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  Dear Church,

By the time you read our newsletter you will have received a letter from myself, our Council President Karen Rude and our Worship Committee Chairperson Nancy King regarding our hope for an in person outdoor worship service to be held July 5 on our Church lawn. At this time, we are planning to have two services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The letter you have received outlines the guidelines we have put into place in an effort to keep everyone safe. Our council and I will continue to be guided by our local Health Departments and the guidelines we have adopted in making the best decisions possible. Thank you for your patience and prayers in this time of discernment.

I know this has not been an easy time. We long to see one another and gather for worship in or at least near our beautiful Church building. I thank you for your patience and compassion as we have learned to worship and be the Church in new ways in the past three months.

I was reminded today of how when my husband and daughters went backpacking several years ago with their Church that the trail guide would make sure that those who needed a little extra time were at the front of the line as they hiked. The Trail Guide understood that not everyone went at the same pace and that it was necessary for those who needed extra time to set the pace for those who could mountain goat their way up the trail, in order to care for the group and keep everyone safe.

This is what we are being asked to do: To let compassion be our compass as we make our way through this time. In Isaiah 54 verse 10 we read, “For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord who has compassion on you.”

I look forward to worshiping with you either in person or virtually! God is not at all finished with us yet! Thank you for being the Church!

In Christ,

Pastor Julie



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Thank you so much for joining me in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of my Ordination! I read every card, email and text with great joy and appreciation and the flowers from the Congregation were beautiful! It is a blessing to serve our Lord with you.

In Christ,

Pastor Julie

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![MCj03226430000[1]]()MAY CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The CVLC Council met on May 19th at 6:00 p.m. Council President Karen Rude called the meeting to order. Pam led the devotions.

\*Treasurer’s Report: Becky Lusk reported that we have a year-to-date shortfall of $5,711.83. She said that we are in a good position and the church is current on its benevolence to the Synod. Treasurer’s Report accepted.

\*Finance Committee Report: Karen McGarvey reported that the church did not apply for the Paycheck Protection Plan. Members of the council were called and after discussions the majority of the members were in favor of not applying for funds.

\*Ministry Minutes: Pastor Julie reported that Jamie will be having surgery on June 2nd and will be out of the office for a week or more. Cindy Manske has agreed to fill in while Jamie is out. Currently Jamie is working from home and in the office on Wednesdays. Pastor Julie delivered all the blankets to the seniors.

\*Social Ministry: Pam Olson reported that birthday cards have been sent to homebound members. Jamie printed pictures for additional cards to be made. They are looking at creating a more diverse selection of cards.

\*Property and Grounds: Brian Strangstalien reported that the new light pole is going up in the parking lot. Carl Holte thanked Brian for filing the hole and planting grass in the lawn. Carl volunteered to water the grass. Deb Holen is working on the flower beds and asked is there is any paint available for the railings in front of the church. After discussion of the hole in the parking lot from the old school foundation and idea for a possible fundraiser with the old bricks from the foundations was suggested. More research needs to be done.

\*Stewardship: Discussed sending out a thank you letter to the congregation.

\*Discussion Items: Karen Rude led the discussion on the information regarding the gradual return to worship. Documents from the Synod office, Wisconsin Council of Churches, and WI Badger Bounce Back Plan were reviewed. The Synod provides guidance but will not tell congregations what they should do. Transitional worship options were discussed including parking lot worship, drive through and neighborhood communion, outdoor services. Some churches have decided to wait until July before holding worship services. A motion was accepted to follow the Synod guidelines. More info about gradual reopening will be in the June Carillon.

\*VBS & Corn Roast: Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 2-4 with the Corn Roast being on the 4th. The format would be VBS in a bag with online videos and craft materials provided to them. Discussed having a drive through Corn Roast option.

\*Mission Trip: Casey Brye has created a Facebook group discussing options for an at home mission trip. Youth Works had cancelled all of their trips this summer.

Council adjourned at 8:00 PM.

![MCj02119730000[1]]()Respectfully submitted, Sarah Ofte, Secretary

CVLC AT HOME MISSION TRIP

At this time any plans for a High School at home mission trip in August are tentative. Decisions will be made as the event is closer. Many thanks to Casey Brye and any volunteers that are working to recruit volunteers for this at home trip.

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 Thanks to **Josh Maxwell** for all his work on the Treasurer’s computer. Josh took the time to install QuickBooks and transfer all the finance information from the old computer to the new one. Thanks for your time and talents, Josh!

