

WELCOME to ELC Mt. Horeb

A Note from PASTOR JOHN

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

Romans 15:13

Watching the vendors arrange for the farmer's market each week, it is easy to see the abundance of the earth in this season. We live in a rich land that provides nourishment for our bodies in abundance.

It's easy to see the abundance of those gifts, and we give thanks each fall for the abundance of the earth, but how often do we really take note of the more important things that God provides in abundance. Time and time again we are told that God is 'abounding in steadfast love', that 'grace abounds', and, as Paul says in Romans, we may 'abound in hope'. As God's people we have received from God's hand all these things.

How much of this abundance of love, grace, and hope can be seen and heard in our lives? Lately it seems that our society abounds in many other things. Listening to the words that surround us we seem to have an abundance of fear, anger, suspicion, self-righteousness, greed, anxiety, and self-centeredness.

As Christ's witnesses in this time and place, will we allow ourselves to be overcome by this abundance of ills, or will we boldly proclaim the hope, grace, and love that are ours in Jesus Christ?

When we allow the fears and anxieties of the world to overwhelm us, we stop seeing the abundance God provides. When this happens, we begin to see only scarcity in our lives. Then instead of looking for ways to expand our ministries of love,

compassion, and service to our neighbors, we look to scale back to the bare minimum necessary to preserve what we have.

Let's commit ourselves to living in the abundance of hope that only Christ provides!!

God's Peace,



FROM THE INTERN'S DESK

It's Not All Bad

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

(Hebrews 13:8 NRSV)

Fall is going to quickly be upon us! Yes, I know that means winter is not far behind but it's really not all bad. For me, fall is my favorite time of the year. This is somewhat surprising as I am not a huge fan of "everything pumpkin". I am not a fan of pumpkin pie, pumpkin spice coffees, pumpkin scented candles, etc. and I don't really know why. Apples, however, are something I really get behind. Apple pie, apple cider (and the donuts that usually accompany it), apple air freshener, apples themselves; I love apples and all that go along with them. I also love the change in season. I commute every day from Sun Prairie and I am looking forward to the colorful views of the changing leaves on my drive to and from Mt. Horeb.

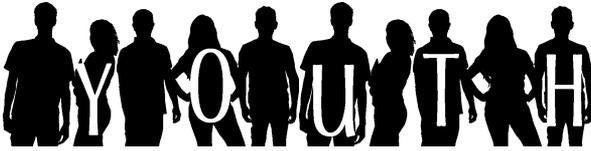
As I mentioned above, all of these things will come to an end with the winter weather that happens upon us here in Wisconsin. The cold weather (and sometimes snow) usually precedes the official start of the winter season by a few weeks. In many years, this means the fall season is unofficially the shortest of all the seasons we get to experience. But, it's not all bad. What never changes is the love of God for us – God's beloved children. God's love and relationship with us transcends the seasons and pays no attention to the calendar. This is something we can hold onto in the midst of the

small changes in life and the enormous and life changing, life giving transitions that accompany our walk of faith on this earth.

Vicar Jason Xiong

Pastoral Intern

YOUTH NEWS



3RD GRADE BIBLES On October 7th, during both services, we will be presenting our 3rd graders with Bibles. What a special gift for this milestone in their faith journey.

BUCKY BOOKS FOR SALE Bucky Books are now available after worship! Our youth will be fundraising for a mission trip to Indianapolis in June, 2019. Each book sells for \$35.00. New for this year: Kwik Trip has enough coupons that equal out the cost of the book. Don't miss out on the new books!

BRAT/MAC&CHEESE STAND FOR FALL FESTIVAL: October 6, 10am - 2:30pm Come and enjoy a brat, hot dog or mac & cheese while participating in the Fall Festival activities. Funds will support our youth mission trip to Indianapolis next summer.

CONFIRMATION Freshman Special Events

Sunday, October 7th, 4:00 - 6:30pm, Our 9th graders will be creating their stole, turning in their final drafts of their requirements, and will prepare for their interviews with the Congregational Council.

