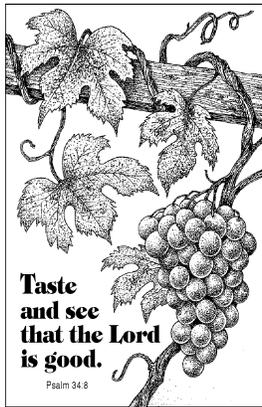
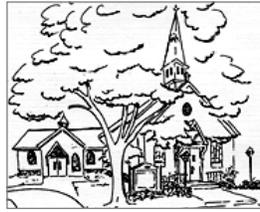


July 2015

Cooksville
Lutheran
Church
News

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



**Taste
and see
that the Lord
is good.**

Psalm 34:8

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*No worship service at
Cooksville July 5th!
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The Corn Crib Clubhouse

From Pastor Karla

One summer when I was about ten years old, Grandma was cleaning out her attic and throwing away lots of old curtains. My sister and brother and I convinced her to let us have them so we could make a clubhouse.

We lined an old abandoned corn crib with curtains. The rest of the summer we played there with neighbors and friends. We elected officers, developed secret codes, swung on the cross beams, had picnics, and held meetings. We had great fun pretending to be on secret missions.

Do you remember summer days that seemed to stretch out forever? When there was more than enough time to play games, go out on adventures, bicycle to neighbor's homes, and to just be a kid. Have you written down some of those memories for your children and/or grandchildren? Your stories are priceless gifts to the generations that follow you.

Don't forget to recall and write down your memories of VBS, Bible camp, Sunday School, confirmation or other church activities. And while you are at it, why not write about your favorite hymns, your prayer life, your faith and how God has led you through the years? No one else can tell your faith story for you. But almost everyone will enjoy and be blessed by reading it. So ... "let the redeemed of the Lord say so!" (See Psalm 107). Blessings!

Pastor Karla Brekke



Worship Matters

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

July 5	<i>Ecumenical Worship and Picnic at the Evansville Park—9:30 a.m.</i>		
July 12	7th Sun. after Pentecost	John the Baptist	Mark 6:14-29
July 19	8th Sun. after Pentecost	Jesus Walks on Water	Mark 6:30-56
July 26	9th Sun. after Pentecost	Jesus Feeds Five Thousand	John 6:1-21

Evansville Ecumenical Worship

Sunday, July 5th at 9:30 am, Lake Leota Park, Evansville
Upper park pavilion — No worship service at Cooksville
You are invited to a pot-luck picnic following worship.

- ◆ Meat, buns, and drinks will be provided.
- ◆ Table service will be provided.
- ◆ Bring your own chairs and/or blankets. (Some chairs will be provided.)
- ◆ Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.
 - ◇ Please bring your own serving utensil for your dish to pass.
 - ◇ Please pre-cut desserts.

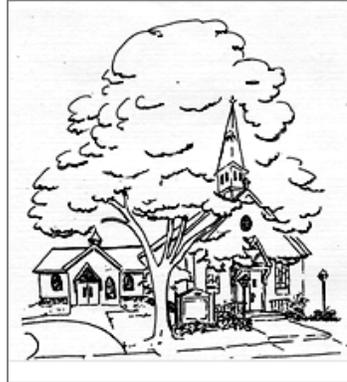


Brooklyn Char Davis
June 7, 2015

On June 7th we welcomed into our community **Brian and Jessica Davis** through Affirmation of Faith and their daughter, **Brooklyn Char Davis**, through Holy Baptism. Brooklyn's sponsors are Shannon Selle and Ryan Conradt. Welcome, Brian, Jessica, and Brooklyn into the membership of Christ's family at Cooksville Lutheran! We are so thrilled you are a part of our faith community.

Homestead Summer Worship

The third Sunday of each summer month (June 21, July 19, August 16) we will worship with music and which capture the spirit of rural values. COME AS YOU ARE to these simple homespun celebrations. The Sanctuary will ring with chimes, our fabulous organ and joyful singing. The word of God will continue to sustain us in our daily lives.



Homestead Summer Worship

3rd Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

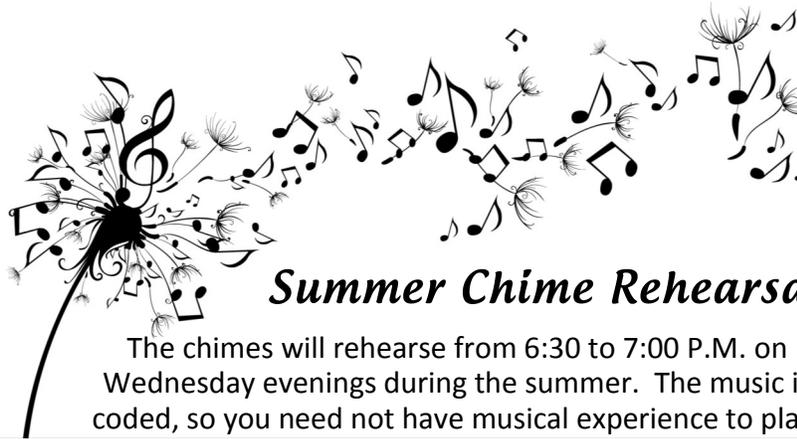
July 19

August 16

Invite a friend, neighbor,
your family, children

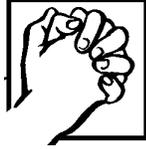
Come as you are!

The Norwegian immigrants founded this church on the premise of not taking their buggies to the larger communities to worship, we know that this small and beautiful church built on the highest point in Cooksville, can bring the folks from the village and farm lands together on Sunday morning, in unity and love.



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

Our prayer list represents numerous heart-touching stories and needs. 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 cannot come to church to pray, maybe you could pause about noon on Wednesday, wherever you are, and pray for a few minutes, knowing that you are joining your prayers with ours.

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.

Yours In Christ, Kevin Brekke

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

A Prayer for July 4

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise you for the nation in which you have allowed us to live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities.



We thank you for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, special wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness.

Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of the land we love. Amen.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER

Please keep these members of our extended community in your prayers

Randy Cagnoni (friend of the Simes family)
Winifred Brown (friend of Herb Hanson)
Dorothy Froemming (health concerns)
John Garvan (friend of Kevin Brekke)
Martha Johnson
Larry Smith
Louise Kluge
Gladys Haakenson
Gordon Starks
Judy Latka
Jim Porter
Ruth Erickson



Erik Haakenson & Katie Adamczyk

Please remember Katie and Erik in your prayers as they prepare to say their wedding vows on July 10th.



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

Everyone on this prayer list is remembered during our Wednesday noon prayer time. Join us in the Sanctuary to surround these people with God's love and care.



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!



July 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

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Connie Gregerson | 19 Rebekah Winger |
| 5 Jennifer Wileman | 20 Raymond Doudlah |
| 6 Lisa White | 21 Amber Veum |
| John Haines | 22 David Harrington |
| Lillian Hatlen | Georgia Erickson |
| 7 Michael Jass | 23 Dean Jass |
| 9 Nathan Axford | 24 Rhea Wethal |
| 10 Dorothy Froemming | Jessica Cloud |
| 14 Mary Farberg | 26 Carol Harried |
| 18 Tara Krake | 27 Delbert Schneeberger |
| Ashley Ferguson | 29 Jenna Wethal |
| Curtis Brandt | Peter Haakenson |
| Alex Wileman | 30 David Viney |

“America the Beautiful”

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, “America the Beautiful.”



Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes “who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.” She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good “with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.



**DON'T TAKE A
VACATION
FROM CHURCH**

²⁹Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; ³⁰tremble before him, all the earth. ...³⁴O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16

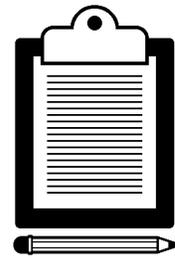
Call Committee Report

Thank you for your patience as we continue along the path of understanding our pastoral needs. We felt it would be important to share a bit more information regarding the overall process.

The call committee completed the three listening sessions and mailed the questionnaires to congregational members unable to attend those meetings. We hope to receive any written feedback by the end of June.

The next step in the process will be to complete a “profile” of the congregation. This will help us to identify the state of the congregation and what our needs and expectations are in calling a permanent part-time pastor.

Please continue to keep this group in your prayers as they prepare a recommendation for pastoral leadership for the congregation later this year.



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

Special Music If you are Sign up

interested in being a part of our "Special Music" please sign up by contacting either Donna 608-882-4131 or Jeanne 608-882-0505

Wanted New Owner for

Vintage Hammond Organ— Dual keyboards, great condition. If interested or have questions Please contact Marilyn Thompson at 608-873-6321 Weekends 847-843-0657 Weekdays



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.**

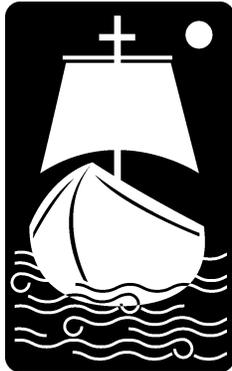
TOO MUCH FUN!

For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
 says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
WITH
Hope.
 Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

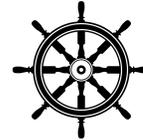
High School Graduates

Tyler Grant
 Mary Gregerson
 Dustin Huset
 Tamara Jeske

The above graduates were honored on June 14, with a prayer during worship, and with a gift and refreshments afterwards.



If I did not see that the Lord kept watch over the ship, I should long since have abandoned the helm. But I see him through the storm, strengthening the tackling, handling the yards, spreading the sails — yes, more, commanding the very winds! Should I not be a coward if I abandoned my post? Let him govern, let him carry forward, let him hasten or delay, we will fear nothing, for he is there. -Martin Luther



The Summer Squeeze

Haven't made it to church lately? Your congregation's mission, ministries, and expenses continue all summer long, even when attendance is lower due to vacations and other activities. Lower attendance usually means lower offerings. We are beginning to feel the "summer squeeze" as we make out the church's bills. God has blessed us in so many ways. Summer is a great time to see his abundance all around us. Why not make an offering of thanksgiving and mail it today?



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!

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.

- ◇ Bottled Water
- ◇ Hand soap refills
- ◇ Toilet paper
- ◇ First-class stamps – current usage exceeds 100/month)

Special Thanks to ...

- * 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.
- * Special Thanks to the Call Committee for their tireless effort during our quest for a Called Part-time Pastor.

Special Thanks from ...

- * The Edgerton Community outreach thanks you for the food donation. The support of our community is very important, and your support is greatly appreciated.
- * Global Health Ministries was very grateful for the wonderful gift of 26 Hospice Kits.



Opportunities Around the Community

ECHO (Janesville) Needs:

Food Items: Peanut Butter & Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Soup & Crackers, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti O's, Canned Meats, Pork & Beans.

Personal Items: Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Dish Soap, Toilet Paper, Diapers (size 4-6), Shampoo.

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.*

News From Javier

Cooksville Lutheran has sponsored a child, Javier, through the Child Fund program, for many years. Javier lives in Mexico. Here is the letter received from his family recently. It is clear that our monthly donations make a huge difference for this child and his family.

Dear Cooksville Lutheran Sunday School,

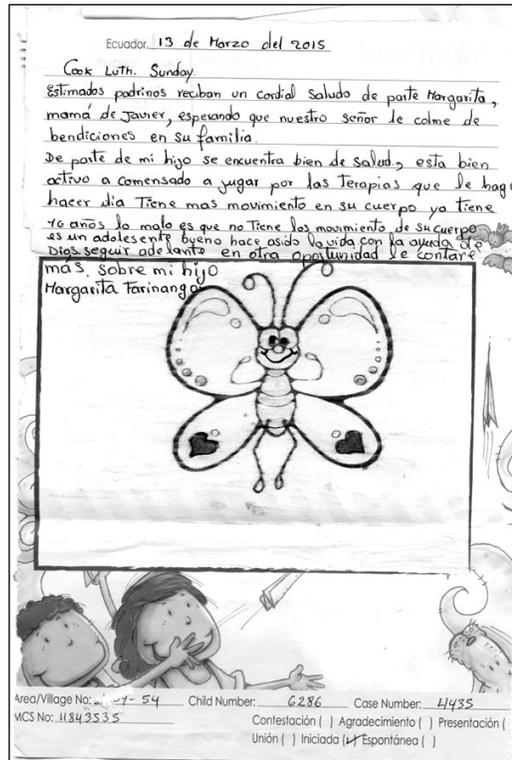
Hello!! I am Margarita, Esteban Javier's mother and I send you cordial greeting; I pray God to pour his rich blessing upon you and your family.

I wanted to tell you that my child is in good health, active and started to play, thanks to the therapies; he has more movement in his body and just turned sixteen years old, he is an adolescent now.

Thanks to God's support, we are able to go forward. I will tell you more in my next letter.

Kind regards,
Esteban Javier.

Thank you to all who donated through our Easter Breakfast free-will offering. The Gathering is now coordinating the yearly donations for Javier.



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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June Worship Leaders

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

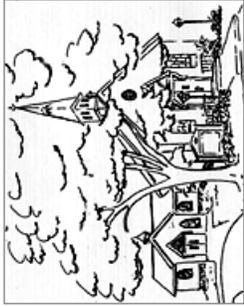
-Psalm 100:2

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Assisting Minister	Service @ the Park Upper Shelter Lake Leota Evansville 9:30 am Potluck to follow	Curtis Brandt	Homestead Service	Anne Remley-Haines
Communion Assistant		Curtis Brandt		Anne Remley-Haines
Ushers		Rosa Hanson	Rosa Hanson	Philip & Betty Hamilton
Lector		Michelle & Sue Parsons		Richard Krake
Cantor		Nancy Krake	Ensemble	Anne Remley-Haines
Organist		Naomi Shep	Jeanne Julseth	Naomi Shep
Coffee Hour Host	Service at the Park	Sue and Michelle Parsons		

Thank you for helping us worship!

Cooksville Lutheran Calendar for July 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
 9:30 Service @ the Park Upper Shelter Lake Leota Evansville Potluck to follow <i>(No worship at Cooksville)</i>	Worship at Evansville Leota Park July 5th at 9:30 a.m.		1 12 pm Prayer Time 6:30 Chime Rehearsal	2	3	4 
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12 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	13 9 am Quilting	14 9 am Maintenance Group	15 12 pm Prayer Time 6:30 Chime Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 10:00 Homestead Worship 11:00 Fellowship	20 9 am Quilting 7 pm Council Meeting	21 9 am Maintenance Group 	22 12 pm Prayer Time 6:30 Chime Rehearsal	23	24 	25
26 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	27 9 am Quilting 6:30 pm The Gathering	28 9 am Maintenance Group	29 12 pm Prayer Time 6:30 Chime Rehearsal	30 Sat. Aug. 1st, 1:30 pm Cooksville Community Center Mr. & Mrs. Summer Claus	31	



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