

October 2018

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

Cooksville
Lutheran
Church
News



* HARVEST *
* DINNER *
* SUNDAY *
* November 4TH! *
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* details! *

Generosity is a sign of faith

Pastor Karla Brekke

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many congregations focus on the spiritual discipline of "giving" during the month of October. Common congregation activities include harvest dinners, inspirational speakers, and opportunities to fill out pledge cards.

It all boils down to this: congregations need its members to give regular offerings. This support enables us to fulfill our mission and to provide for ongoing necessities such as electricity, repairs and improvements, heat, and salaries.

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So first, on behalf of the church council, let me thank you for your regular offerings. We are incredibly blessed as a congregation with a beautiful and unique setting, along with our tradition of rich worship, fervent prayer, and warm lively fellowship. We have so much to offer people here. But with our small membership, it is a challenge to maintain this large beautiful facility. I know it is hard, but I believe it is worth it. We are a spiritual haven for others.

So we invite you to give generously during this last quarter of 2018 so that we finish the year strong. Also consider how your offerings affect your spiritual health. Being a generous person places trust in the God who supplies your needs so that you can bless others from your abundance.

Adult Bible



Join us for Adult
Bible Study on
Sundays at
8:45 a.m.
See you there!

A man came to Jesus seeking eternal life. Jesus told him to sell his possessions and give the money to the poor, and he would have treasure in heaven. "Then come, follow me."

Please read the whole story in Mark 10:17-31.

God's peace is near to you.

Pastor Karla



Worship Matters

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

Reformation Sunday October 28

When Lutherans talk about faith, we are talking about the relationship God's Holy Spirit creates with us. It's a relationship where God's promise of steadfast love and mercy in Jesus opens us to a life of bold trust in God and joyful, generous service to everyone we know and meet in daily life.

Martin Luther was exuberant when he described the freedom of faith — *“Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. It is impossible for it not to be doing good things unceasingly.”*

Faith opens a place for engaging others in conversation, for seeking the truth, for asking questions and speaking love in word and deed. We listen to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. We listen to the witness of others and we watch for the ways God is active in the world around us. Faith is a full life, liberated for a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

All Saints Sunday November 4

On All Saints Sunday we will be celebrating all saints, past and present. We will be giving thanks for those who have passed into God's eternal light, acknowledging that their light still shines into this world and into our lives. We will name and light a candle for those who have died in the last five years. This will be followed by the opportunity for you to light candles for those who have died that are especially dear to you. In the November newsletter there will be more information on this Sunday, as well as inspiring readings about All Saints Day. If you would like someone to be named who has died in the last five years, please let the church office know.





Looking forward to the Holiday Season ...

November 21

Evansville Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be Wednesday, November 22nd. Location and details to follow.

December 2

"Hanging of the Greens" at Cooksville Lutheran, following worship. Help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas.

December 16

"Welcome to Bethlehem" Christmas Pageant!

December 13

"Longest Night" will be held on Thursday evening at 6:00 pm, followed by the release of sky lanterns in memory of loved ones lost.

December 24

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



December 25

Christmas Day is on a Tuesday this year. There will be no Christmas morning service.

THE GOSPEL, ACCORDING TO MARK....

Mark's gospel stories for October cheer us on toward lives that are more real, fruitful, and whole.

From September through November we read from Mark 7 through 13:8. Mark's urgent pace follows Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing, challenging believers to live lives of service and sacrifice.

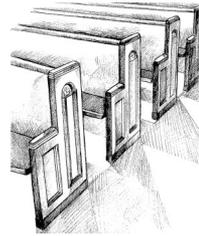


October Birthdays

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| 1 | James Hatlen | 10 | Allison Conant |
| | Thomas Hatlen | 13 | Earlene Hanson |
| 4 | John Remley | 26 | Barbara Young |
| 5 | Mary Remley | 27 | Natalie Jass |
| 6 | Lynsey Wollin Casey | | Nellie Bednarek |
| | Jennifer Ehle | | Bill Reed |
| | Lyric Krake Nunn | 30 | Basil Remley |
| 8 | Trina DiPiazza | | Denyce La Mantia |



Reflections from the Pews...



A woman sat alone in a pew during the organ prelude, her head bowed, reading one of the lessons for the day and silently preparing her heart for worship.

