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**The Time Between Pastors**

**A Special Time for Congregations**

**A Time to Turn to God and Grow Spiritually**

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”

 Psalm 127:1

We are all—even the interim pastor—hoping and praying that the new permanent pastor arrives soon at CVLC. However, in the mean time, the “interim period,” there are important things for us to do.

**Rejoice!**

The first important task for congregations as they wait for the Lord to bring the next pastor is to **rejoice** We look at the past and **rejoice** in the faithful care of our Heavenly Father through out the decades. CVLC has been around a long time. Wonderful, faithful pastors have served year after year. Members, blessed by the Holy Spirit, have worshipped together and cared for one another Sunday after Sunday. As you give thanks to God in prayer, remember Pastor Julie and Pastor Mitzi before her. Remember all those who have taught Sunday school or played instruments. Remember those who have cared for the building and served on the council. **Rejoice** in CVLC’s past and the Presence of God with us now as we look to the future. Also, **rejoice** in the people who are present now who share their gifts and lead the congregation. Remember Jesus’s words “And Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the age.”

**Reflect!**

 Another task of this interim period is to **reflect**. To help the pastor candidates understand this congregation we must reflect on how God uses us. God has a put us in this

place and given us certain gifts…Why? How do we use our resources to glorify Christ in this place? What are the most important things we do through CVLC?

 It is hard to do this type of **reflection**. Usually these questions are not on our minds. But, for pastors who may come to serve, these are very important questions. They are already **reflecting** on the gifts God has given them and the place God wants them to use their gifts. It takes time to do this, but it pays off in the long run. The ministry of the incoming pastor and the leaders of the congregation come into focus as we do this **reflection**.

**Renew!**

 The third task for congregations during an interim period is to **renew.** First and foremost let us **renew** our commitment to Jesus Christ. He alone is head of the church. He is the one we worship. He is the one we serve. In the Gospel of John, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit. As we await the coming to the next Pastor, let us **renew** our hearts with the fruit of the Holy Spirit; “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control (Gal. 5:22).” As we dwell in the power of the Holy Spirit, we relate to one another with love and joy and we begin to see Christ’s direction for the congregation.

 As we **rejoice, reflect** and **renew** our commitment to Christ, the way (as our Quaker brothers and sisters say) will become clear. We will know the ministry God is calling us to in this time and place. Our Call Committee will know the pastor God’s wants us to call.

![MCj03226430000[1]]()AUGUST CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

**\*Ministry Minutes:** Pastor Dione-Assistant to the Bishop presented on the interim time and the standard transitional and call process. Our Constitution requires a congregational meeting to elect the call committee. Pastor Dione provided guidance for interviewing an Interim Pastor. Interim Pastors are appointed by the Bishop and the Council approve the appointment after an initial meeting/interview. A draft Interim covenant & contract will be edited and finalized. An Interim candidate was presented, the Council will reach out to determine next steps.

**\*Education:** VBS went well. 4 kids from CVLC, 12 from Middle and 6 from neighboring churches attended.

**\*Men’s Club:** Discussion has started regarding the Meatball Dinner to be held in October.

**\*Property & Grounds:** WELCA cleaning day. Committee to look into a light for the flagpole. Church sign needs the times updated. Bat house needs to be installed. Maintenance was done on the wheel/bearings on the lawn mower.

**\*Social Ministry:** The Corn Roast served 200-225 people. The expense stayed underbudget. Jan is looking to purchase additional steak knives for next year. Will put up additional signage for next year. Next Blood Drive is September 11th.

**\*Stewardship:** No new updates. Discussion was held on process for recognizing committees and volunteers for their offering of time/services to assist with the running and maintaining of the church and its on-going operations.

**\*The next meeting** will be September 14th at 6:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Buros

BLOOD DRIVE

Our blood drive on September 11th collected 59 units of blood for the American Red Cross! 59 units tied the daily record for a non covid year! 169 units of blood was collected for the entire year! A huge thank you to the volunteers that helped. Our next blood drive is scheduled for **Monday, January 15 2024 from 1-6pm.** Visit [redcrossblood.org](https://d.docs.live.net/a077a1d88e72bfe6/Documents/Newsletter/redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment or call Mike Lusk to set up an appointment or to volunteer to help with the drive.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a list of the many funds you may wish to give to.

