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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We will soon be invited into the Season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 29. I am struck each year by the movement of the season of Lent: How we begin with the sign of the Cross in ashes on our forehead or hand and make the journey to Easter morning in which we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death through his suffering upon the Cross and resurrection from the grave! The Season of Lent leads us from an inward reflection of our own mortality and sin to the new reality that we are saved by God’s grace through the gift of faith and claimed for all circumstances by our loving God who is working in us to bring his love and life to the world! Even as we receive the sign of the ashen Cross, God is laboring to bring new life to us and through us.

The Season of Lent begins February 29. At each consecutive Wednesday service during the season of Lent we will have an opportunity to gather for a meal and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. and then join in worship around the theme “Unto the Least of These” based on Jesus’ words recorded in Matthew, Chapter 25. The Sanctuary will be kept quiet until worship begins each Wednesday; please feel welcome to rest and be renewed through silent prayer.

Finally, I wish to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, support and kind words of care for my family and me in these months. As is true for most in difficult times of life, we are coping as best we can. Our faith, your prayers and the ministry we share has been a gift. Thank you.

I look forward to sharing in this season of Lent with you; may we be ever mindful that we are resurrection people.

 In the peace of Christ,

 Pastor Julie

WELCAPANCAKE BREAKFAST

MARCH 1st from 8:00 AM ~ NOON

 Cost is $6.00 for adults, $3.00 for ages 6-12, and free for children age 5 and under. Come and join us on Sunday. Invite a friend to worship and breakfast! Our CVLC youth will help serve:

* **7th graders from 8:30 until 9:30**
* **8th graders from 9:30 until 10:30**

DON’T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 7th

 NOTE: CEMETERY COMMITTEE REQUESTS WINTER DECORATIONS

REMOVED BY MARCH 31st

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BLOOD DRIVE on MONDAY

MARCH 30

 You are reminded about our Blood Drive on **Monday, March 30**, from **1:00 PM until 6:00 PM**. Mike Lusk is taking appointments (452-3472). Walk-ins will be welcome.

On-line registration is available at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) Good food will be served to get your energy level back up. There is a real need. We always need lots of volunteers to register people, bring/serve food, and help set up/down. Let Mike know if you can serve on that day.



APRIL 14: 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION BANQUET & REHEARSAL; MARCH 11: RSVP & BIBLE VERSE DEADLINE FOR 8th GRADERS!

The 8th Grade Confirmation Banquet to be held Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m.! We will have rehearsal for the Confirmation service after school, prior to the banquet. 8th Graders, please plan to come to church right after school. We will have a snack and then walk through the Confirmation service. You will have time to work on homework or enjoy some free time before the banquet begins at 6:00 p.m. The banquet will be done by 7:00 p.m. All 8th Graders and their immediate family members are encouraged to attend. **Please kindly RSVP with the number of your immediate family who will be joining us for the banquet and also send Pastor Julie your Confirmation verse by March 11! Thank you to the women who are providing this special evening for our students!**

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

The CVLC Council met on January 9th at 6:00 p.m.

\*Excused: Pr. Julie & Andrea

\*Daryl led devotions.

\*Treasures Report: was presented by Becky Lusk. Report accepted.

\*Finance Comm: Karen M. reported that the Committee has created a simplified income statement for the Annual Report.

\*Youth: The LIFE group is meeting on Sunday mornings. A mission trip is being planned for our area sometime in August.

\*Social Ministry: Will serve the Annual Meeting potluck on Jan. 26th.

\*Worship: Karen R. reported that the Bishop will peach a Sunday in January. Pastor Quast will be preaching all other Sundays in January.

\*Nominating Comm: Ray Williamson and Carl Holte have volunteered to serve on Council.

\*Property and Management: Discussion on using a service such as ADT to lower insurance rates. More research needs to be done. Erik Rude patched a hole in the parking lot.

\*Action Item: Complete Control Maintenance Agreement (boilers and a/c) was approved.