Thanks to the **family of Jack and Shirley Berg** for donating the materials and time to install a new light pole in our parking lot.

Thank you to **Deb Holen** for doing some spring cleaning on our landscaping around the Church. The churchyard looks beautiful and welcoming!

We would like to thank our **Prayer Group**, who recently acquired several new members. Thank you for your time praying for this congregation and its members!

Thank you to **the congregation of Coon Valley Lutheran Church** for helping keep us going. We continue our work here and we thank you all for your gifts of time and financial support!

Our **CVLC Church Council**, for their diligent work during this time. They have had to make many difficult decisions for this congregation. We thank them for their time and talents!

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, gifts and sent messages and prayers while I recovered from surgery. A special thank you to the Rebecca Circle for the Badger Crossing gift card and Cindy Swartz for the Kwik Trip gift card.

~Jamie Thomas

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

We now have several copies of the devotionals available in the church office. If you would like a copy please stop in to the church on Wednesdays from 9am -2pm and you may receive one. All those members who are currently receiving Pastor Julie’s sermons via mail will receive a copy of the devotional in the mail. Please contact Jamie at jamiel@mwt.net or 608-317-0007 to arrange to get one if you are unable to get to the church.



BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive will be Monday, August 17 from 1-6pm. You can schedule an appointment by going to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). During this time blood donation is especially needed, supplies are very low. Volunteers are always needed to help with the drive. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Mike Lusk at 452-3472. We thank Mike for his efforts to put together these blood drives, especially in times like this. Thank you, Mike!

2020 CORN ROAST CANCELLED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic our Corn Roast for this year will be cancelled. This is always a fun and free community event that we are all going to miss. Our Corn Roast Committee is looking into a donation to a local community outreach organization that is yet to be determined.

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WORKING FROM A DISTANCE

The staff at CVLC are still primarily working from home. I am in the office on Wednesdays from 9am-2pm. Finding a balance in this new normal has been difficult for so many, but we at our home are making it work. I find myself longing for the way things used to be. To be able to see all of your faces, to worship in our building, to enjoy coffee fellowship and to escort my girls to Sunday School. To be able to visit with friends and family more frequently without the worry of contracting this virus. It is easy to find ourselves slipping into our old habits, visiting with people and breaking our old rules. I myself did this a couple weeks ago, broke our rules of strict social distancing, and soon after found that we had potentially been exposed to COVID-19. I am happy to say we are all fine and did not end up with COVID-19. But it was a stark reminder to us that we have to stay the course and continue to social distance.

 For the foreseeable future I will be working from home. Our daycare has closed permanently and I just cannot send my girls to another daycare at this time, I am not comfortable with it. Also, I do not know what will happen with my Kristina’s schooling this next year. I have voiced my concern over sending her to school. It is at this time my intention to keep her home with me for her learning. Our Council has graciously agreed to work with me and my schedule and for this I am grateful!

 All that said, I am still available via phone or email. I am still keeping a balance of home and work. Please do not hesitate to contact me. In the future I hope to be available in the office another day a week.

 I am happy that this month my family and I are taking a vacation on July 5-12 we will be staying in a cabin on Lake Superior! During that week please contact Pastor Julie if you may need anything. Thank you for allowing me to take some time away with my family!

Blessings to you all for health and safety.

Jamie



WELCA NEWS

Here we are, coming into July of 2020 and still dealing with COVID-19 and have added sending astronauts into space and protests. Psalm 46 comes to mind during this time-verses 1 and 2- “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.”

 Last month I wrote about the flora and fauna out here. Well, the Sandhill colt’s legs are now about a foot long, the fawns left their wobbly legs and can run like the wind. Still haven’t seen anything flying out of the nest but am keeping an eye on it. It is amazing how tranquil the world can look amidst all the chaos and turmoil going on.

 I am still praying for all of you and hope you are continuing to stay safe and in touch with family and friends- a note, phone call or email can really brighten someone’s day.

 As for when WELCA will resume meeting, it is still unknown. Stay tuned for an update.

