

STEEPLE ECHOES

**July-August
2023**

*A Monthly Newsletter
of Evangelical Lutheran
Church
of Mount Horeb*



Young Adults in Global Mission



Supporting Cecilia Hook
going to Senegal



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BENEVOLENCE 2023

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South-Central Synod
of Wisconsin



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

of Mount Horeb

*A family in faith,
reaching out to share God's love
with all people*

WELCOME

ELC of MOUNT HOREB

We welcome all to ELC. Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT ELC

Holy Communion Celebrated 1st & 3rd Sundays at all services.

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm- (in Chapel) Modified Traditional Worship

SUNDAY 9:00 am Blended Service

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

Associate Pastor Barry Hoerz

Accompanists: 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: Barb and Chris Underwood

Office Manager: Nancy Voss

Organist/Senior Choir Director: Diane Dangerfield

Youth Director: Brenda Martin

A Note from PASTOR JOHN

Deep Roots

*They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
Jeremiah 17:8*

The hot dry weather has taken a toll on all the lawns around town. It makes me recall illustrations I've seen of the difference between prairie grasses and a typical lawn. Some prairie grasses have roots that extend to several feet below the surface, drawing life and moisture from deep in the ground, allowing them to thrive during hard seasons.

It's an image the Bible uses more than once as in the Jeremiah passage above. The faithful, it says, have roots that run deep into life-giving water. They can withstand a hard season without anxiety. The church in this century is enduring some hard seasons – the changing of people's habits, competition for people's time and attention, the lingering effects of the pandemic, an aging population, and many others.

How do we approach the future during difficult times? I'd suggest we need to listen to Jeremiah and be the faithful who sink deep roots into the core of our faith. We are recipients of love and mercy beyond measure. We are called to bring hope and healing to the world around us. We are people of God's promise.

Our future will not look like our past, but God's church has always been a living, breathing, body. While we await the rains that will bring new growth, we remain faithful in worship, in giving, in sharing, and in trusting God's promise.

God's peace,



Intern - ZACH SMIRRIIS

Hello!

I am Zach Smirris. My spouse Tuesday and I are extremely excited to join the ELC community for the coming year! I am originally from Las Vegas, NV where I was born and raised. I moved to Flagstaff, AZ for college, where I met Tuesday and we moved to Iowa so I could attend Wartburg Theological Seminary. Now that I have some time on my hands I enjoy playing roleplaying or card games like Magic: The Gathering and Dungeons and Dragons. I have also picked up BBQ as a hobby and Tuesday and I both make mead. We can't wait to meet you all!

With Great Candor,

Zach Smirris (He/Him)

Pastoral Intern, ELC Mt. Horeb

Zach's first Sunday is August 13th please join us and extend a warm welcome!!!

A Warm
Welcome



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

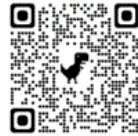
JULY & AUGUST

THANK YOU - ELC SUMMER CAMP WEEK: Many thanks to our leaders, youth helpers, drivers, and ones who gave snack donations for our VBS and Day Camp last week. It truly was a gift to be able to gather everyone together and have fun. We had 19 youth participate in our programs. They enjoyed time together, singing, playing games, many crafts & projects and learning more about God and how we are to love others. Our Day Campers also had the opportunity to experience Sugar Creek for their Explorer Day. A great time at a beautiful place.

CONFIRMATION CAMP - July 9 - 14, 7th & 8th graders will attend Confirmation Camp at Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

GIVE/LOVE/SERVE (Local Service Week) - July 17 - 20, (8 am - 4 pm daily) Middle - High school youth are invited to our local mission week, Monday - Thursday. Youth will be serving areas in Mt Horeb and in Madison. Some of the places where we will serve: Second Harvest, NHN, assemble Baby Kits, Bingo at Ingleside, Felicia's Closet, 3 Gaits and a car wash for Pflag. Silver Cord hours will be given to our high school students.

