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Dear Siblings in Christ,

I give thanks to God for you. I know this pandemic time has been challenging and has stretched us in ways that have at times been uncomfortable and even painful, but throughout these twenty plus months, I have known God’s presence through you. Though we are making our way through the pandemic, we are mindful that we have a distance to go, and precautions are still very necessary.

As I write this, the HealthWeather metric our congregation has been following is in the highest “Critical” stage regarding the spread of Coronavirus in Vernon County. This morning I met with our worship committee chairperson and members of our executive committee to revisit our safety protocols as they pertain to all in-person ministries of our congregation. In keeping with our guidelines, we will be pausing all food hospitality in our building, except an after-school snack served to our Confirmation students Wednesday afternoons. This pause will begin December 1. Whenever possible, we will give two weeks’ notice of any changes to our Covid guidelines and continue to monitor the HealthWeather metric daily. We look forward to being able to worship in-person this year on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will be singing three hymns at our Christmas Eve and Day services—one at the beginning and two at the end of each service. For those who would prefer not to or are unable to worship with us in person, our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services will be live streamed via Facebook and available on Vernon Communications Channel 15, and our website www.coonvalleylutheranchurch.org.

The precautions we have been observing remain in place for all in-person worship services. If you join us in person, please prepare to wear a mask or face covering over mouth and nose while in the building and please dress warm as the windows in our Sanctuary will be open to allow for ventilation. With you, I look forward to the day when these safety measures will not be necessary, but I give thanks to God that we are able worship with one another in the Sanctuary and online as worship strengthens our faith and prepares us to love and serve in a way nothing else does.

As a new church year begins on November 28 with the Season of Advent, we are reminded that Advent is the season of expectant waiting. The world into which Jesus was born was not all that different from the world today. The things people longed for are the longing of our hearts as well. The hope, joy, peace, light and love we await is born to us again this Christmas! That is truly the miracle of Christmas—that while we expectantly wait, God is laboring over this world in need to bring us the greatest gift of all—our Savior and the gifts he brings.

Emmanuel, God is with us, is born to us anew!

A blessed Advent and Merry Christmas to you and your families.

In Christ,

Pastor Julie



ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Good Gifts catalog is available now! ELCA Good Gifts can be purchased online at ELCA.org/goodgifts or via mail. Catalogs are available at Church! Good Gifts directly support our church’s ministries in the United States and abroad. For example, you may give a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one by buying school supplies for a student or a classroom. Your gift might supply food for orphans and vulnerable children in areas where our church is working to care for children who have lost one or both parents. Good Gifts are truly gifts that keep on giving!

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

The CVLC Council met on October 14th at 6:00 p.m.

\*Treasurer’s Report: was presented by Nancy King. Report accepted.

\*Finance Committee: Nancy King reported that the committee met and reviewed the finances. The new office computers have arrived. Higher speed internet and Wifi was installed providing an extra 20megs. The cost is about an extra $25 per month. This will help with streaming of church services.

\*Education: Sunday School will be singing at the Reformation service on October 31st.

\*Men’s Club: Ray Williamson reported that the Men’s Club is organizing a drive thru Meatball Dinner for Oct. 17th.
\*Social Ministry: Birthday cards have been sent to homebound and facility members.

\*Worship: Nancy reported that there will be one service on October 31st at 9am for Reformation. There will not be a Thanksgiving Eve worship service this year, rather on Nov. 21st the service will have a Thanksgiving theme.

\*Action Items: A motion was accepted to replace the old water fountain in the basement with a cost of up to $2500 with funds being taken from the Building Fund.

Motion was approved to have the Youth Fund pay for $150 for each youth attending the National Youth Gathering in 2022.

Motion was approved to purchase a new vacuum cleaner for up to $500.

