

The Carillon

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November, 2025



Siblings in Christ,

November has arrived and with it the bounty of the harvest. From the most ancient of times fruits of the Earth are brought in it is only natural to pause and turn our hearts towards

gratitude. Over the past weeks Julie Nelson, in planning the Thanksgiving service and pie fest has asked us to name what fills us with gratitude. Since I will be traveling to Grosse Ile, my home town, I won't be with you all at this service. So, I thought I would share what I am grateful for with you here.

I am grateful for the hills, valleys and streams that I get to call home and explore with my family. On the recent visit from my mom and aunt I was able to take them on a fall color tour. My Aunt, who has never been to Southwest Wisconsin, marveled the whole time. After ten years of living here, I still marvel at the beauty and abundance of this area. It has not yet become just scenery for me, and I hope it never becomes that for you either.

I am grateful for the many communities that I am part of in my life. In a world where I keep reading stories of the loneliness epidemic, I am so thankful for the people I am surrounded by. I have friends I spend time with, a beautiful family that brings me joy, and a faith community that I don't just lead as a pastor, but also grow with as a brother in Christ. I see the ways you all show up for each other and I feel and see how God is working through you all for the sake of the world.

I am grateful for your generosity. God has blessed you all so richly and in so many different ways, and I see how you respond to that giving by giving. In sharing your riches of time, talent, and treasure, you are truly making a difference in the world. As times get tighter for all of us, I reflect with gratitude your financial generosity with our shared church community. Thank you for being a giving people.

And finally, I am grateful for God loving us all, in spite of the ways we struggle. I daily hear and see stories of God showing up in your lives, bringing you comfort, peace, and blessings, and doing so in times of strife, grief, and scarcity in the air. The love of Jesus is alive in you, and for that I give thanks.

And so, counting our blessings, sharing our gratitude, may we keep responding to God's manifold gifts by giving an offering of our whole life to our God who gave everything for us. May your November be a month of gratitude, generosity, and fresh Lefse!

Peace and all Good,
Pastor Ben



**NEW MEMBER
WELCOME
MEETING**

Sunday Nov. 9th at 10am we will hold a meeting with potential new members in our Library. If you would like to know more about our community of faith and/or join Coon Valley Lutheran Church please attend this meeting. If you know someone interested in joining please let them know about this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact the office for more information.

SEPTEMBER CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Finance Committee: Bank statements were approved.

***Ministry Minutes:** Pastor discussed mission trip plans for 2026. We have several new potential members. Viterbo Pathways program is providing great info for our congregation!

***Endowment:** Distributions were discussed. Angie Nelson was appointed to the committee and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

***Youth Ministry:** 2026 Mission Trip is being planned.

***Men's Club:** Meatball dinner will be Oct. 19.

***Stewardship:** Stewardship Campaign for fall of 2025 is being worked on.

***Worship:** Council provided ideas to committee as to who they would consider to be welcome greeters.

***Membership, Life & Growth:** Pictorial Directory has been submitted to Universal Church Directories.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Hofslie



ALL SAINTS' DAY WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 2

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.

Inez Beck

September 10, 1934 ~ December 7, 2024

Francis "Frank" Mathison

September 12, 1945 ~ December 19, 2024

Elnor Haugen

July 7, 1923 ~ December 26, 2024

Betty Sanders

February 26, 1928 ~ January 30, 2025

Hanna (Traastad) Lobeck

December 6, 1944 ~ March 3, 2025

Francis Myran

May 14, 1933 ~ March 21, 2025

Jeffrey Erickson

March 18, 1950 ~ March 30, 2025

David Larson

July 9, 1958 ~ May 24, 2025

Betty Nelson

April 21, 1928 ~ June 13, 2025

Jeffrey Nestingen

March 27, 1954 ~ June 8, 2025

Verlin Ihle

April 17, 1937 ~ July 26, 2025

Lenore Henley

February 6, 1926 ~ September 2, 2025

Betty Williamson

January 16, 1935 ~ September 16, 2025

Mary Ann Dreves

August 18, 1937 ~ August 20, 2025

Evelyn Dahlen

April 12, 1929 ~ September 30, 2025

Pauline Moilien

July 21, 1931 ~ October 4, 2025



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



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



CVLC BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive on October 13 collected 55 units for a total of 142 units collected this year! This past Blood Drive marks the completion of 16 years of hosting in our church. There is no way I could have kept this going without everyone who has volunteered their time to help out on the day of the drive. Many of the people who first helped me with the Blood Drives have passed away and I miss them dearly! Thankfully, new people have stepped in to fill their shoes over the years and for that I am forever grateful! Words alone can't express how much you mean to me.