2023
GIVE/LOVE/SERVE
REGISTRATION



Register with link or QR code

<https://forms.gle/muPBvDA5UpZ9RPUJ8>

ART FAIR ELC YOUTH BRAT STAND: Saturday, July 15th, Wyser Engineering parking lot - 10 am - 2 pm. Come and enjoy a brat/hot dog and pick up some treats at our bake sale! Thank you for your support of our ELC youth, to earn funds to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2024.

NICK'S CRAFTS (near Brat Stand) - July 15th 10 am - 2 pm. Come and see Nick's crafts, available for purchase near our Youth Brat Stand. Funds raised help support our youth programming. Thank you, Nick & Mary!

CAR WASH -JULY 20th - Bring your car, truck, or even a golf cart on July 20th, 4:30 PM - 6 PM at ELC in our back-parking lot. Youth will be raising funds for PFLAG, as a part of our GIVE/LOVE/SERVE week.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS cont.

BABY KIT COLLECTION CONTINUES: Thanks to your generosity, we have increased our goal to complete 60 Baby Kits in July. Our most urgent needs are for 28 cotton short or long sleeve t-shirts, infant sizes to 18 mo. Please, no onesies. We could use 3 infant jackets, with or without hoods. We also need 20 individual bars of soap. Place donations in the bin in the narthex on the donation table. If anyone has large sturdy cardboard boxes, please call 608.437.5311. We will get them picked up. Thank you for your support.

REGISTRATION TO BEGIN FOR 2024 YOUTH GATHERING

- July 16 - 20, 2024 in New Orleans (SAVE THIS DATE)
- Students, who will be 8th - 12th grade in fall of 2023 may attend
- Opportunity of a lifetime!
- Priority Registration begins September 15th.

Every three years, 30,000+ high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.



Let's begin our list of youth for the Gathering, so we are ready to sign up on Sept 15th. Contact Brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org.

DEVIL'S LAKE – 9th Grade Confirmation youth - On Friday, August 25th, 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.

Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director

brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org

608.576.6012

TREASURER'S REPORT

ELC Mount Horeb Treasurer's Report for June 2023

Several months of low giving have left both the general fund and the mortgage fund dangerously low. There's no single contributing factor, but the inflation that has been affecting our country over the past couple of years hits churches from both sides. Our expenses increase along with everyone else's, and our income can be the victim of purse-string tightening for those whose budgets are similarly strained. We've seen that so far this year. General-fund expenses have been \$10,152 more than budgeted, mostly because of increased facility costs, while income has been \$9,394 less than budgeted.

At their June meeting, the council voted to authorize transfers from the designated funds to the general fund, if necessary to meet the church's obligations. We currently have \$24,507 in the unspecified designated fund, representing our financial reserves. This isn't a step that we take lightly. That reserve has been built up over the years, thanks to the generosity and dedicated support of previous generations. We don't want to squander it in an unsustainable way.

Our congregation has always been a generous one. People have always stepped up when needed in the past, and we find ourselves in such a position once again. Please consider increasing your support for ELC, both over the summer months when attendance and giving often decrease, and in the fall when we resume our internship program.

On a happier note, and as a tribute to the generosity of ELC members past and present, we'll be able to undertake a major repair of our pipe organ this summer, thanks to Rose Klir's estate gift, and a substantial individual donation to the music designated fund.

One-time expenses for May included \$550 from the building capital fund for tree pruning, and \$556 for upgrades to the telephone system. Designated fund income included \$168 for youth, \$120 for internship, \$120 for Divine Savior, and \$138 unspecified.

Respectfully submitted by Ben Brothers, June 19, 2023.

TREASURER'S REPORT Cont.

BALANCE SHEET	5/31/23	4/30/23	12/31/22
General Fund	\$ 1,261	\$ 6,411	\$ 18,205
Mortgage Fund	\$ 1,485	\$ 2,197	\$ 4,566
Building Capital Fund	\$ 21,414	\$ 21,864	\$ 23,201
Designated Funds	\$ 153,526	\$ 152,180	\$ 134,727
Mortgage	\$ (19,461)	\$ (22,996)	\$ (41,933)
TOTAL	\$ 158,225	\$ 159,656	\$ 138,766

CASH FLOW	May 2023	YTD 2023
General Fund Income	\$ 24,645	\$ 142,892
General Fund Expenses		
Personnel	\$ 19,047	\$ 96,458
Mission and Outreach	\$ 1,917	\$ 10,682
Congregational Life	\$ 1,666	\$ 9,200
Facilities and Administration	\$ 7,164	\$ 43,496
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 29,795	\$ 159,836
Net General Fund Gain (Loss)	\$ (5,150)	\$ (16,944)
Other Income		
Benevolence	\$ 875	\$ 4,923
Building Capital Fund	\$ 655	\$ 6,053
Designated Funds	\$ 546	\$ 16,015
Mortgage Fund	\$ 2,918	\$ 20,069
Total Other Income	\$ 4,994	\$ 47,060
Other Expenses		
Benevolence	\$ 76	\$ 1,475
Building Capital Expenses	\$ 1,106	\$ 7,390
Designated Fund Expenses	\$ -	\$ 664
Mortgage Repayment	\$ 3,630	\$ 23,150
Total Other Expenses	\$ 4,812	\$ 32,679
Net Gain (Loss) from Other Expenses	\$ 182	\$ 14,381
NET GAIN (LOSS)	\$ (4,967)	\$ (2,563)

BENEVOLENCE

Cecilia Hook to represent ELC in Senegal

Throughout her life, Cecilia Hook has heard from many people that she would be a great candidate to participate in Young Adults in Global Mission – the ELCA’s progressive outreach program.

She’s long been fascinated by stories her mother, Kate, shared from her time as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand.

And she’s been eager for a chance to return to Senegal, the small West African country where her study-abroad experience with UW-La Crosse was cut short in spring 2020 as COVID hit.

So, when an opportunity emerged to merge her faith, her desire to immerse herself in another culture, her degree in Cultural Anthropology major and her familiarity with French and local African languages, it’s no surprise she jumped at the chance.

In August, Cecilia – who grew up in our congregation and still helps our ministry today – will venture back to Senegal for a 10-month assignment with YAGM, where she will live with a host family, become a contributor to whichever community she lands in and lend a hand wherever needed at a local Lutheran church.

Before she leaves, Cecilia will speak at a Sunday service to be determined in July about her adventure and her appreciation for YAGM. She’s a strong advocate for the program’s model of “accompaniment,” a desire to walk alongside, listen and learn from the Senegalese about their culture and their beliefs – a contrast to the sometimes-dark history of colonial Christianity, forced assimilation and physical harm.

“ELCA is doing a very good job of seeing how to stand in partnership, be invited in, have a conversation and dialogue,” Cecilia said. “What’s important is being in that community together.”

YAGM doesn’t mandate that people pay to take part in the program, but there is a suggested fundraising target of \$5,000 – one-third of the estimated cost of participating. So, the Social Action Ministry Team decided to shuffle our schedule so we could feature Cecilia and YAGM as our Benevolence mission in July.

We’ll shift our support of Lutherans United Against Disasters – a local, volunteer-driven aid effort – to August.

BENEVOLENCE cont.

You can contribute by:

- **Mail:** Send a check to ELC and note “Benevolence” in the memo
- **Online:** Visit the ELC website and click “Give”
- **Digitally:** Download the *VANCO MOBIL FAITH ENGAGEMENT APP*, or text "Benevolence" to 608-400-0183 with the amount you wish to give.

