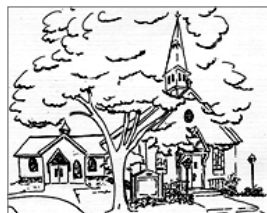


November 2016

Cooksville
Lutheran
Church
News

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



Give thanks to the
Lord,
for he is good.
His love endures
forever.
Psalm 136:1

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THE GRACE OF GRATEFULNESS

From Pastor Karla

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is a certain grace that those with grateful hearts possess. They spread peace by sharing their gratitude. They receive what others do and who others are with gratefulness. In this way they honor and respect others. They are witty because they don't take themselves too seriously. They are a joy to be around.

In this month highlighted by a national Day of Thanksgiving, may we cultivate gratitude in our own hearts and share it with others.

With gratefulness for you, Pastor Karla Brekke

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. -Ps. 136:1

It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor.

—George Washington

O Lord, that lends me life,
Lend me a heart replete
with thankfulness!

—William Shakespeare

Let there be for every pulse
a thanksgiving, and for every
breath a song.

—Konrad von Gesner



125th Anniversary Update

As we finish “October is Music Month”, we compliment and thank all who were involved in the planning and delivery of the activities highlighting music in our worship. Thanks to the Choir, Women’s Trio, Homestead Singers, Bell & Chime group, organists, choir director, and the Fremling duet. Thanks also to the staff worship planning group for coordinating the special services.

Thanks to Pastor John and Naomi Shep for arranging and assisting with the wonderful Heritage Service. It was a delightful month of special music!



We are approaching the final celebration of the year of the 125th Anniversary. The celebration worship service and banquet will be Sunday, November 13th. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. The Banquet begins at noon. The guests have been invited; the reservations confirmed, the food ordered and the service is being planned. Pastor Karla Brekke will officiate; Eric Jelinek, representing the Bishop’s office, will preach the sermon, and former pastors will participate in the worship service.

The Anniversary Committee is very thankful for all of the participation and enthusiasm shown by you all. It has really been a rewarding and fun year of learning about, honoring and celebrating the history of Cooksville Lutheran. We appreciated reading and hearing about the sacrifices, commitment and joys of the many who have gone before us. We reveled in learning of the relationships (and especially the complex family connections) of our founders. We laughed at some of the stories we heard. We spotlighted some of the gifts and skills that have always been abundant in this congregation. Those skills and gifts nurtured and continue to nurture the rich worship and music tradition we have here.

The Committee hopes you had a fun year remembering. **We also hope you enjoy the images, stories and recognition of our current members through the Memory Book.** We hope you have recognized God's presence wherever his people are gathered. We hope you have been proud. And we hope we have all been inspired to participate in the challenges of the future. ☺

The 125th Anniversary Commemorative Memory Book

The Anniversary Committee has worked hard this year to compile an attractive and historic color booklet to commemorate the 125th year of the congregation of Cooksville Lutheran. This 36-page Memory Book is not only a color picture yearbook of current families and members, it also includes messages from Pastor Karla Brekke and Council President, Richard Krake, interviews with some long-time or former members, and a summary of the church's entire history including pictures of all former pastors and especially some details of the past 25 years since our 100th anniversary!

The books are available for sale for \$8 each. Orders are being taken now and the books will be available to pick up on Sunday, November 13th! ☺





Worship Matters

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

November 6 All Saints Sunday

On this Sunday we remember everyone who makes up the "Communion of Saints":



those in every time and place who are our brothers and sisters in Christ. We especially remember the newly baptized and those who have died in recent years. We believe that we are united in Christ in a *living* community that stands before the eternal God who is lovingly present in all places and in all ages.

On Sunday, November 6, you will have an opportunity to light a candle and place it on the altar for your loved ones who have passed into life eternal. Votive candles will be available for you to use.