Thank you! Thank you!

Mike Lusk



RETRO DINNER

We are planning a **Retro Dinner** for our church and the community, tentatively

scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2026 following the church service. We are creating a **Retro Dinner Committee** to plan this fun event where we will have the opportunity to feast on recipes that are oldies but goodies. This will be something very different, nostalgic, and FUN! Put on your creative hats and join us for a meeting in the library on **Sunday, Nov 16th at 10 am (following the service)**. We are hoping this Retro Dinner will be an opportunity for people to bring a favorite old recipe they've prepared (perhaps one passed down in your family, or perhaps one from a well-worn/much-loved cookbook sitting on your shelf, or perhaps you will google for an old recipe) to share. The variety will be exciting, and the some of the stories behind the recipes might be entertaining. We have lots to discuss, since we want this to be a fundraiser for our church as well. If you want to join the Retro Dinner Committee, please show up for the meeting on Nov 16th! If you have any questions, please contact Julie Nelson, Mike Lusk, or Ellie Brye. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Eve Service Nov 26th at 7 pm

- Please share something that you are thankful for—these thankful moments/stories will be compiled & shared at the service (don't worry—you're not being asked to speak). We are looking for **anything** that **you** are thankful for—whether it is recent or many years ago. All ages are welcome! Please let us know on the form if you do NOT want your name used. If you need extra space, write on the back!
- Put the form in the "Thankful" Box at the entryway of the church, drop it off in the office, or send it to the church address, ATTN: Julie.
- Please submit this information by **Sunday, Nov 9th**. Thank you!

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Name: _____	
Write on the other side if you need more space.	



Pie Fest will once again follow the Thanksgiving Eve Service on Nov 26th. Please sign up, if you are able to bring a pie. All are invited to enjoy pie in the fellowship hall after the service. Please watch for the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Nominating

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



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!



ANN OLSON IS TURNING 100!

Our member Ann Olson has a big birthday on Nov. 5th! Help us celebrate her birthday by sending her a card! If you would like her address please contact Jamie in the office.



MEATBALL DINNER

Our Annual Men's Club Meatball Dinner raised over \$2800 for our Parking Lot Fund, with some also going to our Shepherd Fund and Bethel Butikk! 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.

Ray Williamson - making all the lefsa.

Mike and Marla Fencil - donated the potatoes for the lefsa.

Robert Nelson - donated the baby red potatoes for the mashed potatoes.

All of the Men's Club that brought bars, cookies for dessert and helped with grocery shopping, setup, serving and cleanup!

Youth - **Deanna Wichman and Winnie Morris** for their help bussing tables.

Jamie Thomas for creating the poster and sharing it on Facebook. A number of our out-of-town guest stated that is how they heard about it.

Thanks to **CLVC Members** that invited friends for dinner.





KWIK TRIP GIFT CARDS

The Holidays are fast approaching! Purchase Kwik Trip gift 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. Contact the office to purchase. Help us support our CVLC Youth Fund!



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 online 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. Thank you for your support!



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.



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. 27th 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! Apple and Pumpkin pies are requested. Donations can be brought to CVLC on Wednesday Nov. 26th from 9am-1pm. 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!



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! Services are uploaded to YouTube and our website on Sunday afternoon.

Our Website:

www.coonvalleylutheranchurch.org



CHURCH CALENDAR

Please inform Jamie of any church related meetings or gathering so that it may be included on our calendar. It is helpful to know when a group is using the church so that we may coordinate building use requests. Please contact Jamie to have your meeting added to the calendar. 452-3772, 317-0007, office@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org Thank you!

WELCA NEWS

Thirty people came to our Thurs., Oct. 16 meeting to hear Jan Bender tell us about the changes in Medicare Advantage health plans. We thank her for taking time out of her busy schedule to come and explain what is happening for 2026. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Jan for a one on one consultation. We also thank LuEtta Nelson and friends for serving coffee.

A short business meeting followed Jan's presentation and once again thank you's were in order for the Serving Committee's successful Chili/Chicken Soup Supper and to those who helped pack school kits for LWR. Thank you also to Eunice and Adolf for delivering the boxes to Good Shepherd in LaX. We were able to ship 82 school kits this year.

On Sat., Oct. 18, Ellie and Deb Holen attended the Synod WELCA Fall Gathering at Trinity Lutheran Church in LaX. The speaker was from "Adults Saving Kids" and told us about the sex trafficking epidemic in the United States and how parents and grandparents can prepare kids for what is happening in their world. It was a powerful presentation. There was a quilt parade and we took two quilts, one for Sleep in Heavenly Peace and one that Ellen Runice embroidered on. Our church will be hosting the Spring Convention next April and the main speaker for that event will be former Bishop April Larson. We are hoping for a good attendance.

DATE TO REMEMBER

Thurs., Nov. 20, 10am, WELCA – General Board presents Thank Offering program.
Hostess: Rachel Strangstalien

LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs., Dec. 18, 10am, WELCA – General Board presents program. Christmas Potluck.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Nov. 2	Karen Bergum, Tammy Haakenson
Nov. 9	Kim Cade, Mary Bakkum
Nov. 16	Janine Morey, Julie Nerison, Jennifer Johnson
Nov. 23	Susan Strangstalien, Pam Olson
Nov. 30	No Coffee
Dec. 7	Pam Pauloski, Stephanie Proksch
Dec. 14	No Coffee
Dec. 21	No Coffee
Dec. 25	No Coffee

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President

Psalm 106:1

*Praise the Lord.
Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
His love endures forever.*

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

9/21 – 9a: 76; **Offering:** \$1,590.00
9/28 – 9a: 96; **Offering:** \$4,023.66
10/5 – 9a: 91; **Offering:** \$5,914.13
10/12 – 9a: 102; **Offering:** \$4,744.95
10/19 – 9a: 101; **Offering:** \$2,616.27

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

9/28-5; 10/5-12; 10/12-5; 10/19-13

****Approximately \$4,365.00 a week** is needed to meet operating expenses.

General Fund Balance: 9/30/25: \$69,067.69

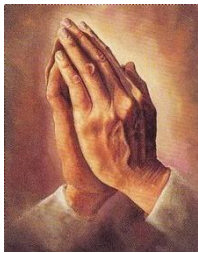
Memorial Fund Balance: 9/30/25: \$63,790.37

Building Fund Balance: 9/30/25: \$54,720.70

CD Interest Balance: 9/30/25: \$28,807.53

Shepherd Fund Balance: 9/30/25: \$2,403.39

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, Marie Egge,

Gloria Galstad, Kira Hoff, Becky Ihle, Donna Ihle, Ray Ihle, Todd King, Mike Kellogg, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Aaron Marx, LuEtta Nelson, Mike Nelson, Romaine Nelson, Eunice Quast, Jojo Satona, Mary Schultz, Billie Slater, LaVonne Stendahl, Krin (Dreves) Stendalen, Joyce Temp, Teri Tomten, Dave Verse, Jan Verse, Renita Williamson.

† ***Our members who are currently in health care facilities & Assisted Living:*** Tip Bagstad, Rachel Berg, Carl Daffinrud, Jeanne Ebli, Carl Holte, Bob Moilien, Irene Nestingen, Geri Nestingen, Cathy Ofte, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Orrin Stakston,.

† ***Those who grieve:*** Family and friends of Evelyn Dahlen & Pauline Moilien

† ***Family and friends of members***

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

YEAR-TO-DATE BALANCE

2025	September	2025 YTD
Total Offerings	\$19,395.04	\$151,401.90
Expenses	\$15,689.79	\$157,637.80
Balance/Shortfall	+\$3,705.26	-\$6,235.90
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Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
Building Fund		
Transfer	\$0	\$8,372.00
Memorial Fund		
Transfer	\$0	\$2,164.73

