

# STEEPLE ECHOES

January 2019

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



**EVANGELICAL**  
**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

**A New Year to Shine** More than a century ago, Tennyson shared "A New Year's Poem" which I've shared a few verses of here. What is striking is how desires of each age seem to ring true today as well. Much like the folks in Bethlehem so many years ago, we long for the coming of a new hope.

### A NEW YEAR'S POEM

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light;  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

But the good news is that the light of Christ does shine today as well. The only question for us is, will we share it with those around us, or will we retreat from the challenges of a world which lives in fear and darkness?

God's Peace,



# FROM THE INTERN'S DESK – Vicar Jason Xiong

## *I resolve...*

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

It's inevitable! 2018 has seemingly flown by and now we are on our way into the new year...2019. This happens every year, but it seems that once we come to it, time speeds up and before we know it we are here. What does that say about us? I am not sure it says anything bad about us other than we may be impatient at times. We want everything new to come quickly and when it seemingly does, we wish it hadn't. I know I am guilty of this. I can't wait for the new year to start – but then it will surely take me two months to stop writing the year 2018 on everything. It's ironic but inevitable. The other thing that is inevitable; new year resolutions.

Many of us will utter the words: “I resolve” at some point in the next few weeks and then wonder if what we have resolved to do is possible or even what we truly want. Often we let society tell us what is important or what our new year resolutions should be. This could be why I don't think I have ever heard someone say that they resolve to “come to church more often in the new year.” ☺

Our society has deemed what is important and because of the 24/7 flow of information we experience, these are the voices that are the loudest. So, what is my resolution for 2019? To listen more; to listen more to my own heart and to also try to listen more to the Holy Spirit. To live into the 2 Corinthians passage above. Every day we are created new – the old day is gone, all the previous days are gone and we are invited by God into a new relationship each day. A relationship that is renewed and full of hope and promise.

Happy New Year!



Vicar Jason Xiong, *Pastoral Intern*

# YOUTH NEWS

**PEER MINISTRY** We are excited to announce that we are thankful for a grant given to us by the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Campaign through the ELCA. This grant will help with our costs for our training and will help our program to continue to grow and impact our community.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MOVIE/GAME NIGHT** All high schoolers (9th - 12th) are invited to a movie/game night at church on January 4th. Our event will begin at 6 PM and end at midnight. A time to hang out with friends, enjoy movies, games and of course - FOOD! We will need some adult helpers throughout the event, including preparing food. Please sign up on my office door or email Brenda, if you can come or help out. We need participation in order for this event to occur.

**TIME TO ORDER TROLL WAY PIZZA!** Our favorite "Troll Way Pizza" returns again! Our youth are taking orders for our delicious "church-made" pizzas after worship services through January 13th. Pick up day for these unforgettable pizzas will be on **January 27th**, in Fellowship Hall. (after worship services) One great way to stock up on pizzas before the Super Bowl in February. Funds raised will benefit the youth attending the Mission Trip to Indianapolis in June, 2019. Thank you for your support!

**No Confirmation for 7th & 8th on January 2nd.**  
**Sunday School resumes on January 6th, 9:30 AM**

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY** We will have a Children and Youth Ministry meeting on January 8, at 7:00 PM. This is a time to give updates on our current and future activities for our youth. If you are interested in joining, please email Brenda.

Many blessings to the New Year!

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

# COUNCIL NEWS

## TREASURER'S REPORT - November 2018

General Fund Activity (\$)					
	Nov '18	Nov 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Income	24,042	24,769	269,140	276,191	296,639
Expense	25,696	27,183	304,716	280,889	300,338
<b>Net</b>	<b>(1,654)</b>	<b>(2,414)</b>	<b>(35,576)</b>	<b>(4,698)</b>	<b>(3,699)</b>

Year-to-date income (47 weekends), including \$4,250 from the Maxine Dimick estate, is 3% less than prior year (48 weekends) and 9% under budget. YTD expenses are 8% more than prior year, primarily due to mission outreach/synod gifts specified in the estate gift, staff raises, full year of youth director, leadership development, coffee, pastoral ministry, worship support, youth & family, maintenance/dishwasher repairs, supplies, technology, development, and utilities; YTD expenses are 1% more than budget, primarily due to the mission outreach gifts, maintenance/dishwasher, supplies, and development, partially offset by youth/family and insurance under budget.

Building Maintenance (Capital) Fund Activity (\$)					
	Nov '18	Nov 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Income	595	779	11,111	146,098	6,644
Expense	0	0	14,150	96,928	11,000
<b>Net</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>(3,039)</b>	<b>49,170</b>	<b>(4,356)</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 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.

Mortgage Repayment Fund Activity (\$); (Loan Balance is \$217,644)					
	Nov '18	Nov 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Income	3,283	4,786	71,142	33,273	39,930
Expense	3,630	3,630	54,930	39,930	39,930
<b>Net</b>	<b>(347)</b>	<b>(1,156)</b>	<b>16,212</b>	<b>(6,657)</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 Oct. 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Stephen J. Hall, CPA, ELCMH Treasurer

## 2019 ELC CHURCH COUNCIL

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# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**HELP OUT THE HOMELESS!** Volunteers needed for MOST MONTHS IN 2019! We are looking for volunteers to make Homeless Lunches. This is a great activity for a family, church circle, youth or civic groups. This will involve buying the groceries, making 50-80 sack lunches (depending on the month) and delivering them to the Men's Shelter between 7-9 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at Grace Episcopal Church at 116 W. Washington, Madison. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the church offices throughout the year. You will be sent a reminder with instructions about a week in advance of that 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped out with this mission in 2018.

**NEEDED: ELC VOLUNTEERS FOR CLOTHES CLOSET** As one of the 15 churches that supports the Community Clothes Closet, ELC pledges volunteers for that keep the facility running smoothly throughout January. A small donation of your time can make a huge difference in a family's lives, allowing them to access new and gently worn clothing, bedding, and footwear. That's particularly true in the cold winter months, when warm clothes are a necessity. Can we count on you to help? We're seeking four volunteers for each of the following dates: **Saturday, Jan. 12, 10am to noon; Thursday, Jan. 17, 5 to 7pm; Saturday, Jan. 26: 10am to noon**

Anyone can handle the duties in these shifts, which come with clear instructions. No experience necessary! If you'd like to help but can't work these shifts, the Clothes Closet could use your services to sort, fold, and straighten clothes during closed hours, at a time that fits your schedule. If you're interested, please contact Kate Hook at [katehook63@gmail.com](mailto:katehook63@gmail.com) or 437-4601.

**NEED FOR WORSHIP ASSISTANT VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for Bulletin Assemblers, Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Acolytes and Readers. You decide when and how often you volunteer. For Ushers, it's once every fourth Sunday, and for ALL other volunteers, it varies depending on how many volunteers we have. *This is a small commitment, yet extremely important volunteer opportunity!* Please contact Kathy or Carol in the church office (437-5012 or [elc@mhtc.net](mailto:elc@mhtc.net)) to volunteer. **YOU ARE NEEDED,** Thank you for taking the opportunity to be of service to ELC.



**SINCERE THANKS TO DUANE AND LAURA MILLER** for their many years of helping with the Food Pantry & Community Clothes Closet Donations. ELC is looking for someone to take over this task which involves collecting the food and clothing that people have dropped off at the church and taking it to the food pantry/clothes closet on a weekly basis.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**WOMEN OF ELC** On Dec. 8, the Women of ELC gathered for the annual **Advent Brunch**. It was a pleasure to have some men join us for the occasion. Don Hartman presented a program about the war memorial being built by the American Legion, the VFW, and the Vietnam Vets. During a brief business meeting, the financial report for 2018 was reviewed and the budget for 2019 was presented and read. It is with great appreciation for her work that we thank Ann Baumgartner who has completed her term as treasurer. Carol Nielsen has been elected as the new treasurer.

