



OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE is temporarily suspended, but will resume modified, in-person services on July 12. 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

Discipleship in all circumstances

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.” Romans 12:9-17

Paul’s ‘laundry list’ of instructions for the community comes at the tail end of his extended discourse on the depth of Christ’s love for us. Now he says, in so many words, these are the traits that ought to be practiced by the community of believers in thankfulness for what Jesus has done, and in proclamation of the gifts of God’s grace among us. In the midst of so much that we cannot do because of the pandemic, there is still much we can focus upon.

The events of the last weeks have left us with much to consider – how do we best serve the gospel in a way that also takes the best care of our family of faith? What role has our witness, and our silence, played in the ongoing discussion about equality in our world? How can we worship, share the faith, show love for one another in ways that preserve the health of all?

The church, the body of Christ, is still very active in this world, just in non-typical ways. The church has survived and thrived in difficult days many times throughout history. By the power of God’s Spirit we will emerge into a new day as well. Meanwhile, continue in the things that Paul left for the Romans, and us – love, honor, hope, prayer, and all the rest.

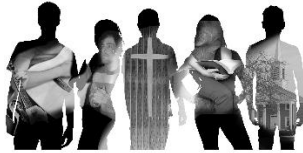
God’s Peace,



A NOTE ABOUT RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP:

In this newsletter you'll read the plan for returning to in-person worship. Please know that this will not be like what we knew before the pandemic began.

- Everyone will wear a mask in the building
- There will be no singing
- There will be no spoken responses or prayers
- There will be no shaking hands, no coffee hour
- Everyone should keep at least 6 feet apart whenever possible
- People will be seated as individuals or family groups at least 6 feet apart, the total number in the sanctuary may will be limited
- Worship will be brief, and people will be asked to leave without lingering in narthex or doorways.



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

MANY THANKS - VBS/DAY CAMP 2-GO! Many youth enjoyed our 2-GO program in June. *(They told me they didn't want it to end).* 17 Day Campers and 9 VBS youth joined us for songs, stories, games, crafts, challenges, and skits each day. Most of them joined us, using ZOOM, and if they missed, they could work with their families at home. Thank you to Sugar Creek Bible Camp for the many videos they produced to create a virtual Day Camp. Thanks to Pastor John and Pastor Jim Hearne who told our Bible stories in a creative way for our VBS program. Thanks to Nathan and Lauren Albrecht for creating our 2-GO Craft Boxes. Thanks to Sydney Wyss, Sarah Strube, and Lauren for performing music and participating with the VBS kids each day. We look forward to next year in person!

ELC FAITH CONNECTION A new ELC Group on Facebook, *ELC Faith Connection*, is for everyone of all ages. Each week, we post a new challenge, such as “Post a picture of helping someone”. As the week progresses, post/share your photo on our group page, *ELC FAITH CONNECTION*. On Sundays, a name will be drawn from the weekly submissions. Prizes are awarded weekly - gift certificates for Mt Horeb area businesses. Contact Brenda, if you need help connecting.

SUGAR CREEK UPDATES In order to keep youth safe this summer, Sugar Creek has cancelled their traditional summer youth programs. However, they do have two programs to offer: *Family Getaway Camp* and *Camp-In-A-Backpack*.

- **Family Getaway Camp** ‘Family Camp’ is being expanded to a 3 day experience, where families can stay in their own cabins and enjoy the wonders of Sugar Creek. (July & early August)
- **Camp-In-A-Backpack** By donating your child’s deposit, your child can receive a ‘Camp-In-A-Backpack’. Items in this pack contain many camp materials, such as a backpack, 5 days of Bible studies, nature activities, s’more recipes, and other great Sugar Creek items.

Deposits can be applied to Family Camp or next summer, as well. More information is located on their website, www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org. Donations and prayers are also appreciated during this difficult time.

YOUTHWORKS TRIP Our trip to Leech Lake has been cancelled for 2020. We look forward to the opportunity to serve their community in either 2021 or 2022, when it is safer for us to do so.

MISSION PROJECTS Stay tuned for upcoming projects that we can do, to help others, safely this summer. Watch emails, ELC Facebook page, and our website for more information.

Blessings and stay safe,

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

COUNCIL NEWS

Dear ELC members,

Like all of you, we're following the latest news about Covid-19 and want to adapt as flexibly as we can to changing circumstances, for better or worse. Following Dane County's public health guidelines and requirements, we've developed a detailed plan for reopening the church, including hygiene and cleaning protocols. The full plan can be found on our website. Here's the summary.

