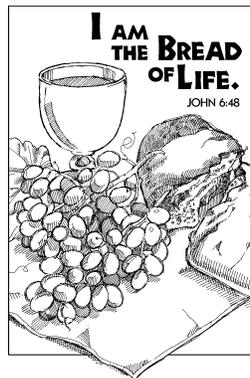
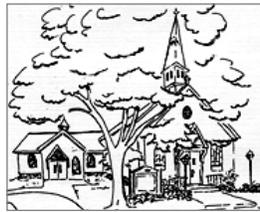


August 2015

Cooksville
Lutheran
Church
News

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



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Fresh Bread for Today

From Pastor Karla

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every three years the Gospel readings for summer Sunday mornings are from the 6th chapter of John. Jesus' teachings about his body as the bread of life begins with the story of the feeding of the five thousand. Many of us have loved this story since we were children in Sunday School.

When Jesus asked his disciples where they could buy bread for the gathering (and hungry) crowd, Andrew answered, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish...but what are they among so many people?" Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them, and everyone ate as much as they wanted.

Children know instinctively that Jesus' actions affirm children everywhere as important to God and God's work. Adults learn that our small offerings to God of ourselves, our time, and our possessions have great benefit for the world in the hands of Jesus.

He gives himself to us. We receive him as we eat the bread and drink the wine of Holy Communion. We receive him as we hear the Word of God with open hearts. Filled with fresh bread that renews life and gives salvation, we turn to a hungry world with the good news that there is always room for one more at the table where Jesus is host.

So I call out to you, wherever you are, in whatever circumstances you find yourself, in the midst of your busy life, "Everything is ready, come and eat."

God's peace be with you,
Pastor Karla Brekke



Worship Matters

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

Aug 2	10th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>It is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven and gives life to the world.</i>	John 6:24-35
Aug 9	11th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.</i>	John 6:35, 41-51
Aug 16	12th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>The one who eats this bread will live forever.</i>	John 6:51-58
Aug 23	13th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.</i>	John 6:56-69
Aug 30	14th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.</i>	Mark 7:1-23

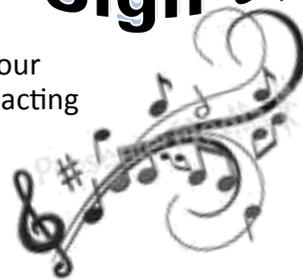


Special Music Sign up

If you are interested in being a part of our "Special Music" please sign up by contacting either:

Donna 608-882-4131 or
Jeanne 608-882-0505

Open Dates Aug 2nd & 9th



Homestead Summer/Fall Worship

Homestead Summer/ Fall Worship

3rd Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

August 16

September 20

October 18

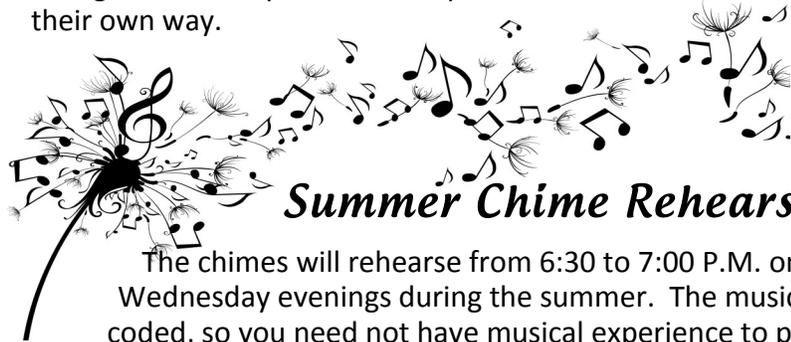
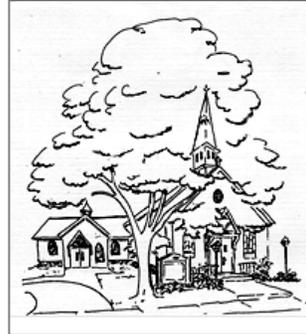
Invite a friend, neighbor,
your family, children

Come as you are!

By now, you have been able to experience two Homestead Services. They are indeed, a bit different from our traditional services.

The focus of the Homestead Service is more meditative, prayer driven and special attention to using all our senses to capture our connection with Christ. A variety of music is blended in order to

touch the hearts of all ages. A very short liturgy is used in order to allow time for meditation and prayer. Choice is an important aspect of today's society because of technology. Another style of worship gives our church the ability to share our faith with all folks who enter the doors. The Homestead Services will continue on the third Sunday of the month during the fall season and into winter. Let Pastor Karla or Jeanne know your thoughts about this service as we hope to keep this service moving forward with creativity, sensitivity and stylistic changes which help all to worship in their own way.



