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Dear Siblings in Christ,

The Season of Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 22. The ashen cross upon our foreheads is the outward sign of God’s invitation to let go of that which may be keeping us from an even greater understanding of God’s love for us and all people in Jesus Christ, and to take up faith practices which bring life and renewal.

Every Wednesday in Lent we will have the opportunity for dinner, fellowship, and worship around the theme “From death into life.” Our Wednesday evening worship services will be an opportunity to hear stories of God’s faithfulness as told through the Old Testament scriptures and guest speakers from our congregation who will share with us their faith stories!

Every Sunday in Lent we will worship around the theme, “Unfinished.” Our Sunday morning worship will follow New Testament scriptures that will help us consider how God is calling us, renewing, accompanying, and recreating us—over and over again.

**Wednesdays in Lent: Please join us!**

**February 22:** 7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday

Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

No supper served.

**March 1:** 5:30-7:00 p.m. Supper served in Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Worship

Worship Theme: Creation

Reflection: Pastor Julie

**March 8:** 5:30-700 p.m. Supper served in Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Worship

Worship Theme: Flood

Reflection: Danielle Hansen

**March 15:** 5:30-7:00 p.m. Naomi Circle will serve supper in Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Worship

Worship Theme: Deliverance and the Red Sea

Reflection: Steve Pauloski

**March 22:** 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Men’s Club Fish Fry!

7:00 p.m. Worship

Worship Theme: Salvation offered freely to all

Reflection: Mary Schultz

**March 29:** 5:30-7:00 p.m. Supper served in Fellowship Hall

Deliverance from the fiery furnace

Reflection: Daniel Wollman

**All Wednesday Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be 30 to 45 minutes in length. Come as you are! All are truly welcome!**

**Please note that we are seeking people to provide and serve Lenten meals! If you or your ministry team, Circle, or Committee would like to provide and serve a Wednesday meal, please contact Pastor Julie or Jamie! Thank you!**

Our services will provide a mid-week opportunity to learn, reflect, pray, and be restored in our life with Christ.

Please join us for worship and fellowship this Lenten Season!

In Christ,

Pastor Julie

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The CVLC Council met on November 15th at 6:00 p.m.

\*Treasurer’s Report: was presented by Becky Lusk. Report accepted.

\*Finance Report: Reading of the Proposed 2023 Budget: Phil Moilien presented the 2023 proposed budget to Council. The increase for the budget is 3% over previous year’s budget. Finance Committee recommended to keep the benevolence rate of giving to 7% of Sunday offerings into 2023. Finalized draft budget if pending insurance rates for 2023. 86% of budget supports payroll and Building & Grounds (maintenance & operating expenses).

\*Education: Sunday School Christmas program will be on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 10am.

\*Personnel: Council reviewed recommendations from the Personnel Comm. For compensation for church staff. Pr. Julie requested additional days off in lieu of a monetary increase. However, the Personnel Committee felt as a Congregation we would fall too far behind the Proposed Synod Guidelines, and presented a recommendation based on Cost of Living Adjustments as set by the Social Security Administration. Motion passed to approve compensation, days off, and unpaid leave for Pastor, Office Admin., Treasurer and Custodian as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Mike Lusk abstained from voting.

\*Worship: A motion was made in regard to COVID guidelines, we will continue singing in worship, the distribution of Holy Communion will go to masks only, there will no longer be restrictions with serving food. Motion carried.

\*New Business: Constitution Updates: Brian Rude & Julie Nelson have reviewed updates with the Council. Constitutional updates take two Congregational Meetings to approve. Updates need to be approved by 50% vote at the first meeting and approved at an Annual Meeting for the final vote with a two-thirds vote. Motion passed to move forward with presenting the updated Model Constitution to the Congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting. Brian Rude & Julie Nelson will be available to the Congregation on January 8th between services to review the updates and answer questions.

\*Annual Meeting & Potluck: The meeting will be held January 29th with a Potluck meal.

\*Next Council Meeting will be January 12th at 6:00pm.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:39pm followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

 Amanda Buros,

 Council Secretary



Pastor Julie will be on vacation Monday, February 13 through Monday, February 20. Pastor Meg Hoversten will be on-call for any pastoral emergencies. To contact Pastor Meg, please call Jamie at 608-317-0007.

Please note there will be one worship service Sunday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m., led by Pastor Meg. Thank you!

MEDICAL LEAVE

Jamie will be on medical leave beginning Thursday February 23rd. She will be on leave until Monday, March 20th. During this time, please contact Pastor Julie if you may need anything. Cindy Manske and/or Ellie Brye will be assisting in the office as needed during Jamie’s absence. After March 20th Jamie will return to the office as she is able but will be primarily working from home. Thank you for allowing her to recover in this time!

MARCH/APRIL CARILLON

We will be sending out one combined March/April Carillon at the end of February. Please note that the Carillon deadline for this issue will be on Monday, February 13. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS, PASTOR LUCY HARDIE!

Congratulations to Pastor Lucy Hardie who was Ordained on Saturday, January 14 at Coon Valley Lutheran Church! Pastor Lucy has been called to Bethany Lutheran Church in New Lisbon and East Lemonweir Lutheran Church in rural Elory! Thank you, Coon Valley Lutheran Church, for supporting Pastor Lucy, Ross, and Samuel throughout their Seminary journey and for hosting a most memorable Ordination Day! Thanks be to God!



THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBERS!

Thank you to our Council for their faithful leadership and service to our congregation. We give thanks for the ministry of Ray Williamson and Carl Holte whose terms have ended and for Janice Bender, Amanda Buros, Glen Hoff, Deb Holen, Mike Lusk, Ron Moilien and Steve Paulosk, who will continue to serve on Council. We give thanks for Glen Hoff for his faithful service as Council President. We will be electing two council members at our Annual meeting. Please thank our outgoing and newly elected council members, and our Treasurer Becky Lusk and Office Administrator Jamie Thomas for their ministry and service!

PASCHAL CANDLE

We are looking for someone to sponsor the 2023 paschal candle. The paschal candle burns during baptisms, funerals, Easter and other special services. Would you like to honor the memory of someone who has passed? If so, please contact Jamie or Pastor Julie a.s.a.p.!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS FOR 5th GRADERS!

A letter has been sent to all 5th Grade students and their parents regarding our February First Communion Class, “Fed and Forgiven!” This class is an exciting time of learning and preparation for our Students’ First Communion! If you have a Fifth Grade student in your household and have not received a letter, please contact Pastor Julie!

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Re-Discovering the "L" Word

What does it mean that I am “Lutheran?”

Sunday Mornings Beginning February 5th at 9:00 a.m. in the CVLC Library.

Are you ready for a new look at some old and traditional ideas?  What does it mean that I am Lutheran?  What is so important or unique about a Lutheran understanding of grace, justification, scripture, forgiveness, baptism, communion, resurrection, service, love for neighbor, or congregation?  What do you mean when you proclaim to yourself or others, "I don't know how I would have gotten through this without my faith?"  We will take a new look at some old ideas and see if we cannot come to a better understanding of our relationship to God, one other, and creation.  All are welcome.  You can bring your own bible, or one will be provided.  We will meet most Sundays between February 5 and April 30.  No class February 19 or April 9 (Easter).  Led by Daniel Wollman.

ASH WEDNESDAY LUMINARY ORDERS

Once again, our Confirmation Youth will be making Luminaries in memory of our loved ones, to shine on Ash Wednesday, February 22. You can order by using this form, signing up on the order forms at church, by contacting Jamie, or by ordering from our Confirmation Youth. All orders should be made and paid for by February 12. \*Make checks out to “CVLC YOUTH.” Luminaries are $5 per person. If you want two people named on one Luminary, the cost will be $10. List both names on the same line if you would like both names on one luminary.

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LUMINARY ORDER

FOR FROM $5

Return by Sunday, February 12 ☺

AFFIRMATION of BAPTISM to be HELD APRIL 30 at 10:30 a.m.!

On Sunday, April 30, our 8th Grade Students will affirm their Baptisms in the Rite of Confirmation. This service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Please join us in presence and prayer as we support and celebrate our Confirmands as they make affirmation of their Baptism. Our 8th Grade Confirmands are: Maddux Fencl, Malana Kinstler, Landon Lee,

Betsy Lieurance, Griffin Nelson, and Addison Proksch.



 “SOUPER BOWL” OF CARING ON FEBRUARY 12.

CVLC will again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. On SUPER BOWL SUNDAY a soup kettle will be placed in the narthex to receive donations. 100% of the money given will go directly to the ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL. We invite you to put a donation in the kettle on this Sunday. Cash and checks will be accepted (make checks payable to CVLC and write “world hunger” in the memo line) we will send all money to the Synod and they will forward it to the ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL. During these football festivities please remember **to give!**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN JANUARY! 54 units were donated! Thank you to Mike Lusk who organizes our Blood Drives, to Valley Market & Kwik Trip for their donations. Thanks to all who help with the Drives and to all who donate. You truly make a difference in people’s lives! Our next scheduled Blood Drive is on May 15.

WELCA NEWS

 Canceling our January meeting was not in our game plan but we decided to err on the side of caution because of all the snow – better safe than sorry. Thank you to Jamie for putting it on the church’s phone message that day. At our February 16th meeting we will decide on a cancellation policy for the future. We plan to see you at our Februrary meeting when we will celebrate Birthday Month.

DATE TO REMEMBER

Thurs., Feb. 16 – 10am – WELCA – Birthday Month – General Board. Servers: Suzanne Dickman, Sandy Onshus. Paying Hostesses:

Heidi Larson, Kristine Amundson, Melissa Cottrell, Casey Vale, Rachel Cornell.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun., Mar. 5 – 8am-Noon – Pancake Breakfast

Thurs., Mar. 16 – 10am – WELCA. Ruth Circle presents program. Server: Judy Koula. Paying Hostesses: Corrine Appleman, Maria Hellwig, Jill Hengel, Stephanie Lee, Mary Jo Griffin.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

Feb. 5 Corky Amundson, Jan Ihle

 12 Kari Buros, Cheryl Morey

 19 Jan Verse, Margaret Lee

 26 Sunday School Youth

LENTEN SUPPERS

Mar. 1 TBA

 8 TBA

 15 Naomi Circle

 22 Mens Club

 29 TBA

Hats off to the Serving Committee for serving the lunch at Lucy Hardie’s ordination. We received many compliments on the lunch and the hospitality. Thank You!

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President

A LENTEN GIFT ENVELOPE will be provided in the Newsletter. We invite you to give a special Lenten Offering which will go to our own local food pantry and store, the **Bethel Butikk.** You may place your envelope in the offering box in the Narthex or mail to the church. If you receive your newsletter via email, you may simply bring or mail a check to the church. Please make out your check to CVLC with Bethel Butikk in the memo line.



MEN’S CLUB FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

On Wednesday March 22nd from 4:00-6:30pm the Men’s Club will be holding a fish fry! The menu includes: 2 pieces of cod, baked potato and cole slaw. Tickets will be presale only, they will not accept walk ins. To purchase a ticket, contact the office. The cost of a ticket is $12.00. All proceeds will support Coon Valley Lutheran Church!

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP NEWS

Registration is now OPEN for 2023 Summer Camp! Please visit the Sugar Creek Bible Camp website: [www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org) or talk with Pastor Julie for more information about summer camp opportunities. We do not wish for any child to be prevented from going to camp because of cost. Please talk with Pastor Julie for confidential scholarship information.

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

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| **2022** | **December** |  | **2022 YTD** |
| **Total Offerings** | $23,641.70 |   | $192,327.20 |
| **Expenses** | $18,323.06 |   | $207,330.79 |
| **Balance/Shortfall** | **$5,318.64** |  | **-15,003.59** |
| **Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer** | $0  |  | $0  |
| **Building Fund Transfer** | $0 |  | $29,819.00 |
| **Memorial Fund****Transfer** | $0 |  | $1,381.61 |

**12/27 – 4p:** 107

**12/25 – 9a:** 54; **Offering:** $7,091.29

**1/1 – 9a:** 41; **Offering:** $2,940.85

**1/8 – 8a:** 50; **10:30:** 60 = 110

**Offering:** $3,397.36

**1/15 – 8a:** 52; **10:30:** 28= 80

**Offering:** $4,130.00

**1/22 – 8a:** 56; **10:30:** 24 = 80

**Offering:** $2,679.12

**\*\***Approximately **$4,280.00 a week** is needed to meet operating expenses.

**General Fund Balance:** 12/31/22: $27,978.27

**Memorial Fund Balance:**12/31/22: $47,513.92

**Building Fund Balance:** 12/31/22: $29,326.65

**CD Interest Balance:** 12/31/22: $19,636.29

**Shepherd Fund Balance:** 12/31/22: $1,312.01

**Sunday School Attendance:**

1/8-18; 1/15-12; 1/22-10

FUNERALS

Eleanor Bagstad

MEMORIALS

**Dennis Holen**

Memorial Fund: $20.00

**Sue Frydenlund**

Memorial Fund:$20.00

 Quilting: $20.00

 Building Fund: $820.00

**Eleanor Bagstad**

Building Fund: $125.00

**Ray Holen**

Memorial Fund: $300.00

ONLINE GIVING

 There are several ways you may get your offerings to the church. You may simply mail it to the church office, P.O. Box 280. Or use one of our eGiving options. 1) You may go to our website and click the Donate button at the top. 2) Give through the mobile app Vanco Mobile. Please let Jamie know if you need assistance in any way with these options. Thank you for your support!

**YEAR-TO-DATE BALANCE**

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group continues to pray for the church, the congregation and our extended family and friends.