FUNERALS/BURIALS

10/7 Evelyn Dahlen

10/11 Pauline Moilien

MEMORIALS

Verlin Ihle

Memorial Fund: \$470.00

Endowment: \$65.00

Building Fund: \$25.00

General Fund: \$20.00

Social Ministry-Gen Fund: \$20.00

Mary Ann Dreves

Memorial Fund: \$20.00

Betty Williamson

Memorial Fund: \$120.00

Evelyn Dahlen

Memorial Fund: \$600.00

Endowment Fund: \$100.00

WELCA: \$20.00

Sunday School: \$100.00

Social Ministry-Gen Fund: \$25.00

Parking Lot: \$100.00

Pauline Moilien

Memorial Fund: \$90.00

General Fund: \$100.00

Parking Lot: \$200.00

Sunday School: \$50.00

Youth Fund: \$50.00

Endowment: \$100.00

WELCA: \$50.00

Prayer Shawl: \$50.00

Building Fund: \$20.00

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	Daniel 7:1-3; 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	<i>The holy ones of the Most High Sing praise for God's goodness God made Christ head over all Jesus speaks blessings and</i>
MONDAY	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	<i>God calls a holy people</i>
TUESDAY	Numbers 11:16-30	<i>God's spirit comes on the elders</i>
WEDNESDAY	John 15:1-17	<i>Abiding in the vine</i>
THURSDAY	Isaiah 62:1-12	<i>God married the people</i>
FRIDAY	Colossians 1:3-23a	<i>The saints bearing fruit</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 99	<i>God praised by the faithful people</i>

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9

SUNDAY	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	<i>I know that my Redeemer lives Keep me as the apple of your eye The coming of Jesus Christ Jesus speaks of the resurrection</i>
MONDAY	Deuteronomy 25:5-10	<i>Instructions for a levirate marriage</i>
TUESDAY	Genesis 38:1-26	<i>Tamar and levirate marriages</i>
WEDNESDAY	Luke 20:1-8	<i>Jesus' authority questioned</i>
THURSDAY	Exodus 3:13-20	<i>God appears to Moses</i>
FRIDAY	Acts 24:10-23	<i>Paul testifies to the resurrection</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 122	<i>God will keep you forever</i>

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16

SUNDAY	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	<i>A day of healing sun for the righteous God judges the world Do what is right for the sake of Christ Jesus speaks of suffering for his sake</i>
MONDAY	1 Samuel 28:3-19	<i>Saul warned of God's judgment</i>
TUESDAY	2 Samuel 21:1-14	<i>Violence comes on Saul's household</i>
WEDNESDAY	Luke 17:20-37	<i>The judgement coming</i>
THURSDAY	Ezekiel 10:1-19	<i>God's glory leaves Jerusalem</i>
FRIDAY	2 Thessalonians 1:3-12	<i>God's judgment</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 141	<i>God is my refuge</i>

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	<i>Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch The God of Jacob is our stronghold A hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation Jesus is crucified between two thieves</i>
MONDAY	Psalm 24	<i>The King of glory comes</i>

TUESDAY	Psalm 47	<i>God reigns</i>
WEDNESDAY	Luke 18:15-17	<i>Receiving the kingdom of God</i>

DAY OF THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100 Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35	<i>The offering of the first fruits</i> <i>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving</i> <i>Do not worry about anything</i> <i>Jesus, the bread of life</i>
FRIDAY	Revelation 21:5-27	<i>God reigns in the holy city</i>
SATURDAY	John 21:24-25	<i>"the world itself could not contain the books that would be written"</i>

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30

SUNDAY	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44	<i>War transformed into peace</i> <i>Gladness in the LORD's house</i> <i>Salvation is near, wake from sleep</i> <i>The sudden coming of salvation</i>
MONDAY	Genesis 6:11-22	<i>The flood is coming</i>
TUESDAY	Genesis 8:1-19; 9:8-13	<i>God saves Noah and the animals</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 24:23-35	<i>The end is coming</i>
THURSDAY	Isaiah 54:4-10	<i>God will save the people</i>
FRIDAY	Hebrews 11:1-7, 32-40	<i>By faith Noah was saved</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 124	<i>We have escaped like a bird</i>

Moving? New contact information? Please update the church office. Thank you!

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coonvalleylutheranchurch.org

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Please use our correct mailing address when sending us mail.

P.O. Box 280

Thank you!

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☐ Organist: Mary Schultz

☐ Indoor Custodian: Tracy Stellner

☐ Church Council President: Steve Pauloski

Vice President: Ray Williamson; Secretary: Laura Hofslie

Paul Bahr, Kimberly Cade, Mark Hutson, Julie Nelson, Patricia Nelson,

Amy Stakston-Wiedemann

Sunday Worship at 9:00am

Sunday School 10:15-11:30

See calendar for changes in worship & Sunday School times.

November 2025

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