Summer Chime Rehearsals

The chimes will rehearse from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday evenings during the summer. The music is coded, so you need not have musical experience to play. Call me if you are interested! Jeanne Julseth (882-0505)



Together in Prayer

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

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

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

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Gladys Haakenson
Martha Johnson
Larry Smith
Louise Kluge
Gordon Starks
Judy Latka
Jim Porter
Ruth Erickson
Randy Cagnoni (friend of the Simes family)
Winifred Brown (friend of Herb Hanson)
Dorothy Froemming (health concerns)
John Garvan (friend of Kevin Brekke)
Charlotte Franseen (recovering from surgery)
Fred and Kim Durham (Randy Sime's sister & brother-in-law)
Erik Jelinek (synod staff, cancer recurrence)
Anne Kurey (Martha Johnson's sister, health concerns)
Anna Hanson (health and mobility concerns)
Ava Christianson (friend of the Wagners; cancer treatment)
Charles Hoff (health and mobility concerns)
Robert Hanson (chronic health concerns)
Michael LaMantia (chronic health concerns)
Robert Saunders (Martha Johnson's brother, serious health concerns)
Kari David (friend of Kevin Brekke facing cancer treatment)



Members of the Military:

John Haines, Dean Jass, Andrew Newcomb



August 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

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

Special Thanks to . . .

- ✿ **Jim Parsons** for making the wood step for the pulpit. It is sturdy, beautifully crafted, and helps those speaking to be seen above the microphone equipment.
- ✿ **Those who give so generously** to support the ministry of Cooksville Lutheran Church.
- ✿ **All the volunteers** who behind the scene, continue to give freely their skills and time take help keep Cooksville Lutheran a thriving community.
- ✿ **To all who** either clean the church or pay to have it cleaned.
Mary Remley, Nancy Remley, Brad Huse Donna & Matthew Gunn, Kathie Gunn, Herb Hanson



Congratulations to Erik Haakenson & Katie Adamczyk who were married on July 10th!



Fall
Festival

Sunday, September 13

Cooksville Lutheran Fall Festival

Worship 10 am—11 am
Festival 11 am—4 pm
Serving Dinner 11:30—2:00 pm

The Fall Festival is a fun event for the entire family. Please join us and bring a friend.

Please call Linda Sime at 608-931-9111, Paul Haakenson at 608-882-4131, or Laura Pehler 608-835-7552 for more information or to volunteer.

The Wild Rumpus Circus Show is Coming to Cooksville Harvest Festival September 13 at 1:30 pm

Hold on to your hats, bring your best laughter and enjoy this interactive circus extravaganza at this year's harvest festival. You will thrill to juggling, balancing, acrobatics, physical comedy, pantomime mask theater and the low-flying trapeze. The universal language of laughter is for EVERYONE AND ALL AGES! The Wild Rumpus Circus Show comes from Mazomanie and promises all a great afternoon of circus memories. Grab your family and friends and head on over!!!!





Fall Festival Ads

If you choose to purchase an ad about the fall festival for your local newspaper, please call Pat Foltz to receive the ad content, so that all advertising is uniform. Thank you.

608-455-1522 or 608-219-8629

Fall Festival Raffle News

Any cash donations, gift cards and other donations are appreciated. Please bring these donations to the church at least one week before the September 13th Raffle. Please notify Sue Parsons of any donations (608-295-8796).

All members will receive 30 raffle tickets to sell for \$2 each or 3/\$5. The tickets will be available after July 26th. Please pick up (raffle tickets cannot be mailed) your envelope of 30 tickets, as well as those of relatives or neighbors. Please return all money collected to Sue Parsons or Connie Gregerson. Thank you for selling to friends, co-workers, relatives and neighbors.

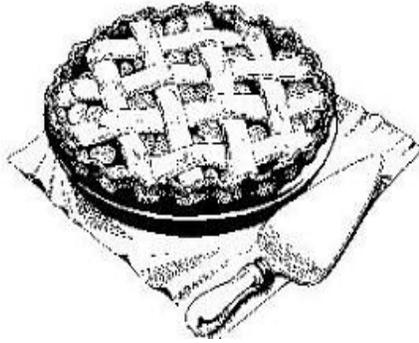
Silent Auction donations needed for our 20th Fall Festival!

We are looking for items and offered services with a value of, or, a combined value of \$25.00 or more. Some suggestions: themed items (Fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.); retro/vintage; artwork (glass, metal, framed, pottery, jewelry, etc.); collectibles; antiques, crockery; event tickets; services; landscape (decorations, trees, etc.); furniture; musical instruments; circus theme items; etc.