A couple entered up the center aisle and paused beside the nearly empty pew, the wife leaning in to get the woman's attention.

"Excuse me," the wife said. **"Are you saving this pew?"**

"No," replied the woman, **"it is I who is here to be saved."**

Overheard at Cooksville Lutheran Church



Children and Families

Jesus loves me, this I know...

Sunday School for elementary-aged children is based on the readings for worship. Students are invited to leave worship during the sermon, returning in time for Communion with their families.

Alan Grant Whittier

will be presented with his bible on Sunday, October 28th!

Sunday School Staff

Curtis Brandt
(Sunday School Coordinator)

Rhonda Wethal

Sue Parsons

Linda Sime

Connie Gregerson

Jennifer Nelson

Sun. Oct 7th
Adam and Eve
Mrs. Gregerson

Sun. Oct 14th
A Rich Man's Questions
Mrs. Wethal

Sun. Oct 21st
James and John
Ms. Parsons

Sun. Oct 28th
Martin Luther
Ms. Nelson

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **You shall teach them diligently to your children,** and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9



Cooksville Outreach

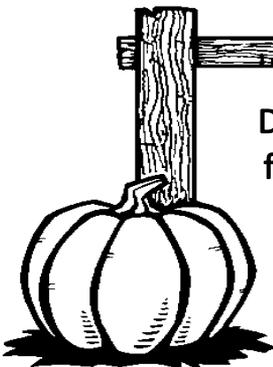
Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.. - 1 Peter 4:10

HARVEST DINNER NOVEMBER 4TH!

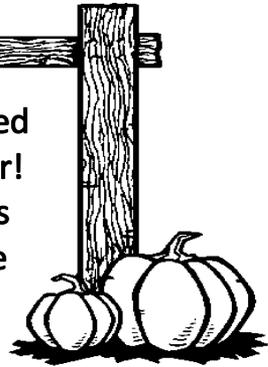
On Sunday, November 4th, Cooksville Lutheran will be serving a Turkey Dinner and inviting everyone to come and enjoy our hospitality, the gifts the good Lord has blessed us with, and the company of each other on All Saints Day!

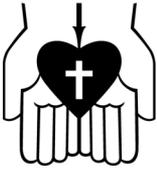
Dinner will be served starting at 11:30. The menu includes turkey, potatoes, gravy, bread stuffing, squash, green bean casserole, Lefse, cranberries, coffee, milk and pie.

Adult meals are \$13 each or 2 for \$25, children are \$6. There is also a silent auction, craft sale, and bake sale being held in the Fellowship Room that day! We look forward to seeing you there!



Decorations are needed
for the Harvest Dinner!
If you have pumpkins
or corn stalks, please
bring them!





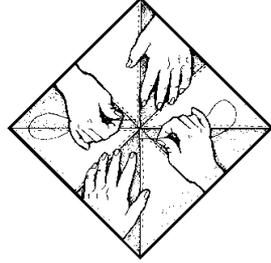
Generous Hearts

A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

Dedication of Quilts

On Sunday, October 7th we will dedicate the quilts that were sewn by the Quilting Group since last October. They will be packed up and sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution where there is need.

Thank you to Betty Hamilton for coordinating The Quilters, and to everyone who has had a hand in sewing and helping in any way.



** If you see **Dave Stadt**, thank him for his time and efforts every year to collect these items and deliver them to the Railyard in Madison!*

Thank you to all who donated **Hospice Kits** this year! The kits will be shipped this week to **Global Health Ministries**, along with a check to help cover the cost of overseas freight. We are grateful to the efforts of **Rich and Nancy Krake** in taking the lead on this project, and to the **Gathering** for their monetary donation!

The Silent Auction held last month for the Halloween Quilt donated by Betty Hamilton and the quilting group ended on September 30th. The winner, and the food pantry to which the donation went, will be announced in the November Newsletter.

Thank you to all who bid on the quilt!!





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 Gathering Group met on August 22, 2018

Gathering group continues to grow, with many of you willing to commit to activities that help our congregation and the community.

Over the summer, the group coordinated efforts to get three of our youth "off for a week of camp" at Lutherdale. Thanks to extra donations and commitment from their families, Rocky, Brady and Alan attended and enjoyed this special Lutheran tradition. We hope to continue the tradition for years to come.