**GENERAL FUND**- Church operating expenses.

**BUILDING FUND** -Building and grounds projects, currently includes the Parking Lot Fund and Boiler Replacement.

**MEMORIAL FUND**-Used for the life and ministry of the church as determined by Council.

**SHEPHERD FUND**-Funds for church & community members in need.

**CEMETERY**-Maintenance of the grounds.

**WELCA**-Woman of the ELCA includes Quilting and Kitchen funds.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**-Teaching materials, VBS

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**-Supplies for the making of prayer shawls and prayer squares.

**YOUTH FUND**-Funds to pay for Mission Trips

**ENDOWMENT**-Only interest income may be used for community outreach, missions of ELCA, Capital Improvements.

**RUDIE BIBLE FUND**-Supply Bibles to youth.



KEY POLICY

If your circle or committee would like to meet at the church outside of the church office hours, please contact Jamie to obtain a key. We will not leave doors unlocked for after-hours meetings. Thank you!

**7th and 8th Graders and Parents.**

Jesus Christ is Lord of Heaven and Earth!!

Jesus calls all people to be his disciples and find Strength and Peace through his Spirit.

**Come and learn about Christ’s call to you**

**and church membership through…**

**Confirmation 2023/2024**

You are cordially invited to

The 2023/24 Confirmation Orientation Meeting

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**9:00 am**

In the CVLC Library.

MEN’S CLUB ANNUAL DINE IN OR DRIVE THRU MEATBALL DINNER

The Men’s Group of CVLC is hosting a Meatball Dinner on Sunday, October 15th. Serving will begin at 11am and continue until gone. The menu consists of meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw and lefse. Cost is $12 per meal. The men will be preparing and serving the dinner. All proceeds will go to our church! Please dine in or pickup and enjoy a meal made by the Men of CVLC!

JOIN US FOR A REFORMATION SERVICE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 9:00 A.M.!

On October 29 at 9:00 a.m. we will have one worship service. Our organist, Mary Schultz, has written the order for worship which celebrates the life, teachings and legacy of the Protestant Reformer, Martin Luther! Our Sunday School children will sing and our Third-Grade students will receive their Bible at this service, as well! We hope you can join us!

ALL SAINTS’ DAY WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 5

All Saints’ Sunday is a day in the life of the community of faith in which we honor and commemorate the faithful departed. At the 8:00 & 10:00am services on November 5 the names of those in our Parish who have died since the last All Saints’ Day will be listed in the bulletin. We will also ring our church bell in memory of the departed. We hope you can join us for this special service of remembrance and hope.

****3rd GRADERS TO RECIEVE BIBLES OCTOBER 29!

On Sunday, October 29, the Third-Grade students of our Congregation will receive a Bible from the hands of their parent(s) during the Reformation Worship Service which will be held at 9:00 a.m. At their child’s Baptism, parents promised to “place in their hands the Holy Scriptures.” Coon Valley Lutheran Church, through a Memorial Fund in memory of Ronnie Rudie, is pleased to again provide a Bible for our Third Graders.

If you have a student in Third Grade and have not received information about October 29 from Pastor Jim, please call the Parish Office today at 452-3772. Thank you!

THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE REQUESTS ALL SUMMER DISPLAYS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CEMETERY. THANK YOU!

CHASEBURG SOLE BURNER

The 2023 Chaseburg Sole Buner was on Saturday, September 23rd. CVLC’s team the Coon Valley Lutheran Holy Strollers participated again this year. Stay tuned for an update on how much our team raised for the American Cancer Society. Thank you to those that walked and donated toward this great cause!

