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THE CARILLON

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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.

The Carillon

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October, 2025



Grace and
Peace,

The leaves
are turning,
the combines
are at work in
the fields, and

bowhunters are passing their phones around with pictures from a successful hunt. Fall has arrived. Autumn is the season of fullness as the fields and forests yield their gifts which sustain and nourish us all. It is a time that all humans have marked with thanksgiving, gratitude and celebration.

Here in America we will culminate this season with Thanksgiving, celebrated around tables the country over. In Norway, this gratitude was traditionally marked with the observance of *Høsttakkefest* or the "Harvest Thanksgiving Feast", whereby children adorn the church with fruits, vegetables, and flowers. In my own life I have marveled at a canoe full of wild rice, or a blackstrap on the grill. What I find noteworthy is that regardless of the nation, language, culture, or history, all humans, when confronted with the abundance of creation, naturally respond with praise and generosity.

We praise God because we know, deeply, the source of all that we have. It is God who causes the sun to shine, and the rain to fall. It is God who unlocks the mystery of life hidden within the seeds planted. We praise God because God is so generous with us.

We are generous because we are made in the image of this generous God. We know the joy of giving far outweighs the joy of

receiving. We sense that food tastes better when shared. We see how generosity begets more generosity.

As your pastor, I see you, as a vital member of this community of faith living out praise, and generosity. I see how the light of Christ is carried out in the ways you love and care for each other, in your generosity of time and presence. I see you using your gifts to enrich the lives of your neighbors. I see your generosity in responding with your financial gifts. For all the ways that you praise God, and share with your neighbor - Thank you, Danke, and Tusen Tak!

-Pastor Ben



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.

AUGUST CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Finance Committee: Bank statements were approved.

***Ministry Minutes:** Pastor discussed challenges for the future. Council may work on a vision for the future.

Discussion about greeting new attenders.

***Endowment:** Committee is looking for a new member. Fund interest is at \$20,400.

***Education:** More Sunday School teachers needed. Confirmation time to change.

***Youth Ministry:** Confirmation orientation to be Sunday Sept. 14.

***WELCA:** Chili & Chicken Soup Supper Sept. 24. LWR School kits will be assembled.

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

***Personnel:** Job descriptions approved.

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

***Worship:** Discussion on a new narrative lectionary beginning in the Fall. Pie Fest discussion.

***Membership, Life & Growth:** Pictorial Directory to be completed this month by Jamie Thomas & Amy Stakston-Wiedemann. A Retro Dinner may happen in the winter.

Discussion Items: Corn Roast: The event was a success! Thanks to all who helped.

Funeral Policy: motion passed to approve the new policy.

Coon Valley Heritage Day Parade: On Aug. 23 the church will have an entry in the Parade.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Hofslie



BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Monday, October 13th 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 2025 Chaseburg Cancer Walk was on Saturday, September 20. CVLC's team the Coon Valley Lutheran Holy Strollers participated again this year and raised over \$3,936! Thank you to those that walked and donated toward this great cause!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our new church pictorial directory has been sent in to Universal Church Directories. We are awaiting a 1st draft from them before we can proceed with placing an order. Thank you for your patience as we create this new directory.



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.



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 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 on November 2 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 19th. 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. 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!

SCHOOL BLESSING



On Sept. 7 we blessed all teachers and students in this new school year! Thanks to our public, private and Sunday School teachers and staff who make a big difference in the lives of our youth!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE & PIE FEST Nov. 26 at 7:00pm

We are bringing back this worship service and Pie Fest! If you are willing to bake and donate a pie for Pie Fest, please bring it to the kitchen before worship. After worship we will gather and enjoy pie! Below is a Thankful sheet to fill out if you would like. 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. Please submit this information by **Sunday, Nov 9th**. Thank you!

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

WELCA NEWS

Following coffee served by Jean Gronvold at our Thurs., Sept. 18 meeting, we had a short business meeting. This was followed by our program presented by the quilters. They brought several quilts, all of which were very nice. They also make quilts for baptisms and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Romaine Nelson made prayer squares for everyone to have and Jamie talked about the Prayer Chain. At the end of the program, the quilters had a quilt ready to be tied and the borders ready to be pinned to finish the quilt. The members participated in tying and pinning. Thank you quilters for the hands-on experience.

Then it was on to assembling School Kits for LWR. Members stayed and filled school bags to be shipped in October. Thank you to all who bought school supplies or made a monetary donation.