Monday, October 8th, from 6:15-7:15pm 9th graders will meet with members of the Congregational Council as candidates for Confirmation.

Wednesday, October 17th at 6:30pm Confirmation candidates and their families are invited to a sit-down meal in honor of the Confirmands. (Served by our 7th & 8th graders)

Confirmation Day on Oct 28th, 10:30 AM service - Please pray for guidance for our 9th graders as they are preparing for this special day in their faith journey, as they affirm their baptism.

CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMITTEE We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 23, at 7:00 PM.

COMING SOON PEER MINISTRY TRAINING: Saturday, December 1st Focus of training is to help students expand and deepen the faith of their peers, be equipped with skills to affirm others, to show love, as Christ loves us, and how to use living skills every day, everywhere, and in every relationship.

Many blessings,

Brenda Martin, Youth Director

608.576.6012 or brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org.

COUNCIL NEWS

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IN OCTOBER. Anyone interested in exploring membership in ELC is invited to attend a new member orientation on Sunday, October 14th at 9:30am or Tuesday, October 16th at 6:30pm. If you can't make these times, please contact Pastor John to set up another time.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY IS COMING NOVEMBER 4TH! Once again we invite you submit pictures of those you would like to remember on that Sunday. Please bring your photos to church or email them to john.twiton@elcmthoreb.org.

Be sure to include the names of those in the picture, as well as your own name.



ELC's 2018 ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for **Sunday, November 11 at 9:30am**, in the Sanctuary. Ministry reports are needed from all ELC Ministries (Agape, Children & Youth, Endowment, Property, Personnel, Social Action, Spiritual Growth &



Fellowship, Stewardship, Technology and Worship & Music), Sewing Group, Steeple Friends, Women of ELC, and the women's circles. **The deadline this year for items for the Annual Report is Sunday, October 21.**

TREASURER' REPORT - August 2018

General Fund Activity (\$)					
	Aug 2018	Aug 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Income	23,767	21,049	193,043	201,373	215,505
Expense	22,626	20,179	225,251	203,101	218,460
Net	1,141	870	(32,208)	(1,728)	(2,955)

General Fund income for the month was up 13% from last August. Expenses were up 12%, primarily due to filling the youth director position & staff raises.

Building Maintenance (Capital) Fund Activity (\$)					
	Aug 2018	Aug 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Income	512	62,183	9,155	144,311	4,832
Expense	14,150	65,326	14,150	95,829	8,000
Net	(13,638)	(3,143)	(4,995)	48,482	(3,168)

Building Maintenance fund income for the month was down from last August, which included a \$61,769 transfer from the Designated Fund. August expense was for the front door replacement. Last August was a stained glass payment.

Mortgage Repayment Fund Activity (\$); (Loan Balance is \$225,746)					
	Aug 2018	Aug 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Income	3,172	6,838	60,354	23,157	29,040
Expense	3,630	3,630	44,040	29,040	29,040
Net	(458)	3,208	16,314	(5,883)	0

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Designated Fund Activity (\$)		
	August 2018	YTD 2018
Income	2,493	22,493
Expense	2,598	28,214
Net	(105)	(5,721)

Respectfully submitted by Stephen J. Hall, CPA, ELCMH Treasurer

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING ELC wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

- -Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.
- -Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.
- -Online Giving allows you to go to <http://elcmthoreb.org/> at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION IS INVITED on the **first Wednesday every month beginning October 3**

for our new "**Wednesday's with**

Luther" gatherings. We will begin at 7pm with dessert or light snacks. This month the theme is "Fall Harvest" so you are encouraged to bring a dessert or light food offering to share around that theme, apple pies are encouraged! We will then share in a brief worship experience followed by a service project. Please see Jason or Brenda with questions.

QUILTS ON THE PEWS The annual blessing of Quilts and Kits will be the weekend of October 6 & 7. About 250 quilts will be displayed



on the pews. A limited number will be sold to cover the cost of shipping. If you would like a quilt, please stop in Saturday during the Fall Festival or Sunday between worship services. Be sure to shop early for best selection. Money raised helps defray the cost of shipping and to purchase some items during the year.



