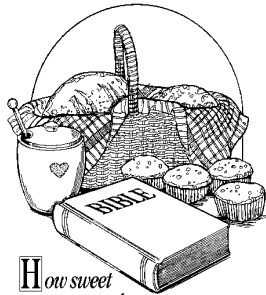


# July 2016

Cooksville  
Lutheran  
Church  
News

*A Caring Community Empowered  
by God to be Disciples of Christ*



**H**ow sweet  
are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth.  
—Psalm 119:103

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*No worship  
service at  
Cooksville July  
3rd.  
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## Sweet Summer Days

*From Pastor Karla*



Here is a sweet summer memory from my teenage years: in the morning I would often take my guitar and sit on the porch step to sing and read. I sang hymns and songs I had learned at Bible camp. The words that I read from the Bible and that I sang seemed to mean more with the birds singing, the warm breeze, and green lush fields all around me.

One of the verses I loved to read and sing, was:  
**"... the joy of the Lord is your strength."**  
(Nehemiah 8:10)

I've been singing that song recently on my drives out to Cooksville. There is something about singing hymns and spiritual songs to God that lifts up my heart.

I encourage you to do this: while working outside or driving, sing a favorite hymn. Regardless of what you think about your voice, God loves to hear you sing! And it renews your spirit.



**Summer**

There is a depth of meaning when we sing alone, without a choir or congregation. Our singing becomes prayer and we feel God's presence and pleasure.

God's peace is with you.  
Pastor Karla Brekke





# Worship Matters

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. -Psalm 100:2

July 3	<i>Ecumenical Worship and Picnic at the Evansville Park—9:30 a.m.</i>		
July 10	8th Sun. after Pentecost		10:00 a.m.
July 17	9th Sun. after Pentecost	HOMESTEAD SERVICE	10:00 a.m.
July 24	10th Sun. after Pentecost		10:00 a.m.
July 31	11th Sun. after Pentecost		10:00 a.m.

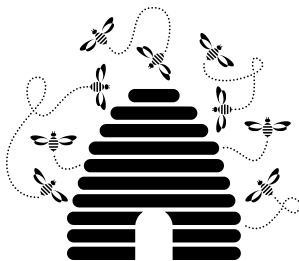
## *Evansville Ecumenical Worship*

**Sunday, July 3rd at 9:30 am, Lake Leota Park, Evansville**

*Upper park pavilion — No worship service at Cooksville*

***You are invited to a pot-luck picnic following worship.***

- ♦ Meat (pig roast), buns, and drinks will be provided.
- ♦ Table service will be provided.
- ♦ Bring your own chairs and/or blankets. (Some chairs will be provided.)
- ♦ Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.
  - ♦ Please bring your own serving utensil for your dish to pass.



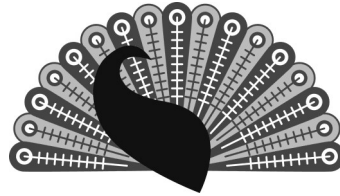
This modern symbol represents the church and its many, varied “workers.”

A multitude of people,  
each with different tasks and gifts,  
works to build up the body of Christ.

Often, nine bees are pictured near the hive to represent the nine fruits of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23).

A PEACOCK spreading its gorgeous tail mocked a Crane that passed by, ridiculing the ashen hue of its plumage and saying, "I am robed, like a king, in gold and purple and all the colors of the rainbow; while you have not a bit of color on your wings."

"True," replied the Crane;  
"but I soar to the heights of heaven  
and lift up my voice to the stars,  
while you walk below, like a cock,  
among the birds of the dunghill."



