

September 2020

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

A Message from Our Council President



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Another successful month of outdoor worship service is in the archives! Even as we endure another week of sweltering summer temperatures, we also can't help but know that summer's days are numbered. With that awareness, questions about what our "Church life" will look like are on our minds and in our conversation again.

As I have watched the faithful setup crew every Sunday morning (huge thanks to you all) and see the musicians do one last run-through, and watch Pastor check off details of her participation in the service, and watch people arrive and park in a shady spot or set up their lawn chairs in that same shade, it reminds me of the anticipation I felt when our family went to Chester, Iowa on a Saturday night in the early 50's to watch the "FREE MOVIE" on an outdoor screen the park. (Such things as Abbott and Costello, as I recall)! These services have a comforting feel; just a "it's so good to see you" feel. They truly have been a blessed respite from the daily challenges and anxiety of these times. I suspect that is how our ancestors felt when they worked so hard to attend church on Sundays, their one day that was different from the rest. Maybe it's another reminder that the Lord's Day (and Lord's way) is different from the rest.

But, enough philosophizing! What I hoped to remind us all is that change is coming again. When the weather "goes South" soon, what will our worship look like? Many of you are providing feedback about your hopes and thoughts. Most are hoping that we can return to some inside Sunday service. Perhaps, with ample social distancing, reduced singing and other verbal interaction, extra care for sanitizing, and maybe moving our after-Church visiting outside or to the larger basement, we will feel comfort in doing that. Council members discuss it at every meeting and will try to make wise choices. For now, enjoy the outdoor connections and pray for great fall weather. ~Ilene Axford

*Gather with us on
Wednesday,
Sept. 16 at 7 pm
*(Rain Date Sept 23)**



HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

*Let God's light
outshine
the darkness!*



CONNECT

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17

It has been 6 months since we have had to largely DIS-connect from one another, and we give thanks and praise to God for the newness of our worship this summer as we celebrated and worshiped outdoors. But, our building remains largely “closed” to most of our people. That said, here are some of the postings, announcements, and upcoming events that you would normally find on the bulletin boards inside. Let’s stay connected now more than ever!!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the August meeting, Council business included the following :

- Offerings have been lower than ideal, but we are standing fast;
- A new dehumidifier was purchased for the basement;
- A cost-savings regarding our phone service will be implemented by the treasurer;
- Online community connections and fundraising is being researched;
- Worship time will change from 9:00 am to 10:00 am starting in September (due to weather considerations as we continue gathering outdoors);
- August 29th is the new Bishop Election.



The next meeting is September 21st at 7:00 pm.

The Prayer Group *has resumed meeting every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. See page 18 for more information. We invite you all to lift your voices in prayer for those in need, including our nation’s presidential nominees, leaders of our communities, law enforcement, our healthcare workers, and our educators.*



COMMUNITY



...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ... Romans 12:5

Home Instead Senior Care of Janesville is looking for help! If you or anyone you know can help please reach out to them. Due to the COVID virus, the need for care in the home has significantly increased. They offer all training and a strong, supportive culture for their employees, with flexible scheduling, full- or part-time. You can reach them at 608-314-9241

The **Cooksville Community Center Annual Meeting is Sept 21 at 7pm.** This year the meeting is virtual, via Zoom. See the church office if you are in need of the link and the passcode.

Lutherdale Fall Serve Day Saturday, October 24, 2020

Registration Deadline is Tuesday, October 13

Join us at Lutherdale's Fall Serve Day! We need your help to maintain the grounds of Lutherdale! Service projects will include trail maintenance, garden clean-up, and lots and lots of raking. Bring friends and family for a day of work outside in God's creation!

Schedule:

8:30 - Check in, Coffee, & Snacks

9:00 – Begin Service Projects

11:45 – Devotion and Grace

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 – Depart or Continue Service Projects

RSVP at (262) 742-2352 or info@lutherdale.org



Do You Like Outdoor Concerts? Gazebo Musikk is Back! This time it's Drive-In style at the Tractor Pull Field at **Mandt Park in Stoughton**. Cars will exit off of 4th street · **ENTRY TIMES** will be from 5:30pm-6:15pm after that time the gates will close. When entering the event, you need to wear a face covering at the gate. Remain in their vehicles during the concert (except to use bathroom). If you have a pickup truck, you can sit in the bed of the truck. Food/Drinks are allowed, including alcoholic drinks. We will not have Food Trucks at this time so it is BYOEEverything. Every Thursday night 6 - 7:30p through September 24th.



THANK YOU!

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thes. 5:18

The Stoughton Food Pantry gives thanks to the Cooksville Lutheran Church for a recent donation of 27 pounds of food!