SABA, INTERNATIONAL will be hosting its second Saba Safari trip to Kenya February 21 to March 5, 2019. If you wish additional information, email: **timothywoller@hotmail.com** or call Cathy Woller at 636-5020.

BABY CAPS Tues. October 9th & 23rd at 9:00am. If you are interested in knitting or crocheting baby caps for our area hospitals, plan to meet in the Faith Room at 9am on Tuesday mornings, October 9th and 23rd. Yarn and patterns are available. Contact Ruth Heinecke at 444-4949 with any questions.

PERSONAL CARE KITS Our church completed 50 Personal Care Kits. Special thanks to World of Variety, Dr. Roland Wilson, Betsy Baguhn, Rita Schraepfer-Derke and Jay Schneider's Sunday School class.

ANNUAL BAZAAR SET FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2018 in our church Narthax and Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (10:30 AM for general public). Those wanting to donate to the White Elephant Sale may drop off donations with Julie Vasen, 437 5241 We are in need of Raffle Donations and helpers for cashiers please contact Dawn Kellsvig

This is a church wide event with Raffle, White Elephant / Baked Good Sale and Lunch. Tickets for the raffle will go on sale soon. Ticket prices will be \$3.00 for one and \$10.00 for four

Some of the Raffle items: Quilt, Amish Cupboard, Framed Owen Gromme Print, Quilt Rack, American Girl Doll, 670 pcs Nexo Knights Lego set and numerous gift certifications.

Lunch can also be purchased: Chili (with meat and beans), Cheesy Potato Soup (no meat), "Rommegrot", Homemade Bars, Cider, Coffee and Lemonade.

ALSO... Can you put an announcement in the Church Bulletin: Raffle Tickets are NOW ON SALE in the Narthax between church services. Cost is \$3.00 for one OR \$10.00 for four.



THE INREACH/OUTREACH MINISTRY plans to distribute approximately 45 fall pumpkins in the near future to shut-ins who are ELC members. The small pumpkins will be decorated by Agape pre-school and then delivered to their homes. If there are any High School students who would like to help with the deliveries, please contact Margie Kahl. You could earn silver cord hours.

Margie's number is: 437-5341

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF IN GATHERING Saturday, October 13

7:00 am- 11:00 am - Wisconsin Southern Railroad Yard
Throughout the year, Bible Study Circles and others have been working on projects for Lutheran World Relief. Quilts, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, School Kits, and Fabric Kits need to be delivered to "The Boxcars" at the Southern Wisconsin Railroad Yard. If you are available and willing to take in a load on Saturday morning, October 13, please contact the church office.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATES After many years of dedicated service, Ann Baumgartner and Amy Kellesvig will be stepping down as Social Committee chairs. Chairs serve as the contact persons and coordinators for social committee service opportunities, such as serving lunch following a funeral, coordinating the set up and clean

up for a potluck meal, or providing the food and workers for a special event. If you would be willing to serve as a chair or if you have any questions, please contact Betsy (437-8937) or Julie (437-5241).

The Women of ELC are also in need of a treasurer. Ann Baumgartner has served well past her term limit. If you have questions about the responsibilities and duties of the treasurer, Ann is happy to answer.



Please remember that any time your social committee chair leaves you a phone message, it is important that you call back. Even if you are not available to help with an event, she needs to be able to check you off the list. IF YOUR PHONE NUMBER HAS

CHANGED during the past year, please contact the church office with the new number.

BENEVOLENCE

Leading the Jail Ministry through Transition

The Madison Area Jail Ministry has served our region for more than 50 years, meeting the spiritual needs of a rotating cast of 750 men and 100 women who are serving time. There is always transition in the ranks of the inmates, and lately there has been transition in the leadership of the customarily very stable MAJM. So, our annual show of support for this crucial ministry could not come at a better time. Todd Marcotte took over as chaplain earlier this year and has brought an energy to the position that has impressed the Dane County Sheriffs and connected with the inmates, says Chief Deputy Jeff Hook, a longtime member of our congregation who has been a strong proponent of MAJM in his 30 years with the department.

In the past month alone, Marcotte distributed nearly 200 copies of the Daily Bread devotional, which came with a bookmark that noted all spiritual offerings in the jail and tutorial services for inmates. He guided a special worship service for one area of the jail that lost a fellow inmate to suicide, uplifting the spirits of those who had been despondent. And he has worked to jump-start the New Beginnings Program, which redirects those in jail to lead more fulfilling lives and avoid further incarceration.

It should be noted that our Synod, which has long supported MAJM, no longer has an active presence in the ministry at this time, following the departure of Rev. Christa Fisher. But the ministry continues to conduct Protestant services and serve as an invaluable resource for people at one of the darkest periods in their lives. People who in the majority of cases will quickly return to society as our neighbors, and who need our support to gain better direction in their lives.

We'll accept monetary donations for MAJM throughout October via the Benevolence Program. The ministry is also in need of men's reading glasses, should you wish to contribute that way.

On behalf of the Social Action Ministry Team,

Adam Mertz

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ELC JUNIOR CHOIR BEGINS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd!

Come join the fun at church! Your child is invited to be part of our Children's Choir!! Children's Choir is open to ALL children in kindergarten through 6th grade – and they are welcome to bring a friend! The more the merrier!! Rehearsals will be from **6:30-7:15** in the Choir room next to the main sanctuary on the following Wednesdays: **October 3, 10, 17 & 24, November 7, 14, & 28 and December 5 & 12.** The Junior Choir will sing in church in November.

We will also sing at our Children's Christmas Program in December. Please call or email Barb Underwood, director, with any questions! 437-1956 / Email: underwod@mhtc.net.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

PLEASE WELCOME INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY Violet May Steel. Violet was baptized on September 9. She is the daughter of Jaclyn Schneider and Luke Steel and grand-daughter of Jay and Deb Schneider.



PLEASE PRAY FOR Ashley Letheby (Lois Alm's granddaughter), Virginia & Bruce Mullendore (Andy's parents), Laurie Duden (Brenda's aunt), Michael Curtis (Ellen Cook's great-grandson), Barbara Bendlin (Connie Curran's aunt), Harlan Oimoen, Leola Skaife (Nancy McKinney's mother), Mary Jane Niles (Rubelle Zwald's daughter), Bill Steinhauer, Al Wilkening (Jan Ekenberg's brother-in-law), Irene Bruflat, Grace Aavang, Kerstin Edwards, Paul



Bower (Diane Twiton and Jean Bower's brother), Gary Fritz, Teresa Nichols-Trace, Mary Kohl, Todd Martin, Dewey Wagner, Peter Toniazzo.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS our partner congregation IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño, P.R



OUR SYMPATHIES & PRAYERS are with

- **the family & friends of Dale Boness** who passed away August 23.
- **Ross Nesheim & family.** Anita passed away on August 24.



MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

- † **Allan Baldwin** for the **Mortgage Fund** Ann & Dave Baumgartner
- † **Marilyn Oimoen** for **the General Fund** from John & Helen Kahl
- † Lally Greve for the **General Fund** from Phillip & Ann Dettwiler
- † **Arnold Schoville** for the **General Fund** from Timothy & Denise Kalscheur, Sharon Collins and Dennis Schoville & Family
- † **Dale Boness** for the **General Fund** from Betsy Baguhn, Ellen Cook and Mary Stamm; and for the **Music Fund** from Gary & Cynthia Hamburg
- † **Anita Nesheim** for the **General Fund** from Diane Bartz, John & Helen Kahl, Paul & Dawn Kellesvig and Richard & Carol Engstad; and for the **Scholarship Fund** from Rose Klir
- † **Betty Coffin** for the **Mortgage Fund** from Max & Betty Rosenbaum

† **Lyle Huseth** for the **Kitchen Fund** from Ron & Sandy Cushman; and for the **Mortgage Fund** from LeRoy Collins, Gordy & Margie Kahl, Diane Bartz, Mary Curtis, Vern & Betty Drape, Jim & Cheryl Hanson, Max & Betty Rosenbaum, David & Lynette Hertel, Dave & Ann Baumgartner, Paul & Dawn Kellesvig and Sharon Collins

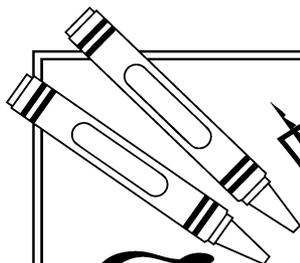


October BIRTHDAYS

1 Cannon	Melanie	13 Gordon	Don	24 Bendickson	Elwin
	Chase Collins		Irv Steinhauer		Diane Dreger
	Melissa Knudson	14 Holzkopf	Cindy		Zoe Stack
	Linda Ladwig		Benjamin Rothamer	25 Hustad	Katie
	Brian Lichte		Jim Schmidt		Chris Sarko
2	Talvick Hook		Casey Sinner	26 Aeschlimann	Leah
	Kendall Kittleson		William Smith		Logan Aeschlimann
	Mikayla Sherven	16 McNally	Mason		Sandy Bartelt
	4 Kaylyn Hellenbrand		Judy Steinhauer		Sara Larson
	Melaina Tetzlaff	17 Kaletka	Jon		John Twiton
	5 Randy Thompson	18 Hanson	Kristen	27 Grundahl	Sam
6 Berg	Elisabeth		Quinn McCue		Brandon Lutz
	Kris Eggers		Bev Schwierske		Noah Strube
	Steven Festge	19 Freitag	Kyle	28 Eggers	Kennedy
	Jenna Kahl	20 Densmore	Cyndy		Richard Festge
	Barb Underwood		Carla Jo Farrell		Dennis Kahl
7 Johnson	Dan		Linda Magnuson	29 Field	Elizabeth
	Ken Sinner		Helen Witte		John Martin

8 Fisher	Megan	21 Allen	Alice	Alice Uptegraw
	Owen Schmidt		Sarah Sieg	Paul Wittman
	Katie Witte		Vicki Spellman	30 Zupan Jenni
9 Eggers	Evelyn		Holly U'Ren	31 Flom David
	Jay Schneider	22 Anderson	Tyler	Shane Kahl
10 Ollendick	Jenelle	23 Anderson	Patti	Emily Siltala
	Alexis Thorsen		LuAnn Call	
11 Farrell	Connie		Pat Dann	
	Kristen Seibel		Pat Flom	
12	Mathew Aeschlimann		Jacob Guenther	
	Jim Hanson		Ellen Van Galen	
	Justin Lund		Ellie Woolard	
	Beth Siltala			

If we've missed you or a member of your family, or if we've listed your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.



PUZZLE

From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

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to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
a friend					

Answer: FRIEND; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV



CIRCLES & BIBLE STUDIES

GENESIS BIBLE STUDY led by Vicar Jason, Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall continuing now through Nov 18..

FAITH CIRCLE will meet at **10:00 am on Tuesday, October 9**, in Fellowship Hall. We will assemble LWR School Kits and look into the new Bible study found in Gather Magazine.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on October 16th at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Betty and Rita S-D will co host. Bible Study is Lesson 11 "The Walls" from Max Lucado book.

SARAH CIRCLE will be on Tuesday, October 23rd, a week later than usual. We will meet in the Faith Room at 7 p.m. We will discuss the Gather magazine Bible study. Diane Twiton will bring a treat.

MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY will meet the first & third Fridays, **October 5th & 19th, at 6:30am**. Come join us for coffee and conversation about the week's Bible readings. Everyone welcome!!

WOMEN OF ELC COORDINATING COMMITTEE meets **October 2 at 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in helping to plan the next year is welcome to attend.

SEWING CIRCLE meets **every Thursday at 9:00am**. All are welcome to join us.

THANK YOU to Social Committee #9 for serving funerals in September. Deb Dangerfield & Julie Vasen are co-chairs,

SERVING FUNERALS IN OCTOBER: Social Committee #10, co-chairs: Diane Pladziewicz & Wendy Rasmussen