STEEPLE ECHOES

May 2019

A Monthly Newsletter of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Horeb





A family of faith, reaching out to share God's love with all people



WELCOME to ELC MT HOREB

WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT ELC

Holy Communion Celebrated 1st & 3rd Sundays at all services.

SATURDAY: 5:00pm-(in Chapel) Modified Traditional Worship

SUNDAY: 8:30am Traditional Worship using liturgies from

Lutheran Book of Worship & With One Voice

10:30am Contemporary Worship led by ELC Music Team

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9:00am - noon / 1:00 - 4:00

FRIDAY: 9:00 - noon

ELC'S STAFF

Pastor John Twiton

Pastoral Intern Jason Xiong

Accompanists: Carol Engstad, Ruth Heinecke, Barb Underwood

Agape Preschool Director: Amy Kellesvig

Bell Choir Director: Kristin Willcutt

Custodian: Brian Johnson

Junior Choir Director: Barb Underwood

Music team leader: Pat Doty

Office Assistant: Carol Engstad

Office Manager: Kathy O'Donnell

Organist/Senior Choir Director: Diane Dangerfield

Youth Director: Brenda Martin

A Note from PASTOR JOHN

What happens next?

⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47

After the drama and wonder of the passion and resurrection the disciples didn't just walk away and get busy with other things. They continued to meet together and be about the work and worship of God. As we enter this season after Easter, we are challenged to continue in those same practices.

We enter a new season, and with it will come some special events and new opportunities:

- Worship through Music our Senior Choir's special Sunday and Senior Recognition both on May 12th.
- Volunteer Recognition on May 19th

We look ahead toward summer, where we'll experiment with a different style of worship at our contemporary service – watch for more details to come.

We also enter into the final quarter of Jason's internship here at ELC, which will conclude July 31st. He then returns to Wartburg Seminary to complete the final year of his seminary education. We've been blessed to be part of his training for these past months, and I hope you'll make sure to express your appreciation to him in this final quarter as we must prepare to send him forth into his further ministry.

Unfortunately, we were not assigned a new intern for the next academic year, and we will have to discuss whether we wish to apply to this program again in the future.

God's Peace,

Past Jh Time

FROM THE INTERN'S DESK - Vicar Jason Xiong

How have you encountered the risen Christ?

"⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come; see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead...." *Matthew* 28:5-7a

On Easter Sunday, we read of the women's account of the first Easter morning in Matthew 28:1-10. After Jesus greets the women, they "came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him." And then they went and announced to the disciples that they had seen the risen Lord.

In their seeing and telling, the women give us the rhythm of praise we say in worship during the Easter season, "Christ is risen... He is risen indeed!" And this reminds us that we too, encounter the risen Christ in the newness of life that God brings out of death. New life... in our relationships, in our grief, in our darkness and bewilderment.

So often, our extraordinary God shows up in my ordinary life in the most unexpected ways. I've encountered the risen Christ when I've looked into the eyes of a neighbor and truly noticed our journey in life was more similar than different; in the shaking voice of a hurting friend who confided in me – sharing their deep pain; in the joy of youth asking if they can help serve communion on Ash Wednesday because of their desire to be a part of worship. And, I've daily encountered the risen Christ in the expressions of support, kindness, grief, and joy of this congregation during the last nine months of my internship here at ELC.

How has the risen Christ been revealed to you? What unexpected ways has, and will, Christ show up, speaking your name in love?

YOUTH NEWS

SPECIAL DATES FOR MAY:

- ⇒Senior Blanket Ceremony May 12th at 10:30am
- ⇒End of the Year Confirmation Picnic May 15th 6:30pm
- ⇒Last Day of Sunday School May 19th at 9:30am
- ⇒Pre-Confirmation Classes for 6th graders Will be held on Wednesdays, May 1st, 8th, and 15th, 3:45 4:45pm.

2019 SUMMER FUN AT ELC TIME TO REGISTER! Summer registration forms are available by the chapel or on our website \$25 per child, \$20 for additional sibling, per ELC program.

ELC Day Camp/Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 10 - 13

⇒VBS-(9-11:30am) for 3 - 5 years old

⇒ Day Camp (9am - 3pm) Children entering 1st - 5th in fall

Confirmation Camp at Sugar Creek July 21 - 26 (7th & 8th) Register online at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Explorer Day at Sugar Creek July 30th, 9am - 3pm (Children entering 1st - 5th grade in fall 2019); \$20 per camper

Mini ELC Service/Mission Week Aug 13-15th (Middle-High School)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ELC SUMMER PROGRAMMING: We need adult teachers & youth helpers for VBS, helpers for our Sugar Creek Day Camp, drivers/guides for Service week, snack and lunch donations, and housing for

Sugar Creek Staff. Contact Brenda, if you can help.

SUMMER CAMP AT SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP Youth

entering 2nd - High School have the opportunity to enjoy God's beauty, while experiencing games, Bible Studies, crafts, pool, horseback riding and much more. Invite a friend to go. Register online at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

FUSE Nights Mondays - May 6, 13, & 20, 7-8:30pm, 9th - 12th graders & friends, are invited to hang out, enjoy snacks, games, and group Bible activities. May 20th, will be the last day for the school year. Look for FUSE nights coming this summer!

YOUTHWORKS FUNDRAISERS:

Indy 700 TRACK - We still have time to support our youth and adults who are participating in the YouthWorks Mission Trip this summer by sponsoring some miles. Each mile is \$2.00. Checks are written to **ELC Youth**. Place any donation with your name in our Track Envelope or in Brenda Martin's mailbox. (Stayed tuned for a Sponsorship Reception after our trip in June.) Thanks for your continued support.

Brats in the Lot (At Miller's) - Saturday, May 4th; 10 AM - 2pm. Bake sale goodies as well. Come and enjoy the first brat/hot dog of the season!

Blessings,

Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org



THANK YOU to all those who grew plants during the Lenten season for our Easter "Riverbed" Garden on Easter Sunday. We appreciate all of the green thumbs who worked hard to make the sanctuary colorful that morning. **The plants that were left following worship have been given to the residents of Ingleside and Girlies Manor.** They were delivered by our high school youth.

AGAPE GREETINGS!

On April 28th, our entire preschool performed our annual spring program at 1:30 pm in the sanctuary. Ms. Wendy did an amazing teaching our students a fun variety of song selections and Ms. Becky provided another awesome slide presentation showcasing all the fun we have had over the past year! What a fun way to wrap up the school year!

A BIG THANKS to our teaching staff and Agape Board if Directors. This group goes above and beyond each day for the children, the families and the preschool. I appreciate each and every one of you!

Mark your calendars for the MH Summer Frolic parade on Sunday, June 9, 2019. If you would like to walk with the preschool and ELC church family, we would love to have you join us. Feel free to contact me at the Agape office or Cathy or Carol in the church office if you are interested!

Calendar Notes:

Friday, May 17 Last day Toddler Time

Wednesday, May 22 Last day 3K Sunbeam and Red classes Thursday, May 23 Last day 3K Rainbow, Yellow & Orange

classes

Friday, May 24 Last day 3K Gold class & All 4K

Sessions

May 28-30 Summer Camp – Week #1 SAFAR
June 4-6 Summer Camp – Week #2 WACKY

WATER

Sunday, June 9 Frolic Parade

Blessings,

Amy Kellesvig

COUNCIL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT - March 2019

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY (\$)						
	Mar '19 Mar 2018 YTD 2019 YTD 2018 YTD Budget					
Income	36,287	27,388	78,390	70,383	81,461	
Expense	32,007	30,952	89,202	93,474	86,830	
Net	4,280	(3,564)	(10,812)	(23,091)	(5,369))	

GENERAL FUND March income (5 weekends) was 32% more than last March (4 weekends). March expenses were 3% more than last March due to staff raises and timing of other expenses. Year-to-date income (13 weekends) is 11% more than prior year (12 weekends) and 4 % less than budget. YTD expenses (excluding intern compensation, covered by a transfer from the Designated Fund) are 5% less than prior year, primarily due to support staff hours and the net effect of several non-salary variances; YTD expenses are 3% more that budget, primarily due to snow removal and building maintenance.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CAPITAL) FUND ACTIVITY (\$)						
	Mar '19 Mar 2018 YTD 2019 YTD 2018 YTD Budget					
Income	761	3,156	1,658	5,285	3,000	
Expense	0	0	1,611	0	2,000	
Net	761	3,156	47	5,285	0	

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND March income was less than last March. There were no expenses either March. YTD income is less than prior year and budget. YTD expenses (boiler repair) are more than last year, but less than budget.

MORTGAGE REPAYMENT FUND ACTIVITY (\$); (LOAN BALANCE IS \$209,440)					
	Mar '19	Mar 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Budget
Income	3,346	20,913	10,142	41,221	10,890
Expense	3,630	3,630	10,890	10,890	10,890
Net	(284)	17,823	(747)	30,331	0

MORTGAGE REPAYMENT FUND income for the month was less than last March. Expenses were equal to last March. YTD income is less than prior year and is slightly less than budget. YTD expenses are equal to prior year and budget. Final payment is scheduled for October 2024.

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

BENEVOLENCE

This month, the Benevolence spotlight goes to two local charities that are new on the line-up. FairShare CSA Coalition and Healthy Food for All. The common theme with both of these groups is more than just the obvious: healthy food. Both groups challenge us to think about the food we eat and how to ensure it's available for as many people as possible with the lowest impact on the environment.

Most of us are familiar with the phrase "don't waste food; people are starving". Have you ever thought about what happens when food is discarded on a larger scale than in just your own home? Did you know that (according to the EPA) there is more food discarded into landfills than any other single material? **Healthy Food for All** is a program that is working to tackle issues related to food distribution and food waste. Volunteers collect excess food from local farms and prepared food from corporate cafeterias. The food is then cleaned and repackaged in the FEED kitchen in Madison and then distributed to food pantries.

Living in Wisconsin near so many farms is wonderful! Who doesn't enjoy stopping by the farmers' market? Many people here at ELC belong to CSA farms to purchase fresh, local produce. But what if you live on a limited budget? FairShare CSA runs a program called Partner Shares. Partner Shares provides financial assistance to limited income folks so that they can purchase local, fresh vegetables. FairShare also supports farmers: they run workshops and conferences and events to help farmers learn from each other.

During the month of May, we'll collect donations for **Healthy Food for All** and **FairShare CSA**. Please consider making a gift during Offering and designate your funds for Benevolence or donating via our Give Plus+ app.

On behalf of the Social Action Ministry Team

Amy Sinner

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



TO ALL STEEPLE ECHOES ASSEMBLERS: Because the church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day, we will assemble the newsletter on Wednesday, May 29.

Thank you for your flexibility

BABY CARE KITS...once again this year Rebecca Circle is collecting items for Baby Care Kits for LWR. With garage sales coming up, perhaps you can have some fun shopping for and then donating some of the following (especially needed are marked with stars):

- lightweight cotton shirts
- long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers
- *baby blankets, cotton or flannel, crocheted or knitted, up to 52"square
- cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- socks
- *hand towels, darker colored
- bath-size bars of gentle soap (4-5 oz) in its original wrapping
- diaper pins or large, metal safety pins
- *adult sized t-shirts

These items can be new or gently used, clean items.

We have a generous volunteer who will make diapers from clean t-shirts...it doesn't matter if they have printing on them. There will be a basket in Fellowship Hall near the coffee station.

Baby cap makers: Our Tuesday morning knitting and crocheting group will not meet in May, but will resume in September. In the meantime, keep making caps over the summer! Completed caps can be dropped off in the Faith Room and we will continue delivering them to the area hospitals. If you have any questions, need yarn or a pattern, contact Ruth Heinecke at



On behalf of the entire congregation we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who were involved in the Palm Sunday Narrative Drama worship service: The Cry of the Whole Congregation on April 14. Your hard work both ahead of time, and on the day of, truly created a memorable and moving worship.

Thank you to all of the readers, musicians, and our talented dancer for sharing your gifts with the congregation:

- Carl Sieg
- Jim Cook
- Noah Strube
- Carol Engstad
- Helen Kahl
- Amy Kellesvig
- Sarah Strube
- Barb Underwood
- Ruth & Paul Heinecke
- Diane Dangerfield
- Pat Doty
- Roxy & Alan Fauque

Pastor John & Vicar Jason

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE RED CROSS Your commitment to host a blood drive with the American Red Cross truly made a difference! Your efforts have helped to boost the community blood supply and ensure that hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need. You gave someone the gift of more time! Here

are the results of the drive: Units collected: 56; Presenting donors:55; Whole Blood: 42; Power Reds: 14; First time donors: 1



Everyone of all ages is invited to join us as we gather once a month for an evening of food, fellowship, and a community activity.



Wednesday, May 1, 2019 6pm-8pm

Join us on the 1st Wednesday of May as we welcome spring with an evening focused on healing and renewal.

<u>Dinner</u> will be available beginning at 6pm consisting of a delicious "Farm-to-table" menu.

We will then share in a <u>worship service</u> and participate in a community service project along with other learning and fellowship opportunities.

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR FINAL WEDNESDAYS WITH LUTHER:

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 6pm-8pm

Outdoor Worship, Games, BBQ Dinner & Ice Cream Social

GENERAL INFORMATION

CHURCH OUTER DOOR KEYS The church is in the process of being re-keyed. If you need a new key please stop by the church office and sign the key agreement so you can be issued a key.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

PLEASE JOIN US in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, **May 19**, after both services for cake, coffee and fellowship to celebrate the many, many volunteers who help keep this church running.

Agape	Altar Guild	Bazaar		
Benevolence	Circles	Confirmation		
Church Ministries	Council	Music		
Office Help	Property Upkeep	Sewing		
Social Committees	Sunday School	Technology		
Synod/Camp Delegates Worship Assistants Youth				

graduating (high school, college, tech school, etc.), please let the church office know the details. We want to recognize your accomplishments in *Steeple Echoes*. Please contact the church office at **elc@mhtc.net** or 437-

Thank you to all who worked or provided food for our Lenten luncheon this year. Your help is greatly appreciated! Inreach/Outreach Ministry

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 5TH GRADERS WHO MADE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION ON MAUNDY THURSDAY:

Hayden Anderson	Ella Kahl	Kamron Nesheim
Brecken Dudley	Leah Kellesvig	Sophia Sadler
Kyle Frischmann	Barret Kreul	Aiden Scudder
Max Grundahl	Molly McCue	Joe Scudder
Kaylen Hastings	Shayla Morin	Brittany Walton
Noah High	Alex Mortvedt	Maren Zupan Walsh
Mason Hurda		

CONGRATULATIONS to

- Emerson Jane Dale Klessig on her baptism on April 14. Emerson is the daughter of Lacey & Zachary Klessig and granddaughter of LeRoy Collins
- **Kevin. Jessica. Hailey & Kristen Hanson** on the birth of son/brother. Weston Patrick. on April 7! Grandparents are Jim & Chervl Hanson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Delores Olson (Vicky Rosenbaum's mother),



Max Oleson, Dolores Church (Becky Strube's grandmother), Marge Sultze (Rose Klir's college classmate), Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton & wests Jean Bower), Lois Alm, Lucia Lozano (Evonne & Vern Martin's granddaughter), Linda Luenser,

Vierima, Patsy Funk (Nancy McKinney's sister), Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Ashley Letheby (Lois Alm's granddaughter), Laurie Duden (Brenda's aunt), Michael Curtis (Ellen Cook's greatgrandson), Barbara Bendlin (Connie Curran's aunt), Harlan Oimoen, Mary Jane Niles (Rubelle Zwald's daughter), Bill Steinhauer, Al Wilkening (Jan Ekenberg's brother-in-law), Grace Aavang, Gary Fritz, 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 families & friends of

- Vergeane Martin who died on March 22
- Daryl Christianson who passed away on March 22.
- Larry Dangerfield who passed away on April 3.
- Sybilla Opsal who died on April 3



MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

- Larry Dangerfield for the Music Fund from Dave & Ann Baumgartner, Carol & Pat Dann, John & Helen Kahl and Mary Jo Brinkman
- Sybilla Opsal for the Mortgage Fund from Dave & Ann Baumgartner; and for the Benevolence Fund from Helen & John Kahl, Rose Klir, Steve & Joan Stensby, Jeff & Robin Paske, and Diane Bartz
- Ruth Dettwiler Olson for the Mortgage Fund from Paul & Dawn Kellesvig and the Mt. Horeb Class of 1963



1 Joshua	10 Sandy	23 Sarah
Kahl	Fischer	Baum
Cody Sveum	Suzi Grundahl	Jessica Lorenz
Savanna Thorsen	Jennifer Mullendore	Kelley O'Connell
2 Tyler	11 Logan	24 Sandra
Crubaugh	Hinsenkamp	Cushman
Taylor Kitsemble	John Nielsen	Nolan Krentz
John Topper	12 John Coffin	Carol Nielsen
Blake Vasen	Laurie Vogt	25 Kerstin Edwards
3 Darrick Kreul	13 Grace Brager	Claire Hamburg
Amy Sinner	Jeremy Olson	Mike Heiting
4 Dorothy Bergum	Lily Rollins	Janice Olday
Sandy Hook	Sedona Vondra	Charles Willcutt
5	14 Sarah	26 Nathan
Caylen Kahl	Schloesser	Albrecht
Domonic Krueger	15 Maggie Calhoun	Jackson Rameker
6 Joel Kahl	George Klaetsch	27 Glenn Hook
David Vogt	Eric Schloesser	Grant Schult
Del Warner	16 Marilyn Festge	Mark Sherven
Leah Zelle	Evelyn Oimoen	Parker Woolard
Maren Zupan-Walsh	Kim Steinhauer	28 Athena Eggers
7 Martha Faust	Warren Wilson	Daniel Lins
Norm Hefty	17 Laura Smith	Amanda Lutz

Karen Schulz	18	Wes	29	Ken
Karen Schulz	Parks		Landen	
8 Viviana		Vally Stainl	30	Cathie
Helwig		Kelly Steinl		l
Dosalas Lacanagas	19	Morgan		Gary Festge
Roselee Losenegger	Kitsemble			
Melissa Rameker	20	Kris	Bre	enda Monroe
Melissa Rameker	Muelhenka	mp		
Robbe Schulenberg	e Schulenberg Kaleb Stapelmann		31 Gibney	Dan
Steve Steinl	21 Kellesvig	Sam		
9 Jason	Pete Strube			
Fendrick				
Emily Wallace	22	Grace		
	Hamburg			
Ava Zupan-Walsh		Anita Nagle		

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



The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets	while it is still ;
she provides	for her
Her	rise and
	her blessed.
PROVER	BS 31:15, 28 (NIV)



CIRCLES & BIBLE STUDIES

FAITH CIRCLE will meet at **10:00am Tuesday**, **May 14**, at the home of Carol Dann. This will be the last meeting until September. Once again, we will be coordinating collection and assembly of School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Watch for reminders during the Back-to-School sales in July and August.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet for lunch at Avanti on **May 21**. Meet at church to carpool at 11:30. Call Janet Nesheim for reservation by May 15th.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet a week later than usual on **Tuesday, May 21st at 7 pm.** We will meet in the Faith Room. We'll do the *Gather* magazine May study.

SEWING CIRCLE meets **Thursdays at 9:00am** to sew and tie quilts. All are welcome. As of this newsletter, 110 new quilts have been completed.

MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY will meet the first & third Fridays, **May 3 & 17, at 6:30am**. Come join us for coffee and conversation about the week's Bible readings. Everyone is welcome!!

WOMEN OF ELC COORDINATING COMMITTEE meets at 9:30am on Tuesday, May 7 in Fellowship Hall. A delegate is needed for the Synodical Convention to be held on September 21. If you would like to be more active in the organization, this might be the perfect opportunity. Contact any member of the Committee if you are interested. All women are invited to attend the convention. Informative workshops and dynamic speakers make it a day well worth attending. Registration forms will be available in the church office.

THANK YOU to Social Committee #4 for being available to serve funerals in April. Sandra Cannon & Dianne Hirsch are co-chairs,

SERVING FUNERALS IN MAY: Social Committee #5, co-chairs: Helen Kahl & DeLayne Krentz

2019 SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

With summer in the not-too-distant future, we hope that all ELC



youth who would like to attend summer camp have or soon will register with the camp of their choice. ELC Benevolence funds will be used to provide a \$75 campership to each registered camper attending a full week and a \$50 campership to those going to ½ week

camps.

Complete the form below for each child or youth attending Bible camp and submit it to the church office. The scholarships will be sent directly to the camp earmarked for each individual child.

Name:		
will be atte	ending summer B	lible camp this year from
(date)	to(date)	_at the following camp:
(Please checl	k only one.)	
	Okoboji	Bethel Horizons
	Lutherdale	Sugar Creek
	Other	
Parent's Nan	ne	

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM PER CHILD.

