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 ***“What are human beings that you are mindful of them?” Psalm 8:4***

 We interim pastors look at our time with a congregation as a time to rejoice, reflect and renew. The council and the call committee seek the next pastor. As a congregation, we seek a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, our Savior, who brings us God’s peace and love.

 Reflecting on church activity is an important task for the time between pastors. However, during an interim period, we do this in an unusual way.

 First, we look at programs and church activity in terms of leaders’ stress. The usual way to judge the success of a church program is in terms of attendance or profit. For any worship service, youth event or congregational gathering, the first question is always, “how many came?” If attendance is high, we say the activity was a success. If attendance is low, we consider the activity a failure. If we deem the program a failure, we try to decide when we should reschedule the activity so more people will show up. Attendance at an event is the most common signal we use for success.

 The other sign of success for many church events is profitability. Did the dinner raise enough money to make it worthwhile? Which type of fundraiser nets us the most profit?

 Interim pastors call for an entirely different way of looking at “success” in church activity. Our view of success is in terms of leadership. Were there enough volunteer leaders to cover the needs of the event? Did the activity energize the leaders? Was the activity an expression of the leaders’ faith? Did the activity draw the leaders closer to God? These are the questions interim pastors focus on when considering “success.”

 We focus on questions of volunteer leadership for a specific reason. The reality is church members often expect an incoming pastor to, by his or herself, rejuvenate programs that have not been working. But the reason the programs have not been working is lack of volunteer leaders. This, the pastor cannot control. If there are no volunteer leaders for an activity, the incoming pastor (who does not know this) will work unreasonably hard without success. Soon, he or she will become tired, disappointed and frustrated. Church members will become frustrated as well, because they were expecting the pastor to be able to make the program a success. At this point, everyone becomes discouraged.

 So here is the unusual question for each member of CVLC as we await the next pastor: ***What should we stop?*** What church activity does not have the commitment by leaders to continue? There is no shame in admitting this and discussing it. No shame in realizing that a program had a great run but is not viable anymore. Stopping things is actually an important part in understanding the reality of the current situation for the church.

 But here’s the most important thing: ***if we stop the things that do not work, we open up opportunity for new things that will work!*** The incoming pastor will have many gifts and a call from God to use those gifts in the specific environment of Coon Valley Lutheran Church. He or she will build wonderful relationships with volunteer leaders and together they will make the mission of this congregation an effective, relevant ministry for Jesus Christ.

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

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

**\*Ministry Minutes:** Pastor Jim went through the Ministry Site Profile.

**\*Education:** Sunday School began. More teachers are needed.

**\*Men’s Club:** Meatball Dinner to be held in October.

**\*Property & Grounds:** The light for the flag in now working.

**\*High School Youth:** Motion passed to pay $1,000 for any youth going to the National Youth Gathering in 2024 from the Youth Mission Account.

**\*Worship:** Council welcomed Pastor Jim, discussed the role of the committee and made fall worship plans.

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

The meeting adjourned followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Bender



Thank you to the Quilters, Prayer Shawl group for the prayer shawl and prayer square and thank you to the Naomi Circle and everyone for your prayers, cards and support after my recent surgery.

Ellen Runice

MEN’S CLUB ANNUAL MEATBALL DINNER

Thank you to the Men’s Club for your work hosting the Meatball Dinner! The dinner sold over 150 meals! Thank you to our sponsors Thrivent Financial, Stockyard and Kwik Trip.

CHASEBURG SOLE BURNER

Thank you to the Coon Valley Holy Strollers for raising about $1,500 for the American Cancer Society during the Chaseburg Sole Burner on September 23rd.

DON’T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR ON SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 4TH!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & PIE FEST

On Wednesday, November 22nd we will have our Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 7:00pm. After worship we will enjoy pie in the dining room! A sign-up sheet will be posted in the church and outside the office for those that wish to donate pies for this event! We hope to see you at the worship service and Pie Fest! Remember, the more pies, the bigger the slice. 😊

KWIK TRIP GIFT CARDS SUPPORT CVLC YOUTH

The Holidays are fast approaching! 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!

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 bell in memory of the departed. We hope you can join us for this special service of remembrance and hope.

**Glenn Marshall**

April 6, 1931-November 7, 2022

**Susanna Frydenlund**

November 18, 1939-December 13, 2022

**Eleanor Bagstad**

December 10, 1933-December 20, 2022

**Ellen Elmer**

February 21, 1948-February 3, 2023

**Beatrice Olson**

November 12, 1940-February 23, 2023

**Tilmer “Tim” Ofte**

April 25, 1927- March 19, 2023

**Arlene “Bun” Townsend**

April 22, 1937-March 29, 2023

**Nancy Stuempges**

December 29, 1932-April 6, 2023

**Geraldine “Geri” Leum**

July 16, 1943-April 13, 2023

**Robert Pederson**

December 6, 1937-June 23, 2023

**Molly Olson**

May 9, 1975-May 16, 2023

**Carliss Larson**

March 25, 1937-July 16, 2023

**Patricia Stuempges**

February 5, 1959-August 7, 2023

**Donald Dunnum**

November 9, 1943-August 8, 2023

**Jerome Fink**

March 19, 1928-August 23, 2023

**Cynthia “Cindy” Manske**

August 30, 1956-September 22, 2023

**Sylvester King, Jr.**

October 18, 1933-October 13, 2023

CVLC GIVING TREE

This year, through our Social Ministry Committee, we will once again participate in the “Giving Tree” project. This project provides gifts to low-income families. If you wish to participate, please take a tag from the Giving Tree that will be located inside the church and bring back a wrapped gift with the tag attached. We are also accepting monetary donations if you do not wish to shop. Please mail donations, put them in the offering plate or bring to the office. Gifts and monetary donations will need to be at the church by mid-December. The tree will be on display in our Narthex on Thanksgiving Eve. Stay tuned for the date at which gifts need to be returned. Thank you for your generosity!

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)

**WELCA NEWS**

 Our Thursday, October 19 meeting opened with coffee served by Deb Holen. Thank you, Deb, and paying hostesses for the day: Natasha Olerud, Marcine Nelson, Cathy Foster, Kathy Nelson.

 Jean Gronvold introduced Mary Beth Smith from “Leather and Lace” and she gave us a history of the accordion and told us about her musical family, the Brueggens’ and all of the bands they have formed. She has been playing the accordion since the age of 10 and shows no sign of slowing down. We all enjoyed the songs she played for us, old familiar tunes. Her and her siblings have shared their talents with our congregation as

“The Polka Massters.” Jean closed with a devotion and a reading by Cindy Swartz. Thank you, North Ridge Circle for the entertaining program.

 A big thank you to Deb Holen, Jean Gronvold and Marc Moilien for packing LWR kits and to Deb for taking them to La Crosse. Thanks also to all who made it possible for us to donate

86 School Kits, 16 Personal Care Kits and three Fabric Kits. The Prayer Shawl Ministry made five prayer shawls and 58 prayer squares. In addition, the Quilters made 46 quilts.

 Our Chili and Chicken Soup Supper was a big success thanks to our Serving Committee. From the outdoor Fall display to the delicious desserts, the committee out did themselves. Our raffle was a big success, as well, and thank you to everyone who donated the great prizes. Winners were:

