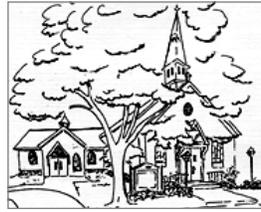


November 2015

Cooksville
Lutheran
Church
News

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



Give thanks to the
Lord,
for he is good.
His love endures
forever.
Psalm 136:1

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Saying Goodbye to Autumn From Pastor Karla

Goodbyes have always been hard for me. I'm one of those people whose eyes begin to well up with tears at the hint that a good-bye is near... leaving home for college, watching a good friend move away, or leaving family to go back home after celebrating a holiday.

Even saying good-bye to a season can be difficult. Although many people love Autumn for its color and crispness, some people experience a feeling of dread as the days get shorter and winter approaches.

Goodbyes are easier when another "homecoming" is planned in the near future. We all love knowing "homecomings" like Thanksgiving and Christmas are drawing near. There is food to make, the house to prepare, surprises and gifts to be planned, games to be organized. The time of separation takes on a happier tone when one is busy with planning the reunion.

Jesus came to earth on a top-secret mission. To take "forevermore" out of the heartbreak of goodbyes — even the "Big Goodbye." He did this by defeating death, disease, despair, and separation. He made a way for goodbyes to always be temporary, never permanent. Now goodbyes are a mere gateway to another homecoming. Read about it in John 14. Then use this "between time" to plan for, live for, and be well-prepared for the "Big Homecoming."

—Pastor Karla



Worship Matters

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

November 1 All Saints Sunday

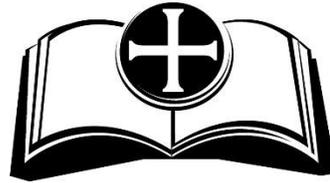
On this Sunday we remember everyone who makes up the "Communion of Saints": those in every time and place who are our brothers and sisters in Christ. We especially remember the newly baptized and those who have died in recent years. We believe that we are united in Christ in a *living* community that stands before the eternal God who is lovingly present in all places and in all ages.



On Sunday, November 1, you will have an opportunity to light a candle and place it on the altar for your loved ones who have passed into life eternal. Votive candles will be available for you to use.

This is a visual reminder that whenever we stand before God, we stand in the presence of the saints who

worship God with us. Whenever we commune, we are joined to the body of Christ — which is a real living community of all who have died and all the baptized throughout the world. ☩



Cooksville Book of Remembrance

During the Sundays of November a Book of Remembrance will be on a table in the narthex so that you may write your loved ones' names in it.

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine
upon them.
From the Funeral Liturgy*

As we grow older we have more and more people to remember, people who have died before us. It is very important to remember those who have loved us and those we have loved.

Remembering them means letting their spirits inspire us in our daily lives. They can become part of our spiritual communities and gently help us as we make decisions on our journeys.

Parents, spouses, children, and friends can become true spiritual companions after they have died. Sometimes they can become even more intimate to us after death than when they were with us in life.

Remembering the dead is choosing their ongoing companionship.

Henri J. M. Nouwen (1932-1996)

November 22 Christ the King

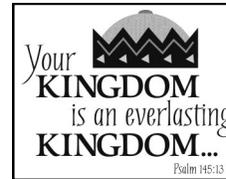
This Sunday is the last Sunday of the church year. We end the year just like we anticipate the end of all ages will draw to a close — in a festive celebration of Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He will come again to gather all peoples, living and dead, for the “marriage feast of the Lamb,” which will have no end. So on this day we celebrate Christ as King.

The following Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, a

beginning of a **new church year.**

Throughout the year we will follow in the footsteps of

Jesus: in his birth, baptism, ministry, death, and resurrection. ☩



November 29 First Sunday of Advent



The season of Advent is about anticipating and preparing for Christ's arrival. The

Word of God, Jesus Himself, is “coming to us.” God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face. *Emmanuel* — “God With Us” — visited the earth in person, and now, through the Holy Spirit is within every baptized believer and present wherever two or three are gathered in His name. Christ is present with us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion and in the proclaimed Word, the Gospel. ☩



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.*



Wedding

Erin Mills & Joe Wilder
October 10, 2015

*Enrich Erin and Joseph with
every good gift,
that their life together may
show forth your love.*

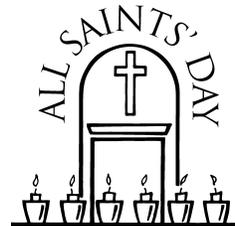
Hanging of the Greens

Dec 6th—We need help to decorate the church for Advent & Christmas! Following worship we will decorate the church and fill cookie tins for our special friends, and enjoy a light lunch of sloppy joes courtesy of Kevin Brekke. We need lots of cookies to fill the tins for our homebound friends.



