



PLEASE PRAY FOR Brooklynn Kreul, Patricia West (Friend of Ellen Cook) Peter Strube, Terri Hermann Meyer (Hazel Hermann's daughter). Ashley Van Galen, Mary Jane Ellis (friend of Bonny Kellogg, Mike Mackler (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, Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher), Jeannie U'Ren, Ruth Ann Nemet, Mike Olson, Irene Bruflat, Connie Fausett, Bill Steinhauer, Harlan Oimoen, Grace Aavang, Carol Johnson

Our partner congregation IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño, P.R

ELC COFFEE TIME Coffee Time meets on **Wednesdays at 10:00am**. Join us at ELC for time to gather and catch up with our church family

CONFIRMATION - 7th & 8th graders will gather for our **Christmas Gathering on December 15th, at 7 pm**.

NEW TIME - SUNDAY SCHOOL Join us for our new Sunday School time at **10 AM - 11:00 AM** (following the worship service. Meet us in the Chapel to begin each week. Pick up in the upstairs in our classrooms. 3 yr. old - 8th graders are invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2021- New opportunity to celebrate Christmas with our Sunday School and congregation. Join us on December 18th & 19th, during our worship services. You are invited to Bethlehem to open your eyes and ears, listen to and participate in the story of when Jesus was born. All ages will be participating this year!

NICK'S HOLIDAY CRAFTS - Nick's Holiday/Winter crafts will be available after worship during December. (5th, 12th & 19th) He donates his proceeds from the crafts, to our youth summer trips. Thank you for your generous support!

CHRISTMAS CD'S (available in December) - Time to get ready for Christmas with two Christmas CD's that were created by The Cambridge Road Ensemble (Paul & Ruth Heinecke). Thank you to Paul & Ruth for donating their CD's to the youth. Each CD sells for \$5.00 each. (Lots of music for \$10) Great stocking stuffer idea! Another opportunity to support our youth!

FUSE NIGHT - Youth, who are 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group, Tuesday, December 14th at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Time to celebrate with some Christmas games!

BAKE SALE: Our ELC youth will be hosting a Bake Sale on December 19th, before and after worship. Come and pick up some Christmas goodies to share! If you are interested in baking some goodies for our bake sale, please contact Brenda. We appreciate your support of our youth.

BUCKY BOOKS - ONLINE ONLY - Thank you for supporting our fundraiser this fall. Bucky Books are still available for online orders, through our link below till mid-January.

Please share the link with family and friends.

Books are shipped directly to your home.

Books sell for \$35 each. Profits help our youth with summer programming. Thank you for continued support. **ORDER ONLINE AT:**

<https://www.buckybook.com/evangelical-lutheran-church-mt-horeb>



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING, Minneapolis, MN - July 24 - 28, 2022

There is still time to register for the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer for current 8th - 12th graders. Regular registration lasts from Nov 22nd through Feb 21st. **Sign up and experience a trip of a lifetime! To Register:**

Contact Brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org for registration forms. Deposit of \$100 per person (Checks written to ELC Youth)

YOUTHWORKS MISSION TRIP,
St Louis, MO - June 26-July 1st, 2022

We still have 4 spots left for our mission trip to St. Louis to serve others in their community. This trip is open for current 8th-12th graders.

To Register

Contact Brenda.martin@elcmthoreb to sign up
Deposit of \$100 per person. (Checks written to ELC Youth)

DECEMBER BENEVOLENCE

Transforming Lives Behind Bars

Recently, Chaplain Todd Marcotte has been meeting regularly with a man named Juan, who is housed at the Dane County Jail while awaiting his prison sentence.

That's clearly not a fun place to be. But thanks to Chaplain Todd and the work of the Madison Area Jail Ministry, Juan has decided to use this time to reflect on the decisions that led him on this path in life.

Recently, he read a book that was delivered to the jail through a Madison church's book drive for Spanish speakers. In it, Juan had read the story of Adam pointing a finger at Eve for his choice. Juan's heart was filled with conviction and he has committed to no longer placing blame on others for his decisions. His life has been transformed.

That's just one example of the amazing work MAJM is doing in the lives of people who find themselves at a crossroads.

For more than 50 years, MAJM has been A Ministry of Presence within the Dane County Jail. Through the work of Chaplain Todd and ministry volunteers, they provide spiritual care to the 600 people incarcerated at the jail, along with their families, friends, deputies and jail staff.

MAJM is supported solely by congregations like ours, along with individual donations and grants. We at ELC have long supported this program, and we have a chance to help MAJM take a giant step

forward this holiday season. Serving at the jail is a calling for Chaplain Todd, but he is only one person. MAJM is seeking to add another chaplain to provide spiritual care on weekends. **Your Benevolence donations** throughout **December** will go toward helping MAJM meet this goal. You can contribute by:

- **Mail:** Send a check to ELC and note "Benevolence" in the memo
- **Digitally:** Download the "GivePlus Church" mobile app, or text "Benevolence" to 608-400-0183 with the amount you wish to give.
- **Online:** Visit the ELC website and click "Give"

INREACH/OUTREACH MINISTRY is providing Christmas cards and addresses for our homebound ELC members. Help yourself to some cards to mail, and spread a little love and Christmas cheer. –

Merry Christmas!

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

We need your help at the Community Clothes Closet!

The Clothes Closet, here in Mt. Horeb, provides clothing and bedding for people in need. Members of our congregation will be staffing the Community Clothes Closet through the month of January. We need help on open days and closed days of the facility. It's a fun way to meet people and we welcome new volunteers. Most shifts are two hours but feel free to work as much time as you can.

Could you help at the CCC one time in January?

Contact Kim Kelliher with questions at (608)636-3825

BABY CAP MAKERS will meet **Tuesday December 14th** at 9 am

ELC SEWING LADIES- SEWING DAYS are **Thursdays** from 9am to 4pm Fellowship Hall.



STEEPLE ECHOS SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY Tuesday December 21st.

Blood DRIVE

Your blood drive collected 59 units from 62 people, 41 whole blood and 18 power reds and that means more life, more love, more memories for the most vulnerable patients in our community—those suffering unexpected trauma and chronic illness every day. It was a pleasure to partner with you and your colleagues, and we're so happy to have you in our **American Red Cross** family.

Since donation is the only source of lifesaving blood for patients, and few communities can provide the impact that Mount Horeb can, we hope you'll enjoy the pride of your efforts and join us again. The need for blood is ongoing and we can't sustain patients in need without partners like you.

Diane Nichols
American Red Cross Blood Services
 North Central Blood Services Division

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP		
	This Week, December 11 & 12	Next Week, December 18 & 19
READERS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Heinecke (Sat) • Steve Knutson (Sun) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Uptegraw (Sat) • Barb Underwood (Sun)
ACOLYTES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Powell • Brittany Walton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drake Ploessl •
USHERS	Team 3: Andrew Knudson Wayne Knudson	Team 4 Dennis Lokken Irv Steinhauer
NURSERY	Open but Not Staffed -Located across from the library	
ALTAR GUILD	Jean Bower, Mary Lokken, Teresa Schult, Diane Twiton	
COUNCIL DUTIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Hadac 	



Holiday Worship Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE December 24 th .	5:00 P.M. 8:00 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY December 25 th	10:00 A.M. No Service 5:00 P.M
SUNDAY December 26 th	9:00 A.M.
NEW YEAR'S DAY January 1 st	No Service
SUNDAY January 2 nd	9:00 A.M.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

THURSDAY December 23 rd	CLOSED
FRIDAY December 24 th	CLOSED
MONDAY December 27 th	CLOSED
TUESDAY December 28 th	9am-12pm 1pm 5pm
WEDNESDAY December 29 th	9am-12pm – 1pm 5pm
THURSDAY December 30 th	9am-12pm – 1pm 5pm
FRIDAY December 31 st	CLOSED

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Poinsettia Hunger Fund Gifts

ELC will be receiving memorial and honoring donations through **Sunday, December 17**. After purchasing poinsettias to adorn the altar, the remainder of the donations will go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Memorials will be published in the Christmas bulletins.



Please fill in the form and leave it in the church office, in the offering plate, or mail it to ELC with your monetary donations. **Make checks payable to ELC.**

This gift is _____ in memory *OR* _____ in honor of:

(Please check one of the above blanks)

Given by _____

Envelope # _____

Amount \$ _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ON OR BEFORE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17.**