Nancy King Quilt

Jamie Thomas Afghan

Christi Paulson $75 Gift Card to Hansen’s IGA

Karen McGarvey Bath Basket

Romaine Nelson Kwik Trip Car Washes

Susan Strangstalien Valley Fudge Sample Box

Mia Rudie Doily

Romaine Nelson Doily

Paulene Aspenson Rosemaled Dust Pan

Jan Bender Rosemaled Snow Flake

 Ornaments

Joyce Temp Rosemaled Ornaments

Margie Bendel Rosemaled Sleigh

Deanna Wichman Rosemaled Trinket Box

Susan Strangstalien Rosemaled Jewelry Box

Larry Strangstalien Neck Pillow

 On Saturday, October 21, I attended the

La Crosse Area Synod WELCA Fall Renewal at Westby Coon Prairie along with 34 other women from our Synod. We listened to powerful speakers telling their stories about suicide prevention and taking care of God’s Creation. We also met the new Pastor from Lutheran Campus Ministry. It is always good to catch up with other WELCA units and hear about their meetings and events.

**DATES TO REMEMBEER**

Thurs., Nov. 16, 10 am, WELCA – Thank Offering Program by the General Board. Hostess: Cindy Swartz. Paying Hostesses: Jaimie Christianson, Kay Bjornstad, Judy Stakston, Janine Morey,

Becky Lusk.

Wed., Nov. 22, 7 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fest.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sun., Dec. 3, 9 am-Noon – Cookie Walk

Thurs., Dec. 14, 10 am – Christmas Brunch

**(2nd Thursday of the month)**

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President

**R E M I N D E R**

WELCA Yearbook to be printed in December. Information needed asap – correct spelling of your name and current phone number – Circle

members – committee members – events and event dates – WELCA servers – Sunday Morning Coffee servers – who presents monthly programs, etc. Please call me with any information that you have. Thank You!!!!!

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

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| **2023** | **September** |  | **2023 YTD** |
| **Total Offerings** | $10,292.96 |   | $130,223.97 |
| **Expenses** | $13,338.02 |   | $151,391.99 |
| **Balance/Shortfall** | **-$3,045.06** |  | **-$21,168.0** |
| **Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer** | $0  |  | $0  |
| **Building Fund Transfer** | $0 |  | $1,000 |
| **Memorial Fund****Transfer** | $0 |  | $0 |

**9/24 – 8a:** 43; **10a:** 29 = 72

**Offering:** $3,294.07

**10/1 – 8a:** 52; **10a:** 42 = 94

**Offering:** $2,659.84

**10/8 – 8a:** 39; **10a:** 27 = 66

**Offering:** $2,421.41

**10/15 – 8a:** 34; **10a:** 69 = 103

**Offering:** $3,020.07

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

**General Fund Balance:** 9/30/23: $8,588.32

**Memorial Fund Balance:**9/30/23: $52,439.67

**Building Fund Balance:** 9/30/23: $32,721.07

**CD Interest Balance:** 9/30/23: $20,121.57

**Shepherd Fund Balance:** 9/30/23: $1,029.17

Sunday School Attendance

**9/10**-15, **9/17**-14, **9/24**-11, **10/1**-19, **10/8**-18**, 10/15**-19

FUNERALS

9/29- Cindy Manske

10/20-Sylvester King Jr.

MEMORIALS

**Cindy Manske**

Memorial Fund $345.00

 Shepherd Fund: $20.00

 Rudie Bible Fund: $10.00

 Endowment: $25.00

 Prayer Shawl Group: $25.00

**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, 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, Jim Knutson, Bob Moilien, Irene Nestingen, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Betty Sanders.

**† *Those who grieve:*** Family and friends of Sylvester King, Jr., Alan Jacobson

**† *Family and friends of members***

**† *Local Military***

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5**

 **ALL SAINTS** Revelation 7:9-17 *The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb*

 **SUNDAY** Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *Fear the LORD, you saints*

1 John 3:1-3 *We are God’s children*

Matthew 5:1-12 *Blessed are the poor in spirit*

 **MONDAY** 1 Samuel 2:27-36 *Hope for a better priesthood*

 **TUESDAY** Ezekiel 13:1-16 *False propjets condemned*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 23:13-28 *Woe to the scribes and Pharisees*

