



WELCOME to ELC Mt. Horeb

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sunday 9:00am (See “New Worship Schedule and Practice” on page 3)

Pre-recorded online worship available:

www.elcmthoreb.org/home/worship/sermon-archive/

or listen to Sunday service “live” on your phone 855-514-2017

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

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

“You will receive power...”

“So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ “Acts 1:6-8

This passage is the beginning of the Ascension Day story, which we seldom get to read as it always falls on a Thursday. But this year I found it a particularly thought provoking. The story begins with confusion “Lord is this the time?”. The disciples had just come through a time of unimaginable events. From days of great success to dark times of fear and pain, to a new day and new possibilities. But they aren’t clear how to move forward.

Does that sound familiar? We’ve been on a journey over the last year and more. A journey from days of security and success, to days of fear and pain, and now are seeing new possibilities opening around us nearly every day.

In their moment of confusion, those first disciples didn’t receive explicit instructions, but they did receive a promise. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.”

We are recipients of that same promise, that same Spirit, and that same power. We may not be sure exactly what the next steps are each and every day, but we can be sure that God has still called us to be witnesses both here, and around the world.

What do you feel the Spirit calling you to do as a witness to God’s love in Christ?

God’s Peace,



New Worship Schedule and Practice

As the Covid-19 public health emergency comes to an end, our summer schedule will look a lot more like what we're accustomed to. Beginning in June, the following changes will be made:

- There will on one worship service at **9:00 AM Sunday**
- We will discontinue pre-registration and usher's recording attendance
- We will again be serving coffee and donuts on Sunday morning
- In accordance with CDC guidelines it will no longer be necessary for fully vaccinated people to wear masks.
 - We expect that unvaccinated people will continue to wear masks
 - Anyone should feel free to continue to wear a mask if that makes you more comfortable
- We will be looking a holding one or more outdoor worship services this summer.
- The pre-recorded online worship will continue to be available (though the premiere time may be adjusted) Eventually we hope to simply live-stream the worship from the sanctuary, which would remain available to watch throughout the week.
- We are still studying the guidance on safe singing practices and will set a policy so that we may begin singing together as well.
- If attendance grows, we will consider adding additional worship opportunities.



Memorial Service for Pastor Bill Redman

Friday, June 4th – 11:00 a.m. at ELC

Please keep the Redman family in your prayers

A tree has been planted on the Northeast Corner of the Church lot in Pastor's Bill memory. We will hold a short dedication service following the memorial

PASTORAL INTERN

“Humankind was created as God’s reflection; in the divine image, God created them. God looked around at all of creation and said it was good.” Genesis 1:27,31a

Dear Siblings in Christ,

God created all people in Gods divine image & calls you good. June is celebrated as Pride month within the Gay/Queer/LGBTQIA+ community due to events that increased visibility, awareness, and acceptance in the late 60s (ie. Stonewall Riots, NYC). We have come far in recognizing the beauty of human diversity, but yet there is still restrictive and harmful legislation introduced, hate crimes continue, & people continue to die for being who God created them to be.

The following list are books highly recommend for those who are interested in deepening your understanding to topics of LGBTQIA+ in regard to religion and faith in honor of Pride month:

- *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians* - by Austen Hartke-Weaves together discussion of scripture and personal stories of transgender Christians, as well as includes discussions of language around gender.
- *One Coin Found: How God’s Love Stretches to the Margins* - by Emmy Kegler-The author, a queer Lutheran pastor, wrestles with faith and scripture, finding it full of Gods promise to always find & bring back those often pushed to the edges.
- *Queer Virtue: What LGBTQ People Know about Life and Love and how it Can Revitalize Christianity* - by Liz Edmon
A look at Christian theology & queer ethics, Edmon urges that Christianity, at scriptural core challenges readers to break false binaries that pit people against each other.
- *Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays vs. Christians Debate* - by Justin Lee-The author, a gay man and devout Christian, bridges the gaps between his faith and sexuality in this insightful and touching memoir.

- *Welcoming and Affirming: A Guide to Supporting and Working with LGBTQ+ Christian Youth* - by Leigh Finke (Companion to *Queerfully and Wonderfully Made*)- Personal testimonials are shared from young adults who have experienced the joys and hardships of being queer and Christian.
- *Unashamed: A Coming Out Guide for LGBTQ Christians* - by Amber Cantorna-Tackling the often asked question of 'how does one reconcile their sexuality with their faith?' Encouraging all Christians to embrace their identities & celebrate Gods creation.
- *Unclobbered: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* - by Colby Martin-The book reexamines the frequently quoted passages used against our LGBTQ+ siblings, while bringing stories from the author's life

There are many more resources that could be recommended. If you have suggestions of your own, please let me know! Also, if you would like to have conversations about any of these topics or anything else at all, again, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Peace,
Intern Tamara
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CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

NEEDS FOR VBS/DAY CAMP In order to have a successful VBS/CAMP week, we are in need of adult teachers & youth helpers for July 12 - 15th. Contact Brenda, if you are interested in helping.

2021 ELC SUMMER FUN - (Save the dates)

VBS/DAY CAMP 2021 - july 12-15th / 9:30 - 11:30 am (*Youth ages 3 - 5th grade*) Join us for Bible time, games, crafts, and time to enjoy the outdoors at ELC. Together, we will have fun with our theme, "HOP, SKIP, JUMP"



TO REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://forms.gle/3FCz1yfrYqQEcxph6>

EXPLORER DAY AT SUGAR CREEK July 26th, 9 am - 3 pm

(Children entering 1st - 5th grade in fall 2021) Come for an exciting one-day adventure at Sugar Creek. Explore what camp has to offer - games, nature, crafts, swimming, pony rides, Bible Study, singing and more! \$35 per camper, and \$10 per adult. Please contact Brenda for registration information.

CONFIRMATION CAMP AT SUGAR CREEK- July 25 - 30th, (7th & 8th) We encourage our confirmation students to attend one of the years that they are in Confirmation. This is a great opportunity to connect in a beautiful place. Each camper would get to experience all the fun activities at Sugar Creek. Registration is completed on their website.

<http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/8-2/summer-programs/>

GIVE/LOVE/SERVE (Service Thursdays) - New for 2021 - Middle - High school youth may join us on **Thursdays**, throughout the summer, to help in various local service opportunities. **Our June Thursdays: June 17th & 24th, 9:30 - 11:30 am & 1:00 - 3:00 pm** each day. **REGISTER** online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea929a5ffc70-giveloveservice>

COLLEGE GRADUATES We would like to recognize our young adults who have graduated this year from college in our July newsletter. Please email brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org with their name, degree, and any future plans by mid-June.



SUGAR CREEK “BACK IN THE SADDLE” Online Registration is open for Sugar Creek Bible Camp Summer programs. They have a variety of programs (new & favorites) listed on their website, <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org>, for youth and families. Come and see in 2021!

FUSE NIGHTS (in person) - 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group at ELC on **Tuesday, June 22nd at 7 pm**. Updates will be sent by email.



ELC FAITH CONNECTION- Our ELC Group on Facebook, *ELC Faith Connection*, is for everyone of all ages. Each week, we will post a new challenge, such as “Post a picture of your pet”. 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.

ELC YOUTH FUNDRAISERS Thank you for supporting our youth with our Brats in the Lot in May. We raised a great amount of money to go towards our trips in 2022. Thank you!

FROLIC BRAT STAND AT ELC: June 13th, 10 am - 1:30 pm
Come & enjoy a brat/hot dog, while watching the parade at ELC. Funds will support our youth summer trips in 2022.

PARADE WALKERS - Everyone is welcome to join us to walk in the Frolic Parade and represent our ELC family. Parade begins at 12:00 pm on June 13. Meet us at 11:45 am on Lincoln St (by Middle School), where the parade begins. Questions, contact Pastor John or Brenda.

COUNCIL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT April 2021

General Fund Activity (\$)					
	Apr 2021	Apr 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Budget
Income	22,806	32,850	94,999	102,704	123,132
Expense	26,968	23,089	115,687	110,237	127,031
Net	(4,162)	9,761	(20,688)	(7,533)	(3,899)

April General Fund income (4 Sundays) was 31% less than last April (4 Sundays). April expenses were 17% more than last April, primarily due to adding an intern and the fact that last April included a leadership development refund. Year-to-date General Fund income (17 Sundays) is 8% less than prior year (17 Sundays) and 23% less than budget. YTD expenses are 5% more than prior year, primarily due to adding an intern, staff raises, and higher worship, snow removal, and utilities costs, partially offset by fewer staff hours and savings in various Congregational Life expenses; YTD expenses are 9% under budget, primarily due to fewer staff hours and savings in utilities and various Congregational Life expenses, partially offset by higher outreach, insurance (timing), and snow removal costs.

Building "Maintenance" (Capital) Fund Activity (\$)					
	Apr 2021	Apr 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Budget
Income	964	941	3,340	3,370	3,267
Expense	36,745	1,609	41,815	3,508	13,000
Net	(35,781)	(668)	(38,475)	(138)	(9,733)

April Building Maintenance Fund income was 2% more than last April. April 2021 expenses were for tree services, retaining wall repair, and replacing eaves troughs and gutters. April 2020 expenses were for tree pruning. Year-to-date Building Maintenance Fund income is 1% less than prior year and 2% more than budget. YTD expense is for new eaves troughs and gutters, tree services, and repairs to stone including a retaining wall. Prior year expense was for HVAC repairs and tree pruning.

Mortgage Repayment Fund Activity (\$) [Loan Balance is \$117,833]					
	Apr 2021	Apr 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Budget
Income	2,116	2,171	13,227	12,502	14,520
Expense	3,630	3,630	14,520	14,520	14,520
Net	(1,514)	(1,459)	(1,293)	(2,018)	0

Year-to-date Mortgage Repayment Fund income is 6% more than prior year and 9% less than budget. YTD payments are equal to prior year and budget, and include \$2,093 in interest (5% APR). The final mortgage payment is scheduled for spring 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Stephen J. Hall, CPA, ELCMH Treasurer, May 16, 2021

FINANCIAL GIVING DEFICIT General Fund giving through mid-May is down from the previous year and is below budget. Please consider making an extra gift if you are able, through the ELC website or by dropping or mailing a check. Thank you for your continued support of our ministries during these challenging times.

BENEVOLENCE

LSS steals the headlines for all the right reasons

How do you put into words all of the ways that **Lutheran Social Services (LSS)** improves the lives of people in our state and Upper Michigan? There are many measures, but as an old newspaper guy, the one that struck me is the variety of headlines you can spot in a Google search. Take these, for example, that surfaced in the past year as we battled through one of the darkest periods many of us have experienced:

- LSS helping senior tenants with pandemic's financial challenges
- LSS reimagines its daytime resource center in Eau Claire
- LSS opens new addiction treatment center in Waukesha
- LSS partners with counties to help with eviction prevention
- LSS empowers families to be successful in their communities

Not a bad resume, eh?

When the Social Action Ministry Team sits down each year to discuss what charities we'd like to feature, LSS checks all the boxes. It's an organization rooted in our church that serves people locally and regionally, delivering a wealth of services that provide help in a pinch while paving the way for people to get back on their feet. Lutheran Social Services empowers people to live their best lives by offering:

- A path to recovery from addiction or mental illness
- A home that's safe and affordable
- A family to thrive in
- Independence and a life that is truly one's own.

This dynamic organization is one we're proud to support, year-in and year-out. Donate to LSS through Benevolence this month 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



2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

January: Compassion International - \$957

February: Racial justice programming - \$997

March: ELC summer youth programming - \$797

April: Divine Savior - \$1,315

May: Neighbors Helping Neighbors - TBD

UPCOMING MISSIONS

July: Habitat for Humanity

August: Lutherans United Against Disasters (LUAD) and ELCA Disaster Relief

September: SABA, International

October: Building Bridges, a mental health safety net for youth

November: Accessible local health care through Our Lady of Hope in Madison and Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville

December: Madison Area Jail Ministry

GENERAL INFORMATION

MOUNT HOREB AREA BLOOD DRIVE will be held **on Friday, June 18 from 1:00-6pm at ELC.** For an appointment, please contact (800) 448-3543 or visit 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. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old, or 16 years old with a signed Red Cross parental/guardian consent form where state permits, must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.



ELC 'COFFEE TIME' Join us for Coffee Time on Wednesdays at 10 am. We meet at ELC for time to gather and catch up with our church family. Everyone is welcome.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet at **10am on Tuesday, June 15th** in Fellowship Hall. Sara will host.

YOU ARE INVITED to celebrate and give thanks for 50 years of ordained ministry in the ELCA of

George G. Carlson

Sunday, June 13, 2021, 2-4pm

Hope Lutheran Church, 335 Dairyland Drive, Milton WI

If you are unable to join us, you may send your wishes by June 6, c/o Amy Carlson Floan, 114 South Third St., Evansville, WI 53536 or email: abcfloan@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

CALLINA ACKERMAN will be attending UW-Madison to study Biochemistry.

CARTER ACKERMAN will be attending Madison College to study business.

ERIK BERG is going to Steven's Point next year for computer science.

SAMANTHA BOWER will be attending Saint Paul Technical College to study child development.

KAYLEE ERRTHUM will be attending UW Whitewater to study business in the fall.

PARKER FARGO plans to attend UW Platteville in the fall and major in Electrical Engineering.

SAM FARRELL plans on taking a gap year and working. He'll be shoveling snow with his dad and brother and working at Miller's. He's planning on finding another job for the summer.

ETHAN FRANK will be attending UW-Eau Claire in the fall. His major is Biology.

SAM KELLESVIG will be attending Madison College in the fall for Drafting and Engineering.

LUCAS KITTLESON will be attending Southwest Tech in the fall in the automotive field.

GARRETT KLASSY wants to be an electrician.

ARTHUR KOOISTRA is going to be taking a gap year in St. Paul, working and saving money for future plans.

JULIA MAGNUSON will be attending UW Oshkosh in the fall. She will be joining the Titan girls basketball team and is currently undecided about a major.

JAROD OKESON plans to go into a plumbing or other trade field in the fall.

ANNA OLLENDICK will be attending UW Oshkosh in the fall. She plans on studying business and marketing.

EMILY SILTALA will be attending University of Wisconsin Eau Claire in Fall 2021.

CASEY SINNER plans to attend UW Stevens Point in the fall.

ALEXANDER STRUBE will be going to UW Milwaukee with an interest in film or animation.

JOCELYN SVEUM will be going to UW-Milwaukee and majoring in Health Science and minoring in American Sign Language.

SONYA TETZLAFF will be attending UW-La Crosse to study Chemistry.



 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Kristin Swedlund-Twiton, Connie Peterson, Bonnie Bender, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Norbert Haag (brother of Virgil Haag), Richard Schuhler (friend of Ron & Bonny Kellogg), Agnes Robertson (friend of Holly Thompson), Delores Bryant, Makenzee Smith, Shirley Thompson, Brock Howe, Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith), Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher), Jeannie U'Ren, Ruth Ann Nemet, Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother), Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Irene Bruflat, Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton & Jean Bower), Bill Steinhauer, Harlan Oimoen, Peter Toniazzo, Grace Aavang

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

- † **the family of Dorothy Twiton** (Pastor John's aunt). Dorothy passed away on April 27.
- † **the family and friends of Chad Helland** (nephew of Gordy Kahl, Char Smith, Bonny Kellogg and Beth Sheele). Chad passed away on May. 7.
- † **with the family and friends of LuAnn (Huseth) Call.** LuAnn passed away on May 20.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

- † Dorothy Twiton for Unspecified Memorials from Helen Kahl
- † Chad Helland for Unspecified Memorials from Kathy & Pat O'Donnell
- † Doris Paulson for Music Fund from Dave & Ann Baumgartner



A BLACK HILLS SPRUCE TREE has been planted at our Fourth and Main St. corner in loving memory of Pastor Bill Redman. May he rest in peace. Our family cherished his ministry and is honored to plant the tree.

Bill Johnson (1928-2003) & Carol Johnson
Mary, Linda, Dick & Diane and the many
loved ones we've added to our family tree



1	Micah Sieg	11	Cathie Field	22	Joshua Green
	Wyatt Stamm		Marty Morin		Daniel Hustad
	Lauren Tetzlaff		Lisa Morin		Sara Kittleson
3	Caleb Gaulke	12	Rick Field		Colin Larson
	Leah Mathe	13	Terek Nesheim		Ellie Larson
	Becky Mostrom		Ann Peter		Emma Van Orsdel
	Kylie Soyring		Marilyn Schmitz		Serena Vondra
4	Martin Amundsen		Melanie Toniazzo	23	Mike Schlicht
5	Linda Luenser	14	Ty Albrecht	24	Chris Hook
	Natalie Mullendore		Sylvia Lokken		Louie Johannung
	Bobby Sutter	16	Christopher Kiel		Ashley Van Galen
	Alex Thompson		Bill Steinhauer	25	Elizabeth Geiger
6	Aaron Fendrick	17	Olivia Parks	26	Betty Drape
		18	Morgan Krantz		Julia Magnuson
	Randy Little			27	Liam Brager
7	Kevin Ollendick		JayCee Lamphier		Anne Jones
	Cheryl Schlessor		Emily McKay		Delma Larson
8	Rod Boettcher		Duane Miller		Nick Meister
	Scott Stensby		Nickalas Monroe		Sharon Schiefelbein
	Tia Vasan		Gene Spellman		Joann Sherven
9	Markus Edwards		Brandon Stamm		Tom Twiton
	Connie Floan		Linda Stoenner	28	Carolyn Davis
	Sara Hellenbrand	19	Teddiann Sadler		Donna Greenwood
	Char Smith		Steve Samuelson		Melissa Hanson
10	Mason Hurda	21	Rick Klabough		Molly McCue
	Melanie Johnson		Noah Ollendick	29	Jaclyn Steel
	Thomas Winkler		Jason Schrank		Richard Skogen

If we've missed you or a member of your family, or if we've listed your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.

2021 SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

With summer in the not-too-distant future, we hope that all ELC youth who would like to attend summer camp have or soon will register with the camp of their choice. ELC Benevolence funds will be used to provide a **\$75 campership to each registered camper attending a full week** and a **\$50 campership to those going to ½ week camps.**



Complete the form below for each child or youth attending Bible camp and submit it to the church office. **The scholarships will be sent directly to the camp earmarked for each individual child.**

Name: _____

will be attending summer Bible camp this year from

_____ to _____ at the following camp:
(date) (date)

(Please check only one.)

_____ Okoboji _____ Bethel Horizons

_____ Lutherdale _____ Sugar Creek

_____ Other _____

Parent's Name _____

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM PER CHILD.