The Family of Steve Erbs give thanks to the office of the Cooksville Lutheran Church for assistance in researching family records from the 1800's! And we give thanks to them, for their gift of appreciation.

Thank you to all who donated gifts of memoriam in the name of former Pastor John Shep. We hope to have a new processional cross to unveil at the All Saints Service in November!

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

*O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

*O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Psalm 136: 1-3

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: **Thank you to John Julseth and the Cooksville**
: **Cemetery Association for the use of the sacred**
: **ground for our worship service on August 30th.**



: The association is one of the few independent
: groups of this nature in much of the Midwest and they rely heavily on
: volunteer labor and monetary donations to keep up the grounds,
: restore markers, and make improvements such as tree care, installing
: benches, and maintaining the roads.

: If you'd like to make a contribution, contact them at
: cooksvillememorial@gmail.com, or you can mail a donation to
: **Cooksville Cemetery Association, Treasurer, Anne Remley-Haines,**
: **9219 N. Tolles Road, Evansville WI 53536.**
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MINISTRY Groups

"... as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts." Ephesians 5:19

Thank you to all who have stepped up this summer to make our worship services so rich and moving! We have had some breathtaking solo performances, duets and ensembles by our beloved members and friends: Rhonda Wethal, Linda Sime, Keith Axford, Marilyn Thompson, Ilene Axford, Kevin Brekke, Anne Remley-Haines, Betty Hamilton, Rich Krake, and Erik Haakenson. And that one rooster, across the road! God Bless you all...and him too!



Let us give thanks for the leadership of Jeanne Julseth, and the steadfast loyalty and diligence of organists Naomi Shep and Paul Haakenson. We are truly grateful for your gifts and for sharing them with us!

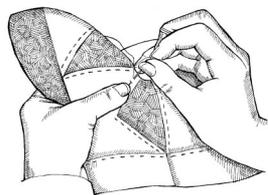
Lutheran World Relief Ingathering

September 26, 2020

7:00 am – 11:00 am

Wisc Southern Railroad Yard

1890 E. Johnson Street, Madison



QUILTING GROUP

***Please continue donating fabric, sheets, and old blue jeans for Betty Hamilton and the quilting group here at CLC! We love making these quilts for people in need, and we love your support of our ministry! Special thanks to Sue Parsons and Kelsey Dunn this Spring and Summer, for their increased efforts! They can't ever get ahead of Betty, but they try! If anyone is interested in helping out, please join us!!**

Outdoor Worship All Through September

Come and enjoy worshipping outdoors. Bring your own chairs and sit in the shade, or stay in your car.



Let's pray for sunny Sundays!!



We foresee worshipping outdoors through September and also October, but changes will be made as needed, with Council approval.

In the event of adverse weather (rain or snow) Worship will be cancelled to live attendance and will be streamed and recorded indoors instead.



Cancellations will be posted on Facebook as soon as it is official. You may also call any council member to confirm (see page 19 for contacts).

Our Bible Themes for September

As we continue our outdoor worship services, they remain as shortened versions of our previous format. In the interest of comfort due to the heat and outside conditions in general, we have omitted many of the readings. **But let this not affect your "inside" condition!**



Although we have been highlighting only the Gospel message, please remember that your **Celebrate insert** provides you with the additional readings for each Sunday! We hope you will continue to strengthen your faith and take time with God in His word as often as you can.

So pick up a Celebrate Insert and see the next page for how the Bible readings assigned for each Sunday in September can apply to our lives.

Sept. 6 : Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Sept 13: In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Sept 20: Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

Sept 27: Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God, **have mercy on us.**

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Worship for the Sundays in September

During this pandemic, we stay connected spiritually as a congregation as we **WORSHIP TOGETHER**. But how can we worship together when we can't gather in our sanctuary? There are **FOUR ways**:

1. **Sunday at 10 a.m. join our Outdoor Worship** at Cooksville Lutheran Church by sitting in the comfort of your car, or sitting on your lawn chair in the shade (at a safe physical distance from other family groups). Wear a mask.
2. **Sunday at 10 a.m. go to the church Facebook page** to watch the worship service LIVE and worship with us. The songs in the following pages will be sung.
3. **During the week go to the church YouTube channel** and worship along with the Sunday video (usually posted by Wednesday). Worship using the songs from the following pages.
4. No smartphone, no computer, no internet and unable to come to worship? **WORSHIP AT HOME** following the instructions on these two pages.

*“Worship the LORD with gladness,
come into his presence with singing.”*

Psalm 100.2

Gather a Bible, this newsletter, and light a candle as a sign of God's presence, if you wish.

Prelude: Take several deep breaths. As you inhale pray “Thy kingdom come,” then let your breath out slowly as you pray, “Thy will be done.” (Or use another phrase, such as “Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.”)

Gathering Hymn: *see the following pages, sing/read out loud.*

Prayer of the Day: *see the following pages, read out loud.*

Sept. 6-Reproving Another who Sins-Matthew 18:15-20

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail: remove from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

(Continued on next page)



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

SENDING SONG

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Sept. 13-Mirroring God's Forgiveness-Matthew 18:21-35

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: verses 1-3 only

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen - dor
grain: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur - dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

SENDING SONG *All Creatures Worship God Most High! Vs. 4-6*
(See previous page)



Sept. 20-The Laborers in the Vineyard-Matthew 20:1-16

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

The Little Brown Church in the Vale

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood
No lovelier spot in the dale
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale

Come to the church by the wildwood
Oh, come to the church in the vale
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale

How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning
To listen to the clear ringing bells
Its tones so sweetly are calling
Oh come to the church in the vale

Come to the church by the wildwood
Oh, come to the church in the vale
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale

There, close by the church in the valley
Lies one that I loved so well
She sleeps, sweetly sleeps, 'neath the willow
Disturb not her rest in the vale
Come to the church by the wildwood
Oh,...

HYMN OF THE DAY**Whispering Hope**

Soft as the voice of an angel,
Breathing a lesson unheard,
Hope with a gentle persuasion
Whispers her comforting word:
Wait till the darkness is over,
Wait till the tempest is done,
Hope for the sunshine tomorrow,
After the shower is gone. [Refrain]

If, in the dusk of the twilight,
Dim be the region afar,
Will not the deepening darkness
Brighten the glimmering star?
Then when the night is upon us,
Why should the heart sink away?
When the dark midnight is over,
Watch for the breaking of day.
[Refrain]

Hope, as an anchor so steadfast,
Rends the dark veil for the soul,
Whither the Master has entered,
Robbing the grave of its goal;
Come then, oh, come, glad fruition,
Come to my sad weary heart;
Come, O Thou blest hope of glory,
Never, oh, never depart. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Whispering hope,
Oh, how welcome thy voice,
Making my heart
In its sorrow rejoice.

SENDING SONG**Happy Trails**

Some trails are happy ones, Others are blue.
It's the way you ride the trail that counts,
Here's a happy one for you.

Happy trails to you, Until we meet again.
Happy trails to you, Keep smiling until then.
Who cares about the clouds when we're together?
Just sing a song, and bring the sunny weather.

Happy trails to you, Until we meet again.

Sept. 27-The Authority of Jesus Questioned-Matthew 21:23-32

Prayer of the Day: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

HYMN OF THE DAY

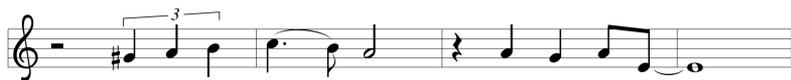
Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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SENDING SONG

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
- 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
- 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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Time for Prayer

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

The Prayer Group has resumed meeting every Wednesday morning at 10 am. Our group is small, but our hearts have burdens for the needs of others. Anyone is welcome to come and pray, and request specific prayer from our group. The other prayer group members are Linda Sime, Art and Doris Olsen, Rich Thompson, Nancy Remley. If you have a prayer request, email Kevin Brekke at brekkekev3@aol.com or call him at 608-669-1218.

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Pat Foltz, Sue Parsons, Jenn Williamson, Ericka Hanson, Lillian Hatlen, Autimn Painter, Evelyn Beyer, Basil Remley, David Viney, Kristeen Farberg, Bridger Carrol, Louise Kluge, Jean Lademan, Rev. David Stratton. **CLC Special Friends:** Joyce Leopold, Anna Hanson, Ruth Erickson, Virginia Sime. **Military:** Andrew Newcomb.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation.

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all.

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and more, we entrust to your mercy; through 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

O God, source of all goodness: We give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning, new discovery, and safety, where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students. Grant that teachers and students may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(adapted from the additional prayers of Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition, copyright 2006, published by Augsburg Fortress, p. 78)

Sunday School Lessons for Children

Sept 20: Joseph Helps His Family Genesis 45:1-15, 50:15-21

Look it up: Find out what Pharaoh told Joseph's family to do in Genesis 45: 16-20

Memory Verse: "Even though you intended to harm me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today." Genesis 50:20

Sept 27: The Vineyard workers Matthew 20: 1-16

Look it up: Check out Mark 10: 28-31. Anything sound familiar?

Memory Verse: "So the last will be first, and the first will be last." Matthew 20:16



Adult Sunday School will remain temporarily suspended this Fall until such time that we are able to meet again indoors, or until alternative plans are made and approved. Thank you.