 God Bless,

 Ellie Brye, President

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**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

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| **2020** | **May** |  | **2020 YTD** |
| **Total Offerings** | $17,487.35 |   | $73,880.68 |
| **Expenses** | $13,649.26 |   | $75,003.45 |
| **Balance/Shortfall** |  **$3,838.09** |  | -**$1,122.77** |
| **Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer** | $0  |  | $0  |
| **Building Fund Transfer** | $0 |  | $1,300.00 |

**5/24 –** **Offering:** $3,038.35

**5/31** **– Offering:** $2,248.35

**6/7 – Offering:** $4,043.35

**6/14 – Offering:** $2,000.06

**6/21 – Offering:** $1,745.65

**\*\***Approximately **$3,800.00 a week** is needed to meet operating expenses.

**General Fund Balance:** 5/31/20: $21,362.34

**Memorial Fund Balance:**5/31/20: $33,843.57

**Building Fund Balance:** 5/31/20: $2,313.48

**CD Interest Balance:** 5/31/20: $17,138.82

MEMORIALS

 **Lillian Jothen**

Quilters: $20.00

 WELCA: $150.00

 Endowment: $70.00

 Sunday School: $20.00

 Memorial Fund: $525.00

 Candle Fund: $10.00

 **James “Jim” Lee**

Memorial Fund: $20.00

BUILDING USE

At this time only church staff and officers are permitted in the church building. If you are there during office hours please ring the doorbell and Jamie will assist you at the door. Thank you for understanding. We hope to all be able to gather together again someday 😊



Doing your shopping on **Amazon**? Please go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), enter ***Coon Valley Congregation*** do your shopping and **Amazon Smile** will donate a small percentage to our church!

**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*:** Beverly Bagstad, Eleanor Bagstad, Tip Bagstad, Clifford Bakkum, Inez Beck, Kay Bjornstad, Evelyn Dahlen, Judy Denison, Kira Foster, Alan Haakenson, Lucy Hardie, Arvid Holey, Bonnie Holey, Verlin Ihle, Jim Knutson, Elizabeth Larson, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Sarah Leisso, Gerri Leum, Becky Lind, Cindy Manske, Aaron Marx, Skyler Midtlien, Romaine Nelson, Cathy Ofte, Elmer Ofte, Tim Ofte, Sherman Olson, Steve Pauloski, Edie Peterson, Elaine Proksch, Eunice Quast, Jojo Satona, Aaron Stakston, Terri Stakston, Orville Stendahl, Nancy Stuempges, Jamie Thomas, Ray Williamson.

**† *Our members who are currently in health care facilities*:** Sylvester King Jr., Irene Larson, Irene Nestingen, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Beatrice Olson (Leonard).

**† *Those who grieve:*** Gary Erickson and family in the death of Delaine; Jeanne Ebli and family in the death of Sheryl Ebli; Family and friends of Lillian Jothen

**† *Family and friends of members***

**† *Local Military:***Austin Holen, and John Nelson

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**WEEK OF JULY 5**

 **SUNDAY** Zechariah 9:9-12 *The king comes in peace*

Psalm 145:8-14 *The LORD is gracious and full of compassion*

 Or Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 *The marriage of Isaac and Rebekah*

Psalm 45:10-17 *God has anointed you*

Or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 *Arise, my love and come away*

Romans 7:15-25a *The struggle within the self*

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *The yoke of discipleship*

 **MONDAY** Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22 *Jeremiah wears the evil yoke*

 **TUESDAY** Jeremiah 28:10-17 *Hananiah breaks Jeremiah’s yoke and dies*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 13:1-17 *Jesus washes the disciples’ feet*

 **THURSDAY** Jeremiah 13:1-11 *Jeremiah’s loincloth*

 **FRIDAY** Romans 7:1-20 *The law and sin*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 131 *I rest like a weaned child of God*

**WEEK OF JULY 12**

 **SUNDAY** Isaiah 55:10-13 *The growth of the word*

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 *Your paths overflow with plenty*

Or Genesis 25:19-34 *Esau sells his birthright to Jacob*

Psalm 119:105-112 *Your word is a lantern to my feet*

Romans 8:1-11 *Living according to the Spirit*

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 *The parable of the sower and the seed*

 **MONDAY** Leviticus 26:3-20 *A rich and a poor harvest from God*

 **TUESDAY** Deuteronomy 28:1-14 *The blessings of obedience*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 13:10-17 *The purpose of parables*

 **THURSDAY** Proverbs 11:23-30 *The fruit of righteousness*

 **FRIDAY** Ephesians 4:17—5:2 *The old life, the new life*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 92 *The wicked as grass, the righteous a tree*

