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Dear Siblings in Christ,

I begin this report with the words that concluded my Annual Report to you last year, paraphrased from 1 Thessalonians 5:24: “Our God who has called us to this ministry has and will remain faithful.”

We hoped as we entered 2021 that the Coronavirus Pandemic would have dissipated and our lives would resume their Pre-Pandemic nature, but this was not realized. In 2021 we continued to observe guidelines in our life and ministry together for the health and well-being of our congregation and our communities. As the Pandemic has surged and waned, we have adapted our ministries to be as safe as possible, which has included providing in-person and online opportunities for worship, learning, and fellowship.

Our worship committee which makes recommendations to our council regarding Coronavirus guidelines and our Council who reviews and acts on those guidelines, have worked faithfully and diligently throughout the pandemic to meet the spiritual needs of our Congregation while considering different perspectives, a wealth of science, Coronavirus metrics in our communities, and how God is leading us. Please join me in expressing gratitude to our Worship Committee and Council members for their service to our congregation and communities!

Please also join me in expressing deep gratitude for our Council President Nancy King who has worked diligently throughout the Pandemic first as our Worship Committee Chairperson and in the last year as member of the Worship Committee and President of our Council. Please join me in thanking Nancy, our Council Secretary Sarah Ofte, Andrea Stakston and Brian Strangstalien for their ministry to our congregation and whose terms will conclude at our meeting, as well as our Vice President Ray Williamson, Amanda Buros, Glen Hoff, Deb Holen, and Carl Holte who will continue their faithful service on our council.

Throughout this Pandemic time, God’s ministry at Coon Valley Lutheran Church has continued! As you will read throughout the Annual report, our committees, worship, Sunday School, Confirmation classes, WELCA, Men’s Club, LIFE Group, and more have continued to meet and lead us in serving God and sharing the love of Jesus Christ! When we have needed to adapt, we have and in good humor—from drive-through meatball dinners to hybrid (Zoom and in person) Bible Study and meetings.

The members of our staff: Jamie Thomas, Becky Lusk, Tracy Stellner, and Mary Schultz are daily reminders to me that God who has called us to this ministry has and will remain faithful. Their dedication to their work and the ministry we share inspires and strengthens me and I am so blessed to work alongside them. Please join me in expressing the gratitude of our congregation to them. Please also join me in thanking Darik Moilien who serves so faithfully as our videographer for Sunday morning worship services, our Sunday School teachers, Nancy Rogers and Maggie Traastad who with Mary Schultz lead our Sunday School children in song and lead the Christmas program, Ellie Brye who serves so faithfully as our WELCA President, Julie Nelson and Laura Hofslien who lead our LIFE group, Phil Moilien who leads our Finance Committee with knowledge and care, Cindy Swartz and Karen McGarvey who lead the Altar Guild in preparing Communion, candles, and so much more for our worship services, and Mike Lusk who has led our Red Cross Blood Drives for twelve years!

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It is not yet clear what post-pandemic life and ministry will look like, but I believe and trust that the things we have learned in this time will only strengthen and enliven our ministry and life together as we emerge into new ways of living with the Coronavirus. Though it has been challenging at times, we have learned that we ARE the Church, even in Pandemic times. We have learned how to live-stream our worship services so those who are unable to worship with us in person, or who desire to worship with us from home, are able to do so! We have learned how to utilize Zoom for meetings, Bible Study, and Confirmation. We have learned to listen carefully to different perspectives and discern God’s leading. We have courageously tried new ways of doing things and have grounded ourselves in worship and prayer for one another and the world that God has made. In all these things, God has been leading us and helping us to adapt to an ever-changing world and God who has called us to this ministry has and will remain faithful!

In closing, I want to thank each one of you for the joy and privilege of serving as your Pastor. It is a true blessing to observe and participate in all that God is doing in and through Coon Valley Lutheran Church! Thank you. I also want to thank my Husband Dan and our Daughters Caya and Katie whose love and support bear witness to me of God’s grace and love as I continue to learn and grow as a Spouse, Mother, Pastor, and Child of God.

In the love of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Julie



MCj03226430000[1]DECEMBER CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The CVLC Council met on November 16th at 6:00 p.m.