Worship Matters

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

Holy Cross Day September 14, 2020

“The cross is the tree of my eternal salvation nourishing and delighting me. The cross is my nourishment when I am hungry, my fountain when I am thirsty, my covering when I am stripped. It is my safeguard when I fear God, my support when I falter, my prize when I enter combat, and my trophy when I triumph. This is my narrow path, my steep way. This is the ladder of Jacob, the way of angels, the pillar of the universe, the support of the whole world...” ~Anonymous third-century sermon

September 14 has become fixed as the date for annually honoring Christ’s cross. Although the story about Empress Helena excavating the true cross may be a legend, and the countless slivers of the “true cross” inauthentic, the festival demonstrates the piety of centuries of Christians who sought to honor the cross on which Christ brought about their salvation. According to a charming medieval legend, the cross had been constructed of wood from the tree of life in the Garden of Eden. The festival praises the surprising wisdom of the cross, so its placement near the beginning of the academic year is appropriate.



It was not until the fourth century, after Emperor Constantine outlawed crucifixions, that Christians used the cross as a sign of their identity. In the traditional Eastern icon for this festival, the cross is flanked by Emperor Constantine and Empress Helena. Christians have depicted the cross in many ways, from an instrument of torture to a flowering tree of life. (from *More Days for Praise* by Gail Ramshaw, Augsburg Fortress, copyright 2016)

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: “The message about the cross is foolishness to those :
: who are perishing,” writes Paul, “but to us who are :
: being saved it is the power of God” :
: (1 Corinthians 1:18, NRSV) :
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Synod & Churchwide News

There is one body and one Spirit ... one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday September 13, 2020.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2020!

(A message from the E.L.C.A.)



We at Cooksville Lutheran Church are known for a couple of very distinct things: we LOVE to SING, and **we LOVE to FEED people!!**

The possibility of hosting a community meal this Fall is very unlikely, although members and our Council are prayerfully considering options for this type of caring and welcoming fellowship. **Meanwhile...there are hungry people in need among us in our communities, now maybe more than a year or two ago.**

Please won’t you diligently remember our Food Pantries in the Month of September, as we consider this our informal but heart-felt action for “God’s Work. Our hands.” Sunday?

Sue Parsons can answer any questions, and we will put baskets outside every Sunday before and during worship for you to drop off your donations. God bless you!!





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

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| 1 Robert (Robbie) Hanson | 10 Sherri Haakenson |
| 2 Paige Winger | 10 Anne Brunsell |
| 3 Ross Harried | 11 Randall Sime |
| 4 Herb Hanson | 12 Katie Haakenson |
| Natalie Nadler | 15 Phil Hamilton |
| 6 Alec Lund-Olson | 19 Burt Wheeler |
| 7 Pat Foltz | 26 Dylan Brandt |
| 10 Nadine Kerl | |

The Calendar

It provides us with a perspective, in our relationship to our past, present and future. **It helps us to plan our share of the accomplishment of God's purpose.**



It is a way of recording significant occasions, such as birthdays and important family events. It enables us to have uniform observance, of cultural tradition and religious festivals. It is a daily companion, on the desk or on the wall, giving us a pattern by which to weave the fabric of our personalities. —Jeanne D. Birrell

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Council meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

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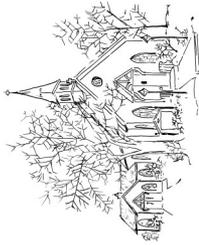
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Cooksville Lutheran Calendar for September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
 Food Collection		1 9 am Maintenance Group	2 10 am Prayer Time	3	4	5
6 Pentecost 14 10:00 am Parking Lot Worship <i>Online video available also.</i>	7 9 am Quilting LABOR DAY	8 9 am Maintenance Group	9 10 am Prayer Time	10 	11	12
13 Pentecost 15 10:00 am Parking Lot Worship <i>Online video available also.</i>	14 9 am Quilting	15 9 am Maintenance Group	16 10 am Prayer Time 7:00 pm Fire-Pit <i>Holden Evening Prayers</i>	17	18	19 
20 Pentecost 16 10:00 am Parking Lot Worship "COWBOY Church" & singalong <i>Online video available also.</i>	21 9 am Quilting 11 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Council	22 9 am Maintenance Group	23 10 am Prayer Time (Rain date: 7:00 pm Fire-Pit Holden Evening Prayers)	24	25	26
27 Pentecost 17 9:00 am Parking Lot Worship <i>Online video available also.</i>	28 9 am Quilting 11 am Staff Meeting	29 9 am Maintenance Group	30 10 am Prayer Time	Let's Feed the Community this month! Bring your food donations every Sunday during worship time , or call Sue Parsons with questions. THANK YOU!		



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LOOK
What's
New!

A SPECIAL WEDNESDAY
EVENING OUTDOOR
PRAYER EVENT! AND on
Sundays, our **worship**
time has changed to
10:00 am