

WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT ELC

Holy Communion Celebrated 1st & 3rd Sundays at all services

SATURDAY: 5:00pm-(in Chapel) Modified Traditional Wors

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

Pastoral Intern Jason Xiong

Accompanists: Carol Engstad, Ruth Heinecke, Barb Underw

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

Let Advent begin again in us,
Not merely in commercials;
For that first Christmas was not
Simply for children,
But for the
Wise and the strong.
It was crowded around that cradle,
With kings kneeling.
Speak to us
Who seek an adult seat this year.
Help us to realize,
As we fill stockings,
Christmas is mainly
For the old folks –
Bent backs
And tired eyes
Need relief and light
A little more.
No wonder
It was grown-ups
Who were the first
To notice
Such a star.

As we begin a new season of Advent, I echo David's
reminder that the news we await is much bigger than
stockings, shopping, and all that occupies so much space.
The truly important event is for all those longing for a sign
light in the dark, and a promise of a future. Those things
need now as much as I've ever needed any Christmas gift.

Growing up my mom was very much into getting our home decorated for the Christmas season. She was never early (we usually decorated on Thanksgiving or the weekend after) and there were some traditions she carried out year after year. One of my particular favorites was a set of Department 56 hand-painted porcelain houses that lit up. We had about a dozen of these extraordinary pieces with countless other accessories. She and my dad would create an entire "village" on the mantle each year, carefully placing the houses, the people, and lots of fake snow. This was a labor of love for her even if she did not anticipate being able to "show it off" to anyone. It was for her and it was special. I have now inherited this entire village of houses and I plan to continue this tradition - once we have the space.

This time of year many families and friends will come together to celebrate the birth of the Son of God as we do every year. Tradition is an important part of the season but there is also something new said about seeing what new things can be started that may become a tradition. That Christmas village from my childhood grew into a tradition, and over the years it took all three of us to get it together. What are the traditions in your group? Do they get the entire "village" involved? Life is not an easy road for us to be on. We need a village some days just to get through life and no matter what God is right there with us, among the whole village of our friends, family, and neighbors.

No matter what your Christmas season looks like remember that as we celebrate the birth of the Savior that Jesus is already with us and living among the village with us. We can't do this alone and rejoice in the presence of God during this coming month and all year-round.

Christmas blessings to you and your village!

others, in everyday situations. Youth today have many they deal with; being good students, peer pressures, use and how to be a true friend, to name a few. Mt Horeb has lost this past year, young lives taken too soon. Please join me opportunity to work together with Lyle Griner, our president. brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org to register.

YouthWorks Mission Trip to Indianapolis - Currently, we have 2 male adults and 3 female adults signed up to attend our week of service in Indianapolis, June 23 - 28, 2019. We will be serving in homeless shelters, and community organizations. **We do have youth spots available until the end of Dec., if someone join us. Also we are in search of an adult male leader to a**

The cost of the trip should be covered by our fundraising through our church. **Check your calendars! Let Brenda know if you would like to join.**

Confirmation Christmas Party - 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation students are invited to a Bowling Christmas party at the Norsk Bowling on Dec 19th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Please bring \$5 for the evening. Drop off and pick up at the Norsk as well.

Sunday School - Everyone is welcome to join our Sunday School children as they present "Incredible Christmas" on December 23rd at the 10:30 AM service.

No Sunday School - Reminder that there will be no Sunday School on December 30th. We will resume at January 6th, 2019.

High School Youth Movie/Game Night - All high schoolers are invited to join us for a night of fun and fellowship. Details to come.

COUNCIL NEWS

ELECTION RESULTS FROM ANNUAL MEETING:

Council

Diane Bartz
Sandy Glaeve
Bruce Meister
Becky Strube
Katie Zelle

Endowment

Ann Baumgartner

Nominating Committee

Dave Edwards
Amy Mertz
Barb Underwood
Emilie Van Galen

Treasurer

Steve Hall

Audit

Greg Kellesvig

Synod Voting Members

Jean Bower
Shawn Cannon
Helen Kahl

Personnel

Sue Kaletka
Holly Thompson

Synod Voting Members (Youth)

Samantha Bower

THANK YOU to Tim Anderson, Dave Edwards, Jeff Grundahl, Debby Schneider, Dawn Haag, Cathie Anderson, Sandra Cannon, Kate Hook, Vicky Rosenbaum, Holly Thompson, Diane Twiton, Shannon Hadac, and Jim Cook for their dedication and service.

Net	(1,125)	3,132	(33,922)	(2,284)
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General Fund income for the month was down 12% from last month (vs 5). Expenses were up 3%, primarily due to building maintenance expense.

Building Maintenance (Capital) Fund Activity (\$)

	Oct 2018	Oct 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Income	716	617	10,516	145,319
Expense	0	1,100	14,150	96,928
Net	716	(483)	(3,634)	48,391

Building Maintenance fund income for the month was up from last month. There were no expenses.

Mortgage Repayment Fund Activity (\$); (Loan Balance is \$)

	Oct 2018	Oct 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Income	4,321	3,510	67,860	28,486
Expense	3,630	3,630	51,300	36,300
Net	(691)	(120)	16,560	(7,814)

Mortgage Repayment Fund income for the month was more than prior year and budget. YTD income, including \$15,000 from the Max estate, is more than prior year and budget. YTD payments are more than previous year and budget due to an extra principal payment. Final payment is scheduled for October 2024.

Designated Fund Activity (\$)

	October 2018	YTD 2018
Income	3,870	33,143
Expense	3,224	34,348
Net	646	(1,205)

Respectfully submitted by Stephen J. Hall, CPA, ELCMH

2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE. 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS All end of the year contributions

can be found in alphabetical order on the tables in the narthex of the church office by 4:00pm on December 31 in

DiAnne Burt Property	444-1240	barbarabartz@gmail.com
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Ben Brothers Social Action	217-1202	ben.brothers@gmail.com
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Suzi Grundahl Spiritual Growth & Fellowship	437-7838 219-8023	grundahl@mhtc.net
Steve Hall TREASURER Budget & Finance	712-5154	hall@urology.wisc.edu
Jeff Hook PRESIDENT Mutual Ministry	437-4601 556-3287	JeffHook@mhtc.net
Bruce Meister- VICE PRES Technology	437-6443	spgbam@mhtc.net
Julie Schmitz Inreach Outreach	513-4805	zanderjul@mhtc.net
Steve Steinl- SECRETARY Personnel	345-1848	sksteinl@mhtc.net
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Pastor John Twiton	437-7091	john.twiton@elcmthoreb.org
Donna Martin Youth Director	576-6813	donnamartin@elcmthoreb.org

most students will discover and explore many cultural traditions. Our 3K students will welcome in the Christmas with a program on Thursday, December 6 at 9:00 am. Pastor and our intern Pastor Jason will join us by reading the story of the birth and include a reenactment of the story by our students; family; Jessi, Tyler, Harper and Everly Sullivan. Our appreciation to their family for assisting in this joyful event. The 4K class will have two winter-themed programs on Friday, December 7th at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. All of the programs will include fun filled, educational and holiday music with crafts and activities.

As the cold winter days quickly approach, we will again be collecting children's hats and mittens for the Mt. Horeb Community Closet. Please look for the collection bin outside my office from November 19 thru December 14. Thank you for your continued donation!

Most of all, thank you for your continued support of our Christian Preschool. I am blessed and grateful to be a part of this amazing ministry of ELC.

Blessings and Merry Christmas,
Amy Kellesvig
608-437-7100

Upcoming dates:
Nov 19 – Dec 14 Children's New Hat and Mitten collection
MHCCC

December 6 3K Winter Program at 9:00 am

December 7 4K Christmas Program 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

Dec 24 Jan 1 Preschool closed for Winter Break

January 2 Preschool classes resume

the radio in the Madison area for a few weeks already, thrilling and enraging Thanksgiving enthusiasts like my oldest daughter.

At whatever juncture you decided to get into the spirit of the season and tune in, you'll probably hear a song a group of British and Irish chart-toppers recorded in the early 1980s called "Do They Know It's Christmas?" The all-star group was pulled together in response to reports of the extensive famine in Ethiopia, with all proceeds going to benefit the hungry in a place where survival took the place of holiday celebrations.

Sadly, despite 40 years of global progress in many areas, hunger remains a fact of life for more than 800 million people – 11% of our planet's population. Some live in Ethiopia, some in Central America, some in far-flung cities across the U.S. and some right down the block from all of us.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Working with and through our congregations, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, ELCA World Hunger supports sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Throughout December, we'll be collecting donations for ELCA World Hunger through our Benevolence program. As we enter a season that for many of us features a bounty of food (perhaps against a backdrop of our favorite holiday tunes), please consider a gift to help those without.

Consider if the Social Action Ministry Team

Grace Episcopal Church at 116 W. Washington, Madison

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in church offices through out the year. If you sign up, I will send you a reminder with the instructions about a week in advance of the Saturday.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped out with this mission in 2018. I hope you found as much gratification from this mission as the people who receive the meals are.

If you are interested in volunteering to make lunches and are unfamiliar with the process, please call me at 608-261-1111. Also, please note that if you are interested in, or only able to do a small part of the process for making these lunches, you can always start with another volunteer. Thanks for making this a great blessing to our church.

Nancy Balbach

OPERATION CHRISTMAS Women of ELC (W/ELC) will be participating in Operation Christmas to help Dane County Lutheran Social Services (LSS) distribute gifts to several Dane County agencies. These agencies serve adults with mental illness, elderly living in nursing homes, and various families with young children who have special needs. Bring your gifts in boxes, unwrapped, with wrapping paper. A BIG Christmas box will be in the narthex from **November 9.**

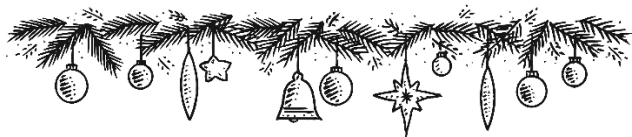
SUGGESTED GIFTS: Men's, women's and children's hats, scarves...and baseball hats; Sweatshirts, flannel shirts (especially larger sizes); Small purses & wallets; Hand lotions, aftershave, lip balm; Sticks; Puzzles & board games for all ages; Movie passes; Coloring books for adults and children; also crayons, paints, colored pencils and markers.



Advent by Candlelight

Mark your calendars for next month on **Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.** as we gather for a dessert potluck (bring a favorite dessert to share) and candlelight worship as we enter the season of Advent. Come and learn about the advent candles while making your own handmade set to take home. All ages are invited and welcome to join us as we learn about Advent, share in fellowship, and accompany one another in the art of candle making to take home something to encourage your prayer each day in advent.

Please contact Vicar Jason with any questions about our *Wednesday's with Luther!*



ADVENT BRUNCH The Women of ELC invite everyone to join us for brunch on **Saturday, Dec. 8, at 9:30 a.m.** for the Advent Brunch. Kick off the season with music and fellowship. The program will be presented by the American Legion in honor of Pearl Harbor Day. PLEASE pre-register with the church office by noon on Dec. 4 for food planning purposes.

CHRISTMAS AT ELC Mark your calendar! The annual Christmas ELC Benefit will be held Sunday, **December 9.** The concert time 5pm followed by a chili supper at 6:00. Free will donations will benefit the Mount Horeb Area School District's Weekend Backpack

Sponsors: Jeff & Brittany Kahl

- **Pamela Knutson**
Sponsors: Mikaela Sherven & Shannon Hadac
- **Teddiann Sadler**, Abigail, Sophia & Gabriel)
Sponsor: Amy Kellesvig
- **Warren & Marilyn Wilson**, Sponsor: Brenda M

AND KAYSON & LOUIE, who were baptized on November 11, 2017

Kayson Little, son of Karsen Haag and Bradley Little. Kayson is the grandson of Dawn & Virgil Haag.



- Louie Johanning, son of Scott & Roxanne Johanning

CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BAPTISM during December is Mason Daniel Sherven on December 11, 2017. Mason is the son of Dan & Mikaela Sherven. His baptismal sponsors are Jeff & Brittany Kahl, Shannon Hadac, Ryan Knutson and Thomas Sherven

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew & Melissa Knudson on the birth of their son, **Samantha**, who welcomed a new member to their family on November 11, 2017. Grandparents are Wayne and Mary Knudson and Donna Skogen.



Patsy Funk (Nancy McKinney's sister), Stensvad (Connie Floan's sister), Susan (friend of Margie Kahl), Dianne Hirs, Letheby (Lois Alm's granddaughter), Duden (Brenda's aunt), Michael Cook (Cook's great-grandson), Barbara Bender (Rube Fran's aunt), Harlan Oimoen, Mary Jane Niles (Rube

OUR SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS are with

- † **Gary & Cindy Hamburg and family.** Gary's mother, Lorna Hamburg, passed away on November 4.
- † **Andy Mullendore & family.** Andy's mother, Virginia Mullendore, recently died.
- † **Molly & Bob Jahn** (former members of ELC). Their son, Jay Kyle, passed away in September. His memorial service was held at ELC on November 24.
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MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

† **Paul Bower** for the **Mortgage Fund** from Dick & Carol Engstad; for the **General Fund** from John & Helen Kahl, Kathy & Pat O'Donnell

and Max & Betty Rosenbaum; and for **Divine Savior Lutheran** from Bob & Sharon Schieflebein

- † **Dale Boness** for the **General Fund** from Max & Betty Rosenbaum
- † **Lorna Hamburg** for the **Music Fund** from Ben & Linda Magnuson

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	Pete Walton		Steven Helwig	
6	Dawn Kellesvig		Kate Hook	
7	Jillian Meister		Weston Kahl	25
	Dan Allen		Xander Strube	
	Amanda Baum	17	Barb Iverson	
	Jerilyn Faltz		Jeffrey Kahl	H
	Sam Farrell		Grace Rollins	26
	Curtis Gullick		Becky Stube	27
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Sunday, December 16. After purchasing poinsettias to adorn the altar, the remainder of the donations will go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Memorials will be published in the Christmas bulletins.



Please fill in the form and leave it in the church office, in the offering plate, or mail it to ELC with your monetary donations.

Make checks payable to ELC.

This gift is _____ in memory **OR** _____ in honor of:

(Please check one of the above blanks)

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