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

\*Finance Committee: Phil Moilien presented the 2022 proposed budget. The total proposed expense for 2022 is $215,692. 72% of this budget is payroll, 14% building & grounds, 7% benevolence. This includes a 5.9% payroll increase for the Office Administrator, Treasurer and Custodian.

\*Ministry Minutes: Pastor Julie was appreciative for the offer of additional PTO, but her biggest need is assistance in coverage for services for her to be able to take PTO. Our church along with Middle C.V will participate in the 2022 Youth Gathering.  
\*Social Ministry: The Giving Tree was successful.

\*Property & Grounds: Will need to look into the cost of replacing the boiler. We currently have spare parts on hand. Looking into the cost to refinish the cross on the altar.

\*Youth: The LIFE pizza party was well attended. Further activities have been put on hold due to COVID.

\*Worship: A meeting will be on January 9 to review COVID protocols.

\*Stewardship: The Committee will be highlighting the ministries of the Synod this year in the Carillon and during worship.

\*Action Items: Motion was passed to have the Annual Meeting Feb. 6th. \*Motion was passed to 120 PTO with the option to carry over 10 hours per year for Office Admin. \*Motion approved to reach out to interested people in the congregation to assist in leading worship while Pastor Julie takes PTO. \*Motion passed to adopt the proposed 2022 Budget.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

Sarah Ofte, Council Secretary

ASH WEDNESDAY LUMINARY ORDERS

Once again, our Confirmation Youth will be making Luminaries in memory of our loved ones, to shine on Ash Wednesday, March 2. You can order by using this form, OR by contacting Jamie, OR by ordering from our Confirmation Youth. All orders should be made and paid for by February 21. \*Make checks out to “CVLC YOUTH.” Luminaries are $5 per person. If you want two people named on one Luminary, the cost will be $10. List both names on the same line, if you would like two names on one luminary.

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LUMINARY ORDER

FOR FROM $5

Need by Monday, February 21 ☺

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This year our Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 6 immediately following the 10am worship service.** We will have an in-person meeting with a Zoom option available. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact Jamie.

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Description automatically generatedTHANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBERS!

Thank you to our Council for their faithful leadership and service. We give thanks for the ministry of Nancy King, Sarah Ofte, Andrea Stakston Phillips, and Brian Strangstalien whose terms have ended and for Ray Williamson, Amanda Buros, Glen Hoff, Deb Holen, and Carl Holte who will continue to serve on Council. We will be electing four council members at our February 6th Annual meeting. Please thank our outgoing and newly elected council members, and our Treasurer Becky Lusk as they begin a new year of council ministry and service!

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP NEWS

Registration is now OPEN for 2022 Summer Camp! Please visit the Sugar Creek Bible Camp website: [www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org) or talk with Pastor Julie for more information about Summer camp opportunities. We do not wish for any child to be prevented from going to camp because of cost. Please talk with Pastor Julie for confidential scholarship information.

The 2021 Summer was COVID-FREE at Sugar Creek Bible Camp thanks to major efforts among our staff, campers, and families; following CDC medical guidelines for individuals and camps. (Thanks be to God for doctors and expert medical teams!) Sugar Creek remains fully accredited by the American Camping Association, for world-class safety and program quality.

Diagram

Description automatically generatedOur Stewardship Committee would like to introduce Stewardship Corner! Each month they will highlight a different ministry of our church and Synod.

In the 12 years that our blood drive has been going on, there have been 1652 units of blood collected by the Red Cross. Because blood is a perishable product it must be used fairly soon after collection. For this reason, the Red Cross sends it to where the demand is greatest. The blood collected here in Coon Valley has been sent all across the United States to help save lives. That is the outreach and impact that this gift of giving has and it starts right here.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE DECEMBER 27 AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE! 59 units were donated! Thank you to Mike Lusk who organizes our Blood Drives, to all who help with the Drives and to all who donate. You truly make a difference in people’s lives! Our next scheduled Blood Drive is on May 2.



BULLETIN SPONSORS

Sponsoring a Sunday bulletin is a great way to honor a loved one’s birthday, anniversary or to remember someone who has passed. In 2022 the cost of sponsoring the bulletin will be $40. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call Jamie in the office.

PASCHAL CANDLE

We are looking for someone to sponsor the 2022 paschal candle. The paschal candle burns during baptisms, funerals, Easter and other special services. Would you like to honor the memory of someone who has passed? If so, please contact Jamie or Pastor Julie a.s.a.p.!

[](http://www.souperbowl.org/multimedia/logo/soupPot.jpg) “SOUPER BOWL” OF CARING ON FEBRUARY 13.

CVLC will participate in this program. On SUPER BOWL SUNDAY **please remember to wear your team jersey** and give to those in need! 100% of the money given will go directly to the ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL. We invite you to give a donation. Cash and checks will be accepted (make checks payable to CVLC and write “world hunger” in the memo line) we will send all money to the Synod and they will forward it to the ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL. During these football festivities please remember **to give!**



To Our Church Family,

Thank you to each of your that have prayed for us. Thank you for your gifts of flowers, plants, garden memorials and monetary memorials. We feel your friendship and love and are embracing it during this heart-breaking journey. Love, hugs, and blessings to all of you.

Nancy & Bill Rogers

WELCA NEWS

Nine members were present at our Thurs., Jan. 20 meeting which began at

10 am. It was a bitterly cold day and not being able to enjoy coffee made it seem even colder.

Our meeting consisted of installing the officers that were present – President, Ellie Brye; Treasurer, Jean Gronvold; Mission Action Chairman, Joyce Temp; Cradle Roll Secretary, LuEtta Nelson and Historian, Ainsley Lichtie. Missing were Vice President, Nancy Rogers and Secretary, Judy Koula.

We also looked over the disbursements for 2021 and made several minor changes to the year book.

We did not disperse any money in 2020 because of Covid and our income was down in 2021 for the same reason. However, we were still able to send money to various ministries and worthy causes. These included:

**Gifts:**

Personnel Gifts (@ $25 each) $225

Nursing Home Residents (@ $10 each) 130

New Horizons 200

Lutheran World Relief 300

**La Crosse Area Synod:**

ELCA Disaster Fund 500

Lutheran Campus Ministry 300

Luth Social Services-Adoption Program 100

Sugar Creek Bible Camp 100

**Local:**

Coon Creek Fire & Rescue 500

**Coon Valley Lutheran Church**

Office Supplies 200

Quilters 200

**Budgeted Items for 2021**

Bethel Buttik 500

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENT: $3255**

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DATE TO REMEMBER

Thurs., Feb. 17, 10 am – WELCA

Officers plan Birthday Month program and serve coffee. Paying Hostesses: Peggy Way, Patty Meurer, Angie Nelson, Joan Weimar.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs., Mar. 17, 10 am – WELCA. Ruth Circle presents program. Servers: Judy Koula, Gloria Galstad. Paying Hostesses: Amy Midtlien, Lorraine Ward, Donna Johnson, Renita Williamson.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

Feb. 6 No Coffee, Annual Meeting

Feb. 13 Sherri Berg, Tracy Stellner

Feb. 20 Kim Hatlan, Renee Quellhorst

Feb. 27 Sunday School Youth

Mar. 6 Pancake Breakfast

Mar. 13 Cindy Manske, Becky Lusk

Mar. 20 Karen Rude, Kim Nelson

Mar. 27 High School Youth

**REMEMBER THAT ALL DATES AND EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE!**

When the year book is printed, it will be available in the back of the church and downstairs in the dining room. Please refer to this information for all officers and committees, events, servers, Circle members, officer descriptions, LWR kit instructions, all WELCA members, and other information.

All women in our congregation are members of WELCA. If you do not work outside the home or are newly retired, we would welcome you to join us on the third Thursday of the month at 10 am for a morning of coffee, a program and a short business meeting. Do you knit, crochet or quilt? Join the quilters or Prayer Shawl Ministry. Any Circle would love to have you join them or start a new one with your friends. The opportunities are endless!