\*Next Council Meeting will be November 11th at 6:00pm.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

 Sarah Ofte,

 Council Secretary

CVLC BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive will be on **Monday, December 27th from 1-6pm**. All COVID-19 precautions are taken. If you are able to volunteer please contact Mike Lusk. If you would like to donate you can make an appointment by visiting redcrossblood.org or by calling Mike 452-3472. Blood supplies are critically low at this time. Please consider donating.

ANNUAL MEETING

This year our Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, January 30 at 11:00am**. At this time, we are planning for an in person meeting with a Zoom option available. Please stay tuned for more updates.

YEAR END OFFERINGS

All offerings need to be received in the church office no later than **Tuesday, December 28 at 9:30am** to be counted toward your 2021 Giving Statement. All offerings received after this time will be included for 2022.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Deadline for Committee’s to submit their Annual Reports to Jamie is **Tuesday, January 4th.** Please send to jamiel@mwt.net in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Reports will be available at the church at least one week before the Annual Meeting for pick up during worship services or while visiting the office. If you would like a digital version sent to your email or a copy mailed to you, please contact Jamie.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes will be available starting Dec. 7th at the church during office hours, Tues 9am-2:30pm and Wed. & Thurs, 9am-4pm. If you are able to pick them up for yourself, family or neighbors please do so. If you would like your envelopes mailed to you, please contact Jamie. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION NEWS!

Our 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Class spent our Fall learning about Martin Luther and the Reformation (ask our students about the Diet of Worms!) and completed our unit on the Ten Commandments. We learned that God has given Commandments around our relationships with God and one another as a way of helping us to keep them life-giving. On Wednesday, November 17, we learned our neighbors are across the globe and across the street, and we even made special “Thanksgiving” deliveries to our Church’s closest neighbors. Our next unit is The Apostles’ Creed. The students say one of the best parts of Confirmation is the time spent together before class begins at 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday, playing touch football in the churchyard, having snacks, and relaxing at the end of the school day.

Thank you for keeping our Confirmation students in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith!

**Our 8th Grade Students:**

Ava Berg

Grady Evenstad

Lydia Leisso

Chase Quellhorst

Morgan Turner

**Our 7th Garde Students:**

Maddux Fencl

Malana Kinstler

Betsy Lieurance

Griffin Nelson

Addison Proksch

Landon Lee

CVLC GIVING TREE

This year, through our Social Ministry Committee, we will once again participate in the “Giving Tree” project. We will have gift tags for many individuals. We also have a Christmas stocking for you to give a monetary donation if you do not wish to shop. Gifts need to be wrapped with the tag you chose attached to the gift. Gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday December 12th. Thank you for your generosity.

THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

 “The Road to Bethlehem” is being held at Sugar Creek again this year! Celebrate the reason for the season with this drive-through event! The Road to Bethlehem is being held on December 4 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Sugar Creek Bible Camp, 13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Road, Ferryville, WI.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

On **December 19th at 10:00 AM**, our Sunday School Youth, ages 3 to 6th grade, will be presenting their Christmas Program. Kids should come at 9:30am and meet downstairs before the Service. They will also come to church on **Saturday, December 18th from 10:00-Noon for a longer rehearsal.** We need the kids in Sunday School on the 12th so we can have a good practice! **This Service is for the whole Congregation!!!! See You there!**

PLAN TO JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF CHRIST’S BIRTH!

Worship Schedule:

**Sunday, December 19:** **10:00 a.m**. Sunday School Christmas Program (one service only)

**Friday, December 24/Christmas Eve:** 4:00 p.m. Worship

**Saturday, December 25/Christmas Day:** 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

**Sunday, December 26/First Sunday after Christmas:** 9:00 a.m. Worship (one service only)

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.

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

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

**Vernon Communications Channel 15:** With many thanks to our partners at Vernon Communications, this is currently when our Sunday Worship services air on Channel 15.

Mondays: 3:30 a.m.

Tuesdays: 12:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: 8:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 6:30 p.m.

 Fridays: 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 2:30 p.m.

Sundays: 5:30 a.m.

KEY POLICY

If your circle or committee would like to meet at the church outside of the church office hours, please contact Jamie to obtain a key. Thank you!

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 to the calendar. 452-3772, 317-0007, jamiel@mwt.net. Thank you!

CVLCIS SEEKING A VOLUNTEER CHOIR DIRECTOR

Please note this opportunity to lead wonderful people in making a joyful noise! For more information or to indicate interest, please contact Karen Rude, Chair of the Personnel and Worship Committee or Pastor Julie.

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

WELCA NEWS

 At our Nov. 18 meeting, we had several decisions to make. Actually, Covid 19 made the decisions for us. Because of the critical stage that Vernon County is currently in, we are unable to have our Cookie Walk and our Dec. Christmas meeting has been **cancelled**. Hopefully, these changes are temporary and we will be able to resume WELCA in Jan. At this time we are unable to serve or enjoy all food related events. One of the biggest changes beginning in Jan. will be our meeting time. Change is always hard, but we have decided to meet at **10 am** instead of the 1:30 pm time that we are all accustomed to. Serving will be limited to one item which will be easier for the servers of the day.

 There are more decisions to be made and they will be discussed at a meeting on Mon., Dec 6 at 9 am in the church lounge. This meeting will include disbursement of our funds. The meeting, which has always been for officers, circle chairmen and committee chairmen will be open to **ALL** members. We value your input and hope that you will join us to plan the year ahead.

 Nov. is typically Thank Offering month and our program began with Nancy Rogers giving devotions on thankfulness. This was followed by Jean Gronvold presenting two readings – “Have a Great Day” and “So Much to be Thankful For.” Nancy then had us pick a leaf with something specific written on it that we are thankful for – someone who inspires us, a childhood memory and many others. It was a meaningful and fun time!

 Thank you to Jean Gronvold and Cindy Swartz for serving and to the paying hostesses: Renee Ames, Mary Jo Griffin, Kim Nelson and Maggie Traastad.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon., Dec. 6 – 9 am – Church Lounge – Meeting to disburse funds and other business.

Paying Hostesses for Dec. – Emma Westphal, Shelly Ostrem, Samantha White, Erin Glennie, Jill Brye.

LOOKING AHEAD - **TENTATIVE**

Thurs., Jan. 20, 2022 – **10 am** – WELCA – Installation of officers, overview of yearbook. Servers: Gloria Galstad, Judy Koula. Paying Hostesses: Nicole Peters, Sara Rudie, Ashley Sacia, Allison Williamson, Suzanne Dickman.

Always, but especially at this time of the year, it is fun to get cards in the mail. When you are writing on Christmas cards, please consider sending one to a shut in or nursing home resident. The list in our bulletin and Carillon is long and a card would be much appreciated.

**A Merry and Blessed Christmas to all of you from the WELCA officers.**

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**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

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| **2021** | **October** |  | **2021 YTD** |
| **Total Offerings** | $14,779.35 |   | $148,918.58 |
| **Expenses** | $17,765.36 |   | $158,924.10 |
| **Balance/Shortfall** | **-$2,986.01** |  | **$10,005.52** |
| **Parsonage Int. Fund Transfer** | $0  |  | $0  |
| **Building Fund Transfer** | $0 |  | $857.31 |
| **Memorial Fund****Transfer** | $0 |  | $0 |

**10/24 – 8a:** 43; **10:30:** 37=80 total

**Offering:** $1,907.99

**10/31 – 9a:** 89; **Offering:** $3,982.99

**11/7 – 8a:** 44; **10:30:** 47=91 total

**Offering:** $2,817.71

**11/14 – 8a:** 53; **10:30:** 29=82 total **Offering:** $3,812.71

**\*\***Approximately **$3,925.00 a week** is needed to meet operating expenses.

**General Fund Balance:** 10/31/21: $32,870.44

**Memorial Fund Balance:**10/31/21: $44,902.29

**Building Fund Balance:** 10/31/21: $42,632.64

**CD Interest Balance:** 10/31/21: $19,059.03

MEMORIALS

**Margaret Lindahl**

Memorial Fund: $645.00

ONLINE GIVING

 There are several ways you may get your offerings to the church. You may simply 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 Give Plus. 3) Use our text-to-give option, simply text a dollar amount to 866-374-6997. Please let Jamie know if you need assistance in any way with these options. Thank you for your support!

