

# August 2019

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



*Do not grieve, for the  
joy of the Lord is  
your strength.*

Nehemiah 8:10, NIV



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Dear Friends in Christ,

I say this every year about now, "It's almost August! Where did the summer go?" That wise old saying about "time passes faster the older you get" is so true!

In July I enjoyed vacationing at my sisters' homes near Minneapolis and Waterloo, Iowa. Their homes have grand views of the outdoors, which we thoroughly enjoyed. In the evenings we visited or played cards. We had so much fun together!

At home I have enjoyed spending mornings sitting on our back "porch" (a one-season room with all windows), listening to the birds sing and watching our willow's branches sway in the breeze. It's where Kevin and I have many meals, and it's where I read and study my Bible, and where I pray.

What have been your favorite places this summer? I'd love to hear your stories!

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." -Romans 15:13*

Pastor Karla

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**We welcome two council members to the Worship Team, Mary Remley and Jennifer Nelson!** They join Pastor Karla, Rich and Nancy Krake, Paul Haakenson, Ilene Axford, and Lynn Bednarek, with the goal of supporting and fostering worship that is joyful, inspired, and gives everyone a strong sense of belonging. Do you know how you can help this team? Reflect on what helps you deeply worship, then jot those things down and talk to a member of the team, so that they can plan worship that is meaningful. We look forward to introducing fresh worship rituals while enhancing those things that we are already doing well.

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*Caring Community + God Empowered + Disciples of Christ*



# Worship Matters

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

Aug 4	8th Sunday after Pentecost	WOV 5	10:00 am
Aug 11	9th Sunday after Pentecost	WOV 5	10:00 am
Aug 18	10th Sunday after Pentecost	WOV 5	10:00 am
Aug 25	11th Sunday after Pentecost	WOV 5	10:00 am

## Looking Ahead: Autumn 2019 Worship Festivals

Oct. 27— Reformation  
Nov. 3 — All Saints' Sunday  
Nov. 24 — Christ the King

## Homestead Worship

September 15  
October 20  
November 17  
December 15

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!

<sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup> "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!

<sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

~Luke 12





# Cooksville Sacred Events

## 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.*



*On the first Sunday of  
each month we  
commune by tables.*



## Weddings



**Jeanne Golz**  
September 22



**Jenna Wethal**  
October 19

## July 9th - The Funeral of Rhea A. Wethal

*Born July 24, 1928, Entered Rest Eternal June 30, 2019*

Rhea A Wethal was born July 24, 1928 in Edgerton to the late Roy and Gertrude (Vaughn) Pearson. She married Orlin R. Wethal on June 24, 1948 in Edgerton. Together they started a family of 7 children, and she lived the farm life in rural Stoughton area. Rhea was a member of Cooksville Lutheran Church. Rhea was always a mom, and a very kind and sweet woman, enjoyment was found reading the newspaper and watching TV.

On Sunday, June 30, Rhea passed away peacefully  
at Agrace HospiceCare in Fitchburg.



*Rest eternal grant her, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon her.*



# CONNECT

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Mk 12:30

*The CONNECT team interviewed one of their own this month!  
Read below for all you ever wanted to know about life-time member*

## **Paul Haakenson!**

To ask Paul "how he found Cooksville" would be sorta silly, because he is practically original to the congregation, having been born into a "founding" family and brought to church services as a new baby. His parents, Ben and Olga, brought their children Paul, Peter and Kathryn to their church regularly and were greatly involved in training them and others by teaching Sunday School and Confirmation classes, singing in the choir, and helping with fundraisers, such as lutefisk dinners. In fact, Paul's Dad taught and was superintendent of the Sunday School for 36 years. In those days, numbers were sometimes as much as 70-80 students, with class sizes of 6-8 students per grade. Paul remembers that his first Sunday School teacher was Tom Severson's mother Edna.

A humorous memory he shared involved Edna Furseth, a "character" in our congregation, known for her large hats and equally large "presence. She and Paul's sister, Kathryn, were sharing a piano bench as Edna taught the class; a crash was heard and Edna ended up on top of Kathryn as the bench buckled and broke.

Paul remembers big Christmas Sunday School "programs", usually held on the day after Christmas, Dec. 26, as a stand alone service.

Sadness and loss came to Paul and family early, as his mother died at age 36, leaving Paul (age 11), Peter (age 8) and Kathryn (age 5) to be raised by father Ben. Tragically, brother Peter also died in childhood. Strong families endure, and Paul's aunt Laura, who was a young widow, came to live with them. Later, another widowed aunt, Hilda, also came to live with them.

Paul's family was very musical, with men's choral groups, organists and singers filling the family tree. Paul followed that path, too, singing with the "men's octet" (mostly Haakenson men) and becoming an organist, first playing for Sunday school and eventually for church services. He has been one of our church organists since the 1960's.



Paul married another musician, our own Donna Haakenson, at age 34. They met through Paul's sister, who taught school with Donna at Portage. Paul recalls their first date, when they attended a performance of "Song of Norway" at Tyrol Basin. After a year of long-distance dating, with Paul driving to Portage after milking cows and returning in early morning hours in time to again milk the cows, they married and raised their family on the same farm Paul was born on. Children Peter (Kelly) and Kristen (Troy) Klarkowski, grew up in Cooksville Lutheran and return as often as they can. Paul has 5 grandchildren: Benjamin, Jacob, and Natalie Haakenson, Annaliese and Everett Klarkowski, and memories of his 6th, baby Miles Haakenson, lost as an infant.



Some memories of past years' worship at Cooksville include large choirs, especially when Cooksville and St. John's Lutheran in Evansville were a combined unit. In those days, that joint choir sang in both churches many Sundays and especially for Christmas and Easter.



Another "humorous now, but scary then" memory Paul shared was an occasion (probably in the 1970's) when he borrowed a key to get into the church to practice the organ on a late Saturday afternoon. He immediately smelled cigarette smoke and noticed that the microphone for the sound system was pulled upward and askew, but attributed these observations to the fact that the technician who worked with the sound equipment also smoked and must have been in the church recently to adjust the speaker. Paul practiced for more than an hour; then let himself out and locked the door. On the following day (Sunday) as he arrived at the church, he was greeted by Rock County police, who shared that they had arrested 2 young people for attempting to steal the church "sound system" the night before. Paul figures that those young men were in the building hiding while he innocently practiced that hour the previous day!

More recent highlights for Paul are his positive experience in earning a "lay ministry" degree. Encouraged by Pastor Rod Nordby, Paul took classes, mostly on Saturdays, over a 4 year time period. He is rightly proud of finishing classes, taught by seminary teachers, in Old and New Testament study and also learning to prepare sermons. Congratulations, Paul, on that graduation!



Paul continues to enjoy his music, playing for and visiting residents of Skaalen home weekly and

playing for Cooksville Sunday services monthly. He also visits and serves Holy Communion to congregation members who can no longer attend church services. Paul has willingly served countless times on committees and church council. He currently serves on the CONNECT team and worship committee.



Long story short; you will seldom know a more dedicated church member, one who has walked with his Savior his entire life, and serves as a model of willing volunteerism in service to others. **Thanks for being You, Paul Haakenson.**

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CONNECT meets Wednesday, August 21st 6:30 p.m.

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It is with great enthusiasm that I tell you the basketball hoop is up at Cooksville Lutheran. It is by the back parking lot by the LP gas tank. I am looking forward for this to be a place where we can draw others to Cooksville Lutheran, and have fun at the same time. We already have a couple that came to our church for the first time last Sunday, and the basketball hoop was one of the draws.



I am going to commit to being at the basketball hoop the last Tuesday in July, and all of the Tuesdays in August to shoot around and be a presence at Cooksville. Spread the word and lets see who comes... Will be fun.. Kevin Brekke

The total cost of the basketball hoop was \$599.00 We already have \$100 towards its cost. If you would like to donate towards this, put "basketball hoop" in the memo line of your check or use a giving envelope and mark it "basketball hoop." I will give updates to the congregation in August on how this is going.

I would also like to say "Thank You" for the maintenance group and others who worked to get the basketball hoop installed. Without their efforts the basketball hoop would not have been a reality.



# Time for Prayer

"...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16

## Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room

You are invited to pray with us on Wednesdays. We pray for those on our prayer list, and for the people and ministries of Cooksville Lutheran Church. All are welcome!

*Please remember the following members and friends in prayer:*

Joyce Leopold, Jenn Williamson, Marilyn Kueng, Evelyn Beyer, Bishop Vivianne, Regina Kucharik, Jean Lademan, Ramona Whittier, Harlow Phillips, John Garvan, Henry B.

**CLC Special Friends:** Ruth Erickson, Anna Hanson, Dorothy Froemming, Virginia Sime, David Nelson.

**Military:** Andrew Newcomb, Ben Berge.

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## Summer Fruit Basket

Taste some fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) perfect for summer, and all year round!