Festival 'goers' will be able to bid throughout the day. FF committee decided not to offer a Tent Sale this year. Thank you all in advance for helping to make our 20th Festival year our most successful yet!!

Please call Sue Wollin (608 455-4374) with questions and pick-up or delivery information. For additional advertising purposes, please let me know what you will be donating by August 3rd.





Fall Festival Bake Sale

The Fall Festival is only a few weeks away. Please consider baking for this popular event. **Freshly baked fruit pies are the most sought after items.** Other popular baked goods include donuts, cookies, bars, quick breads, yeast breads, cakes, candy, and ethnic favorites.

Please remember to label your donations.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Contact Lynn Bednarek at 873-5087 or lbednar1@gmail.com for more information.



Lefse Time: August 15 & 22

The Gathering is coordinating a Lefse-Baking event on two dates in August; August 15th & August 22nd.

We hope to bake and store at least 225 sheets of Lefse to sell at the Fall Festival bake sale. Please save the dates on your calendars and let Kathie, Ilene, Martha or any Gathering member know that you can help.

Thanks, The Gathering



Mr. and Mrs. SummerClaus



Yes, you are reading it right! Join us on **Saturday, August 1, 1:30 p.m. at the Cooksville Community Center** (formally the Cooksville School House) in historic Cooksville, Hwy 59, for a delightful program.

The honored guests at this year's **One Room School House Christmas Program** will be the SummerClaus's. Come join them along with the children and their annual tribute to the historic programs which delighted many during winter when one room class rooms were a way of life.

This year the line up includes : **Razzle Dazzle Disney, Shadow Puppets depicting the arrival of the Cooks Brothers 175 years ago, Drumming from the Caribbean AND!!!!!! CIRCUS TRICKS.**



Free Blood Pressure Screenings: 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!

Evansville Food Pantry Needs:

Anyone may drop off items in the basket in our Narthex. **Thank you so much!**

Listed are items currently needed at the food pantry; *Boxed Dinners, canned Fruit, Canned pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hamburger-helper, Tuna Fish, Toothbrushes, Toilet paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Bath Soap, Toothpaste, Feminine Products, etc.*





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

GoodSearch & GoodShop

These online fundraising sites let people earn money for charity simply by doing their regular online activities! GoodSearch sends a check with proceeds raised to participating organizations once a year. Our first check arrived in November, for nearly \$20! This was for less than a year of participating in this program that was new for our congregation. Can we double the amount for next year? Be sure to change your default search engine to goodsearch.com, and go through goodshop.com as you do your online shopping. Thanks for your support!

Rewards Program Changes

The **Piggly Wiggly** has changed its reward policy. We must turn in receipts totaling \$2,500 / month. Please turn in your receipts as soon as possible, so we can maintain this balance.

Create a Cooksville Legacy

You can continue to support the church for generations to come by naming Cooksville Lutheran in your will. Please communicate to the Foundation Committee when designating a gift, so we can be prepared to receive it. If you are interested in supporting our ministry in this way, contact the Rev. Larry Westfield westfield@elca.org, 262-224-9574 or 877-224-9574.

Gifts in Kind

For Cooksville Lutheran Church

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

- ◇ **Avery #5160 Address Labels**
- ◇ **First-class stamps –**
(current usage exceeds 100/month)
- ◇ **Bottled Water**
- ◇ **Toilet paper**



Opportunities

Around the Community

Albany United Methodist Ice Cream Social: Wednesday August 5th 4:30—7:00pm Menu BBQ Beef, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Chips, Baked Beans, Pie, The church is located at 50 Park Street Albany

Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction Saturday Aug 8th 8-4 Auction starts at 10

Skaalen Home—Stoughton, Wisconsin

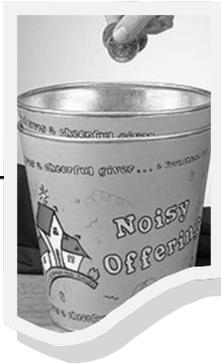
Skaalen Annual Ice Cream Social—Sunday, August 16, 2:00-3:30 pm. Come enjoy pie, ice-cream, a raffle and entertainment! Cooksville Church is asked to provide 6 fruit pies and 2 workers from 2:45-4:00 pm. If you can help or want raffle tickets contact Pat Foltz at 608-455-1522 or 608-219-8629. Thank you.



We are Skaalen's "Church of the Month" for October 2015. There are many volunteer opportunities available which will be listed on the Fellowship Room bulletin board. Watch for more information in the September Newsletter.

