The Carillon



In a passing conversation about our church, my youngest overheard a magic word: **Potluck**.

"Potlucks are the best!" she exclaimed. We then had a great conversation about why potlucks truly are the best. At a potluck, people bring their favorite dishes to share with everyone. It isn't about showcasing top-tier chef skills or using fancy ingredients, it's about taking the time to bring a crowd-pleaser that is unique and made to be shared.

With our upcoming potluck on **Sunday, November 15th** (right after worship in celebration of Consecration Sunday), I naturally started thinking about stewardship. When we steward the gifts God gives us, it's a lot like a potluck:

We bring our best. We draw from who we are and what we have. God has entrusted us with ourselves, our time, and our resources.

Everyone brings something different. Some have extra time, some have artistic talents, and some contribute financially. We all bring different gifts, and no single gift is better or more important than another.

We bring it to be shared. When we give to the church, those gifts go to work. Some stay right here—allowing us to administer our church wisely, walk alongside one another in times of celebration and mourning, and provide a sacred space in the heart of our community. Some head out to the synod to amplify our regional impact, and some reach across the nation and globe to aid in disaster recovery, advocate for those in need, and offer relief from war and famine. As Martin Luther famously put it, *"God doesn't need your good works, but your neighbor does."*

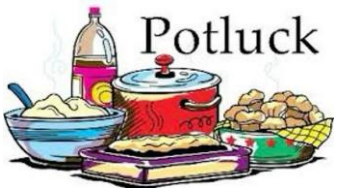
We bring it for everyone. Jesus showed up for everyone, and he never turned anyone away. He calls us to use our gifts in that exact same spirit.

So, you are warmly invited to our **Church Brunch Potluck on November 15th**. Bring a favorite brunch dish, fruit, pickles, an egg bake, or something completely creative, it will all be received with joy!

Please also remember to bring your commitment card and envelope to place in the offering basket during worship. As we gather our gifts, let's celebrate Coon Valley Lutheran, the fellowship we share, and above all, the love and generosity of God who gives us all good things and calls us to share them with the world.

Peace and all good,

Pastor Ben



CONSECRATION DAY POTLUCK NOV. 15

If you are able, please join us on this day for a potluck meal after the 9am worship service. Water & coffee will be provided by the church. You may bring your dish to the kitchen before the service and our Council members will receive them and help set up our meal. If you are unable to bring a dish to pass, please come and join us for this meal together.

SEPTEMBER CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

***Treasurer's Report:** The report was reviewed by Council. Report accepted.
Finance Committee: An explanation of monthly expenses will be included for next month per request of council.
***Mission & Vision: Stewardship:** Stewardship begins. The goal is to aim for 1% growth and ask all to participate. $1 or $5 more a week would help our budget. A letter will be sent to the congregation.
***Endowment:** Fund interest is down $12,300 from $16,000.
***Education:** Sunday School will be collecting a noisy offering to help with a Stewardship goal of $725 to ELCA Good Gifts.
***Youth Ministry:** The National Youth Gathering this summer is in Minneapolis.
***Men's Club:** Meatball Dinner is Oct. 18.
***Personnel:** Organist Job descriptions will be revised and reviewed by the Worship team before an ad is run.
***Social Ministry:** Cards were sent out.
Old Business: Parking Lot estimate is $49,500 from Patriot Paving in Richland Center.
*There will be a **congregational meeting** Oct. 18 to approve the money to be spent on the project. Motion made and passed to approve the estimate.
New Business: Sugar Creek Promissory Note: Discussion tabled to give Council more time to think about this.
Counting Children's Noisy Offering: Offering counters will count any dollar bills received. Confirmation students will count the coins.
New Members: The following new members were approved: Donna Bean, Linda Davidson, Wilhelm & June Krause & Pyper Moen, Carol Nordgren, Collin & Natasha Olerud family, Ben & April Thornton family.
*The meeting adjourned followed by the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully Submitted, Laura Hofslien



ALL SAINTS' DAY WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 1

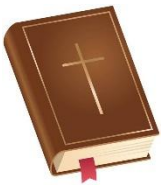
All Saints' Sunday is a day in the life of the community of faith in which we honor and commemorate the faithful departed. At the 9:00am service the names of those in our Parish who have died since the last All Saints Day will be listed in the bulletin. We will also ring our bell and light a candle in memory of the departed. We hope you can join us for this special service of remembrance and hope.

Clarian Jacobson
February 12, 1938 ~ October 7, 2025
Sherman Olson
June 7, 1932 ~ October 15, 2025
Michael Kellogg
April 17, 1961 ~ November 8, 2025
Marc Dahlen
October 15, 1965 ~ December 29, 2025
Mae Jacobson
February 23, 1928 ~ February 1, 2026
Mary Schultz
May 26, 1952 ~ March 1, 2026
Jon Larson
August 3, 1942 ~ May 7, 2026
Todd King
May 24, 1965 ~ May 9, 2026
Timmy Smith III.
March 5, 2010 ~ June 5, 2026
Helen Holen
September 17, 1933 ~ June 10, 2026
Rachel Berg
September 19, 1939 ~ July 11, 2026
Joyce Temp
October 8, 1934 ~ October 10, 2026

Give Serve Attend Grow Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.
1 Peter 4:10



FREE BIBLE LIBRARY

We are starting a Free Bible Library here at church. You will find it in the entryway of the church. If you need a Bible, please take one. If you know someone who needs a Bible, please pass one along to them. We are also collecting Bibles (used or new, adult or children's versions) from anyone who wishes to donate. You can simply place the Bible into the container in the entryway of the church (we will have a tote for Bibles in the entryway until the little free library is built). God's Word is meant to be shared. Some of us may have extra Bibles at home, or we may run across gently used Bibles at a second-hand shop or rummage sale. If you have extras that you are willing to part with, we appreciate it! If you need a Bible, please take one!
Thanks to all for participating in this new ministry at church. We pray that Bibles placed in our Free Bible Library go to people who need them.
Thank you from Your Worship Committee!



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & PIE FEST

Join us for Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday November 25th at 7pm. Once the service concludes all are invited to enjoy pie in the fellowship hall. If you are able to bring a pie, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. Remember, the more pies we have the bigger the slice you will receive!

American Red Cross

CVLC BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive on October 19 collected 45 units for a total of 143 units collected this year! And a total of 2418 units over 17 years that we have held the Blood Drive. Thank you to all those that donated or volunteered at the Blood Drives. Thank you to Mike Lusk for coordinating the Blood Drive!



PIES REQUESTED FOR WESTBY COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Each year the Westby Lions Club sponsors a dinner at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Westby. The dinner will be on Thursday, Nov. 26th from 11:00am-1:00pm. Our church is asked to provide 5 pies for the meal. While making your Thanksgiving Pies make an extra to donate! Any type of pie is requested. Donations can be brought to CVLC on Wednesday Nov. 25th from 9am-Noon. Please leave them in the kitchen. Ellie Brye has graciously agreed to take the pies to Westby. Thank you for helping us support this annual dinner!



CVLC GIVING TREE

This year, through our Social Ministry Committee, we will once again participate in the "Giving Tree" project. This provides gifts to low-income families. If you wish to participate, please take a tag from the Giving Tree 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 and after the Thanksgiving Eve service. Stay tuned for the date at which gifts need to be returned. Thank you for your generosity!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Nominating Committee will be looking for volunteers to fill several vacancies in the role of ushers, council members and more. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help your church!



MEATBALL DINNER

Our Annual Men's Club Meatball Dinner raised over $2000 for our Parking Lot Fund, with some also going to the Westby School District lunch fund!

Thank You to the following:

Linda and Bryce Pederson - Stockyard Restaurant – For donating the meatballs, gravy and coleslaw. Thank Linda when you see her.
Thrivent - Community impact gift card.
Kwik Trip - Donation
Ray Williamson - making all the lefsa.
Mike and Marla Fencl - donated the potatoes for the lefsa.
All of the Men's Club that brought bars, cookies for dessert and helped with grocery shopping, setup, serving and cleanup!
Confirmation Youth - For their help bussing tables.
Thanks to CLVC Members that invited friends for dinner.







TABLE TOGETHER COMMUNITY MEAL

This committee is **seeking more members** to be part of the planning of the meals. Meetings will take place on some Sundays after worship. Not interested in taking place in the planning but willing to help serve or clean up after the meals? We would love to have you! Talk to Betty Jorgenson or Kara Moilien or send an email to the address below. If you are interested in supporting this ministry with a monetary donation, please make a check to CVLC with Meal Ministry in the memo line. Thank you for your support! **The next meal is on Wednesday, November 18. Check the sign-up sheet in the entrance to see how you can volunteer to help with the meal! All are welcome! Gather. Share. Be Fed**. For more information email meals@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org



KWIK TRIP GIFT & CAR WASH CARDS

The Holidays are fast approaching! Purchase Kwik Trip gift cards or car wash cards! We are able to purchase these cards for a discount! Purchase them as gifts or purchase to use for your own needs including gas, milk, bread and much more. Contact the office to purchase gift and car wash cards you may also purchase car wash cards from any member of the Men's Club. Help us support CVLC!

WELCA NEWS

We opened our Thurs., Oct. 15 meeting with coffee and dessert served by Judy Brose. Thank you, Judy! This was followed by Tracy Proksch from the Coon Valley Historical Society. She presented a very informative program on how the Society got started (in 2025), their goals and the events they are involved in. Most of us have deep roots in Coon Valley and are thankful to them for preserving Coon Valley's history. On Sat., Dec. 12, they are hosting the Coon Valley Community Christmas and have asked our WELCA along with Middle Coon Valley and St. Mary's Parish to provide four-five dozen cookies or bars to be shared as part of the event. Let me know if you would like to donate – we already have two dozen cookies promised. Thank you to Tracy for spending her morning with us.

Our LWR kits were delivered to Good Shepherd in La Crosse – thanks to Deb Holen, on Sat., Oct. 10. Thanks also to Jean G. and Ellie for helping Deb on Friday to get everything packed and labeled. This year, we sent 48 Personal Care kits, 100 School kits, and two Baby Care kits. This is all because of your generous support. Thanks to everyone who donated to the cause. The quilters also made 40 quilts for the Bethel Butikk, 12 youth quilts for Sleep in Heavenly Peace and six baby quilts for baptisms. Jean G. and Pam O. made six fleece blankets for the High School graduates and the Prayer Shawl Ministry made one prayer shawl and 19 prayer squares. Thank you all for your time, talent and caring spirits.

On Sat., Oct. 17, I attended the WELCA Synod Fall Gathering at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in LaCrescent. The theme was "I am Worthy, She is Worthy." The program was planned to raise awareness for our missing and murdered Indigenous sisters. It was a very disturbing topic and sad to think that this is happening in our country.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun., Nov. 1 – All Saints Sunday
Wed., Nov. 18, 5-7pm – A Table Together Middle Coon Valley serves
Thurs., Nov. 19, 10am, WELCA – General Board presents program. Server: Rachel Strangstalien
Wed., Nov. 23, 7pm – Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fest
Thurs., Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving

LOOKING AHEAD

Sat., Dec. 12, Coon Valley Community Christmas at Village Hall
Wed., Dec. 16, 5-7pm – A Table Together Coon Valley serves
Thurs., Dec. 17, 10am, WELCA – Christmas Potluck
Thurs., Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve
Fri., Dec. 25 – Christmas
Thurs, Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

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
Dec. 6	Rhonda Brye, Casey Vale
Dec. 13	No Coffee
Dec. 20	No Coffee
Dec. 27	No Coffee

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President

A Blessed Thanksgiving from WELCA to everyone!