- **Love:** "There is always an 'again' with love." —Unknown
- **Joy:** "I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains." —Anne Frank
- **Peace:** "Peace begins with a smile." —Mother Teresa
- **Patience:** "The purposes of God may sometimes seem delayed, but they are never abandoned." —H.C. Mears
- **Kindness:** "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." —Mark Twain
- **Goodness:** "Goodness means to do things for the glory of God." —Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- **Faithfulness:** "Do small things as if they were great because of the majesty of Christ, who does them in us." —Blaise Pascal
- **Gentleness:** "There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness." —Han Suyin
- **Self-control:** "God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." —2 Tim. 1:7 (ESV)



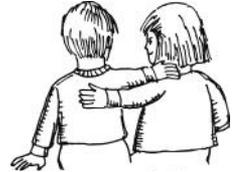


# Bible Study & Fellowship

Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together ... but encouraging one another. -Hebrews 10:24

Sunday School for elementary-aged children is in recess for the summer, but students are still invited to join us in worship and for Communion with their families and to sing!

Classes will resume in September and a list of teachers and lessons will be posted in the Fellowship Room. All children of the congregation, community, and all visitors are welcome to attend any time! The children leave the worship service during the Gospel and Sermon to have class, returning in time for communion.



**Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."**

Matthew 19:14 NIV

One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

Proverbs 11:24

## Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study is held on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am. The start date and planned curriculum will be announced soon!

We hope you will join us!

**We need Coffee Hour hosts!**

Can you sign up for a Sunday?





# August Birthdays

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

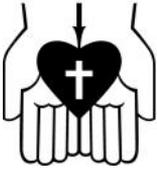
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| 1  | Gordon Starks      | 21 | Donna Gunn       |
| 6  | Doris Olsen        | 21 | Stacy Wagner     |
| 7  | Max Parsons        | 22 | Ryan Parsons     |
| 9  | Gary Farberg       | 23 | Sue Parsons      |
| 10 | Arthur Olsen       |    | Gabriele Jass    |
| 11 | Amanda Quarne      | 25 | Charles Hoff     |
| 16 | Landyn Gunn        | 26 | Jacob Conant     |
| 17 | Johannes Haakenson |    | Dylan Brandt     |
|    | Brad Huse          |    | Ashley Schwoerer |
| 18 | Andrea Wells       | 27 | Mark Wethal      |
| 19 | Michael La Mantia  | 28 | Eric Page        |
| 20 | Jacob Gallagher    | 30 | Delbert Harried  |



## JOIN THE CHOIR THIS YEAR!

It is a good thing to move forward and try new experiences in life. How about giving CHOIR a try and see if it fits your life style?

REHEARSALS will begin in September, but first we will kick off the season with a party on Jeanne's porch (across from the Cooksville General Store). Date and time will be announced soon. Please join in the fellowship, food, and fun as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord and get excited!! Come on out!



# 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

## CONNECT is wrapping up their 2nd Annual Community-Wide Food Drive

Including Cooksville Lutheran, the village of Cooksville, our neighbors, and beyond!

**July 21 — August 3**

Thank you to all of our members and friends who responded again this summer with such overwhelming generosity! Saturday, August 3rd is the final day of the drive—let's rally for a strong finish!

*\*Special thanks to the CONNECT Team for their undying energy in this labor of love and important ministry to those in need!*



<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,<sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?<sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

<sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:35-40



# Mutual Ministry

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

## Time to Make Lefse!



The Gathering will be making LEFSE this month, to sell for fundraising efforts. Please see Ilene with questions, and join in the fun as they meet to make as much Lefse as possible and try to fill that new freezer of ours! Thank you in advance for volunteering your time!

Saturday, August 17 and Saturday, August 24



Cooksville Lutheran Church

## FALL EXTRAVAGANZA

OCTOBER 13th



*Lunch served at noon til gone*

TENTATIVE MENU: BBQ Pork Loin, Sloppy Joes, coleslaw or potato salad, baked beans, lemonade, pie & ice cream.

### BBQ TEAM Cookoff

WE NEED TEAM PARTIPANTS!- BRING YOUR GRILL AND POP UP TENT. ONE PART OF THE TEAM WILL COOK MEAT FOR SERVING AT NOON AND THE OTHER PART OF THE TEAM WILL PREPARE A SIDE DISH OF SOME KIND THAT WILL BE JUDGED AND SERVED WITH DINNER. *We wont have enough so there is a sign up sheet to bring more.*

Dinner with pie and ice cream social

Old Fashion Pie Judging & Auction

50-50 Raffle

Children Activities

Bake Sale (including Norwegian Baked goods & lefse)

Themed Silent Auction Baskets

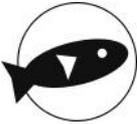
Pumpkin Carving Contest

Music



# Opportunities Around the Community

- ◇ August 9th: Enjoy the delicious **Lutherdale Fish Fry fundraiser in Elkhorn from 4:00—7:00 pm**, and sneak-peek of the quilts prior to the **quilt auction** the next day!