Skaalen Craft Fair, Saturday October 3rd, 9 am—2 pm. If you are a crafter interested in participating, call Skaalen after August 24th 608-873-5651, Ext 215. Pat Foltz can answer some questions prior to the 24th.

Skaalen Fall Festival & Resident Bazaar, Tuesday October 20 from 10 am—3 pm. This day includes a Resident Bazaar, a pie and quick-bread sale, cinnamon-roll sale (*10 am until sold out*), and soup lunch from 11 am-1 pm.



"NOISY CAN" Offering

The ELCA Malaria Campaign

The "noisy can offering" will be resurrected beginning the first Sunday in August, September & October. This is the final year for collecting funds to help support the effort to eradicate malaria in parts of Africa.

We learned at the Synod Assembly that good progress has been made in the areas initially identified, so they are expanding the campaign to include a greater portion of Africa. The money collected is used to purchase mosquito netting that is treated with a chemical that kills the malaria carrying mosquitoes on contact. These mosquitoes are only out at night. Additional funds are designated to treat those adults and children who have already contracted malaria. In addition clinics are set up in remote areas which allow access to people in need of treatment.

Please bring your offerings of coins, cash, or checks to church the dates indicated, and of course, money will be accepted at any time. Simply write "malaria campaign" on the memo of your check or on an envelope in the pew. Your gifts are a true blessing to God's children in the areas where the deadly malaria virus is most prevalent.

Blessings,
Nancy Krake



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 cooksvillemthepastor@gmail.com
Secretary, Jaye Lauer: 608-754-8721 cooksvillemthepastor@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: Jennifer Ehle
(302-1722 or jenniferele1@gmail.com)
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!

Pastor Karla Brekke's Hours:
Mondays & Wednesdays 1-4 pm;
Tuesdays-Visiting
Secretary's office hours are
Thursday 1-3pm



2015 Cooksville Church Council

Anne Remley-Haines (Pres.)
608-882-9997
Richard Krake (V.P.)
608-882-5609
Sue Parsons (Sec.) 608-295-8796
Tom Parsons (Treasurer)
608-295-1697
tom.parsons@ymail.com
Herb Hanson 608-455-6778
Donna Gunn 608-931-8402
Sue Wollin 608-455-4374
Paul Haakenson 608-882-4131
Betty Hamilton 608-882-5757



August Worship Leaders

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

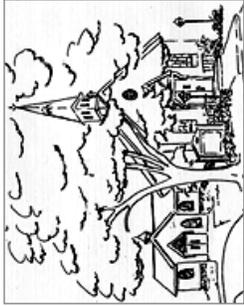
-Psalm 100:2

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Assisting Minister	Curtis Brandt	Anne Haines	Homestead Service	Ilene Axford	Curtis Brandt
Communion Assistant	Curtis Brandt	Anne Haines	Nancy K, Rich Krake, Kevin Brekke	Ilene Axford	Curtis Brandt
Ushers	Rhonda Wethal	Doris & Art Olsen	Sue & Jim Parsons	Rosa Hanson	Rosa Hanson & Patty Smith
Lector	Kevin Brekke	Connie Gregerson	none	Stacy Wagner	Phil and Betty Hamilton
Cantor	Betty Hamilton	Nancy Krake	Ensemble	Nancy Krake	Betty Hamilton
Organist	Naomi Shep	Paul Haakenson	Jeanne Julseth	Naomi Shep	Paul Haakenson
Coffee Hour Host		Kevin & Karla Brekke	Popcorn		

Thank you for helping us worship!

Cooksville Lutheran Calendar for August 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
2 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	3 9 am Quilting 11am Staff Meeting 7 pm Worship Committee	4 9 am Maintenance Group	5 12 pm Prayer Time 6:30 Chime Rehearsal	6	7	8
9 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	10 9 am Quilting 11am Staff Meeting	11 9 am Maintenance Group	12 12 pm Prayer Time 6:30 Chime Rehearsal	13	14	15 Making Lefse 
16 10:00 Homestead Worship 11:00 Fellowship	17 9 am Quilting 11am Staff Meeting 7 pm Council Meeting	18 9 am Maintenance Group	19 12 pm Prayer Time 6:30 Chime Rehearsal	20	21	22 Making Lefse
23 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	24 9 am Quilting 11am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm The Gathering	25 9 am Maintenance Group	26 12 pm Prayer Time 6:30 Chime Rehearsal	27	28	29
30 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	31 9 am Quilting 11am Staff Meeting	 <p>Mark Your Calendar! FALL FES T—SEPTEMBER 13</p>				



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Address Correction Requested