June 2019

A Monthly Newsletter of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Horeb

STEEPLE ECHOES





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

A Note from PASTOR JOHN

Each day a new beginning

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." Acts 2:1-4

We are fast approaching the 3rd great festival of the Christian year, Pentecost, and the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is perhaps a very good time to think about what happened that first Pentecost. A small band of disciples, unsure of what the future held, not sure that they had the tools to address the world around them. But God's very Spirit filled them, not just once, but day after day and granted them the gifts to share in the ministry of the kingdom of God. From that first day, the world would never be the same. That same Spirit is among us whenever we gather, and will continue to grant the gifts we need to address the world around us.

We are at a time of year marking graduations, the end of the school year, and the different pace of summer. But we are also at a time of unprecedented challenge and opportunity for our congregation. I'm thankful for our council and all those others who shared their ideas and hopes for strengthening our outreach and engagement with the large community. But that Spirit which was present at Pentecost is still giving us new language, faith, hope, and compassion to be God's people in our age.

Those first disciples set out with not nearly the physical resources, history, or public recognition that we have inherited, but by taking their faith with them out into the world, the Spirit gave them the opportunity to meet the challenge of their day. Now it is our season to claim that heritage, face the challenges, and live our faith.

God's Spirit be with you!

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FROLIC PARADE We can always use more people to walk along with the ELC float in the Frolic Parade. It's a great way to represent our congregation, and to greet folks all along the way. We'll be lining up right after 10:00 a.m. worship. Please join us!



FROM THE INTERN'S DESK - Vicar Jason Xiong

Faith & the Mustard Seed

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

-Matthew 13:31-32 (NIV)

The "Parable of the Mustard Seed" above is one of my favorite parables because in just these short two sentences there is so much hope. As the seasons finally begin to change it also seems fitting as I have been seeing the leaves and flowers begin to show their colors again. The mustard seed, in fact all seeds, are extremely small and yet yield remarkable and often HUGE results in compared to the small beginnings. This is in the forefront of my mind as ELC begins to have conversations about outreach, the future, and the exciting ways this congregation may have a lasting impact on the community both inside and outside the church walls. As those conversations began at the most recent Church Council meeting and will continue; I offer this parable as a reminder that no matter what - no matter how small or no matter the times when we may feel like our faith "isn't big enough" that God is there with us through it all. The times when we have the BIG ideas, and even the really small ones; when we have BIG faith and the times, especially, when our faith can barely be seen. A little faith goes a long way: a mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential.

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YOUTH NEWS

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.

2019 SUMMER FUN AT ELC - STILL 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.

⇒Vacation Bible School June 10 - 13, 9:00am - 11:30am (3 years old - Kindergarten) Join us for Bible time, games, crafts, snacks and outside time at ELC. A fun time of learning about "Who is My Neighbor?"

⇒Day Camp at ELC (with Sugar Creek Counselors) June 10 - 13, 9:00am - 3:00pm (Entering 1st - 5th Grade in fall) Youth will engage in devotions, crafts, games, and worship, that invites them to re-imagine what it means to be neighbors in Christ, using the Good Samaritan story.

SPECIAL NIGHTS for all ages with our Sugar Creek Counselors

⇒Sundaes on Sunday - June 9th at 6:30pm - Youth (3 years - 5th grade) are invited to enjoy sundaes, play games, and sing songs, led by our Sugar Creek Counselors.

⇒FUSE Night w/Sugar Creek Counselors - Monday, June 10th, 7:00pm - 8:30pm High school youth (9th - 12th) are invited to an evening hanging out with our Sugar Creek Staff.

⇒Middle School w/Sugar Creek Counselors -Tuesday, June 11th, 7:00pm - 8:30pm Middle school youth (6th - 8th) are invited to an evening of games and snacks with the counselors.

BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING June 23rd at 8:30am service, to bless & prepare our individuals attending the trip to Indianapolis.

A BIG THANK YOU - for supporting our fundraising events this past year. Our trip to Indianapolis will be June 23 - 28th, where

we will serve through YouthWorks. We look forward to sharing with everyone are experiences. Please pray for us!

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**

ALSO REGISTER FOR JULY EVENTS:

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

⇒Explorer Day at Sugar Creek - July 30th, 9am - 3pm

(Entering 1st - 5th grade in fall) Come for an exciting one-day adventure at Sugar Creek. Explore what camp has to offer - games, nature, crafts, swimming, pony rides, Bible Study, singing and more! \$20 per camper, and adults are free! (We would leave at 6:45 am from church)

⇒Mini ELC Service/Mission Week - Aug 13 - 15th Middle-High School) Opportunities for youth to give of their time and abilities to share with others in need in our local area.

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.

Frolic Brat Stand: June 9th, 10am - 1:30pm Come & enjoy a brat/hot dog, while watching the parade at ELC. Funds will support our mission trip to Indianapolis in June.

Blessings,

Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director <u>brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org</u>

AGAPE GREETINGS!

Summer greetings!

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, we will be finished with another year of preschool classes and starting our two weeks of summer camp enrichment program. We had a wonderful school year with so many fun-filled busy days!

Our fifth year of MHASD 4K classes ended on the last day of school with a graduation ceremony. The students made so much progress during the school year and I know they will all do great in kindergarten this fall!

Please consider joining the preschool and our ELC family in the Mount Horeb summer folic parade on Sunday June 9th. This year celebrates the 51st anniversary of the frolic and we are excited to be a part of the parade again. Feel free to contact me, Cathy, Carol or Pastor John for details.

A great big thanks you to everyone who contributes to this ministry; whether it's volunteering as a Board member, teaching, bookkeeping, monetary donations or simply telling people all about Agape Christian Preschool – you all make the difference and we could not do it without your help!!

Blessings, Amy Kellesvig Agape Director



COUNCIL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT - April 2019

CASH BALANCES FOR ELC MT HOREB FUNDS (\$)						
General Bldg Maint Mortgage Designated						
4/30/19	23,172	73,955	39,770	53,622		
4/30/18	23,395	81,701	53,685	55,459		

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY (\$)							
	Apr '19 Apr 2018 YTD 2019 YTD 2018 YTD Budget						
Income	44,989	31,591	123,379	101,974	110,106		
Expense	30,042	31.269	119,243	124,743	115,563		
Net	14,947	322	4,136	(22,769)	(5,457))		

GENERAL FUND YTD General Fund income (17 weekends) is 21% more than prior year (17 weekends) and 12% more than budget. YTD expenses (excluding intern compensation, covered by a transfer from the Designated Fund) are 4% less than prior year, primarily due to support staff hours and the net effect of several non-salary variances, most notably reduced maintenance expenses; YTD expenses are 3% more than budget, primarily due to snow removal, building maintenance, insurance (timing), and technology, partially offset by savings in outreach & support staff.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CAPITAL) FUND ACTIVITY (\$)								
	Apr'19 Apr 2018 YTD 2019 YTD 2018 YTD Budget							
Income	747	1,018	2,405	6,306	4,000			
Expense	0	0	1,611	0	4,000			
Net	747	1,018	794	6,306	0			

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND YTD Building Maintenance Fund 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 \$203,914)						
	Apr'19	Apr 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Budget	
Income	3,554	5,338	13,697	46,560	14,520	
Expense	3,630	3,630	14,520	14,520	14,520	
Net	(76)	1,708	(823)	32,040	0	

MORTGAGE REPAYMENT FUND YTD income is less than prior year (which included a \$15,000 estate gift) 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

Uniting to Assist Our Neighbors After Disaster

Last summer's floods in the region reminded us the impact an organized network of volunteer helpers can make.

Lutherans United Assisting After Disaster (LUAD) leaped into action after requests from St. Martin's Lutheran in Cross Plains and New Heights Lutheran in Black Earth after flooding events in mid-August. Another call came from St. John's Lutheran Church in Reedsburg to assist people in the Baraboo River valley.

Within LUAD, there is a saying: "We're family helping family." Volunteers work with local agencies to fill gaps where residents can't get assistance with needed services during stressful times. LUAD president Todd Long reports that volunteers regularly help people navigate the rocky claims process, and in one instance loaded a borrowed generator and a pump into a truck to bail out areas most affected by the river's crest.

If you're interested in volunteering to help LUAD's efforts throughout the South Central Synod, reach out to Todd at todd.long@luad.org and provide your name, availability, phone number, and any special skills you have.

In June, we'll collect donations through the Benevolence Program to provide LUAD the resources its volunteers need to help others in our region. Thanks for supporting LUAD and other charitable efforts throughout the year. Our dollars are making a difference in our community and beyond.

On behalf of Benevolence,

Adam Mertz <u>adammertz2@gmail.com</u>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY SUPPER ELC will be assisting with the June Mount Horeb community supper.

Mount Horeb Community Center

June 18: 4:45 - 7:00

107 North Grove Street Mount Horeb

We need several volunteers. See signup on the bulletin board by the church library..

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 hood, or include 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.

MOUNT HOREB AREA BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Friday, June 28, from 1:00-6:00pm at ELC. For an appointment, please contact (800) 448-3543 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. As always, walk-ins are welcome. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card, or driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-

in. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old, or 16 years old with a signed Red Cross parental/guardian consent form where state permits, must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGES Beginning the first weekend in June we'll be trying some new things in our 10:00am worship.

- We will meet in fellowship hall each week, June 2 through Labor Day weekend.
- We'll still have music with the Praise Team.
- All those who worship will be invited to sit around tables, (you can even bring your coffee cup).
- We'll share in prayer, scripture, and a message, but we'll
 also set aside time to discuss some questions with those
 who join you for worship. (You don't have to talk if you
 don't want to).
- Our hope is that we explore the Bible story together and get better acquainted with each other.
- We'll also have air conditioning available when the weather gets hot.

Saturday evening worship will also move to Fellowship Hall for the summer months.

WOMEN OF ELC: WHERE DO I FIT IN? As we joined the congregation, we each promised our time, talents, and treasure to the work of this "Family of Faith". There are many opportunities to participate through music, education, and service. Especially for women are the Bible study and Sewing Circles and the Social Committees.

"Circle" is the name given to the groups we choose to join for fellowship, growth, and mission work. These groups focus on special projects for Lutheran World Relief, Bible study, and personal relationships.

"Social Committee" is the name given to each working group. Women are assigned to these groups when they join the congregation. These groups take turns serving our Family of Faith much like many of us take turns serving at home. Each committee is on call one month of the year to work at any funeral lunches that occur. All family members are encouraged to pitch in and help when possible. Sometimes, a Social Committee is called for special

service, such as a potluck, brunch, or anniversary. At these times, members may be asked to work a shift, bring food, or contribute financially to help with the costs of the event. A chairperson will contact committee members when their service in needed, usually once every 2 years.



FAITH CIRCLE, **REBECCA CIRCLE** and **W/ELC** will meet again in September.

SARAH CIRCLE is going to Liliana's (2951 Triverton Pike Drive, Fitchburg) for supper at **5:30pm on Tuesday, June 4th**. Our carpool will leave from church at 5pm.

SEWING CIRCLE meets **Thursdays** in Fellowship Hall, beginning at 9:00am. No experience necessary, just stop in and we'll teach you what to do. The Circle has completed 130 quilts for Lutheran World Relief this year. LWR Quilts and Kits will be shipped on Sept 14 this year. Donations of fabric, sheets, blankets, mattress pads, and any other large pieces of fabric are greatly appreciated.

MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY will meet **June 14**, **at 6:30am**. Come join us for coffee and conversation about the week's Bible readings. Everyone is welcome!!



THANK YOU to Social Committee #5 for serving funerals in May. Helen Kahl & DeLayne Krentz are co-chairs,

SERVING FUNERALS IN JUNE: Social Committee #5, co-chairs: Diane reger, Jennifer Mullendore & Linda Wahlgren

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

6PM-8PM

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Outdoor Family Worship

PARKING ALERT* Please be aware that if you park in the parking lot off Front Street during the week (Monday-Friday) before 5:00pm that you MUST have a Parking Pass displayed in your vehicle or you can be issued a parking ticket. Parking enforcement is now taking place by the Mt, Horeb police. Please see the church office for a parking pass should you need to visit the church during the week.



A BIG THANK YOU To Tim Anderson for doing the "Spring Clean Up" around the church. It looks great and we are so appreciative!

SUMMER FUN AND FELLOWSHIP Join the Spiritual Growth & Fellowship Committee for the following gatherings:



- "Walkie-Talkie" No it doesn't involve any technology! It's a group walk on the bike path with your ELC friends. Bring your kids, your neighbors and yourself as we stroll down h. Meet outside at the "Agape" entrance on
- the bike bath. Meet outside at the "Agape" entrance on Tues. June 4th at 6:30 pm.
- Farmers' Market Picnic: We're having a casual picnic on Thurs. June 20th starting at 5pm. Are you the plan ahead type? Maybe make an appetizer or dessert. More of a last minute person? Grab something from the Market. Either way, we'll be happy to see you! Bring your own beverage as well as a blanket or chair and join us on the front lawn.

LUREN SINGERS OF DECORAH, IA Don't miss the opportunity to

hear the oldest Norwegian-American male chorus in the world sing and entertain you! Join us at ELC on Saturday, June 8 at 3:00pm. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Zachary & Lauryn Eggers on their baptism on May 19. Zachary & Lauryn are the children of Michael & Athena Eggers & brother & sister to Evelyn..



OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

REID FARGO plans to attend UW-Platteville and major in Engineering or Animal Science.

BRYCE FARNSWORTH plans on attending Madison College to complete his generals and then transfer to a school in the UW system. At this time, his major is undecided.

BAILEY FISCHER will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall, majoring in Geological Engineering.

GRACE HAMBURG will be attending UW-Stout in the fall and majoring in Computer Science and Applied Math.

GRACIE HANSON was able to graduate high school in early January. Her plans are to continue being involved in the beauty industry. She is currently a beauty advisor at Ulta Beauty.

JAYCEE LAMPHIER plans to go to Carroll University where she'll major in Sociology to pursue becoming a Substance Abuse Counselor.

JASON LARSON'S plans are to attend Lake Land College in Matoon, IL to pursue his education to become a doctor while playing on their basketball team.

AVA MAGNUSON will be attending UW-Platteville and majoring in Computer Science.

SONJA ROSBOROUGH will be attending college this fall at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse and will be majoring in Accounting.

PAYTON SCHROEDER will be attending Winona State University in Minnesota.

GRANT SCHULT will be going into the Marine Corps. He reports to camp this July. Eventually, he is planning to work as an operator engineer.

NOAH STRUBE will be going to Luther College in the fall to continue his studies in the world of music.

SARA THOMPSON plans to attend UW-Madison in the fall to major in Neurobiology. She is beyond excited to start this next adventure in her life.

THOMAS WINKLER is attending the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in the fall majoring in Business Administration. He will also be playing on the UW-Parkside Men's golf team.

OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES:

- SHELBY FRITZ graduated with honors from Mount Mary University on May 18th with a Bachelor's Degree in Art Therapy and a Certificate in Peace Building. She has been accepted in the Art Therapy Master Degree Program at Mount Mary University for fall 2019. She received a four year scholarship for Social Justice from the Burke Foundation and volunteered more than 300 hours each vear of Undergraduate Program to promote social justice Milwaukee. She credits the community and church she was raised in that contributed to the opportunities and success she has experienced. Thank you to all who have supported her as a child and continued to pray for and hold her in your hearts as she goes out in to the world to do good in the name of Our Savior.
- NATALIE WYSS graduated from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a double major in Criminal Justice & Psychology.

ELC LUTHERAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The ELC Lutheran College Scholarship Fund was begun years ago by ELC members who sought to support our young people who are pursuing their education at an ELCA-affiliated



college or seminary. Donations to the scholarship fund are always welcome. This year we are glad to announce that 2 of our young people will be receiving scholarships for the next academic year:

- Micah Sieg will be a senior at Wartburg College next year.
- Noah Strube will be a freshman at Luther College in the fall.





PLFASE **FOR PRAY** Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother). Hubert Jenny (Marv Meister's neice). Ruth Ann Nemet. Gullickson (Mary Krantz's mother), Mary Krantz. Jeanette Richard, Dolores Church (Becky Strube's grandmother), Connie Fausett (sister of Diane

Twiton & Jean Bower), Lois Alm, Lucia Lozano (Evonne & Vern Martin's granddaughter), Linda Luenser, Pearl Vierima, Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Laurie Duden (Brenda's aunt), Michael Curtis (Ellen Cook's great-grandson), 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

 Maureen O'Donnell Cassady & family. Maureen's husband Michael died on April 20.

•	the family & friends of Max Oleson, who passed away of April 30.	on

THANK YOU for the cards sent and the kind sympathy expressed when our son-in-law, Michael died. Your support has been very much appreciated.

Sincerely, Kathy O'Donnell and family



MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

♣ Larry Dangerfield for the Music Fund from Ellen Cook and Betty & Max Rosenbaum; and for the General Fund from David &

Mary Powell

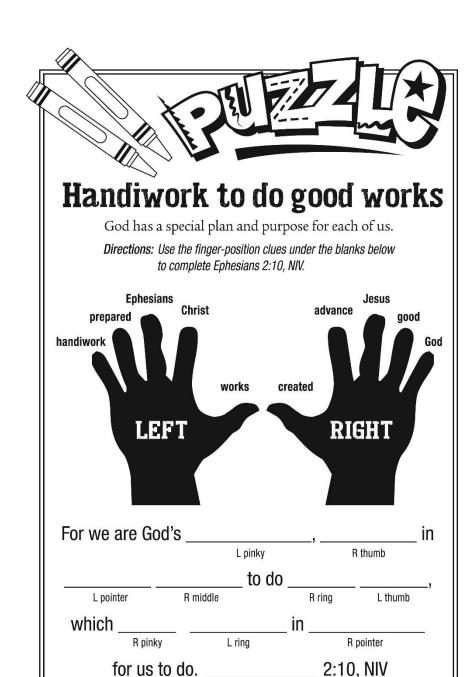
- Lally Greve for the General Fund from Arlene Opria and Brian Opria
- Ruth Dettwiler Olson for the General Fund from Sharon Collins
- Vergeane Martin for the Mortgage Fund from Ron & Sandra Cushman
- Michael Cassady for the General Fund from John & Helen Kahl; and for the Mortgage Fund from Jody Morey
- Elmer Wyss for Unspecified Memorials from Jim & Cheryl Hanson
- Joshua Green for Vacation Bible School from Tena & Justin Green



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Lauren Tetzlaff	Lisa Morin	Daniel Hustad
3 Caleb Gaulke	12 Rick Field	Sara Kittleson
Becky Mostrom	13 Terek Nesheim	Colin Larson
Leah Rasmussen	Ann Peter	Ellie Larson
Kylie Soyring	Marilyn Schmitz	Emma Van Orsdel
4 Martin Amundsen	Melanie Toniazzo	Serena Vondra
Aaron Fendrick	14 Ty Albrecht	24 Chris Hook
5 Linda Luenser	Sylvia Lokken	Louie Johanning
Natalie Mullendore	16 Christopher Kiel	Ashley Van Galen
Bobby Sutter	Bill Steinhauer	25 Elizabeth Geiger
Alex Thompson	17 Olivia Parks	26 Betty Drape
6 Dorothy Jelle	18 Morgan Krantz	Julia Magnuson
Randy Little	JayCee Lamphier	27 Liam Brager
7 Kevin Ollendick		Anne Jones
Cheryl Schlesser	Emily McKay	Delma Larson
8 Rod Boettcher	Duane Miller	Nick Meister
Scott Stensby	Nickalas Monroe	Sharon Schiefelbein
Tia Vasen	Gene Spellman	Joann Sherven
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If we've missed you or a member of your family, or if we've listed your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.



Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians