

The Carillon

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Sisters and
Brothers,

The other
day my
brother
called me
while he
was stuck in

traffic on his commute. He lives on the east side of Detroit in St. Claire Shores and works on the west side in Dearborn, he sounded frustrated. I on the other hand was making the turn on the roundabout to head southeast towards Coon Valley. I told him that my commute was full of streams, turkey sightings, and hills. This did not make him any happier.

The commute is indeed beautiful and recently I have watched the fields turn from bright green to the dull brown that signifies the coming harvest. The growth of summer has turned into the fullness of autumn and the blessings of the year are there to behold.

We live in an area of astounding abundance, as field, river, and woodland overflow with God's goodness. It is easy to lose sight of this the moment I fuel up my truck, and watch the dollar signs go up faster than I'd like. Two things can and often are true at once. We can see the abundance all around us, but feel the pinch of the current situation. I am sure this is true for all of us.

The reality lives out in our congregation as well. We feel the fullness of God's unfailing grace, and love as we gather together for worship. We share this abundance in our many community meals, and at fellowship. But we also see that the finances here in our congregation are tight. This year has us on track to be \$43,000 behind in giving. This is not to cause alarm, merely to name our current situation.

Our congregation has an abundance of history, which includes our founders, immigrants who left Europe's most impoverished nation, to make a go of it in a new land. The congregation they founded has survived two world wars, the Great Depression, many recessions and the Farm Crisis. The story of Coon Valley Lutheran is one of rallying when things are hard. We know how to come together as a community for the sake of the community, with God's grace we will do it again.

One of the ways we are addressing this moment is through our fall stewardship campaign. We will be focusing this fall on God's generosity and God's calling to bless the world. You will soon be getting a packet in the mail, with stewardship resources. In order to be wise stewards for this upcoming year we will be asking you to make a giving pledge for the year, so that we can go into our budget creation process with an honest estimate of what we will be taking in the upcoming year.

When times are tight, it is natural to focus on the scarcity. But God's story is always one of abundance. Hungry in the wilderness? Mana for all. Too big of a crowd to feed? Some fish and bread will do. Wine gave out? Jesus keeps the party going. And in our little corner of creation, as the harvest comes in, and a community is fed in our basement the miracles continue. We are indeed blessed and are always called to take what we are given and use it to bless others.

In abundant trust in God's provision,

Pastor Ben

AUGUST CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

***Treasurer's Report:** The report was reviewed by Council. Report accepted.

Finance Committee: Phil Moilien attended the meeting and reported that offerings are up 14% but not at a level they need to meet the budget. There is a shortfall of \$20,000. Estimated deficit for the year is projected to be \$43,000. Building insurance costs have increased significantly.

***Mission & Vision: Stewardship:** Pastor Ben discussed Consecration Sunday and the weeks leading up to it. There may be a 6-week course on Stewardship. Consider what a 1% increase could be? A sermon study will go along with this. Pledge cards may be available to members.

***Endowment:** Fund interest is at \$16,000.

***Education:** Rally Sunday is Sept. 13.

***Youth Ministry:** Confirmation letter will be sent. National Youth Gathering this summer is in Minneapolis.

***Men's Club:** Discussed the parking lot.

***Personnel:** Organist Job descriptions will be revised to half-time. Aaron Stakston is willing to play for half of the Sundays during the year.

***Social Ministry:** Cards will be sent out.

Old Business: Betty Jorgenson is working on the updates Organist Job Description.

*Sign-up is available to walk in the Heritage Day Parade. Candy was donated by the Coon Valley Sons of the American Legion.

New Business: Parking Lot Estimates: An estimate to seal coat is \$49,000. The Parking Lot Fund currently has \$40,000.

Campership: Motion passed to give \$1,000 out of the Youth Fund to send a child to Sugar Creek.

*The meeting adjourned followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Hofslie



NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On **Sunday, October**

11 immediately after worship there will be a short congregational meeting to discuss our parking lot project. All voting members please be in attendance at this important meeting!



BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Monday, October 19th from 1-6pm. The current supply of blood is critically low! Visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment or call Mike Lusk to set up an appointment or to volunteer to help with the drive. After your donation, refreshments will be available.



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



CHASEBURG CANCER WALK

The 2026 Chaseburg Cancer Walk was on Saturday, September 12. CVLC's team the Coon Valley Lutheran Holy Strollers participated again this year and raised over \$500! Thank you to those that walked and donated toward this great cause!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have more than enough. But from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. – Matthew 25:29



ALL SAINTS' DAY WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 1

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 9:00am service on November 1 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.



MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEATBALL DINNER

The Men's Club of CVLC is hosting a Meatball Dinner on Sunday, October 18th. Serving will begin at 11am and

continue until gone. The menu consists of meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, lefse and dessert. Cost is \$15 per meal for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under. The men will be preparing and serving the dinner. All proceeds will go to our church! Please dine in or carryout and enjoy a meal made by the Men of CVLC!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Nominating Committee will be looking for

volunteers to fill several vacancies in the role of ushers, council members and much more. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help CVLC! Talk to Glen Hoff or any Council member to find a way you can help.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF INSTALLATION

Our 2026-27 Sunday School Staff were installed on Sunday Sept. 13. Maggie Traastad-Coordinator, Renita Williamson, Amy

Stakston-Weidemann, and Naveah Marsh (not pictured) were installed. Thank you to our Sunday School Staff for sharing the love of Christ with our children! Rally Day was also Sept. 13. Our Sunday School met to celebrate another great year. See the enclosed Sunday School calendar for class dates and times.



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

September 20th we welcomed several new members into our congregation! Please help us to welcome Wilhelm

& June Krause, Linda Davidson, Donna Bean, Carol Nordgren, not pictured: Benjamin, April & Brooks Thornton and Collin, Natasha, Hattie, Ryker and Millie Olerud.



DO YOU HAVE A NEW CONTACT INFO? Do you have an MWT email that will soon be discontinued?

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEW CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE! Sharing your cell phone number, email and address with us ensures that you receive important information about your church! Please be sure to use Jamie's new email office@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org. jamiel@mwt.net is no longer in use.

WELCA CHILI & CHICKEN SOUP SUPPER



CVLC FARMER'S MARKET

The Farmer's Market table is available after worship from 10-11am. October is

the last month for our market it will come to a close on Oct. 25th. Bring extra produce from your garden, canned goods, eggs, baked goods, flowers & plants and crafts to the table before worship. There will be a place available for freewill donations of all items on the table. If you are interested in providing donations or helping in any way with the market or need assistance, please contact Jamie in the church office. The profits will go toward A Table Together Meal Ministry!

My Offering	
Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6:21	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____

2027 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Do you currently have offering envelopes that you do not use? Do you give electronically? If you do not want envelopes ordered for you for 2027 or if you did not get envelopes last year but would like them this year, please contact Jamie in the office by Oct. 11th. 452-3772

office@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org



Join Pastor Ben on Thursdays, at 10am for Bible Study.

There will be coffee, probably some sort of treat and good conversation. Never been to a Bible study before? No worries, we will be using the upcoming week's readings and Gospel story. On WELCA Thursday's (the 3rd Thursday of the month we will not meet). BYOB (bring your own Bible), or use a Bible available at the church.



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.

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

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.

TABLE TOGETHER MEAL MINISTRY-Provide food and supplies for free community meals.

WELCA NEWS

Our Thurs., Sept. 17 meeting opened with apple pie slices and pumpkin dessert served by Jean Gronvold. Following coffee fellowship, Joy Moser from Bethel Butikk told us what happens to the quilts that we take to them. Families and individuals get one quilt at Christmas and they are always well received. They appreciate the warmth and good memories of a grandma or others who they remember making quilts. We also got a very informative talk on all the services that the Butikk provides. We are very fortunate to have them in our community and 55 volunteers keep it running, including volunteers from our church. Thank you to Judy Koula for inviting Joy and to all the quilters who provide the beautiful quilts.

Once the LWR kits are packed and delivered to La Crosse, we will begin concentrating on our yearbook. Please provide us with your cell phone number if you no longer have a landline, along with any other information we need to know. We will be needing servers for WELCA and Gwen and Rachel will be calling for Sunday Morning servers, and new members will be added. Also, new members and those no longer on committees will need to be noted. So, if you are chairperson of a committee, please update your list.

