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The Seeking Goes On…

All Christians are seekers. We seek communion with God. We seek God’s direction for our lives. We seek God guidance on the issues of society. Christians are always seeking.

Added to this for CVLC, at this point in time, is seeking a pastor. We began last fall with our Transition Task force. They sought your input into what skills a pastor would need to have an effective ministry at CVLC. They also sought the right words to express the needs of the congregation. They did a great job! They are finished and we have our Ministry Site Profile complete. Praise the Lord for the task force and work they did.

Now we start a new stage in our seeking…the interviewing process. Our call committee takes over at this point. They stay in touch with Pastor Dione at the Synod office. Her job is to connect our call committee with pastor candidates. Then our call committee interviews the candidates. The way it commonly works these days is the first connection is with the chair of our call committee. Amy Stakston-Weidemann has volunteered to take this position. Praise the Lord for her! She will maintain a close connection with Pastor Dione. Together they will line up interviews with potential pastors.

The first interview is commonly a zoom interview. This usually leads to questions from the candidate or from the call committee. These are often handled by phone or email. If the call committee likes the candidate, they request a second interview. This one is usually in person. Often the candidate comes to the church and has a tour. If the call committee is interested in this person, the chair may schedule another interview. When the call committee feels they have a good fit for the church they call upon our President. He negotiates the compensation with the pastor. After this, information is put out to introduce the candidate to the congregation. Then a congregational meeting is called to discuss the skills of the pastor and ask the congregation to vote on the pastor.

Needless to say, all this takes months instead of weeks. In general, we must give our call committee at least six months to choose a candidate to bring to you for approval. After the candidate has been chosen, it may still be three months before the pastor is able to start his/her ministry here.

So, expect me to be around at least through the summer. What do you do with an interim pastor while you wait for a call committee to find a permanent pastor? You do one thing: You seek. Specifically, you seek ways to do the ministry we have identified in our Ministry Site profile. This way, when the new pastor arrives, he or she can “hit the ground running” with the ministry we have called him or her to do.

This is always a fun and interesting time. We try things. Possibly, we’ll have some new ideas for youth ministry over the next few weeks, possibly some new ways to reach out in visitation.

But even more important than trying new things is seeking faithfulness to Jesus Christ through prayer and worship. This is always what sustains and brings joy to a congregation.

This Holy Week and Easter is a time to renew our communion with our Living Lord. Let us see the love of Christ for us and all people as he hung on the cross. Let us rejoice in the power and glory of God at the resurrection.

Let us seek Christ, individually and together, as we wait for the Good Lord and the call committee to bring us a pastor.

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

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

**Finance Committee:** Phil Moilien reviewed the 2024 Budget and financial totals. Offerings alone did not meet expenses for the year. 2023 offerings were less than 2022. 2024 projected budget is approx. $40,000 above projected offerings. Budget will be brought to the Congregation.

\***Ministry Minutes:** Jan. 16 Council and Pr. Jim will meet with Pr. Dione for a check-in on Interim and call process. Feb. 11 Pr. Jim on vacation, lay leaders will lead Feb. 11 service. Feb. 17 9am-Noon Synod Council Retreat-Our Saviors, West Salem. Transition Task Force making progress on MSP Thank you to that committee for their work. Still waiting on final number for ELCA Youth trip before Council can discuss.

Youth luminary mission- Confirmation will sell luminaries for Ash Wed. Youth voted to give donation to Vernon County families who have lost a parent to COVID

**\*Men’s Club:** Fish dinner on March 13

**\*Property & Grounds:** Dishwasher not dispensing soap. May need to replace the pump.

**\*The next meeting** will be February 8 at 6:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Holen & Glen Hoff

JANUARY 28, 2024 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mike Lusk made a motion to nominate and elect Steve Pauloski as President. Motion carried. Mike Lusk made a motion to nominate and elect himself for role of Vice President. Motion carried. Ron Moilien made a motion to nominate and elect as Laura Hofslien as Secretary, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 following the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Buros

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Attention 4th and 5th Graders and their families.

You are invited to First Communion Class

The class will meet during the Sunday School hour March 3,10 & 17th.