Doing your shopping on **Amazon**? Please go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), enter ***Coon Valley Congregation*** do your shopping and **Amazon Smile** will donate a small percentage to our church!

**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*:** Randy Amundson, Beverly Bagstad, Eleanor Bagstad, Tip Bagstad, Clifford Bakkum, Inez Beck, Kristin Boettcher, Ellie Brye, Kim Cade, Jeanne Ebli, Kira Foster, Lucy Hardie, Bonnie Holey, Becky Ihle, Jim Knutson, Paul Kogut, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Larry Lichtie, Gerri Leum, Cindy Manske, Aaron Marx, Frank Mathison, Judy Mathison, Skyler Midtlien, Bud Miyamoto, Romaine Nelson, Sandy Nelson, Cathy Ofte, Lisa Olson, Pam Pauloski, Jeremy Pratt, Eunice Quast, Jojo Satona, Mary Schultz, Billie Slater, LaVonne Stendahl, Floyd Storey, Nancy Stuempges, Joyce Temp, Lanny Westphal, Renita Williamson.

**† *Our members who are currently in health care facilities*:** Rachel Berg, Evelyn Dahlen, Joanne Fletcher, Erma Graupe, Sylvester King Jr., Irene Larson, Glen Marshall, Irene Nestingen, Tim Ofte, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Beatrice Olson (Leonard), Arlene Townsend, Betty Sanders.

**† *Those who grieve:*** Family of Ray Sedevie,Family and friends of Burton Lee;Family and friends Valarie Holey; Family and friends of Tiffany Rundhaugen

**† *Family and friends of members***

**† *Local Military:***Austin Holen

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 5**

 **SUNDAY** Malachi 3:1-4 *The messenger refines and purifies*

 *or* Baruch 5:1-9 *The return of scattered Israel*

Luke 1:68-79 *God’s tender compassion*

Philippians 1:3-11 *A harvest of righteousness*

Luke 3:1-6 *Prepare the way of the Lord*

 **MONDAY** Isaiah 40:1-11 *The earth prepares for God*

 **TUESDAY** Isaiah 19-18-25 *All nations shall praise God*

 **WEDNESDAY** Luke 7:18-30 *John the Baptist questions Jesus*

 **THURSDAY** Numbers 3:5-13 *The duties of the Levites*

 **FRIDAY** 2 Peter 1:2-15 *Living God’s call*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 126 *Prayer for restoration*

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 12**

 **SUNDAY** Zephaniah 3:14-20 *Rejoice in God*

 Isaiah 12:2-6 *In your midst is the Holy One of Israel*

 *Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice, the Lord is near*

Luke 3:7-18 *One more powerful is coming*

 **MONDAY** Numbers 16:1-19 *Korah’s company rebels*

 **TUESDAY** Numbers 16:20-35 *God destroys Korah’s company*

 **WEDNESDAY** Luke 7:31-35 *The Messiah and John the Baptist*

 **THURSDAY** Micah 4:8-13 *God will thresh out the people*

 **FRIDAY** Acts 28:23-31 *Paul preaches in Rome*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 85 *Prayer for mercy*

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 19**

 **SUNDAY** Micah 5:2-5a *From Bethlehem comes a ruler*

Luke 1:47-55 *God lifts up the lowly*

 *or* Psalm 80:1-7 *Show the light of your countenance*

Hebrews 10:5-10 *I have come to do your will*

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55] *Blessed are you among women*

 **MONDAY** Genesis 25:19-28 *Rebekah bears Jacob and Esau*

 **TUESDAY** Genesis 30: 1-24*Leah and Rachel bear their sons*

 **WEDNESDAY** Luke 1:5-25 *Elizabeth will bear a child*

 **THURSDAY** Isaiah 42:14-21 *God is like a woman in labor*

 **FRIDAY**Isaiah 9:2-7 *A child is born for us*

 **CHRISTMAS**Psalm 96 *Let the earth be glad*

**EVE**Titus 2:11-14The grace of God has appeared

 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] *God with us*

 **SATURDAY** Isaiah 62:6-12 *God comes to restore the people*

**CHRISTMAS**Psalm 97 *Light springs up for the righteous*

**DAY**Titus 3:4-7 *Saved through water and the Spirit*

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 26**

 **SUNDAY** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 *Samuel grew in favor with all*

 Psalm 148 *God’s splendor over the earth*

Colossians 3:12-17 *Clothe yourselves in love*

Luke 2:41-52 *Jesus increased in favor with all*

 **MONDAY** 1 Chronicles 28:1-10 *Solomon will build the temple*

 **TUESDAY** 2 Chronicles 7:1-11 *Solomon dedicates the temple*

 **WEDNESDAY** Luke 8:16-21 *Jesus’ family*

 **THURSDAY** Ezekiel 43:1-12 *God’s glory in the temple*

 **FRIDAY** Hebrews 9:1-14 *The temple of Christ, the high priest*

 **SATURDAY** Psalm 11 *God is in the temple*



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

**Thank you!**

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P.O. Box 280

Thank you!

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 **THE CARILLON**

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Church Council President: Nancy King

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Amanda Buros, Glen Hoff, Debbie Holen, Carl Holte,

Andrea Stakston, Brian Strangstalien

**Worship Schedule**

**8:00 & 10:30 am (5th, 12th); 9:00 am (25th, 26th); 10:00am (19th); 4:00pm (24th)**

**Sunday School 9:00 am (No class Dec. 26th); 9:30am (19)**

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| December 2021 |
| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
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| A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated |   |  | **1** **5:00p-**Confirmation | **2****3:00p**-Rebecca Circle Christmas Party | **3** | **4****2:00-6:30p-**The Road to Bethlehem Event Sugar Creek |
| **5** **8 & 10:30a** Worship with Holy Communion**9:00a-**Sunday School**9:00a-**Stewardship Committee**9:15a-**Bible Study | **6****9:00a-**WELCA Disbursement Meeting**Pr. Julie’s Sabbath** | **7** | **8****9:00a­-**Quilting**5:00p-**Confirmation | **9**  | **10** | **11** |
| **12****8 & 10:30a** Worship with Holy Communion**9:00a-**Sunday School**9:15a-**Bible Study**Giving Tree Gifts Deadline** | **13****6:00p-**Finance Committee**Carillon Deadline****Pr. Julie’s Sabbath** | **14****1:00p-**North Ridge Circle | **15****5:00p-**Confirmation | **16****6:00p**-Church Council  | **17** | **18****10:00-Noon-**Sunday School Christmas Program Practice |
| **19****9:30-**Sunday School**10:00a**-Sunday School Christmas Program | **20****Pr. Julie’s Sabbath** | **21** | **22****No Confirmation** | **23** | **24****4:00p-**Christmas Eve Worship | **25** **9:00a**- CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP with Holy Communion |
| **26** **9:00a**-Worship | **27****1:00-6:00p-**CVLC Blood Drive**Pr. Julie’s Sabbath** | **28****9:30a-Last day to submit offerings for 2021** | **29****9:00a­-**Quilting**No Confirmation** | **30** | **31** | **Office Hours: Tues 9a-2:30p****Wed. 9a-4p****Thurs. 9a-4p** |