



Welcome to ELC Mt. Horeb

## A Message from PASTOR JOHN

### An 'always changing' community of faith

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"*

Isaiah 43:18-19

Through Isaiah God announced that things were about to change. This was over 2500 years ago, and the one thing we can still count on is that God continues to do new things. A few centuries later a child would be born in Bethlehem that would change the world. Another 1500 years later, Martin Luther would lead a movement that changed the church. And all along there is a human tendency to look to the 'former' things, that is, the way it used to be.

How about us? Do we have our eyes open, and our minds open, to perceive what God is creating around us now? Some days I feel like the world is changing far too quickly. It's easy to be nostalgic for days gone by, and to get caught up in a self-pitying cycle of decrying the changes in the world around us. Congregational life isn't the same as it was when I grew up. But that doesn't mean that the call to discipleship has changed one bit.

Rather than bemoan the changes, we need to heed our Lord's call to follow. Jesus did not call us to preserve a certain type of institution, he called us to bring the good news of the Kingdom to a world that badly needs it. It becomes unfaithful to sit in the building and complain about those who aren't interested in doing 'church like we used to'.

We need to recapture a spirit of witness, compassion, and joy in being God's presence in the world around us. As long as there are those who are lonely, hopeless, hungry, fearful, and thirsting for

compassion and community, then there is reason for us to be Christ's congregation in this place and time. Yes, things aren't like they used to be. But we are still what God has called us to be. Witnesses, disciples, servants, of a mission of love, peace, and joy.

God's Peace,



**REMEMBERING THE SAINTS** Once again this year we invite you to share pictures of those you'd like to remember on All Saints' Sunday coming up November 3rd. Please bring your photos by October 27<sup>th</sup>, or email them to [john.twiton@elcmthoreb.org](mailto:john.twiton@elcmthoreb.org), so that we can include them in the All Saints' slideshow. Remember to give the name of those in the photo and your connection with them. If you bring in prints please be sure to label them so that we can return them to you.

## YOUTH NEWS



**3RD GRADE BIBLES** On October 6th, during both services, we will be presenting our 3rd graders with Bibles. What a special gift for this milestone in their faith journey.

**BRAT/MAC&CHEESE STAND FOR FALL FESTIVAL:** October 5, 10am - 2:00 pm. 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 Leech Lake Reservation next summer.

### **CONFIRMATION Freshman Special Events**

- **Sunday, October 6th, 11:30 - 2:30pm**, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6:15-7:15pm** 9th graders will meet with members of the Congregational Council as candidates for Confirmation.

- **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 27th, 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.

### **FUSE Nights have a LOGO! What is FUSE?**

This year, we have an acronym & LOGO.

Thanks to Barbara Wilson, Brenda's sister, for creating our logo. FUSE stands for Faith

unleashed. Supporting Everyone. Youth, who are 9th - 12th graders are welcome to come to

our high school nights. FUSE comes together every Monday throughout the school year, to create relationships, show kindness to others, challenge each other in exciting games, time to hang out, and learn about what it means to share our faith with everyone.



**BUCKY BOOKS FOR SALE** Bucky Books are available! Our youth are fundraising for a mission trip next summer, in 2020. Pick up a copy after worship services. Each book sells for \$35.00. New for this year: The grocery coupons including Kwik Trip, Hy Vee and Woodman's with over \$150 in savings. Don't miss out on the new books!

**COLLEGE ADDRESSES:** With many of our young adults moving this fall, we are updating our contact information for graduates of ELC. Please email Brenda ([brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org](mailto:brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org)) with their address, phone and email. If they are attending a college, please list the college as well. For those attending UW Madison, UW Whitewater and UW Platteville, we share names and contacts with Lutheran Campus Ministry. They reach out to them, to help them grow in Christ.

Blessings,

*Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director*  
[brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org](mailto:brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org)

# COUNCIL NEWS

## TREASURER'S REPORT – August 2019

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY (\$)					
	Aug 2019	Aug 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Budget
Income	17,825	23,767	214,826	193,043	219,455
Expense	25,365	22,626	224,553	225,251	220,603
<b>Net</b>	<b>(7,540)</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>(9,727)</b>	<b>(32,208)</b>	<b>(1,148)</b>

**GENERAL FUND** Year-to-date General Fund income (34 weekends) is 11% more than prior year (34 weekends) and 2% less than budget. YTD expenses (excluding intern compensation, covered by a transfer from the Designated Fund) are slightly less than prior year, primarily due to lower mission outreach, support staff, and pastoral ministry expenses, partially offset by higher pastor salary, spiritual growth, and office equipment costs; YTD expenses are 2% more than budget, primarily due to spiritual growth, snow removal, and building maintenance, partially offset by savings in support staff.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CAPITAL) FUND ACTIVITY (\$)					
	Aug 2019	Aug 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Budget
Income	678	512	4,846	9,155	8,000
Expense	11,250	14,150	14,681	14,150	8,000
<b>Net</b>	<b>(10,572)</b>	<b>(13,638)</b>	<b>(9,835)</b>	<b>(4,995)</b>	<b>0</b>

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND** Year-to-date Building Maintenance Fund income is less than prior year and budget. YTD expenses (boiler repair, entry carpet runners, fellowship hall replacement A/C unit, sidewalk repairs, and stone repairs) are more than last year (front door replacement) and budget.

MORTGAGE REPAYMENT FUND ACTIVITY (\$); (LOAN BALANCE IS \$182,639)					
	Aug 2019	Aug 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Budget
Income	2,518	3,172	27,458	60,354	29,040
Expense	3,630	3,630	39,040	44,040	29,040
<b>Net</b>	<b>(1,112)</b>	<b>(458)</b>	<b>(11,582)</b>	<b>16,314</b>	<b>0</b>

**MORTGAGE REPAYMENT FUND** Year-to-date Mortgage Repayment Fund income is less than prior year (which included a \$15,000 estate gift from Maxine Dimick) and less than budget. YTD payments are \$5,000 less than prior year (which included an additional \$15,000 principal payment) and \$10,000 more than budget, due to an extra \$10,000 principal payment. Final payment is scheduled for August 2024.

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



# ANNUAL MEETING

**ELC's 2019 ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, November 10 at 9:30** in the Sanctuary. Ministry reports are needed from all ELC Ministries (Agape, Children & Youth, Endowment, Inreach/outreach, 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 Monday, October 21.**

## **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS NUMBERS! THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!**

The Nominating committee is calling ELC members to get potential candidates for the elected positions to be voted on at the annual meeting on November 10. Most of the obligations are two-year terms not to exceed 6 years total.

The positions and numbers needed are;

- ◆ Congregation Council - 6 nominees, including a youth/young adult member
- ◆ Audit Committee – 1-2 nominees
- ◆ Endowment Committee - 4 nominees
- ◆ Nominating Committee - 6 nominees (this committee is one year - once and done)
- ◆ Personnel Committee - 3 nominees
- ◆ Synod Convention voting members (this is held in May)  
Adult nominees - need 3, Youth/young adult nominees - need 1



Please prayerfully consider the requests of the calling members.

# BENEVOLENCE

## **DAIS Helps People in Precarious Situations**

Perhaps the best way to frame the value of the role Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) plays in the lives of our neighbors and friends is to state a few alarming facts:

- Each year, approximately 1/3 of all arrests in Dane County are domestic violence-related.
- In the U.S., 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner.
- It's estimated that 1/4 of all physical assaults perpetrated against women by an intimate partner are reported to law enforcement.
- Each year, DAIS receives nearly 20,000 calls from people seeking their help.

Domestic abuse is not a new problem. It's not a small problem. And it's not going away.

But there is hope for a better future for people who find themselves in abusive situations, thanks to organizations such as DAIS, which we are featuring again this year as a Benevolence Program mission.

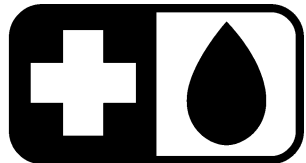
Contributions received in October will benefit this nonprofit organization, which offers a variety of services, including a call hotline, emergency shelter, relocation assistance, legal assistance, intervention for children in precarious situations and community education.

Please consider a gift toward this very worthy cause, whether at services, by mailing a check to ELC, or via our Give Plus mobile app.

On behalf of Benevolence,  
Adam Mertz  
[adammertz2@gmail.com](mailto:adammertz2@gmail.com)

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**THANK YOU FROM THE RED CROSS** Thank you for being a part of



**GIVE**  
*Blood*

the American Red Cross Community of Giving program. Working together and serving others is a common belief we share and we appreciate the opportunity to partner with Mt Horeb Community.

We rely on blood drive partnerships throughout the year to meet hospitals' blood needs. Thank you for offering this opportunity to your congregation to help ensure a safe adequate blood supply. Your Community of Giving blood drive took place on September 6; you collected a total of 67 pints, which can impact up to 201 lives. 66 presenting donors, 55 pints from whole blood and 12 from power reds. 1 First time donor. On behalf of the patients and their families, thank you for being a part of this unique community partnership.

**LEADERSHIP NEEDED!** The 'Women of ELC' is an organization within this congregation We provide service to the congregation by preparing a meal after a funeral and doing other projects from time to time. We support each other's prayer concerns and provide a listening ear to others, often in a one-to-one situation. Every year, we plan inter-generational fellowship events such as the Advent Brunch and Spring Fling. These events are not well attended so it's time for new leadership. If you are willing to lead this organization forward, please contact the church office.

**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.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

**PUERTO RICO PARTNERSHIP TRIP** Would you be interested in a January or February visit to our Partner congregation in Puerto Rico? Please contact Pastor John. If we have enough interest we'll schedule a time to get together and make plans.

**BABY CAP UPDATE: KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS** are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 9-11 a.m. in the Faith Room to make caps for area hospitals. We have new patterns and hospital guidelines to follow, so stop by the Faith Room or talk to Ruth Heinecke to get patterns currently accepted. [ruthheinecke@gmail.com](mailto:ruthheinecke@gmail.com) or 608-444-4949.



**ALL-WISCONSIN SHAPENOTE SINGING NOVEMBER 9:** Everyone is invited to the All-Wisconsin Shapenote

Singing on Saturday, November 9, right here at ELC. Singing will be from 10:30 to 3:30pm with a potluck lunch at noon. Shapenote singing is a 200 year-old tradition of vigorous, acapella singing in 4 part harmony. Come to sing or come to listen. Find out more about Shapenote music at [fasola.org](http://fasola.org).

**INREACH/OUTREACH MINISTRY** Steeple Friends will be held on Monday, November 11th at 3:30 in the Activity Room at Ingleside. Pastor Twiton will have a short service and there will be patriotic piano music by Barb Underwood. All are welcome.

The Inreach/Outreach Ministry will be delivering decorated pumpkins in mid-October to ELC members who are unable to get out or attend services. If you know of someone who may want a pumpkin delivered and a short visit from one of our members, please let Margie Kahl know. She can be reached at [mkahl@mhtc.net](mailto:mkahl@mhtc.net).

INREACH/OUTREACH is also looking for youth or families to assist with our deliveries. This is a very rewarding activity. We deliver in October, Christmas and at Easter. **This is a good opportunity to get Silver cord hours.** Please contact Margie, if interested.



Calling all children in Kindergarten  
through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade!  
Our ELC Junior Choir is looking for  
**YOU**  
for singing, friendship and fun!!



**Junior Choir is starting Wednesday,  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We meet Wednesdays from **6:30-7:15**  
in the **choir room** next to the sanctuary.

We sing in worship services once in  
November and  
in the Sunday School Christmas Program.

**It would be great to have your child  
be part of our music ministry here at ELA**

**The more the merrier!! ☺**

**Please contact Barb Underwood with any  
questions at  
[underwod@mhtc.net](mailto:underwod@mhtc.net) or 437-1956**

## THE 16TH ANNUAL AGAPE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL PIE SALE

will be held on **Saturday, October 5** during the Mt Horeb Fall Festival. We will be selling fresh homemade pies from 9:00 am until sold out. Pies will sell for \$10.00 each. Find us at the church addition new sidewalk next to the Youth food stand. 100% of all proceeds support the preschool students. Thank you for your continued support!! Amy Kellesvig, Director, Agape Christian Preschool

**LWR BOXCARS:** Thanks to drivers Becky Strube, Linda Wahlgren, and Betsy Baguhn, 44 cartons of Kits and Quilts were delivered to the Boxcars on Saturday, September 14. Included were 9 Fabric Kits, 25 Personal Care Kits, 54 School Kits, 73 Baby Care Kits, and 175 Quilts. A hearty THANK YOU to all who contributed to these projects. Work has begun on next year's collection. The date is September 26, 2020.



***"I Believe in . . ."***

**October 2nd, 6:00 - 7:30 pm at ELC**

Dinner begins at 6 pm (Pulled pork, cole slaw,  
potatoes, dessert)

Following dinner, we will be ***Exploring the Apostles Creed*** with some activities for the whole family.

Thoughts to explore: • Apostle Creed - "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth." • I believe in Jesus the redeemer • Our relationships with God

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**PLEASE WELCOME CAROLINE PATRICIA BOETCHER** into our church family. Caroline was baptized on September 7. She is the daughter of Chad and Melissa Boettcher and sister of Sullivan,

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Dorothy Jelle, Marcia Greve (Dave Baumgartner's sister), Jennifer Foley Mosby (Gloria's daughter), Jeannie U'Ren, Mariann Brown (Rita Schraepfer-Derke's sister), Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother), Ruth Ann Nemet, Gladys Gullickson (Mary Krantz's mother), 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, Irene Bruflat, 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, 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 AND PRAYERS** are with

- † **Steven Stack and family.** Steven's father passed away on August 31.
- † **Todd & Brenda Fritz and their family.** Todd's father, Gary, passed away Sept 12. The family thanks everyone who prayed for him during his illness.

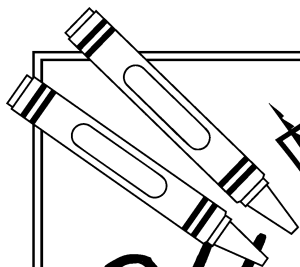


# October

## BIRTHDAYS

<b>1</b>	Melanie Cannon	<b>13</b>	Don Gordon	<b>24</b>	Diane Dreger
	Chase Collins		Irv Steinhauer		Zoe Stack
	Melissa Knudson	<b>14</b>	Cindy Holzkopf	<b>25</b>	Katie Hustad
	Linda Ladwig		Benjamin Rothamer		Chris Sarko
	Brian Lichte		Jim Schmidt	<b>26</b>	Leah Aeschlimann
<b>2</b>	Talvick Hook		Casey Sinner		Logan Aeschlimann
	Kendall Kittleson		William Smith		Sandy Bartelt
	Mikayla Sherven	<b>16</b>	Mason McNally		Sara Larson
<b>4</b>	Kaylyn Hellenbrand		Judy Steinhauer		John Twiton
	Melaina Tetzlaff	<b>17</b>	Jon Kaletka	<b>27</b>	Sam Grundahl
<b>5</b>	Randy Thompson	<b>18</b>	Kristen Hanson		Brandon Lutz
<b>6</b>	Elisabeth Berg		Quinn McCue		Noah Strube
	Kris Eggers		Bev Schwierske	<b>28</b>	Kennedy Eggers
	Steven Festge	<b>19</b>	Kyle Freitag		Richard Festge
	Jenna Kahl	<b>20</b>	Cyndy Densmore		Dennis Kahl
	Barb Underwood		Carla Jo Farrell	<b>29</b>	Elizabeth Field
<b>7</b>	Dan Johnson		Linda Magnuson		John Martin
	Ken Sinner		Helen Witte		Alice Uptegraw
<b>8</b>	Megan Fisher	<b>21</b>	Alice Allen		Paul Wittman
	Owen Schmidt		Sarah Sieg	<b>30</b>	Jenni Zupan
	Katie Witte		Vicki Spellman	<b>31</b>	David Flom
<b>9</b>	Evelyn Eggers		Holly U'Ren		Shane Kahl
	Jay Schneider	<b>22</b>	Tyler Anderson		Emily Siltala
<b>10</b>	Jenelle Ollendick	<b>23</b>	Patti Anderson		
	Alexis Thorsen		LuAnn Call		
<b>11</b>	Connie Farrell		Pat Dann		
	Kristen Seibel		Pat Flom		
<b>12</b>	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

## Harvest hunt

*Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.*

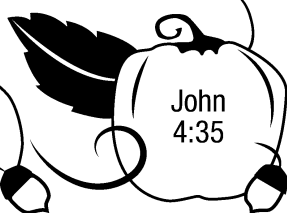
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James 3:18



Peacemakers who sow in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ !  
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields



## CIRCLES & BIBLE STUDIES

**FAITH CIRCLE** will meet at 10:00am on Tuesday, October 1, at the Homestead

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, October 15th at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Doing Chap. 5 in *The Girl's Still Got It*. Co-hosts are Linda Stoenner and Rita Schraepfer-Derke.

**SARAH CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, October 15th, at 7 p.m., in the Faith Room at church. We will discuss the Gather Bible study. Diane Twiton will bring a treat.

**THE WOMEN OF ELC COORDINATING COMMITTEE** will meet at 9:30am on Tuesday, October 1 in Fellowship Hall.

**SEWING CIRCLE** meets every Thursday, beginning at 9:00am. All are welcome to stay the whole day or come and go as you are available. Donations of sheets and blankets are always needed and very welcome. Lutheran World Relief quilts are a project of the entire congregation.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY** will meet the first & third Fridays, **October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18th at 6:30am**. Come join us for coffee and conversation about the week's Bible readings. Everyone is welcome!!



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

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

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS** – Please send any updates for your committee list to the church office. We will be producing a new 2-year handbook.