On Saturday, October 18, the La Crosse Area Synod WELCA will hold their Fall Gathering at Trinity Lutheran Church in La Crosse. There will be meetings, a quilt parade, lunch, book exchange and a keynote speaker. For the in-kind offering, they are asking for cereal, mac and cheese and plastic grocery bags. These can be brought to our October meeting.

Fall is here and that means that winter won't be far behind. It was decided at the beginning of the year that we would not have paying hostesses or a cookie walk – both of which generate monies for our treasury. We have asked that members contribute whatever amount you are comfortable with to help meet our obligations and monies that we distribute at the end of the year. Won't you please help by contacting Jean Gronvold, WELCA Treasurer. Thank you!

Once again, we had a very successful Chili/Chicken Soup Supper and Raffle. Thank you to the Serving Committee for all your hard work and delicious soups. We received many compliments.

PRIZE WINNERS:

Bev Bagstad – Quilt
Nancy King – Afghan
Larry Strangstalien - \$100 Hansen IGA Gift Card
Deb Holen - \$20 Kwik Trip Gift Card
Robert Nelson - \$20 Valley Market Gift Card
Linda Schulte – Scandia Scarf
Gloria Storey – Large Doily
Dennis Olson – Small Doily
Mike Stakston – Tied Fleece Blanket
Mike Nelson – Lighted Wooden Wisconsin
Jan Ihle – Lighted Wooden Christmas Tree
Susan Strangstalien – Carved "Bucking Bronco"
Julie Pedretti – Rosemaled Ornaments (2 sets)
Patty Nelson – Rosemaled Ornaments
Cheryl Morey – Rosemaled Ornaments
Mark Seland – Rosemaled Miniature Trunk
Eunice Quast – Lingenberry Jam/Crackers

Congratulations to all the winners

And

***Thank You to everyone who donated their
time and talents !***

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs., Oct. 16, 10am, WELCA – Naomi Circle presents program – TBA. Hostess, LuEtta Nelson
Sat., Oct. 18, La Crosse Area Synod WELCA Fall Gathering, Trinity Lutheran Church, La Crosse

LOOKING AHEAD

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

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Oct. 5 Stephanie Lee, Margaret Lee
Oct. 12 Becky Lind, Judy Koula
Oct. 19 Carolyn Anderson, Ainsley Lichtie
Oct. 26 Maggie Thompson, Cheryl Morey

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

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

8/31 – 9a: 45; **Offering:** \$4,999.41
9/7 – 9a: 107; **Offering:** \$5,029.26
9/14 – 9a: 101; **Offering:** \$4,150.21

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

9/7-11; 9/14-5; 9/21-12

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

General Fund Balance: 8/31/25: \$39,739.93
Memorial Fund Balance: 8/31/25: \$63,022.64
Building Fund Balance: 8/31/25: \$54,458.87
CD Interest Balance: 8/31/25: \$28,800.75
Shepherd Fund Balance: 8/31/25: \$2,293.81

FUNERALS/BURIALS

9/7 Lenore Henley
9/12 Mary Ann Dreves
9/20 Betty Williamson

MEMORIALS

Verlin Ihle

Shepherd Fund: \$100.00

Mary Ann Dreves

Youth Fund: \$25.00

Lenore Henley

Memorial Fund: \$220.00
Endowment Fund: \$20.00

Betty Williamson

General Fund: \$365.00
Parking Lot Fund: \$40.00
Building 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

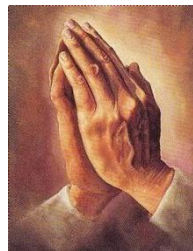
2025	August	2025 YTD
Total Offerings	\$30,455.81	\$132,006.86
Expenses	\$17,248.94	\$141,948.02
Balance/Shortfall	+\$13,206.87	-\$9,941.16
Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
Building Fund Transfer	\$0	\$8,372.00
Memorial Fund Transfer	\$0	\$2,164.73

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,



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, 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, Evelyn Dahlen, Jeanne Ebli, Gloria Galstad, Carl Holte, Bob Moilien, Pauline Moilien, Irene Nestingen, Geri Nestingen, Cathy Ofte, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Orrin Stakston, Joyce Temp.

† ***Those who grieve:*** Family and friends of Lenore Henley & Betty Williamson

† ***Family and friends of members***

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

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW EMAIL!