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

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| **2021** | **December** |  | **2021 YTD** |
| **Total Offerings** | $26,054.55 |  | $189,152.21 |
| **Expenses** | $15901.54 |  | $198,616.41 |
| **Balance/Shortfall** | **$10,153.01** |  | **-$9,464.20** |
| **Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer** | $0 |  | $0 |
| **Building Fund Transfer** | $0 |  | $3,157.31 |
| **Memorial Fund**  **Transfer** | $0 |  | $3,801.90 |

**12/19 – 10a:** 20=145; **Offering:** $2,735.01

**12/24 – 4pm:** 127

**12/25 – 9a:** 40; **Offering:** $2,659.00

**12/26** **– 9a:** 27 **Offering:** $2,624.00

**1/2 – 9a:** 47**; Offering:** $5,465.51

**1/9 – 8a:** 25; **10:30:** 35=60 total; **Offering:** $2,392.47

**1/16– 8a:** 27; **10:30:** 20=47 total

**Sunday School Attendance: 1/9-** 19; **1/16**-7

**\*\***Approximately **$3,925.00 a week** is needed to meet operating expenses.

**General Fund Balance:** 12/31/21: $37,160.66

**Memorial Fund Balance:**12/31/21: $44,441.04

**Building Fund Balance:** 12/31/21: $40,626.03

**CD Interest Balance:** 12/31/21: $19,061.43

FUNERALS

12/30-Jean Larson

1/5-Alice Marie Sather

1/8-Irene Larson

MEMORIALS

**Burton Lee**

Memorial Fund: $93.00

General Fund: $500.00

**Janice Lee**

Memorial Fund: $33.00

**Jon Lee**

Memorial Fund: $50.00

**Jim Lee**

Memorial Fund: $33.00

**Laura (Rogers) Kautz**

Memorial Fund: $85.00

Sunday School: $40.00

Shepherd Fund: $465.00

**Alice Marie Sather**

Memorial Fund: $170.00

Endowment: $10.00

Youth Fund: $110.00

Building Fund: $20.00

**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, Eleanor Bagstad, Tip Bagstad, Clifford Bakkum, Inez Beck, Ellie Brye, Chris Cabe, Jeanne Ebli, Kira Foster, Lucy Hardie, Bonnie Holey, Becky Ihle, Verlin Ihle, Jim Knutson, Paul Kogut, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Larry Lichtie, Gerri Leum, Cindy Manske, Aaron Marx, Frank Mathison, Judy Mathison, Skyler Midtlien, Bud Miyamoto, Bob Moilien, Corrine Nelson, Romaine Nelson, Sandy Nelson, Cathy Ofte, Pam Pauloski, Eunice Quast, Bill Rogers, Nancy Rogers, Jojo Satona, Mary Schultz, Billie Slater, LaVonne Stendahl, Floyd Storey, Dennis Strangstalien, Rachel Strangstalien, Nancy Stuempges, Joyce Temp, Teri Tomten, Hannah Traastad, Lanny Westphal, Renita Williamson.

**† *Our members who are currently in health care facilities*:** Rachel Berg, Evelyn Dahlen, Joanne Fletcher, Erma Graupe, Sylvester King Jr., Glen Marshall, Irene Nestingen, Tim Ofte, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Beatrice Olson (Leonard), Arlene Townsend, Betty Sanders.

**† *Those who grieve:*** Family of Alice Marie Sather; Family of Irene Larson; Family of Jean Larson; Bill & Nancy Rogers in the death of their daughter Laura

**† *Family and friends of members***

**† *Local Military:***Austin Holen

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6**

**SUNDAY** Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13] *Send me*

Psalm 138 *I will bow toward your holy temple*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *I am the least of the apostles*

Luke 5:1-11 *Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people*

**MONDAY** Numbers 27:12-23 *God’s choice of Joshua*

**TUESDAY** 1 Samuel 9:15—10:1b *The call of Saul*

**WEDNESDAY** Luke 5:27-32 *The call of Levi*

**THURSDAY** Isaiah 8:1-15 *Resisting the call*

**FRIDAY** 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 *Advice about worship*

**SATURDAY** Psalm 115 *God blesses the chosen people*

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13**

**SUNDAY** Jeremiah 17:5-10 *Those who trust the LORD are like trees*

Psalm 1 *Trees planted by streams of water*

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 *Christ has been raised*

Luke 6:17-26 *Blessings on the poor, woes on the rich*

**MONDAY** 2 Kings 24:18—25:21 *Woes come upon Jerusalem*

**TUESDAY** Ezra 1:1-11 *Blessings return to Jerusalem*

**WEDNESDAY** Luke 11:37-52 *Woe to the sinners*

**THURSDAY** Jeremiah 22:11-17 *Woe to the unjust*

**FRIDAY** 1 Corinthians 15:20-34 *The end time*

**SATURDAY** Psalm 120 *Woe to me*

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20**

**SUNDAY** Genesis 45:3-11, 15 *Joseph forgives his brothers*

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 *The lowly shall possess the land*

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 *The mystery of the resurrection*

Luke 6:27-38 *Love your enemies*

**MONDAY** Genesis 33:1-17 *Jacob and Esau reconcile*

**TUESDAY** 1 Samuel 24:1-22 *David spares Saul’s life*

**WEDNESDAY** Luke 17:1-4 *Forgiving seven times seven*

**THURSDAY** Leviticus 5:1-13 *Offerings for pardon*

**FRIDAY** 1 Corinthians 11:2-22, 27-33 *Advice for church life*

**SATURDAY** Psalm 38 *Confession of sin*

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27**

**SUNDAY** Exodus 34:29-35 *Moses’ face shone*

Psalm 99 *Worship upon God’s holy hill*

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 *We will be transformed*

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43] *Jesus is transfigured on the mountain*

**MONDAY** Ezekiel 1:1—2:1 *Ezekiel’s vision of the chariot*

**TUESDAY** Luke 10:21-24 *The Son revealed*

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *Return to God*

*Or* Isaiah 58:1-12 *The fast that God chooses*

Psalm 51:1-17 *A plea for mercy*

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 *Now is the day of salvation*

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 *The practice of faith*

**THURSDAY** Exodus 5:10-23 *Israel labors in Egypt*

**FRIDAY** Exodus 6:1-13 *God promises deliverance*

**SATURDAY** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *For everything a season*

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P.O. Box 280

Thank you!

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Amanda Buros, Glen Hoff, Debbie Holen, Carl Holte,

Andrea Stakston, Brian Strangstalien

**Worship Schedule**

**8:00 & 10:30 am (13th 20th, 27th); 9:00 am (6th)**

**Sunday School 9:00 am**

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| February 2022 | | | | | | |
| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** | |
|  |  | **1**  **5:00p-**Worship Committee | **2**  **5:00p-**Confirmation | **3**  **10:00a-**Pr. Julie @ Norseland  **5:00p-**Rebecca Circle | **4** | **5** | |
| **6**  **9:00a-**Sunday School  **10:00a­-**Worship with Holy Communion; **Annual Meeting** to immediately follow | **7**  Pr. Julie’s Sabbath  **6:00p-**Finance Committee | **8**  **9:00a-**South Conf. Pastors  **9:30a-**Naomi Circle | **9**  **9:00a-**Quilting  **5:00p-**Confirmation | **10**  **6:00p-**Church Council | **11** | **12** | |
| **13 8:00 & 10:30a-**Worship with Holy Communion; Souper Bowl of Caring (wear your team jersey to worship!)  **9:00a-**Sunday School  **Deadline to return Annual Meeting ballot** | **14**  Pr. Julie’s Sabbath  Shape, arrow  Description automatically generated | **15**  **Carillon Deadline** | **16**  **5:00p-**Confirmation | **17**  **10:00a-**WELCA | **18** | **19** | |
| **20**  **8:00 & 10:30a-**Worship  **9:00a-**Sunday School  **2:00p-**Sugar Creek Annual Meeting | **21**  Winter Theological Conference  **Luminary deadline** | **22** | **23**  **9:00a-**Quilting  **5:00p-**Confirmation | **24** | **25**  Pr. Julie’s Sabbath | **26** | |
| **27**  **8:00 & 10:30a-**Worship  **9:00a-**Sunday School | **28**  Pr. Julie’s Sabbath |  |  |  |  | **Office Hours**  **Tuesday-9:00a-2:30p**  **Wednesday-Thursday**  **9:00a-4:00p** | |