

The Carillon

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September, 2026



Sisters and
Brothers,

A few weeks back we hosted two dear friends Andy and Rachael, for a few days. Andy and I are old friends from seminary. They live way up North

by International Falls in the little town of Littlefork, where Andy serves as pastor. They are both of Norwegian stock and they had a great time touring the church and hearing the stories of the valley, the church, and the community that I have gleaned from so many of you over the years. In 1949 the French writer Simone Weil published a book called "The Need for Roots" in which she wrote "To be rooted is perhaps the most important and least recognized need of the human soul. It is one of the hardest to define." She does, however, try to define it. She says it happens when a community is able to both preserve its past and look towards the future.

I think about her ideas about rootedness a lot as a pastor. When I sit with you at coffee, when I visit you in your home, or when I see the joyful banter at Table Together, I bear witness to the "rootedness" that so many of you have. There is some intangible human goodness that exists in a place where people have been part of a real human community.

This fall we will be taking some time to talk about the Christian discipline of stewardship. (Oftentimes that is a sneaky way of talking about money, and while a spiritual use of our money is a part of Christian stewardship it is not the whole thing). When I was driving Andy and Rachael around I was telling a story of the roots of Coon Valley, the central place that the Church took in the life of the community, and how Coon Valley Lutheran has preserved its past and is looking towards the future. I showed them the Altar Painting and talked about the Corn Roast that would be happening. Good stewardship calls us to care for the beauty we inherit, and look towards the future of those who will inherit from us. God has gifted a past, a present, and a future. Our church's roots go deep, and we are finding new and exciting ways to branch out.

Peace and all Good,

Pastor Ben



CONFIRMATION

This year Confirmation classes will be held twice a month **on Sundays from 6:00-7:30pm.** And Confirmation will include grades 6th, 7th and 8th.

On **September 20** Pastor Ben will have an **orientation meeting with all students and parents** in attendance from **6:00-7:30pm a meal will be included during orientation.** We are looking forward to a great year of learning and preparation for confirmation. Contact the office if you are not able to attend this orientation meeting on the 20th.

JULY CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Finance Committee: Bank statements were approved. Phil Moilien, Chair of the Committee will attend the next Council meeting to answer questions about budget concerns.

***Ministry Minutes:** Pastor will run the CV Heritage Day 5k with Father Joe from St. Mary's. There is a wedding in August. A stewardship campaign is in the works for the fall.

***Education:** Amy and Maggie will meet to discuss the upcoming Sunday School year.

***Youth Ministry:** Pr. Ben and Mike Lusk will meet to plan for Confirmation.

***Men's Club:** Met and discussed the parking lot and having outdoor worship in the park again next year.

***Personnel:** The committee is working on the Organist Job description. Discussion on policy for staff to give ample notice for vacation to cover their position as needed.

Property & Grounds: Discussion on repairing the parking lot in sections.

***Worship:** Aaron Stakston is interested in playing on festival Sundays and half of the other weekly Sundays.

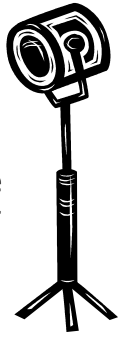
***Membership, Life & Growth:** Brian and June have been looking at new ways to live stream worship services with no cost to the church.

Discussion Items:

Coon Valley Heritage Day Parade: The church will sponsor the CV Heritage Days with the Friends of Coon Valley Historical Society sponsor level, this is a \$100 sponsorship. On Aug. 29 the church will have an entry in the Parade. We are in need of a truck. Amy will look into ordering more CVLC t-shirts.

*The meeting adjourned followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Patty Nelson



Thank you for your flexibility with our summer office hours so that I may spend more time at home with our girls! My new office hours will

be effective the week of September 1st and will be: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am-2:30pm. Beginning the week of September 14th hours will change to Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm and Wednesday 9:00am-2:30pm. I will spend time working from home as well. Out of respect for my family time while at home, please do not text or call after 6:00pm unless it is an emergency. Thank you! Jamie.



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 will go toward A Table Together Meal Ministry!