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Jamie Thomas, Office Administrator:

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Becky Lusk, Treasurer:

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 5

SUNDAY	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 or Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	<i>The wicked surround the righteous Commit your way to the LORD Jerusalem is empty and destroyed Great is your faithfulness Guard the treasure entrusted to you Faith the size of a mustard seed</i>
MONDAY	2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36	<i>King Hezekiah trusts in God</i>
TUESDAY	2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37	<i>God saves the people</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 20:29-34	<i>Mercy on the blind man</i>
THURSDAY	Isaiah 7:1-9	<i>Standing firm in faith</i>
FRIDAY	Revelation 2:12-29	<i>Call to faithfulness</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 3	<i>Deliverance from God</i>

WEEK OF OCTOBER 12

SUNDAY	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 or Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	<i>Naaman is cleansed I give thanks with my whole heart Israel plants gardens in Babylon God holds our souls in life We will live with Christ One leper gives thanks to God</i>
MONDAY	Numbers 12:1-15	<i>Miriam contracts leprosy</i>
TUESDAY	Leviticus 14:33-53	<i>Cleansing a leprous house</i>
WEDNESDAY	Luke 5:12-16	<i>A leper healed</i>
THURSDAY	Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31	<i>Israel separates from foreigners</i>
FRIDAY	2 Timothy 2:1-7	<i>Share in sufferings</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 61	<i>Prayer for health</i>

WEEK OF OCTOBER 19

SUNDAY	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 or Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1-8	<i>Jacob's struggle with the angel My help comes from the LORD The promise of a new covenant Your words are sweeter than honey Christ the judge A widow begs for justice</i>
MONDAY	1 Samuel 25:2-22	<i>David judges against Nabal</i>
TUESDAY	1 Samuel 25:23-35 [36-42]	<i>Abigail pleads for life</i>
WEDNESDAY	Luke 22:39-46	<i>Jesus prays for life</i>
THURSDAY	Isaiah 54:11-17	<i>God will vindicate for faithful</i>
FRIDAY	2 Timothy 2:14-26	<i>About the Christian life</i>

SATURDAY

Psalm 57

*Vindication from God***WEEK OF OCTOBER 26****SUNDAY**

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

or Sirach 35:12-17

Psalm 84:1-7

or Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

*Jerusalem will be defeated**God is impartial in justice**Happy are the people whose strength is in you**The promise to restore Israel**Your paths overflow with plenty**The good fight of faith**A Pharisee and tax collector pray***MONDAY**

Daniel 5:1-12

*King Balshazzar sees writing on the wall***TUESDAY**

Daniel 5:13-31

*Daniel urges humility***WEDNESDAY**

Luke 1:46-55

*Mary's song***THURSDAY**

1 Samuel 2:1-10

*Hannah's song***FRIDAY**

2 Timothy 3:1-15

*Godlessness, godliness***SATURDAY**

Psalm 84

A doorkeeper in God's house

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours Tues., Wed., Thurs.-9:00a-4:00p			1	2 <u>10:00a</u> -Bible Study <u>6:00p</u> -Rebecca	3 <u>Pr. Ben's sabbath</u>	4
5 <u>9:00a</u> -Worship with Holy Communion <u>10:15a</u> -Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship; <u>6:00p</u> -Confirmation	6 <u>9:00a</u> -Naomi Circle	7 <u>9:00a</u> -Pastor's Text Study <u>10:00a</u> -Ruth Circle	8 <u>9:00a</u> -Quilting	9 <u>10:00a</u> -Bible Study	10 <u>Pr. Ben's sabbath</u>	11 <u>7:00-11:00a</u> -LWR Collection
12 <u>9:00a</u> -Worship with Holy Communion <u>10:15a</u> -Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship	13 <u>1:00-6:00p</u> -Blood Drive	14 <u>9:00a</u> -Pastor's Text Study <u>5:00p</u> -Worship Committee	15 Carillon Deadline	16 <u>10:00a</u> -WELCA <u>6:00p</u> -Church Council	17 <u>Pr. Ben's sabbath</u>	18 <u>1:00p</u> - Edvard Greig Chorus-Our Savior's Westby
19 <u>10:00a</u> -Worship <u>10:00a</u> -Sunday School <u>11:00a</u> -Men's Club Meatball Dinner <u>6:00p</u> -Confirmation	20	21 <u>9:00a</u> -Pastor's Text Study	22	23 <u>10:00a</u> -Bible Study	24 <u>Pr. Ben's sabbath</u>	25 Reminder: Remove summer display's from the Cemetery
26 Reformation Sunday <u>8:00a</u> -Finance Committee <u>9:00a</u> -Worship <u>10:15a</u> -Sunday School, Coffee Fellowship	27	28 <u>9:00a</u> -So. Conf. Pastor's	29 <u>9:00a</u> -Quilting	30 <u>10:00a</u> -Bible Study	31 <u>Pr. Ben's sabbath</u>	