

# STEEPLE ECHOES

February 2019

*A Monthly Newsletter  
of Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of Mount Horeb*



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**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
of Mount Horeb

*A family of faith, reaching out  
to share God's love with all  
people*

WELCOME TO  
ELC Mt. Horeb



## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT ELC**

Holy Communion Celebrated 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Pastoral Intern** Jason Xiong

**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

Two things drew me to the poem below this day. First of all, as I write this, the temperature outside reads -13 degrees, and so thoughts of a summer day are welcome, but secondly because the poet, Mary Oliver, passed away recently. While her work is not theological, it calls to mind many questions of faith and life. Oliver's final question: "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" echoes in my mind the prophet Isaiah: *Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?* (Isaiah 55:2) Too often in recent months I've been reminded of the uncertainty and the limits of our days here, and keep hearing those questions in different forms. How will I live with faith, love, purpose and joy in the gift of this day? How will you?

### *The Summer Day by Mary Oliver*

Who made the world? Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean— the one who has flung herself out of the grass, the one who is eating sugar out of my hand, who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down— who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes. Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life?

"The Summer Day" by Mary Oliver, from *The Truro Bear and Other Adventures: Poems and Essays*. © Beacon Press, 2008.

God's Peace,



# **FROM THE INTERN'S DESK – Vicar Jason Xiong**

## ***STAR Words for 2019...did you receive your STAR?***

On Epiphany Sunday - the day we celebrate the wise men following the star to find Jesus, we started what we hope might become a new annual tradition for the good people of ELC. From a selection of over 340 different words, each worshipper reached in a basket and drew a star on which a word was printed: STAR Words. The star can be a reminder that God's light shines in the darkness.

The word is your word for the year. The words are meant to open up your prayer life and help you see new ways in which God may be at work in your life, revealed through reflection and time spent with your STAR Word. I ask you to reflect on your word for the coming year. You are invited to ponder what significance this word might have in your life, and how God might be speaking to you through that simple message.

Put your STAR Word where you can see it and remember it. Maybe on your bathroom mirror or your refrigerator. Maybe on, or next to, your computer. Ponder it over the next year. Let the word form your prayer life however it may do so. Let the word bring you new insights into who you are, or how you are in relationship with God and other people. If you don't like the STAR Word you drew, maybe that is an important place to begin. Why don't you like it? But, also, will you still dislike it after a year of living with it and letting it pray through you?

Of course, like any other gift, star gifts can either be received with joy or discarded and forgotten. You will need to be intentional about your response to your star gift. Will your paper star be stuffed into a pocket or jammed into the bottom of a purse, never to be considered again? Or will that word be considered an opportunity - a chance to reflect on how God speaks? What might we learn from one word? What new ideas might evolve, what treasured wisdom might be recognized?

You will also have an opportunity at our next Wednesdays with Luther event on February 6 to make something a little more permanent to help you remember your word for the year.

My word? "Leniency." I'm sure I'll share more in future months how God is speaking to me through this word. For now I'm remaining "open" to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Epiphany is the celebration of God's presence breaking through to shine as a light in the darkness. A star led the wise ones to Jesus, the incarnate word made flesh, and they found the living presence of God. May your STAR Word lead you to new insights of God working in and through you this year.

February Blessings!



Vicar Jason Xiong, *Pastoral Intern.*

## Wednesdays with Luther

# STAR WORDS

Come and check out our next "**Wednesdays with Luther**" coming up on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone of all ages is welcome to attend. **We will provide a homemade dinner of BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, roasted potatoes, cole slaw, and dessert.** We will have a **brief worship service** as we share dinner together.

Finally, **everyone will be able to make their own art piece related to their personal "STAR Word" - no skill required!**

Not sure what a "STAR Word" is? Need a "STAR Word"? Have questions? **Please see the posters hung around the church or contact Vicar Jason or Brenda!**

# YOUTH NEWS

**MOM'S COFFEE TIME** (every Monday) Come join us on every Monday AM, 8:30 am - 10 am in Fellowship Hall at ELC! Moms can enjoy coffee while their young children have a large area to run and play in. A great time to get together, and have a place to relax.

**FUSE NIGHTS** All 9th - 12th graders are invited to join us on Monday evenings at 7 - 8:30 pm for a Youth Night at ELC. What is FUSE? Fuse is creating relationships, being welcoming, listening and helping others. Secondly, we can be an exciting group, time for games, food and fun hanging out. Please invite your friends. Come whenever works for your schedule. Questions, please email me. [brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org](mailto:brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org).

**FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT** Please save the dates - April 13th, 9 am - 12 pm. All our 5th graders, and others interested to take their First Communion are invited to our First Communion Retreat with their parents. We will also enjoy a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, - April 18th, at 6:00 PM together before worship service at 7:30 PM, when they can receive their First Communion.

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH** Thank you to everyone who supported our youth with our Troll Pizza sales in January. We made 320 pizzas! Funds raised will benefit our youth attending the Mission Trip to Indianapolis in June, 2019. We also have an ongoing Coin Collection fundraiser, our "Changing Lives" Jar in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

## 2019 SUMMER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Day Camp/Vacation Bible School (VBS) - June 10 - 13
  - \* VBS - 3 - 5 years old
  - \* Day Camp - Children entering 1st - 5th grade in fall 2019
- Youth Works Mission Trip to Indianapolis - June 23 - 28th
- Confirmation Camp at Sugar Creek (7th - 8th)  
July 21 - 26; register online at

[www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org)

- Mini Mission Week - Aug 13 - 15th (Middle -High School)

**SUMMER CAMP AT SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP** All youth entering 3rd - High School are invited to experience a week at Sugar Creek in Ferryville. Youth have the opportunity to enjoy God's beauty, while experiencing games, Bible Studies, crafts, water time in the pool, horseback riding and much



more. Invite a friend to go or it is wonderful to meet new friends. \* Can mail in form with deposit to: Sugar Creek Bible Camp, 13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd., Ferryville, WI 54628; or register online at

[www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org)

Blessings,

*Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director*  
[brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org](mailto:brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org)

## **FEBRUARY GREETINGS from the AGAPE MINISTRY!**

Enrollment for the upcoming school year is underway! Our 4K program with MHASD started enrollment in early January. ACP will host a 4K open house on Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Enrollment packets are available in my office or can be found on the MHASD website at [www.mhasd.k12.wi.us](http://www.mhasd.k12.wi.us) under the 4K tab. Registration for the 3K program begins on Monday, February 11, 2019. Enrollment packets can be picked up at the preschool office during school hours or in the church office. You can also download the entire enrollment packet via our website at [www.agapechristianpreschool.com](http://www.agapechristianpreschool.com). Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis with legacy families given initial priority placement if submitted on or before

March 11, 2019. A legacy family is defined as a current or past Agape Family or an active ELC church member. If you have questions about Agape enrollment, would like a tour of our

classrooms, or general preschool information, please contact me at 437-7100 or [agapekids@mhtc.net](mailto:agapekids@mhtc.net).

We will be selling yummy Butter Braid Pastries again this year from February 4<sup>th</sup> thru February 18<sup>th</sup>. This has been a very successful fundraiser for the preschool. I will have the order form in between first and second services on Sunday February 10 & 17 if you would like to place orders. Thank you for supporting the preschool!

The 3K children will be providing beautiful music and entertainment for the 10:30 am church service on Sunday, March 3rd. The children have been learning wonderful songs with Ms. Wendy and are very excited to share them with you.

Blessings,  
Amy Kellesvig

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

- Thursday, February 7: 4K Open house 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- Monday, February 11: 3K enrollment begins for 2019-2020 school year
- Friday, March 1: No preschool classes (3K & 4K) make up snow day if needed
- Sunday, March 3: 3K students sing at 10:30 church service
- March 25-March 29: Spring Break – No Preschool

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

**LEAD CONFERENCE** ELC will be hosting the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin's annual LEAD event coming up on Saturday, March 9. **Leadership Education and Development** is the synod's largest event which means we will need lots of volunteers to make sure our guests have a good experience here at ELC. Watch for sign-up sheets in the narthax over the next few weeks and online. See Jeff Hook if you have questions.

**2018 FINANCIAL AUDIT** Greg Kellesvig & Irv Steinhauer, Audit Committee, did a review of the 2018 church financials (General Fund, Building Maintenance Fund, Designated Fund, Mortgage Repayment Fund) and found everything to be in order.



## 2019 ELC CHURCH COUNCIL

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## TREASURER'S REPORT - December 2018

<b>General Fund Activity (\$)</b>					
	Dec '18	Dec 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Income	40,795	50,828	309,935	326,720	323,350
Expense	32,226	28,053	336,942	308,942	328,009
<b>Net</b>	<b>8,569</b>	<b>22,475</b>	<b>(27,007)</b>	<b>(17,778)</b>	<b>(4,659)</b>

Year-to-date income (52 weekends), including \$4,250 from the Maxine Dimick estate, is 5% less than prior year (53 weekends) and 4% under budget. The majority of the variance occurred in December. YTD expenses (excluding intern compensation, covered by a transfer from the designated fund) are 9% more than prior year, primarily due to mission outreach/synod gifts specified in the estate gift, staff raises, full year youth director, leadership development, coffee, pastoral ministry, worship support, youth & family, maintenance/dishwasher repairs, supplies, technology, development, and utilities; YTD expenses are 3% more than budget, primarily due to the mission outreach gifts, maintenance/dishwasher, supplies, development, and utilities, partially offset by insurance costs under budget.

<b>Building Maintenance (Capital) Fund Activity (\$)</b>					
	Dec '18	Dec 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Income	802	1,021	11,913	147,119	7,248
Expense	0	2,899	14,150	99,303	12,000
<b>Net</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>(1,878)</b>	<b>(2,237)</b>	<b>47,816</b>	<b>(4,752)</b>

Year-to-date income, including \$2,500 from the Maxine Dimick estate, is less than prior year (which had \$9,800 in gifts from Endowment, \$47,698 from the Anna Halverson estate, and \$81,402 transferred from the Designated Fund for stained glass repairs) and more than budget. YTD expenses, for the front door replacement, are less than the prior year which had outlays for the coffee station (covered by Endowment), refrigerator, and stained glass repair project.

<b>Mortgage Repayment Fund Activity (\$); (Loan Balance is \$214,921)</b>					
	Dec '18	Dec 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Income	6,365	9,313	77,507	42,586	43,560
Expense	3,630	3,630	58,560	43,560	43,560
<b>Net</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>5,683</b>	<b>18,947</b>	<b>(974)</b>	<b>0</b>

YTD income, including \$15,000 from the Maxine Dimick estate, is more than prior year and budget. YTD payments are \$15,000 more than PY and budget due to an extra principal payment. Final payment is scheduled for October 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Stephen J. Hall, CPA, ELCMH Treasurer, January 13, 2019

# **BENEVOLENCE**

## **Get to Know Our Compassion Kids**

Through our Sunday School, youth ministries, and Agape preschool, we see hundreds of area children roam the halls of ELC every month. Two more kids we hold close to our hearts live far, far away. They are Vanesa and Simon, children we sponsor through our commitment to Compassion International, which provides educational, medical and spiritual resources in distant corners of the world.

We have proudly sponsored Vanesa for most of the six years we've been working with Compassion, She's 13 and a seventh-grader in a mountainous community in central Mexico called Tlaltepango, home to approximately 1,800 residents. For her family, Vanesa carries water, cleans, and runs errands. For fun, she likes to do arts and crafts, listen to Bible stories, participate in service activities, reads, play basketball and play with dolls. Our sponsorship allows the staff of Discipular Para Conquistar to provide Vanesa with Bible education, health screenings, nutrition and physical activities, community service, reading and writing workshops, school supplies, tutoring, camps, games, arts and crafts.

Simon, 6, is a kindergartner in Africa - specifically, the 11,000-person village of Kasota in Tanzania, not far from Lake Victoria. He has family duties similar to Vanesa's, and he enjoys playing ball games. There, typical houses are constructed of dirt floors, mud-brick walls and tin roofs. The regional diet consists of beans, cassava, cereal, maize and millet. Our sponsorship allows the staff of AICT Kasota Geita Student Center to provide Simon with Bible teaching, growth monitoring, health screening, counseling and testing for HIV/AIDS, hygiene and basic life-skills training,

schoolbooks, uniforms, tutoring, field trips, art and music activities, games, birthday celebrations and service opportunities.

Our commitment to these two children makes a difference not just for them, but for their families -- and for all of us. Compassion makes it easy to interact with our sponsored children, to share our experiences with theirs and vice versa, through letters and online communication. Every year, we make a commitment of \$38 per month per child to provide them a foundation that will last a lifetime. Please consider a gift to Benevolence throughout the month of February to continue this tradition, and speak with members of the Social Action Ministry Team about how you can write letters to our kids and build relationships with them through our church ministries.

On behalf of Benevolence,

Adam Mertz  
adammertz2@gmail.com

## **2019 BENEVOLENCE PROGRAM LINEUP**

- **January:** Divino Salvador, our partner church in Puerto Rico
- **February:** Compassion International
- **March:** ELC youth programming
- **April:** School backpack nutrition program
- **May:** Feeding area hungry through CSA donations (Fair Share Coalition) and repackaged supermarket and restaurant food (Healthy Food for All)
- **June:** Lutherans United Against Disasters
- **July:** Madison Area Jail Ministry
- **August:** Lutheran World Relief
- **September:** SABA International
- **October:** Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS)
- **November:** Local accessible health care (Our Lady of Hope in Madison, and Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville)
- **December:** Lutheran Social Services

**Bonus:** We continue to reinvest repaid microloans through KIVA to small businesses worldwide.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**COME TO THE MINISTRY FAIR!** Looking for a volunteer opportunity at ELC? Not sure where to start? Visit the Ministry Fair on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> after both services and explore the many opportunities available. Speak to current members of the different ministries at ELC to learn more about how to get involved, whether for a single event or an ongoing program. We hope to see you there!



**MOUNT HOREB AREA BLOOD DRIVE** will be held **on Friday, February 1, from 1:00-6:00pm at ELC.** For an appointment, please contact (800) 448-3543 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). As always, walk-ins are welcome. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card, or driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.



**LENTEN LUNCHESES** Inreach/Outreach Ministry has placed a sign up for help with Lenten luncheon beginning March 6 Ash Wednesday. We need help with setting up, clean-up and preparing the meals. New exciting menu! No more chicken soup! Make sure you join us for fellowship and good food!

**KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS,** keep cranking out those baby caps! We'll resume meeting in the Faith Room in **February on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9am.** Red caps are requested for the emphasis on heart health in February. Contact Ruth Heinecke with any questions at 444-4949.



# GENERAL INFORMATION



**WINTER BOWLING BONANZA** Join the Spiritual Growth & Fellowship team for an afternoon of FREE bowling at the Norsk, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. All ages are welcome! Contact Diane Pladziewicz or Suzi Grundahl with questions or to RSVP (not necessary, but greatly appreciated).

**SEASONS OF GRIEF-SEASONS OF HEALING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP.** Our next sessions will be offered on Thursday evenings starting **March 21st**. Dates are: **March 21st, 28th, April 4th and 11th**. We have split the dates to avoid Holy Week. Times: **7-9pm**. Place: **Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Matthew room**. All are welcome who have lost a loved one no matter how long it has been. This location is handicapped accessible. Refreshments will be offered. Please contact Mary Williams at 437-4810 by March 13th because I need to get reading materials for the first session out to the participants by Monday,



March 18th.

## TWO EVENTS AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**"NO REGRETS" MEN'S CONFERENCE FEB 2<sup>ND</sup>** livestream event from Elmbrook Church with speakers and music 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mt. Horeb. Come for part of day or whole day. Registration is \$20 (includes lunch) Register online at [immanuelmn.org](http://immanuelmn.org)

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Beginning Feb 17th** - Several years ago we offered Dave Ramsey's Course here at ELC. This course helps families learn ways to faithfully manage their finances, with strategies to help take control of your money. Immanuel will begin a new session on **Sunday**,

**February 17th at 5pm** Contact Pastor Jared Parmley for details 437-8733



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

- **Jeannie & Anthony Coffin-Schmitt** on the birth of their son **Rowan Aldo** on January 6. Proud grandparents are Chris & John Coffin.
- **Jacob Luttropp & Caitlin Kuckes** on their marriage on January 19.
- **Kristin, Charles & Henry Willcutt** on the birth of their son/brother **Franklin Thomas** on January 21.

**PLEASE WELCOME AUGUSTUS JOSEPH WEBER** into our church family. Augustus was baptized on January 27. He is the son of Nolan Weber & Bethany Scott. His sponsors are Steve & Amy Hall.



**CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BAPTISM** during February is **Louis**

**William Thomas** on February 4. Louis is the son of James & Kalah Thomas. His baptismal sponsors are Kenn & Tara Ruppel.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**, Lucia Lozano (Evonne & Vern Martin's granddaughter), Linda Luenser, Emilie Van Galen's brother, Darrin, Pearl Vierima, Patsy Funk, Sally Gaard, Dianne Hirsch, Ashley Letheby, Laurie Duden, Michael Curtis, Barbara Bendlin, Harlan



Oimoen, Mary Jane Niles, Bill Steinhauer, Al Wilkening, Irene Bruflat, Grace Aavang, Gary Fritz, Teresa Nichols-Trace, Mary Kohl, Dewey Wagner, Peter Toniazzo.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** our partner congregation **IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR** (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño, P.R



**MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of**

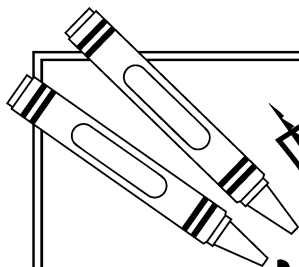
✦ **Dale Boness** for **Unspecified Memorials** from Carole & David Janisch

# February

## BIRTHDAYS

<b>1</b> Balbach	Nancy	<b>10</b> Hogseth	Adrienne	<b>19</b> Gibney	Danielle
	George Johnson		Christine Kahl		Elva Jeanne Hanna
	Zachary Peter		Margie Kahl		Jan Lukken
	Dean Stange	<b>11</b> Albrecht	Lauren		Madison Lukken
<b>2</b> Farnsworth	Rob		Eva Larson		Steve Thompson
	Sara John		Colton Martin	<b>20</b> Cook	Jim
	Mary Kaboth		Sarah Strube		Mary Krantz
<b>3</b> Uptegraw	Jim	<b>12</b> Bredeson	Kayla		Molly Mason
<b>4</b> Brothers	Ben		Paige Densmore	<b>21</b>	Jessica Hanson
	Reece Watson		Meghan Mason		Anthony Truman
	<b>5</b> Owen Aeschlimann		Jonah Siebold		Craig Vesely
	Jackson John		Ryan Sinner		Carter Vesely
	Doug Nesheim	<b>13</b>	Addison Anderson	<b>22</b> Haroldson	Erin
	Stephanie Rollins		Hailey Hanson	<b>23</b> Luttrupp	Caitlin
	Pamela Roth		Quentin Rosborough		Mary Ann Powell
	Sophia Sadler		Dan Sherven		Paul Yapp
<b>6</b> Scott Hall		<b>14</b> Thompson	Ashley	<b>24</b> LaBorde	Sean
	Regan Soyring		Linda Topper		Gerald Stamm
	Mark Sutter	<b>15</b> Toniazzo	Theresa M.		Jenifer Stone
<b>7</b> Kahl	Sawyer	<b>16</b> Freitag	Taylor	<b>25</b> Hastings	Mary
	Lacey Klessig		Kayson Haag-Little		Jared Leuzinger
	Mark Peter	<b>17</b> Casey	Grace	<b>26</b> Allemann	Bernette

Kalah Thomas	Joyce Fargo	27 Ekenberg	Jennifer
8 Makayla Krueger	Siri Martin	28 Balbach	Amanda
Charlie Miller	Steve Mueller		Donald Field
Scott Underwood	Marc Powell	29 Mortvedt	Craig
Cathy Woller	Joan Stensby		Hannah Stapelmann
9 Beth Heiting			
Scott Klassy			
Declan Otis			
Kristi Schulenberg			
<b>If we've missed you or a member of your family, or if we've listed your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.</b>			



# PUZZLE

## WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

*Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.*



God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_.” Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18



# February

## CIRCLES & BIBLE STUDIES

**FAITH CIRCLE** will meet **Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00am** at the Homestead. Remember to bring the January/February edition of Gather Magazine.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet at **10am on February 19<sup>th</sup>** in Fellowship Hall. Bible Study Chapter 1 in "The Girl's Still Got It". Diane D. and Janet are host and cohost.

**SARAH CIRCLE** will meet on **Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm** in the Faith Room at church. We will discuss the Gather magazine Bible study. Diane Twiton will bring a treat.

**SEWING CIRCLE** meets **Thursdays at 9:00am** to sew and tie quilts. All are welcome. As of this newsletter, 28 new quilts have been completed.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY** will meet the first & third Fridays, **February 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30am**. Come join us for coffee and conversation about the week's Bible readings. Everyone is welcome!!

**WOMEN OF ELC COORDINATING COMMITTEE** will meet **Tuesday, February 5, at 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall. We will begin planning activities for 2019.



**THANK YOU** to Social Committee #1 for serving funerals in January. Diane Bartz & Linda Magnuson are co-chairs,

**SERVING FUNERALS IN FEBRUARY:** Social Committee #2, co-chairs: Dawn Haag & Mary Meister