

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Hazel Hermann, Jim & Betty Tharp (Katie Zelle's grandparents) Jim Rue, Ken Rabideau (Helen Ladwig's Brother in Law), Jerome Bell, Beth Wright (Kate Hook's sister) Nick O'Connell, Paul Kerscher (Amy Thompson's Dad), Donald Strube (Pete's Dad), Steve Mueller, Joyce Fargo, Alycen McKinney, Harold "Chick" Gullickson (Brother of Mary Krantz), Cara Mavis, Amy Hall, Rollie & Joan Schraepfer (Rita Schraepfer-Derke's Brother & Sister in Law), Todd Collins, Norm Hefty, Lincoln Kuhn, Brooklynn Kreul, Mary Jane Ellis (friend of Bonny Kellogg), Connie Peterson, Bonnie Bender, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Delores Bryant, Makenzee Smith, Shirley Thompson, Brock Howe, Jeannie U'Ren, Ruth Ann Nemet, Mike Olson, Irene Bruflat, Grace Aavang, Carol Johnson.

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

## YOUTH

**SERVICE SUNDAY for SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 - 11 am** - Join us on December 18 for our time to help others. Children will be decorating cookies and creating Christmas cards to be given to the Mt Horeb Senior Center.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** - There will be no Sunday School classes on December 25th and January 1. We will resume on January 8, 2023, 10:15 am.

**THANK YOU (Christmas Program)** - Many thanks to our volunteers who have helped with our Sunday School Christmas program today. Always a special time hearing from our children and sharing the story of Christmas.

**7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION** - No Confirmation class on Dec 21st & 28th for Christmas. Class will resume on January 4.

**CHRISTMAS CD'S** - Time to get ready for Christmas with two Christmas CDs 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! CD's will be available after worship in December. Another opportunity to support our youth!

**BAKE SALE:** Our ELC youth will be hosting a Bake Sale on December 18, before and after worship. Come and pick up some Christmas goodies to share! We appreciate your support of our youth.

**CRAFTS BY NICK** - This is the last Sunday to pick up those last-minute gifts or decorations from Nick's Crafts. There are many decorative items to get into the Christmas spirit. Thank you to Nick for donating to our youth opportunities.



ORDER HERE



**TROLL WAY PIZZA RETURNS** - Our youth are taking orders for our delicious "church-made" pizzas after worship services through January 8. **Orders may also be placed online, using the link below or the QR Code.** Pick up day for these unforgettable pizzas will be on January 29, in Fellowship Hall. (After worship services) One great way to stock up on pizzas before the Super Bowl in February. Funds raised will support the youth mission trip in Summer 2023.

<https://forms.gle/u1t8fKgJR5owPuVJ9>

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO TAKE HOME A PIECE OF ELC HISTORY!**

In the Narthex are old hymnals that are free for the taking: our previous green ones, the red ones before THAT, and Sunday School songbooks. In the library are more green hymnals that are labelled with the names of those they were given in memory of. Take as many as you wish. They will be available through New Year's Day.

**ELC COFFEE TIME** Wednesdays at 10am in Fellowship Hall. A great time to connect with our church family

**ELC SEWING DAYS** - Thursdays at 9am in Fellowship Hall.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30 am on Zoom. Contact Pastor John for the link.

**Christmas Sing a long and Chili Supper success!!!** Thank you to Miller's Market for their generous donation of food. Many thanks to all who contributed their time and talent to such a lovely evening. We raised \$1630.00 for Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

## **Volunteers Needed at the Clothes Closet**

ELC is partnering with Neighbors Helping Neighbors of Mt. Horeb during January and the end of December. Please consider signing up to help support this important community organization.

Folks are needed to help sort, fold, and organize donated clothing. We also need people to work during open hours at the Clothes Closet.

A link to the Sign Up to volunteer is below. Additional dates and times are available, please call the church office if you don't see a slot that fits your schedule.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BAEAE22A1F85elcclot>

## **ELCA Good Gifts**

Spiritual Growth & Fellowship has set up a Christmas tree in the narthex to call attention and support the ELCA Good Gifts program.

### **What is the ELCA Good Gifts Program?**

A creative, meaningful way to support the ministries of ELCA around the world. Current ELCA programs are the ELCA Fund for Leaders, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, ELCA New Congregations, ELCA Vision for Mission, ELCA World Hunger, Disability Ministries and Lutheran Disaster Response. Each of these programs is a long-term, partnership-based ministry that focuses on the needs identified by local congregations and global companion churches and their communities.

### **How it works:**

1. Choose an ornament
2. Make a donation to ELCA Good Gifts
3. Share the ornament with friends and family or display it wherever you choose

### **How to donate:**

Online: [goodgifts.elca.org](http://goodgifts.elca.org)

Phone: 800-638-3522

Mail: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Make your check payable to "ELCA Good Gifts." To designate your gift, write your gift(s) on the memo line of your check.



**OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX  
PLEASE PICK THEM UP AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE**

<b>THANKYOU FOR ASSISTING WORSHIP</b>			
	<b><i>This Week Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b><i>Next Week Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup></i></b>	
<b>READERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ann Baumgartner</li> <li>• Debby Schneider</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Knuteson</li> <li>• Dawn Haag</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandra Glaeve</li> </ul>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landon Kahl</li> <li>• Henry Patchak</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drake Ploessl</li> <li>• Josie Sailor</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skyler Schulenberg</li> <li>• Carter Vesely</li> </ul>
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>25<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adelle Zwolanek</li> <li>• Eva Larson</li> </ul>	
<b>USHERS</b>	<p><b>Team 3</b> Dennis Lokken Irv Steinhauer</p>		
<b>NURSERY</b>	Open but <b>Not Staffed</b> -Located across from the library		
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Jean Bower. Mary Lokken, Teresa Schult, Diane Twiton		
<b>COUNCIL DUTIES</b>	December – Shannon Hadac		



# Holiday Worship Schedule

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> December 24 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> December 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> December 31 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>No Service</b>
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> January 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>10:00 AM</b>

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

<b>FRIDAY</b> December 23 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> December 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> December 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> December 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am-12pm - 1pm 4pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> December 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am-12pm - 1pm 4pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> December 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am-Noon</b>

# CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

## Poinsettia Hunger Fund Gifts

ELC will be receiving memorial and honoring donations through **Sunday, December 18**. 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 18.**