Parents and Caring adults please attend with your 4th and 5th grader. Any child older than 4th or 5th grade who have not had first communion class are welcome to attend.

 Thank you to Adam Gardner for his generous salt donation in the amount of $240 to the church! Adam takes care of our snow plowing and salt needs in our parking lots. Thank you, Adam!



DON’T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 9th

 NOTE: CEMETERY COMMITTEE REQUESTS WINTER DECORATIONS

 REMOVED BY MARCH 31st

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Riches and honor come from You, and You are the ruler of everything. Power and might are in Your hand, and it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all.- Chronicles 29:12

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

**Sunday, March 24:** 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship with The Passion of our Lord According to the Gospel of Mark, read by members of the Congregation. Sundy School children sing during worship!

**Thursday, March 28:** 7:00 p.m. Combined Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Worship Service. We learn of Jesus’ Last Supper, Jesus’ New Commandment, and of Jesus’ death upon the Cross.

**Sunday, March 31:** 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. EASTER! We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the promise that is ours in Jesus Christ!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON PALM SUNDAY-MARCH 24th

On Sunday, March 24th our Sunday School Youth will sing during our Palm Sunday worship. After signing the children will have their Sunday School class. Parents: please mark your calendars and note that this day Sunday School class will be at 9:00am, after singing rather than 10:00am.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is often a time of remembrance. If you would like to purchase Easter flowers in someone’s memory to be on display during our Easter Service, you may place an order with Chance’s Are in Coon Valley. Call them at

452-3112. Please place your order by **Friday March 29th**. You may order lilies, mums or a variety of other flowers. Cost of the flowers will be $20.00. On Easter Sunday each name will be printed in the bulletin. Deadline for bulletin submission is Tuesday March 26th.

MEN’S CLUB FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

On Wednesday March 22nd from 4:00-6:00pm the Men’s Club will be holding a fish fry! The menu includes: 2 pieces of cod, baked potato and cole slaw. Tickets will be presale only, they will not accept walk ins. To purchase a ticket, contact the office or Mike Lusk. The cost of a ticket is $12.00. All proceeds will support Coon Valley Lutheran Church!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Sunday February 11 we participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our church raised $669 that was sent to ELCA World Hunger! Thank you to all those who donated!

This summer, the La Crosse Area Synod has a delegation of 14 people traveling to our companion synod in Peru.  Lynn Joholski, a member of Middle Coon Valley Lutheran Church is part of that delegation.  She will be at here on Sunday, March 17th to give a brief temple talk on the Peru trip.  Lynn will talk about what it means to be a companion synod and give a brief history of the La Crosse Area Synods 20-year history with our Peruvian companion synod.  She is also asking for help by supporting the delegation in prayer and monetary donations. This will help with the cost of food and housing so that we do not burden our Peruvian brothers and sisters in Christ. Checks can be written out to the La Crosse Area Synod.  Please put Peru Delegation 2024 in the memo line.

PASCHAL CANDLE

It is time again to unveil a new paschal candle. This year the candle is donated in memory of Monte Nelson. The candle will be lit on Easter Sunday and will also burn during funerals and baptisms. It is a sign of Christ’s light and presence among us. The hand-carved cross is an eye-catching and ancient symbol of St. Peter. It is adorned with silver and gold. We thank LuEtta Nelson and family for this beautiful gift. Please gather with us at Easter to enjoy Christ’s light **together**.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!

Thank you to our 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Students who crafted the 204 beautiful luminaries which surrounded us in worship on Ash Wednesday! Each luminary held the name of a loved one who is among the Saints in Light. Thank you to all who purchased the luminaries in support of the Vernon County Trauma Task Force!

PARTICIPATE IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES FROM HOME

**Here’s how:**

**Facebook:** Services are live streamed, recorded and available Sunday mornings on the CVLC Facebook page.

**Our Website:** [www.coonvalleylutheranchurch](http://www.coonvalleylutheranchurch).org

**Coon Valley Lutheran Church YouTube page:** Subscribe to the Coon Valley Lutheran Church YouTube page!

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.

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 2023 the cost of sponsoring the bulletin will be $40. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call the office.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Would you like to receive our newsletter via email? This saves the church the cost of office supplies and postage. If you would like to subscribe visit our website at [www.coonvalleylutheranchurch.org](http://www.coonvalleylutheranchurch.org) scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your full name and email. That’s it! Thank you!

WELCA NEWS

At our Thurs., Feb. 15 meeting, a delicious lunch was served and prepared (namely Judy Koula, Pam Olson and Deb Holen) as we celebrated Birthday Month. We sang the Table Prayer and both verses of Happy Birthday.

During the Business Meeting, Deb Holen updated us on the possibility of putting cabinets in the small enclosure by Becky Lusk’s office. Plans are still uncertain and more discussion and inspection is under way.

Also, more glassware is needed and will be ordered in the near future.

One change in our year book is a new phone number for Judy Mathison. They no longer have a land line – her new number is 608-487-4378.

In March, the Ruth Circle will present the program and, since Easter is just around the corner, they will bring Easter cards for us to write a note to our members who are shut ins and those in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. So, bring a pen and cheery thoughts to the meeting.

Deb Holen opened our program with devotions and Karen Rude divided members into two teams and we had to come up with the correct answers to “Birthday Trivia”. It was fun, thought provoking and we all learned some interesting facts about birthdays. Do you know the most and least popular days that babies are born on?

We closed our program by singing the Senior Version of Jesus Loves Me followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun., Mar. 3, 8am-noon – Pancake Breakfast

Wed., Mar. 6, 5:30pm, Lenten Supper – Tomten family.

Wed., Mar. 13, 4-6:30 pm, Men’s Fish Fry

Wed., Mar. 20, 5:30pm, Lenten Supper – Naomi Circle

Thurs., Mar. 21, 10am, WELCA – Ruth Circle presents program. Server: Nancy Ofte. Paying Hostesses: Amy Bjerkos, Judy Brose, Rhonda Brye, Amanda Buros, Kari Buros.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs., Apr. 18, 10am, WELCA – General Board presents program. Emily Schendel, Community Engagement Coordinator from Couleecap will be the speaker. Server: Jan Verse. Paying Hostesses: Kari Coaty, Karla Collins, Ardell Daffinrud, Daina Drath, Sue Dwyer.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

Mar. 3 Pancake Breakfast

Mar. 10 Melinda Marsh, Nicole Peters

Mar. 17 Ruth Driscoll, Karen Rude

Mar. 24 Linda Servais, Rita Erlandson

Mar. 31 Easter – No Coffee

Apr. 7 Gloria Galstad, Nancy Ofte

Apr. 14 Linda Stakston, Allison Williamson

Apr. 21 Kathy Schedivy, Karla Collins

Apr. 28 10 & 11th Grade Youth

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President



**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

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| **2024** | **January** |  | **2024 YTD** |
| **Total Offerings** | $13,588.06 |   | $13,588.06 |
| **Expenses** | $18,697.11 |   | $18,697.11 |
| **Balance/Shortfall** | **$-5,109.05** |  | **-$5,109.05** |
| **Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer** | $0  |  | $0 |
| **Building Fund Transfer** | $0 |  | $0 |
| **Memorial Fund****Transfer** | $0 |  | $0 |

**2/4 – 9a:** 113; **Offering:** $4,699.60

**2/11 – 9a:** 90; **Offering:** $2,878.76

**2/14 – 7p:** 62; **Offering:** $631.00

**2/18 – 9a:** 88; **Offering:** $4,249.41

**2/21 – 7p:** 58; **Offering:** $557.00

**2/25 – 9a:** 89; **Offering:** $2,060.85

**\*\***Approximately **$4,438.00 a week** is needed to meet operating expenses.

**General Fund Balance:** 1/31/24: $23,135.77

**Memorial Fund Balance:**1/31/24: $55,610.51

**Building Fund Balance:** 1/31/24: $39,338.33

**CD Interest Balance:** 1/31/24: $18,381.39

**Shepherd Fund Balance:** 1/31/24: $1,449.35

Sunday School Attendance

**2/4**-16, **2/11**-11, **2/18**-10, **2/25**-15

FUNERALS

2/6- Arthur Richard Brose

2/24- Sandy Nelson

MEMORIALS

**Judy Denison**

Memorial Fund: $45.00

**Richard Brose**

Memorial Fund: $175.00

 Parking Lot Fund: $1,370.00

**Melanie Role**

General Fund: $25.00

**Sandy Nelson**

Memorial Fund: $20.00

**Monte Nelson**

Memorial Fund: $155.00

 Cemetery: $100.00

 Endowment: $20.00

 Men’s Club: $200.00

 General Fund: $25.00

 Parking Lot Fund: $2,790.00

**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, Clifford Bakkum, Brian Berg, Herby Cornell, Jeanne Ebli, Kira Foster, Jeri Harbaugh, Bonnie Holey, Becky Ihle, Donna Ihle, Verlin Ihle, Todd King, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Larry Lichtie, Aaron Marx, Bud Miyamoto, Marianne Mhyre, LuEtta Nelson, Romaine Nelson, Cathy Ofte, Eunice Quast, Jojo Satona, Mary Schultz, Billie Slater, LaVonne Stendahl, Krin (Dreves) Stendalen Joyce Temp, Teri Tomten.

**† *Our members who are currently in health care facilities & Assisted Living*:** Tip Bagstad, Inez Beck, Rachel Berg, Evelyn Dahlen, Joanne Fletcher, Betty Gilbertson, Erma Graupe, Lenore Henley, Carl Holte, Bob Moilien, Irene Nestingen, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Jim Knutson, Betty Sanders.

**† *Those who grieve:*** Family and friends of Monte Nelson, Richard Brose & Sandy Nelson

**† *Family and friends of members***

**† *Local Military***

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**WEEK OF MARCH 3**

 **SUNDAY** Exodus 20: 1-17 *The commandments given at Sinai*

Psalm 19 *The commandments give light to the eyes*

 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 *Christ crucified, the wisdom of God*

John 2:13-22 *The cleansing of the temple*

 **MONDAY** 1Kings 6:1-14, 21-22 *Solomon builds the temple*

 **TUESDAY** 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19 *Hezekiah cleanses the temple*

 **WEDNESDAY** Mark 11:15-19 *Jesus cleanses the temple*

 **THURSDAY** Ezra 6:1-16 *Kin Darius orders the temple rebuilt*

 **FRIDAY** 1 Corinthians 3:10-23 *You are God’s temple*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 84 *How lovely is God’s dwelling place*

**WEEK OF MARCH 10**

 **SUNDAY** Numbers 21:4-9 *The lifting up of the serpent*

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *The LORD delivers from distress*

Ephesians 2:1-10 *Alive in Christ*

John 3:14-21 *The lifting up of the Son of Man*

 **MONDAY** Exodus 15:22-27 *God gives the people water*

 **TUESDAY** Numbers 20:1-13 *God gives water from the rock*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 8:12-20 *Christ the light of the world*

 **THURSDAY** Isaiah 60:15-22 *God is our light*

 **FRIDAY** Hebrews 3:1-6 *The faithfulness of Moses*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 107:1-16 *God gives food and light*

**WEEK OF MARCH 17**

 **SUNDAY** Jeremiah 31:31-34 *A new covenant written on the heart*

 Psalm 51:1-12 *Create in me a clean heart*

Or Psalm 119:9-16 *I treasure your promise in my heart*

Hebrews 5:5-10 *Through suffering Christ saves*

John 12:20-33 *The grain of wheat dying in the earth*

 **MONDAY** Isaiah 43:8-13 *God is our savior*

 **TUESDAY** Isaiah 44:1-8 *God gives life to the people*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 12:34-50 *God gives eternal life*

 **THURSDAY** Haggai 2:1-9; 20-23 *God promises future blessings*

 **FRIDAY** 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 *God’s glory in Christ*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 119:9-16 *treasuring God’s word*

**WEEK OF MARCH 24**

 **PALM** Mark 11:1-11 *Hosanna*

 **SUNDAY** or John 12:12-16 *Entrance into the final days*

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 *Blessed is the one who comes*