On behalf of Benevolence,

Adam Mertz

adammertz2@gmail.com

2023 LINEUP

January: Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response

February: Compassion International

March: ELC youth and summer programming

**April: Reconciliation in Christ (RIC) social justice programming
(\$1083.92)**

May: Divine Savior, our sister church in Puerto Rico (\$995.35)

June: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

July: Young Adults in Global Mission

August: Lutherans United Against Disasters

September: Saba, International

**October: Accessible local health care: Our Lady of Hope Clinic in
Middleton and Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville**

November: TBD (intentional open month)

December: Madison Area Jail Ministry

COUNCIL NEWS

The Social Action Committee has been participating in meetings with the Reconciliation in Christ (RIC) Committee. In January, Pastor Javen Swanson from St. Paul, MN shared his LGBTQ+ journey at our worship service and led discussions with congregation members and our youth group. His discussions centered on how we can better fulfill our pledge to the LGBTQ+ community as a RIC congregation.

As we continue on our RIC journey, our next event will take place at Centro Hispano of Dane County in Madison. Centro is a non-profit organization that provides a range of programs that support Dane County's Latinx population. One such program is an immigrant vendor market (El Mercadito). This event will take place on Thursday, July 6, 2023 and is OPEN TO THE CONGREGATION.

Following the market, a discussion led by Karen Menendez Coller, Executive Director of Centro will revolve around understanding the Latinx community's history, contributions, obstacles and challenges they face and what we as a RIC congregation can do to help.

We will meet at the back of the church at 4:15 p.m. to carpool to Centro. Alternatively, you may join us at the market rather than carpool if that meets your needs. Let's explore together how we can make a growing Latinx community in our area feel welcome at our church.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Ekenberg

DONATION ENVELOPES-ACTION REQUESTED

The Church office is trying to determine how many numbered donation envelope boxes to order for next year. In order to reduce waste and costs, we are asking for your help.

Please call or email the church office letting Nancy know if you want to receive the envelopes or not. Contact information is listed below. If you're never using the envelopes, we want your permission to stop ordering them for 2024. If you are a regular envelope user and wish to continue using them, please confirm that as well. If you have intentions of using them, are an occasional user, don't care for electronic methods, and they help remind you of the church's needs, we would like for you to still receive them. We are very grateful for all contributions no matter which method of giving you prefer!

COUNCIL NEWS cont.

Thank you so much for helping us. We hope you can join us as often as possible in person or remotely! The church is an ever-changing body and we want to be as up-to-date as possible with our records and save on waste and expense. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Sincerely,
ELC Church Council
Vicky Rosenbaum, Council President

Church Office contact: 608 437-5012 or email Nancy Voss at elc@mhtc.net

PROPERTY

Before the activities are listed, we're asking for assistance. You all have homes that are dear to you. You take good care in making sure they are kept pristine and free from problems. The church belongs to God, but it is your home away from home. Many eyes are helpful to see things that may not be quite right, or are definite problems. We encourage each of you, every time you come around the building, to use your eyes to look around and make sure all is well and right. Do you see a light out? Something broken? Any issues, small or potentially large, should be brought to the attention of the Property Ministry. There are forms on the bulletin board outside of Nancy's office. A note or an email to the office is also a good way to alert us to things that need to be addressed.

We sincerely thank you all! Now to the good stuff:

ELC hosted the South-Central Synod annual Assembly May 20. Kudos to all who helped to make this an event we can all be very proud of. Each of you know the role you played in this a successful day, and you are sincerely thanked!

A couple of problems were identified and quickly taken care of, including the inoperable handicapped door to the Agape entrance. Other problems are on the to-do list and will require additional work: the manipulator for the spot light on the cross in the sanctuary, and the broken connectors for the sky lights in the choir room.

We are working with Coyle Carpets of Madison to select a contrasting carpet color for the first step to the chancel in the sanctuary. We anticipate doing this will remind folks there is a step down and will minimize the chance for a trip and fall. The deteriorating bike rack at the Chapel entry was removed and a new one put in its place. Thanks to Conrad Richer for taking care of this.

PROPERTY cont.

Even though Diane Dangerfield isn't a formal member of the Property Ministry, we all need to acknowledge the tremendous amount of work she and her sister Deb have done to beautify both inside and outside. The culmination of repairing the leak into the basement has resulted in the wonderful landscape on the 4th Street side of the building. A special thanks to Kittleson Landscape for their assistance.

