

From the Pastor

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.

– Romans 12:1-2 (The Message)

The Christian life is an exercise in service and selflessness. As Paul writes in his letter to the church in Rome, God will help us transform our everyday lives into offerings that can be used in the service of God and other people.

In worship on August 24th, the congregation had the opportunity complete a spiritual gifts inventory. This tool helps identify the God-given gifts that each of us has. It is accompanied by a “translator” document that can help discover which specific tasks of ministry are best served by people with particular kinds of spiritual gifts.

So, for example, if someone is very good at woodworking or painting, that person might have the spiritual gift of “skilled craft” and may be a good person to invite to join the Tuesday maintenance group. If someone loves to read and is good at remembering details (like whether Titus is in the Old or New Testament), that person might have the spiritual gift of “knowledge” and might be a good person to invite to serve as Sunday School teacher, or as participant in an adult Bible study.

If you did not have a chance to complete one of these inventories, I encourage you to do so! Copies are available in the church office, and there is a shoebox for submitting completed inventories, so that they remain confidential. This fall, we will spend more time talking about spiritual gifts, and how we can use our gifts as individuals and as a community for the benefit of God and others.

In Christ,

A Message from the Pastoral Support Committee

The Pastoral Support committee was organized twelve years ago to foster positive and confidential communication and resolutions between congregation members and a Pastor when needed, and to provide a sounding board for a Pastor's thoughts and ideas. The committee, which meets monthly, is made up of the Pastor and four members of the congregation who are not members of the Church Council.

After meeting recently with the Executive Committee of the Church Council we, collectively, have determined that the Pastoral Support Committee will take action on all requests pertaining to the Pastor. This would include items of support/strengths as well as general feedback and items of concern.

We would ask that you first bring feedback regarding our shared ministry at Cooksville Lutheran directly to the Pastor. If the Pastor is not available or assistance is desired, please contact a member of the committee with a phone call, e-mail, letter, or verbal communication. We will prayerfully respond to your request in the strictest confidence. We are not able to handle any concerns that come to the group anonymously.

Committee Members:

Pat Foltz – 455-1522 foltzpa@gmail.com

Art Olsen – 882-4784 flahamer33@gmail.com

Marilyn Kueng – 884-8779

Laura Pehler – 835 -7552

Fall Festival: September 21st – Worship at 10am, festivities to follow!

Craft Fair at Skaalen

Please come and join us on Saturday Oct 4th from 9-2 for our craft fair, any crafter that wish to take part please call us. The craft fair will be separate from the fall festival. For more information, contact Pam Parsons, Director, Leisure & Support Services, 608-873-5651, ext: 215 parsons@skaalen.com

Skaalen annual Fall Festival

Held Tuesday October 21st at the Skaalen Chapel from 10-3 Join us for beautiful handcrafted items (raffled) and our Cinnamon Roll sale (yum) served warm from the oven from 10am to 11:15 or until sold out. Open

house will take place in the dining room from 1:45 until 3:15 \$3.00 for fresh baked pie, ice cream and a beverage. Donations are accepted for raffle until Oct 20th.

Make a Difference – Hospice Volunteers Needed

Hospice is a special type of care focused on helping patients live fully to the end of life. There are many ways to assist, from patient contact, administrative support and fundraising Fall and Winter 2014 volunteer training Janesville Oct 4th & Dec 20th, Madison Nov 11th. Please contact the volunteer coordinator to find out how you can help make a difference 877-356-4514.

Treasures Tent

Listen to the Music!

You are invited to join Jeanne Julseth for open organ rehearsals every Wednesday at 11am! Open rehearsals will continue throughout the school year. All are welcome to come hear a variety of music played on our organ from Holland. Jeanne also happily honors your hymn requests.

Come at 11 for the music, stay at noon for prayer group!

Setting the Table: A Practicum on Hospitality

A Million Ways to Pray

Refugee Resettlement

with Lutheran Social Services & the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

Thank you for your recent donations of supplies needed to help settle a family from Colombia. Anyone interested in helping with the Refugee Resettlement program should contact Nancy Krake, 882-5609. It usually requires one morning of your time every 6 - 8 weeks.

Offering

Your monetary offerings keep our doors open and help us do ministry in Jesus' name! Offerings in July totaled \$7335.00. Our annual budget

requires monthly income of \$11,156.91. Please consider supporting your church with an extra financial gift this month, or using one of the alternative methods below.

Gifts-In-Kind

The following items can be put to use immediately for ministry!

- Post-it notes
- Bottled water (please leave donations in the pantry)
- Items for the Fall Festival – see info above!

Ink Cartridges for Office Supplies

Your printer cartridges can be used to support the church! Members redeem used cartridges for points at Office Depot, which are then used to purchase office supplies for the church. We need your help! Please bring in your used printer cartridges to the box by the coat rack in the Narthex. Contact Pat Foltz with any questions (608-455-1522).

Automated Giving

The time is always right to sign up for automated giving! Cooksville Lutheran uses a program supported by Thrivent to offer a safe and secure way to transfer money from your bank account to the church. More families are using this opportunity to donate on a regular basis and avoid writing checks. It is helpful for the church to be able to rely on your offering even if you are on vacation, or if worship must be cancelled. Forms for automated giving are in the Narthex and Fellowship Room. **Contact Tom Parsons with questions (tom.parsons@ymail.com, 295-1697).**

Coffee Hour Going Green!

Help Cooksville save money and resources by bringing your own cup to coffee hour after worship. There will be space for you to store your cup at the church if you choose.

Lutherdale Bible Camp

Lutherdale offers year-round retreats for all ages, and numerous summer camp opportunities for children and teens. Our coffee hour offerings this

summer have been supporting Lutherdale's "Let the Children Come" fund, which helps ensure that a child never be turned away from camp for financial reasons. At the time of printing, we have collected nearly \$340 for this fund! Thanks for your generosity.

Quilting News

Quilting will resume on Monday Sept 22nd at 9:00am. All are welcome, regardless of experience. The group is in need of new fabric for tops and backs, and clean old sheets for the middles. Thank You!

Contact Betty Hamilton with any questions (608-882-5757)

Thank You!

Cooksville Lutheran Church relies on volunteers to accomplish the many tasks of ministry. This month a special thank you goes out to:

- Betty and Phil Hamilton for providing flowers for our worship space every Sunday.
- Patty Smith for her donations of gifts-in-kind this month.
- Nancy Krake for her immeasurable assistance this summer while the secretary position was in transition.
- Those who hosted Coffee Hour in August: Remley Family, Sime Family, Martha Johnson, and Kathie Gunn

Adult Sunday Class

Weekly adult Bible study will begin on Sunday September 28th at 8:45am. The class meets in the church basement, under the Sanctuary. We will be studying Acts, so please bring your Bibles. See you then!

Hutch in Fellowship Room

The cabinets and drawers in the hutch located in the fellowship room is to be used for Sunday School Supplies only. Thanks for your help with this.

Norwegian Fish Boil – West Koshkonong

Scandinavian Dinner – Faith Lutheran Janesville

Saturday Oct 4th 2014 at Faith Lutheran Church Janesville 2116 Mineral Point. Serving 4:00pm -7:00pm Ticket prices \$12 for 13& up, \$6 for 6-12. Swedish Meatballs & Gravy, Boiled Potatoes, Green Beans & more. Silent auction & Lefse for sale. All proceed got to Faith Lutheran Building Fund.

October Birthdays

1 James Hatlen	21 Gary Larson
Thomas Hatlen	22 Kent Klongland
4 John Remley	26 Barbara Young
5 Mary Remley	Marty Johnson
6 Lynsey Wollin Casey	27 Natalie Jass
Jennifer Ehle	Nellie Bednarek
Lyric Nunn (Krake-Nunn)?	Bill Reed
8 Trina DiPiazza	30 Basil Remley
10 Allison Conant	Denyce La Mantia
13 Earlene Hanson	
16 Bernie Mallon	

News from our Members

Do you or a family member have an accomplishment that you'd like to share with the congregation? If so, submit your item to the church office.

Members and Friends in Prayer

Please keep these members of our extended community in your prayers:

Winifred Brown (friend of Herb Hanson)

Ava Christianson (friend of the Wagner family)

Ruth Erickson (mobility concerns)

Dorothy Froemming (mobility concerns)
Anna Hanson (health and mobility concerns)
Robert Hanson (chronic health concerns)
Charles Hoff (health and mobility concerns)
Jerry Julseth (health concerns)
Anne Kurey (Martha Johnson's sister, health concerns)
Michael LaMantia (chronic health concerns)
Pat Peterson (grandfather of Bethany Stachow)
Bill Sathre (relative of Linda Sime)
Robert Saunders (Martha Johnson's brother, serious health concerns)
Lita Stachow (mother of Bethany Stachow)
Tom Taake (Laura Schwoerer's brother-in-law)
Sarah Alice Wealti (Patty Smith's mother)
Donna Wheeler (recovery from her stem cell transplant)
Diane Zeimet (Laura Schwoerer's mother)

Members of the military: Dean Jass, Andrew Newcomb, Nick Klinefelter, Melissa Balbin Crandall, John Haines

Everyone on this prayer list is remembered during our Wednesday noon prayer group, in addition to other names as they are brought forward by members of the group. Stop by the Sanctuary Wednesdays at noon and join us in surrounding these people with prayer.

Stay 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
- Would like a visit from Pastor Katya
- Become hospitalized or homebound
- Would like to be baptized

Church office: 608-882-4408 (phone)

cooksvilnelutheran@litewire.net (email)

Pastor Katya Ouchakof: 608-616-5075 (cell)

cooksvilnelutheranpastor@gmail.com

Worship Coordinator, Donna Haakenson: 608-882-4131

Choir Director, Jeanne Julseth: 608-882-0505

Council members:

Ilene Axford (President), 873-6914

Anne Remley-Haines (VP), 882-9997

Sue Parsons (Secretary), 295-8796

Curtis Brandt, 873-0757

Herb Hanson, 455-6778

Donna Gunn, 931-8402

Richard Krake, 882-5609

Tom Severson, 873-6552

Sue Wollin, 455-4374

Tom Parsons (Treasurer – appointed), 295-1697, tom.parsons@ymail.com

Cooksville Lutheran Church is on Facebook! “Like” our page for the most up-to-date photos and details about upcoming events!



October 2014 Sunday Leaders

	5	12	19	26
Assisting Minister	Ilene Axford	Nancy Krake	Anne Remley-Haines	Ted Farberg
Communion Assistant	Ilene Axford	Nancy Krake	Ann Remley - Haines	Ted Farberg
Ushers	Patty Smith & Rosa Hanson	Richard Krake	Phil & Betty Hamilton	Rosa Hanson
Lector	Sue Parsons	Phil & Betty Hamilton	Connie Gregerson	Linda Sime
Cantor	Ilene Axford	Nancy (K) Betty (Psalm)	Anne Remley-Haines	Pastor (K) No Psalm
Acolyte	Aleana & Arcadia Krake	Richard Krake	Aleana & Arcadia Krake	Aleana & Arcadia Krake
Organist	Paul Haakenson	Naomi Shep	Jeanne Julseth	Naomi Shep
Sunday School	n/a	Marcia Ouchakof & Nicole Huset	Dustin Huset	Sue Parsons
Coffee Hour Host	Jeanne Julseth	Donna & Paul Haakenson	<i>Fall Festival</i>	Sherri & Bob Haakenson

Altar Guild: Donna Haakenson

Candles: Pricilla Sarrow

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

New volunteers are always welcome! Contact the following people:

Ushers: Rosa Hanson (873-3831)

Other worship leaders: Nancy Krake (882-5609 or nkrake@att.net)

Sunday School: Pastor Katya (882-4408 or cooksvilnelutheranpastor@gmail.com)

Cleaning the church: Jennifer Ehle (302-1722 or jenniferhele1@gmail.com)

Coffee Hour: Church Office or Nancy Krake (882-5609 or nkrake@att.net)

October 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		9am Tuesday Maintenance Group	1 11:00 Organ Music Noon Prayer Group	2	3	4
5 10:00 Worship	6 7pm Worship Committee	7 9am Tuesday Maintenance Group	8 11:00 Organ Music Noon Prayer Group 7pm Choir	9	10	11 <i>Building used for a wedding</i>
12 10:00 Worship & Sunday School	13 5:30pm Foundation 7pm Congregational Council	14 9am Tuesday Maintenance Group	14 11:00 Organ Music Noon Prayer Group 7pm Choir	15	16	17
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25 8:45 Adult Bible study 10:00 Worship & Sunday School	26 9am Quilting	27 9am Tuesday Maintenance Group	October 1 11:00 Organ Music Noon Prayer Group 7pm Choir	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4

Pastor's office hours Wednesdays 1- 3pm (unless otherwise noted) or by appointment

Pastor's day off is Friday