

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

What will you do for Lent?

I was reading a Lenten devotion shared by *Rev. Holly McKissick*, *pastor of Peace Christian Church (UCC)*, which has stayed with me the past few days. Here's a portion of it:

"In the 1700s, Marie Durand was imprisoned in France in the Tower of Constance for thirty-eight years for practicing her faith. During her long imprisonment, she used her finger to carve the French word "resiste" into a stone block.

Resist. It's a command that runs through scripture, from the midwives who resisted Pharaoh to Jesus who resisted temptation. It's a helpful word for Lent: Resist your typical response. Resist yelling at the kids when you are frustrated. Resist withdrawing when you are depressed and eating when you are stressed.

It takes a long time to carve stone with your finger. So it is with Lent. If our goal is to be different people come Easter Sunday than we are on Ash Wednesday, we must take time, step back, and evaluate our patterns. It will take active effort, intentional practice, and a supportive community. The season of Lent asks: What do you need to resist? It takes forty days, and then some."

What is the Lord asking you this season of Lent? What do you need to resist?

> Consumption? Taking on too much? Being too hard on yourself? Hopelessness? Apathy? Turning a blind eye to the needs of others? Self-centeredness? Judgmentalism? Fearfulness? Worry?

Each one of us has our own list of powers to resist, but we have a common strength and hope. We follow Jesus, even through the hard days of opposition and judgment he will face, but in faithfulness Jesus leads us to a day of life and hope. Let's take these days to focus on what imprisons us, and who sets us free.

God's Peace,

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THEY WERE THERE Lenten Series

The story of the Passion of Christ is filled with vivid characters, each of whom played an important role on that fateful day. "They Were There" is a series of interviews with five of these characters. Each of them is asked about their lives, what led them to that tragic

event, and what they would say to us in the 21st century.

 $\begin{array}{l} March \ 4^{th} \ - \ Judas \\ March \ 11^{th} \ - \ Barabbas \\ March \ 18^{th} \ - \ Pilate \\ March \ 25^{th} \ - \ Claudia \\ April \ 1^{st} \ - \ Peter \end{array}$

Join us for our Lenten worship opportunities. Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in fellowship hall, followed by lunch, or for Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel, preceded by a simple supper served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

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'.





FUSE UPCOMING DATES - With spring activities upon us, FUSE will be meeting on **Mondays, 7 pm - 8:30 pm.** Please join us for fun, food and fellowship. All high schoolers are welcome!

2020 ELC SUMMER FUN Registration forms available on the website, by the chapel's bulletin board, or contact Brenda.

- Day Camp/Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 15-18, 2020
 - \circ ~ VBS (9 11:30 am) for 3 5 years old
 - Day Camp (9 am 3 pm) Children entering 1st 5th in fall
- Explorer Day at Sugar Creek July 7th, 9 am 3 pm (Children entering 1st - 5th grade in fall 2020)
- YouthWorks Mission Trip July 19 24, 2020; Leech Lake Reservation, MN
- Confirmation Camp at Sugar Creek July 26- 31, 2020 (7th & 8th)Register online at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org
- Mini Mission Week Aug 11 13th (7th grade-High School)

SUMMER CAMP (SUGAR CREEK) Youth entering 3rd - High School are invited to experience a week at Sugar Creek. Great opportunity to enjoy God's beauty, while experiencing games, Bible Studies, crafts, water time in the pool, horseback riding and much more. Check out their new camp programs too, especially one called "Night Camp". Invite a friend to go. Register online at <u>www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org</u>

PARENTS' COFFEE TIME -will be taking a break for now. Possibly returning in the FALL of 2020. If this event interests you, please let us know the best time to offer this opportunity for fellowship/networking. Email brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org with any comments or questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING (MARCH) Summer projects for youth -DAY CAMP

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.

Blessings,

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

GREETINGS FROM AGAPE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL!

After the past few very cold days and extra snow we've had, I think we are all wishing for spring-like weather to show up soon! March activities at preschool will include celebration of Dr. Seuss Birthday and St. Patrick's Day. We will also learn about outer space, dinosaurs, transportation, and of course, spring. I'm sure a lot of fun and exciting adventures will take place!

We are well underway with enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year! The registration forms are available on our website www.agapechristianpreschool.com or packets can be picked up in the Agape office during preschool hours. Our 4K program with the MHASD is also enrolling students for the upcoming school year. 4K registration can be completed online at the school district website found at www.mounthorebschools.**org** under the 4K section.

Ms. Wendy and our students have been learning some awesome songs. We hope you enjoyed the music we shared on Sunday, February 23 at the 10:30 am service. I know all of the children and teachers did!

Butter Braid Frozen Pastries will be delivered on Wednesday, March 4th. If you placed an order with me, please plan to pick up that week during preschool hours or make alternate arrangements with me. We sold just over \$5000 this year, raising about \$2100 for the preschool. We will continue to use those funds to improve out playground area with more new items. Thank you to those who made a purchase as we couldn't do it without your support!

Blessings, Amy Kellesvig, Director Agape Christian Preschool MHASD 4K Community Site

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 12 – No School, 4K Parent/Teacher conferences Monday, March 23 – Monday, March 27 – No Preschool; Spring Break Thursday, April 9 – No preschool classes Friday, April 10 – No preschool classes Sunday, April 26 – Spring Program for all classes (3K & 4K) 1:30 pm I

COUNCIL NEWS



A SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING has been called April 5, 2020 between services for the purpose of considering improvements to the lighting and air circulation in the sanctuary.

The motion is as follows: "We, the congregation, make a motion to raise funds in the amount of \$75,000 for the cost of installing LED lighting and fans in the sanctuary.

If the motion were to pass, there would be another motion to begin the project once 80% (\$60,000) of the total finds is raised." Significant technology improvements in lighting and air movement have been made in the past 60 years since this church was built. This has given us an opportunity to take advantage of these improvements. The Council has agreed to proceed with this step in the process. You are encouraged to attend the presentation and add your voice to this important decision. Additional information will be coming in the weeks preceding the meeting. There will be opportunities to review the information and ask questions during these times.



DISHWASHER UPDATE (from Property Ministry) There has been ongoing concern about the "health" of the dishwasher in the kitchen due to a few issues. Conrad Richer, a member of the Property Ministry, has done an analysis of the problems and repairs that have been done in the past. The dishwasher is about 24 years old, and is still in good working condition given its limited use. Over the lifetime of use here at ELC, the cost of ownership, maintenance and repairs done to it average a bit over \$600 per YEAR! The current cost of replacement is well over \$20,000.

We anticipate many more years of use of this unit. However, there is opportunity to contribute to a replacement fund for future needed replacement. If interested, identify Kitchen/Dishwasher on the memo line of your check. This is also available for online users.

TREASURER'S REPORT - January 2020

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY (\$)						
	Jan '20	Jan 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget	
Income	19,421	19,453	19,421	19,453	29,819	
Transfer In	0	1,722	0	1,722	0	
Expense	31,323	29,893	31,323	29,893	30,659	
Net	(11,902)	(8,718)	(11,902)	(8,718)	(840)	

Year-to-date General Fund income (4 Sundays) is 0% less than prior year (4 Sundays) and 35% less than budget. YTD expenses are 5% more than prior year, primarily due to snow removal, partially offset by savings from the vacant intern position; YTD expenses are 2% above budget, primarily due to snow removal.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CAPITAL) FUND ACTIVITY (\$)						
	Jan '20	Jan 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget	
Income	697	409	697	409	667	
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	0	
Expense	1,899	1,6110	1,899	1,611	1,334	
Net	(1,202)	(1,202)	(1,202)	(1,202)	(667)	

Year-to-date Building Maintenance Fund income 70% more than prior year and 4% more that budget. YTD expenses ((HVAC repair) are 18% more than last year (also HVAC) and 42% more that budget.

MORTGAGE REPAYMENT FUND ACTIVITY (\$); (LOAN BALANCE IS \$171,090)						
	Jan 2020	Jan 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget	
Income	3,418	3,724	3,418	3,724	3,630	
Expense	3,630	3,630	3,630	3,630	3,630	
Net	(212)	94	(212)	94	0	

Year-to-date Mortgage Repayment Fund income is 8% less than prior year and 6% less than budget. YTD payments are equal to prior year and budget. Final payment is scheduled for June 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Stephen J. Hall,

CPA, ELCMH Treasurer, Feb. 9, 2020

BENEVOLENCE

Providing Summertime Opportunities for our Students

If the increasingly later sunsets and occasional thaws didn't get your attention, we received a wonderful reminder that summer is on its way when Kjell Bakken, Program Director at Sugar Creek Bible Camp, visited ELC recently. For more than 50 years, Sugar Creek has provided an exciting opportunity for young people to learn more about themselves and the natural world while surrounded by friends new and old in a nurturing Chistian environment.

And that's just one of the many summertime options available to kids at ELC — options made possible by our congregation's generosity. For the past few years, we've designated March as the month we highlight these offerings through our Benevolence program, ensuring that we can keep them affordable for all and free for those who aren't in position to pay. In addition to Sugar Creek, here are the experiences sponsored by ELC that you and your kids and grandkids can look forward to this summer:

- Youthworks trip from July 19-24 to Leech Lake Reservation in Minnesota, where a large group of high school youth and adult chaperones will plan and lead children's programming, do service projects, and learn about Native American culture.
- Vacation Bible School and Day Camp, hosted at ELC from June 14-18, where youngsters from 3 years old to 5th grade learn important Bible lessons and get to interact with older kids from our congregation and Sugar Creek camp counselors.
- Mini Mission Week for students from seventh grade to seniors from Aug. 11-13, featuring local service projects and trips to charitable organizations in Madison.

If you're interested in learning more about and registering for our opportunities at ELC, contact Youth Director Brenda Martin (brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org). Find out more about Sugar Creek at sugarcreekbiblecamp.org.

You can donate to Benevolence in March 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 adammertz2@gmail.com

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

HELP OUT THE HOMELESS! Volunteers needed for July, August, September, November & December to make Homeless Lunches. This is a great activity for a family, church circle, youth or civic groups. This project involves 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 2^{nd} or 4^{th} 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.

THANK YOU FROM THE RED CROSS Thank you for being a part of the American Red Cross blood program. Working together and serving others is a common belief we share and we appreciate the opportunity to partner with Evangelical Lutheran Church to hold the Mt Horeb Community Blood Drive.

We rely on blood drive partnerships throughout the year to meet hospitals' blood needs. Thank you for offering this opportunity to help ensure a safe adequate blood supply.

Your blood drive collected a total of 60 pints from 57 people which can impact up to 180 lives, 48 whole blood and 12 power reds with 1 first time donor.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions. On behalf of the patients and their families, thank you for being a part of this unique community partnership. We appreciate you and hope we can partner again in the future.

Diane Nichols Donor Recruitment Account Manager

Dear Members of ELC,

On behalf of the Community Clothes Closet Board, Steering Committee and our shoppers, thank you for your church's support. Under the guidance of Kate Hook, volunteers working in January put in over 90 hours of service. This made it possible for 89 shoppers to receive basic clothing and bedding which they are in need of.

We appreciate each of you for your generosity of time to serve this ministry. We can't imagine what we would do without you and the 15 partner churches. They dedicate many hours sorting donations, folding and shelving clothing and cleaning the facility. Please extend our thanks to Kate and those in your congregation who helped the facility.

We continually have a need for seasonal clothing and bedding and ask that you keep us in mind when cleaning your closets. We are blessed and give thanks for your time and prayers.

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Amy Gordon, Community Clothes Closet Coordinator

BABY CARE KITS, SPECIFIC NEED In the month of February Rebecca Circle asked for bars of soap for <u>Baby Care Kits</u> for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to all who found our box in Fellowship Hall. If you forgot, it's not too late, you can still pick up a pack of bar soap and drop it in the box.

For March, would you consider donating a hand towel, or two? These would be larger than a washcloth, but not as large as a bath towel and they prefer darker colors. They can be in new or good used condition. They shouldn't be ragged or torn. Thank you for considering these small items to complete the kits we put together later in the year. We never know when a small act of kindness can change the life and health of one mother and child.

SUGAR CREEK HORSE PROJECT Help support the ministry we share through our Bible camp by sponsoring one of the squares on the Horse Project poster in the narthex. You can write you name in one (or more) squares, and make a \$20 gift to Sugar Creek. Horse project envelopes on with the poster, and checks should be made payable to ELC.

WELL DRILLING MISSION TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA This is an invitation for 2-3 interested ELC members to consider participating in a well drilling mission trip to Central America. A team from the Mt. Horeb area will be traveling to El Salvador from June 13-20, 2020 to assist with drilling a well and providing hygiene training for a small community that lacks access to clean water. This opportunity is open to any interested adult (especially women to assist with hygiene) that wants to participate in all aspects of the mission trip. This will be the 10th annual trip and will once again be based out of Immanuel Lutheran Church and lead by John Schmitt. We partner with Living Water International and follow their mission statement - to provide clean water for life in Jesus' name. The mission team is currently forming and a team meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8 at 7 pm. This meeting will be a chance to meet other participants and hear details of the June mission trip to El Salvador. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact John Schmitt at 575-3070.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

ALL SINGERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE MT HOREB CHORALE for the spring concert to be held May 3, 2020. Rehearsals are one a week and begin Sunday, March 1 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Mt. Horeb High School Choir Room. No auditions just come and enjoy singing together. For more information, call Paula Craft at 437-5652.



During Lent, we will not be having our regular Wednesdays with Luther.

Save the date - May 6th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at ELC for Wednesdays with Luther.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION Anyone interested in exploring membership at ELC is welcome to attend an orientation session on **Sunday, March 8th at 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall. Even if you're only thinking about it, bring your questions and find out more. If you're interested but can't attend that day, please contact Pastor John

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD AT 9:30 A.M. SUGAR CREEK EXCECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JESSE KLOSTERBOER, will be available for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall. Come meet the new director.

ALL WOMEN IN THE BARNEVELD CONFERENCE



You are invited to the Spring Gathering Saturday, April 25, 2020 8:30 to 9 a.m. Registration & Refreshments 9 to noon Meeting/Guest Speaker/Lunch Grace Lutheran Church. Dodgeville Guest speaker - Rev. Cindy Crane, Director of Lutheran Office for **Public Policy in Wisconsin** A free will offering will be taken to support Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin and our Synodical Women's Organization All women in the Barneveld Conference are invited. You don't have

to be part of an active women's group to attend.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sammy Peede (nephew of Kari & Dan Hustad), Makenzee Smith, Delores Bryant, Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher). Brock Howe, Martha Hartman, Dorothy Jelle, Jeannie U'Ren, Mariann Brown (Rita Schraepfer-Derke's sister), Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother), Ruth Ann Nemet, Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton &



Jean Bower), Irene Bruflat, 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

- Pearl Vierima, who passed away February 15
- Don Zimpel, who died February 14
- **Eugene Opsal,** who passed away February 12
- Lois Alm, who died on Sunday, February 9.
- **Jeanette Richard**, who passed away on February 20.

And with

- Mary Krantz and family. Mary's mother, Gladys Gullickson, died on January 27.
- Wendy Rasmussen & family. Wendy's mother, Lorraine Olson, died January 30.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

Otis Lokken for the Music Fund from → Dennis & Mary Lokken

Lorraine Olson for the **Music Fund** from Kathy & Pat O'Donnell and Jody Morey

- Lois Alm for the General Fund Gordy & Margie Kahl and John & Helen Kahl; and for Divine Savior Lutheran from Helen Martinson
- Pearl Vierima for the General Fund from John & Helen Kahl

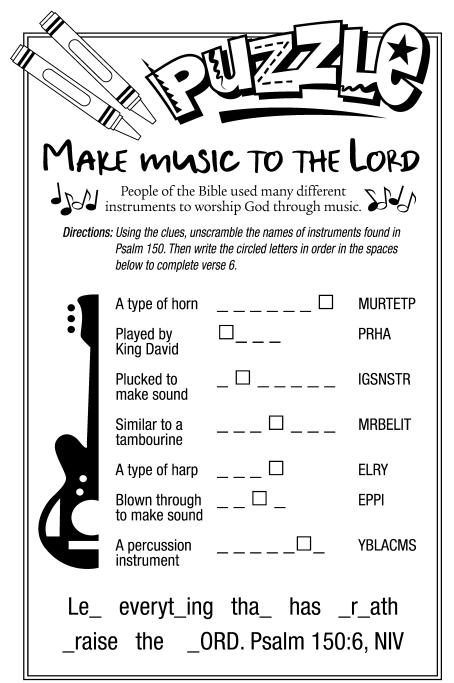


MILITARY RECOGNITION If you know of an individual entering the military on active duty – this includes anyone who is a member of our congregation or who is family and not a member of our congregation (grandchild, son, daughter, etc.), please contact the church office (437-5012 or **elc@mhtc.net**). We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



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1	Abby Steinhauer	9	Jim Hadac	21	Disa Erickson
2	Chad Boettcher	Danny Muehlenkamp		Michael Frisk	
	Isabella Cross		Jennifer Larson		Catherine Ivey
Jordan Freitag			Donna Skogen		Julie Schmitz
	Bridgett Killinger	11	Rebecca Kahl	22	Jacey Morin
	Berkley Segebrecht	12	Amy Kellesvig	24	Sara Fritz
	Sarah Zelle		Ingrid Parks		Gail Huseth
3	Kiarra Eith	13	Karen McKay	25	Ryan Johnson
	Christopher Balbach		Ava Magnuson		Porter Kreul
	Amy High		Sharman Moen		Micky Schulenberg
	Rita Schraepfer-Derke		Laura Zemp	26	Vaughn Ableman
	DiAnne Stamn		Kady Zupan-Walsh		Cheryl Mortvedt
4	Lauren Eggers	14	Bill Faltz		Kayla Mullendore
	Zachary Eggers		Daryl Rothamer		Steve Slocum
	Everly Pierick		Steven Stack	27	Samantha Knudson
	Danielle Schulz	15	Quinn Killinger	28	Diane Farnsworth
5	Camille Samuelson	16	Ethan Fendrick		Bradley Miller
6	Kolleen Nesheim		Ken Schulenberg		Wendy Rasmussen
	Sabrina Sieg		Diane Twiton		Brayden Reeson
	Owen Stamn	17	Cyndi Eggers		Ella Reeson
	Bill Walsh		Paul Hogseth	29	Melissa Boettcher
	Sydney Wyss		Charlie Laabs		Nathan Mullendore
7	Ellie Hadac	18	Ashley Hall	30	Nyaah Schloesser
	Cody Hanson	19	Scarlett Cannon		Isaac Schloesser
	Betty Martinson	20	Ian Farrell		Jennifer Turk
	Rylie O'Connell		Cyndy Hamburg	31	Al Bartz
	Garrett Spellman	20	Ian Farrell		Duane Christoph
8	DeLayne Krentz				Paul Kellesvig
	Emily Watson				Nathan Seibel
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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: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV



CIRCLES & BIBLE STUDIES

- **FAITH CIRCLE** will meet at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, March 10**, at the Homestead.
- **REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet at 10am in Fellowship Hall on March 17th.
- SARAH CIRCLE will meet on MARCH 17TH in the St Olaf Room at 7pm. Cornel & Rachel Mich will share information about their ministry in Croaiova, Romania. Rachel spent Sunday school years at ELC and her mom, Jeanette Martin, is also a Sarah Circle member and former ELC Sunday School teacher. AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ANY AND ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS OF ELC who would like to visit our meeting and learn of the Michs' Adventures in Romania.
- **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, **March 6th & 20th, at 6:30am**. Come join us for coffee and conversation about the week's Bible readings. Everyone is welcome!!

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- **THANK YOU** to Social Committee #2 for serving funerals in February. Dawn Haag & Mary Meister are co-chairs,
- **SERVING FUNERALS IN MARCH** Committee #3, Co-chairs are Char Smith & Judy Steinhauer.

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