

The Carillon

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September, 2025



Dispatches from the Front...

This September marks a watershed moment for me. I have been

a pastor for 15 years and in ministry for 23. All of those years have included working with youth and young adults. And all of those years I have been working with other people's kids. And this year, my oldest will start Confirmation...

...I get it now.

Being a parent in 2025 is about staring at a calendar, and seeing how packed it is with activities and then trying not to cry. I am only partially joking here.

It is tough being a parent right now, and the thought of adding anything else to all that I am juggling fills me with some dread.

But then I breathe and remember that Jesus said, "**Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.**"

I know that the hectic nature of our society is not limited to parents. We all feel pulled in so many directions. For many of us, the prospect of adding something more feels like a burden, even if it is church.

So as we enter into a new programming year we might ponder the questions,

If Jesus offers rest, how can our church model that?

How can Coon Valley Lutheran Church be an oasis for people in an overworked and overscheduled culture?

How can we lift the burdens we feel from each other's shoulders?

These are questions I don't have an answer for...I am in the thick of it.

But I also trust that when Jesus invited us to lay our burdens down, he meant it. He really did.

Yours in the chaos, overscheduling and peace,

Pastor Ben



CONFIRMATION

This year we are trying something new! Confirmation classes will be held on the **first and third Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm**. And beginning this year Confirmation

will include grades 6th, 7th and 8th.

On **September 14** Pastor Ben will have an **orientation meeting with all students and parents** in attendance from **10:30-11:30am**. 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 14th.

JULY CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Finance Committee: Bank statements were approved. We are searching for a new alternate Financial Secretary.

***Ministry Minutes:** Explorer Day and Camp Chaplain at Sugar Creek went well. A request to host the WELCA Convention at CVLC in April 2026. Pastor will be on vacation July 27-Aug. 2. He will be gone Aug. 31. Pr. Meg will lead worship.

***Education:** A meeting will be on July 29th for Sunday School. The year will run from Sept. 7-May.

***Youth Ministry:** A YouthWorks trip is being planned for 2026 in Louisville, KY. A possible mentorship program may be established.

***Men's Club:** Meatball dinner will be in Sept. or Oct. Summer cookout had a profit of \$258.00. A portion of this will be donated to the Shepherd Fund.

***Personnel:** Job descriptions approval tabled until the next meeting.

***Stewardship:** Stewardship Campaign for fall of 2025 is being worked on.

***Worship:** Discussion on a new narrative lectionary beginning in the Fall.

***Membership, Life & Growth:** August deadline has been set to complete the Pictorial Directory.

Discussion Items: Corn Roast: Aug. 12 is the date of the event. Volunteers needed.

Funeral Policy: motion passed to approved the new policy.

Coon Valley Heritage Day Parade: On Aug. 23 the church will have an entry in the Parade. We are in need of a truck.

Farmer's Market: Discussion on having freewill donation for produce. A portion of offerings will be given to local food pantries.

***Vacation Bible School:** Aug. 3-5th Snack donations are needed.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Hofslie



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 2nd and will be: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am-2:30pm. Beginning the week of September 15th 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 13th 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.

The family of Verlin Ihle would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, memorials, hugs and food after the passing of Verlin.



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. 7

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 from **10:15-11:30 a.m.** in the Sunday School hallway which is located downstairs and through our fellowship hall. Our teachers have special activities planned to welcome you on Rally Sunday (September 7) and we hope you will join us! Please register your student(s) for Sunday School by returning the enclosed registration form to the Parish Office on or before the first day of Sunday School. The registration form is also available on our website:

www.coonvalleylutheranchurch.org. We can't wait to see you at Sunday School!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Nominating Committee

will be looking for volunteers to fill several vacancies in the role of ushers, council members and much more. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help CVLC! Talk to Glen Hoff or any Council member to find a way you can help.



CVLC FARMER'S MARKET

The Farmer's Market table is 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. Thank you to Mike & Sara Lieurance for their work with the Market! If you are interested in providing donations and need assistance please contact Jamie in the church office.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Fall is fast approaching and school supplies are already on sale. The following are the items to purchase for Lutheran World Relief - LWR - School Kits:

- FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE** pencil sharpener
- ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE** 2 1/2" eraser

WELCA provides and assembles the bags. We also accept monetary gifts for those unable to purchase items.

THIS IS A PROJECT FOR OUR ENTIRE CONGREGATION! We will need all donations at the church by Sunday, September 14. Please contact Eunice Quast at 317-2547 if you have questions.



CHASEBURG AREA CANCER WALK

The 2025 Chaseburg Area Cancer Walk will be on Saturday, September 20. 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. Join us for this great cause! <https://cacwhope.org/>



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE
CAMP
QUILT AUCTION
**Saturday, September
13 @ 9:00am -
2:00pm**

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!



WELCA CHILI & CHICKEN
SOUP SUPPER and RAFFLE:
Wednesday, Sept. 24 ~
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!



PARTICIPATE IN OUR WORSHIP
SERVICES FROM HOME



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



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.



SUNDAY
SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

Are you looking for a fun volunteer opportunity? Sunday School is looking for volunteer help. Any amount of time that you are available to help would be welcome! Contact Maggie Traastad or the church office for more information. Thank you!



DO YOU HAVE A NEW
ADDRESS OR PHONE
NUMBER? 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 for donating hot dog buns. Thank you to **the Naomi Circle** 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 **Ellie Brye** and **Maggie Traastad** for the treats for the campers and counselors! 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!



Naomi Circle and others making preparations



Pastor Ben enjoying Traastad sweet corn



Steve Wichman & David Schultz grilling hot dogs



Vacation Bible School Sings



We hosted over 200 people this year!



The serving line



Dessert table



Patty preparing the deserts



Sugar Creek Councilors lead songs



ALEX HENDRICKSON BLESSING

Alex was blessed on Sunday, August 17 with the help of members who have served in the armed forces. Alex has joined the Army and is currently stationed at Fort Benning in Georgia for basic training. Keep Alex in your prayers as he embarks on this journey in his life!



We enjoyed cake and coffee after worship with Alex.



COON VALLEY HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION!

Our church took part in this fun celebration of Coon Valley by walking in the parade! It was a great day for Coon Valley and Coon Valley Lutheran Church! Thanks to all who walked in the parade and helped get us set up. Thanks to Mark Hutson for the use of his truck in the parade!

WELCA NEWS

Our Thursday, August 21 meeting was attended by 14 members. We enjoyed coffee served by Judy Koula before our business meeting.

Thank you to all who worked, attended and donated sweets, baked beans, chips, corn and other items for the Corn Roast. We served about 200 people from the community and everyone enjoyed the food and beautiful evening.

Thank you, also, to everyone who came down for coffee to send off Alex Hendrickson to the Army. It was very special.

We decided to give the CVES money to purchase school supplies for a family of five. The students are all in different grades and so the supplies they need are not all the same.

We also discussed purchasing two large coolers so that it won't be necessary to run up the stairs with pitchers of lemonade and water to refill the existing coolers at various events.

September is fast approaching and it is time to think about the Chili/Chicken Soup Supper and Raffle. We are looking for donated items for the raffle so if you have something you would like to contribute, please let Deb Holen know.

Also, check out Eunice's article in this newsletter regarding school supplies.



Our September WELCA meeting will focus on quilters, prayer shawl ministry and the prayer chain so please plan on attending. The quilters have a special program to present.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs., Sept. 18, 10am, WELCA – Quilters to present program. Hostess: Jean Gronvold
Wed., Sept. 24, 4 – 7 pm. Chili/Chicken Soup Supper and Raffle.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs., Oct. 16 10am, WELCA – Naomi Circle presents program – TBA. Hostess: LuEtta Nelson

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

Sept. 7	Ellie Brye, Karen McGarvey
Sept. 14	Gwen Bahr, Rachel Pederson
Sept. 21	Kari Buros, Amanda Buros
Sept. 29	Corrine Amundson, Jan Ihle
Oct. 5	Stephanie Lee, Margaret Lee
Oct. 12	Becky Lind, Judy Koula
Oct. 19	Carolyn Anderson, Ainsley Lichtie
Oct. 26	Maggie Thompson, Cheryl Morey

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

7/27 – 9a: 72; **Offering:** \$2,521.73
8/3 – 9a: 59; **Offering:** \$3,507.56
8/10 – 9a: 64; **Offering:** \$3,983.47
8/17 – 9a: 80; **Offering:** \$3,203.20
8/24 – 9a: 73; **Offering:** \$2,653.72

****Approximately \$4,365.00 a week** is needed to meet operating expenses.

General Fund Balance: 7/31/25: \$25,731.90
Memorial Fund Balance: 7/31/25: \$62,312.92
Building Fund Balance: 7/31/25: \$54,280.04
CD Interest Balance: 7/31/25: \$23,829.84
Shepherd Fund Balance: 7/31/25: \$2,284.23

FUNERALS/BURIALS

8/16 David Larson

MEMORIALS

Verlin Ihle

Memorial Fund: \$300.00
Endowment Sunf: \$40.00

Jeff Nestingen

Memorial Fund: \$200.00

Biesen Family

Memorial Fund: \$100.00

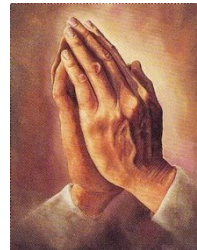


ONLINE GIVING

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

2025	July	2025 YTD
Total Offerings	\$13,482.11	\$101,551.05
Expenses	\$14,959.50	\$124,699.08
Balance/Shortfall	-\$1,477.39	-\$23,148.03
Parsonage Int.		
Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
Building Fund		
Transfer	\$0	\$8,372.00
Memorial Fund		
Transfer	\$0	\$2,164.73



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, Marie Egge, Kira Hoff, Becky Ihle, Donna Ihle, Ray Ihle, Todd King, Mike Kellogg, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Aaron Marx, LuEtta Nelson, Mike Nelson, Romaine Nelson, Eunice Quast, Jojo Satona, Mary Schultz, Billie Slater, LaVonne Stendahl, Krin (Dreves) Stendalen, Teri Tomten, Betty Williamson, Renita Williamson.

† ***Our members who are currently in health care facilities & Assisted Living:*** Tip Bagstad, Rachel Berg, Carl Daffinrud, Evelyn Dahlen, Jeanne Ebli, Gloria Galstad, Lenore Henley, Carl Holte, Bob Moilien, Pauline Moilien, Irene Nestingen, Geri Nestingen, Cathy Ofte, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Orrin Stakston, Joyce Temp.

† ***Those who grieve:*** Family and friends of Verlin Ihle

† ***Family and friends of members***

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

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW EMAIL!

Pastor Benjamin:

pastor@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org

Jamie Thomas, Office Administrator:

office@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org

Becky Lusk, Treasurer:

treasurer@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org

2025/26 REGISTRATION FORM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Where the Bible comes alive"

WHEN: Sunday School begins on RALLY

SUNDAY Sept. 7

TIME: 10:15-11:30 AM

WHO: age 3 (on or before Sept. 1) through 5th grade

COST: There is no fee

NAME_____ Grade_____

NAME_____ Grade_____

NAME_____ Grade_____

PARENT(S) NAMES_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE #_____

EMAIL _____

"I give my son/daughter permission to attend the COON VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday School program for the 2025/26 year."

Signature of parent(s)

"I give Coon Valley Lutheran Church permission to share pictures of my son/daughter
to the CVLC website, CVLC and CVLC Sunday School Facebook pages.

_____ Parent Initials

Any special needs or concerns we should know about your children? (please
list below):

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7

SUNDAY	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	<i>Walk in the way of life</i> <i>Delight in the law</i> <i>Like a potter, the LORD reshapes Israel</i> <i>You have searched me out</i> <i>Paul says, Receive Onesimus</i> <i>Give up your possessions</i>
MONDAY	Genesis 39:1-23	<i>Joseph does not sin against God</i>
TUESDAY	2 Kings 17:24-41	<i>The Assyrians worship other gods</i>
WEDNESDAY	Luke 18:18-30	<i>The rich ruler</i>
THURSDAY	Deuteronomy 7:12-26	<i>The way of obedience</i>
FRIDAY	1 Timothy 3:14—4:16	<i>Being a servant of Christ</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 101	<i>Choosing God's law</i>

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14

SUNDAY	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	<i>Moses begs forgiveness</i> <i>Have mercy on me, O God</i> <i>Judgment against Jerusalem</i> <i>Who seeks after God</i> <i>Christ Jesus came for sinners</i> <i>Looking for the lost sheep and silver coin</i>
MONDAY	Amos 7:1-6	<i>God relents from punishing Israel</i>
TUESDAY	Jonah 3:1-10	<i>God relents from punishing Nineveh</i>
WEDNESDAY	Luke 22:31-33, 54-62	<i>Peter denies Jesus</i>
THURSDAY	Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6	<i>Job repents</i>
FRIDAY	1 Timothy 1:1-11	<i>About false teachers</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 73	<i>God is my portion</i>

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21

SUNDAY	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	<i>Warnings to those who trample the needy</i> <i>Our God lifts up the poor</i> <i>The LORD laments over Judah</i> <i>Deliver us and forgive us our sins</i> <i>One God, one mediator, Christ Jesus</i> <i>Serving God or wealth</i>
MONDAY	Proverbs 14:12-31	<i>Oppressing the poor</i>
TUESDAY	Proverbs 17:1-5	<i>Oppressing the poor</i>
WEDNESDAY	Luke 20:45—21:4	<i>The rich versus the poor</i>
THURSDAY	Exodus 23:1-9	<i>Justice for all</i>
FRIDAY	2 Corinthians 8:1-9	<i>Generosity to the poor</i>
SATURDAY	Psalm 12	<i>Help for the poor</i>

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28**SUNDAY**

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Warnings to the wealthy

Psalm 146

Justice to the oppressed

or Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Jeremiah buys a field

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

My refuge, my stronghold, my God

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Pursuing God's justice

Luke 16:19-31

*Poor Lazarus and the rich man***MONDAY**

Proverbs 22:2-16

*The rich versus the poor***TUESDAY**

Proverbs 28:3-10

*The rich versus the poor***WEDNESDAY**

Luke 9:43b-48

*Welcoming the little ones***THURSDAY**

Ezekiel 18:5-24

*The righteous versus the wicked***FRIDAY**

Revelation 3:14-22

*Being rich or poor in God***SATURDAY**

Psalm 62

I wait on God



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

Visit our website:
coonvalleylutheranchurch.org to sign-
up to receive our newsletter via email!

Please use our correct mailing
address when sending us mail.
P.O. Box 280
Thank you!

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Amy Stakston-Wiedemann

September 2025

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

