

The Carillon

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Happy August!

In the 24th Psalm, the Psalmist writes, "The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it". It is a simple but rather profound opening. When this sacred song was written most people worshipped a multitude of gods, each with their own name and each their own realm over which they had dominion. The Psalmist however points to the one living God to which all of creation belongs, because God is the only god who created the heavens and the earth.

When we look at commandments one through three we are told to: not have any other gods, to not use the sacred name of God falsely and to honor the day of rest.

Basically:

- Recognize that everything that is belongs to the one who calls it all into being.
- Recognize that as creatures in this world we cannot co-opt God's powers for our own aims.
- Rest in the goodness of all that has being, and let go of the desire to be god ourselves (which is actually quite liberating)

So if we are not God, and we can't boss God around, what are we to do? Be stewards. A steward is simply one who recognizes that all that we have, including our very selves is because God is so good, so gracious, and so giving.

This fall, we are going to be leaning into this theme as it helps us set our lives in an order that responds to God's goodness and allows us to live in God's freedom.

August is a time of ripening, fulfillment, and hope for the harvest. I hope you can take some time to look out your window, walk out on your porch or deck, take a deep breath as the bluffs and valleys roll out before you and join the Psalmist in proclaiming that the "Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it".

Peace and all good,
Pastor Ben



COMMUNITY CORN ROAST!

Join us **on Tuesday, August 11th from 5:00-7:30pm.** Tables and chairs will be set up in the east lawn of our church. Feel free to bring your own chair if you wish.

Stay and visit and enjoy some Traastad corn.

~Everyone in the community is invited.

~There is no charge for the meal!

Menu: Corn, hotdogs, sweets, lemonade & coffee

We are in need of several volunteers to roast corn, grill hotdogs, prepare sweet trays, set up, and clean up after the event.

Confirmation students and High School age youth we need your help!! Please sign up on the sheets in the church located in the Narthex or outside the office. Or call the Church office 452-3772.

In the event of bad weather, the Corn Roast will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

We thank the Men's Club for organizing this event!

MAY CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

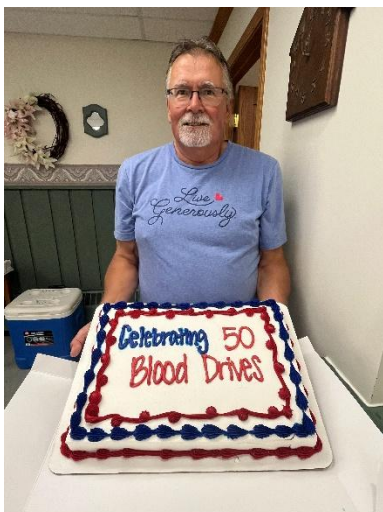
- *Treasurer's Report:** The report was reviewed by Council. Report accepted.
- *Mission & Vision:** Pastor Ben lead a discussion about how CVLC does great at feeding and welcoming people. We could do better at participating in fellowship with new faces.
- *Education:** Amy reported that Sunday School is on break for the summer. Teachers have been talking about how to get more kids to attend Sunday School.
- *Youth Ministry:** New ideas are in the works.
- *WELCA:** Dave & Ruth Amundson spoke about the history of Coon Valley at the last meeting.
- *Men's Club:** Worship and Cookout in the park will be on June 28th. Live music provided by Dan Sebranek and Mary Cortesi.
- *Personnel:** Organist job description will be reviewed.
- *Property & Grounds:** Sherman Olson family gave an undesignated bequest to the church of \$12,441 and will be put toward tuckpointing of the church.
- *Social Ministry:** Have not met.
- *Stewardship:** Next meeting will discuss new stewardship ideas.
- *Worship:** Will start singing during communion and work on having greeters available.
- *Membership, Life & Growth:** CVLC has 3 funerals and 1 baptism. There will be a Mennonite wedding here in June & August. New church directories can be picked up in the office.
- *New Business:**
 - *A congregational meeting about tuckpointing will take place after worship on June 14th.
 - *The meeting adjourned followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Hofslie, Church Council Secretary



