeff or one of the anniversary committee members: Sue Bredlow, Brittani Bollock, Steve Munk and Jody Stone.

Become a Member

**New Member Reception  
+ Welcome Class  
Sunday, September 25  
10:45 am Worship**

Are you interested in joining LCDR? A New Member Reception is planned for Sunday, September 25 at the 10:45 am Worship Service. There is a Welcome Class to follow. Church Council members will present information about LCDR and the ministry we do together. You will get to know each other and the Congregational leaders. Pizza will be provided!

Please RSVP to 428-3197 or [lcdr@siouxvalley.net](mailto:lcdr@siouxvalley.net).



If you, a family member or friend would like a Prayer Shawl, please contact the office at 605-428-3197.

*"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."*  
~Janet Severi Bristow

## From the Record Books

### 80+ Birthday

August 3: James Hendrickson  
August 22: Mavis Erickson



### Baptisms

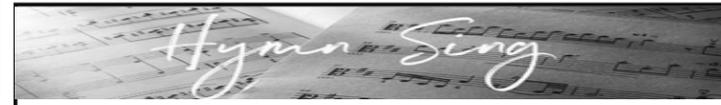
June 19: Blake Eileen Cleveland,  
daughter of Josh and Suzie Cleveland  
July 24: Oscar Andy Carstensen  
son of Noel and Kayla Carstensen

### Deaths

Don Knutson, May 11, 1929 - July 18, 2022

### Memorials

No memorials



Mark your calendars! Our next Hymn Sing worship service is Sunday, September 4. YOU, the congregation, will once again get to request your favorite songs from the red hymnal. We look forward to hearing all of your voices join in as we sing in praise of our Lord, Jesus Christ!



**Young at Heart**  
Thursday, August 18  
12 pm

Young at Heart will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck at noon. The guest speaker will be Linsey Duffy presenting on the Sioux River Red Rock Trail.

Young at Heart is for those 60 years & older for ideas, food and fellowship.

Priscilla's Circle Bible Study  
Wednesday, August 24  
1:30 pm



All women of LCDR are welcome to attend.



August Altar  
Committee Team 3:  
Linda Nelson  
Karen Nielsen  
Thank you for your time  
and dedication!

# Youth Ministry

From the Youth Leader .....

As summer comes to an end, we give thanks for the opportunities to come together in fellowship over the past several weeks. What a blessing to see God's love alive in our youth and families. From First Friday Bike Club to confirmation camp, it has been a great summer.

Our youth and family activities begin to ramp up this month, including the following events that need to be on your calendar:

**Final First Friday Bike Club, Friday, August 5** – People of all ages are welcome to join us for our final bike ride of the season. We meet in the LCDR parking lot at 9:00 a.m., and after a ride around the city, we will enjoy donuts back at the church!

**Movie Matinee, Wednesday, August 10** – All kids at LCDR are invited to gather at the Dells Theater at 1:45 p.m. for an afternoon at the movies! Entrance to the movie is covered, but you'll need to bring money for popcorn or other snacks.

**HS Youth at Thunder Road, Friday, August 12** – A night of fun in Sioux Falls for youth heading into grades 9-12! Meet at LCDR at 7:00 p.m., then we'll head to Thunder Road for mini-golf, go-carts and more. We will return to LCDR by 10:00 p.m. Cost: \$20. Sign up on youth bulletin board by Aug. 10.

**Confirmation Retreat, August 13-14** – Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be making the trip to NeSoDak Bible Camp for an overnight retreat in preparation for their confirmation coming up in October. Details and a schedule for the retreat will be mailed to youth and their families. Cost: \$40. Permission/Medical form due to LCDR by Aug. 7.

**Slip-N-Slide Kickball, August 23** – Middle school youth are invited to an afternoon of slippery fun at Brown Park for the annual Slip-N-Slide Kickball game! We'll divide the event into two separate games: grades 7-8 from 1:00-2:30 p.m., and grades 5-6 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Treats will be provided.

**Parent/Youth Meetings, August 31** – We will host an evening of meetings on Wed., Aug. 31 to go over details for youth activities taking place over the coming school year. Youth and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Grades 6-7 at 6:30 p.m. Grades 8-9 at 7:30 p.m. Meetings will take place in the sanctuary.

**Boundary Waters Canoe Trip Information Meeting, August 31** – After our youth/parent meetings (around 8:15 p.m.) on Aug. 31, Pastor Jeff and I will be sharing information about the canoeing adventure we are planning to lead in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area next summer. The trip will be open to any youth in grades 8-12 this coming school year.

Our new year of youth activities will officially kick off on Wed., Sept. 7!

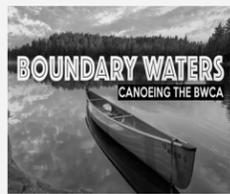
Thank you to the LCDR congregation for your continuing support of our youth and family program.

John Pollmann

## Summer 2023 Boundary Waters Canoe Trip Meeting

August 31 for all current 8th - 11th grade students

Make plans now to join Pastor Jeff and John Pollmann on a Summer 2023 Boundary Waters Canoe Trip! We encourage both parents and students to attend the meeting on August 31 at 8:15 pm to help set the dates and plan the Boundary Waters Canoe trip. We will meet in the Sanctuary. **Bring your calendar!**



**High School  
Thunder Road  
Friday, August 12**



**7 pm - 10 pm/ Cost: \$20**

\$20 gets you 3 hours of unlimited outdoor attractions at Thunder Road with either ice cream or McDonald's afterwards. Open to all students going into grades 9-12!

**We hope you can join us!**

**MS Slip 'n Slide Kickball  
Tuesday, Aug 23  
1 PM & 3 PM**

Join us for a kickoff to the year and celebration of the end of summer! We will meet at **Brown Memorial Park** for Slip 'n Slide Kickball and treats. This event is open to all students going into grades 5-8. Wear a swim suit and join the fun!

**1 pm - 2:30 pm - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades  
3 pm - 4:30 pm - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades**

## LCDR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES June 22, 2022 (abbreviated)

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy Dybedahl reported thank offerings were good this month due to a large donation. Expenses have been pretty normal this month. Treasurer's report approved.

**Member Action (transfers in/out):** no transfers at this time

**Pastors' Reports:** Pastor Jeff indicated that it is time to review and update our membership records. We hope to make a new directory in conjunction with the anniversary. He reported that confirmation camp was a good experience. Pastor has had shoulder surgery and is on the mend. He will be taking some vacation and Solveig Hendrickson will preach in his absence.

### Unfinished Business:

a. Position opening report – Pat Eidsness hopes to begin in August as Senior Ministry Leader. Sue brought up the subject of a wedding planner. We will continue to search for someone to fill this position.

b. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning – The committee is coming together. Tom made motion to name Sue Bredlow, Brittani Bollock, Jody Stone and Steve Munk to the committee.

### New Business:

a. **Custodial work/temporary:** Steve reports that Dave needs 3 months leave for his surgery and recovery. Julie Stofferahn has offered to do it at no cost. The committee decided to accept the offer from Julie for the summer. She will not be expected to handle any maintenance or repairs.

b. **Synod Assembly report:** Pastor Jeff reported that all our voting members attended. There was good spirit throughout although the numbers were down from years prior to Covid. The entertainment was the Lutheran Church Basement Ladies from Splitrock Lutheran. Compensation guidelines for staff with 6.5% increases for 2023 were passed. Chase reported there was a motion to change the wording of God the Father to God the Mother. This motion was not supported.

c. **Ministry priorities for 2023:** Council members discussed our ministry priorities for referral to the congregational forum in July. A draft will be prepared after the discussion. We need to include the second half of the year for senior ministry and an increase in Livestream licenses. The parking lot and roof could be split over three years. We need to consider the synod recommendation of 6.5% staff salaries. We need to plan for anniversary expenses which could be spread over 2 years. The congregational forum should review capital expenses and growth in ministry. We may also have a separate appeal for a different van for youth ministry. Darcie has also asked for folding benches in the main area downstairs.

### Committee Reports:

**Education:** They are working on a list of Sunday School teachers and will start making calls after VBS. Sunday School curriculum will be ordered this month. VBS runs from July 17 to 20. The VBS committee will be running a bounce house on Quarry Days. Rally Sunday is August 28 and there will be a potluck, grilled hot dogs, root beer floats and games. There will also be blessing of backpacks and possibly a bounce house. The Sunday School calendar is

being worked on. They are discussing ways to improve Sunday School and have more consistent attendance.

**Stewardship/Mission Outreach:** Tom Morris reported that the committee did not meet this month. Laundry with Love was completed last Tuesday and it went well. Thank you to Sandra Lamer for organizing and to the volunteers who prepared the meals and helped at the laundromat. A little over \$800 was raised. Five hundred dollars will go to the Church on the Street and the meals cost about \$200.00. It was a successful event.

**Property:** Steve Munk expressed thanks to Brian Wilber and Tom Bunkers for filling in the holes left from the tree removal on the boulevard. They also laid down some grass seed there. We did have storm damage in that we lost some shingles. The insurance company inspected the damage but the repair cost came in under our \$5000.00 deductible. James Roofing was contacted and they fixed the storm damage and the flange issue on the chapel. They completed that on June 14 for \$3,000.00. Also, the last sections of the board fence by the Busy Blessings playground were blown down so that was removed. Fiegen Tree Service was contacted and will trim the trees that are scraping the garage roof. Allen Brown and Connie Earley have done some planting, weeding and pruning on the plants around the church. Dave is on leave.

**Worship:** Sue Bredlow reported the committee met on June 12. She spoke about the streaming licenses for contemporary music, music from the red hymnal and the liturgy. An anonymous donation will cover the costs of the licenses for this year. The keyboard is working great. Nothing new regarding the Praise band. The Father's Day service planned to be held in the park was moved to the church due to extreme heat. The summer worship schedule will run through September 4. The home communion group met in May. The funeral palls came in and have been paid for. There was a discussion on what to do with the old palls with no decision made at this time. Expenses for communion are rising. There has been some interest shown to have communion at the rail. The committee plans to meet again in August.

**Youth/Family Ministry:** Pastor Jeff mentioned that John would like to see more participation with the high school youth and is looking at ways to encourage that.

**Technology:** Josh Anhalt reported that discussion is ongoing for a sound system downstairs. The new copier should be installed Thursday.

**Fellowship/Community Outreach:** The committee is planning to reschedule the summer bash.

**Executive/Budget/Personnel:** no executive session

**Announcements:** The next Council Meeting will be July 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The congregational forum will be on July 31 after the service

**Submitted by:** Kathy Bongers



# Online giving made easy!

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- 1) Visit our website: [lcdr-sd.org](http://lcdr-sd.org)
- 2) Choose the "Simply Giving" at the top of the webpage.
- 3) Click "Sign In/Sign Up" in the corner of the box.
- 4) Click on "Create your GivePlus account."
- 5) Once you have created an account and are logged in, click on the three bars in the upper left corner of the box and select "Payment Methods" then "Add New." From here you can add your bank account information.
- 6) Next, click on the three bars in the top left hand corner and select "Give Now." This will allow you to choose how much, how often, and to which funds you would like to designate your giving.

**If you have any questions or run into any problems, please contact the Office Administrator**  
[lcdr@siouxvalley.net](mailto:lcdr@siouxvalley.net) or 605-428-3197.

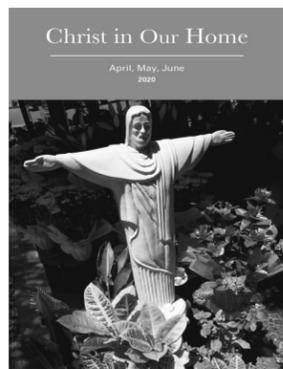


Beginning September 11, 2022 we will resume our fall schedule with 2 services at 8:30 am & 10:45 am. With two services we double our need for volunteers! Each service requires:

- Ushers
- Scripture Reader
- Communion Servers
- Greeter

Your help is vital in our services running smoothly. If you have ANY questions please do not hesitate to ask! Our goal is to equip everyone with the information they need to make assisting in Worship enjoyable and simple. THANK YOU to everyone willing to help!

**SIGN UP in the Welcome Center or contact Deb at 605-428-3197.**



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*Living Lutheran* is your source for news, reflections & stories from the ELCA. Stay connected to the wider ELCA community – locally and globally.

**These resources are available to pick up in the Welcome Center.**



## Afternoon at the Movies Dells Theater: "The Croods 2" August 10 at 1:45 pm

Join John at the Dells Theater for the last movie of the summer. LCDR Youth Ministry will cover the cost of entry for the movie.

**Please arrive by 1:45 pm to allow John to get a tally of who is there.**

## Beginning of Year Parent & Student Meetings Wednesday, August 31

Parents and youth of each grade level are asked to come for our annual fall meeting to go over the coming academic year and sign up for Simple Suppers and volunteers! You will receive a letter in the mail with more information. Here are the times for each meeting:

6th & 7th Grade – 6:30 PM  
8th & 9th Grade – 7:30 PM

All meetings will take place in the Sanctuary.

## 5th Grade Blessing & Youth Group Meeting

**Sunday, September 11 @ 8:30 am service with student/parent meeting to follow**

All 5<sup>th</sup> graders and parents are invited to receive a blessing at the 8:30 am service. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders and parents are also invited to the meeting after worship from 9:30 am - 10:00 am. We will explain what youth group looks like and what that means for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

## Confirmation Retreat

All Confirmation youth affirming their faith this year on September 18, 2022 will be going to the retreat at NeSoDak with Pastor Jeff and John.

August 13 12:00 pm leave for camp  
August 14 5:00 pm return to LCDR



## Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, September 18  
City Park @ 10:45 am

Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will affirm the promises made in their baptism (confirmation) in an outdoor service at the City Park! All are welcome to join us at 10:45 am on Sunday, September 18 (a regular worship service will be at 8:30 am at LCDR). Please bring your own seating. Confirmation rehearsal will be at 7:30 the Wednesday night before, September 14, with more detailed information sent to 10<sup>th</sup> grade families in a letter.

## YOUTH EVENTS

- August 10 1:45 pm **Afternoon at the Movies**
- August 12 7 - 10 pm **HS Thunder Road Event**
- August 13-14 **Confirmation Retreat at NeSoDak**
- August 23 **Middle School Slip N Slide Kickball**  
1 pm - 7th & 8th grade  
3 pm - 5th & 6th grade
- August 31 **Parent/Student Meetings**  
6:30 pm - 6th & 7th grade  
7:30 pm - 8th & 9th grade  
8:15 pm - Summer 2023 Boundary Waters Canoe Trip meeting for parents and students (8th - 11th grade)
- September 7 **Wednesday Youth Activities Begin**  
3:30 pm High Five  
5:30 pm Simple Supper  
6:15 pm Route 67  
7:30 pm High School Youth
- September 11 8:30 am - 5th Grade Blessing/meeting
- September 18 10:45 am - Confirmation in the Park

**Upcoming  
EVENTS**  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School Thank You!



Our Monumental VBS week was an enormous success! We averaged around 135 kids every night and the kids raised money toward the Food Pantry and an overflowing shopping cart full of food. There are so many people to thank...all those who came as crew leaders...many thanks; a huge shout out to Scott Saxon and Matt Tudor for making sure the sound system and power point were ready to go; an extra special thank you to Scott Zellmer for being there every night running the videos and soundboard and making sure it was working very smoothly all week long. Also, thanks to Maddie Kringen and Sadie Schmitt for helping up front with music and other various tasks each night; Julie Stofferahn and Ellie for overseeing the games and snacks station; Lisa Wilber for helping at the registration table; the Education Committee members along with Jeanine Schneiders, Pam Schmitt, and Emile Trill for helping with our meal on Monday night; and also Scott Zellmer for doing all of the vacuuming our last night. We could not have pulled this off without all of you...  
**THANK YOU!!!** I'm looking forward to next year's VBS!

Darcie

**Rally Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks**  
 Sunday, August 28



We will Worship in City Park at 9:30 am with a potluck to follow. All students preschool through college may bring their backpacks to worship to have them blessed before the first day of school. Grilled hot dogs and root beer floats provided—bring a dish to share! With food, fellowship, yard games and a bouncy house, this is sure to be a fun church family event to kick off the 22-23 academic year right!

*save the date*

**NEW Sunday School Teacher Orientation** will be Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30 pm.

**RETURNING Sunday School Teacher Orientation** will be Wednesday, August 17 at 7:30 pm.

Orientation will take place in the room across the hallway from Darcie's Office.

**REGISTER NOW!**

Sunday School will officially begin on Sunday, September 11. The Sunday School registration is included as an insert and can also be found on our website and the church Welcome Center. Please fill out the form for all nursery through 5th grade Sunday School children and return to the church office.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 8/17 Education Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm  
 New Teacher Orientation at 6:30 pm  
 Returning Teacher Orientation at 7:30 pm
- 8/28 Rally Sunday Worship and Blessing of Backpacks at City Park @ 9:30 am with a potluck to follow the service
- 9/4 No Sunday School
- 9/11 First day of Sunday School  
 Teacher Installation at both services  
 Blessing of 5<sup>th</sup> graders at 8:30 am  
 Worship Open house for 5<sup>th</sup> graders 9:30-10:00

**SUNDAY SCHOOL teachers needed**

If you are interested in teaching Sunday school or helping in the classroom this fall (curriculum is provided), we are looking for you!

We have options that can work with your personal schedule - teach or co-teach every week or alternate weekly with another volunteer. Select the age you love. We are in of need teachers for most grade levels (nursery - 5th grade). Teachers must be adults and helpers in grades 6-12.

No experience needed – just a love for children and a big sense of humor .... because this is one ministry that will make your heart smile.

Please contact Darcie if you have any questions at [lcdarcie@siouxvalley.net](mailto:lcdarcie@siouxvalley.net).

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

Sunday, August 28 at 9:30 am

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

**WELCA of LCDR**

The women of WELCA are asking each of us to help with the back-to-school collection. All of the supplies collected will go to our local students and the Lutheran World Relief.

Supplies needed: #2 pencils, pink erasers, classic markers, colored pencils (24 pack), glue sticks, white school glue, blue or black ballpoint pens, plastic folders with prongs (red, yellow or blue), plastic school box (5x8 approx).

You can also find a list of the supplies by the display in the Welcome Center and on our website.

**Place all donations in the Welcome Center. Thank you!**

**County Fair Gift Cards**

County Fair gift cards are available in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100 to purchase in our church office. Our youth ministry receives 5% back! A great way to support LCDR Youth Ministry at no cost to you.

**Women of the ELCA**

**August WELCA Events:**  
 Collect School Supplies

- August 3 Quilting - 1:30 pm
- August 4 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 2:00 pm
- August 10 WELCA - 1:30 pm
- August 18 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 2:00 pm
- August 24 Priscilla Circle - 1:30 pm

**LAST CHANCE**

**August Coffee and Treats**

This is your last chance to share your favorite treat at church this summer! It is easy - just sign your family up to bring treats and/or make coffee for any Sunday this month using the link for sign-up Genius.

The link can be found in the weekly email.

**STAY CONNECTED**

- ⇒ Live Worship posted @ 9:30 am for the August Worship services at LCDR. (no live for August 28 in the park )
- ⇒ Follow LCDR on Facebook
- ⇒ Subscribe to our YouTube channel
- ⇒ Find current activities and worship materials on our website [lcdr-sd.org](http://lcdr-sd.org)