**WEEK OF JULY 19**

 **SUNDAY** Isaiah 44:6-8 *There is no other god than the LORD*

 Or Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  *God’s sovereignty*

Psalm 86:11-17 *Teach me your way, O LORD*

Or Genesis 28:10-19a  *Jacob’s dream of the ladder from heaven*

 Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 *You have searched me out and known me*

Romans 8:12-25 *The revealing of the children of God*

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *The parable of the weeds*

 **MONDAY** Nahum 1:1-13 *The wrath and the mercy of God*

 **TUESDAY** Zephaniah 3:1-13 *The wicked convert to God*

 **WEDNESDAY** Revelation 14:12-20 *The harvest at the end of time*

 **THURSDAY** Daniel 12:1-13 *The righteous will shine*

 **FRIDAY** Galatians 4:21—5:1 *An allegory about those saved*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 75 *God’s judgment*

**WEEK OF JULY 26**

 **SUNDAY** 1 Kings 3:5-12 *Solomon’s prayer for wisdom*

 Psalm 119:129-136 *Your word gives light and understanding*

 *or* Genesis 29:15-28 *Leah and Rachel become Jacob’s wives*

 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b *God’s promises to Jacob*

 Or Psalm 128 *Happy are they who follow in God’s ways*

Romans 8:26-39 *Nothing can separate us from God’s love*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 *Parables of the reign of heaven*

 **MONDAY** 1 Kings 3:16-28 *Solomon’s wisdom in judgment*

 **TUESDAY** 1 Kings 4:29-34 *God gave Solomon wisdom*

 **WEDNESDAY** Mark 4:30-34 *Jesus’ use of parables*

 **THURSDAY** Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33 *The call of wisdom*

 **FRIDAY** Ephesians 6:10-18 *The allegory of the armor*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 119:121-128 *Give me understanding*

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**Moving? New contact information? Please update the church office.**

**Thank you!**

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Indoor Custodian: Tracy Stellner

Choir Director: Mary Westphal

Church Council President: Karen Rude

Vice President: Karen McGarvey; Secretary: Sarah Ofte

Carl Holte, Nancy King, Pam Olson, Andrea Stakston,

 Brian Strangstalien, Ray Williamson

*June 25, 2020*

*Dear Coon Valley Lutheran members and friends,*

*We are unable to offer in-person day camp this year, but in partnership with Middle Coon Valley Lutheran and Sugar Creek Bible Camp we are offering* ***Day Camp – to Go!!!*** *Sponsored by Sugar Creek Bible Camp.*

*This means you will get four days of child-friendly programming in the form of a resource bag to take home – FREE. This is for children of all ages. It includes: videos, Bible story, a craft and an outside creation challenge.*

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, JULY 12th****.*

*Please complete and return the registration page via mail or email.*

*Then on* ***Wednesday, July 22nd stop by Coon Valley Lutheran between the hours of***

***5:00 – 7:00 pm to pick up your bag****. If you need a different collection time, please contact Pastor Julie to arrange a place and time.*

*Then – set your own schedule. Do one lesson a day for four days or do one lesson every Monday for month or have a full day of Day Camp. Your choice.* ***Take pictures of your child(ren) participating in an activity, holding up a finished art project or singing a song and send them to Pastor Julie via Facebook or email.*** *We would like to share these pictures on a Sunday morning.*

*These are difficult times, but faith can still grow. The theme is, “On Earth as in Heaven” and is a daily exploration of the Lord’s prayer and how it connect to the story of Jesus and your life. This is an opportunity for you to grow with your children.*

*We hope you will sign up!*

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Julie Wollman & the Coon Valley Lutheran Church Education Committee*

PLEASE RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM BY SUNDAY, JULY 12 VIA MAIL:

COON VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

BOX 280

COON VALLEY, WI 54623

OR to our Parish Office Administrator Jamie Thomas via email: jamiel@mwt.net

DAY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF ADULT FILLING OUT FORM

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PLEASE REGISTER CHILDREN IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HERE:

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Please circle the items you **HAVE** – and we will provide the rest (if you don’t know what an item is, leave it uncircled):

1. Scissors
2. Colored Pencils or Crayons
3. Glue Stick
4. 1 sheet of Construction paper – any color
5. Full Size Ivory Soap Bar
6. Craft stick
7. Piece of Blue Construction Paper
8. 1/2 Piece of White Construction Paper
9. ¼ Piece of Green Construction Paper
10. ½ Piece of Brown Construction Paper
11. ¼ Piece of Yellow Construction Paper
12. Black marker.