This is a visual reminder that whenever we stand before God, we stand in the presence of the saints who worship God with us. Whenever we commune, we are joined to the body of Christ — which is a real living community of all who have died and all the baptized throughout the world. ☸

Book of Remembrance



During the Sundays of November a Book of Remembrance will be on a table in the narthex so that you may write your loved ones' names in it.

November 20 Christ the King

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the church year. We end the year just like we anticipate the end of all ages will draw to a close — in a festive celebration of Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He will come again to gather all peoples, living and dead, for the "marriage feast of the Lamb," which will have no end. So on this day we celebrate Christ as King.

The following Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a **new church year**.

Throughout the year we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus: in his birth, baptism, ministry, death, and resurrection. ☸

Your KINGDOM is an everlasting KINGDOM... .

Psalm 145:13

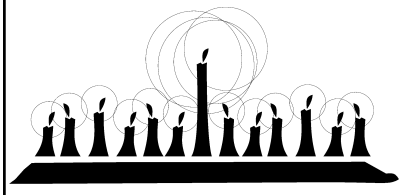
As we grow older we have more and more people to remember, people who have died before us. It is very important to remember those who have loved us and those we have loved.

Remembering them means letting their spirits inspire us in our daily lives. They can become part of our spiritual communities and gently help us as we make decisions on our journeys.

Parents, spouses, children, and friends can become true spiritual companions after they have died. Sometimes they can become even more intimate to us after death than when they were with us in life.

Remembering the dead is choosing their ongoing companionship.

Henri J. M. Nouwen (1932-1996)



November 27 First Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent is about anticipating and preparing for Christ's arrival.



The Word of

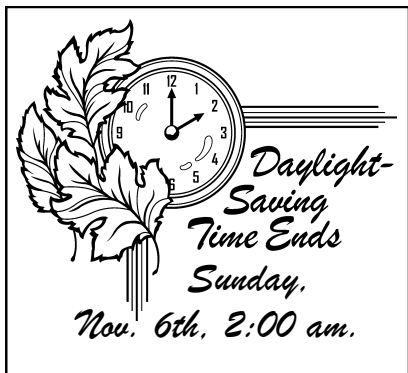
God, Jesus Himself, is "coming to us." God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face. *Emmanuel* — "God With Us" — visited the earth in person, and now, through the Holy Spirit is within every baptized believer and present wherever two or three are gathered in His name. Christ is present with us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion and in the proclaimed Word, the Gospel. ✞



Holy Communion

Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

*May the body
and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ strengthen us in
faith and bring us to eternal life.*



Sunday, December 4 Hanging of the Greens

We need help to decorate the church for Advent & Christmas!

Following worship on Dec. 4th we will decorate the church and fill cookie tins



for our special friends, and enjoy a light lunch of sloppy joes courtesy of Kevin Brekke.

We need lots of cookies to fill the tins for our homebound friends.

We need Coffee Hour hosts!



Can you sign up for a Sunday?
We would love to sample your Goodies!!

JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

The Gathering is sponsoring a "lunch out" for anyone who can attend, on **Monday, Nov 7** at 12:30 at **Green Lantern in McFarland.**

Meet at the church to carpool or ask Laura or Ilene for directions.



Did You Know?

There are angels among us!

This year we have enjoyed some helping hands who are not members of CLC but have cheerfully volunteered during the anniversary events and annual Fall Festival!

Mary Zimmerman: the only soul in Cooksville who *volunteers* to clean our popcorn machine, and does so cheerfully!

John Sathre: a tireless man with tireless good humor and laughter in spite of his dishpan hands!

Larry Reed: the man who is not only the wise owl in the tree, but the tree of historical knowledge itself!