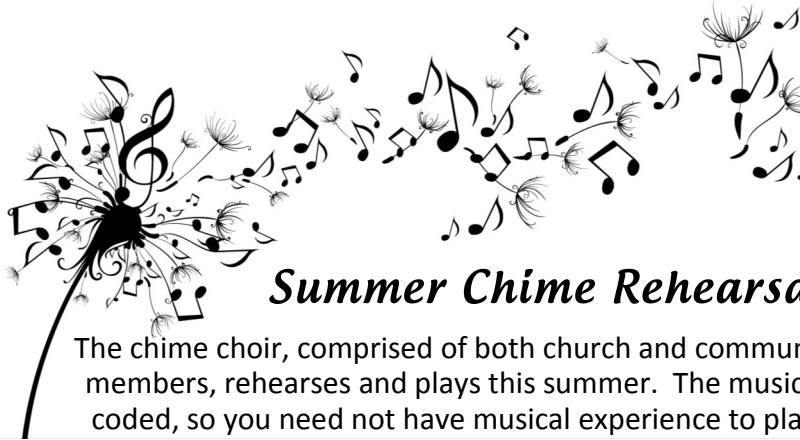
**Fine feathers don't make fine birds.**



### **"Prayer at Sunrise"**

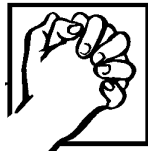
O greater Maker of this thy great sun,  
Give me the strength this one day's race to run,  
Fill me with light, fill me with sun-like strength,  
Fill me with joy to rob the day its length.  
Light from within, light that will outward shine,  
Strength to make strong some weaker heart than mine,  
Joy to make glad each soul that feels its touch;  
Great Father of the sun, I ask this much.

—James Weldon Johnson



### ***Summer Chime Rehearsals***

The chime choir, comprised of both church and community members, rehearses and plays this summer. The music is coded, so you need not have musical experience to play. Call me if you are interested! Jeanne Julseth (882-0505).



## Together in Prayer

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. - Acts 2:42

### Wednesdays Noon-12:30 p.m.

Join us any Wednesday as we gather to pray for the people on our prayer list and for the people and ministries of Cooksville Lutheran Church. If you have a prayer request and would like us to pray for it, please e-mail Kevin Brekke before 6 p.m. on Tuesday at [brekkekev3@netscape.net](mailto:brekkekev3@netscape.net) or call him at 608-669-1218.

### **Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Evelyn Beyer	Jan Kettle (sister of Jim Parsons)
Jerry Julseth	Gordon and Doris Starks
Martha Johnson	Anne Kurey (Martha Johnson's sister)
James T. Parsons	Michael LaMantia (health concerns)
Larry Smith	Robert Saunders (Martha Johnson's brother)
Randy Cagnoni	John Garvan (friend of Kevin Brekke)
Kari David	Chuck Niles (uncle of Connie Gregerson)
Gladys Aguirre	Sheila St. Vincent (Linda Sime's cousin).

CLC Special Friends: Anna Hanson, Charles Hoff, Don Farberg, Ken Haakenson, Robert Hanson, Dorothy Froemming, Larry Smith, Rhea Wethal, Ruth Erickson.

Military: John Haines, Dean Jass, Andrew Newcomb.

### A Prayer for July 4

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise you for the nation in which you have allowed us to live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities.



We thank you for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, special wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness.

Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of the land we love. Amen.



## UPDATES

Activities continue in celebration of 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Two banners are being displayed; one outside the church and another in the sanctuary. Both are beautifully made and reminders of the past and ongoing mission of the members here.

Thanks to Rich Krake (design) and Rhonda Wethal (execution) of these beautiful banners!

Individual pictures have been taken for the book planned in conjunction with the celebration. The design of the publication is underway and printing options are being pursued. It is NOT too late to submit individual pictures, though; so we hope each individual and family can offer a picture to be included in the book/directory. Please call Ilene Axford @ 873-6914 if you need assistance with getting a picture included.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendar and join us!

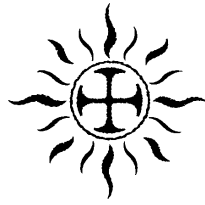
**CEMETERY TOUR - August 14** Food will be offered in the fellowship area, followed by a short presentation by village historian, Larry Reed, relating the history of the area when early church founders settled here.