\*Next Council Meeting will be February 13th at 6:00pm with a Listening Session at 5:30.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Sarah Ofte,

 Council Secretary

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~MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE~

* **MARCH 1st**

8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship and Holy Communion

 ~Choir sings at 8:00

 9:15 Sunday School



**MARCH 4th**

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE**

 **7:00 PM (Supper at 6:00 PM)**

* **MARCH 8th** 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship and Holy Communion ~Choir sings at 10:30

~Sunday School signs at 10:30

~9:15 Sunday School

**MARCH 11th**

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE**

**7:00 PM (Supper at 6:00 PM)**

* **MARCH 15th** 8:00 and 10:30 AM Worship ~ Choir sings at 10:30

~9:15 Sunday School

**MARCH 18th**

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE**

**7:00 PM (Supper at 6:00 PM)**

* **MARCH 22nd** 8:00 and 10:30 AMWorship ~ Choir sings at 10:30

 ~9:15 Sunday School

**MARCH 25th**

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE**

**7:00 PM (Supper at 6:00 PM)**

* **MARCH 29th** 8:00 & 10:30AM Worship ~ Choir sings at 10:30

 ~9:15 Sunday School

FIFTH GRADE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS MARCH 29!

On Sunday, March 29 our Fifth-Grade students and parents are invited to join Pastor Julie for a First Communion Workshop! The Workshop will be held in the Library beginning at 9:05 a.m. Workshop participants will learn why Jesus gave us the gift of the Lord’s Supper, how to come to the Table to receive the meal and how it prepares us to take Jesus into the world! Fifth Graders will be welcomed to receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday or Easter Sunday! If you have a Fifth-Grade student and have not received information from Pastor Julie, please contact the Church Office.

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PIGGY BANKS DURING LENT FOR SYNOD WORLD HUNGER EFFORT!

****The La Crosse Area Synod Hunger Team has invited all congregations in our Synod to support a hunger initiative. This project will focus on the family farm and working together for the good of all. Each congregation is challenged to raise $715.00 and decorate a wooden barn in time for Synod Assembly. The Wooden barn cut-out has been distributed to each congregation. The $715.00 is based on the cost of a “Family Farm” from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog which includes a cow, two goats, two pigs, a dozen chickens, seeds, tools and agricultural training.

 During Lent, each family will be given one piggy bank to help our congregation reach our goal and help alleviate hunger! Thank you for your participation!

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L.I.F.E – LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. - Ephesians 2:10.

“Your talent is God’s gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.” - Leo Buscaglia.

**You are Invited:**

L.I.F.E. will be hosting a **“Painting Party”** with snacks and refreshments in our church basement on **Sunday, March 15th at 1:00pm**. We are pleased to announce that **The Happy Canvas by Linda** will be guiding our class that day and we plan on doing a spring-related painting. We welcome anyone from the congregation to join us for this fun activity. The cost will be $30 per person, but all supplies are included, and you will be able to bring your beautiful painting home with you. Please watch for a sign-up list in the Narthex.

Upcoming meetings will be help In the CVLC Youth Ministry Room:

**Sunday, March 1st, 9:15-10:15**

**Sunday, April 19th, 9:15-10:15**

 Our group is serving a Lenten meal on April 1st at 6pm. We are hoping to have a lot of help and volunteers from L.I.F.E. youth.

Thanks. Your L.I.F.E. Youth Ministry Team

**La Crosse Area Synod Bishop Election News**

In June of 2020, our Synod will elect a new Bishop. As we give thanks for Bishop Arends’ faithful ministry among us, please participate in the election of our next Bishop in the following ways:

Pray that the Holy Spirit lifts up our next Bishop.

Attend one of the public forums in April to meet the nominated candidates. These are open to anyone in our synod. Nominations will be made in March at a nominating caucus by our voting members to our Synod Assembly. Our voting members to Synod Assembly are Sarah Ofte, Carl Holte and Pastor Julie.