We will continue to stream services online for the foreseeable future. Video and audio is available on the church website, Facebook, and YouTube. Audio is available by telephone at (855) 514-2017.

Right now, we plan to resume in-person church services on July 12.

This is one month after Dane County entered phase 2 of the Forward Dane reopening plan, and may change if conditions in the county deteriorate.

We'll hold two Sunday services at 8:30 and 10:30. We will celebrate Holy Communion, but you'll notice some changes:

- Services will be shorter than previously, and seating in the sanctuary will be arranged to maintain distances between families.
- We won't be singing, and corporate prayer and liturgy will be limited or *sotto voce*.
- We're asking everyone to wear a mask who is physically able to do so. Masks will be available (but wear your own if you can).
- Doors will be left open to minimize contact points, and hand sanitizer will be available.
- We won't use bulletins or other paper materials.
- We won't shake hands.
- The dismissal will be organized to minimize contact.
- We won't have fellowship time, and food service remains suspended indefinitely.
- The sanctuary will be cleaned between services. Pew cushions will be removed for better cleaning.

We don't anticipate needing to limit attendance, but the maximum capacity of the sanctuary will be much less than normal. If necessary overflow video will be streamed to the chapel and fellowship hall, which will then also be cleaned between services.

The church is currently open for funerals. After reopening, we'll likewise be open for weddings, baptisms, and other rites and sacraments. These are subject to the same restrictions as Sunday worship, and cannot include meals.

After reopening, the church will again be open to members who wish to meet in small groups. Use your best judgment when doing so. We'll have signs on each conference room door, and on each table in the fellowship hall, indicating whether the area has been cleaned since it was last used. After your meeting is over, please flip the sign to "dirty", so the area can be cleaned again.

In all things, continue to act prudentially. Don't show up if you're sick, or feel that you might be. Be aware of your own personal risk, and stay home if you're uncomfortable with public gatherings. If you are diagnosed with Covid-19, let us know so that we can follow up with public health authorities for contact tracing.

On behalf of your church council,
Ben Brothers

A NOTE FROM PROPERTY A couple new items around the church:

- AED (automated external defibrillator) notice signs near where these devices are located: on the main floor next to the handicapped bathroom and the lower level at the Agape entrance.
- Also, you may notice door numbers on the outside doors - starting with #1 at the main entrance and ending with #7 on the lower door at the addition. This is to help police and fire identify where an incident is taking place. These are in response to the Sheriff Department training that was held in the church in February. You are encouraged to take note of your location and surroundings whenever you are in the building. Please be responsible for your well-being.

TREASURER'S REPORT – May 2020

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY (\$)					
	May 20	May 19	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	28,105	19,243	130,809	146,621	150,883
Transfer In	0	1,722	0	8,612	0
Expense	24,430	29,720	134,667	155,852	149,593
Net	3,675	(8,755)	(3,858)	(4,619)	1,290

Year-to-date General Fund income (22 Sundays) is 8% less than prior year (21 Sundays) and 13% less than budget. YTD expenses are 14% less than prior year, primarily due to the vacant intern position and lower leadership development, spiritual growth, pastoral ministry, youth/family, maintenance, utility, and administrative costs; YTD expenses are 10% under budget, primarily due to pay reductions (2nd half March and 1st half April), lower leadership development, spiritual growth, pastoral ministry, youth/family, maintenance, and utility costs. There is \$29,998 in the cash balance that we drew from our SBA Paycheck Protection Program loan account. We expect this loan to be forgiven later this year, at which time we will recognize amounts drawn as income.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CAPITAL) FUND ACTIVITY (\$)					
	May 20	May 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	881	422	4,251	„828	3,333
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	0
Expense	0	0	3,509	1,611	6,667
Net	881	422	742	1,217	(3,334)

Year-to-date Building Maintenance Fund income is 50% more than prior year and 28% more than budget. YTD expenses (HVAC repair and tree pruning) are 118% more than last year (HVAC) and 53% less than budget.

MORTGAGE REPAYMENT FUND ACTIVITY (\$); (LOAN BALANCE IS \$159,348)					
	May 2020	May 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	2,653	3,626	15,155	17,323	18,150
Expense	3,630	3,630	18,150	18,150	18,150
Net	(977)	(4)	(2,995)	(827)	0

Year-to-date Mortgage Repayment Fund income is 13% less than prior year and 17% less than budget. YTD payments are equal to prior year and budget. Final payment is scheduled for June 2024. The cash balance includes \$1,340 from the SBA loan for May/Jun interest. When the loan is forgiven, we will recognize this as income.

Respectfully submitted by Stephen J. Hall,
CPA, ELCMH Treasurer, Jun 13, 2020

BENEVOLENCE

LSS Makes a Difference When it Matters Most

Has there ever been a more important time to have an organization like Lutheran Social Services looking out for people in our state and region?

The pandemic, economic fallout and civil rights uprising in our country have tested our limits as a society, with great cost to physical and emotional health as well as financial well-being.

Yet LSS continues to serve its vital array of missions, continuing to look out for the marginalized and disadvantaged -- those among us who need the most help, like isolated seniors, kids without homes, the physically and mentally challenged, and people struggling with addiction.

It's worth your time to scroll through the posts on LSS' Facebook page to witness some of the work they're doing to overcome obstacles to their mission, their efforts to keep members of these vulnerable populations front of mind, and their pronouncements in support of the black community and all people of color.

LSS has been a mainstay of our Benevolence lineup, and we're proud to support them again in the month of July. 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.

On behalf of Benevolence,

Adam Mertz
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GENERAL INFORMATION

SINCERE THANKS to everyone who has had a hand in weeding and pruning around the church. Your hard work is much appreciated. Special thanks to Norm & Rita Hefty, Diane Bartz and Diane & Deb Dangerfield.

FACE MASKS Ruth Heinecke has been sewing face masks and will deliver them to ELC members. These facemasks are free of charge. Contact her at 444-4949 if you need a mask. *Thank you, Ruth!*

B I N G O				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

The Spiritual Growth & Fellowship Committee will continue to host virtual BINGO games this summer. The dates for July will be 7/8 and 7/22, all at 7 pm on Zoom. You can play via phone, tablet or computer. Everyone and anyone is welcome, join in on the fun!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO Jeff & Brittany Kahl on the birth of their new son, Emmitt Joseph on May 29. He is the brother of Oliver and Charlie and grandson of Gordy & Margie Kahl.

CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISMS IN JULY ARE

- **Scarlett Tatum Cannon on July 7.** Scarlett is the daughter of Dane & Kassie Cannon. Her sponsors and grandparents are Shawn & Sandra Cannon.
- **Everly James Pierick on July 7.** Everly is the son of Jacob & Brittany Pierick. His sponsors and grandparents are Shawn & Sandra Cannon.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR GRADUATES

MADISON LUKKEN graduated from Middleton High School. She plans to attend MATC and study Early Childhood Education.

OLIVIA COOK received her Master's Degree in Human Development and Family studies at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. She is returning to pursue a Ph.D. in the same field.

ASHLEY HALL graduated from UW-Madison with a Masters in Accounting. She will join the Chicago office of KPMG in September.

LINDSAY HELLENBRAND graduated with honors from UW-La Crosse and earned a Bachelor's of Science degree with a major in Nuclear Medicine Technology and a minor in Chemistry.

SAMUEL MARTIN graduated from UW Platteville with a B.S. in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Marketing/Sales Communication and Management. He is beginning his new job at Aflac Insurance. .

NATALIE MULLENDORE earned her BSN (nursing). On June 29th she started her first nursing job at Gillette Children's Specialty Hospital in St. Paul as an OR nurse.

TEREK NESHEIM graduated from UW Lacrosse with a B.S. in Business and Finance. He will be working at M3, an insurance broker and risk management firm, in Madison.

GRACE ROLLINS earned a Master's of Business Administration degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

JOHN ROLLINS received a bachelor's degree in Management from the Iowa State University School of Business.

GRAHAM SCHLOESSER graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a BS in Electrical Engineering. He is continuing on to graduate school in the school of engineering machine-learning and signal processing program.

MICAH SIEG graduated from Wartburg College, majoring in Religion and Spanish. He plans to attend Luther Seminary in St Paul, Minnesota in the fall. Micah is also the 2020 recipient of our ELC Scholarship Award.

GARRETT SPELLMAN earned his Master's Degree in Accounting and will be starting with Deloitte in Minneapolis this fall.

SCOTT UNDERWOOD graduated from UW-Madison with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has accepted a job with Buro-Happold in their Chicago office to start in September.

DANIEL (DANNY) VOGT Ph.D. Microbiology from the University of Washington - March 2020. He is currently working for PPD at their Middleton, WI Campus as a Senior Scientist.

HEIDI VOGT Doctor of Physical Therapy from Clarke University in Dubuque, IA. She is currently studying for the Board Certification Exam in July and looking for a permanent job in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.





PLEASE PRAY FOR LeRoy Collins, Jeff Paske, Nick Sydow (friend of Dan & Kyle Curran), 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

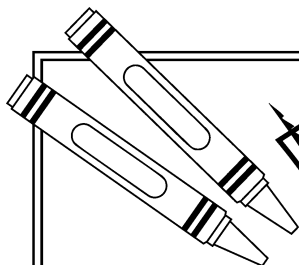
OUR SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS are with

- **The family & friends of John Kahl.** John passed away on June 14.
- **Becky Mostrom and family.** Becky's brother Bill Skindrud died on June 13,
- **Nancy Breed and family.** Nancy's father Don Hacker passed away on May 12.
- **Theresa Schult and family.** Theresa's father, Gordy Dimpfl, passed away on May 25
- **The family of Jim Conant,** the foster brother of Dave and Don Field, Dawn Kellesvig and Donna Miller. Jim passed away on May 22.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

- † **Dan Hacker** for the **General Fund** from John and Helen Kahl.
- † **Jim Conant** for the **General Fund** from John & Helen Kahl.
- † **Marian Brown** for the **General Fund** from Dolores Kahl
- † **John Kahl** for **Saba, International** from Ray & Carol Clinton, Teri Zuccaro and an anonymous donor

JULY BIRTHDAYS		If we've missed you or a member of your family, or if we've listed your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.			
1	Connie Curran	10	Karl Mueller	22	Teresa Schult
	Ryan High	11	Madeline Hodgson		Bowen Wells
	Heather Johnson		Gary Hellenbrand		Jon Winkler
	Kylie Littel		Adam Knudson	23	Veronica Laabs
2	Aiden Aeschlimann		Marilyn Wilson		Chris Underwood
	Roxanne Fauque	12	Ruth Heinecke		Dan Van Galen
	Carson Faust		Gabriel Kroll	24	Jody Chellevoid
	Bernie Johnson		Dillon Ziebarth		Ellen Cook
	Helen Martinson	13	Hazel Hermann		Ryan Gaulke
	Diane Pladziewicz		Brandon Anderson		Pamela Knutson
	Diana Rothamer		Kelly Hurda	25	Robert Davis, Jr.
3	Abbey Brummer		Teri Kroll		Michael Erickson
	Lynn Festge		Evan Kroll		Colby Johannung
	Todd Schroeder	14	Ryan Knuteson		Rose Klir
4	Martha Hartman		Hanna Stensby		Joseph Kroll
	Noah High		Vivian Stone		Megan Scheele
	Jeff Kaletka	15	Ron Fargo	26	Julia Olson
	Sonya Tetzlaff		Leo Helwig		Melanie Siltala
	Debbie Winkler	16	Diane Dangerfield		Hannah Twiton
6	Eric Albrecht		Isaac Kittleson		James Williams
	Diane Bartz		Brenda Schmidt	27	Neil Densmore
	Charlie Kahl	17	Mara Parks		Kaylen Hastings
	Riley Mortvedt		Karl Zelle		Stacy Schloesser
	Kevin Sadowski	18	Shelby Fritz		Anne Woolard
	Liza Spellman		Catherine Stange	28	Gary Doty
	Betsy Truman		Megan Van Orsdel		David Field
7	Rita Hefty		Rubelle Zwald		Kevin Hanson
	Eisleigh Skibba	19	Laurie Freitag		Vanessa Rameker
8	Hayden Anderson		Kaden Stapelmann	29	Daniel Vogt
	Leah Mason		James Woolard	30	Justin Green
	Kevin Schnieder		Ann Wyss		Shirley Thompson
	Ellen Walton	20	Barret Kreul	31	Larry Kaletka
9	Michael Collins	21	Lyle Fink		Shirley Martinson
	Dianne Hirsch		Samantha Forbes		Mary Stamm
	David Losenegger		Dennis Johnson		Michelle Stange
	Abby Nesheim		Jeremy Kahl		
10	John Larson		Nicole Lichte		



PUZZLE

WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



Water changes to

JOHN 2:1-11



Heals a man born

JOHN 9



Calms a

MATTHEW 8:23-27



Catch of

LUKE 5:1-11



Walks on

MATTHEW 14:22-33