



WELCOME TO
ELC MOUNT HOREB

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE is temporarily suspended. Worship services are available on line each Sunday morning at elcmthoreb.org or ELC Facebook page.

OFFICE HOURS Our building is closed until further notice, but the church office will be staffed every morning from 9am to noon. Phone messages may be left at 437-5012.

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

The light still shines .

“No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.” -Matthew 5:15

If you've been listening to the daily devotions on Facebook, you'll recognize this story: In the old days, on Easter night, the Russian peasants used to carry the blessed fire home from church. The light would scatter and travel in all directions through the darkness, and the desolation of the night would be pierced and dispelled as lamps came on in the windows of the farmhouses, one by one. Even so, the glory of God sleeps everywhere, ready to blaze out unexpectedly in created things. Even so, his peace and his order lie hidden in the world, even the world of today, ready to reestablish themselves in his way, in his own good time-but never without the instrumentality of free options made by free people. *Thomas Merton*

In the Russian Orthodox tradition there is a fire lit as part of the Easter celebration. I love the image of that fire being carried out from the church and lighting the homes of all the people. This 'blessed fire' represents the resurrected Christ who lives in the lives and homes of all those in the community.

In these last few weeks I often find myself walking my dogs down the dark and quiet streets of town. On warm nights there have been campfires burning in backyards all around town. It makes me think of Merton's story – how the light of Christ spreads and is burning all over town.

In this time when we can't gather together, we are entrusted in keeping that fire burning in our own homes and own lives. We can nurture that flame in ourselves, and share a word to rekindle that fire in others. God's Spirit continues to kindle that fire, and it will not go out.

There will come a day when we gather again and sing, and pray, and let our light shine together as one, but until then, let your light shine where you are.

God's Peace,



NEW WAYS OF “BEING CHURCH While the building is closed, and we don’t gather as usual, worship continues. You can participate in online worship by joining us on Facebook on Sunday morning at 8:30am, or watch the video later on the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt. Horeb Facebook page, or on the church website at: <http://elcmthoreb.org/home/worship/sermon-archive/>

- Morning devotions by Pastor John on the ELC Facebook page at 8am Monday through Saturday
- Sunday School gathering on Zoom link on Sunday morning
- Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th grades on via Zoom on Wednesday evening.
- Pre-Confirmation for 6th Graders on Wednesday afternoon via Zoom

Beginning in May, there will be a Zoom “Coffee time’ on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. This will be a time just to visit online with Pastor and anyone else who checks in. Watch your email for a link. If you need to be included on the email list, please send your info to Pastor John at: john.twiton@elcmthoreb.org

LISTEN TO SUNDAY SERVICE “LIVE” ON YOUR PHONE

CALL: 855 - 514 - 2017 We have set up a telephone-based that will provide a recording of the current Sunday service for anyone who wishes to listen to the service over the phone. We are providing this so that those without an internet connection can access our weekly services, but the service may be used by anyone who dials the access number.

The current week’s service can be heard at any time by dialing **855 - 514 - 2017. This is a toll-free number.** Services will be available every Sunday morning at 8:30 am, the same time we livestream the video service on Facebook. Please note that if you call in while the service is ‘live”, you will join the service at its current point. Once the service is complete, calls will hear a complete recording of the service. If you wish, there are prompts that allow you to be added to a notification list that will call when the next service is going live on Sunday morning.

Similar prompts will also be available to remove your phone number from the notification service. If you have any problems removing your phone number from the notification list, please call the church office and leave us a message. We will have the ability to remove your phone number.



WELCOME OUR NEW INTERN

Despite the current conditions, we need to continue to invest in the future of the church. So coming this summer we will welcome a new intern, Tamara Siburg, to ELC. Here's a little bit about her:

Hello, I'm Tamara Siburg. Tamara is pronounced like camera. I am excited to be starting as your intern this coming August! I am finishing up my second year at Wartburg Seminary as a residential student on campus. I am originally from Poulsbo, WA (a ferry ride and short drive away from Seattle). Poulsbo is known as "little Norway" due to the fact that the founders thought the bay and mountains reminded them of the fjords back home in Norway. I went to Pacific Lutheran University for undergrad, graduating in 2013 with a B.S. in Psychology. I spent a year in Wilmington, DE doing a year of service with Lutheran Volunteer Corps. I then spent my time before starting seminary working part time at a church near my hometown. Since a young age I have often been a part of the music ministries in whichever congregation I have been active at, including now at Wartburg. I enjoy all things music, as well as all active things outside. I am excited to explore some of the state parks in the area that I have heard about! Oh, I also have a 16 year old fur-baby, a tuxedo cat named Trea. Again, can't wait to meet you all!

Peace,
Tamara

If you would like to serve on the intern committee please contact the church office.

THANK YOU!!!

Even though we are going through a difficult time, there is much to be thankful for. Thanks to all of you!

- For all of the cards and notes mailed to brighten someone's day
- For all the phone calls, texts, and messages to check on your family and friends
- For the prayers on behalf of those mourning or suffering
- For the way you've watched out for neighbors and offered to lend a helping hand.
- Your continued support of the ministries of ELC!

COUNCIL NEWS

PROPERTY REPORT

Adopt The Lawn On Hiatus I'm not going to initiate the program this year. Volunteers last year did such a great job that I feel it's not essential to have a formal program this year. The trees have been pruned and I've been doing some trimming around the church.

However, please use your eyes as you walk around the grounds. If you see something that needs attention, take care of it if you are able, or send me a text or email.

I've had to remove 5 shrubs/bushes because they were dead. If interested in donating for replacements, note "Landscape fund" on your offering envelope or on a separate check. Replacements will be selected and planted in early fall.

I continue to be appreciative of the care you give to our beautiful property.

Diane Bartz, property council liaison

Text: 608-444-1240

email: barbaradbartz@gmail.com (be sure to put the "d" between my first and last name).

TREASURER'S REPORT – March 2020

Cash Balances for ELC Mt. Horeb Funds (\$)				
	General	Bldg. Maint.	Mortgage	Designated
3/31/20	9,125	66,181	30,494	50,138
12/31/19	26,413	65,651	31,039	47,719
3/31/19	8,234	73,208	39,846	54,949

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY (\$)					
	Mar'20	Mar 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	27,042	36,287	69,853	78,390	89,756
Transfer In	0	1,722	0	5,167	0
Expense	24,038	33,729	87,147	94,369	92,089
Net	3,004	4,280	(17,294)	(10,812)	(2,333)

Year-to-date General Fund income (13 Sundays) is 11% less than prior year (13 Sundays) and 22% less than budget. YTD expenses are 8% less than prior year, primarily due to the vacant intern position, lower maintenance and utility costs, partially offset by leadership development (synod assembly); YTD expenses are 5% under budget, primarily due to staff reductions, lower utilities and pastoral ministry costs.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CAPITAL) FUND ACTIVITY (\$)					
	Mar'20	Mar 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	852	761	2,429	1,658	2,000
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	0
Expense	0	0	1,900	1,611	4,000
Net	852	761	529	47	(2,000)

Year-to-date Building Maintenance Fund income is 47% more than prior year and 21% more than budget. YTD expenses (HVAC repair) are 18% more than last year (also HVAC) and 48% less than budget.

MORTGAGE REPAYMENT FUND ACTIVITY (\$); (LOAN BALANCE IS \$162,302)					
	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	3,606	3,346	10,331	10,143	10,890
Expense	3,630	3,630	10,890	10,890	10,890
Net	(24)	(284)	(559)	(747)	0

Year-to-date Mortgage Repayment Fund income is 2% more than prior year and 5% 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, April 19, 2020

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL Each week, I am emailing lessons to allow our families to work on Sunday School at home. We began sharing the Sparkhouse Family Sunday School online lessons, designed for our current situation. Lessons will be available through June 7th. I also have a special ZOOM time on Sundays at 10 AM for students to connect, read the story, and play a game.

PRE-CONFIRMATION CLASSES (6th graders) Our 6th graders will continue their ZOOM classes on Wednesdays, May 6th and 13th at 4:00 pm. We are studying about the Bible and its great stories, which help guide us in our own lives. If you are unable to join in the ZOOM time, a Take Home sheet and a Google Slide file is available for each week.

CONFIRMATION Our 7th & 8th graders also meet on ZOOM on Wednesdays. 7th graders meet at 7:00 pm and 8th graders meet at 7:30 pm. We are finishing up learning about 'Worship' and will discuss some Hot Topics.

FUSE Our high schoolers will continue to meet Tuesdays in May, at 7pm. Time to connect and play games!



GRADUATING SENIORS Please continue to send your photos, and your plans for after graduation to brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org. We are working on a slideshow, for the time when we will be able to gather again, and celebrate your accomplishments.

SUMMER CAMP (SUGAR CREEK) At the current time, Sugar Creek is continuing to plan for their summer activities. There will be more updates as we go through May, since they do follow all of the guidelines to keep everyone safe. Keep Sugar Creek in your prayers during this difficult time. Please check their website, www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org, for updates, ways to donate, and registration.

2020 ELC SUMMER FUN Registration forms available on the website, or contact me. I can email them. **We are still planning on these summer activities at the current time. Please stay tuned for updates in May, which will be posted on our website, Facebook and email.**

- **Day Camp/Vacation Bible School (VBS)** - June 15-18, 2020
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)

Blessings and stay safe,

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

BENEVOLENCE

Give to Benevolence as You Are Able

During this pandemic, we've had occasional conversations in my house about which groups really needs money now, and how much we can afford to give amid all this uncertainty. We're obviously not alone in that regard. Financial circumstances have changed for many of us already, and nobody knows the challenges the next few months will bring. At the same time, the need for help has never been greater -- within our church, and in our community, our state and beyond.

So, please know that while we're proud to continue our outreach efforts at this critical time, we want to underscore that we've always viewed donations as not just voluntary but above and beyond the contributions that fund the core functions of our church, which continue even as we are unable to join there in fellowship and

worship. In turn, we know that people make those core contributions based on what they and their family can commit amid their own financial circumstances.

Thank you for considering Benevolence as one of the avenues where you can make a difference in people's lives. In the case of our May mission, we have a chance to do good by supporting the Mount Horeb Senior Center. We're all feeling the effects of the pandemic, but perhaps no other group has been emphasized more than our older friends, relatives and neighbors. The risk of a higher chance of contracting the disease compounds a degree of isolation that many seniors felt before this crisis landed on our doorstep. The social gatherings that many relied on for emotional support have been put on hold, and in many cases the technology that keeps others connected isn't as accessible or as intuitive.

The Mount Horeb Senior Center does a wonderful job coordinating activities that bring seniors together when times are good, but also coordinates mobile meals programs that provide nutrition and a much-needed social interaction.

We've partnered with them in the past and are excited to do so again this month. You can donate by:

- **Mail:** Send a check to ELC and note "Benevolence" in the memo
- **Online:** Visit the ELC website and click "Give"
- **Digitally:** Download the "GivePlus Church" mobile app, or text "Benevolence" to 608-400-0183 with the amount you wish to give.

Adam Mertz
Adammertz2@gmail.com

MAY CIRCLES & BIBLE STUDIES will not meet again until further notice.

2020 SPRING FLING...postponed until FURTHER NOTICE.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISMS ON May 19 are Lauryn & Zachary Eggers. Lauryn & Zachary are the children of Michael & Athena Eggers. Their sponsors are Heidi & David Shufelt (Lauryn) and Bill & Meagan Eggers (Zachary).

During the month of May we want RECOGNIZE ALL ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS AND VETERANS of our ELC congregation who are or have honorably served our country. **THANK YOU** for your service to our great nation and the sacrifices you make/made. The following are active duty military serving our country at this time:



Daniel Edwards
Brandon Lutz
Jacob Slaney

James Larson
Craig Mortvedt
Kaleb Stapelmann

Jack Lunaas
Grant Schult
Jacob Warner

The following are veterans from our congregation who have served our country:

Vaughn Ableman
James Collins
David Field
Chris Hook
Richard S Johnson
Kendall Kittleson
Ken Landen
Robert Schiefelbein
Steve Stensby
Jim Uptegraw

Allan Bartz
Vern Drape
David Flom
Jeff Hook
Larry Kaletka
Scott Klassey
Patrick O'Donnell
Gerald Stamm
Irvin Steinhauer
Delbert Warner

David Baumgartner
David Edwards
Allen "Skip" Greve
John Huseth
Paul Kellesvig
Wayne Knudson
Harland Oimoen
Marc Stamm
Peter Strube

If we have missed someone we are very sorry. Please let the church office know you were not included on this list.

We will recognize active-duty military & veterans at all services. That date will be determined once we resume our regular church schedule.



PLEASE PRAY FOR Lisa Fargo's aunt, Nick Sydow (friend of Connie Curran's sons), Helen Martinson, Sammy Peede, nephew of Kari and Dan Hustad, Makenzee Smith, Delores Bryant, Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher), Brock Howe, Martha Hartman, Dorothy Jelle, Jeannie U'Ren, 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, 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

- **Rita Schraepfer-Derke and family.** Rita's sister Mariann Brown died in April.
- **Rubelle Zwald.** Rubelle's daughter, Mary Jane Niles, also died in April

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

- † **Lois Alm** for the **General Fund** from Max & Betty Rosenbaum and Rita Schraepfer-Derke; for the **Mortgage Fund** from Duane & Laura Miller; and for the **Unspecified Memorials Fund** from Dennis & Diane Dreger, Vern & Betty Drape, Char Smith, Steve & Diane Mueller, Mary Stamm, Kendall & Sara Kittleson, Dick & Carol Engstad, Diane Bartz, Stephen & Kennlyn Vernier, John & Eleanore Frame, David & Barbara Cassidy, Kermit & Phyllis Watkins, Gloria Clark and Local 139 Retirees
- † **Linda Topper** for the **Unspecified Memorials Fund** from Rita & Norm Hefty; for the **General Fund** from Rita Schraepfer-Derke; for the **Mortgage Fund** from Sharon Collins; and for the **Music Fund** from Mary Stamm



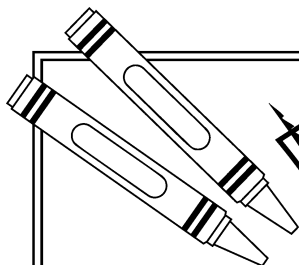


May

BIRTHDAYS

1	Joshua Kahl	10	Sandy Fischer	21	Sam Kellesvig
	Cody Sveum		Suzi Grundahl		Pete Strube
	Savanna Thorsen		Jennifer Mullendore	22	Grace Hamburg
2	Tyler Crubaugh	11	Logan Hinsenkamp		Anita Nagle
	Taylor Kitsemble		John Malin	23	Sarah Baum
	John Topper		John Nielsen		Jessica Lorenz
	Blake Vasen	12	John Coffin		Kelley O'Connell
3	Darrick Kreul		Colin Schulenbert	24	Sandra Cushman
	Amy Sinner		Laurie Vogt		Nolan Krentz
4	Dorothy Bergum	13	Grace Brager		Carol Nielsen
	Sandy Hook		Jeremy Olson	25	Kerstin Edwards
5	Caylen Kahl		Lily Rollins		Claire Hamburg
	Domonic Krueger		Sedona Vondra		Mike Heiting
6	Joel Kahl	14	Sarah Schloesser		Janice Olday
	David Vogt	15	Maggie Calhoun		Chelsea Sailor
	Del Warner		George Klaetsch		Charles Willcutt
	Leah Zelle		Eric Schloesser	26	Nathan Albrecht
	Maren Zupan-Walsh		Henry Willcutt		Jackson Rameker
7	Martha Faust	16	Marilyn Festge	27	Glenn Hook
	Norm Hefty		Evelyn Oimoen		Grant Schult
8	Viviana Helwig		Kim Steinhauer		Mark Sherven
	Roselee Losenegger		Warren Wilson		Parker Woolard
	Melissa Rameker	17	Laura Smith	28	Athena Eggers
	Robbe Schulenberg	18	Wes Parks		Daniel Lins
	Steve Steinl		Kelly Steinl		Amanda Lutz
9	Jason Fendrick	19	Morgan Kitsemble	29	Ken Landen
	Emily Wallace	20	Kris Muelhenkamp	30	Cathie Anderson
	Ava Zupan-Walsh		Kaleb Stapelmann		Gary Festge
					Brenda Monroe
				31	Dan Gibney

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

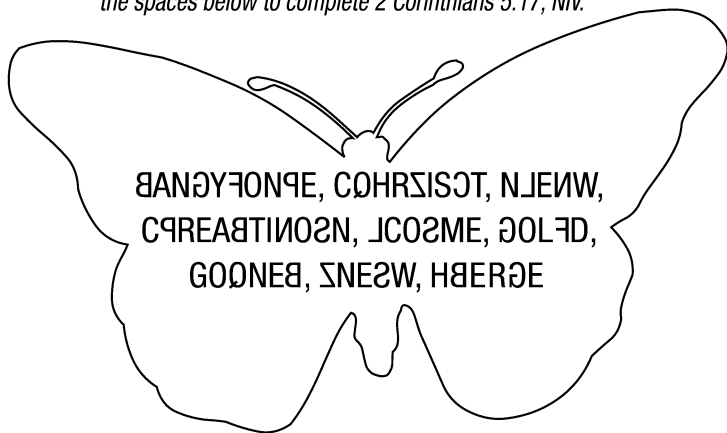
Transformation **POWER**



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,
God transforms us from old to new.



Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



Therefore, if _____ is in _____ ,

the _____ has _____ :

The _____ has _____ ,

the _____ is _____ !

2 C O R I N T H I A N S 5 : 1 7 , N I V

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here

2020 SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

With summer in the not-too-distant future, we hope that all ELC youth who would like to attend summer camp have or soon will register with the camp of their choice. ELC Benevolence funds will be used to provide a **\$75 campership to each registered camper attending a full week** and a **\$50 campership to those going to ½ week camps.**



Complete the form below for each child or youth attending Bible camp and submit it to the church office. **The scholarships will be sent directly to the camp earmarked for each individual child.**

Name: _____

will be attending summer Bible camp this year from

_____ to _____ at the following camp:
(date) (date)

(Please check only one.)

_____ Okoboji _____ Bethel Horizons

_____ Lutherdale _____ Sugar Creek

_____ Other _____

Parent's Name _____

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM PER CHILD.



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of Mount Horeb

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