**† *Our church staff***

**† *Our members*:** Corrine Appleman, Beverly Bagstad, Clifford Bakkum, Brian Berg, Jeanne Ebli, Kira Foster, Betty Gilbertson, Lucy Hardie, Bonnie Holey, Becky Ihle, Donna Ihle, Verlin Ihle, Todd King, Jim Knutson, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Larry Lichtie, Gerri Leum, Cindy Manske, Aaron Marx, Frank Mathison, Judy Mathison, Bud Miyamoto, Monte Nelson, Romaine Nelson, Sandy Nelson, Eunice Quast, Jojo Satona, Mary Schultz, Billie Slater, LaVonne Stendahl, Joyce Temp, Teri Tomten.

**† *Our members who are currently in health care facilities & Assisted Living*:** Tip Bagstad, Inez Beck, Rachel Berg, Evelyn Dahlen, Joanne Fletcher, Erma Graupe, Lenore Henley, Sylvester King Jr., Bob Moilien, Irene Nestingen, Cathy Ofte, Tim Ofte, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Beatrice Olson (Leonard), Arlene Townsend, Betty Sanders, Nancy Stuempges.

**† *Those who grieve:*** Family and friends of Sue Frydenlund, Eleanor Bagstad, Paul Kogut, George Navrestad, Lou Ann Engh

**† *Family and friends of members***

**† *Local Military:***Austin Holen

**† *All those affected by the COVID-19 virus***

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5**

 **SUNDAY** Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] *The fast God chooses*

Psalm 112:1-9 [10] *Light shines in the darkness*

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16] *God’s wisdom revealed through the Spirit*

Matthew 5:13-20 *The teaching of Christ: salt and light*

 **MONDAY** 2 Kings 22:3-20 *Huldah urges Josiah to keep the law*

 **TUESDAY** 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25 *King Josiah keeps the law*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 8:12-30 *You are the light of the world*

 **THURSDAY** Proverbs 6:6-23 *The law is a lamp*

 **FRIDAY** 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 *Christ, the light*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 119:105-112 *The law is light*

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12**

 **SUNDAY** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *Choose life*

 *or* Sirach 15:15-20 *Choose between life and death*

Psalm 119:1-8 *Happy are they who walk in the law*

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 *God gives the growth*

Matthew 5:21-37 *The teaching of Christ: forgiveness*

 **MONDAY** Exodus 20:1-21 *The Ten Commandments*

 **TUESDAY** Deuteronomy 23:2124:4, 10-15 *Israelite communal laws*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 19:1-12 *Jesus teaches about divorce*

 **THURSDAY** Proverbs 2:1-15 *The way of wisdom*

 **FRIDAY** James 2:1-13 *The law, judgment, and mercy*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 119:9-16 *I delight in the law*

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19**

 **SUNDAY** Exodus 24:12-18 *Moses enters the cloud of God’s glory*

**TRANSFIGUATION**Psalm 2 *The one begotten of God*

2 Peter 1:16-21 *Shining with the glory of God*

Matthew 17:1-9 *Christ revealed as God’s beloved son*

 **MONDAY** Exodus 33:7-23 *Moses sees God*

 **TUESDAY** 1 Kings 19:1-3, 9-18 *Elijah hears God*

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *Return to God*

Or Isaiah 58:1-12 *The fast that God chooses*

Psalm 51:1-17 *Plea for mercy*

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 *Now is the day of salvation*

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 *The practice of faith*

**THURSDAY** Jonah 3:1-10 *Nineveh repents*

**FRIDAY** Jonah 4:1-11 *Jonah is reproved*

**SATURDAY** Isaiah 58:1-12 *God calls for our repentance*

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26**

 **SUNDAY** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 *Eating of the tree of knowledge*

Psalm 32 *Mercy embraces us*

 Romans 5:12-19 *Death came, life comes*

Matthew 4:1-11 *The temptation of Jesus*

 **MONDAY** Genesis 4:1-16 *God protects Cain, the murderer*

 **TUESDAY** Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28 *God’s revelation of mercy*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 18:6-14 *Temptation and forgiveness*

 **THURSDAY** 1 Kings 19:1-8 *An angel feeds Elijah in the wilderness*

 **FRIDAY** Hebrews 4:14—5:14 *Christ was tempted*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 38 *Confessing our sin*

**Moving? New contact information? Please update the church office.**

**Thank you!**

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P.O. Box 280

Thank you!

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 **THE CARILLON**

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Church Council President: Glen Hoff

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 **Worship Schedule**

**8:00am & 10:30am (5th, 12th, 26th); 10:00am (19th)**

**Sunday School**

**9:00am**