 **THURSDAY** Malachi 1:6—2:9 *False and true priests*

 **FRIDAY** 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 *Words to the church*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 5 *God bless the righteous*

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12**

 **SUNDAY** Amos 5:18-24 *Let justice roll down like waters*

Psalm 70 *You are my helper and my deliverer*

 *or* Wisdom 6:12-16 *Wisdom makes herself known*

Wisdom 6:17-20 *The beginning of wisdom*

 *or* Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 *Joshua calls Israel*

Psalm 78:1-7 *The power of God*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *The promise of the resurrection*

Matthew 25:1-13 *Wise and foolish bridesmaids*

 **MONDAY** Joel 1:1-14 *Call to repentance*

 **TUESDAY** Joel 3:9-21 *Promise of a glorious future*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 24:1-14 *Jesus foretells the end*

 **THURSDAY** Amos 8:7-14 *God’s promised judgment*

 **FRIDAY** 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13 *Stand firm in faith*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 63 *God as a rich feast*

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19**

 **SUNDAY** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 *The day of the LORD*

 Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 *Number your days*

 *or* Judges 4:1-7 *The judgeship of Deborah*

Psalm 123 *Our eyes look to you, O God*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *Be alert for the day of the Lord*

Matthew 25:14-30 *Slaves entrusted with talents*

 **MONDAY** Zechariah 1:7-17 *A vision of God’s judgment and mercy*

 **TUESDAY** Zechariah 2:1-5, 5:1-4 *Visions of mercy and judgment*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 24:45-51 *Parable of the unfaithful slave*

 **THURSDAY** Job 16:1-21 *A lament about unjust punishment*

 **FRIDAY** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; 5:12-18 *The Christian life*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 9:1-14 *God’s reward of the righteous*

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26**

 **SUNDAY** Ezekiel 34:1-16, 20-24 *God will shepherd Israel*

 Psalm 95:1-7a *We are the people of God’s pasture*

 *or* Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *God will shepherd Israel*

Psalm 100 *We are the sheep of God’s pasture*

Ephesians 1:15-23 *The reign of Christ*

Matthew 25:31-46 *The separation of sheep and goats*

**MONDAY**Esther 2:1-18 *Lowly Esther becomes queen*

 **TUESDAY** Esther 8:3-17 *Queen Esther saves her people*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 5:19-40 *The judgment of the Son*

**THURSDAY** Ezekiel 33:7-20 *The righteous will live*

**FRIDAY** Revelation 19:1-9 *Praise of God’s judgments*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 7 *God the righteous judge*

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**Thank you!**

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P.O. Box 280

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 **THE CARILLON**

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 **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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| November 2023 |
| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
|  Image result for all saints day images  |  |  | **1** | **2****6:00p­**-Rebecca Circle | **3** | Icon  Description automatically generated**4 Reminder: Turn clocks back 1 hour!** |
| **5 All Saint’s Day****8 & 10:30a** Worship with Holy Communion**9:00a-**Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship, Confirmation | **6****9:00a-**Naomi Circle | **7****10:00a-**Ruth Circle | **8****9:00a-**Quilting | **9** **6:00p**-Church Council | **10** | **11****Veterans Day** |
| **12 8 & 10:00a** Worship with Holy Communion with Pr. Barbara Bruneau; **9:00a-**Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship, Confirmation**11:00a-**Finance Comm. | **13****Carillon Deadline** | **14****9:00a**-South Conf. Pastors**5:00p-**Worship Committee | **15** | **16****10:00a-**WELCA | **17** | **18** |
| **19****8 & 10:00a** Worship**9:00a-**Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship**No Confirmation** | **20** | **21**  | **22****7:00p-**Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Fest | **23****Thanksgiving Day** | **24** | **25** |
| **26****9:00a-**Worship**No Sunday School****No Confirmation** | **27** | **28** | **29****9:00a-**Quilting | **30** |  | **Office Hours****Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday****-9:00a-4:00p**  |