The live auction starts at 10 am Saturday. Enjoy baked goods, concessions, door prizes, a Silent Auction, and even pontoon rides on the lake.

- ◇ The **Evansville Ecumenical Care Closet Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at St. John's at 6:00 pm** and will feature a Hawaiian theme! A sign-up sheet will be posted and those volunteers attending will be asked to bring a dessert or salad.

**I WILL SING ALOUD  
OF YOUR STEADFAST LOVE  
IN THE MORNING.**

PSALM 59: 6



**NEW!**

## **Blood Pressure Monitor**

We have a new automatic blood pressure monitor that can be used at any time. It will be kept in the Fellowship Room, and you are free to take it into the pastor's office to use it. Ask someone to help put the cuff on your arm, then press the button, and the machine does all the work! If you have questions, just ask, and you will be directed to someone who can help.

*Thank  
you,  
Mary  
Remley,  
for  
donating  
the  
monitor!*



# Let's Keep in Touch!



**Parents,** please let us know if your children are leaving the nest or are off to college that we may keep in touch and update our office records! Call the office, stop in the office after worship, or email us at [cooksvillemethodist@litewire.net](mailto:cooksvillemethodist@litewire.net).

## Church Staff

**Church office:** 608-882-4408; 11927 W. Church St. Evansville, WI

**Pastor Karla Brekke:** 608-751-0345

[cooksvillemethodistpastor@gmail.com](mailto:cooksvillemethodistpastor@gmail.com)

**Secretary, Kelsey Dunn:** [cooksvillemethodist@litewire.net](mailto:cooksvillemethodist@litewire.net)

**Choir Director & Worship Coordinator, Jeanne Julseth:** 608-882-0505

## New volunteers are always welcome

Contact the following people:

**Ushers:** Rosa Hanson (873-3592)

**Worship Leaders:** Nancy Krake  
(882-5609 or [nkrake@att.net](mailto:nkrake@att.net))

**Sunday School:** Curtis Brandt

**Cleaning the church:** Sign-up sheet, Earlene Hanson

**Coffee Hour:** Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall

**Altar Guild:** Pat Foltz 455-1522



<sup>15</sup> *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. -Colossians 3: 15-17*



# August Worship Leaders

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come into his presence with singing.

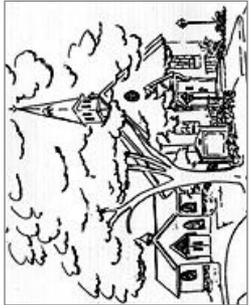
-Psalm 100:2

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Karla	Pastor Karla	Pastor Karla	Pastor Karla
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kevin Brekke	Curtis Brandt	Nancy Krake	Ilene Axford
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Kevin Brekke	Curtis Brandt	Nancy Krake	Ilene Axford
<b>Ushers</b>	Rosa Hanson & Anne Brunsell	Rosa Hanson & Sue Parsons	Art & Doris Olson Rosa Hanson	Rosa Hanson & Patty Smith
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Sime	Jennifer Nelson	Rhonda Wethal	Phil Hamilton
<b>Cantor</b>	Betty Hamilton	Betty Hamilton	Betty Hamilton	Betty Hamilton
<b>Altar Guild</b>	(Shared)			
<b>Organist</b>	Paul Haakenson	Jeanne Julseth	Jeanne Julseth	Paul Haakenson
<b>Coffee Host</b>	(Please sign up in the Fellowship Room)			

Thank you for helping us worship!

# Cooksville Lutheran Calendar for August 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
<p>Join us this month for LEFSE MAKING !!</p> 						
<b>4</b> <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Fellowship	<b>5</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>6</b> 9 am Maintenance Group 6 pm Basketball at the Hoop	<b>7</b> 10 am Prayers	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 4-7 pm Lutherdale Fish Fry	<b>10</b> 10 am Lutherdale Quilt Auction
<b>11</b> <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Fellowship	<b>12</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>13</b> 9 am Maintenance Group 6 pm Basketball at the Hoop	<b>14</b> 10 Prayers	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>LEFSE MAKING</b> 
<b>18</b> <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Fellowship	<b>19</b> 9 am Quilting 7 pm Council Meeting	<b>20</b> 9 am Maintenance Group 6 pm Basketball at the Hoop	<b>21</b> 10 am Prayers 11 am Gathering 6:30 CONNECT	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>LEFSE MAKING</b> 
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11927 W. Church Street

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