In July, Gathering voted to pursue donating monies for a more visible highway sign leading people to the church building. With Council approval, look for that.

In August, the group donated money to send our Hospice kits to the countries where they are needed.

These are small things that the group is proud to do. Thanks to all of you for your willingness to work and hearts willing to share. Also happening in August were two serving opportunities. We donated dessert bars for the Bishop's installation and served cakes at the September Evansville Manor birthday/bingo party. Thanks to those who helped with those activities.

Upcoming events: Lefse baking days; three in October. Please come for one or more Saturdays to help produce hundreds of sheets of lefse for the holidays. There are sign-up sheets in the fellowship room; many helpers are needed and you need not be a member of the group.

Report submitted by Ilene Axford

Pastor Appreciation

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ~ James 3:1

It seems, these days, there is a celebration or recognition for almost everything under the sun. “Hallmark Holidays,” we call some of them, such as Sweethearts’ Day or Grandparents’ Day—occasions arguably created to inspire consumers to buy cards and gifts and go out to eat!

Within the ever-diversifying melting pot that is America, many among us acknowledge holidays from other religions, other cultures, and of course sports play-offs or championship games. That is not a bad thing.

I even know people who get pretty excited about *National Bacon Day* or *Take Your Dog to Work Day*. Sure. Who doesn’t love bacon? Man’s best friend certainly does!

With the sheer glut of honorary days for so many trivial things, isn’t it hard to get excited about some of the ones that really do deserve a nod? Well there is one coming up that I think we should prayerfully acknowledge...

This year, Friday, October 12th is designated as National Clergy Appreciation Day, also known as Pastor Appreciation Day.

Consider for a moment— Without medical staff, there are no hospitals. Without teachers there can be no schools. And without Pastors, there are no shepherds to keep watch over the flocks. Let us not forget that our Pastor Karla Brekke has been all of these things: Certified Nursing Assistant, Autism Therapist, substitute teacher, Youth Minister, and ordained pastor for 27 years.

She has blessed so many with her healing, thoughtful, and compassionate ministries, including us and our families, and for her we should be very thankful.

~Submitted by Kelsey Dunn

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves .
~1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Donna Haakenson Retirement



*I will sing of your love and justice;
to you, LORD, I will sing praise. Psalm 101:1*

Thank you to the Worship Committee for organizing, the Council for serving, and to all of our members and guests who came on September 23rd to honor and appreciate Donna Haakenson and her decades of music ministry to Cooksville Lutheran Church. The day was truly memorable and full of warmth, love, and reverence!

Donna was recruited to direct the active group of choir singers in 1975. Her compensation was \$30.00 per month and the choir practiced and sang every Sunday during the Fall, Winter and Spring months. With Donna, Paul either accompanied the choir on the piano, or "was recruited to sing with the group when men were short in numbers." When that happened, Donna both directed and played the piano!

For many years, she further juggled her church commitment by also teaching a Sunday School class and leading the children's music. This involved planning and supporting the children's Christmas program. She has also served on a church council.

As if it wasn't enough to lead the church choir, Donna for many years directed a cantata and produced the Ecumenical Christmas Concert in Evansville. While working on their farm and raising her family and serving on the school board for almost 20 years, decades of preparing and accompanying students for their school music competitions can also be added to this long list!

Within the church, Donna was instrumental in researching organs prior to the purchase of the new one in 2003 and, well before that, procuring the "new" choir robes many years ago. As the celebration came to a close, Donna was presented with her own robe, the special director's robe that is gathered at the wrists, to which she exclaimed, "My sleeves!!"

A heart-felt "THANK YOU!" to you, Donna, from all of us at CLC!



Time for Prayer

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. John 15:7

Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room

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

If you have a prayer request and would like us to pray for it, please fill out a card at the Sunday service or call Martha Johnson (608-289-7617) or Kevin Brekke (608-669-1218).

Everyone is welcome to join in prayer on Wednesdays. The group meets in the Fellowship Room . If you have not yet been a part of this special gathering, please come and join us for a morning.

Please remember the following members and friends in prayer:

The Family of Eugenia Shep, Vicky Hubbell, Barbara Kiskunas, Nancy Krake, Donna Haakenson, Steve Ehle, Tamera Brandt, Ramona Whittier, Jennifer Ehle, Jenn Williamson, Marilyn Kueng, Sue Parsons, Dorothy Helley, Harlow Phillips, Evelyn Beyer, Judy Loy, Dale Westaby, Jan Kettle, Anne Kurey, John Garvan, Kari David, Rev. John Shep.

CLC Special Friends: Anna Hanson, Charles Hoff, Don Farberg, Dorothy Froemming, Rhea Wethal, Ruth Erickson, Virginia Sime, David Nelson.

Military: Andrew Newcomb, Ben Berge.

“Good Reads”

from the Bishop for Your Church Library

Please note that Honoring our Neighbor's Faith and Together By Grace are only available through Augsburg Fortress <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/> and cannot be found through Amazon.

Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith - Revised Edition, which describes many Christian denomination and non-Christian traditions to help us understand the diversity of our fellow journeyers in faith. (I used it with Confirmands and their parents when I was in the parish.)

Future Faith - Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, which seems so on point in helping us understand the challenges to our faith in this new century.

Faith in the Face of Empire - Mitri Raheb, which view the Bible through Palestinian eyes and has, in my opinion, more to say to us in this day and age than one might think.

Together By Grace - edited by Kathryn Kleinhans, which is a nice exposition that introduces the diversity of we who call ourselves Lutherans.

I've just started John Shelby Spong's new book **Unbelievable**. At age 88, he challenges us where we live if we want the church to reach people today. We can't do things the same way and he tells us why. I was introduced to it by members of the Bible study group at Vermont LC. I'll let you know what I think about this sometime down the road.

Be well and blessed,

~ Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld



Let's Keep in Touch!

Please contact the church office if you:

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



Church Staff

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Secretary, Kelsey Dunn: cooksvillemthepastor@litewire.net

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

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.

We welcome submissions to our monthly newsletter! The deadline is the 15th of the month. See Kelsey or email your submission to cooksvillemthepastor@litewire.net



Take Note!

The **Annual Meeting** will be held the

first Sunday in February.

Annual reports will be accepted any time between now and January 20, 2019.

The **Nominating Committee** will be meeting this month (date and time TBD).

2018 CLC Council

Martha Johnson (Pres) 289-7617

Tom Severson (V.P) 873-6552

Rhonda Wethal (Sec.) 320-7184

Tom Parsons (Treas) 295-1697

Anne Brunsell 732-9196

Mary Remley 882-6483

Tom Hatlen 882-4186

Bob Haakenson 758-9295

Randy Sime 931-8896

Herb Hanson 455-6778

October Worship Leaders



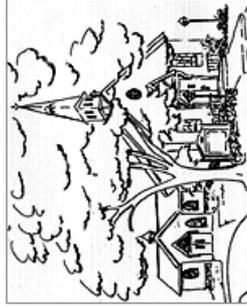
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come into his presence with singing.

-Psalm 100:2

	Oct 7	Oct 14	Oct 21	Oct 28
Presiding Minister	Pastor Karla Brekke	Pastor Karla Brekke	Pastor Karla Brekke	Pastor Karla Brekke
Assisting Minister	Curtis Brandt	Nancy Krake	Kevin Brekke	Ilene Axford
Communion Assistant	Curtis Brandt	Nancy Krake	Kevin Brekke	Ilene Axford
Ushers	Phil and Betty Hamilton	Patty Smith & Rosa Hanson	Anne Brunsell & Rosa Hanson	Art & Doris Olsen
Lector	Rhonda Wethal	Bob & Sherri Haakenson	(Homestead Service)	Connie Gregerson
Cantor	Betty Hamilton	Betty Hamilton	Ensemble	
Altar Guild	To be announced			
Organist / Pianist	Paul Haakenson	Naomi Shep	Jeanne Julseth	Naomi Shep
Sunday School Teacher	Mrs. Gregerson	Mrs. Wethal	Ms. Parsons	Ms. Nelson
Coffee Hour Host	Lynn Bednarek & Pat Foltz	The Wethal Family	Remley/ Brunsell	Sue Wollin & Kelsey Dunn

OCTOBER 2018: Cookeville Lutheran

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