**OCTOBER MUSIC MONTH - October 23 DUET CONCERT beginning at 4:00** in the church Sanctuary features well known Chicago Performers, Warren Fremling (Baritone) and Cynthia Fremling (Soprano). See below for more on the Fremlings!

### ***Singing Together in Celebration!***

Soprano Cynthia Fremling and baritone Warren Fremling present an afternoon of music celebrating our 125 years of community. The afternoon will consist of favorite hymns and sacred pieces in solos, duets and audience participation. The Fremlings met while in college at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where they were both pursuing degrees in Music Education. Over the years they have performed in many concerts, operas, musical theater, and benefit performances as well as being soloists in synagogues and churches of all denominations. Their varied musical careers have included teaching in the classroom, masterclasses, and maintaining a healthy private voice studio. In addition to teaching both have directed church and synagogue choirs, as well as directing both musical theater and opera too!

**Please join us in welcoming them and enjoying their music!**



# July Birthdays

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. - 1 John 3:1

2	Connie Gregerson	19	Rebekah Winger
5	Jennifer Williamson	22	David Harrington
			Georgia Erickson
6	Lisa White	24	Rhea Wethal
	John Haines	26	Carol Harried
	Lillian Hatlen	27	Delbert
9	Nathan Axford		Schneeberger
10	Dorothy Froemming	29	Jenna Wethal
		30	David Viney
14	Mary Farberg		
18	Tara Krake		
	Curtis Brandt		
	Alex Wileman		

- Freedom fails when people decide that it is their right to take and not to give. —Stanley Maxwell

- No member of our family should be satisfied if any member of our American family is suffering or in need and we can do something about it. —Colin Powell



- A society will be judged on how it treats those in the dawn of life, those in the twilight of life and those in the shadow of life. —Hubert Humphrey
- This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in. —Theodore Roosevelt
- A commitment to love and justice demands the transformation of social structures as well as of hearts. —Mary E. Hunt

\* \* \* \* \*  
 \* The best things are nearest: breath in your nostrils, \*  
 \* light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your \*  
 \* hand, the path of God just before you. \*  
 \* -Robert Louis Stevenson \*  
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Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered. Only one boy came with an umbrella. **That's FAITH**



When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her. **That's TRUST**



Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That's HOPE**

We plan big things for tomorrow, in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That's CONFIDENCE**

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. **That's LOVE**



On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 90 years old ... I am sweet 16 with 74 years experience!" **That's ATTITUDE**

*Author Unknown*

## August is Lefse Time!

The Gathering is coordinating a Lefse-Baking event for a Saturday in August to bake and store sheets of Lefse to sell at the Fall Festival bake sale. Please stand by for further details and let Ilene Axford, know that you can help.

Thanks, The Gathering



# Generous Hearts

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. -1 Peter 4:10

## Special Thanks to ...

- \* Those who give so generously to support the ministry of Cooksville Lutheran Church.
- \* All the volunteers who behind the scene, continue to give freely their skills and time take help keep Cooksville Lutheran a thriving community.

## Special Thanks from ...

The Steeple to Steeple Bike Ride Fundraiser, who acknowledged all who donated time, food and money to the first annual **Steeple to Steeple Bike Ride to end hunger. A total of 40 riders participated and the total support raised was \$1,911.** Organizer Sue Alseth sent us an email saying, *"Although you did not have the largest number of riders, those that did stop were most enthusiastic about your hospitality. You clearly went over the top ... folks came back raving about Cooksville."*



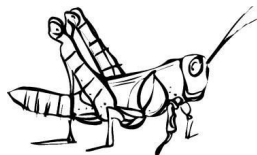
## Opportunities Around the Community

The Red Cross will be conducting a **blood drive in Evansville on July 14th from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Creekside Place.** For an appointment call: 1-800-RED CROSS . Walk-ins are also welcomed!

**The ECHO office in Janesville is seeking School Supplies** for the coming year. If you are interested in donating supplies or volunteering on the day they are distributed, please call Fran at the ECHO office 608-754-5333. Everything from crayons to calculators are welcomed.



## Let's Keep in Touch!



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**Office:** [cooksvillelutheran@litewire.net](mailto:cooksvillelutheran@litewire.net)

**Kelsey Dunn**, Secretary

**Worship Coordinator, Donna Haakenson:** 608-882-4131

**Choir Director, Jeanne Julseth:** 608-882-0505

Pastor Karla is usually in the office on Mondays & Wednesdays. Please call and make an appointment if you would like to visit with her.  
608-751-0345

### **Bulletin Printing Day**

The weekly bulletin is printed on Wednesdays. If you have anything you wish to include, please have it to the office by Monday.

### **2016 Cooksville Church Council**

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Paul Haakenson (V.P.) 608-882-4131

Sue Parsons (Sec.) 608-295-8796

Anne Remley-Haines 608-882-9997

Herb Hanson 608-455-6778

Betty Hamilton 608-882-5757

Tom Hatlen 608-882-4186

Bob Haakenson 608-758-9295

Randy Sime 608-931-8896

Tom Parsons (Treas.) 608-295-1697



On the first Sunday of the month, a free blood pressure screening will be offered following worship in the Narthex. This service is offered free of charge for all who are interested.  
**Please invite others who may benefit from these free screenings!**

### **Local Food Pantry Needs:**

Anyone may drop off items in the basket in our Narthex.

### **Thank you so much!**

Here are some items that we currently need for the food pantries: Canned Soups, Canned Fruit, Hamburger-helper, Tuna Fish, Toothbrushes, Toilet paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Feminine Products, Bath Soap, Toothpaste.

### **Food & Fellowship**

We always have such a good time visiting and encouraging one another following worship. Please stay a while to snack and enjoy good conversation. There is a ***Food and Fellowship Sign-up Sheet*** if you would like to host or sponsor refreshments on one of the upcoming Sundays.







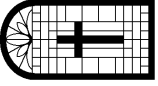
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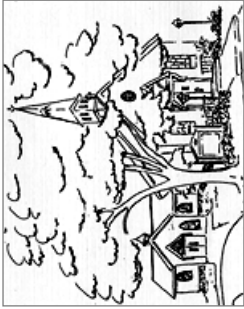
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-Psalm 100:2

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Service @ the Park Upper Shelter Lake Leota Evansville 9:30 am Potluck to follow	Nancy Krake	Homestead	Ilene Axford	Curtis Brandt
<b>Communion Assistant</b>		Nancy Krake	Richard Krake	Ilene Axford	No Communion
<b>Ushers</b>		Sue Parsons & Family	Rosa Hanson	Rosa Hanson	Rosa Hanson
<b>Lector</b>	—	Kevin Brekke	—	Linda Sime	Phil Hamilton
<b>Cantor</b>	—	Nancy Krake	—	Ilene Axford	Betty Hamilton
<b>Organist</b>	—	Paul Haakenson	Jeanne Julseth	Naomi Shep	Naomi Shep
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	Potluck in the Park		Joe & Erin Wilder		

Thank you for helping us worship!

Cooksville Lutheran Calendar for July 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
<b>3</b> <b>9:30 Service</b> @ the Park Upper Shelter Lake Leota Evansville Potluck to follow <i>(No worship at Cooksville)</i>	<b>4 Independence Day</b>  Office Closed	<b>5</b> 9 am Maintenance Group	<b>6</b> 12 pm Prayer Time	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Fellowship 	<b>11</b> 9 am Quilting 11 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Worship Committee	<b>12</b> 9 am Maintenance Group 7 pm Anniversary Committee	<b>13</b> 12 pm Prayer Time	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>10:00 Homestead Worship</b> 11:00 Fellowship 	<b>18</b> 9 am Quilting 11 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Council Meeting	<b>19</b> 9 am Maintenance Group	<b>20</b> 12 pm Prayer Time	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Fellowship	<b>25</b> 9 am Quilting <i>No Staff Meeting</i> 6:30 pm The Gathering	<b>26</b> 9 am Maintenance Group 	<b>27</b> 12 pm Prayer Time	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Fellowship 						



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