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest. – Proverbs 3:9



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY Sept. 13

All students Age 3 (On or before September 1) through Grade 5 are invited to join us for a whole new year of fun, faith and friends! We will gather after worship from **10:00-11:00 a.m.** in the Sunday School hallway which is located downstairs and through our fellowship hall. Parents, you are welcome to join our coffee fellowship hour in the dining room! Our teachers have special activities planned to welcome you on Rally Sunday (September 13) and we hope you will join us! Please register your student(s) for Sunday School by returning a registration form (they will be available the first day of Sunday School) to the Parish Office. The registration form is also available on our website: www.coonvalleylutheranchurch.org. We can't wait to see you at Sunday School!



CHASEBURG AREA CANCER WALK

The 2026 Chaseburg Area Cancer Walk will be on Saturday, September 12. CVLC will again walk as a team under the name Coon Valley Lutheran Holy Strollers. Please visit the website to sign up to walk or to donate to our team. You may also sign up by contacting Pam Olson. Pam will be available to help get everyone signed up on Sundays before and after worship services. Join us for this great cause!

<https://cacwhope.org/>



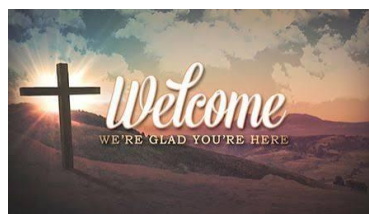
WELCA CHILI & CHICKEN SOUP SUPPER and RAFFLE: Wednesday, Sept. 23 ~ 4:00-7:00 PM

Come join us for chili or chicken soup at the WELCA supper & raffle. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under are free. Watch for a chance to buy raffle tickets before and after worship!



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP QUILT AUCTION **Saturday, September 19 @ 9:00am - 1:00pm**

Come to Sugar Creek for great food, delightful fellowship and a fabulous auction! You never know what treasure you might find at a Sugar Creek Auction: sports memorabilia, furniture, antiques, crafts, rummage items, and of course, *beautiful quilts*! **Come early for our trail run/walk 5k and enjoy exploring the beautiful trails that run through our valley! This year we will also host a Crafters' Fair featuring the finest of our local artisans. This day is our biggest fundraiser of the year:** your support allows Sugar Creek to continue their valuable ministry! **Auction starts at 10 am.** We hope to see you here!



NEW MEMBER WELCOME SERVICE

A New Member
welcome service

will be on **Sunday, Sept. 20th** if you or someone you know is interested in joining our community of faith, please talk to Pastor Ben or Jamie. Those that have filled out new member forms please join us for this service and join us for coffee fellowship after church if you wish!



**DO YOU HAVE A NEW
CONTACT INFO?** Do you
have an MWT email that will
soon be discontinued?

**PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEW CONTACT
INFORMATION WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE!**
Sharing your cell phone number, email and
address with us ensures that you receive
important information about your church!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & CORN ROAST THANK YOU!

Thank you to all for making our VBS and Community Corn Roast joyful events to remember! Thank you to Kevin and Maggie Traastad for donating 25 dozen ears of sweet corn to the Corn Roast and Kwik Trip and Thrivent for their donations. Thank you to **the Men's Club** for organizing our volunteers and thank you to all who roasted, baked, boiled, brought, or ate the delicious food and treats! It was a wonderful community event!

Thank you to our Vacation Bible School Sugar Creek Counselors for bringing their energy, enthusiasm and love for God and God's people to our VBS in the Valley! Thank you to the parents and students who made our four days a fun, faith-filled adventure! Thank you to Pr. Meg Hoversten and Middle Coon Valley Lutheran for your partnership with VBS and for the campfire, smores and closing worship at Middle Coon Valley! Both these events require lots of hands-on support. Thank you all for your faithful partnership in these and all the ministries we share!



WELCA NEWS

At our Thurs., Aug. 20 meeting we enjoyed coffee served by Judy Koula while listening to Charlene Elderkin, a Therapeutic Musician who sang and played soothing music on her harp. For the last four years she has visited patients on Hospice through a program started by Emplify by Gundersen. She is truly gifted and brings joy wherever she goes - private homes, assisted living, nursing homes and hospitals. She works within a 50 mile radius and visits patients in all stages of their illness. What a wonderful way to use her amazing talent. We voted to give a donation to the Gundersen Medical Foundation to continue this valuable mission.

September means Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup on Wed., Sept. 23. We already have several items for the raffle and if you would like to donate something, please let Deb Holen know. The tickets will be on sale soon, on Sundays - before and after services.

