



WELCOME to ELC Mt. Horeb

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

A Sound of Sheer Silence *“(Elijah) got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.” 1 Kings 19:8*

Fourteen years ago this month, this was the first reading on my first Sunday as pastor of ELC. The story is of Elijah’s flight from the threats of Jezebel. He feels alone in trying to speak God’s Word, he is exhausted, but God sends help in the form of an angel who provides nourishment and leads him to Mt. Horeb. An ironic story to read on my first Sunday here.

But that’s not the end, the story goes on as God tells Elijah: *“Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake;¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.” 1 Kings 19:11-12*

Right when Elijah felt hopeless, God found him, nourished him, and showed him that God’s purposes will not be defeated by anything.

This year when I’m in front of the sanctuary, I experience far too much silence. It can be disheartening. But then I remember that our God has met God’s people in many hard times, and that even when we feel that we’re not sure what step to take next, God is already there in ways we might not expect. God appears to Elijah not in the spectacular ways we might expect, but in that very moment of silence. God’s reign is not about to be defeated by the difficulties of this day.

Even now God’s presence fills the silence. When we are exhausted by it all, God brings rest and nourishment for body and spirit. When we feel that we are alone in faithfulness, God reminds us that there are many others who belong to God as well. It was not the end for Elijah and for God’s people. Neither does today’s difficulty mean the end for our life of faith together.

God’s Peace,





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



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

The current week's service can be heard at any time by dialing **855 - 514 - 2017. This is a toll-free number.** Services will be available every Sunday morning at 8:30 am, the same time we livestream the video service on Facebook. Please note that if you call in while the service is 'live', you will join the service at its current point. Once the service is complete, calls will hear a complete recording of the service. If you wish, there are prompts that allow you to be added to a notification list that will call when the next service is going live on Sunday morning.

Similar prompts will also be available to remove your phone number from the notification service. If you have any problems removing your phone number from the notification list, please call the church office and leave us a message. We will have the ability to remove your phone number.

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

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 "Share a pic of your favorite 'fur' baby". 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.

GIVE, LOVE, SERVE (Local Mission/Service Week) - Aug 11 - 13th: Youth in High School and Middle School are invited to participate in our GIVE, LOVE, SERVE week at ELC. Because of restrictions, we are keeping our projects in Mt Horeb this year. Please email Brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org to receive the signup link. Opportunities to volunteer are make cards for shut-ins, chalk drawings for neighbors, offer our assistance with the new organization, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and help clean up trash on the bike path.

OUTING TO DEVIL'S LAKE – 9th Grade Confirmation youth - On Friday, August 14th, our 9th graders will be hiking at Blue Mounds State Park. Please meet at the pool parking lot at the State Park at 9:30 a.m. This is a time to enjoy the outdoors, talk about faith and life, and play a couple socially distant games. Please pick up at 11:30 am, same location as drop off. Bring your own water & snack and wear your mask.

'JUST MERCY' MOVIE DISCUSSION - We will be having our movie discussion August 12th at 7 pm on ZOOM. "Just Mercy" is a true story that calls each of us, to confront the unjust nature of our nation's criminal justice system. A must see! Please watch the movie prior to the ZOOM time. Everyone is welcome to join us. Email Brenda for the link.

"WHITE FRAGILITY: WHY IT'S SO HARD FOR WHITE PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT RACISM" BOOK STUDY - This book study will begin in late August on ZOOM. This is a unique study since we would invite a few other congregations to join us. We thought it would be a great opportunity. Please email Brenda if you are interested. Check out on YouTube, to hear the author discuss the book. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45ey4jgoxeU>
Blessings and stay safe,

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

COUNCIL NEWS

NEW FACEBOOK GROUPS In addition to our Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt. Horeb Facebook page, we've created two new Facebook groups for members to join!

- **ELC Community** is designed for all ELC members to provide updates about their family, and to communicate with other members. This can be a place to share specific announcements, where help would be needed (grocery delivery, raking, meal sign-up) and prayer requests, for some ideas to share.
- **ELC Faith Connection** 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.