Isaiah 5-:4-9a *The servant of the Lord suffers*

Psalm 31:9-16 *I commend my spirit*

Philippians 2:5-11 *Humbled to the point of death*

Mark 14:1-15:47 *The passion and the death of Jesus*

 **MONDAY** Psalm 10 *Prayer for destruction of the wicked*

 **TUESDAY** Psalm 44 *Prayer for protection from the wicked*

 **WEDNESDAY** Psalm 137 *We sat down and wept*

*March 28*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Exodus 12:1-14 *The Passover of the LORD*

 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 *The cup of salvation*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 *Proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes*

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 *The service of Christ: footwashing and meal*

*March 29*

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 *The suffering servant*

Psalm 22 *My God, why have you forsaken me?*

Hebrews 10:16-25 *The way to God is opened by Jesus’ death*

 *Or* Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 *Jesus, the merciful high priest*

John 18:1—19:42 *The passion and death of Jesus*

*March 30*

**HOLY SATURDAY**

 Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24 *In God I hope*

**WEEK OF MARCH 31**

**EASTER SUNDAY**Acts 10:34-43 *God raised Jesus on the third day*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *On this day the Lord has acted*

 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *Witnesses to the risen Christ*

John 20:1-18 *Seeing the risen Christ*

**MONDAY** Genesis 1:1—2:4a *The creation of the world*

**TUESDAY** Psalm 104:1-24 *The works of God*

**WEDNESDAY** Mark 16:1-8 *Mark’s account of the resurrection*

**THURSDAY** Song of Solomon 3:1-11 *The song of the lover*

**FRIDAY** 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 *The resurrected body*

**SATURDAY** Psalm 136 *God’s steadfast love*

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

**Thank you!**

Please use our correct mailing address when sending us mail.

P.O. Box 280

Thank you!

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 **THE CARILLON**

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Church Council President: Steve Pauloski

Vice President: Mike Lusk; Secretary: Laura Hofslien

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Amy Stakston-Wiedemann, Ray Williamson

 **Worship Schedule**

**9:00 a.m. (see the calendar for change in service times)**

**Sunday School**

**10:00 a.m.**

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| **March 2024** |
| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
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| **3 9:00a-**Worship with Holy Communion**10:00a-**Sunday School**8:00-Noon-**Pancake Breakfast**10:00a-**First Communion Class #1 | **4****9:00a-**Naomi Circle | **5** **10:00a-**Ruth Circle | **6****5:30-7:00-**Lenten Supper-Maxwell/Tomten fam.**7:00p-**LentenWorship  | **7****6:00p**-Rebecca Circle | **8** | **9 Reminder: Turn clocks ahead 1 hour**Icon  Description automatically generated  |
| **10** **9:00a -**Worship with Holy Communion**10:00a-**Sunday School, Coffee Fellowship**10:00a-**First Communion Class #2 | **11** | **12****5:00p**-Worship Committee | **13****9:00a-**Quilting**4:00-6:30p-**Men’s Club Fish Fry**7:00p-**LentenWorship | **14** | **15****Carillon Deadline**Pr. Julie’s Sabbath | **16****9:00a-Noon-**Spring Theological Conf. |
| **17 9:00a -**Worship, Temple Talk-Lynn Joholski **10:00a-**Sunday School, Coffee Fellowship, Finance Committee, Youth Comm.**10:00a-**First Communion Class #3 | **18** | **19** | **20****5:30-7:00p-**Lenten Supper-Naomi Circle **7:00p-** Lenten Worship | **21****10:00a-**WELCA**6:00p** – Church Council | **22** | **23**  |
| **24 Palm Sunday****9:00a-**Worship, Sunday School sings**9:00a-**Sunday School**10:00a-** Coffee Fellowship | **25** | **26** Easter Bulletin submission deadline | **27** **9:00a-**Quilting **No Worship**  | **28****7:00p-**Maundy Thurs/Good Friday Service with Holy Communion | **29****Good Friday****Last day to order Easter flowers** | **30****10:00a-**Sugar Creek Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch |
| **31 Easter Sunday****9:00 & 10:30a-**Worshipwith Holy Communion**No Sunday School** |  |  | A picture containing circle  Description automatically generated |  |  | **Office Hours****Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9:00a-4:00p** |