

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

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

Church: the living body of Christ

“Christianity isn’t meant to be simply believed; it’s meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people. They reminded me that, try as I may, I can’t be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the Church.”

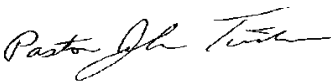
(Searching for Sunday, p. xvi)

Our Sunday morning adult class has been discussing a book by the late Rachel Held Evans, “Searching for Sunday: loving, leaving, and finding the church” In this very personal reflection, she details her struggle to find a meaningful, faithful relationship with God after walking away from her childhood church and looking at many ways to experience faith.

As we’ve shared her journey, she keeps coming back to the thought expressed above. That is, the church, and Christian faith are not about thinking and saying just the right things, but seeing, touching, and knowing the church in all of our life. Church is not a bunch of doctrines or creeds, but it is the presence of God in the people, the eating, drinking, talking, hugging, listening, singing, showing up, and caring.

Sometimes I’m afraid we think of ‘ministry’ only as things like worship, communion, and teaching. But we all share in the ministry of caring, serving, and lived day to day. So in addition to baptism and communion, God’s presence is experienced in your presence in worship, your smile for a neighbor, the lunch served after a funeral, We need to think about church as more than membership in an organization, or gathering on Sunday morning, but also a being the visible, human community which embodies all the ups and downs of human life, sharing our struggles and our triumphs, and always welcoming those who feel that they have family in faith.

God’s Peace,



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP WEEKEND-February 22 -23rd

We have invited Jesse Klosterboer, the new executive director of Sugar Creek Bible Camp to be with us for worship and discussion. We are blessed to share in the ministry of Sugar Creek, and we look forward to hearing from Jesse. It's a great time to look ahead to summer. There are familiar summer programs, and new ones to consider in the Sugar Creek brochure found at church, or at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

PARENT'S COFFEE TIME (Every Monday) Our coffee time for parents and their young children will gather on Mondays, 8 am - 10 am in Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, coffee and playtime during the winter months. Stop in whenever works with your schedule.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FEBRUARY OFFERING

Summer projects for youth/VBS

FUSE -UPCOMING DATES Due to high schoolers busy schedule (pep band/basketball games), FUSE will be meeting on the following dates through February. Monday's time will be 6:30 - 8:00 pm; Tuesday's is 7 - 8:30 pm.

February 3 (Monday)

February 10 (Monday)

February 17 (Monday)

February 25 (Tuesday)



YOUTH LEAD -March 7th (9 am-4:30 pm) - Discover the 'Thrills, Chills & Skills' when youth are equipped & allowed to lead in church. Some of our high school youth will be attending a leadership conference at St. Luke's - Middleton. They have an opportunity to lead a 'break out' session on 'Families'.



FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT April 4th, 9 - 12:30 PM. All our 5th graders are invited to our First Communion Retreat. We will also enjoy a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday - April 9th, at 6:00 PM together before worship service at 7:30 PM, when they can receive their First Communion.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH Thank you to everyone who supported our youth with our Troll Pizza sales in January. We made 768 pizzas! Funds raised will benefit our youth attending the Mission Trip to Leech Lake Reservation, MN in July, 2020. We also have an ongoing Coin Collection fundraiser, our "Changing Lives" Jar in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

2020 SUMMER DATES (Save to your calendar)

- **Day Camp/VBS** - June 14th week (June 15 - 18, 2020
(VBS - 3 yrs - 5 yrs) & (Day Camp - Entering 1st - 5th in fall)
- **Explorer Day at Sugar Creek (1st - 5th grade)** July 7th, 9 am - 3 pm
- **Youth Works Mission Trip** to Leech Lake Reservation - July 19 - 24, 2020
- **Confirmation Camp** (7th - 8th) - July 26 - 31, 2020
Register online at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org
- **Mini Mission Week** (7th - 12th) - Aug 11 - 13th, 2020

SUMMER CAMP AT SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP All youth entering 3rd - High School are invited to experience a week at Sugar Creek in Ferryville. Youth have the opportunity to enjoy God's beauty, while experiencing games, Bible Studies, crafts, water time in the pool, horseback riding and much more. Invite a friend to go or it is wonderful to meet new friends.

- * Can mail in form with deposit to: Sugar Creek Bible Camp,
13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd., Ferryville, WI 54628;
or register online at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Blessings,

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

FEBRUARY GREETINGS FROM AGAPE!

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is in progress! Our 4K program with MHASD started enrollment in January. It is to be completed online via the MHASD website at www.mounthorebschools.org/schools/mh4k/ and must be submitted on or before March 2 to have site preferences considered. ACP will host a 4K open house on **Thursday February 6th, 2020 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**. Registration for the 3K program begins on Monday, March 2, 2020. Enrollment packets can be picked up at the preschool office during school hours or in the church office. You can also download the entire enrollment packet via our website at www.agapechristianpreschool.com. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis with legacy families given initial priority placement if submitted on or before April 1, 2020. A legacy family is defined as a current or past Agape Family or an active ELC church member. If you have questions about Agape enrollment, would like a tour of our classrooms, or general preschool information, please contact me at 437-7100 or agapekids@mhtc.net.

We will be selling delicious Butter Braid Pastries again this year from **February 3rd thru February 14^h**. If you would like to place an order, please feel free to contact me at the contact info (preschool phone or email) This has been a very successful fundraiser and thank you for your support of the preschool!

The 3K children will be providing beautiful music and entertainment for the 10:30 am church service on Sunday, February 23. The children have started learning wonderful songs with Ms. Wendy and are very excited to share them with you.

Blessings,
Amy Kellesvig

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, February 6: 4K Open house 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 23: 3K students sing at 10:30 church service

Friday, February 28: No classes (3K & 4K) make up snow day if needed

Monday, March 2: 3K enrollment begins for 2019-2020 school year

Thursday, March 12: No classes (3K & 4K) Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 23-March 27: Spring Break – No Preschool

COUNCIL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT – December 2019

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY (\$)					
	Dec '19	Dec 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Budget
Income	46,741	40,795	337,679	309,935	329,911
Transfer In	0	1,722	12,057	8,612	0
Expense	29,355	33,948	342,247	345,554	329,911
Net	17,386	8,569	7,489	(27,007)	0

Year-to-date General Fund income (53 weekends) is 9% more than prior year (52 weekends) and 2% more than budget. YTD expenses (net of transfer-in that covered intern compensation) of \$330,190 are 2% less than the \$336,942 net expense in the prior year, primarily due to lower mission outreach, support staff, pastoral ministry, youth/family, and maintenance costs, partially offset by higher spiritual growth, and pastor salary expenses; YTD net expenses are 0% above budget, with overages in spiritual growth, worship, snow removal, and maintenance costs, offset by savings in mission outreach, pastoral ministry, and support staff expense.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CAPITAL) FUND ACTIVITY (\$)					
	Dec'19	Dec 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Budget
Income	1,182	802	8,695	11,913	12,000
Transfer In	277	0	277	0	0
Expense	0	0	16,482	14,150	12,000
Net	1,459	802	(7,510)	(2,237)	0

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, new sidewalk, and stone repairs) are more than last year (front door replacement) and budget. The December transfer-in from the Designated Fund is the residual balances from several completed initiatives.

MORTGAGE REPAYMENT FUND ACTIVITY (\$); (LOAN BALANCE IS \$171,090)					
	Nov 2019	Nov2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Budget
Income	6,151	6,365	44,072	77,507	43,560
Expense	3,630	3,630	53,626	58,560	43,560
Net	2,521	2,735	(9,554)	18,947	0

Year-to-date Mortgage Repayment Fund income is less than prior year (which included a \$15,000 estate gift from Maxine Dimick) and more 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 June 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Stephen J. Hall, CPA, ELCMH Treasurer, January 18, 2020

BENEVOLENCE

Our Chance to Save a Starfish ... or Two

When February rolls around each year, and it's time to start planning our Benevolence presentation, my mind always goes back to the amazing message our own Jennifer Mullendore shared when we began our support of Compassion International.

Compassion is an organization that pairs individuals and church families with children from many countries around the world to lift them out of spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty.

For each of the past seven years now, we've sponsored two children. It's not a small expense — \$938 — but our congregation has always recognized the value of this program and supported it generously.

Our goal back when Jennifer spoke to you for the first time was merely to raise enough money to sponsor one child — to make a difference in one life.

She told the modern-day parable of a woman picking up individual starfish who had washed ashore and throwing them back into the ocean, one by one, even as thousands others would be left stranded to die despite her best efforts.

Upon seeing this, a stranger pointed out the hopelessness of saving all of them, and said, "There are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?" The woman smiled, gently placed another starfish in the water, and said, "It will make a difference to that one!"

Thanks to your donations throughout the month of February, Vanesa, 14, in Mexico, and Simon, 7, in Tanzania, will be able to take part in Compassion's programming at centers near their rural homes. We'll speak about "our kids" at services the weekend of Feb. 8-9.

You can donate during the offering, by mail, or online. Visit the ELC website, download the "GivePlus Church" mobile app, or text "Benevolence" to 608-400-0183 with the amount you wish to give.

On behalf of Benevolence,

Adam Mertz

adammerz2@gmail.com

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS *Show your LOVE for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc.* Every February, the **Community Clothes Closet** conducts a Love Offering on the weekend nearest Valentines Day. In the past, this event provided much of the funding that allowed us to provide clothes, footwear, and bedding for our neighbors in need throughout the year. In late 2018, we began to explore the needs in our community, and we decided to bring to life a new non-profit: **Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc.**

This year, we will bring the vision for that organization to life. We are creating a volunteer-driven outreach hub where people in need in our community can access free food, clothing and personal items, and information regarding other social services -- all under one roof. Our new facility in Mount Horeb will coordinate the ongoing efforts of organizations and initiatives such as the Community Clothes Closet of Mount Horeb, Mount Horeb School District Weekend* and Extended weekend meal program, and the Mount Horeb Community Supper. A unified effort will provide an effective outreach avenue to people in need of assistance, synergy in fundraising efforts, and more efficient management, collection and distribution of resources.

Our start-up and first-year operational costs will be significant -- potentially in excess of \$60,000. The Love Offering signals the start of our fundraising efforts to bring this vision to life. We will gladly accept financial gestures of goodwill from our 15 area church partners, as well as community supporters, starting the weekend of Feb. 9-10. For those inclined to donate items instead of money, we have a specific need for warm winter gloves and socks of all types.

Donations can be made at your church, via mail (Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc, P.O. Box 196, Mount Horeb, WI 53572) or in person at 102 E. Lincoln St. during open hours at the Community Clothes Closet: Saturday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon, and Thursday, Feb. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Thanks in advance for your support of the Love Offering, and for your congregation's year-long contributions to the Community Clothes Closet -- and now Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc. For

more information, please contact us at nbrhelpingnbr19@gmail.com or 608-437-6114 or reach out to us via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/communityclothesclosetmonthoreb>

BABY CAPS We are collecting knit or crocheted red baby caps for the American Heart Association's heart awareness month through the middle of February. Completed caps can be left in the Faith Room. Knitters and crocheters continue to meet in the Faith Room from 9-11 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Join us!

SOAP in FEBRUARY for BABY KITS Can you imagine caring for a newborn in a hut like the one that was erected last fall in ELC's yard? What if you didn't have even the basics? Rebecca Circle is collecting various items for Lutheran World Relief and this month you can help. Donate a few bars of soap to add to the kits. It's easy, drop them into the Baby Kit Box in Fellowship Hall. Help a new Mom keep herself and her baby healthy and clean.

HELP OUT THE HOMELESS! Volunteers needed for MOST MONTHS IN 2020! We are looking for volunteers to make Homeless

HOMELESS



LUNCHES

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 2nd or 4th 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 2nd or 4th Saturday. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped out with this mission in 2019. Thanks for making this a great mission for our church.

LENTEN LUNCHES Inreach/Outreach ministry has placed a sign-up to help with Lenten Luncheons, which will begin Ash Wednesday February 26th. If you are able to assist, please sign-up. We will need cookies, and bars. If you would be able to help by donating a large casserole or salad, let Margie Kahl know. 437-5341 or mkahl@mhtc.net. Thank you!

MOUNT HOREB AREA BLOOD DRIVE will be held **on Friday, February 7, 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SAVE the DATE!

What: Congregation Meeting

When: Sunday, April 5 between services

For: Discussion and approval of the project to replace sanctuary lights with LEDs and install 2 ceiling fans

Please plan to attend. Additional information will be coming in the next few weeks.

2019 YEAR-END FINANCIAL AUDIT Greg Kellesvig & Matt Anderson, Audit Committee, did a review of the 2019 church financials (General Fund, Building Maintenance Fund, Designated Fund, Mortgage Repayment Fund, Petty Cash) and found everything to be in order.

WEDNESDAYS WITH
LUTHER



“Love, Joy, Peace . . .”
Focus - Fruits of the Spirit

February 5th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at ELC

Dinner will be served between 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Pancakes, Sausage & Fresh Fruit

**JUNIOR CHOIR BEGINS AGAIN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th!**



Junior Choir is starting up again on **February 19th!** Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:30 pm–7:15 pm in the choir room next to the sanctuary.

**We welcome all singers in kindergarten through 6th grade!
I look forward to seeing those who are returning and we
always welcome new members!!**

Barb Underwood, Junior Choir Director
Email: underwod@mhtc.net / Phone: 437-1956

ANNUAL USHERS MEETING: the annual Ushers meeting will be held on Saturday, **February 15 at 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall. All ushers, from all teams (both services) are invited to attend to receive updates, share information, and review the upcoming events for the 2020 calendar and liturgical year. Anyone interested in serving as an usher is strongly encouraged to attend. The gathering will be informal, with beverages and snacks served. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Jim Cook at 608-960-3314 (phone) or mthorebcubfan@gmail.com (email).

CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM Mt. Horeb Community (Senior) Center is holding a Climate Change Forum featuring Bob Lindmeier as the keynote speaker. The event will be held **Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm** and is free and open to the public.

BOWLING, FUN FOR EVERYONE



March 1st 1 to 3 p.m.

Bring your friends and family for a fun afternoon of bowling at Norske Golf Bowl. There will be pizza and snacks. The cost is covered by the Spiritual Growth & Fellowship Committee

REGISTRATION FOR WOMEN OF THE ELCA TRIENNIAL GATHERING- PHOENIX, JULY 16-19, 2020. The Theme of the Gathering is “Just Love” A \$250 registration (reduced fee from \$375) has become available within the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. Contact Janna (smithjanna55@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing this registration from the Synodical Women’s Organization (SWO). First offer gets it. NOTE: You can only use this registration if you have NOT yet registered for the Triennial Gathering. Approximate costs per person (subject to change) for Triennial Gathering in Phoenix: \$450 – round trip airfare from Madison (O’Hare is cheaper but you have costs of getting to & from O’Hare)

\$375 – Triennial Gathering early bird registration

\$235 – 3 nights in a hotel sharing with 1 roommate

\$150 – 3 days of meals

\$1160 Approximate total

As a note ALL women of the Synod ARE Women of the ELCA.

You can **registeronline** or **download a registration form** and mail it. We can’t wait to see you! **Visit welcatg.org** to register and learn more. Please contact Donna Peterson 608-935-9023 (leave a message if I am not available) or dpeter8182@gmail.com if you would like to attend, curious to learn more, need help with registration, want to know who else in the Synod will be attending.

As seen in Synod e-news, “What Matters”

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING As many of you have certainly noted, our society is experiencing an increase in violent events. Unfortunately, we in Dane County are not immune to such disturbing incidents. Many community leaders, as well as citizens, are concerned about what they can or should do when confronted with these situations. During a Dane County Chief's of Police Association meeting, the notion arose regarding a unified message from Dane County Law Enforcement on civilian response to an active shooter situation. Current plans supported by research are "ALICE" (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter the Attack, Evacuate); "ADD" (Avoid, Deny, Defend), and "Run, Hide, Fight." It is important to know that oftentimes police response time may not be quick enough to intervene before significant injury or death occurs. It is imperative to have options in your plan to survive, not only in the workplace, but also in your life.

As a result of conversations which have taken place between law enforcement and community members, **the Dane County Sheriff's Office** is embarking on a FREE education and training initiative. On **Tuesday, February 25th, 6:00pm-8:00pm, Dane County Deputy Josalyn Longley will be providing training at Mt. Horeb Evangelical Church, 315 E. Main St, Mt. Horeb.** The presentation will provide training as well as education regarding active shooters and workplace violence. Topics will include resources for prevention information and potential early warning signs for all those in the community to be cognizant of. Through this initiative, we feel citizens will be empowered to take action and have the tools and action plans to survive. Please contact Dane County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Deputy Josalyn Longley (Longley@danesherriff.com or 608-977-1300) or Cindy Holmes (holmes.cindy@danesherriff.com or 608-215-6615) if you have any questions or would like additional information.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THANK YOU from SGT DANIEL EDWARDS I would like to thank everyone for thinking of me over the Holidays. It was good to hear from home. I shared a lot of the boxes contents with my fellow rangers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Lois Alm, Alice Uptegraw, Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher), Brock Howe, Peggy Dallman (friend of Bonny Kellogg), Martha Hartman, Dorothy Jelle, 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

- † **Wayne & Mary Knudson and their family.** Wayne's sister-in-law, Sue Knudson, passed away December 28.
- † **Dennis & Mary Lokken and Sylvia Lokken.** Dennis' and Sylvia's brother, Otis Lokken, passed away on January 2.



MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of Otis Lokken for the General Fund from Helen & John Kahl; and for the **Music Fund** from Dave & Ann Baumgartner



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.

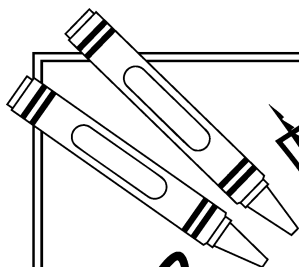


FEBRUARY

Birthdays

1	Nancy Balbach George Johnson Zachary Peter Dean Stange	9	Beth Heiting Scott Klassy Declan Otis Kristi Schulenberg	17	Grace Casey Joyce Fargo Kanen Getz Siri Martin
2	Rob Farnsworth Sara John Mary Kaboth	10	Adrienne Hogseth Christina Kahl Margie Kahl		Steve Mueller Marc Powell Joan Stensby
3	Jim Uptegraw		Adam Sailor	19	Danielle Gibney
4	Ben Brothers Reece Watson	11	Lauren Albrecht Eva Larson		Elva Jeanne Hanna Jan Lukken
5	Owen Aeschlimann Jackson John Doug Nesheim Stephanie Rollins Pamela Roth Sophia Sadler		Colton Martin Sarah Strube	20	Madison Lukken Jim Cook
		12	Kayla Bredeson Paige Densmore Meghan Mason		Mary Krantz Molly Mason
			Jonah Siebold	21	Jessica Hanson Anthony Truman
6	Scott Hall Regan Soyring Mark Sutter		Ryan Sinner		Craig Vesely
		13	Addison Anderson Hailey Hanson	23	Mary Ann Powell Paul Yapp
7	Sawyer Kahl Lacey Klessig Mark Peter		Quentin Rosborough Dan Sherven	24	Sean LaBorde Gerald Stamm
		14	Ashley Thompson Linda Topper		Jenifer Stone
				25	Mary Hastings
8	Makayla Krueger Charlie Miller Scott Underwood Carter Vesely Cathy Woller	15	Theresa M. Toniazzo		Jared Leuzinger
		16	Taylor Freitag Kayson Haag-Little	26	Bernette Allemann
				27	Jennifer Ekenberg
				28	Amanda Balbach Donald Field
				29	Craig Mortvedt Hannah Stapelmann

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



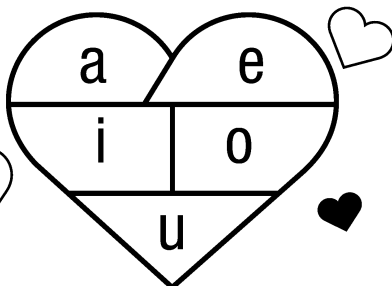
PUZZLE

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.



Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.



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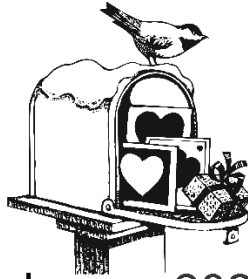
y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. . . .

Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:

L _ v _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. . . . This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV



February 2020

CIRCLES & BIBLE STUDIES

FAITH CIRCLE will meet at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, February 11**, at the Homestead. Please bring the January/February issue of Gather magazine.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet at 10am in Fellowship Hall on **February 18th**. Chapter 7 in The Girl's Still Got It. Co-hosts Janet Nesheim and Rita Schraepfer-Derke.

SARAH CIRCLE meeting will be **Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00pm**, in Faith Room.

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, **February 7 & 21, at 6:30am**. Come join us for coffee and conversation about the week's Bible readings. Everyone is welcome!!

THANK YOU to Social Committee #1 for serving funerals in January. Diane Bartz & Linda Magnuson are co-chairs,

SERVING FUNERALS IN FEBRUARY Committee #2, Co-chairs are Dawn Haag & Mary Meister

Social Committees are asked to continue serving while the church council is working on changes to the funeral lunch system.