As the year starts winding down, you still have an opportunity to give a donation to WELCA since we no longer have a Cookie Walk fund raiser or paying hostesses. Any amount would be appreciated. Remember that all monies received throughout the year are dispersed to ministries and organizations, much of which stays in our community.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri., Oct. 9, 8:30am – Pack kits for LWR
Sat., Oct. 10 – Deliver kits to Good Shepherd, La Crosse
Thurs., Oct. 15, 10am, WELCA – Naomi Circle presents program. Server: Judy Brose
Sun., Oct. 18 – Mens Club Meatball Dinner
Wed., Oct. 21, 5-7pm – “A Table Together”
Our church serves

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed., Nov. 18, 5-7pm – “A Table Together”
Middle Coon Valley Church serves
Thurs., Nov. 19, 10am, WELCA – General Board presents Thank Offering program
Server: Rachel Strangstalien
Thurs., Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Oct. 4	Gwen Bahr, Hazel Cornell
Oct. 11	Laurie Holte, Jane Simmons
Oct. 18	Meatball Dinner
Oct. 25	S Sara Rudie, Betty Jorgenson
Nov. 1	Kelly Strangstalien, Heidi Larson
Nov. 8	Kim Hatlan, Renee Quellhorst
Nov. 15	Allison Emmart, Daina Drath
Nov. 22	Janice Bender, Angie Nelson
Nov. 29	No Coffee

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President

Congratulations to the winners of our Chili/Soup Raffle and THANK YOU to the Serving Committee for another great event!

July Brose	Quilt
Judy Koula	Afghan
Margie Bendel	Fleece Blanket
Patty Nelson	\$50 Gift Card to Hansen's IGA
Deb Holen	\$50 Gift Card to Hansen's IGA
Rachel Pederson	\$20 Gift Card to Kwik Trip
Ilene Gustafson	\$20 Gift Card to Valley Market
Nancy Ofte	Doilies
Julie Cernohous	Scandi Scarf
Rachel Pederson	Norwegian Wool Scarf
Julie Pedretti	Rosemaled Wood Container
Bev Bagstad	Rosemaled Ornaments
Amy Bahr	Rosemaled Ornaments
Jan Verse	Rosemaled Ornaments
Julie Pedretti	Coon Valley Puzzle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and to all who attended the supper. We are thankful for your support.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

8/30 – 9a: 81; **Offering:** \$2,736.55

9/6 – 9a: 67; **Offering:** \$3,664.93

9/13 – 9a: 94; **Offering:** \$5,784.66

9/20 – 9a: 92; **Offering:** \$2,741.73

****Approximately \$4,665.00 a week** is needed to meet operating expenses.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

9/13-12; 9/20-9



Scan this code with your phone to contribute to our church electronically with Vanco.

General Fund Balance:8/31/26: \$33,152.61

Memorial Fund Balance:8/31/26:\$69,179.34

Building Fund Balance:8/31/26: \$86,408.32

CD Interest Balance: 8/31/26: \$33,142.28

Shepherd Fund Balance:8/31/26: \$2,306.02

MEMORIALS

Rachel Berg

Memorial Fund: \$20.00



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!

YEAR-TO-DATE BALANCE

2026	August	2026 YTD
Total Offerings	\$13,453.35	\$129,506.36
Expenses	\$20,209.73	\$155,921.44
Balance/Shortfall	-\$6,756.38	-\$26,415.05
Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
Building Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
Memorial Fund Transfer	\$0	\$201.04



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, Herby Cornell, Ardell Daffinrud, Gloria Galstad, Kira Hoff, Becky Ihle, Donna Ihle, Ray Ihle, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Aaron Marx, Bob Nelson, Julie Nelson, LuEtta Nelson, Romaine Nelson, Sandra Onshus, Eunice Quast, Jojo Satona, Heidi Saupe, Orrin Stakston, Billie Slater, LaVonne Stendahl, Joyce Temp, Kevin Traastad, Renita Williamson.

† ***Our members who are currently in health care facilities & Assisted Living:*** Tip

Bagstad, Carl Daffinrud, Jeanne Ebli, Carl Holte, Patty Helgerson, Bob Moilien, Irene Nestingen, Geri Nestingen, Cathy Ofte, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Elaine Proksch, Ellen Runice, Bob & Evelyn Schulze

† ***Those who grieve***

† ***Family and friends of members***

† ***Local Military:*** Alex Hendrickson

† ***Those who are recovering from recent storms***

2026/27 Sunday School

Schedule: 10:00am-11:00am

(September thru January)



September 13: First day of Sunday School, teacher installation at 9:00 service

September 20: class

September 27: class

October 4: class

October 11: class

October 18: class-Worship at 10am. Class at 10am

October 25: class-Worship at 10:30am. Class at 10am until worship is done

November 1: class

November 8: class

November 15: class

November 22: class

November 29: no classes – Thanksgiving break

December 6: class (Christmas program practice)

December 13: class (Christmas program practice)

December 20: Christmas Program

December 27: no classes – Christmas break

January 3: no classes – Christmas break

January 10: class

January 17: class

January 24: class

January 31: class

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 4

SUNDAY	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 or Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	<i>The song of the vineyard Look down from heaven, O God The commandments given at Sinai The law is just and rejoices the heart Nothing surpasses knowing Christ The parable of the vineyard owner's son</i>
MONDAY	Ezekiel 19:10-14	<i>A lament for Israel the vine</i>
TUESDAY	Isaiah 27:1-6	<i>God will save Israel the vine</i>
WEDNESDAY	John 7:40-52	<i>Some accept, others reject Christ</i>
THURSDAY	Song of Solomon 8:5-14	<i>A love song for the vineyard</i>
FRIDAY	1 Peter 2:4-10	<i>Christ, the cornerstone</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 144	<i>Prayer for blessing</i>

WEEK OF OCTOBER 11

SUNDAY	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 or Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	<i>The feast of victory You spread a table before me The Israelites forge a golden calf God's favor for the people Rejoice in the Lord always The parable of the unwelcome guest</i>
MONDAY	Exodus 19:7-20	<i>God meets Moses on the mountain</i>
TUESDAY	Amos 9:5-15	<i>God will restore Israel on the mountain</i>
WEDNESDAY	John 6:25-35	<i>God will feed the believer</i>
THURSDAY	Song of Solomon 7:10—8:4	<i>Love like rich fruit</i>
FRIDAY	Philippians 3:13—4:1	<i>Hold fast to Christ</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 34	<i>Taste and see</i>

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18

SUNDAY	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9[10-13] or Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	<i>An earthly ruler works God's will Ascribe to the LORD honor and power The glory of God revealed to Moses Proclaiming the greatness of God Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica A teaching about the emperor and God</i>
MONDAY	Daniel 3:1-30	<i>Three men disobey King Nebuchadnezzar</i>
TUESDAY	Daniel 6:1-28	<i>Daniel disobeys King Darius</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 17:22-27	<i>Jesus pays the temple tax</i>
THURSDAY	Deuteronomy 17:14-20	<i>The limitations on royal authority</i>
FRIDAY	Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20	<i>The fall of Babylon</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 98	<i>God reigns</i>

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25

REFORMATION

SUNDAY

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

I will write my law in their hearts

The God of Jacob is our stronghold

Justified by God's grace as a gift

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

Psalms 119:41-48

I will keep God's law

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Thank you!

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Cody Strangstalien

Sunday Worship at 9:00am
Sunday School 10:00-11:00am
See calendar for changes in worship & Sunday School times

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours Tues.-Thurs., 9:00a-3:30p				1 10:00a -Bible Study 6:00p -Rebecca Circle	2 Pr. Ben's sabbath	3
4 9:00a -Worship with Holy Communion 10:00a -Sunday School, Coffee Fellowship, Farmer's Market Fall Theological Conf.	5 9:00a -Naomi Circle Fall Theo. Conf.	6 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study 10:30a -Ruth Circle Fall Theo. Conf	7 6:00p -Finance Committee	8 10:00a -Bible Study	9 Pr. Ben's sabbath 8:30a -WELCA Assemble LWR kits	10 7:00-11:00a -LWR Collection
11 9:00a -Worship with Holy Communion; Congregational Meeting 10:00a -Sunday School, Coffee Fellowship, Farmer's Market 6:00-7:30p -Confirmation	12	13 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study	14 9:00a -Quilting 5:30-8:30p -ConFest Carillon Deadline	15 10:00a -WELCA 6:00p -Church Council	16 Pr. Ben's sabbath	17
18 10:00a -Worship 10:00a -Sunday School 11:00a -Men's Club Meatball Dinner 6:00-7:30p -Confirmation	19 1:00-6:00p -Blood Drive	20 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study	21 5:00-7:00p -Table Together Community Meal	22 10:00a -Bible Study	23 Pr. Ben's sabbath	24 Reminder: Remove summer display's from the Cemetery
25 Reformation Sunday 10:00a -Sunday School 10:30a -Worship with Rev. Meg Hoversten 11:30a - Coffee Fellowship, Farmer's Market	26	27 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study	28 9:00a -Quilting	29 10:00a -Bible Study	30 Pr. Ben's sabbath	31