Deb Allen: silent smiler at the Silent Auction!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

WELCOME EVERYONE TO BETHLEHEM

The Intergenerational Christmas Pageant welcomes anyone of any age to be included in this presentation. There are no speaking parts, but acting parts with costumes. The Inn Keeper narrates the story of the birth of the Christ Child. No rehearsals are needed, it is done magically by "IN THE



*MOMENT" time frames. Beloved Christmas Carols will be sung by all and a beautiful star will appear at the end of the presentation. **BE A PART OF THIS ON DECEMBER 18 AT THE HOMESTEAD SERVICE.***

Evansville Ecumenical Choir

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 8:15 pm

Where: St Paul Catholic Church
On the corner of Garfield & 1st Street, Evansville, WI

Rehearsal Dates: Wednesdays—Nov 2, 9, 16, 30
*The Week of Thanksgiving, rehearsal
will be on Tues, Nov 22nd*

Dress Rehearsal:
Saturday, Dec 3, 9:30-11am



CONCERT: Sunday, December 4, 7:00 PM
St. Paul Catholic Church



Reminder of printing schedule— The **Bulletin and Newsletter** are printed on **Wednesdays**, any articles and information that should be included need to be to Kelsey by Mondays for Bulletin and the 15th for Newsletters.

**All are welcome to submit items of interest or faith to share!*



November Birthdays

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. - Ephesians 2:10

1 Christian Farberg
7 Cheryl Haakenson
Bill Schwarting
8 Jayne Mallon
12 Kriss Hamilton

16 Bob Haakenson
Hope Larson
20 Rochelle Jaworski
21 Robert Hanson
22 Brook Starks
25 Trudy Stace

Quilting News: Thanks to the generosity of time and materials, we were able to send 108 quilts to Lutheran World Relief and ten to AWARE in Evansville. We are always in need of new fabric for tops and backs, and clean old sheets for batting. Currently we are in need of new fabric, pieces at least 6 inches square, but the bigger the better! ~Thanks again, the Quilting Group

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Merciful and generous Lord, you open your loving hands and bless us abundantly every day of our lives. Even when we go through dark times — suffering, sorrow, pain, desperation — you assure us that your loving, everlasting arms will not let us go. How generous are all your benefits, how supportive, how comforting to experience.

Today we join with “the great cloud of witnesses” who once praised you on Earth and now glorify you in heaven, offering our deepest gratitude for all the gifts you so generously give.

Accept then our thanksgiving for your love, your grace and all the blessings you bestow on us daily. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



Children and Families

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." - Matthew 19:14

Sunday School for elementary-aged children is based on the readings for worship. Students are invited to leave worship during the sermon time, returning in time for Communion with their families. All children are invited to attend, members or visitors. If you know any children who may be interested, please invite them to come to worship!



Sunday School Staff

Curtis Brandt
(*Sunday School Coordinator*)

Rhonda Wethal
Sherri Haakenson

Sue Parsons
Linda Sime
Connie Gregerson
(*alternate*)

Jennifer Nelson
(*alternate*)

This Month's Lessons

Sun. Nov 6th
Zacchaeus— Rhonda Wethal

Sun. Nov 13th
The Sadducees' Question—Sue Parsons

Sun. Nov 20th
God's Love is Forever— Sherri Haakenson

Sun. Nov 27th
The Day Jesus Died— Curtis Brandt



Adult Bible Study

Join us for Adult Bible Study on Sundays at 8:45 am. We are studying and comparing different religions of the world!

See you there,
Betty Hamilton



Time for Prayer

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

Wednesday Noon-12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer." -Matthew 21:13

Coming together for prayer on Wednesdays at noon is an opportunity to do what Jesus commands — to pray in God's house. Praying together also honors the people who have entrusted us with their requests. They trust that we will lift up their loved one in dedicated prayer.

If you have a prayer request, please e-mail me before 6 p.m. on Tuesday at brekkekev3@netscape.net or give me a call at 608-669-1218.

Thank you, Martha Johnson and Kevin Brekke, for praying each Wednesday for all the people on our prayer list and praying for our congregation. Everyone is welcome to join in prayer on Wednesdays.

Members and Friends in Our Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Nancy Remley, Evelyn Beyer, Borghild Viney, Marilyn Kueng, Katherine Snell, Tara Krake-Davis, Rev. Richard Horst, James T. Parsons, Marion Kjernes, Jan Kettle, Robert Saunders, Anne Kurey, Michael LaMantia, John Garvan, Kari David, and Alexa (grand-daughter of Don Little).



