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Dear Church,

Psalm 1:3 is a verse that I have been returning to throughout this time of physical distancing and following our Governor’s Safer at Home measures. The Psalmist writes, “They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper.” When I read or recite this passage I do so as a prayer, that God would help me yield fruit, to not wither with doubt or worry, and in God’s season, to prosper! This passage also reminds me to seek the life-giving streams of water that are available to us in this time such as worship and devotions via technology, reading the Bible and praying for each one of you and the concerns of our hearts are all things that nurture my faith and prepare me for service in God’s world. Other things that serve as streams of water have been preparing a meal for my family, spending time outdoors, taking a walk and listening to music while doing the many chores of having everyone living and working from home. Notice how the Psalmist speaks of seasons. There is GRACE and TIME involved in growing a healthy tree. Be gentle with yourselves text, email or call me and let me know…Where are you finding streams of water in this time? I would love to hear from you!

Here is a list of resources that I pray will serve as living water for you in this time:

**For those who use computers:**

**Wednesday Night Devotions:** I will continue to post a short scripture reading, reflection and prayer from my home each Wednesday evening. These are available on the Coon Valley Lutheran Church Facebook page each night after 6:00 p.m. and can also be viewed anytime on our website: www.coonvalleylutheranchurch.org

**Sunday Morning Worship Services:** An abbreviated worship service will be available on our Facebook page and website at 8:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. These worship services are also available through Vernon Communications Channel 15.

**Christ in Our Home Daily Devotions:** You can sign-up at [www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org) to have the daily Christ in our Home devotional reading delivered free of charge to your email. These daily devotionals are free of charge through June 30.

**Sunday School at Home!** A link to Spark house’s Family Sunday School—a free 8-week lesson series is now available on our Facebook page. Each 13-minute video explores a Bible Story based on the Scripture readings for Sunday!

**If you do not use a computer,** please contact me or Jamie to sign-up for Ministry in your Mailbox! We will send you the previous Sunday’s sermon and anything else we might be able to share each week!

In these weeks to come I intend to continue to reach out to those who have been in our prayers, others who are not able to worship with us and consider new ways of helping our congregation stay connected to one another in this time. Thank you for your prayers for our staff and council. I give thanks to God for the thoughtful leadership of our council and hard work of our staff who look forward with great anticipation to it being safe for us to gather again in person!

**Before I close, I wish to share my sincere gratitude for the many ways you continue to give to the ministry we share.** Your offerings of time, talents, and finances have indeed been streams of water to the many branches of ministry we share as a congregation, Synod and Church body. It is not uncommon for me to hear that someone has taken it upon themselves to prepare the flowerbeds in the Churchyard for Spring or has been working to repair a leak in our roof (it is now fixed!) and in the midst of physical distancing, the Blood Drive yielded a record number of donations in March! From my heart I thank you for your partnership in ministry. I thank God for you and for the promise of new life in God’s season.

With my prayers for you,

Pastor Julie

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

The CVLC Council met on March 12th at 6:00 p.m.

\*Council president Karen Rude called the meeting to order.

\*Treasurers Report-Becky presented the report. Report accepted.

\*Finance Committee Report-Karen McGarvey reported that the committee would like the Nominating Committee to get two more members for the Finance Committee. The Committee would like to perform an audit once a quarter. Phil will conduct a Finance Update to the congregation in May and October.

\*Ministry Minutes: Casey Brye in planning a stay at home mission trip event to coincide with VBS and the Corn Roast August 2-4. Pastor Julie reported that the Confirmation lock-in had been postponed with a possible Sugar Creek event being planned instead. Confirmation is set for April 19.

\*Education: A meeting of the Sunday School teachers is being planned soon.

\*Youth: The LIFE youth is planning a painting party for Sunday, March 15th.

\*Membership Life and Growth: This committee has been dissolved and has combined with the Stewardship Committee.

\*Social Ministry Committee: Cards have been sent to homebound and members in facilities. The Sole Burner Walk is in September. A basket will need to be created for the fundraiser.

\*Worship Committee: Holy Week schedule has been planned.

\*Property and Grounds: Joel Jaeger from the roofing company that did the roof over the Fellowship Hall has been contacted about the leaking roof over the Vestry. Krause has been contacted to get a quote to fix the lighted cross on the church. Cost was estimated to be $800-$1,000. Motion was approved to have the cross fixed by using funds from the Building Fund. Pot hole in the parking lot was filled by Erik Rude. The Ring doorbell was installed and is working.

\*Discussion Items: Altar Candles update-Cindy Swartz, Gloria Galstad and Carl Holte went to two different churches to look at altar candles. They are doing more research as to where these churches bought their altar candles. There is currently $4,913 in the Altar Candle Fund.

-Synod Barn Raising: The barn has been painted, Carl Holte will bring it to the church.