On Sat., Oct. 10, all of our LWR kits will be delivered to Good Shepherd in La Crosse and the deadline for bringing kits to church will be Sun., Oct. 4. We have a good start on collecting kits but would like as many as possible so we hope you will consider donating a kit(s) or money to purchase supplies.

Our next WELCA meeting will be Thurs., Sept. 17 and it is typically the month that we honor our Quilters, Prayer Shawl and Prayer Chain ministries. This year, Judy Koula has asked Joy Moser from Bethel Butikk to tell us about the quilts that we take there and what happens to them - so be sure to plan on attending our Sept. meeting.

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands - one for helping yourself, the other for helping others - Audrey Hepburn"

There are so many good things happening in our church and community. The Aug. 19 "A Table Together" served 115 guests with 37 carryouts. Valley Fudge will be serving on Wed., Sept. 16 and we are hoping for another great turnout. And, on Sat., Sept. 12, the 21st Annual Chaseburg Area Cancer Walk will take place. Our church's "Holy Strollers" will once again be part of it - join us! See Pam Olson for details.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat., Sept. 12 - Chaseburg Area Cancer Walk
Wed., Sept. 16, 5-7pm - A Table Together, Valley Fudge serves
Thurs., Sept. 17, 10am, WELCA - General Board presents program. Joy Moser, speaker. Server: Jean Gronvold
Wed., Sept. 23, 4-7pm - Chili/Chicken Soup and Raffle

LOOKING AHEAD

Fri., Oct. 9, 8:30am - Pack kits for LWR
Sat., Oct. 10 - Deliver kits to Good Shepherd, La Crosse
Thurs., Oct 15, 10am, WELCA - Naomi Circle presents program. Server: Judy Brose
Wed., Oct. 21, 5-7pm - "A Table Together"

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Sept. 6	No Coffee
Sept. 13	Hazel Cornell, Gwen Bahr
Sept. 20	Amy Evenstad, Rachel Pederson
Sept. 27	Nicole Peters, Brenda Hass
Oct. 4	Ainsley Lichtie, Carolyn Anderson
Oct. 11	Laurie Holte, Jane Simmons
Oct. 18	Meatball Dinner
Oct. 25	Sara Rudie, Betty Jorgenson

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

7/26 – 9a: 68; **Offering:** \$3,171.09
8/2 – 9a: 81; **Offering:** \$3,236.67
8/9 – 9a: 60; **Offering:** \$3,006.00
8/16 – 9a: 73; **Offering:** \$4,162.02
8/23 – 9a: 67; **Offering:** \$2,938.22



Scan this code with your phone to contribute to our church electronically with Vanco.

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

General Fund Balance:7/31/26: \$39,214.31
Memorial Fund Balance:7/31/26:\$68,676.61
Building Fund Balance:7/31/26: \$86,228.81
CD Interest Balance: 7/31/26: \$28,829.08
Shepherd Fund Balance:7/31/26: \$2,296.44

MEMORIALS

Krin Dreves Stendalen

Memorial Fund: \$25.00

Rachel Berg

Memorial Fund: \$390.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

Parking Lot Fund: \$20.00

Endowment Fund: \$45.00

Quilting: \$100.00

Naomi Circle: \$25.00



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	July	2026 YTD
Total Offerings	\$15,742.80	\$116,053.04
Expenses	\$13,811.80	\$135,711.71
Balance/Shortfall	\$1,931.00	-\$19,658.67
Parsonage Int.		
Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
Building Fund		
Transfer	\$0	\$0
Memorial Fund		
Transfer	\$0	\$201.04



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, 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 Helgerson, 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 members***

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

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6

SUNDAY	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 <i>or</i> Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	<i>The prophet's responsibility</i> <i>The path of your commandments</i> <i>The passover</i> <i>Sing praise in the congregation</i> <i>Live honorably as in the day</i> <i>reconciliation in the community of faith</i>
MONDAY	Leviticus 4:27-31, 5:14-16	<i>Atoning for sin in the community</i>
TUESDAY	Deuteronomy 17:2-13	<i>Punishment for sin in the community</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 21:18-22	<i>Jesus teaches about communal prayer</i>
THURSDAY	Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28	<i>The scapegoat cleanses the community</i>
FRIDAY	Romans 13:1-7	<i>Obedying authority</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 119:65-72	<i>The law humbles me</i>

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13

SUNDAY	Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103[1-7] 8-13 <i>or</i> Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Or Exodus 15:1b, 20-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	<i>Joseph reconciles with his brothers</i> <i>The LORD is full of compassion and mercy</i> <i>Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea</i> <i>Tremble, O earth</i> <i>The LORD triumphed gloriously</i> <i>Diversity in the community of faith</i> <i>A parable of forgiveness</i>
MONDAY	Genesis 37:12-36	<i>Joseph's brothers sin against him</i>
TUESDAY	Genesis 41:53—42:17	<i>Joseph acts harshly against them</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 6:7-15	<i>Forgiving one another</i>
THURSDAY	Genesis 45:1-20	<i>Joseph forgives his brothers</i>
FRIDAY	Romans 14:13—15:2	<i>Building each other up</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 133	<i>How good it is to live in unity</i>

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

SUNDAY	Jonah 3:10—4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 <i>or</i> Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	<i>God's concern for Nineveh</i> <i>The LORD is slow to anger</i> <i>Manna and quails in the wilderness</i> <i>Remembering the wilderness</i> <i>Standing firm in the gospel</i> <i>The parable of the vineyard workers</i>
MONDAY	Genesis 27:1-29	<i>The younger son gets the blessing</i>
TUESDAY	Genesis 28:10-17	<i>God blesses the runaway Jacob</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 19:23-30	<i>The last will be first</i>
THURSDAY	Isaiah 41:1-13	<i>God will be with the last</i>
FRIDAY	Romans 16:1-20	<i>Workers in the church of Rome</i>

SATURDAY Psalm 106:1-12 *God's mercy*

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27

SUNDAY	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 <i>Or</i> Exodus 17:1-7 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	<i>The fairness of God's way God's compassion and love Water from the rock Christ humbles to the pint of death A parable of doing God's will</i>
MONDAY	Judges 16:1-22	<i>Samson asked about his strength</i>
TUESDAY	Judges 16:23-31	<i>Samson prays to do God's will</i>
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 9:2-8	<i>Jesus' authority</i>
THURSDAY	Joshua 4:1-10, 19-24	<i>Joshua leads the people God's way</i>
FRIDAY	Philippians 1:3-30	<i>Proclaiming Christ</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 28	<i>Prayer to do God's will</i>

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study 10:30a -Ruth Circle	2	3 6:00p -Rebecca Circle	4 Pr. Ben's sabbath	5
6 10:30a -Worship with Holy Communion with Pr. Meg Hoversten 11:30a -Farmer's Market	7 Labor Day	8 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study 11:00a -Naomi Circle	9 9:00a -Quilting	10 10:00a -Bible Study	11 Pr. Ben's sabbath	12 11:00a -Chaseburg Area Cancer Walk
13 9:00a -Worship with Holy Communion 10:00a - Coffee Fellowship; Finance Committee, Farmer's Market 10:00-11:00a -Sunday School Rally Day	14	15 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study Carillon Deadline	16 5:00-7:00p -Table Together Community Meal	17 10:00a -WELCA 6:00p -Church Council	18 Pr. Ben's sabbath	19 9:00a-2:00p Sugar Creek Quilt & Antique Auction
20 9:00a -Worship; New Member Service 10:00-11:00a -Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship, Farmer's Market 6:00-7:30p -Parent/Student Confirmation Orientation	21	22 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study 5:00p -Worship Committee	23 4:00-7:00p -Chili & Chicken Soup Supper & Raffle	24 10:00a -Bible Study	25 Pr. Ben's sabbath	26
27 9:00a -Worship 10:00-11:00a - Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship, Farmer's Market	28	29 9:00a -Pastor's Text Study	30 9:00a -Quilting			Office Hours Tues-Thurs. 9a-2:30p After 9-14 Tues. & Thurs. 9a-4p Wed. 9a-2:30p

Moving? New contact information? Please update the church office. Thank you!

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Please use our correct mailing address when sending us mail.

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Vice President: Amy Stakston-Wiedemann; Secretary: Laura Hofslie

Kimberly Cade, Kevin King, Julie Nelson, Patricia Nelson, Brian Pederson,

Cody Strangstalien

Sunday Worship at 9:00am

Sunday School (beginning Sept. 13) 10:00-11:00am

See calendar for changes in worship times.