JUNE CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- *Treasurer's Report:** The report was reviewed by Council. Report accepted.
 - *Mission & Vision:** Pastor Ben lead a discussion about the wider community.
 - *Youth Ministry:** Everyone is welcome to canoe the Kickapoo. A date will be set up in August.
 - *Men's Club:** They are planning the Worship and Cookout in the park will be on June 28th.
 - *Stewardship:** Pastor Ben will bring material for Stewardship for all Seasons.
 - *Personnel:** Organist job description is being worked on.
 - *Worship:** Discussion about changing worship bulletins.
 - *Old Business:**
 - *A congregational vote for the tuckpointing was passed CVLC will go ahead with planning for this to take place.
 - *New Business:**
 - *Budget planning:** Pastor will talk to Phil Moilien from Finance Committee to ask him to attend a Council meeting to discuss the budget.
 - *Synod Assembly:** Pr. Ben, Amy Stakston-Wiedemann, Jamie Thomas and Brian Pederson attended. 3 resolutions were passed, supporting Campus Ministry, Artificial Intelligence and amending the La Crosse Synod Constitution.
 - *Synod Assembly 2027 Bishop Election:** This assembly will be 3 days, need to know voting representatives by January. Slate of bishops will be complete by February.
 - *LuMin monetary pledge:** The Endowment Committee will discuss this.
 - *Organist Job Description:** Reviewed and revisions made.
 - *Mennonite Wedding:** Received a thank you and a gift of \$250. Motion passed to allow another wedding with a start time of 11:30 rather than 11:00am.
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BLOOD DRIVE
On Our June 15 blood drive we celebrated our 50th blood drive at Coon Valley Lutheran Church and we also collected 45 units of blood! Thanks to all who donated and volunteered at this drive! Thank

you to Mike Lusk for his dedication and work organizing each blood drive! Our next blood drive is scheduled for **Monday, October 19th** 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, you will receive refreshments.



CVLC FARMER'S MARKET IS BACK!
Our Farmer's Market is back! Beginning on August 23rd the Farmer's Market table

will be available after worship from 10-11am. Bring extra produce from your garden, canned goods, eggs, baked goods, flowers & plants and crafts to the table before worship. There will be a place available for freewill donations of all items on the table. We are looking for additional volunteers to help set up the table each Sunday. If you are interested in providing donations or helping in any way with the market or need assistance, please contact Jamie in the church office. The profits from this years Farmer's Market will go toward A Table Together Meal Ministry!



COON VALLEY HERITAGE DAY PARADE

Our church will be walking in the Coon Valley Heritage Day Parade **at 10am on Sat. Aug. 29**. All are welcome to participate! This is a fun event for our church! Kids and families are welcome to walk. Kids may ride their bike, scooter or roller blades. **We are in search of a truck to use for the parade.** Let Jamie know if you have one that we may use. We will hand out candy. If you are interested in walking in the parade sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Meet at the church at 9am, or meet up at the lineup in the Nelson addition at 9:30. Wear your Coon Valley Church t-shirt or contact Jamie to purchase one. Stay tuned on Sundays for more announcements and updates about this fun event!



CHURCH CALENDAR

Please inform Jamie of any church related meetings or gathering so that it may be included on our calendar. It is helpful to know when a group is using the church so that we may coordinate building use requests. Please contact Jamie to have your meeting added. 452-3772

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Precious treasure and oil are in the dwelling of a wise person, but a foolish man consumes them.
Proverbs 21:20



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.

TABLE TOGETHER MEAL MINISTRY-

Provide food and supplies for free community meals.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT CVLC

We were happy to host 2 birthdays this summer at our church. One for Don Role and a party for Clinton Bagstad! Happy belated birthday Don & Clinton!



MEN'S CLUB COOKOUT & OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT COON VALLEY

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK JUNE 28th

Thanks to the Men's Club for a great cookout and worship in the park! Thanks to all who attended and purchased a meal!



PARTICIPATE IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES FROM HOME OR "ON THE GO"

Here's how:

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

YouTube: Subscribe to our page!

Our Website:

www.coonvalleylutheranchurch.org

WELCA NEWS

I think we can all agree that summer is flying by – the corn is tasseled out, school supplies are on sale, and the sun is going down earlier, to name a few changes.

We have had two interesting programs at WELCA this summer. In June, Karen Rude spoke to us about her experiences at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. She has been on this mission trip for many years as a nurse and is continuing in her retirement.

At our July meeting where Rebecca Circle presented the program and coffee, Beth Harris from Westby spoke about her trip to Washington DC where she toured monuments, cemeteries, and memorials honoring veterans. At our meeting, she was accompanied by Carol Clements and Mary Gehle who sang several patriotic songs. We were reminded that freedom is not free and we should be proud to be an American.

In August, the General Board will present the program – TBA, and Judy Koula will be the server.

Deb Holen, our Mission Action Chairperson, has put a box in the back of the church to collect items for the different kits needed by LWR. As she stated at our meeting, the kits don't all go overseas. They are used by victims of floods, wildfires, and other disasters in the United States. Please pick up a flyer in the back of the church and start shopping. We also accept monetary donations.

The Men's Club is in charge of the Corn Roast this year but they would appreciate our help with bringing and serving the sweets. We have done this in the past and you can sign up on the sheets in the back of the church.

A Table Together is always looking for volunteers, as well. The August and September meals will be provided by Middle Coon Valley Church and Valley Fudge but help is needed for future events. And, as always, monetary donations are welcome.

Kenzi Berg has mocked up several designs for aprons to be used by WELCA, the Men's Club, A Table Together, and other committees in our church. Once a design is

decided on, Embroidery and More will make the finished product.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues., Aug. 11, 5-7:30pm – Community Corn Roast

Wed., Aug. 19, 5-7pm – A Table Together, Middle Coon Valley Church serves

Thurs., Aug. 20, 10am, WELCA – General Board presents program – TBA. Server: Judy Koula

Fri./Sat., Aug. 28/29 – Coon Valley Heritage Days

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed., Sept. 16, 5-7pm – A Table Together, Valley Fudge serves

Thurs., Sept. 17, 10am, WELCA – General Board presents program – Quilters, Prayer Shawl, Prayer Chain. Server: Jean Gronvold

Wed., Sept. 23, 4-7pm – Chili/Chicken Soup Supper and Raffle

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President

*"If the only prayer you ever say
in your entire life is thank you, it
will be enough."*

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

5/24 – 9a: 82; **Offering:** \$1,843.41
5/31 – 9a: 74; **Offering:** \$3,269.91
6/7 – 9a: 80; **Offering:** \$4,521.66
6/14 – 9a: 80; **Offering:** \$5,038.07
6/21 – 9a: 46; **Offering:** \$1,276.07
6/28 – 9a: 70; **Offering:** \$2,423.93
7/5 – 9a: 92; **Offering:** \$5,024.42
7/12 – 9a: 76; **Offering:** \$4,849.06
7/19 – 9a: 53; **Offering:** \$2,276.07



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****Approximately \$4,665.00 a week** is needed to meet operating expenses.

General Fund Balance: 6/30/26: \$37,734.71
Memorial Fund Balance: 6/30/26: \$68,409.41
Building Fund Balance: 6/30/26: \$85,964.54
CD Interest Balance: 6/30/26: \$28,829.08
Shepherd Fund Balance: 6/30/26: \$2,286.86

FUNERALS

Mary Schultz	Timmy Smith III
Jon Larson	Helen Holen
Todd King	Rachel Berg

MEMORIALS

Mae Jacobson

Memorial Fund: \$25.00

Helen Holen

Memorial Fund: \$270.00

Norman Sidie

Parking Lot Fund: \$20.00

Rachel Berg

Memorial Fund: \$120.00



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

2026	June	2026 YTD
Total Offerings	\$17,077.85	\$100,310.24
Expenses	\$17,991.94	\$121,899.91
Balance/Shortfall	-\$914.09	-\$21,589.67
Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
Building Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
Memorial Fund Transfer	\$0	\$201.04

BAPTSIMS

Cameron Michael Friedman
Gunnar Sven Rude



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, Ardell Daffinrud, Gloria Galstad, Kira Hoff, Becky Ihle, Donna Ihle, Ray Ihle, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Aaron Marx, Bob Nelson, Julie Nelson, LuEtta Nelson, Romaine Nelson, Sandra Onshus, Eunice Quast, Jojo Satona, Heidi Saupe, Orrin Stakston, Billie Slater, LaVonne Stendahl, Krin (Dreves) Stendalen, Joyce Temp, Teri Tomten, Renita Williamson.

† ***Our members who are currently in health care facilities & Assisted Living:*** Tip Bagstad, Carl Daffinrud, Jeanne Ebli, Carl Holte, Patty Helgersen, Bob Moilien, Irene Nestingen, Geri Nestingen, Cathy Ofte, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Elaine Proksch, Ellen Runice, Bob & Evelyn Schulze

† ***Those who grieve:*** Family and friends of Rachel Berg

† ***Family and friends of members***

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

† ***Those who are recovering from recent storms***

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF AUGUST 2

SUNDAY	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Or Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	<i>Eat and drink that which truly satisfies You open wide your hand Jacob receives a blessing from God I shall see your face The glory of God's people in Israel Jesus feeds 5000</i>
MONDAY	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	<i>God will feed the people</i>
TUESDAY	Deuteronomy 26:1-15	<i>A tithe from God's harvest</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 15:32-39	<i>Jesus feeds 5000</i>
THURSDAY	Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35	<i>God feeds the people manna</i>
FRIDAY	Acts 2:37-47	<i>The believers breaking bread</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29	<i>God fed the people manna</i>

WEEK OF AUGUST 9

SUNDAY	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Or Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33	<i>Elijah on Mount Horeb I will listen Joseph sold by his brother Remembering Joseph The word of faith Jesus walking on the sea</i>
MONDAY	Genesis 7:11—8:5	<i>God saves Noah from the flood</i>
TUESDAY	Genesis 19:15-29	<i>God saves Lot from Sodom and Gomorrah</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 8:23-27	<i>Jesus stills the storm</i>
THURSDAY	Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24	<i>The waters of God's creation</i>
FRIDAY	Romans 9:14-29	<i>God's wrath, God's mercy</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 18:1-19	<i>God saves me from the waters</i>

WEEK OF AUGUST 16

SUNDAY	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Or Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28	<i>A house of prayer for all peoples Let all the peoples praise God Joseph reconciles with his brothers How good it is to live in unity God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed</i>
MONDAY	2 Kings 5:1-14	<i>The foreigner Naaman is healed</i>
TUESDAY	Isaiah 66:18-23	<i>All nations shall come to worship</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 8:1-13	<i>Jesus heals many people</i>
THURSDAY	Acts 15:1-21	<i>The believing Jews accept the Gentiles</i>
FRIDAY	Romans 11:13-29	<i>God saves Jews and Gentiles</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 87	<i>Foreigners praising God in Zion</i>

WEEK OF AUGUST 23

SUNDAY	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 or Exodus 1:8—2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20	<i>God's enduring salvation</i> <i>O LORD, your love endures forever</i> <i>Pharaoh's daughter takes Moses as her son</i> <i>We have escaped like a bird</i> <i>One body in Christ, with gifts that differ</i> <i>The profession of Peter's faith</i>
MONDAY	1 Samuel 7:3-13	<i>Samuel raises the Ebenezer stone</i>
TUESDAY	Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39	<i>Praise the rock that is God</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 26:6-13	<i>A woman anoints Jesus with oil</i>
THURSDAY	Isaiah 28:14-22	<i>God lays a cornerstone in Zion</i>
FRIDAY	Romans 9:30—10:4	<i>Christ the stumbling stone</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32	<i>God the Rock</i>

WEEK OF AUGUST 30

SUNDAY	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 or Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28	<i>God fortifies the prophet</i> <i>Your love is before my eyes</i> <i>From the blazing bush God calls Moses</i> <i>Remembering Moses</i> <i>Live in harmony</i> <i>The rebuke to Peter</i>
MONDAY	2 Samuel 11:2-26	<i>David sins</i>
TUESDAY	2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15	<i>Nathan rebukes David</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 12:22-32	<i>Jesus comes to cast out Satan</i>
THURSDAY	Jeremiah 17:5-18	<i>The vindication of the righteous</i>
FRIDAY	Revelation 3:1-13	<i>Rewarding those with endurance</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 17	<i>The righteous shall see God</i>

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Cody Strangstalien

Sunday Worship at 9:00am
See calendar for changes in worship times.

See next page for August Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00a -Worship with Holy Communion 5:15-7:30p -VBS	3 9:00a -Naomi Circle 5:15-7:30p -VBS	4 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study 10:30a -Ruth Circle 5:15-7:30p -VBS	5 5:15-7:30p -VBS @ Middle C.V.	6 10:00a -Bible Study 6:00p -Rebecca Circle	7 Pr. Ben's sabbath	8
9 9:00a -Worship with Holy Communion	10	11 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study 5:00-7:30p -Corn Roast	12 9:00a -Quilting	13 10:00a -Bible Study	14 Carillon Deadline Pr. Ben's sabbath	15
16 9:00a -Worship 10:00a -Finance Committee	17	18 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study	19 5:00-7:00p -Table Together Community Meal	20 10:00a -WELCA 6:00p -Church Council	21 Pr. Ben's sabbath	22
23 9:00a Worship 10:00a -Farmer's Market	24	25 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study	26 9:00a -Quilting	27 10:00a -Bible Study	28 Pr. Ben's sabbath	29 Coon Valley Heritage Day 9:30a -Parade Line up @ Nelson addition 1:00p -Wedding
30 9:00a -Worship 10:00a -Farmer's Market	31				Office Hours: Tues 9a-3:00p Wed 9a-3:00p	