

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sunday 9:00am

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 or Tamera 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 Manager: Kathy O'Donnell

Organist/Senior Choir Director: Diane Dangerfield

Youth Director: Brenda Martin

A Note from PASTOR JOHN

Rebuilding

I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. Amos 9:14

More than once throughout the history of God's people, we have faced the prospect of 'rebuilding'. Thirty-seven years ago last month I stood in the ruins of my childhood church building in Barneveld after the tornado, and it seemed an overwhelming task. But with perseverance, prayer, hard work, and God's strength, a village, a community, and a congregation grew into something new again.

Now, of course, the past year did not leave us with the ruins of broken buildings, but there's still a lot that we've lost over the past year. But God's people have been here before, and God's strength and healing are always present. What's needed from us is the perseverance, prayer, creativity, and hard work that rebuilding always takes.

There are many decisions to be made about the next right steps. The new building we erected in Barneveld was similar, but not the same as what was there before. We are blessed to have a wonderful building, but we need to rebuild our worshiping community, our education efforts, our fellowship life, our service to others, and our outreach into the community. Let's proceed with faith, confidence, and joy in rebuilding a community of faith that can be a powerful witness to Christ's love, and a servant presence within our community.

Throughout this newsletter you'll see expanding opportunities to return to more familiar practices, but we need your creative input in expanding this ministry! God's Peace.

Pasto Jh Time

SUMMER WORSHIP NOTES

- For the time being we will continue to gather at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday's for one worship service. As participation increases we will look at expanding worship options.
- We will seek to have both traditional and contemporary music more often in the coming weeks.
- We will be singing together more and will return to our accustomed liturgical worship.
- Please watch announcements/emails for updates



SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, July 25th Special Outdoor Worship and Picnic Farewell and Sending Service for Intern Tamara

For this celebration we will have outdoor worship at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by a picnic, with food provided through our Spiritual Growth and Fellowship Ministry. This will be Tamara's last Sunday with us before she returns to Wartburg for her final year. Please come and wish her well!

Sunday, August 29th following worship Retirement Celebration for Kathy and Carol

Come and share in a time of gratitude and appreciate for the work of Kathy O'Donnell and Carol Engstad as they retire from the ELC office. We'll gather in Fellowship Hall following worship for a time to say thank you and pray God's Blessings.

Welcome to Intern Joseph Tiegen

We look forward to welcoming our new intern, Joseph Tiegen, who will begin his year with us on August 15^{th} . Watch for further details in the weeks to come.

PASTORAL INTERN

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace." Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It is with a heavy heart that I must start saying my goodbyes as I head back to Wartburg seminary to complete my final year of classes on my path to become a pastor. This time next year I may be well on my way to making plans for my ordination to the Word and Sacrament roster (aka. Officially a pastor).

I feel like many of these verses from Ecclesiastes speak well to what this year has been like for our time together. The simplest way to describe this year is that it has been a weird one due to the circumstances of the world but it also has been a really good one. Sure, I didn't have the overall traditional internship experience but neither did my classmates. We all (including yourself) were figuring it out as we went through this time together. Even though it was a strange year, I thank God for the opportunities I have had and all that I have learned this year to take with me as I imagine and am led into the future of what my role in ministry will look like and how to incorporate technology and media into the mission of the church of spreading and sharing Gods love out in the world.

I am thankful to all of you for welcoming me and planting me into your lives this past year, and I am grateful for the many great connections I have formed and many laughs I have shared with you. I will truly cherish my time here at ELC as I am being plucked up and sent out into the world to face whatever is next in God's plan for me. I will be sure to keep you all informed of when my ordination will be when I figure that out and hopefully with the added use of technology, it will be able to be livestreamed for anyone who is interested in joining from wherever they are at.

My last Sunday at ELC is July 25th, please let me know if you wish to get together before that.

Much Thanks & Peace,

Intern Tamara 360-731-2937 tsiburg@elcmthoreb.org

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

2021 ELC SUMMER FUN

⇒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/3FCz1yfrYqQEkxph6



⇒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.

⇒GIVE/LOVE/SERVE (Thriving on Thursdays) - Middle - High school youth may join us on Thursdays, throughout the summer, to help in various local service opportunities, such as helping at Second Harvest, River Food Pantry, Stewart Park, and a car wash for SABA International. Our next Thursdays: JULY 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and AUG 19th

REGISTER online: (watch times & locations for each day on sign up) <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea929a5ffc70-giveloveservice</u>



FUSE NIGHTS (in person) - 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group on **Tuesday, July 20 at 7pm**. We will meet at Icki Sticki for a treat!

OUTING TO DEVIL'S LAKE – 9th Grade Confirmation youth - On Friday, August 20th, our 9th graders will be hiking at Devil's Lake. Please meet at church at 8:30 a.m. This is a day to hike and talk about faith and life. Bring a sack lunch, we'll return by late afternoon.

YOUTH GATHERING & MISSION TRIP KICKOFF - Join us on August 24th, 7 pm as we kick off the beginning of our journeys next summer to the ELCA Youth Gathering and a Youthworks Mission Trip. Come and



see



what makes these moments the best times in your life! 8th - 12th graders (this fall) are eligible to attend the Gathering. Our mission trip is open for current high school students.

Blessings, Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director <u>brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org</u> **ELC YOUTH FUNDRAISERS** Thank you for supporting our youth with our Frolic brats in June. We raised a great amount of money to go towards our trips in 2022. Thank you!

BRAT STAND AT ELC: July 17th, 10 am - 2:30 pm Come & enjoy a brat/hot dog, during the Mt Horeb Art Fair Funds will support our youth summer trips in 2022.

CAR WASH - Bring your car, truck, or even a golf cart on July 22nd, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM at ELC in our back parking lot. Youth will be raising funds for SABA International, as a part of our GIVE/LOVE/SERVE days.

DONATIONS NEEDED For our youth mission days, "Thriving on Thursdays", we are planning on making some tied fleece blankets for St. Vincent de Paul's housing program, and assembling meals for the Little Food Pantries in Mt Horeb. *Two ways to donate by July 25th:*

- **Blankets** need to be a twin size (60 in x 90 in); measure 2 ½ yds of fleece. Each blanket needs two pieces to be tied.
- Food Donations Check on our signup link below to see the food items needed to complete two different recipes. If you have trouble connecting, please contact Brenda.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea929a5ffc70-meal

ELC FAITH CONNECTION Our ELC Group on Facebook, *ELC Faith Connection*, is for everyone of all ages. This summer, keep your eyes open for 'hearts' you notice in nature. Share your photos on our Facebook group and we will draw names for gift cards to our local community before school begins. *#heartsinthewild.* Contact Brenda, if you need help connecting.

COUNCIL NEWS

PROPERTY NOTICE! The rusted bars that hold the handles on the entry doors are being removed and repaired. These will be done one at a time. Because the handles will be missing, the doors being worked on will be locked. There will be a note on the doors as a reminder. Please be patient as this latest repair activity of the Property Ministry is being done over the summer. Thank you!

TREASURER'S REPORT May 2021

General Fund Activity (\$)						
	May 2021	May 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Budget	
Inc.	25,562	28,105	120,560	130,809	153,705	
Exp.	23,968	24,430	139,654	134,667	156,692	
Net	1,594	3,675	(19,094)	(3,858)	(2,987)	

May General Fund income (5 Sundays) was 9% less than last May (5 Sundays). May expenses were 2% less than last May, primarily due to fewer staff hours and no leadership development cost, partially offset by adding an intern. Year-to-date General Fund income (22 Sundays) is 8% less than prior year (22 Sundays) and 22% less than budget. YTD expenses are 4% more than prior year, primarily due to adding an intern, staff raises, snow removal and utilities' costs, partially offset by fewer staff hours and savings in various Congregational Life and administrative expenses. YTD expenses are 11% under budget, primarily due to fewer staff hours and savings in utilities and various Congregational Life expenses, partially offset by higher outreach and snow removal costs.

Building "Maintenance" (Capital) Fund Activity (\$)						
	May 2021	May 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Budget	
Inc.	896	881	4,235	4,251	4,083	
Exp.	5,121	0	46,936	3,509	16,250	
Net	(4,225)	881	(42,701)	742	(12,167)	

May Building Maintenance income was 2% more than last May. May 2021 expenses were for lawn grading, reseeding and landscaping. There were no May 2020 expenses. YTD Building Maintenance income is 0% less than prior year and 4% more than budget. YTD expense is for new eaves troughs and gutters, tree services, grading/landscaping 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]						
	May 2021	May 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Budget	
Inc.	3,076	2,653	16,303	15,155	18,150	
Exp.	3,630	3,630	18,150	18,150	18,150	
Net	(554)	(997)	(1,847)	(2,995)	0	

May Mortgage Repayment income is 16% more than last May. Payments are equal to last May. YTD Mortgage Repayment Fund income is 8% more than prior year and 10% less than budget. YTD payments are equal to prior year and budget, and include \$2,583 in interest (5% APR). The final mortgage payment is scheduled for spring 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Stephen J. Hall, CPA, ELCMH Treasurer, June 19, 2021

BENEVOLENCE

Helping Build Dreams and Recover from Nightmares

If you're looking for some news that warms your heart, scroll through the posts on the Facebook page for **Habitat for Humanity of Dane County**, our July mission for the Benevolence Program. I won't do it justice, because the beaming smiles on the faces of families moving into new homes that they helped build through sweat equity says much more than I could relay in this space. It's a look of true joy. Of pride. Of hope.

Too often these days, we have trouble finding common ground on solutions to some of society's most vexing problems. It's hard to imagine someone finding fault with Habitat, the organization started by former President Jimmy Carter, because it has been so effective at selling an idea that almost everyone can understand and support. New homeowners have earned their shot by first investing their time helping others achieve their dream of having a house, and in return they get a no-interest payment plan so they can afford to maintain their place. Current and retired tradesmen enjoy lending their talents to construction, while passing along some skills to other volunteers. And I should note that Habitat now takes on a good share of renovation projects, recognizing that many times the obstacle to staying in a house is upkeep.

Just as Habitat helps people achieve their dreams, our August missions -- **Lutherans United Assisting After Disasters (LUAD**) and ELCA Disaster Relief -- help people rebuild when they've lived through a nightmare. LUAD is a local organization that comes to the aid of communities in ELCA's South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, while ELCA Disaster Relief is a national and even global service.

LUAD has a long history of helping communities in southwest Wisconsin recover after floods; they were a massive help during the brutal summer of 2018. They make an impact in other ways, too, like donating \$10,000 earlier this year to local organizations providing COVID-19 pandemic relief. It's important to know that LUAD serves the whole community, not just Lutherans. They work with local emergency offices and welcome anyone who wants to volunteer. LUAD would love to have a liaison from ELC to alert them to situations that arise in our area. If you're interested, please reach out to me.

You can donate to Habitat for Humanity in July, and to LUAD / ELCA Disaster Relief in August, through Benevolence 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 June: Lutheran Social Services - TBD

UPCOMING MISSIONS

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

OFFICE MANAGER JOB POSTING Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt Horeb is seeking an office manager to perform day-to-day administrative activities in the operation of the church and be the first-line contact for congregation members as well as the public. This person should understand the mission of the church (but does not need to be a member), have excellent interpersonal skills and should be proficient in word processing, bookkeeping, data base, web maintenance and working with spreadsheet programs. They should have strong organizational skills with the ability to multi-task and ideally have a minimum of 2 years of office management, administrative support, or secretarial experience, but not required. The position includes PTO days and is somewhat flexible up to 30 hours a week. Pay will be partially determined by experience. Training will be available.



LWR BOXCARS WILL LOAD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

Donations from everyone make it possible for our congregation to ship supplies around the world.

LWR BABY KITS Items needed for Baby Kits are large safety pins, sleepers,



dark hand towels and bath soap. There will be a box in the Narthex marked Baby Kits.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL KITS are 70 page notebooks, 30cm ruler, 24 count crayons, blue or black pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, scissor, and a $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch eraser. There will be a collection box in Fellowship Hall.

QUILTS NEED large pieces of fabric, sheets, and blankets. They can be left at the door of the quilting storage room.

Shipping boxes approximately 24" x 15" x 15" are needed for packing. Break them down to flat and bring to Fellowship Hall anytime.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION! Please mark your calendars for Sunday August 29 for a time to give thanks for the many years of service for Kathy O'Donnell and Carol Engstad. We will gather in Fellowship Hall after the service for cake and coffee and fellowship time. These two women will certainly be missed. This is an opportunity to express our appreciation for their dedication to the important work of ELC. If anyone is interested in helping with the celebration, please leave your name in the office.

THANK YOU FROM THE RED CROSS "Thank you so much for partnering with the American Red Cross. We are truly grateful for your commitment of time and support. The work you do makes a difference to so many in need. The blood drive you held resulted in 68 pints of blood from 74 people, 56 whole blood and 12 power reds with 4 first time donors. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they depend on. The Red Cross depends on the important work that volunteers like you do. Your support does not go unnoticed and we hope to build on this partnership with you."

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.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

PLEASE WELCOME EMMELYNN SUE SKIBBA into our church family. Emmelynn was baptized May 30. Emmelynn is the daughter of Briana & Matt Skibba and sister of Eisleigh. Her sponsors are Tyler & Jenny Skibba.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Eric Albrecht graduated from the University of Wisconsin- Madison and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Sciences & Disorders. He plans to work next year and apply to graduate school in a medical field.

Jane Morey graduated from University of Iowa and earned a Master of Arts degree. She plans to be a school counselor.

Blake Farnsworth graduated from University of Wisconsin-Stout and earned a degree in Industrial Design. He is currently looking for a job in his field.

Catherine Ivey graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Print Design.

Nicole Lichte graduated Summa Cum Laude from University of Wisconsin-Platteville. She earned a degree in Accounting. She is currently studying for her CPA exams and will start SVA in Middleton this fall

Mary Jane Ellis (friend of Bonny Kellogg), Kristin Swedlund-Twiton, Mike Mackler Thoughts and Prayers (friend of Char Smith), 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, Helen Martinson, Carol Johnson

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

- Nancy Breed & family. Nancy's son, Randall, recently passed away.
- Shannon Hadac & Mikaela Sherven & families. Their father, Doug Knutson passed away on June 23.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

- LuAnn Call for Unspecified Memorials from Kenneth & Robin Lueck and Mary Stamm; and for the Mortgage Fund from LeRoy Collins
- Chad Helland for Unspecified Memorials from David & Faye Lorenz
- Doris Paulson for the General Fund from Helen Kahl; and for Unspecified Memorials from Dennis & Mary Lokken
- Bill Redman for Unspecified Memorials from the Redman Family, Scott & Tracey Gross and Irv & Judy Steinhauer; for Lutheran World Relief from Bob & Sharon Schiefelbein; and for Landscaping from Diane Bartz
- Linda Topper for the General Fund from John, Gary & Jane Topper

GIVEN IN HONOR Of George Carlson's 50th nniversary in Ministry for the **Landscaping Fund** from Diane Bartz and James & Joyce Seamonson

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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1	Connie Curran	10	Karl Mueller	22	Teresa Schult
	Ryan High	11	Madeline Hodgson		Bowen Wells
	Heather Johnson		Gary Hellenbrand		Jon Winkler
	Kylie Littel		Adam Knudson	23	Chris Underwood
2	Aiden Aeschlimann		Marilyn Wilson		Dan Van Galen
	Roxanne Fauque	12	Ruth Heinecke	24	Jody Chellevold
	Carson Faust		Gabriel Kroll		Ellen Cook
	Helen Martinson	13	Hazel Hermann		Ryan Gaulke
	Diane Pladziewicz		Brandon Anderson		Pamela Knutson
	Diana Rothamer		Kelly Hurda	25	Robert Davis, Jr.
3	Abbey Brummer		Teri Kroll		Michael Erickson
	Lynn Festge		Evan Kroll		Colby Johanning
	Todd Schroeder	14	Ryan Knuteson		Rose Klir
4	Noah High		Hanna Stensby		Joseph Kroll
	Jeff Kaletka		Vivian Stone		Megan Scheele
	Sonya Tetzlaff	15	Ron Fargo	26	Julia Olson
	Debbie Winkler		Leo Helwig		Melanie Siltala
6	Eric Albrecht	16	Diane Dangerfield		Hannah Twiton
	Diane Bartz		Isaac Kittleson		James Williams
	Elisabeth Hedges		Brenda Schmidt	27	Neil Densmore
	Charlie Kahl	17	Mara Parks		Kaylen Hastings
	Riley Mortvedt		Karl Zelle		Stacy Schloesser
	Kevin Sadowski	18	Shelby Fritz		Anne Woolard
	Liza Spellman		Catherine Stange	28	Gary Doty
	Blake Truman		Megan Van Orsdel		David Field
7	Rita Hefty		Rubelle Zwald		Kevin Hanson
	Eisleigh Skibba	19	Laurie Freitag		Vanessa Rameker
8	Hayden Anderson		Kaden Stapelmann	29	Daniel Vogt
	Leah Mason		James Woolard	30	Justin Green
	Kevin Schnieder		Ann Wyss		Shirley Thompson
	Ellen Walton	20	Barret Kreul	31	Larry Kaletka
9	Michael Collins	21	Lyle Fink		Shirley Martinson
	Dianne Hirsch		Samantha Forbes		Mary Stamm
	David Losenegger		Dennis Johnson		Michelle Stange
	Abby Nesheim		Jeremy Kahl		
10	John Larson		Nicole Lichte		



your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.



Answer: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gendeness and patience. Beat with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13, NIV as the Lord forgave you.