It is still the middle of the year, but the Ministry is looking to important work for the coming year. It is critical to begin this planning so that the needs can be incorporated into next year's budget. The large item that has been identified is the replacement of the concrete on the Main and

Front Street entrances to the building. Bid proposals have been sent and the Council will determine the selected vendor and hopefully incorporate the cost into the coming budget. It is a privilege to be a significant part of caring for this beautiful corner of Mt Horeb!

-Diane Bartz

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

The ELC Reconciling in Christ team invites you to two special events in July.

Getting to know our neighbors.

The Annual Latino Academy of Workforce Development's CDL/GED graduation is here, and we invite you to be part of this inspiring event!

Date: July 8, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: 2909 Landmark Place, Suite 203, Madison, WI 53713

Come and discover the incredible programs offered by the Latino Academy of Workforce Development while celebrating the determination and hard work of the participants.

The CDL program, made possible through a collaboration between the Latino Academy, the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association, and the Wisconsin Beverage Association, has empowered individuals to pursue a

career in the transportation industry, providing them with invaluable skills and opportunities.

We will have an opportunity later in the week for a thought-provoking discussion with Baltazar De Anda Santana, the Executive Director of

the Latino Academy of Workforce Development. Learn firsthand about the Academy's vision, goals, and the positive impact they are making in our community.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST cont.

Don't miss out on this chance to witness the dedication and drive of the graduates, while gaining insight into the transformative work of the Latino Academy of Workforce Development. Mark your calendars and share this invitation with your friends, family, and colleagues who may be interested!

You can meet us at the Latino Academy, or we will leave the rear parking lot of ELC at 8:45 AM.

Together, let's celebrate achievements and inspire change! See you there!

We are excited to invite you to Centro Hispano's El Mercadito, taking place at 810 West Badger Road, Madison, Wi, on Thursday, July 6, 2023.

Join us for a fantastic market experience, where you'll discover an array of vibrant Latino Flavors, crafts and much more! Explore the rich cultural heritage and support local Latino entrepreneurs as they showcase their amazing products.

But that is not all. We have a special treat in store for you. After the market, we will have a presentation on the local Latino Community by Centro's esteemed Executive Director, Karen Menendez Coller.

Karen's insights and expertise will provide a deeper understanding of our Latino community's history, contributions, and the exciting initiatives planned. It's an opportunity you won't want to miss!

Come join us for an evening filled with shopping, community, and enlightenment. Spread the word, bring your friends and family, and let's celebrate the diverse tapestry of our great community.

Meet us at El Mercadito or we will leave the ELC rear parking lot at 315 E. Main St, Mount Horeb at 4:15 pm.

Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023

Location: Centro Hispano's El Mercadito, 810 West Badger Road, Madison, Wi

Market Hours: 4-7 PM

Presentation by Karen Menendez Coller; 6:30 PM

SOCIAL ACTION

Offering comfort and care to those who need it most.

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need. LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½";

- ONE 30-centimeter ruler**
- ONE pencil sharpener**
- ONE pair of blunt scissors**
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons**
- ONE 2 ½" eraser**

- Please give new items only.**

With the earthquakes in Turkey and war in Ukraine, School Kits are needed more than ever. This year's goal will be 100 kits. Back-to-School sales usually start in July so please consider making a purchase of some of these items. Quantities are often limited to get the best prices. A collection bin will appear in Fellowship Hall in July and a weekly progress update will be in the bulletin.

SOCIAL ACTION cont.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS:

A container for donations is in Fellowship Hall.

Needed indicates how many items are needed to reach 100 kits.

Items for each kit	# Needed
4) 70 Page Notebooks	400
1) 30 cm rulers	100
1) Pencil Sharpener	100
1) School Scissors	100
5) Unsharpened Pencils	500
5) Blue or Black Ballpoint Pens	500
1) Box 16 or 24 Count Crayons	100
1) 2 ½ "Eraser	100

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



ELC SEWING LADIES SEWING DAYS are
Thursdays from 9 a.m. to Noon in Fellowship Hall

OUTDOOR WORSHIP ON JULY 9TH

Sunday, July 9th we will gather for worship on the lawn at ELC. Feel free to enter from the west door off the parking lot. This is a great chance to gather and enjoy the summer weather. Let's make it a point to give a strong witness to our community by having good participation that day!

SARAH CIRCLE is planning a Madison lake pontoon boat outing from Tenney Park Boat House for Sunday evening, July 16th. Please look for and respond to the email from Connie Curran, or contact her at curranconnie@hotmail.com. Registration deadline in July 6th.

There is no currently scheduled meeting for August but watch for email from Karen Erickson with updates.

REBECCA CIRCLE will assist the youth in assembling Baby Kits on Tuesday, July 18, at 10:00 in Fellowship Hall.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS cont.

BLOOD DRIVE

Allow me to personally thank you for your service. Your blood drive collected 60 units from 60 people, 42 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 we're so happy to have you in our American Red Cross family.

Since donation is the only source of lifesaving blood for patients, 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.

To discuss any feedback about your recent drive, please don't hesitate to contact me. We honor your service and support of patients by always seeking ways to improve the experience and we value your feedback.

Thank you again, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Diane Nichols | Donor Recruitment Account Manager

American Red Cross Blood Services
North Central Blood Services Division
Badger Hawkeye
4860 Sheboygan Ave, Madison WI 53705



American Red Cross 2022 President's Club Recipient
Achieved 100%+ annual team and/or individual Whole Blood Goal and 94%+ individual annual Operational Efficiency.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS cont.

INVITATION to Participate in “Awaken Dane”

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” -- Genesis 28:16

We have been invited to take part in an area ministry called “Awaken Dane”. This is an interdenominational effort in Dane County to help congregations become more aware of how God’s presence can be encountered in our communities.

We need 6 to 8 members of ELC to commit to being part of our team.

WHAT:

Two-year journey where participating churches will:

- Engage their neighborhoods ● Embrace Christian practices
- Build community ● Understand trends in their community
- Clarify values and calling ● Strengthen leadership
- Connect with other churches

COMMITMENT:

Commitment for Congregational Team Members is approximately 3-5 hours per month:

- 2-year program
- Monthly congregational team meetings and activities
- 4 large-group gatherings per year

To express interest, or ask questions, please be in touch with Pastor John



**MONDAY-FRIDAY
9AM - NOON**

**The office will be closed Monday & Tuesday July 3rd & 4th
in observance of Independence Day.**

**Nancy will be away from the office
Monday July 24th through Friday July 28th**

STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Thursday, August 24th for the September issue.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Tuesday, August 29th to assemble the September newsletter. *Newcomers are welcome.* The assembly process usually takes about 2 hours. Please, come and enjoy the

fellowship.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY SUCCESS!!

Thank you for your contributions of time & talent.

**Lauren Albrecht
Nathan Albrecht
Diane Bartz
Karen Bunke
John & Chris Coffin
Neil Densmore
Paige Densmore
Jan Ekenberg
Polly Field
Connie Floan
Alie Grundahl
Ruth Heinecke
Brian Johnson
Landon Kahl
Bonnie Kellogg
Mary Knudson
Brenda Martin**

**Bruce Meister
Mark Mostrom
Andy Mullendore
Kayla Mullendore
Drake Ploessl
John & Vicky Rosenbaum
Sofia Sadler
Sharon Schiefelbein
Carl Sieg
Ken & Amy Sinner
Char Smith
Becky Strube
Diane Twiton
Pastor John Twiton
Barb & Chris Underwood
Nancy Voss
Ellen & Peter Walton**