The difference in using private groups is that only those who join the group will see your posts, while the church's page is public. Please join both groups and share an update. We're sure everyone will be excited to hear from you!

Dear ELC members,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work our way through these Covid-related challenges. While we're still unwilling to resume indoor services, we think we can meet safely again in a new format.



The logo features the word "new" in a cursive script font, followed by the word "PLAN" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. A decorative flourish extends from the top of the "new" script across the top of the "PLAN" letters.

We're going to try a biweekly drive-up service in the church parking lot, via a short-distance radio transmitter on frequency 88.5 FM. We'll also have some space set aside for those who want to bring a blanket or a chair and sit outside. Despite the unusual format, we will celebrate Communion at both services. **Services will take place at 10:00 AM on August 2 and August 16.**

We will continue to stream services online, premiering Sundays at 8:30. Video and audio is available on the church website, Facebook, and YouTube. Audio is available by telephone at (855) 514-2017, and audio CDs are available from the church office. Pastor John's daily devotions are also available on our Facebook page.

Additionally, starting on August 1 the church will again be open to small groups and others who wish to meet. Under the county's public health orders, these groups must be limited to ten people or fewer. Wear masks and social distance as much as possible. Office hours are still limited, so the doors may be locked. Please contact the office for instructions on gaining entry.

On behalf of the church council,
Ben Brothers

TREASURER'S REPORT - June 2020

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY (\$)					
	Jun 20	Jun19	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	23,713	31,122	154,522	173,744	182,013
Transfer In	0	1,722	0	10,334	0
Expense	22,066	27,323	156,733	183,176	177,261
Net	1,647	5,521	(2,211)	902	4,752

Year-to-date General Fund income (26 Sundays) is 11% less than prior year (26 Sundays) and 15% less than budget. YTD expenses are 14% less than prior year, primarily due to the vacant intern position, fewer youth director hours, and lower Leadership Development, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Ministry, Youth & Family, Maintenance, Utility, and Administrative costs; YTD expenses are 12% under budget, primarily due to pay reductions (2nd half March and 1st half April), lower Leadership Development, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Ministry, Youth/Family, Insurance (timing), Maintenance, Utility, and Administrative costs. There is \$39,972 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 this as income.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CAPITAL FUND ACTIVITY (\$))					
	Jun 20	Jun 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	809	611	5,060	3,439	4,000
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	0
Expense	1,309	1,821	4,818	3,432	8,000
Net	(500)	(1,210)	242	7	(4,000)

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)					
	Jun 2020	Jun 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	2,073	3,483	17,228	20,807	21,780
Expense	3,630	13,630	21,780	31,780	21,780
Net	(1,557)	(10,147)	(4,552)	(10,973)	0

Year-to-date Mortgage Repayment Fund income is 17% less than prior year and 21% less than budget. YTD payments are equal to budget and 31% less than prior year (we made an extra \$10,000 principal payment last year). Final payment is scheduled for June 2024. The cash balance includes \$1,340 from the SBA loan for Apr/May 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



Hello and greetings from the Benevolence Committee. The cause that ELC is supporting during the month of August is Habitat for Humanity. I'd like to share a bit about this organization and how they support our community.

I'm guessing that if you've heard anything about Habitat in the past, you already know that they build homes. These homes are built by paid staff from Habitat, volunteers and the families that live in the homes. When I started thinking about this non-profit, I immediately wondered how the organization has been affected by the pandemic. While the volunteers are currently unable to work on-site, building continues by the paid staff. I was surprised to learn that our local organization is on pace to complete all but 2 of the homes planned for this fiscal year.

Habitat does more than just build homes. They partner with homeowners across Dane County in need of interior and exterior repair work through the Habitat Home Repair Program. Habitat also offers Financial Capability Training for families to work on their credit, budgeting and financial health so they are able to become homeowners by qualifying for traditional financing outside of the Habitat program. Habitat supports young people in their efforts to gain experience in the construction trades. They've partnered with Operation Fresh Start (OFS) to build a home in Fitchburg. Habitat also participates in a program for high school students that provides volunteer opportunities to build affordable housing units for academic credit.

I mentioned above that I wondered how Habitat has been affected by the COVID 19 pandemic. I've also wondered if Habitat has been able to support those in need during this crisis. The Habitat Family Relief Fund was established to help families make their mortgage payments. They quickly partnered with 8 local financial organizations who didn't debate costs or paperwork details, they immediately said yes to helping. I think this quick response says it all about Habitat and their impact on the Dane County community. They build homes and hope.

Thanks for your support.

On behalf of Benevolence,
Amy Sinner

GENERAL INFORMATION

THANK YOU 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 **73** total donors, **75** collected pints of blood, **55** whole blood and **20** power reds with **3** first time donors. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need.

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, Betty Drape and Linda Schroeder.

A THANK YOU FROM MT. HOREB AREA SENIOR CENTER (May Benevolence) "Thank you so much for the very generous donation of \$807.57 from all of you. We will use it for our nutrition program, since we have been sending many new meals out these past months during the pandemic. This will benefit many seniors! Thank you again for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Take care and stay healthy." From Lynn Forshaug, Director, SW Dane Outreach.

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 The July/August/September 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.

BABY KITS, REBECCA CIRCLE In light of the uncertainty the next few months and the closure of the church building, we are NOT assembling BABY KITS in August as we did last year. The project is on HOLD for the near future.

SCHOOL KITS This seems to be the time of year when the Back-to-School sales start, and we think about making Lutheran World Relief school kits. Children around the world who need an education might not have the family resources to attend school. We know that a better education means a better standard of living.

Each kit needs:

70-page notebook	30 cm ruler	Pencil sharpener
Pencils (unsharpened)	Pens	Safety scissors
16 or 24 count crayons	2 ½" eraser	

If you would like to help with this project, please take advantage of the sales to get best value or your dollar. A collection box will be placed in Fellowship Hall when the church building is open again.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DATE IS CHANGED TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 Due to the latest orders for mass gatherings, we will conduct this assembly totally via videoconference. All voting members will log in remotely.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO GRACE AAVANG who turns **100** on **August 10!!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO Leah Rasmussen and Steven Mathe, who were married here on July 11!

THANK YOU The family of John Kahl would like to thank all our friends at ELC for remembering us this past month. We still have trouble realizing we must go on without his kind, quiet presence. But with the help of all the prayers, cards, memorials, phone calls, food, flowers, etc., we are sustained for a step-at-a-time on the journey. Blessings, Helen and all John's family

CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BAPTISM IN AUGUST IS Henry Warren Knudson. Henry is the son of Andrew & Melissa Knudson. His sponsors Mark & Michelle Rudman.



PLEASE PRAY FOR Richard Schuler (friend of Ron & Bonny Kellogg), Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith), Helen Kahl, John Conrad, 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

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

- **Diane Kjervik** for the **Mortgage Fund** from the Class of 1963
- **Jim Conant** for the **Mortgage Fund** from Dawn & Paul Kellesvig and for the **Sanctuary Lights** from Rose Klir
- **John Kahl** for the **Sanctuary Lights** from Rose Klir; for **SABA, Int'l.** from Bridgett & Tim Killinger, Steve & Joan Stensby and Kimberly Biesse; for the **General Fund** from Sara & Kendall Kittleson, Rita Schraepfer-Derke, Betsy Baguhn and Char Smith; for the **Youth Fund** from Kenneth & Linda Kellogg; for the **Mortgage Fund** from Gordy & Margie Kahl and LeRoy Collins; for the **Music Fund** from Carol Losenegger, Ben & Linda Magnuson and Connie Floan; and for **Unspecified Memorials** from Jerry & Helen Iverson, Jay & Deb Schneider, Jeffrey Kahl, Michael & Carolyn McNall, Kathy Conrad, Dennis & Mary Lokken, Cindy Skamarak-Darrow, Vern & Betty Drape, Thomas & Christine Licari, Bernadine & James Jones, Leigh Ellingson, David & Mary Powell, Jeff & Robin Paske, Linda Stoenner, Joann Sherven, Karen Bunke, Lana Schulz, Kelli & Pat O'Connell, John Topper, Wayne & Mary Knudson, Curt Diehl, Bonny Kellogg, Dick & Carol Engstad, Wayne Knudtson, Ron & Sandra Cushman, Janet Sherven, Diane Dreger, Vicki & Gene Spellman, Diane Alme, Carol & Pete Riphahn, Jim & Cheryl Hanson, Paul & Dawn Kellesvig, Diane & Steve Mueller, Mary Curtis, Mark & Becky Mostrom, Diane Bartz, David & Jody Wyttenbach, Jessica Williams, Paul & Delores Swedlund, Duane & Diane Haag, Vivian Stone, Mary Stamm, Sandy Glaeve, Dorothy Bergum, Sharon Collins, Polly Field, Cheryl Ackley, Bev Mickelson, Carol Johnson, Shirley Martin, Mary Jo & Ron Brinkmann, Donald & Kristin Heidemann and Mary Thompson

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.

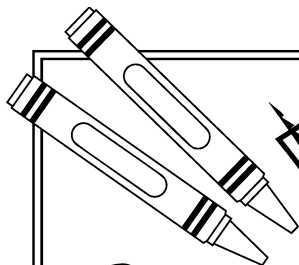


August

BIRTHDAYS

1	Dave Baumgartner	13	Derek Rinabarger	21	Betsy Baguhn
	Kambri Eggers		Jordan Slocum		Bruce Howe
	Kyle Fargo	15	Nicole Kahl		Russell Martin
	Isla Vondra		Brycen Kelliher	22	Jeffrey Drape
	Matilda Woolard	16	Shannon Hadac		Ellie Kellesvig
3	Carol Losenegger		Brittany Kahl	23	Josh Johnson
	Joanna Slocum		Jenny Mason	24	Paul Baum
4	Diane Berg		Natalie O'Connell		Gary Hamburg
	Anne Iverson		Anna Schloesser		Jeff Turk
	Eric McCue		Lindsey Schulenberg	25	Shawn Cannon
	Sandra Roth		Savanna Smith		Avery Lutz
6	Claire Hurda		Heidi Vogt		Daniel Thomas
	Mark Mostrom	17	Diane Fink	26	Jim Conrad
	Alexander Olson		Kim Fisher		Abby Marty
7	Olivia Cook		Faye Lorenz		Emma Sutter
	Terry Fischer		Brittany Walton	27	Carter Ackerman
	Courtney Fisher		Thomas Wipperfurth		Calina Ackerman
	Sandy Glaeve	18	Rebekah Baum		Geoff Johnson
	Julie Vasen		Kody Haag		Sam Martin
8	Travis Klassy		Cheryl Rinabarger		Zoe Thompson
9	Andy Kellesvig		Nancy Shaker Marty		Landon Turk
	Blake Stamm		Jacob Slaney	30	Hans Larson
10	Grace Aavang	19	Stephen Grundahl		Alyssa Lokken
11	Bailey Nesheim		Kiera Kahl		Joshua Slaney
	Peggy Ziebarth		Cole McKay	31	Irene Brufat
			Dale Rinabarger		Conrad Richer
		20	Delores Bryant		
			Alex Mortvedt		

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

Compete for the crown



The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown.



Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.

START

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iqsatexympsakogmzsjeubtneyehapidmrf
itegrbuanpicdnofihmneygjocsxrdpoetwkin

FINISH

“Do you not know that in a _____ all the runners run, but only one gets the _____? _____ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who _____ in the _____ goes into strict _____. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a _____ that will last forever.”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV