

WELCOME TO ELC MT. HOREB!

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT ELC

Holy Communion Celebrated 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

**PEOPLE OF YOUR LIGHT** As we enter a new year I appreciate Walter Brueggemann's poem about this season:

Epiphany -- Walter Brueggemann (b. 1933)

On Epiphany day, we are still the people walking. We are still people in the dark, and the darkness looms large around us, beset as we are by fear,

anxiety, brutality, violence, loss –

a dozen alienations that we cannot manage.

We are – we could be – people of your light.

So we pray for the light of your glorious presence as we wait for your appearing;

we pray for the light of your wondrous grace

as we exhaust our coping capacity;

we pray for your gift of newness that will override our weariness;

we pray that we may see and know and hear and trust in your good rule.

That we may have energy, courage, and freedom to enact your rule through the demands of this day. We submit our day to you and to your rule, with deep joy and high hope.

Taken from his Prayers for a Privileged People (Nashville: Abingdon, 2008), p. 163.

I was particularly struck by that line: "We are—we could be—people of your light." We have been given every gift necessary to be God's light in the darkest of days, but we too often shrink back when the time comes for us to shine. We need to enter this new year with 'deep joy and high hope'. We need to shine that light for each other during this cold, dark season. We need to give the world around us reason to hope this new year.

You are called, forgiven, and freed to shine God's love and light.

God's Peace,

Pasto Jh Time

#### PREPARING FOR A NEW INTERNSHIP YEAR

We have applied for an intern for the next academic year. We will hear about assignments in March, but while we're waiting we can be working to get ready.

- To make this happen we will need to gather an internship ministry committee. Those who have served previously are welcome to continue, but we're also open to new members. Please let Pastor John know if you are willing to serve.
- We will need to provide housing beginning next summer, please let Pastor John or council know if you are aware of possibilities for housing. We won't know until March if we need a place for one person or for a family.
- We also need the financial support in place to continue this ministry. When we voted at annual meeting to apply again to this ministry, we also committed ourselves to increased financial support to make this happen.

**YOUTH NEWS** 

5th, 2020.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY** Interested in helping with our ministry? Ideas are always welcome! Please join us as we gather on January 6, at 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES Come and join us - 9:30 AM on Jan.

PARENT'S COFFEE TIME (Mondays) Our coffee time for parents and their young children will gather weekly on Mondays, beginning on January 6th, 8 am - 10 am in Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, coffee and playtime during the winter

FUSE NIGHTS FUSE resumes on Jan 7, 2020. We will have pizza to eat and other fun activities! Please come and join us!

months. Stop in whenever it works with your schedule.



#### TIME TO ORDER TROLL WAY PIZZA! Our youth

are taking orders for our delicious "church-made" pizzas after worship services through January 12th. Pick up day for these unforgettable pizzas will be on January 26th, in Fellowship Hall. (after worship services) One great way to stock up on pizzas before the Super Bowl in February. Funds raised will support the Youthworks Mission Trip to Leech Lake Reservation, MN in July 2020.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT Thank you to everyone who purchased lefse/krumkake at Christmas at ELC. Also thank you for the support of Nick's crafts decorations. Thanks again to Nick (and his mom) for his time and talent to create some awesome items and their generosity to our youth programs.

CONFIRMATION - BOWLING On January 29th, (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm) our 7th and 8th graders will be bowling at the Norsk for a Fellowship night. Please drop off and pick up your child at the Norsk. Please bring \$5 for the evening.

Happy New Year!

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

## AGAPE

Happy New year, here comes 2020!

As each year passes, I'm amazed, fulfilled and appreciative for the entire ELC ministry and all our wonderful children and families. We are so fortunate to have the congregations continued support, and this year in May, we will celebrate 30 Years! Watch for more details as the date gets closer.

Our teaching staff has done another amazing job this year. I am very blessed and grateful to know and work with each of these women – Diane Berg, Cathy Fountas, Jenelle Ollendick, Wendy Rasmussen, Becky Strube, and Jamie Zimmer. These 6 women go above and beyond to serve the children, families and ministry of Agape Christian Preschool. I am looking forward to 2019 and the many adventures we will have! Stay warm and enjoy the season of winter!

Blessings, Amy Kellesvig Agape Christian Preschool

#### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

Thursday, January 3: 4K Classes resume Monday, January 6: Red & Sunbeam Classes resume Tuesday, January 7: Yellow, Rainbow & Orange Classes resume Friday, January 10: Toddler Time resumes Monday, January 20: No 3K or 4K classes – Teacher In-service Day

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

#### TREASURER'S REPORT - November 2019

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY (\$)						
	Nov'19	Nov 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Budget	
Income	28,561	24,042	290,938	269,140	301,591	
Expense	24,379	25,696	300,835	304,716	300,737	
Net	4,182	(1,654)	(9,897)	(35,576)	854	

November GF income (4 weekends) was 19% more than last November (4 weekends). November expenses were 5% less than last November, primarily due to lower office expenses. **YTD GF income** (47 weekends) is 8% more than prior year (47 weekends) and 4% less than budget. YTD expenses (excluding intern compensation, covered by a transfer from the Designated Fund) are 1% less than prior year, primarily due to lower mission outreach, pastoral expenses, & maintenance, partially offset by higher spiritual growth & technology expenses; YTD expenses are 1% more than budget, primarily due to spiritual growth, snow removal, and maintenance, partially offset by savings in mission outreach, pastoral expenses & support staff.

<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CAPITAL) FUND ACTIVITY (\$)</b>						
	Nov'19	Nov 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Budget	
Income	863	595	7,513	11,111	11,000	
Expense	0	0	16,482	14,150	11,000	
Net	863	595	(8,969)	(3,039)	0	

November BM fund income was more than last November. There were no expenses in either November. YTD Building Maintenance Fund income is less than prior year and budget. YTD expenses (boiler repair, entry carpet runners, fellowship hall replacement A/C unit, new sidewalk, and stone repairs) are more than last year (front door replacement) and budget.

MORTGAGE REPAYMENT FUND ACTIVITY (\$); (LOAN BALANCE IS \$176,889)						
	Nov 2019	Nov2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Budget	
Income	3,354	3,283	37,921	71,142	39,930	
Expense	3,630	3,630	49,996	54,930	39,930	
Net	(276)	(347)	(12,075)	16,212	0	

November Mortgage Repayment Fund income was more than last November. Expenses were equzl.

YTD 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 September 2024.

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

### 2020 ELC CHURCH COUNCIL

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Please pick up your 2020 contribution envelopes. They can be found in the narthex and are arranged alphabetically. Many thanks to Bob & Sharon Schiefelbein and Betsy Baguhn for their help!

## BENEVOLENCE

#### UNVEILING THE 2020 BENEVOLENCE LINEUP

There are so many incredible causes out there doing so many wonderful things for our neighbors nearby and those in need across the globe.

But putting together the annual lineup for Benevolence never feels daunting, thanks to the support of this congregation and the perspectives offered by members of the Social Action Ministry Team — Betsy Baguhn, Ben Brothers, Deb Schneider, Amy Sinner, Council liaison Katie Zelle and myself. We strive to create awareness and financial support for a wide variety of organizations that will appeal to our congregation, and we are excited to share our list of 2020 missions. You'll see a lot of familiar causes, but also some that either appear for the first time or have not been in our rotation for a few years.

Here's an offer that we'd love you to consider: If you spot one of your favorite organizations on this list and would like to champion that cause for our congregation as part of Benevolence, reach out to me or any Social Action member. We'd love your help presenting at services that month — it means a lot to hear from people who are deeply invested and/or have a personal story to share.

Thanks for your continued support of Benevolence. We are entering our eighth year of making a difference in our community, our region and our world, and that's something we at ELC can and should celebrate.

On behalf of Benevolence,

#### Adam Mertz adammertz2@gmail.com

January: Divine Savior, our sister church in Puerto Rico February: Compassion International March: ELC summer youth programming April: Living Water International, which builds wells in impoverished areas May: Mount Horeb Senior Center June: Neighbors Helping Neighbors, an extension of the Community Clothes Closet that provides a food pantry in the school district and seeks to broaden its services. July: Lutheran Social Services August: Habitat for Humanity September: SABA, International October: Local health care. Our Lady of Hope in Madison and **Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville** November: Madison Area Jail Ministry **December:** Porchlight

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF BLANKETS! The Community Clothes Closet Holiday Blanket Drive was very successful. We collected hundreds of blankets for CCC and Giving Tree clients. Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

**CHRISTMAS AT ELC** Thank you to all the musicians and other volunteers who participated in Christmas at ELC on December 15. Our church and community members generously donated \$2042 in a free will offering which benefits the Mount Horeb Area School District's Weekend Meals backpack program.

**COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSETS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP: What time and day work for you?** We are still looking for volunteers, you can find a sign up sheet outside the sanctuary or call Kate Hook, 608-437-4601 or email: **katehook63gmail.com** or go to sign up genius: **https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B44ACA82BA3F49community**. Sign up for a date and time or leave your name and number if you are interested or would like more information. We can make any time or date work for you. Please consider donating your time this holiday season. This is a great activity for your friend group or family!

Here are just some of the dates available in January: Open Days: Jan. 16, Jan. 25 Closed Days: Jan. 4, Jan. 18, Jan. 28, Jan. 29 We especially need help on Jan. 29 to clean at the end of the month

**MISSING KEY** The clothes closet key that is kept at ELC has gone missing. It is on a brightly colored lanyard. If found, please return to the church office. Thanks!

**HELP OUT THE HOMELESS!** Volunteers needed for ALL MONTHS IN 2020! We are looking for volunteers to make Homeless Lunches. This is a great activity for a family, church circle, youth or civic groups. This will involve buying the groceries, making 50-80 sack

lunches (depending on the month) and delivering them to the Men's Shelter between 7-9 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at Grace Episcopal Church at 116 W. Washington, Madison. **There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the church offices throughout the year**. You will be sent a reminder with instructions about a week in advance of that 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped out with this mission in 2019.



If you are interested in volunteering to make lunches in 2020 but are unfamiliar with the process, please call me at 608-516-6986. Also, please note that if you are interested in, or only able to do part of the process for making these lunches, you can always share the job with another volunteer. Thanks for making this a great mission for our church.

Nancy Balbach

**ELC VETERANS MINISTRY MISSION** THANK YOU to all ELC members for your generous support of our Veterans Project. At this time, we are in need of donations to help defray the cost of shipping. The cost for one large box is \$90.00, and we will be shipping 3 on January 9th. Thank you and Merry Christmas to all!

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**



### "Remembering Baptism"

### January 8th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm at ELC

Dinner will be served between 5:30 -6:00 pm Chili and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

**Message From Bishop Peter Rogness About the Election of Our Next Bishop** Town Hall Meetings to Take Place January and February, 2020. The foundation begins to be laid by first naming where we are as a synod, and, from that, what kind of leadership skills we need to seek in the next person to serve as our bishop. This is fundamental to a good call process in any congregation, and just as fundamental for us as a synod.

We encourage broad participation in this step. We will center on two descriptions: (a) this synod – its strengths and challenges, what makes it unique, what is it facing at this moment in history; and, from that snapshot, (b) the skills and characteristics that would serve us well in the person of the next bishop. That emerging "bishop profile" will be the lens through which further consideration of potential nominees will happen. I will have a team of scribes to gather the observations of all who attend. They will then condense what has emerged from those meetings into a profile of the synod, and a profile of the bishop we seek.

We suggest that those who will ultimately be present to represent your congregation in the assembly that will vote for the next bishop would be logical attendees. But these meetings are not legislative, and any interested members of our congregations are welcome to come.

The Town Hall Meeting for our location will be held at **St. James Lutheran in Verona on January 18 beginning at 10 am.** 

#### WOMEN OF ELC - PLEASE READ

On Saturday, December 7, The Women of ELC met for the annual Advent Brunch and elections meeting. Carlyce Skjervem, wearing a lovely bunad, showed us her Hardanger fiddle and shared stories and music. Duane and Nancy Kittleson wore their traditional Bunads and explained the elements and care techniques. Did you know that you clean a bunad by hanging it outside when it's snowing? The brunch was served by Social Committee #10, Diane Pladziewicz and Wendy Rasmussen co-chairs. Thank you, Committee #10, for the lovely meal. Kathy O'Donnell accompanied our carol singing and we closed with The Lord's Prayer.

The election portion of the meeting was non-productive. No one was nominated to take over as president of the organization. As a result, The Women of ELC is dissolving.

What does this mean?? All of our remaining funds will be sent to the churchwide Women of the ELCA. We will find out from them what to do with any of our historical records.

As individuals, we are still Women of the ELCA. It is only our local unit that is dissolving. Individuals are always invited to participate in the Barneveld Conference Spring Gathering held annually, The South-Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization's conventions and retreats, held in alternate years, and The Triennial Gathering held every three years. We can still have service, Bible study, and book study groups. We can *at any time* revive the unit by meeting a few basic criteria.

What will change?? The women's organization will no longer coordinate Lutheran Social Services' Operation Christmas, Lutheran World Relief's Kits and Quilts drive, or gatherings like the Advent Brunch and Spring Fling. Funeral lunch committees are asked to continue into 2020 to give the church council a chance to decide how to handle funeral lunches.

Thank you all for your faithful support through the years.

Julie Vasen and Betsy Baguhn

# **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

#### PLEASE WELCOME Colin Kenneth Schulenberg into our church

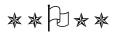
family. Colin was baptized on December 21. He is the son of Kenny and Lindsey Schulenberg, brother of Skylar, Hannah & Natalie and

grandson of Kristi & Ken Schulenberg. His sponsors are Karli and Micky Schulenberg.

## CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISMS ON



- January 19 are Isla & Sedona Vondra. Isla & Sedona are the daughters of Ben & Serena Vondra. Their sponsors are Tim Vondra, Amanda Merill, Joel Anderson, and Nick & Angie Humphrey.
- January 27 is Augustus Weber. Augustus is the son of Nolan Weber & Bethany Scott. Sponsors are Steve & Amy Hall.



**MILITARY RECOGNITION** If you know of an individual entering the military on active duty – this includes anyone who is a member of our congregation or who is family and not a member of our congregation (grandchild, son, daughter, etc.), please contact the church office (437-5012 or **elc@mhtc.net**). We would like to recognize this individual at one of our services before he/she begins their service.





**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher), Brock Howe, Peggy Dallman (friend of Bonny Kellogg), Mary Knuth (Jen Mullendore's mother), Martha Hartman, Dorothy Jelle, Marcia Greve (Dave Baumgartner's sister), 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), Irene Bruflat, Pearl Vierima, Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Laurie Duden (Brenda's aunt), 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 & PRAYERS are with**

- the family and friends of Diane Blumer who died on December 13.
- Cheryl Mortvedt and family. Cheryl's father, Jim Baker recently passed away.

#### MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

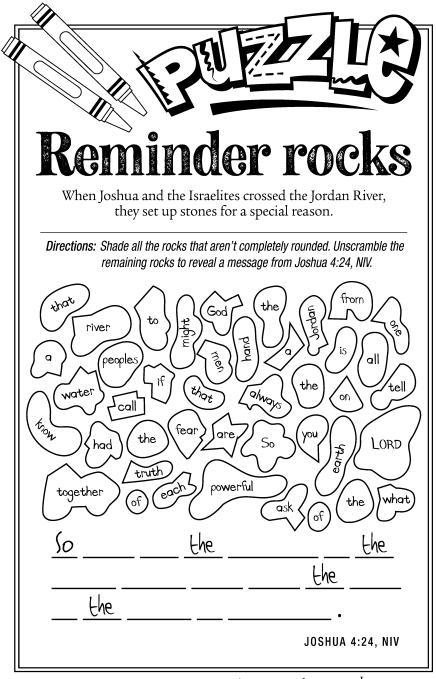


Milo & Kendall Bergum for the Youth Fund from Dorothy Bergum, Ken & Linda Kellogg

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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1	Pat Boettcher	11	Matt Anderson	22	Chloe John
	Jayne Martinson		Patricia Ellestad		Diane Mueller
	Debby Schneider		Lisbeth Gibney		Sonja Rosborough
2	Julia Rollins	12			Karen Tetzlaff
3	Jim Iverson	13	Devin Kahl	23	Alexa Vesely
	James Morey		Kim Kelliher	24	Samantha Bower
	Michael Powell		Breanna Nesheim		Morgan Monroe
4	Sandra Cannon	14	Steve Hall	25	Sarah Brothers
	Zach Klassy		Pamela Larson		Kelly Doty
	Louis Thomas		Kathy O'Donnell		Robin Paske
	Peter Toniazzo	15	Skylaar Killinger		Aaron Schmidt
5	Amanda Field		Christine Rinabarger	26	Larry Jenkins
	Ross Nesheim		Betty Rosenbaum		LeAnn Klaetsch
	Matthew Nielsen	16	Helen Kahl		Stacy Kreul
	Colin Schulz		Renee Littel	27	Tim Anderson
	Amber Schulz		Bob Schiefelbein		Megan Ferrell
6	Kaylie Appleby		Karli Schulenberg		Gabriel Guenther
	Gordy Kahl	17	Nancy Breed		Hadley Kahl
	Ethan Wittman		John Rosenbaum		Graham Schloesser
7	Grace Hanson	18	Jaclyn Errthum	28	Kari Hustad
	Andrew Knudson		Erik Iverson		Michael Miller
	Alycen McKinney		Ashley Segebrecht		David Powell
	Kristina Nielsen		Kevin Thorsen		Owen Rothamer
8	Daniel Edwards	19	Ingrid Malin	29	Valerie Fischer
	Ken Schulenberg		Cord Spellman		Rodney Fisher
	Pearl Vierima	20	Beverly Jewell		Logan Heiting
9	Leah Gaulke		Ann McCue	30	Irene Field
	Stacy LaBorde		Conner McCue		ristine Aeschlimann
10	Lois Alm		Evelyn Rameker	31	Theresa Bender
	Lydia Martin		Karen Stamn		Deb Dangerfield
	Amy Mertz	21	Paul Heinecke		Jenafer Festge
	Matt Racklin		Ethan Sutter		Tim Killinger
	Ethan Stange		Kristin Willcutt		Jeff Rasmussen
			Franklin Willcutt		Kimberly Sailor
					Allie Slocum
					Sara Thompson
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: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV



### **CIRCLES & BIBLE STUDIES**

FAITH CIRCLE will NOT meet in January.

- **REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet **January 21 at 10 a.m**. in Fellowship Hall, doing Chapter 7 in *The Girl's Still Got It*. Diane D. and Rita S-D will be co-hosts.
- **SARAH CIRCLE** meeting will be **Tuesday**, **January 21 at 7:00pm**, place to be announced.
- **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, **January 3 & 17, at 6:30am**. Come join us for coffee and conversation about the week's Bible readings. Everyone is welcome!!



**THANK YOU** to Social Committee #12 for serving funerals in December. Betsy Baguhn & Cathy Field are co-chairs,

**SERVING FUNERALS IN JANUARY:** Social Committee #1, Co-chairs are Diane Bartz & Linda Magnuson