On All Saints Sunday,

November 1, 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 a candle for those who have died that are especially dear to you. **If you would like someone to be named who has died in the last five years, please let the church office know.**



The Stoughton Chamber Singers

will present a concert
"Gershwin & Friends"
November 12 & 13
7:30pm
at the Stoughton
Players Theater

During the month of November, the choir will be meeting following the Sunday Service. Rehearsal will be a strong 30 minutes of Advent and Christmas Preparation. All are welcome to sing with the choir during this November rehearsal period on Sunday mornings. We rehearse in the Sanctuary. See Jeanne for questions.



Changes in printing schedule— The Bulletin and Newsletter will now be printed on Wednesdays, any articles and information that should be included need to be to Jaye by Mondays for Bulletin and the 15th for Newsletters.

Evansville Ecumenical Choir rehearsals take place **Wednesdays at 8:00 pm**, through November at the United Methodist Church in Evansville.

Fellowship after worship, has hosted goodies such as this one. Be sure to join us!!!

Martha Johnson's Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cake

- 1-3/4 Cups Boiling Water
- 1 Cup Quick Oats

In a large mixing bowl pour boiling water over oatmeal—let stand 10 minutes—stir in the following ingredients –one at a time– till thoroughly mixed.

- 1 Cup White Sugar
- 1 Cup Brown Sugar
- 1 Stick Soft Unsalted Butter / Margarine
- 2 Eggs
- 1– 3/4 Cups Flour
- 1 tsp Baking Soda
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 2 Tabs Cocoa

Pour into greased & floured 9x13pan. Top with 1 Cup Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips & if desired 1/2 Cup Chopped Nuts. Bake at 350 for 45 mins till done. (Delicious served warm with vanilla ice cream scooped on top)

We need Coffee Hour hosts!

Can you sign up for a Sunday?

We would love to sample your Goodies!!





October Birthdays

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. - Ephesians 2:10

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Christian Farberg | 16 Bob Haakenson |
| 7 Cheryl Haakenson | Hope Larson |
| Bill Schwarting | 20 Rochelle Jaworski |
| 8 Jayne Mallon | 21 Robert Hanson |
| 12 Kriss Hamilton | 22 Brook Starks |
| | 25 Trudy Stace |

Quilting News: The quilter made 108 quilts this year! We gave 10 to AWARE in Evansville and 98 were shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who donated money or fabric, cut squares, tied, stitched or laundered. We always need new fabric, at least 6 inch square and clean old sheets. Please check with Betty before bringing anything else. We also need 1 or 2 people who can sew kits at home.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

We are in need of a few volunteers for the Fellowship following the worship. Please consider signing up for this. The signup sheet is located in the fellowship room.

The coffee hour host duties are to make the coffee (coffee is here at the church) they will also provide a snack of their choice. The snack can be either a store purchased goodie or something you have made. If you are new to this, another member would be glad to show you the ropes.





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

Sunday School for elementary-aged children is based on the readings for worship. Students are invited to leave worship during the sermon time, returning in time for Communion with their families. All children are invited to attend, members or visitors. If you know any children who may be interested, please invite them to come to worship!



"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children—
Deuteronomy 4:9

This Month's Lessons

Sun. Nov 1st

*A Message from God—
Sue Parsons*

Sun. Nov 8th

*The Widow's Offering—
Sherri Haakenson*

Sun. Nov 15th

*Be Ready—
Linda Sime*

Sun. Nov 22

*Christ the King—
Curtis Brandt*

Sun. Nov 29

*A Good Ruler—
Rhonda Wethal*

Sunday School Staff

Curtis Brandt
(Sunday School Coordinator)

Rhonda Wethal
Sherri Haakenson
Sue Parsons
Linda Sime
Connie Gregerson
(alternate)

Adult Bible Study



Join us for Adult Bible Study on Sundays at 8:45 am. We are studying the book of Job, so bring your bibles and your questions!

See you there,
Betty Hamilton



Time for 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



Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer." -Matthew 21:13

Coming together for prayer on Wednesdays at noon 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 e-mail me before 6 p.m. on Tuesday at brekkekev3@netscape.net or give me a call at 608-669-1218.

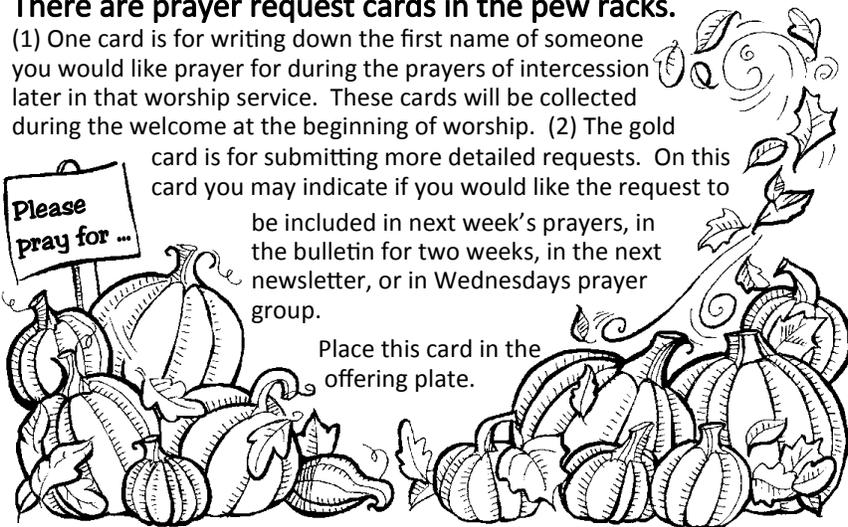
Thank you, Martha Johnson and Kevin Brekke, for praying each Wednesday for all the people on our prayer list and praying for our congregation. Everyone is welcome to join in prayer on Wednesdays.

There are prayer request cards in the pew racks.

(1) One card is for writing down the first name of someone you would like prayer for during the prayers of intercession later in that worship service. These cards will be collected during the welcome at the beginning of worship. (2) The gold card is for submitting more detailed requests. On this card you may indicate if you would like the request to be included in next week's prayers, in the bulletin for two weeks, in the next newsletter, or in Wednesdays prayer group.



Place this card in the offering plate.



Members and Friends in Our Prayers

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:

Jan Kettle (sister of Jim Parsons)	Carol Sears
Char Parsons (Jim Parson's mother)	Martha Johnson
Evelyn Beyer (recovering from surgery)	Larry Smith
Ken Haakenson	Louise Kluge
Gordon and Doris Starks	Judy Latka
Randy Cagnoni (friend of the Simes family)	Jim Porter
Winifred Brown (friend of Herb Hanson)	Ruth Erickson
Jeanne Brekke (Kevin's mother)	
Dorothy Froemming (health concerns)	
John Garvan (friend of Kevin Brekke)	
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)	
Kris and family (Pastor Karla's brother)	
Members of the Military: John Haines, Dean Jass, Andrew Newcomb	



Special Thanks to ...

 **All our members and friends** who give, work, and volunteer in order to keep Cooksville Lutheran a thriving and missional community.



*The day which we fear as
our last is but the
birthday of eternity.*

-Lucius Annaeus Seneca

*For death is no more than
a turning of us over from
time to eternity.*

-William Penn

*Is death the last sleep?
No--it is the last and final
awakening.*

-Sir Walter Scott

Worthy is Christ, the
Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be
people of God.

Power and riches and
wisdom and strength, and
honor and blessing and
glory are his. [Rev. 5:6-
10]

Sing with all the people of God and join in the
hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and
glory and might be to God and the Lamb
forever. Amen. [Rev.
7:11]

This is the feast of victory
for our God, for the Lamb
who was slain has begun
his reign. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

—Hymn of Praise, LBW



The end of the Bible - its really a beginning

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my
reward is with me, to repay
according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am
the Alpha and the Omega, the first
and the last, the beginning and the
end."

¹⁴ **Blessed are those who wash their
robes, so that they will have the right
to the tree of life and may enter the
city by the gates...**

¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to
you with this testimony for the
churches. I am the root and the
descendant of David, the bright
morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say,
"Come."

And let everyone who hears
say, "Come."

And let everyone
who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take
the water of life as a gift.

... ²⁰ The one who testifies to
these things says, "Surely I am
coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus
be with all the saints. Amen.

- From Revelation 22



*Looking ahead to the Holiday Season ...
Mark your calendars now!*

October 14—December 6

The Evansville Ecumenical Choir is rehearsing for this year’s Christmas Cantata. The rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 8:00 pm until the concert (except for Thanksgiving Week when we meet on Monday night). All rehearsals and the concert will be at Evansville United Methodist Church at 21 S. Madison St., Evansville. The concert will be **Sunday, December 6 at 7 pm**. Mark your calendars! Call Donna Haakenson if you have any questions.

Wed	Nov 4	8:00 pm
Wed	Nov 11	8:00 pm
Wed	Nov 18	8:00 pm
Mon	Nov 23	8:00 pm
Wed	Dec. 2	8:00 pm
Sat	Dec 5	10 am
Sunday, December 6, CONCERT		

December 5, Saturday

3rd Annual Welcome Christmas event starts at Cooksville General Store at 4:30. Children lead with lanterns to Cooksville Lutheran Church for a Service of Gifts (5:00 pm), and then onto the Cooksville Village Commons to release luminaries (5:30 pm). Note the change in days — this year it will be on a Saturday, rather than Sunday.

December 6

“Hanging of the Greens” at Cooksville Lutheran. Help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas, pack cookie tins for our special friends and then enjoy a light lunch of Sloppy Joes by Kevin Brekke.

November 25

Evansville Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be Wednesday, 7 p.m. on November 25th at Oak Grove Church, 101 W. Church Street, Evansville, WI.

December 20

A Mini Christmas Concert will be presented on December 20th at 9:40 am, right before worship, by the Womens’ Trio; Ilene, Betty, and Rhonda, with Kriss as accompanist. We hope you will join us for this celebration of Jesus’ birth.

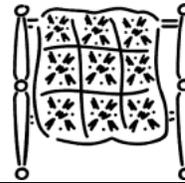


December 24

Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship at 4:00 p.m.
(Please note there will be only one service on Christmas Eve.)

Please show your support to our quilters.

The quilters hope you will support their work by purchasing a ticket for their **Christmas Quilt**, on display in the Fellowship room. All proceeds will be used to buy fabric. -Betty Hamilton



Volunteers Needed

We are wanting volunteers to make ice luminaries for our Christmas Eve Service. This will be in honor of the beginning of the celebration of our **125th Church Anniversary** starting in 2016. The church calendar for the new year starts in advent and into Christmas, so please consider this an important project for the celebration. Talk to Donna Haakenson about your interest in this project.



Volunteers Needed—for our 125th Anniversary Planning Committee.

Please contact Donna Haakenson if interested.

How does one grow? If you know, join the focus group which will brainstorm ideas about "Growing Our Church". Call Jeanne if you can contribute to this group. (882-0505)



Gifts in Kind

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

- ◇ Legal Size Paper
- ◇ Avery 5160 Address Labels
- ◇ First-class stamps – current usage exceeds 100/month)
- ◇ Hand soap refills
- ◇ Toilet paper

Local Food Pantry

Anyone may drop off items in the basket in our Narthex.

Thank you so much!

Here are items currently needed at the food pantry:

Boxed Dinners, canned Fruit, Canned pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hamburger-helper, Tuna, Toothbrushes, Toilet paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Bath Soap, Toothpaste, et



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
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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



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November Worship Leaders

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

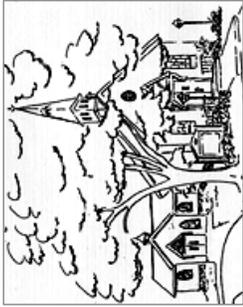
-Psalm 100:2

	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29
Assisting Minister	Nancy Krake	Jake White	Homestead Service	Ilene Axford	Curtis Brandt
Communion Assistant	Nancy Krake	Curtis Brandt	Rich Krake	Curtis Brandt	Curtis Brandt
Ushers	Rosa Hanson	Phil & Betty Hamilton	Rosa Hanson	Rosa Hanson	
Lector	Linda Sime	Sam White	None	Nancy Krake	Ilene Axford
Cantor	Nancy Krake	Betty Hamilton	Ensemble	Ilene Axford	
Acolyte					
Organist	Paul Haakenson	Naomi Shep	Jeanne Julseth	Naomi Shep	Paul Haakenson
Sunday School Teacher	Sue Parsons	Sherri Haakenson	Linda Sime	Curtis Brandt	Rhonda Wethal
Coffee Hour Host	Sherri Haakenson				

Thank you for helping us worship!

Cooksville Lutheran Calendar for November 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:45 Adult Study 10:00 Worship & Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship, Choir Practice 6:00 Villa Pizza — Fall Festival Party	2 9 am Quilting 7 pm Worship Committee (Jaye 10-2)	3 9 am Maintenance Group	4 12 pm Prayer Time (Jaye 10-12)	5	6	7
8 8:45 Adult Study 10:00 Worship & Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship, Choir Practice	9 9 am Quilting 7 pm Alter Guild Meeting (Jaye 10-2)	10 9 am Maintenance Group	11 12 pm Prayer Time 7 pm Choir (Jaye 10-12)	12	13	14
15 8:45 Adult Study 10:00 Worship & Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship, Choir Practice	16 9 am Quilting 5:30 Foundation Meeting 7 pm Council Meeting (Jaye 10-2)	17 9 am Maintenance Group	18 12 pm Prayer Time (Jaye 10-1)	19	20	21
22 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 8:45 Adult Study 10:00 Worship & Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship, Choir Practice	23 9 am Quilting 6:30 pm The Gathering (Jaye 10-2)	24 9 am Maintenance Group	25 12 pm Prayer Time (Jaye 10-12)	26	27	28
29 ADVENT I 8:45 Adult Study 10:00 Worship & Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship, Choir Practice	30 (Jaye 10-2)					Free Blood Pressure Screenings <i>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</i>



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Address Correction Requested