-Youth Abuse Prevention: The current policy was reviewed and found that it should be updated. Pastor Julie reported that the synod office has a fund to provide free background checks for anyone working with youth in the congregation.

-COVID-19: After discussion it was decided to continue with Lenten services for now. There will be a group of council members coming to clean high touch points in the church.

-Kitchen Rental: The group that is renting the kitchen will have an orientation schedule for the to tour the kitchen.

-Pastor Julie’s health insurance: Pastor Julie’s daughters will be added to her husbands health plan.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Sarah Ofte, Council Secretary

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**NOTES OF THANKS!**

You might have noticed a large area of new grass seed that is taking root next to the Parking Lot. The site that has been seeded is the former site of the Coon Valley Elementary School. Over time, this area has become a rather large and unsafe sink hole. Thank you to Glen Hoff and Brian Strangstalien for preparing the hole and to Brian for the many hours spent filling it in. Thank you to the Chaseburg Co-Op who provided the grass seed for this project! Thank you all for keeping our grounds safe and beautiful!

**From Verlin Ihle**

Thank you to the congregation for your thoughtful cards and prayers for me during my hospitalization this Winter and thank you to the Social Ministry Committee and Knitters for the thoughtful card and Prayer Square! You are all so greatly appreciated! Verlin Ihle

 **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

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 “If you can't feed

 a hundred people,

 then just feed one.”

 ~ Mother Teresa

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION**

CVLC has nine graduating seniors in 2020:

Claire Griffin

Bree Hatlan

Evan Hendrickson

Allison Hoff

Amanda Marshall

Ben Moilien

Devin Nelson

 Andy Role

Keltin Stakston

 Unfortunately, we may not be able to gather for a special worship to honor our 2020 High School graduates. We do recognize that the traditional celebrations, services and parties have been cancelled and this may be a great loss to those graduates and their families. However, the Seniors will receive the traditional **Graduation Blankets** that have been made for them. When babies are baptized, we wrap them in baby quilts made by ladies in our church, as a sign of our care for them. Likewise, we wrap our young graduates to let them know that they stay in our prayers and our hearts as they go out into a larger world. **Congratulations, class of 2020!**

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**WORKING FROM A DISTANCE PART II**

Here we are again! A month has gone since we have worshipped together in our church. I miss the many faces that I and my family were accustomed to seeing and greeting every Sunday. My daughter so misses Sunday School as well.

With the “Safer at Home” order extended until the end of May. I will continue to be working from home. Please feel free to contact me at home 608-317-0007 during normal business hours of 9am-5pm. Or by email anytime jamiel@mwt.net. I am always here and ready to help!

Blessings to you all!

Jamie

**GIVING OPTIONS**

 Coon Valley Lutheran Church may not be having worship services at this time. But it is business as usual here at church. We have several options for you to get your offerings to the church. You may simply 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 Give Plus. 3) Use our text-to-give option, simply text a dollar amount to 866-374-6997. Please let Jamie know if you need assistance in any way with these options. Thank you for your support!

**WELCA NEWS**

Since Governor Evers has extended the “Safer at Home” order until May 26, WELCA will not be meeting in May. In the meantime, I hope you are all staying safe and well and keeping in touch with family and friends.

Having a positive attitude during this time is important but most importantly, remember that God never fails us and we should continue to pray, listen to Pastor Julie’s sermons, read the Christ in our Home daily devotions (or other devotions that you may have), read through your Gather magazine and find ways to help by sewing masks, monetary donations, items for the food pantry or whatever other ways you can think of. Remembers, “we’re all in it together.”

I cannot stress enough our Purpose Statement-

 As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm out gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Love and miss you, God Bless,

Ellie Brye, President

 

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

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| **2020** | **March** |  | **2020 YTD** |
| **Total Offerings** | $13,026.00 |   | $38,639.33 |
| **Expenses** | $14,594.69 |   | $47,468.67 |
| **Balance/Shortfall** | **-$1,568.69** |  | -**$8,829.34** |
| **Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer** | $0  |  | $0  |
| **Building Fund Transfer** | $0 |  | $1,300.00 |

**3/29 –** **Offering:** $3,550.41

**4/5 – Offering:** $6,413.41

**4/12 – Offering:** $3,622.94

**4/19—Offering:** $3,368.35

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

**General Fund Balance:** 3/31/20: $11,367.93

**Memorial Fund Balance:**3/31/20: $33,515.31

**Building Fund Balance:** 3/31/20: $2,098.11

**CD Interest Balance:** 3/31/20: $16,629.99

Lenten envelopes to Bethel Butikk=$570.00

Synod Barn Raising/pigs= $355.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