PARTICIPATE IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES FROM HOME

**Facebook:** Services are live streamed, recorded and available Sunday mornings on the CVLC Facebook page.

**YouTube:** Subscribe to our page!

**Our Website:** [www.coonvalleylutheranchurch.org](http://www.coonvalleylutheranchurch.org)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers who are able to help livestream our worship service on Sunday mornings. You do not need any special skills to volunteer. We just need someone to point the camera in the right direction 😊 You will be trained how to use the new camera system (it is very easy.) If you are able, please contact Jamie.

ONLINE GIVING

 There are several ways you may get your offerings to the church. You may 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. Thank you for your support!

KWIK TRIP GIFT CARDS SUPPORT CVLC YOUTH

Purchase Kwik Trip cards! We are able to purchase these cards for a discount. Purchase them as gifts, to tell someone thank you or purchase to use for your own needs including gas, milk, bread and much more. Email Jamie to sign up jamiel@mwt.net. Or sign up on the order form in the church entrance or near the church office. Help us support our CVLC Youth mission trips!

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTALLATION

We installed our Sunday School Staff on Sunday Sept. 10th. Present for the installation were (L-R) David Schultz, Gwen Bahr, Mike Lusk and Maggie Traastad. Not present were our additional staff Kari Coaty and Amy Stakston-Wiedemann. Thank you to our Sunday School Staff for all that you do! In addition, we are looking for **additional Sunday School Teachers.** If you are able to volunteer and hour on Sundays, please contact the church office.



WELCA NEWS

After enjoying coffee served by Rachel Strangstalien, (Paying Hostesses: Cindy Gartner, Tina Schweitzer, Marilyn Lee, Hanna Lobeck) we moved on to the business of the day. The La Crosse Area Synod Fall Renewal will be held at Westby Coon Prairie Church on Sat., Oct. 21. Registration is $15 and due by Oct. 1. The speaker for this event will be Chaplain Ann Wales from the La Crosse Jail Ministry. If you are interested, please let me know.

Cookie Wednesday is back on Campus Ministry in La Crosse at UW-L with Interim Pastor Paul Drees. Our WELCA unit participated a few years ago and have the opportunity to do so again. Each week 42 dozen cookies are needed. The remainder of this year is pretty much filled up but we are contemplating next year. This is VERY popular on campus and students look forward to eating homemade cookies.

 Judy Koula presented a short program honoring our Quilters, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Prayer Chain – three very important ministries. Each group is always looking for new volunteers. The quilts, shawls, prayer squares and prayers not only warm the recipients but will warm your heart as well. Thank you Judy for the special program.

 After the program, we gathered around the tables and put together the school kits donated by WELCA members and our congregation. Heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who donated school supplies or gave a monetary donation. We are so fortunate to have so many caring and generous members.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Fri., Oct. 13, 8:30am – pack LWR kits.

Sat., Oct. 14, 7-11am, Good Shepherd Church in La Crosse – Deliver LWR kits.

Thurs., Oct. 19, 10am, WELCA – North Ridge Circle presents program: Mary Beth Smith from “Leather ‘N Lace.” Hostess: Deb Holen.

Paying Hostesses: Natasha Olerud, Marcine Nelson, Cathy Foster, Kathy Nelson.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Thurs., Nov. 16, 10am, WELCA – General Board presents Thank Offering program. Server: Cindy Swartz. Paying Hostesses: Jaimie Christianson, Kay Bjornstad, Judy Stakston, Janine Morey, Becky Lusk.

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS**

Oct. 1 Mary Bakkum, Kim Cade

Oct. 8 Carolyn Anderson, Ellie Brye

Oct. 15 Ainsley Lichtie, Tammy Haakenson

Oct. 22 Karen Bergum, Rachel Cornell

Oct. 29 9th Grade Youth

Nov. 5 Luann Hoff, Patricia Meurer

Nov. 12 Susan Strangstalien, Pam Olson

Nov. 19 Joan Weimar, Maggie Thompson

Nov. 26 No Coffee, Thanksgiving

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President



**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

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| **2023** | **August** |  | **2023 YTD** |
| **Total Offerings** | $13,077.13 |   | $119,931.07 |
| **Expenses** | $16,803.68 |   | $138,053.97 |
| **Balance/Shortfall** | **-$3,726.55** |  | **-$18,122.9** |
| **Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer** | $0  |  | $0  |
| **Building Fund Transfer** | $0 |  | $1,000 |
| **Memorial Fund****Transfer** | $0 |  | $0 |

**9/3 – 9a:** 78; **Offering:** $2,625.71

**9/10 – 8a:** 45; **10a:** 42 = 87

**Offering:** $3,205.55

**9/17 – 8a:** 49; **10a:** 44 = 93

**Offering:** $4,042.89

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

**General Fund Balance:** 8/31/23: $12,778.83

**Memorial Fund Balance:**8/31/23: $52,268.51

**Building Fund Balance:** 8/31/23: $32,381.14

**CD Interest Balance:** 8/31/23: $20,111.45

**Shepherd Fund Balance:** 8/31/23: $1,019.59

FUNERALS

9/12- Jerome Fink

MEMORIALS

**Molly Olson**

Memorial Fund $20.00

 Shepherd Fund: $20.00

 Cemetery: $100.00

**Carliss Larson**

Memorial Fund: $145.00

 Endowment Fund: $45.00

Building Fund: $45.00

Parking Lot Fund: $20.00

Men’s Club: $10.00



**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, Richard Brose, Herby Cornell, Jeanne Ebli, Kira Foster, Phyllis Galstad, Jeri Harbaugh, Bonnie Holey, Becky Ihle, Donna Ihle, Verlin Ihle, Alan Jacobson, Todd King, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Larry Lichtie, Aaron Marx, Frank Mathison, Bud Miyamoto, Marianne Mhyre, LuEtta Nelson, Monte Nelson, Romaine Nelson, Sandy Nelson, Cathy Ofte, 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, Carl Holte, Sylvester King Jr., Jim Knutson, Bob Moilien, Irene Nestingen, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Betty Sanders.

**† *Those who grieve:*** Family and friends of Cindy Manske

**† *Family and friends of members***

**† *Local Military***

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 1**

 **SUNDAY** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 *The fairness of God’s way*

 Psalm 25:1-9 *God’s compassion and love*

 *Or* Exodus 17:1-7 *Water from the rock*

 Philippians 2:1-13 *Christ humbles to the pint of death*

Matthew 21:23-32 *A parable of doing God’s will*

**MONDAY**Judges 16:1-22 *Samson asked about his strength*

 **TUESDAY** Judges 16:23-31 *Samson prays to do God’s will*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 9:2-8 *Jesus’ authority*

**THURSDAY** Joshua 4:1-10, 19-24 *Joshua leads the people God’s way*

**FRIDAY** Philippians 1:3-30 *Proclaiming Christ*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 28 *Prayer to do God’s will*

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 8**

 **SUNDAY** Isaiah 5:1-7 *The song of the vineyard*

Psalm 80:7-15 *Look down from heaven, O God*

 *or* Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 *The commandments given at Sinai*

Psalm 19 *The law is just and rejoices the heart*

Philippians 3:4b-14 *Nothing surpasses knowing Christ*

Matthew 21:33-46 *The parable of the vineyard owner’s son*

 **MONDAY** Ezekiel 19:10-14 *A lament for Israel the vine*

 **TUESDAY** Isaiah 27:1-6 *God will save Israel the vine*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 7:40-52 *Some accept, others reject Christ*

 **THURSDAY** Song of Solomon 8:5-14 *A love song for the vineyard*

 **FRIDAY** 1 Peter 2:4-10 *Christ, the cornerstone*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 144 *Prayer for blessing*

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 15**

 **SUNDAY** Isaiah 25:1-9 *The feast of victory*

Psalm 23 *You spread a table before me*

 *or* Exodus 32:1-14 *The Israelites forge a golden calf*

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 *God’s favor for the people*

Philippians 4:1-9 *Rejoice in the Lord always*

Matthew 22:1-14 *The parable of the unwelcome guest*

 **MONDAY** Exodus 19:7-20 *God meets Moses on the mountain*

 **TUESDAY** Amos 9:5-15 *God will restore Israel on the mountain*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 6:25-35 *God will feed the believer*

 **THURSDAY** Song of Solomon 7:10—8:4 *Love like rich fruit*

 **FRIDAY** Philippians 3:13—4:1 *Hold fast to Christ*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 34 *Taste and see*

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 22**

 **SUNDAY** Isaiah 45:1-7 *An earthly ruler works God’s will*

 Psalm 96:1-9[10-13] *Ascribe to the LORD honor and power*

 *or* Exodus 33:12-23 *The glory of God revealed to Moses*

Psalm 99 *Proclaiming the greatness of God*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica*

Matthew 22:15-22 *A teaching about the emperor and God*

 **MONDAY** Daniel 3:1-30 *Three men disobey King Nebuchadnezzar*

 **TUESDAY** Daniel 6:1-28 *Daniel disobeys King Darius*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 17:22-27 *Jesus pays the temple tax*

 **THURSDAY** Deuteronomy 17:14-20 *The limitations on royal authority*

 **FRIDAY** Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20 *The fall of Babylon*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 98 *God reigns*

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 29**

**REFORMATION** Jeremiah 31:31-34 *I will write my law in their hearts*

 **SUNDAY** Psalm 46 *The God of Jacob is our stronghold*

Romans 3:19-28 *Justified by God’s grace as a gift*

John 8:31-36 *The truth will set you free*

**MONDAY**Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25 *The great commandment*

 **TUESDAY** Deuteronomy 10:10-22 *Moses urges the people to obey*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 19:16-22 *Keeping the commandments*

**THURSDAY** Proverbs 16:1-20 *It is good to obey*

**FRIDAY** James 2:8-26 *Faith without works is dead*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 119:41-48 *I will keep God’s law*

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

**Thank you!**

Please use our correct mailing address when sending us mail.

P.O. Box 280

Thank you!

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 **THE CARILLON**

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Church Council President: Glen Hoff

Vice President: Steve Pauloski; Secretary: Amanda Buros

Paul Bahr, Janice Bender, Debbie Holen, Mark Hutson, Mike Lusk, Ron Moilien

  **Worship Schedule**

**8:00 & 10:00 a.m. (see the calendar for change in service times)**

**Sunday School**

**9:00 a.m.**

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| October 2023  |
| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
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| **1** **8 & 10:00a-**Worship with Holy Communion **9:00a-**Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship | **2** **9:00a-**Naomi Circle | **3****10:00a-**Ruth Circle | **4****5:00p-**Worship Committee | **5****6:00p-**Rebecca Circle | **6****3:00p-**Moilien/Gunderson Wedding | **7**  |
| **8 8 & 10:00a-**Worship with Holy Communion**9:00a-**Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship; Confirmation Orientation | **9** | **10** | **11** **9:00a-**Quilting | **12** **6:00p-**Church Council | **13** | **14****7:00-11:00a­-**LWR Boxcar |
| **15 8 & 10:00a-**Worship **9:00a-**Confirmation; Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship**11:00a-**Finance Committee**11:00a-**Men’s Club Meatball Dinner**Fall Theological Conf.** | **16****Carillon Deadline****Fall Theological** | **17** **Fall Theological**  | **18****Fall Theological** | **19****10:00a­-**WELCA | **20** | **21** **Reminder:** Remove summer display’s from theCemetery |
| **22** **8 & 10:00a-**Worship with Pr. Barbara Bruneau**9:00a-**Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship; Confirmation | **23** | **24** |  **25****9:00a-**Quilting | **26**  |  **27**   | **28** |
| **29 Reformation Day****9:00a-**Worship; 3rd Gr. Bible Presentation; Sunday School sings**10:00a-**Coffee Fellowship | **30** | **31** |    | **Office Hours****Tues., Wed., Thurs.-9:00a-4:00p** |  | See the source image |