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.

Recent Death in Family: Connie Gregersen (uncle), Kelsey Dunn (father-in-law).

Mutual Ministry Team

The newly-formed Mutual Ministry Committee has met and is ready to serve the congregation. This group replaces the Pastoral Support Committee. It is actually one of only a handful of committees “required” in the model ELCA constitution. It has a mission to “renew and rebuild the body of Christ”, which might be described as finding ways to name, encourage and support the mission and work of “this church in this time and place”.

The group has a BIG vision. They have begun a study that envisions strong mission through trust, relationship and mutual support of each other and our called Pastor. The council will be invited to join some of the study with us. We hope to identify and support the unique gifts that we each, and the whole congregation, can offer in our service as “**God’s Work; Our Hands**”. Please pray for the work of this committee and all of our work together.

*Looking ahead to the Holiday Season ...
Mark your calendars now!*



November 21—Monday

Evansville Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship

will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 21st at St. John’s.

December 3 —Saturday

The Hand bell choir will be ringing on December 3 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ft. Atkinson Winter Market which is held indoors in two areas. Come and listen to their joyous Christmas Music as you shop the open markets.

December 4—Sunday

“Hanging of the Greens” at Cooksville Lutheran, following worship. Help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas and then enjoy a light lunch of Sloppy Joes by Kevin Brekke. Pack cookies for holiday boxes.

December 24—Saturday

Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship at 4:00 p.m.

December 25—Sunday

Christmas Day is on Sunday this year. We will worship as usual at 10:00 a.m. with a simple carol service. In the midst of our family celebrations, this will be a beautiful place and time to experience the joy of Christ’s birth. Join us.

Hymn Festival, "SOLI DEO GLORIA,"

*To launch the Beloit-area celebration of the
500th anniversary year of the reformation!*

On Sunday, November 6th at 4:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, three Beloit ELCA congregations join forces to present a hymn festival featuring great hymns of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders, paired with a selection of their modern-day counterparts. Prelude music by guest organist Max Yount will begin at 4:15 pm.

Titled "Soli Deo Gloria" (To God Alone the Glory"), the hymn festival also includes choral selections by the combined choirs of Our Savior's, St. Paul, and Atonement Lutheran churches.

All are welcome!

Sunday November 6th at 4:30 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
749 Bluff Street, Beloit, WI

Gifts in Kind

The following items can be put to use immediately for ministry! Please remember the church the next time you go shopping.

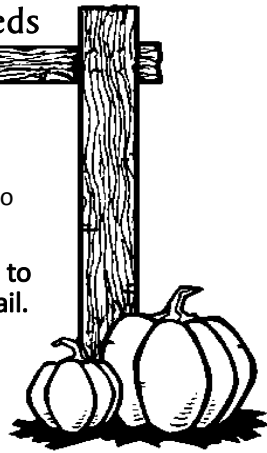
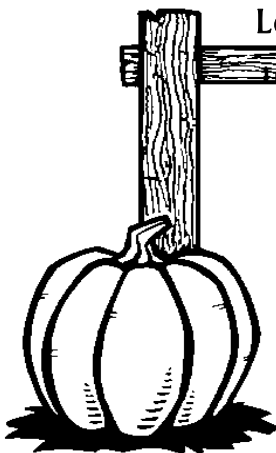
- ◇ Legal Size Paper
- ◇ First-class stamps – current usage exceeds 100/month)
- ◇ Hand soap refills
- ◇ Toilet paper

Local Food Pantry Needs

The Evansville Food Pantry gives Thanksgiving bags to families in the area. Area churches donate the items to be included in the bags.

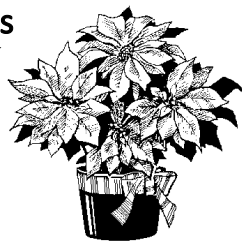
Cooksville has been asked to donate cans of fruit cocktail.

Your participation in this gathering will be greatly appreciated by area families. Thank you.



Planning Ahead for Christmas Poinsettias

It is time to start thinking about flowers for Christmas. There will be sign-up sheets for poinsettias at church and in the December newsletter. Please sign up early as the deadline will be in early December!



Let's Keep in Touch!

Please contact the church office if you or a family member:

- † Have a change of address or phone number
- † Would like to be added to the prayer list
- † Are interested in church membership
- † Become hospitalized or homebound
- † Would like to be baptized

Church Staff

Church office: 608-882-4408; 11927 W. Church St., Evansville, WI 53536
Pastor Karla Brekke: 608-751-0345 cooksvillelutheranpastor@gmail.com
Secretary, Kelsey Dunn: cooksvillelutheran@litewire.net
Worship Coordinator, Donna Haakenson: 608-882-4131
Choir Director, Jeanne Julseth: 608-882-0505

New volunteers are always welcome

Contact the following people:

Ushers: Rosa Hanson (873-3831)
Worship Leaders: Nancy Krake
(882-5609 or nkrake@att.net)
Sunday School: Pastor Karla
Cleaning the church: Church Office
Coffee Hour: Church Office or Nancy
Krake (882-5609 or nkrake@att.net)

Thank you to the many volunteers
who help with worship, hospitality,
teaching, and cleaning the church.
We appreciate all you do!

2016 Cooksville Church Council

Richard Krake (Pres.)
Paul Haakenson (V.P.)
Sue Parsons (Sec.)
Tom Parsons (Treasurer)
Randy Sime
Tom Hatlen
Bob Haakenson
Betty Hamilton
Anne Remley-Haines
Herb Hanson

*Meetings are held at 7:00 pm the
third Monday of the month and are
open to the congregation.



November Worship Leaders

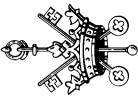

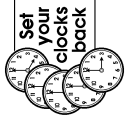



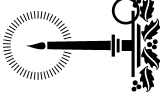
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come into his presence with singing.

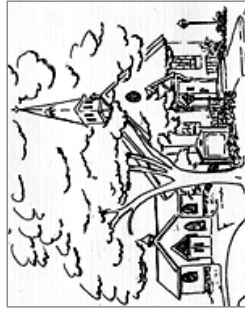
-Psalm 100:2

	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27
Assisting Minister	Curtis Brandt	Nancy Krake	Homestead Service	Nancy Krake
Communion Assistant	Curtis Brandt	Guest Pastors	Ilene Axford	Nancy Krake
Ushers	Sue & Jim Parsons	Bob & Sherri Haakenson	Rosa Hanson	Rosa Hanson & Joe Wilder
Lector	Linda Sime	Guest Pastors	Homestead Service	Kevin Brekke
Cantor	Jeanne Julseth	Jeanne Julseth	Ensemble	Jeanne Julseth
Altar Guild	Ilene Axford & Pat Foltz	Erik & Katie Haakenson	Pat Foltz	Anne Remley-Haines
Organist	Paul Haakenson	Naomi Shep	Jeanne Julseth	Naomi Shep
Sunday School Teacher	Rhonda Wethal	Sue Parsons	Sherri Haakenson	Curtis Brandt
Coffee Hour Host	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Thank you for helping us worship!

Cooksville Lutheran Calendar for November 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
Free Blood Pressure Screenings <i>On the first Sunday of every 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</i>						
6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:45 Adult Study 10:00 Worship & Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship	 7 9 am Quilting 11 am Staff Meeting 12:30 Lunch-Green Lantern, McFarland 7 pm Worship Team	1 9 am Maintenance Group 8 9 am Maintenance Group 6 pm CONNECT	2 12 pm Prayer Time 7 pm Choir	3 10 17 24 THANKSGIVING 	4 11 18 25 26 	5  12 
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