MEMORIALS

 **Esther Blair**

Memorial Fund: $130.00

 **Delaine Erickson**

Quilting: $10.00

 Memorial Fund: $10.00

 General Fund: $10.00

BUILDING USE

Due to COVID-19 concerns and for the safety of our church staff, only church staff and officers are permitted in the church building at this time. 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*** 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, Jack Fletcher, Joanne Fletcher, Kira Foster, Alan Haakenson, Bonnie Holey, Verlin Ihle, Jim Knutson, Elizabeth Larson, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Sarah Leisso, Gerri Leum, Becky Lind, Aaron Marx, Skyler Midtlien, Romaine Nelson, Elmer Ofte, Tim Ofte, Sherman Olson, Steve Pauloski, Edie Peterson, Elaine Proksch, Eunice Quast, Melanie Role, Jojo Satona, Aaron Stakston, Terri Stakston, Nancy Stuempges, Ray Williamson.

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

**† *Those who grieve:*** Gary Erickson and family in the death of his mother Delaine Erickson, Burton Lee and family in the death of his son Jim Lee; Matt Stellner and family in the death of his mother Marianne Stellner; Tom Gibbons and family in the death of his mother Joan Gibbons

**† *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 MAY 3**

 **SUNDAY** Acts 2:42-47 *The believers’ common life*

Psalm 23 *The LORD is my shepherd*

 1 Peter 2:19-25 *Follow the shepherd, even in suffering*

John 10:1-10 *Christ, the shepherd*

 **MONDAY** Ezekiel 34:1-16 *God, the true shepherd*

 **TUESDAY** Ezekiel 34:23-31 *God will provide perfect pasture*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 20:17-28 *Jesus came to serve*

 **THURSDAY** Jeremiah 23:1-8 *God will gather the flock*

 **FRIDAY** 1 Peter 2:9-17 *Live as God’s people*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 23 *God, our shepherd*

**WEEK OF MAY 10**

 **SUNDAY** Acts 7:55-60 *The martyrdom of Stephen*

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *I commend my spirit*

1 Peter 2:2-10 *God’s chosen people*

John 14:1-14 *Christ, the way, truth, and life*

 **MONDAY** Exodus 13:17-22 *God leads the way*

 **TUESDAY** Proverbs 3:5-18 *God, the truth and life*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 8:31-38 *Jesus, the truth of God*

 **THURSDAY** Acts 6:8-15 *Stephen is arrested*

 **FRIDAY** Acts 7:44-60 *Stephen’s martyrdom*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 102:1-17 *Prayer for deliverance*

**WEEK OF MAY 17**

 **SUNDAY** Acts 17:22-31 *Paul’s message to the Athenians*

 Psalm 66:8-20 *Be joyful in God, all you lands*

1 Peter 3:13-22 *The days of Noah, a sign of baptism*

John 14:15-21 *Christ our advocate*

 **MONDAY** Deuteronomy 5:22-33 *Moses delivers God’s commandments*

 **TUESDAY** Deuteronomy 31:1-13 *Moses promises God’s presence*

 **WEDNESDAY** Acts 17:32—18:11 *God promises to be with Paul*

 **THURSDAY** Acts 1:1-11 *Jesus send the apostles*

 **FRIDAY** John 8:21-30 *Jesus speaks of going to the Father*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 93 *Praise to God who reigns*

**WEEK OF MAY 24**

 **SUNDAY** Acts 1:6-14 *Jesus’ companions at prayer*

 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 *Sing to God*

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 *God sustains those who suffer*

John 17:1-11 *Christ’s prayer for his disciples*

 **MONDAY** Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24 *High priest Aaron offers sacrifice*

 **TUESDAY** 1 Kings 8:54-65 *King Solomon offers sacrifice*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 3:31-36 *the Son and the Father*

 **THURSDAY** Numbers 16:41-50 *The high priest Aaron makes atonement*

 **FRIDAY** 1 Peter 3:21—4:11 *The baptized life*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 99 *The priests and people praise God*

**WEEK OF MAY 31**

 **SUNDAY** Acts 2:1-21 *Filled with the Spirit*

 *Or* Numbers 11:24-30 *The spirit and the elders of Israel*

 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *Renewing the face of the earth*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *Varieties of gifts from the same Spirit*

 *Or* Acts 2:1-21 *Filled with the Spirit*

John 20:19-23 *The Spirit poured out*

 *Or* John 7:37-39 *Jesus, the true living water*

 **MONDAY** Joel 2:18-29 *God promises the spirit*

 **TUESDAY** Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29 *God promises the spirit*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 7:37-39 *The coming of the Holy Spirit*

 **THURSDAY** Numbers 11:24-30 *All the elders receive the spirit*

 **FRIDAY** Romans 8:14-27 *The life of the Holy Spirit*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 104:1-9, 24-35 *God’s spirit throughout the earth*