**Attend a Bishop Candidate Forum and become acquainted with our Candidates.** One forum will be held in each conference - ALL ARE WELCOME to attend any of the forums:

South Conf - Sat, April 25, 3 pm - Middle Coon Valley Lutheran

East Conf - Sun., April 26, 2 pm - Trinity Lutheran, Sparta

West Conf - Sun., April 26, 7 pm - First Lutheran

North Conf - Mon., April 27, 6 pm - Mt. Calvary Lutheran

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING WITH PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON

Our Synod has an exciting opportunity on Wednesday, April 29! Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the first woman to be elected as the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA will be in our Synod to lead worship and help us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the ELCA! This event will take place at First Lutheran Church in Onalaska. Worship will be held at 6:30 p.m., but you are encouraged to arrive earlier. Students are especially encouraged to attend this special event!

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THANK YOU TO OUR LENTEN SUPPER PROVIDERS!

The next five Wednesdays of Lent we will have Lenten Services at 7:00 PM. Each Service, on March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 1st will be preceded by a Lenten Supper at 6:00. There is no charge for these suppers, a freewill offering will be available.

**LENTEN SUPPER PROVIDERS:**

March 4th ~ Rebecca Circle

March 11th ~ Naomi Circle

March 18th ~ Elizabeth Circle

March 25th ~ CVLC Men’s Club

April 1st ~ L.I.F.E. Youth Group

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

On Sunday, February 23 we welcomed eight new members to CVLC. Douglas & Marjorie Bendel; Brian, Jaimie, Payton & Avery Christianson and Bob & Sherry Rainey. Please greet and welcome them. We are so happy to have them be a part of all the good we do here at Coon Valley Lutheran Church!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST 2-4: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND CORN ROAST!

We are excited to once again be partnering with Lower Coon Valley and Middle Coon Valley Lutheran Churches for Vacation Bible School! Sugar Creek Bible Camp Counselors will lead us in fun, faith, and fellowship activities August 2-4 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Coon Valley Lutheran Church! The Corn Roast will be held on Tuesday, August 4! Confirmation students are asked to assist with VBS and the Corn Roast.

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, Kay Bjornstad, Evelyn Dahlen, Judy Denison, Kira Foster, Bonnie Holey, Carl Holte, Verlin Ihle, Jim Knutson, Elizabeth Larson, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Sarah Leisso, Becky Lind, Aaron Marx, Skyler Midtlien, Romaine Nelson, Elmer Ofte, Sherman Olson, Steve Pauloski, Edie Peterson, Eunice Quast, Jojo Satona, Terri Stakston, Nancy Stuempges, Ray Williamson, Rev. Julie Wollman & family.

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

**† *Those who grieve:*** Patty Helgerson & family in the death of her brother Charles. Becky Stakston & family in the death of her sister Esther Blair.

**† *Family and friends of members***

**† *Local Military:***Austin Holen, and John Nelson



E-GIVING MADE EASY!

Make Easter offerings online during the Easter season! It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial

contributions. But greater seasonal participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account and credit card or debit cards. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan. To learn more, visit the church website **coonvalleylutheranchurch.org** to locate the donation link. We also provide a **text-to-give** option. Simply text a dollar amount to **866-374-6997** you will receive a registration link to enter your contact and payment information. We thank you for supporting our mission!

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**WELCA NEWS**

Our February 20 meeting opened with devotions with Bible verses relating to living a long life and a quiz called, “How Well Do You Know Your WELCA President?” Twenty questions were posed to the group – where Ellie was born to the color of her car. Romaine Nelson was the winner with 19 correct answers. The program ended by singing Happy Birthday. Judy Koula decorated the tables for each month and we all enjoyed birthday cake baked by Cheryl (Berg) Trussoni. Thanks to Marv and Joyce Temp for delivering the cake. Thanks also to Sandy Onshus and Ellie Brye for serving. Paying hostesses for the day were Jenna Klum, Betty Gilbertson, Casey Brye, Judy Denison and Beverly Bagstad.

 For many years, Joyce Temp has contacted members to serve Sunday Morning coffee. She is planning to retire from this position and would like someone to replace her. Even though it’s early in the year, we would like to get the word out so you have time to think about it. It’s only for nine months out of the year and the youth serve the last Sunday of the month. Joyce would be willing to “show you the ropes” and you could pair up with someone and work as a team. She generally starts calling people in October. The names are published in the WELCA yearbook and are called a week in advance of serving as a reminder. We certainly don’t want this time of fellowship or the revenue it generates for WELCA and the youth to fall by the wayside. Please give this prayerful consideration.

 It’s been two years since we’ve made cookies for “Cookie Wednesday,” the day that Pastor Ben Morris gives cookies to students on campus. We will decide at our next meeting if we want to do this and would invite the congregation to participate.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sunday, March 1, 8 am-noon – WELCA Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday, March 4, 6 pm – Rebecca Circle serves Lenten Supper

Wednesday, March 11, 6 pm – Naomi Circle serves Lenten Supper

Wednesday, March 18, 6 pm – Elizabeth Circle serves Lenten Supper

Thursday, March 19, 1:30 pm – WELCA – Ruth Circle presents a musical program by the Halvorson Sisters. Servers: Sharon Holte, Carolyn Anderson. Paying hostesses: Pam Pauloski, Elizabeth Larson, Heidi Larson, Corrine Appleman, Maria Hellwig

Wednesday, March 25, 6 pm – Men of CVLC serve Lenten Supper

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Wednesday, April 1, 6 pm – L.I.F.E. Group serves Lenten Supper

Tuesday, April 14, 6 pm – WELCA serves Confirmation Banquet

Thursday, April 16, 1:30 pm – WELCA – South Ridge Circle presents program. Servers: LuEtta Nelson, Jean Gronvold. Paying hostesses: Kelly Role, Lillian Jothen, Arlene Townsend, Elizabeth Ofte, Karn Ofte-Schroeder

Saturday, April 18 – WELCA Spring Conference, Trinity Lutheran Church, Cashton

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS**

Mar. 1 Pancake Breakfast

 8 Pat Meurer, Sue Dwyer

 15 Nancy King, Jamie Thomas

 22 Karen Rude, Ruth Driscoll

 29 Youth

Apr. 5 Amanda Buros, Kari Buros, Ashley Sacia

 12 Easter

 19 Confirmation

 26 Youth

God Bless, Ellie Brye, President



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**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

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| **2020** | **January** |  | **2020 YTD** |
| **Total Offerings** | $13,185.10  |   | $13,185.10 |
| **Expenses** | $13,836.77 |   | $13,836.77 |
| **Balance/Shortfall** | **-$651.67**  |  | -**$651.67** |
| **Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer** | $0  |  | $0  |
| **Building Fund Transfer** | $0 |  | $0  |

**2/2 – 8am/**116; **10:30/**105 = 221 total **Offering:** $5,292.35

**2/9 – 8am/**27; **10:30/**cancelled

**Offering:** $753.35

**2/16 – 8am/**89; **10:30/**59 = 148 total

**Offering:** $3,393.58

**2/23 – 8am/**105; **10:30/**87 = 192 total

**Offering:** $2,982.35

**\*\***Approximately **$3,700.00 a week** is needed to meet operating expenses.

**General Fund Balance:** 1/31/20: $16,075.41

**Memorial Fund Balance:**1/31/20: $33,145.31

**Building Fund Balance:** 1/31/20: $3,112.78

Average Weekly Attendance Feb. 2020: 147

Average Attendance Year-to-date 2020: 135

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

**2/2**-32; **2/9**-cancelled; **2/16**-25, **2/23**-31

MEMORIALS

 **Lorraine Stendahl**

 Memorial Fund: $15.00

 **Esther Blair**

Memorial Fund: $140.00

FUNERAL

 2/11 **Teman Olson-**Burial only

 2/15 **Esther Blair**

BAPTISM

 1/12 **Mireya Marie Kinstler**

**YEAR-TO-DATE BALANCE**

**USHERS**

We thank all of our members who help usher during services on Sunday mornings. If you prefer to usher at a certain service please let Jamie know and you will be scheduled at a time that is more convenient for you. Reminder cards will be mailed each month. If you are unable to keep your scheduled time please let Jamie know ASAP!

452-3772 or jamiel@mwt.net

**MARCH USHERS**

**3/1**- **8:00am**-Chad & Laura Hofslien

 **10:30am-**Chad & Candice Herman; Arvid Holey

**3/8**- **8:00am**-Mark & Betty Jorgenson & family

 **10:30am-**Troy & Shannon Johnson

**3/15**-**8:00am**-Clay & Christal Kanieski & family

 **10:30am-**Troy & Janine Morey & family

**3/22- 8:00am-**Michael & Stephanie Lee; Bob & Patricia Meurer

 **10:30am-**Wade & Stephanie Marshall & family

**3/29- 8:00am-**Charles & Kim Nelson & family

 **10:30am-**Todd & Fawn King, Kevin & Rhonda King

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**WEEK OF MARCH 1**

 **SUNDAY** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 *Eating of the tree of knowledge*

Psalm 32 *Mercy embraces us*

 Romans 5:12-19 *Death came, life comes*

Matthew 4:1-11 *The temptation of Jesus*

 **MONDAY** Genesis 4:1-16 *God protects Cain, the murderer*

 **TUESDAY** Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28 *God’s revelation of mercy*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 18:6-14 *Temptation and forgiveness*

 **THURSDAY** 1 Kings 19:1-8 *An angel feeds Elijah in the wilderness*

 **FRIDAY** Hebrews 4:14—5:14 *Christ was tempted*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 38 *Confessing our sin*

**WEEK OF MARCH 8**

 **SUNDAY** Genesis 12:1-4a *The blessing of God upon Abram*

Psalm 121 *The LORD who watches over you*

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 *The promise to those of Abraham’s faith*

John 3:1-17 *The mission of Christ: saving the world*

 **MONDAY** Isaiah 65:17-25 *God promises a new creation*

 **TUESDAY** Ezekiel 36:22-32 *God will renew the people*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 8:1-11 *Jesus does not condemn the sinner*

 **THURSDAY** Numbers 21:4-9 *Moses lifts up the serpent*

 **FRIDAY** Romans 4:6-13 *Abraham saved through faith*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 128 *God promises life*

**WEEK OF MARCH 15**

 **SUNDAY** Exodus 17:1-7 *Water from the rock*

 Psalm 95 *The rock of our salvation*

Romans 5:1-11 *Reconciled to God by Christ’s death*

John 4:5-42 *The woman at the well*

 **MONDAY** Genesis 24:1-27 *Rebekah at the well*

 **TUESDAY** Genesis 29:1-14 *Rachel at the well*

 **WEDNESDAY** John 7:14-31, 37-39 *Drink of Jesus, the Messiah*

 **THURSDAY** Jeremiah 2:4-13 *God, the living water*

 **FRIDAY** 2 John 1-13 *A woman reminded to abide in Christ*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 81 *We drink from the rock*

**WEEK OF MARCH 22**

 **SUNDAY** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 *David is chosen and anointed*

 Psalm 23 *My head anointed with oil*

Ephesians 5:8-14 *Live as children of light*

John 9:1-41 *The man born blind*

 **MONDAY** Isaiah 59:9-19 *We are blind and await God*

 **TUESDAY** Isaiah 42:14-21 *God will heal the blind*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 9:27-34 *Jesus heals the blind*

 **THURSDAY** Isaiah 60:17-22 *God our light*

 **FRIDAY** Acts 9:1-20 *Saul’s blindness*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 146:3-9 *Praise to God*

**WEEK OF MARCH 29**

 **SUNDAY** Ezekiel 37:1-14 *The dry bones of Israel*

 Psalm 130 *Mercy and redemption*

Romans 8:6-11 *Life in the Spirit*

John 11:1-45 *The raising of Lazarus*

 **MONDAY** 1 Kings 17:17-24 *Elijah raises the widow’s son*

 **TUESDAY** 2 Kings 4:18-37 *Elisha raises the Shumenite child*

 **WEDNESDAY** Matthew 22:23-33 *God of the living*

 **THURSDAY** Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41 *Jeremiah buys a field*

 **FRIDAY** Ephesians 2:1-10 *Alive in Christ*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 143 *Save me from death*