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

9/27 – 9a: 85; **Offering:** $2,579.44
10/4 – 9a: 103; **Offering:** $5,377.35
10/11 – 9a: 86; **Offering:** $3,308.35
10/18 – 9a: 114; **Offering:** $4,302.74

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

9/27-12; **10/4**-7; **10/11**-9; **10/18**-12

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

General Fund Balance:9/30/26: $33,249.05
Memorial Fund Balance:9/30/26:$69,284.64
Building Fund Balance:9/30/26: $86,524.46
CD Interest Balance: 9/30/26: $33,150.22
Shepherd Fund Balance:9/30/26: $2,215.60

MEMORIALS

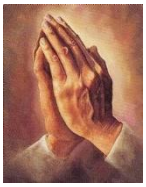
Harold Wemette
Memorial Fund: $70.00
Joyce Temp
Memorial Fund: $50.00

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. 3) Scan the QR code above to directly access our giving page. Please let Jamie know if you need assistance in any way. Thank you for your support!

YEAR-TO-DATE BALANCE

2026	September	2026 YTD
Total Offerings	$17,462.50	$146,968.89
Expenses	$18,061.98	$173,983.42
Balance/Shortfall	**-$599.48**	**-$27,014.53**
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, 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 Joyce Temp*
† ***Family and friends of members***
† ***Local Military****:* Alex Hendrickson
† ***Those who are recovering from recent storms***

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1

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 8

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 15

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 22

SUNDAY	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 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*

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29

	Isaiah 64:1-9	*God will come with power and compassion*
	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	*We shall be saved*
	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	*Gifts of grace sustain us*
	Mark 13:24-37	*The coming of the Son of Man*
MONDAY	Zechariah 13:1-9	*On that day God will save us*
TUESDAY	Zechariah 14:1-9	*Promises concerning that day*
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 24:15-31	*Be ready for that day*
THURSDAY	Micah 2:1-13	*God will gather you all*
FRIDAY	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	*A life pleasing to God till the end*
SATURDAY	Psalm 79	*Prayer for deliverance*

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

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Turn clocks back 1 hour!
1 **8:00a**-Social Ministry **9:00a**-Worship with Holy Communion **10:00a**-Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship, TTG meet **6:00p**-Confirmation	**2** **9:00a**-Naomi Circle	**3** **9:00a**-Pastor's Text Study **10:30a**-Ruth Circle	**4**	**5** **10:00a**-Bible Study **6:00p**-Rebecca Circle	**6** **Pr. Ben's sabbath**	**7**
8 **9:00a**-Worship with Holy Communion; 4th Grade Bible Presentation **5:30p**-Finance Committee **10:00a**-Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship	**9**	**10** **9:00a**-Pastor's Text Study	**11** **Veterans Day** **9:00a**-Quilting	**12** **10:00a**-Bible Study	**13** **Pr. Ben's sabbath** **Carillon Deadline**	**14**
15 **9:00**-Worship, Quilt Blessings, Consecration Sunday **10:00a**-Sunday School & Potluck **6:00p**-Confirmation	**16**	**17** **9:00a**-Pastor's Text Study	**18**	**19** **10:00a**-WELCA **6:00p**-Church Council	**20** **Pr. Ben's sabbath**	**21**
22 **9:00a**-Worship **10:00a**-Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship	**23**	**24** **9:00a**-Pastor's Text Study	**25** **OFFICE CLOSED** **9:00a**-Quilting **7:00p**-Thanks. Eve Worship & Pie Fest Pastor Ben vacation	**26** **Thanksgiving Day** Pastor Ben vacation	**27** Pastor Ben vacation	**28** Pastor Ben vacation
29 **10:30a**-Worship with Pr. Meg Pastor Ben vacation	**30**					**Office Hours** **Tues.,-Thurs.** **9:00a-3:30p**