PRAYER list

PLEASE PRAY FOR Pete Strube, Anita Laabs, Mary Greenlaw-Meyer (Vicky Rosenbaum's friend), John Scheele & family (Char Smith's Brother in Law) Linda Stoenner, David Field (Donna Miller & Dawn Kellesvig's brother), Betty Tharp (Katie Zelle's grandmother), Ken Rabideau (Helen Ladwig's Brother in Law), Nick O'Connell, Paul Kerscher (Amy Thompson's Dad), Steve Mueller, Joyce Fargo, Alycen McKinney, Harold "Chick" Gullickson & Rick Gullickson (Brothers of Mary Krantz), Cara Mavis, Amy Hall, Joan Schraepfer (Rita Schraepfer-Derke's 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, Mike Olson, Grace Aavang, Carol Johnson.

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

In Loving Memory Of:

*Art Shaw
(Amy Sinner's Father)*

By:

Diane Bartz

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP. If you are unable to fulfill your volunteer role on your scheduled date, please be sure to contact a substitute and let the church office (437-5012 or elc@mhtc.net) know by the Wednesday prior.

	AUG 5 & 6	AUG 12 & 13	AUG 19 & 20	AUG 26 & 27
READERS	Bonny Kellogg available	Ann Baumgartner Diane Bartz	Kate Hook Ben Brothers	available Diane Bartz
ACOLYTES	Caleb Gaulke Lucas High	Eva Larson Jacey Morin	Emett Zimmer Eve Kellesvig	Zoe Stack Evelyn Wyse
USHERS	TEAM 8 Mark Mostrom Jim Cook	TEAM 1 Jim Cook John Rosenbaum	TEAM 2 Mary & Wayne Knudson	TEAM 3 Dennis Lokken Irv Steinhauer
ALTAR GUILD	Jean Bower, Mary Lokken, Teresa Schult, Diane Twiton			
COUNCIL DUTIES	Andy Mullendore			

	JULY 1 & 2	JULY 8 & 9	JULY 15 & 16	JULY 22 & 23	JULY 29 & 30
	No Service (Sat) Diane Bartz	Ann Baumgartner John Rosenbaum	Bonny Kellogg Jim Cook	Kate Hook Ben Brother s	Ann Baumgartner available
ACOLYTES	Landon Kahl Mara Parks	Chase Collins Drake Ploessl	Vanessa Rameker Carter Vesely	Connor Heiting Eva Larson	Adelie Zwolaneck Mason Dudley
USHERS	TEAM 3 Dennis Lokken Irv Steinhauer	TEAM 4 Doug Nesheim Gerald Stamm	TEAM 5 Carol & John Nielsen	TEAM 6 Betsy Baguhn Jody Morey	TEAM 7 Jim & Shannon Hadac
ALTAR GUILD	Patti Anderson, Karen Bunke, Polly Field, Dawn Haag, Mary Knudson				
COUNCIL DUTIES	Jan Ekenberg				

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Connie Curran	10 Larson	John	22 Schult	Teresa
	Ryan High		11 Gary Hellenbrand		Bowen Wells
	Heather Johnson		Adam Knudson		Jon Winkler
	Kylie Littel		Marilyn Wilson	23 Underwood	Chris
2	Aiden Aeschlimann	12 Heinecke	Ruth		Dan Van Galen
	Roxanne Fauque		Gabriel Kroll	24 Chellevold	Jody
	Carson Faust	13 Hermann	Hazel		Ellen Cook
	Diane Pladziewicz		Brandon Anderson		Ryan Gaulke
	Diana Rothamer		Kelly Hurda		Pamela Knutson
3	Abbey Brummer		Teri Kroll	25 Jr.	Robert Davis,
	Lynn Festge		Evan Kroll		Michael Erickson
	Todd Schroeder	14 Corrigan	Dalton		Colby Johanning
4	Noah High		Ryan Knuteson		Joseph Kroll
	Jeff Kaletka		Hanna Stensby		Megan Scheele
	Sonya Tetzlaff		Vivian Stone	26 Olson	Julia
	Debbie Winkler	15 Fargo	Ron		Melanie Siltala
6	Eric Albrecht		Leo Helwig		Hannah Twiton
	Diane Bartz	16 Dangerfield	Diane		James Williams
	Elisabeth Hedges		Isaac Kittleson	27 Densmore	Neil
	Charlie Kahl		Brenda Schmidt		Kaylen Hastings
	Riley Mortvedt	17 Parks	Mara		Stacy Schloesser
	Kevin Sadowski		Karl Zelle		Anne Woolard
	Liza Spellman	18 Fritz	Shelby	28 Doty	Gary
	Blake Truman		Catherine Stange		David Field

Nora Wienkes	Megan Van Orsdel	Vanessa Rameker
7 Rita Hefty		29 Daniel Vogt
Eisleigh Skibba	19 Laurie Freitag	30 Justin Green
Kirk Wienkes	Kaden Stapelmann	Shirley Thompson
8 Hayden Anderson	James Woolard	31 Larry Kaletka
Leah Mason	Ann Wyss	Mary Stamm
Kevin Schneider	20 Barret Kreul	Michelle Stange
Ellen Walton	21 Samantha Forbes	
9 Michael Collins	Dennis Johnson	
Dianne Hirsch	Jeremy Kahl	
David Losenegger	Nicole Lichte	
Abby Nesheim		



August

BIRTHDAYS

1 Dave Baumgartner	9 Andy Kellesvig	21 Betsy Baguhn
Kambri Eggers	Blake Stamm	Bruce Howe
Kyle Fargo		
Isla Vondra	10 Grace Aavang	22 Ellie Kellesvig
Matilda Woolard		
	11 Bailey Nesheim	23 Josh Johnson
3 Carol Losenegger	Peggy Ziebarth	
Joanna Slocum		24 Paul Baum
	13 Jordan Slocum	Gary Hamburg
4 Diane Berg		Jeff Turk
Anne Iverson	15 Nicole	

	Kahl	
Eric McCue	Brycen Kelliher	25 Shawn Cannon
Sandra Roth	16 Shannon Hadac	Avery Lutz
	Jenny Mason	Daniel Thomas
6 Brittany Kahl	Natalie O'Connell	
Claire Hurda	Anna Schloesser	26 Jim Conrad
Mark Mostrom	Lindsey Schulenberg	Abby Marty
Alexander Olson	Savanna Smith	Emma Sutter
7 Olivia Cook	17 Diane Fink	27 Carter Ackerman
Terry Fischer	Kim Fisher	Calina Ackerman
Courtney Fisher	Faye Lorenz	Geoff Johnson
Sandy Glaeve	Brittany Walton	Sam Martin
Julie Vasen	Jacob Slaney	Zoe Thompson
		Landon Turk
8 Travis Klassy	19 Stephen Grundahl	
Emerson Kelssig	Kiera Kahl	30 Hans Larson
Ruth Ann Nemet		Alyssa Lokken
Cecilia Rosborough	20 Delores Bryant	Joshua Slaney
Katie Zelle	Alex Mortvedt	
		31 Conrad Richer

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



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (*Psalms 147:4*)

○ _ _ _ _ _

The heavens are the work of God's what? (*Psalms 8:3*)

_ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _

What does God bring out one by one? (*Isaiah 40:26*)

_ ○ _ _ _

God made two great lights to do this. (*Genesis 1:16*)

○ _ _ ○ _ _ _

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (*Genesis 15:5*)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The sun, moon and stars have this. (*1 Corinthians 15:41*)

_ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ○ _

The lights in the sky serve as what? (*Genesis 1:14*)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _

The heave__s declare the __lory __f __od;
the ski__s __roc__aim the wo__k of his ha__ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, hosts, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV

Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love
31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking
12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow
28 42 7 8 27 37

A present
1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears
19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room
40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound)
34 17 41 30

To take a long walk
14 2 9 38

A high body temperature
45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things
13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea
10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee
6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV