



OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE is temporarily suspended, but will hold modified, outdoor services on October 4 & 18 at 10am. 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

Pastoral Intern: Tamara Siburg

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

“Whatever it takes”

“To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.” 1 Corinthians 9:20-23

I’ve said more than once over the last months: “I wasn’t trained for this” and “I’m not sure how we do things under these conditions”. These are extraordinary times in which to proclaim the gospel. So many of the comfortable and familiar forms of ministry simply aren’t safe to practice right now. But that doesn’t mean that ministry is at a standstill. We simply need to do what generations of disciples before us have done – adapt.

Paul expresses that necessity in his letter to the Corinthians. Here was Paul, trained as a Pharisee, prepared to live his life in the safe confines of Israel, in the traditional practice of his Jewish faith, now travelling the known world, and finding a way to proclaim the message of Jesus in whatever place, time, and circumstance he faced.

We may be in the same geography as we were a year ago, but we are living in a ‘different world’ right now, with no clear roadmap to follow. But we do know who to follow. Our task is to listen to the call of God in Christ Jesus, and use the gifts we have to share that good news in whatever way presents itself. We do have tools to work with. The age-old gifts of speaking, listening, compassion, and intercession, along with modern tools of communication – as simple as a written note or phone call, to video-conferencing and streaming worship experiences. The same Spirit with strengthened Paul’s ministry will see us through these days, and the church of Jesus Christ will remain.

God’s Peace,



*The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
cordially invites you to virtually attend
the Festive Worship Celebration
and Installation Service for*



BISHOP JOY MORTENSEN-WIEBE

*Sunday the Eleventh of October
Two thousand twenty
at one o'clock in the afternoon*

By Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

*Livestream Originating from
New Heights Lutheran Church
Black Earth, Wisconsin*

*All are invited to join in the celebration
by viewing the livestream accessed from
www.scsw-elca.org/bishopinstallation*

*He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the
laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the
harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
Luke 10:2*

WORSHIP SURVEY The council has created a survey about worship options, including a possible return to worship in person in the sanctuary. They would appreciate your input. You can access the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S2FBRS8> Or if you don't have computer access you can complete it by calling the office and completing the survey over the phone.



OUTDOOR VISITS AVAILABLE While we continue to be careful about meeting indoors, I always have a lawn chair in the back of my car, ready to visit outdoors in the fresh air. I'd be glad to join you in a driveway or yard visit, or bring your chair up to church and we'll find a comfortable place to sit outside. Give me a call if you'd be interested. Pastor John - 608-886-0544

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/Worship> services are also available on YouTube at: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt. Horeb

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CONNECTED

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.

MORNING DEVOTIONS by Pastor John on the ELC Facebook page at 8am Monday through Saturday

CD RECORDINGS of the services are also available. Contact the church office if you would like one mailed: 437-5012 or elc@mhtc.net

PASTORAL INTERN

Greetings Siblings in Christ,

Thank you again for the warm welcome and for those who have invited me to your yards and garages for distanced gatherings. The offer still stands, weather permitting, to continue to meet with individuals or groups. I will leave a chair in my car for such occasions! Or if you would like to set up a zoom meeting or a time to chat on the phone, just let me know and we can make it happen.

Also, thank you to those who submitted feedback on my sermons. All feedback is greatly appreciated as I continue to learn and grow into the pastor God is calling me to be. Please continue to send in feedback on future sermons, through this link:

<https://forms.gle/6aJ1nBUSfcrKyYPW6> or through the paper form during parking lot services. If you would like paper copies of the form sent to you for non-parking lot worship that can be mailed back to the church, let me know!

Contact me at: tsiburg@elcmthoreb.org or 360-731-2937 (call or text)

Peace,
Intern Tamara

YOUNG ADULTS (20S-30S) - Interest in a Zoom group? There has been talk of interest in starting a group for young adults connected to ELC. The content of this group is still up in the air and will depend on the interest of those attending. Possibilities for this group could be “Beverage & Theology”, a bible study, a time to ponder about anything at all, a time to connect and check-in with others, or a little bit of all of the above. Because of these crazy times, this group will meet over Zoom so your location in the world isn’t a factor and the day, time, and frequency (monthly, weekly, etc.) will be determined based on those interested. If you know a young adult who might be interested, please let them know. If you are a young adult and are interested, contact Intern Tamara. tsiburg@elcmthoreb.org, 360-731-2937

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

3rd GRADE BIBLES During our 'Drive-In Worship" on September 20th, we presented our 3rd graders with Bibles. What a special gift for this milestone in their faith journey. Our 3rd graders are: Bekett Eisele, Helen Haroldson, Natalie Hogseth, Hudson Kahl, Oliver Kahl, Maxwell Petkus, Hannah Schulenberg, Hayden Segebrecht, Ellie Woolard, and Sarah Zelle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL on ZOOM Join us on ZOOM, 9:00 - 9:30am, each Sunday morning. Youth, who are 3 years old - 8th grade are invited to participate. It is great seeing their faces each week. Lessons are also emailed if you are unable to attend our ZOOM time.

CONFIRMATION on ZOOM Our 7th & 8th graders are joining together each Wednesday, (7 - 8 pm) on ZOOM. Currently, they are discovering more about the Lord's Prayer.

"AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM" Our Confirmands will be celebrating 'Affirmation of Baptism' *with their immediate families only* on **October 25th**, during a special 10:00am service, in the Sanctuary. The service will be broadcasted on a live feed for anyone to watch online during that time. Please pray for guidance for our 9th graders as they are preparing for this special day in their faith journey, as they affirm their baptism.

FUSE NIGHTS on ZOOM Youth, who are 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group on ZOOM, **Mondays, October 12 & 26 at 7pm**. FUSE nights build relationships, challenge each other in exciting games, time to hang out, and learn about what it means to share our faith with everyone.



COLLEGE ADDRESSES: With many of our young adults moving this fall, we are updating our contact information for graduates of ELC. Please email Brenda (brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org) with their address, phone, email, and college attending.

ELC FAITH CONNECTION This Facebook group page is designed to include our congregation and our Mt Horeb Community, of all generations. Our focus is to provide fun, spiritual ways to stay engaged in their faith and with each other, beyond our church walls. Examples of things shared: our current weekly summer challenges, posting events that are open to anyone to join, such as Day Camp, our FUSE (high school group), and welcoming posts from other churches in town. Contact Brenda, if you need help connecting.

Blessings and stay safe,

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

BOOK STUDY "*White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*" - This book study will be continuing on Thursdays, 7 -8 pm, Oct 1 - Oct 22, on ZOOM. Everyone is welcome to join us. Our study is unique. ELC is co-hosting the study with Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, Ohio. Interns, Tamara and Lily do a great job in guiding our discussions. If you need the Zoom link, please contact Tamara or Brenda.

BUCKY BOOKS FOR SALE It is Fall, and time for Bucky Books! Our youth are fundraising to help our future summer youth opportunities. Each book sells for \$35.00. This year, we have two ways to order your book, safely.

1.) For faster delivery, email Brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org and a copy will be delivered to your door.

2.) Order online at

<https://www.buckybook.com/evangelical-lutheran-church-mt-horeb>The books

would be shipped directly to your home. The Bucky Book makes a great gift! Share the link with friends. Thank you for your support.



AGAPE

Agape greetings and blessings to you all!

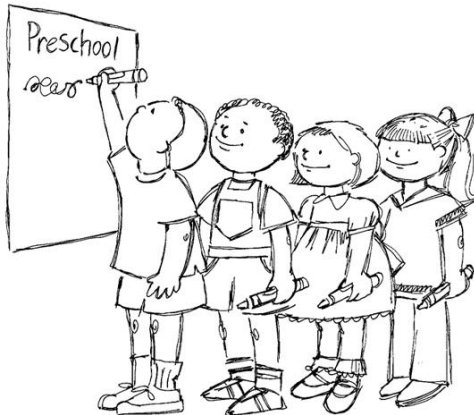
I feel like it's been an eternity since my last newsletter in February 2020 but also feel like it was just yesterday! The pandemic has quite a way of making each day either fly by or drag on.

We are back in full swing at preschool, although our days here look very different from prior school years. There have been a lot of new and creative learning techniques as we all wear our masks, but the children are so flexible and are doing a great job! The teachers and I are very happy to be in person with the children, too. Now, more than ever, we count our blessings that we are able to provide this outreach ministry of our church.

Unfortunately, we will not be holding the annual pie sale this year due to the pandemic, but are looking into other ways we can do safe fundraising for the preschool. Donations are always welcome and very much appreciated, if you're looking for ways to support the preschool.

Have a wonderful October!

Amy Kellesvig, Director



COUNCIL NEWS

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS It is hard to believe, but it has been over 6 months since we have been able to meet in the sanctuary for worship together. At that time, we transitioned to recording worship services and posting them on Facebook and YouTube. It has been a learning experience for all involved, and we appreciate all those who have participated in the services virtually, providing music, readings, etc., as well as the continued financial support being provided to maintain our ministry here at ELC.