Early in January, the new **Women of ELC handbook** will be sent out. It will contain a calendar of events for 2019, a list of Coordinating Committee members, Circle lists, and (perhaps most importantly) the Social Committee lists. Every woman in the congregation is assigned to a Social Committee. These committees serve the meal following a funeral during their assigned month and sometimes help with other receptions. Grateful families often make a financial contribution to the Women of ELC for this service. Thanks to these generous donations, we were able to disburse \$5,100 at the end of the year.

In **2019**, look for the Spring Fling, an event to honor those women turning 80 during the year. We also look forward to hosting the Barneveld Conference Spring Gathering on April 27. We'll round out the year with another Advent Brunch. All women of the congregation are invited to attend these events.

Thank you all for the part you play in the Family of Faith here at ELC.

**KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS**, keep cranking out those baby caps! We'll resume meeting in the Faith Room in January 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.



**THE CHRISTMAS AT ELC BENEFIT WAS A ROUSING SUCCESS!** Thanks to everyone's generosity, \$2504 was raised to help the MHASD's Weekend Meals Program. Thank you to all the ELC musicians who generously donated their time and talent for the concert, Bonnie Kellog and Brian Johnson for heading up the kitchen crew, the men's group who made the chili, and Bill Miller from Miller and Sons who donated the chili supplies.



Come and check out our next "Wednesdays with Luther" coming up on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 7pm-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone of all ages is welcome to attend. **We will provide a homemade dinner of roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, rolls, and a dessert.** All you have to do is come. We will have a **short communion worship service** as we share dinner together and then participate in an **activity/service project**. A freewill offering will be taken to help offset the cost of the dinner. **Please contact Vicar Jason with any questions about our Wednesday's with Luther!**

### **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY *The Gospel of Matthew - a new beginning begins January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.***

As we turn to the gospel stories for worship in January, we'll take a look at themes in Matthew's gospel. The eight sessions will look at the following topics:

- The Birth of the Messiah (Matthew 1:18–2:12)
- This Is My Son, the Beloved (Matthew 3:13–4:11)
- You Are the Salt of the Earth (Matthew 5:1-16 [17-20], 21-48)
- You of Little Faith (Matthew 14:13-36)
- Who Do You Say That I Am? (Matthew 16:13–17:9 [13])
- Where Two or Three Are Gathered in My Name (Matthew 18:1-22 [23-35])
- My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me? (Matthew 27:32-56)
- I Am with You Always (Matthew 28:1-10 [11-15], 16-20)

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**PLEASE WELCOME JORDAN MARTIN SLOCUM** into our church family. Jordan was baptized on December 15. He is the son of Steve & Allie Slocum and the brother of Joanna. His sponsors are Alex & Jessica Slocum.



Dave Field, Shane Krantz, Linda Luenser, , Emilie Van Galen's brother, Darrin, Patricia Flom, Pearl Vierima, Patsy Funk (Nancy McKinney's sister), Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Dianne Hirsch, Ashley Letheby (Lois Alm's granddaughter), Laurie Duden (Brenda's aunt), Michael Curtis (Ellen Cook's great-grandson), Barbara Bendlin (Connie Curran's aunt), Harlan Oimoen, Mary Jane Niles (Rubelle Zwald's daughter), Bill Steinhauer, Al Wilkening (Jan Ekenberg's brother-in-law), 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

**OUR SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS** are with

- † **Dave Edwards & family.** Dave's father, Jerry, passed away on December 9.
- † **the family & friends of Todd Martin.** Todd passed away on December 13.

**MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of**



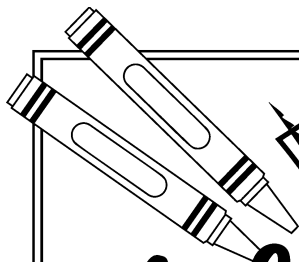
- † **Allan Baldwin** for the General Fund from his family
- † **Lorna Hamburg** for the General Fund from John & Helen Kahl

# January

## BIRTHDAYS

<b>1</b> Boettcher	Pat	<b>11</b> Ellestad	Patricia	<b>22</b> John	Chloe
	Jayne Martinson		Lisbeth Gibney		Diane Mueller
	Debby Schneider		Art Hage		Sonja Rosborough
<b>2</b> Rollins	Julia	<b>12</b> Zelle	Mae Jean		Karen Tetzlaff
<b>3</b> Iverson	Jim	<b>13</b> Kahl	Devin	<b>23</b> Vesely	Alexa
	James Morey		Kim Kelliher	<b>24</b> Bower	Samantha
	Michael Powell		Breanna Nesheim		Morgan Monroe
<b>4</b> Cannon	Sandra	<b>14</b> Bartelt	Tom	<b>25</b> Brothers	Sarah
	Zach Klassy		Steve Hall		Kelly Doty
	Louis Thomas		Pamela Larson		Robin Paske
	Peter Toniazzo		Kathy O'Donnell		Aaron Schmidt
<b>5</b> Field	Amanda	<b>15</b> Killinger	Skylaar	<b>26</b> Jenkins	Larry
	Ross Nesheim		Christine Rinabarger		LeAnn Klaetsch
	Matthew Nielsen		Betty Rosenbaum		Stacy Kreul
	Colin Schulz	<b>16</b> Kahl	Helen	<b>27</b> Anderson	Tim
	Amber Schulz		Renee Littel		Megan Ferrell
<b>6</b> Appleby	Kaylie		Bob Schiefelbein		Gabriel Guenther
	Gordy Kahl		Karli Schulenberg		Hadley Kahl
	Ethan Wittman	<b>17</b> Breed	Nancy		Graham Schloesser
<b>7</b> Hanson	Grace		John Rosenbaum	<b>28</b> Hustad	Kari
	Andrew Knudson	<b>18</b> Errthum	Jaclyn		David Powell
	Alycen McKinney		Erik Iverson		Owen Rothamer
	Kristina Nielsen		Ashley Segebrecht	<b>29</b> Fischer	Valerie
<b>8</b>	Daniel		Kevin Thorsen		Rodney Fisher

Edwards		
Ken Schulenberg	<b>19</b> Spellman	Cord Logan Heiting
Pearl Vierima	<b>20</b> Jewell	Beverly <b>30</b> Irene Field
<b>9</b> Leah Gaulke	Ann McCue	Kristine Aeschlimann
Stacy LaBorde	Conner McCue	<b>31</b> Deb Dangerfield
<b>10</b> Lois Alm	Evelyn Rameker	Jenafer Festge
Lydia Martin	Karen Stamm	Tim Killinger
Amy Mertz	<b>21</b> Heinecke	Paul Jeff Rasmussen
Ethan Stange	Ethan Sutter	Allie Slocum
<b>11</b> Matt Anderson	Kristin Willcutt	Sara Thompson
<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

## A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

*Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.*



We were therefore buried with him  
through baptism into death in order that,  
just as Christ was raised from the dead  
through the glory of the Father,  
we too may live a \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n y, n e w l i f e



## CIRCLES & BIBLE STUDIES

**FAITH CIRCLE** will meet at 10:00am on Tuesday, January 8, at the Homestead.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00am on January 15 Read introduction and Chapter 1 in "The Girl's Still Got It".

**SARAH CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00pm. Place to be announced.

**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, January 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<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 not meet in January.



**THANK YOU** to Social Committee #12 for serving funerals in December. Betsy Baguhn & Cathie Field are co-chairs,

**SERVING FUNERALS IN JANUARY:** Social Committee #1, co-chairs: Diane Bartz & Linda Magnuson