While we have been able to meet together through parking lot services, it would appear that we will need to maintain recording services well into the new year, when hopefully conditions change and we will be able to gather in person again. To complete the recordings, we have been using borrowed equipment from a member to record and produce the videos. Given the need to continue recording, it is time to consider purchasing equipment for the church, to reduce the reliance on this borrowed equipment.

What we are considering purchasing is a camera, tripod, wireless lapel microphone, video editing software, and a lighting kit. The total cost for this is approximately \$800. The major portion of this expense will be the camera which represents approximately \$600 of this cost. This will essentially maintain our current video capabilities, but utilize all church owned equipment.

We have a member who has pledged to match the first \$300 of donations to help fund the purchase of this equipment. If you are interested in supporting what has become an important part of our ministry during these strange times, we would appreciate your support.

Donations may be made by cash or check mailed to the church office (315 E. Main St.). Please indicate that your donations is for the Technology/Streaming fund. Donations may also be made through the church website under the GIVE tab.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Andy Mullendore
Technology Committee



ELC's 2020 ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, November 8 at 10:00am (venue to be decided). Ministry reports are needed from all ELC Ministries (Agape, Children & Youth, Endowment, Inreach/outreach, Property, Personnel, Social Action, Spiritual Growth & Fellowship, Stewardship, Technology and Worship & Music), Sewing Group, Steeple Friends, and the women's circles. **The**

deadline this year for items for the Annual Report is Monday, October 19.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS NUMBERS! THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!

The Nominating committee is calling ELC members to get potential candidates for the elected positions to be voted on at the annual meeting **on November 8 at 10:00am**. Most of the obligations are two-year terms not to exceed 6 years total.

The positions and numbers needed are;

- ◆ Congregation Council - 6 nominees, including a youth/young adult member
- ◆ Audit Committee - 1 nominee
- ◆ Endowment Committee - 1 nominee
- ◆ Nominating Committee - 6 nominees (this committee is one year - once and done)
- ◆ Personnel Committee - 2 nominees
- ◆ Synod Convention voting members (this is held in May)
Adult nominees - need 3, Youth/young adult nominees - need 1

Please prayerfully consider the requests of the calling members.

BENEVOLENCE

Community Clinics Provide Timely Support

Health care has been in the news every day for the past eight months, and it's been front of mind for more than a decade now as people and governmental agencies try to figure out how to navigate skyrocketing costs. The acute issues raised by the COVID-19 pandemic have stressed our health care system and made it even more important that we have a safety net for people facing financial challenges to get the medical attention they need.

So, for the second straight year, we are supporting a pair of community health centers through the Benevolence Program. Our Lady of Hope in Madison and Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville.

Our Lady of Hope is a direct primary care clinic that was founded by two local doctors in 2009 and operates in the Catholic health tradition. It was established to address the issue of lack of primary medical care for the uninsured in the Madison area. The clinic donates at least 55% of our services to care for uninsured patients, made possible by donations. However, the majority of our financial support comes from their member patients. And the consistent growth of their members has allowed the clinic to add a second provider in April of 2019..

Community Connections has a mission to provide basic health care for those who cannot afford or access medical services in Iowa County and surrounding areas. CCFC's guiding principle is that, together, we can eliminate the obstacles to health care in our community, one patient at a time. There is no charge to see providers, and prescription medications are provided at little or no cost as needed. Their work is accomplished by 90 medical and lay volunteers and just one paid staff person, and is supported generously by donations from local individuals, churches, businesses and organizations, as well as grants and fundraising events.

These two centers offer much-needed care to vulnerable populations, at a crucial time. 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

adammertz2@gmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION



**American
Red Cross**

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is so grateful to all our partners that continue to stand with us through the evolution of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Hundreds of

thousands of donors and blood drive hosts have responded to the call to support the lifesaving mission and we can't thank you enough! Your commitment to host a blood drive with the Red Cross truly made a difference! Your drive registered 66 total donors, 63 collected pints of blood 53 whole blood and 10 power reds with 5 first time donors. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need.

Diane Nichols | Donor Recruitment Account Manager

KNITTERS/CROCHETERS Baby Cap makers will begin meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (October 13 & 27) of the month from 9-11am. If weather permits, bring a lawn chair and meet in front of church at the patio area. Otherwise, we'll distance ourselves in Fellowship Hall. Please wear a mask. The Madison hospitals are requesting caps be made with soft yarn in a ribbed pattern which fits the head snugly. Contact Ruth Heinecke at 444-4949 with questions or if you need a pattern.

WHAT MATTERS Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events! Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at vickih@scsw-elca.org to be added to “What Matters.”

CHRIST IN OUR HOMES devotional booklets *Christ in Our Homes* are available. We have put some in a plastic tub outside the church doors by the circular drive. If you would like us to mail one to you, contact the church office at 437-5012 or elc@mhtc.net.

SINCERE THANKS to John and Vicky Rosenbaum who stepped up to help once again! Six sheets of sheet metal were loaded and taken to the designated area at the Village Garage. A good morning's work! Grateful for members always willing to lend a hand and pickup truck!

SARAH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00pm in St. Olaf. We will discuss the Bible study in the October *Gather* magazine. Please wear your masks.

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.

If I am not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don't want to go there. Martin Luther

Lutheran This and That

I was watching *The Wizard of Oz* with friends and their children. When Auntie Em says to her crabby neighbor, “Elvira Gulch, for 23 years, I’ve been dying to tell you what I’ve thought of you, but being a good Christian woman, I can’t say it.” Aaron, 6, gave us a toothless smile and spouted, “I bet if she was Lutheran she’d tell her.”

Lee Anne Gilson, Waldo, WI

From Laughing with Lutherans ©ELCA/The Lutheran

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR Mary Krantz, Agnes Robertson (friend of Holly Thompson), Ruth Osterholz, Nick Sydow (friend of Connie Curran's sons), 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 Martin's aunt), Harlan Oimoen, Bill Steinhauer, Grace Aavang, Peter Toniazzo, Trevor Sayre (son of Tamie Reichert), Richard Schuhler (friend of Ron & Bonny Kellogg), Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith)

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

- **Lydia Haynes and family.** Lydia's husband Palmer passed away on September 6.
- **Diane Twiton, Jean Bower and families.** Their aunt Dorothy Mae Rasmussen passed away on September 24.
- **The family & friends of Martha Hartman** who also died on September 24.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

- **John Kahl** for **Unspecified Memorials** from Leroy & Patricia Rhyner
- **Jim Conant** for **Unspecified Memorials** from Darlene Johnson
- **John Conrad** for **Unspecified Memorials** from Diane & Steve Mueller, Mary Stamm, Sara & Ken Kittleson, Bob & Doris Frame, Dave Jeglum, Pat & Dave Flom, Linda Stoenner and Kathy Conrad

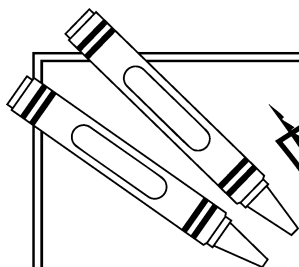


OCTOBER

Birthdays

1	Melanie Cannon Melissa Knudson	13	Don Gordon Irv Steinbauer	24	Diane Dreger Zoe Stack
	Linda Ladwig Brian Lichte	14	Cindy Holzkopf Benjamin Rothamer	25	Katie Hustad Chris Sarko
2	Talvick Hook Kendall Kittleson		Jim Schmidt Casey Sinner	26	Leah Aeschlimann Logan Aeschlimann
	Mikayla Sherven	16	William Smith Mason McNally		Sara Larson John Twiton
4	Kaylyn Hellenbrand Melaina Tetzlaff		Judy Steinhauer Jon Kaletka	27	Sam Grundahl Brandon Lutz
5	Randy Thompson	18	Kristen Hanson		Noah Strube
6	Elisabeth Berg Kris Eggers		Quinn McCue Bev Schwierske	28	Kennedy Eggers Richard Festge
	Steven Festge Jenna Kahl	19	Kyle Freitag		Dennis Kahl
	Barb Underwood	20	Cyndy Densmore Carla Jo Farrell	29	Sheryl Chellevoid Elizabeth Field
7	Dan Johnson Ken Sinner		Linda Magnuson Helen Witte		John Martin Alice Uptegraw
8	Megan Fisher Owen Schmidt	21	Alice Allen Sarah Sieg		Paul Wittman
			Vicki Spellman	30	Jenni Zupan
9	Evelyn Eggers Jay Schneider		Holly U'Ren	31	David Flom Shane Kahl
	Jenelle Ollendick	22	Tyler Anderson		Emily Siltala
10	Alexis Thorsen	23	Patti Anderson LuAnn Call		
11	Connie Farrell Kristen Seibel		Pat Dann Pat Flom		
12	Mathew Aeschlimann Jim Hanson		Jacob Guenther Ellen Van Galen		
	Justin Lund Beth Siltala		Ellie Woolard		

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 PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water _____
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant _____
3. To plant _____
4. Sharp part of a plant _____
5. What is harvested. _____
6. To dry up and shrivel _____
7. Person who plants _____
8. The earth a plant grows in. _____

“But the _____₂ falling on good _____₈ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____₅, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____₃ n.”

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 2 3 , N I V

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow