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**September
2023**

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



SEPTEMBER BENEVOLENCE 2023
SABA International



EVANGELICAL
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

Intern Zach Smirris

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

A Season of New Beginnings

"We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing."

2 Thessalonians 1:3

I always wonder what word Paul would address to our congregation. I would hope he might see in us a growing faith, and increasing love for one another. I know these things do happen among all of you, but I also know that growth in faith and love are things that need tending and encouragement.

Fall is often a season of new beginnings. As a new school year begins we think of the growth and progress that represents. What about our lives as God's congregation in this place? How can we tend to our growth?

Some ongoing tasks come to mind:

- We are entering a new year of internship ministry. We have been entrusted with the task of helping Intern Zach grow in his understanding of the call to ministry. This is task for the whole congregation, so please take time to listen and share your faith with him. We also made the commitment to support this ministry financially, and we need to keep that commitment as well.
- Sunday School and confirmation ministries begin again as well, and we need caring disciples to help shepherd children and their families in their faith development.
- As adults, we are also called to continue growth in learning and service to others. There will be classes and seminars offered in the coming weeks, but there's also many opportunities for you to begin something new. It can be as simple as a time for fellowship, or an effort to put gifts to work for others. What seed can you nurture into new growth?
- We can all attend to the growth of participation in worship, and invite others to experience life together as well.

What would others give thanks for in your witness to faith?

God's peace,



Intern – ZACH SMIRRIIS

The New Kid on the Block

Thus, says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

~~ Isaiah 56:8~~

September often brings a lot of apprehension. With summer ending, we face the end of vacations, return to ‘normalcy’ with work and school, and getting used to the ‘9-5’ or whatever schedules we face. For those of us returning to school, we may have new students, teachers, and classmates. Others may be starting a new job in a new place, leaving what we’re familiar with and facing whatever is new. I’m one of the latter.

This year will mark the first time that I have not been in school since my parents signed me up for preschool a long time ago. I went straight from high school to college, and then to seminary. The books and bells of school are something that I’m used to. The 9-5 is new for me. And yet, my spouse and I have been made completely welcome within this beautiful community. Despite never living this far east, I have never felt more at home. In a sense, it feels like starting at a brand-new school all over again, except the assignments are mostly sermons and newsletter articles like this one. I’m the new kid in school, the new family down the road, and yet God’s love has shone through you all.

September is when we return to our homes and routines to see what has changed over the summer. Let us welcome these changes as God does.

Zach Smirris

Pastoral Intern, ELC of Mt. Horeb

internzach@elcmthoreb.org

INVITATION - JOSEPH ORDINATION



**By the Grace of God
And call of the church**



**Joseph Alan Doegen
Will be ordained in
the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
In Christ's one, holy, catholic and
apostolic church**

**Sunday September 10th, 2023
3:00pm Central**

At

**Bethany Lutheran Church
620 Broadway
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965**

**Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe of the
South-Central WI Synod, Presiding**

Deacon Anna Dykeman, Preaching

**Rostered leaders are invited to
vest.**

**The color of the day is red!
Small dessert reception following
worship.**

AGAPE

September Greetings from Agape!

I hope this finds you all doing well and that you have had a wonderful summer! The teaching staff and I have been very busy the past few weeks getting ready for the new school year with lots of cleaning, organizing, and planning! Our 4K students will begin on Friday, September 1 and the 3K students will join in the following Tuesday, September 5. We have a wonderful mix of many new and returning families. I know that we will all have so much fun learning and playing together throughout the school year.

Our awesome teaching team are all returning, and we are adding in an additional part time 3K teacher, Megan Kelly. She has been on the board of directors for many years and comes to us with loads of early childhood teaching experience. We are excited to have her with us on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

We are always looking for monetary donations to assist our students in need of financial assistance and this year is no exception. Please reach out to me if you would like to sponsor a family to help them attend preschool and start out their early education with an amazing foundation.

Many blessings to each of you,

Amy Kellesvig, Preschool Director

3K & 4K School Calendar 2023-2024

AUGUST

Monday	August 21	4K Parent Info Night: AM @ 5:30 PM @ 6:30 PM
Monday	August 28	3K Parent Info Night: Red & Purple 5:30 - 6:00 pm;
Yellow	6:00 - 6:30 pm	

SEPTEMBER

Thursday	September 1	First Day 4K
Tuesday	September 5	First Day 3K Red/Purple Classes; tuition due
Thursday	September 7	First Day 3K Yellow
Friday	September 15	First Day Toddler Time – 9:00-10:30 am (In St. Olaf Rm)
Rm)	September	Class & Individual Picture Day – TBD

AGAPE cont.

OCTOBER

Tuesday	October 3	3K Tuition Due
Monday	October 23	4K Monday – AM & PM have school
Thursday	October 26	No School – No 4K AM & PM or 3K yellow class
Friday	October 27	No School - No 4K AM & PM or 3K yellow class

NOVEMBER

Wednesday	November 1	3K Tuition Due
Tuesday	November 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Thursday	November 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Monday	November 20	4K Monday – AM & PM have school
	Nov 22 - 24	No 3K or 4K classes – Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

Friday	December 1	3K Tuition Due
	Dec 25-Jan 1	No 3K or 4K classes – No 3K or 4K - Winter Break

JANUARY

Tuesday	January 2	3K (red & purple t/w) & 4K Classes resume -3K
Tuition Due		
Tuesday	January 2	MHASD 4K enrollment 2024-2025
Thursday	January 4	3K (yellow r/f) Class resumes
Friday	January 19	No 3K (yellow) or 4K Classes (end of 1 st semester)

FEBRUARY

Thursday	February 1	3K Tuition Due
	Feb 1-9	Annual Butter Braid Fundraiser
Friday	February 23	No 3K or 4K classes (Make up day if needed)

MARCH

Friday	March 1	3K Tuition Due; ACP 3K Enrollment 2024-2025
Friday	March 1	Tentative Butter Braid Orders Delivered
Monday	March 4	Tentative 4K/3K Make up day (if needed)
Thursday	March 14	No 4K Classes – 4K Parent/Teacher Conferences;
3K Yellow class in session		
	Mar 25- 29	No 3K or 4K Classes – Spring Break

APRIL

Tuesday	April 2	3K Tuition Due
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MAY

Wednesday	May 1	3K Tuition Due
Friday	May 17	Last Toddler Time
Wednesday	May 22	Last Day 3K Red & Purple Class
Friday	May 24	Last Day 3K Yellow Class

JUNE

Wednesday	June 5	Last Day 4K
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CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

REGISTRATION BEGINS 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.

KICK OFF MEETING - (Youth & Adults) - Join us on Sept 5th at 8 pm (St. Olaf room) to hear about all the exciting details about the Youth Gathering. It's time to register.

9th GRADE CONFIRMATION -

Sept 5th at 7 pm (Tues) - Youth and their parents will meet on the ELC front lawn to check on their preparations for Confirmation. Bring photos and a draft of their faith statement.

Sept 10th, 10:15 am - 1:00 p.m., youth will gather in the Fellowship Hall to create their stole they'll wear for Confirmation, and prepare for their interviews with the Congregational Council.

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION KICK OFF - Wednesday, September 6th, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. We will be having our 'Kick-Off' to Confirmation outside on the ELC front lawn with students and their parents. We will provide brats & hot dogs. Please bring a dish if you are able: 7th grade - Dessert; 8th grade - Side Dish.

TO REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION - 7th & 8th graders, please use the QR code to register. Confirmation meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. (7 pm start time begins Sept 13th)
<https://forms.gle/egewr2q11EAtGoXeA>

CONFIRMATION
REGISTRATION
7th & 8th



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS *cont.*

COLLEGE ADDRESSES: With many of our young adults moving this fall, we are updating our contact information for college students of ELC. Please use the link or the QR code. For those attending UW Madison, UW Whitewater and UW Platteville, we share names and contacts with Lutheran Campus Ministry. They reach out to them, to help them with their faith journey.

<https://forms.gle/L5zG8jocro1NTBPa7>

COLLEGE
ADDRESSES



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY- We are kicking off our Sunday School year on Sept 17th, 10:15 am - 11 am. We will have a bouncy castle to celebrate our first day back. Youth, who are 3 years old - 8th grade is invited to participate each Sunday. Join us to hear Bible stories, music, play games, enjoy snacks and participate in monthly service opportunities.

Sunday School
Registration



REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL - Follow this link or QR code:

<https://forms.gle/AAbtEkniJQ9DNQLA7>

FUSE NIGHTS - 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group on Sunday, Sept 24th at 7 pm for an outdoor scavenger hunt at ELC. Fun time to hang out with friends, play games, various service projects and treats.



BUCKY BOOKS -FOR SALE - Bucky Books are available Sept 1st! Pick up a copy after worship, contact a high school youth or Brenda. Each book sells for \$35.00. Don't miss out on the new books and their amazing offers. Thanks for supporting our youth.

SPECIAL THANKS - BABY KITS - Thank you to Helen Kahl for organizing our baby kit production. We made 67 kits together. Thank you to everyone who generously donated items to help Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to Ann Baumgartner for taking time to make the many diapers for our kits. Kits will be delivered on Sept 16th to Madison.

Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director
brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org

Have you remembered Evangelical Lutheran Church in your will or estate plan?

When you make or revise your will or estate plan, or review your life insurance or retirement fund beneficiaries, please consider naming ELC as one of your beneficiaries.

The use of the following sample bequest language will ensure that your gift is directed appropriately:

I hereby leave (percentage of estate/dollar amount/residue of my estate/percentage of residue) of my estate/trust to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt. Horeb, 315 E Main St. Mt. Horeb, WI 53572 to be used in such a manner as stated. (You can designate a gift to a particular fund for an established ministry, to the endowment fund, or for use at the discretion of the council or congregation.)

For more information contact the church office, and you can be put in touch with the designated gift planner for the ELCA to help with the details.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Although our general fund balance was negative for much of the summer, we haven't had to transfer money from elsewhere to cover our expenses. Some timely donations, along with Nancy's ability to adroitly manage our cash flow, saved the day. Increased giving in July left us with a small positive balance, but our margin of safety remains low. We're looking forward to retiring the mortgage this fall.

Building expenses in July included \$943 for upgrading the telephone system. Designated fund expenses this month included \$489 for youth activities. Income included \$450 for the kitchen, \$398 for youth, \$120 for the internship, \$30 for landscaping, and \$117 unspecified.

Respectfully submitted by Ben Brothers, August 13, 2023.

TREASURER'S REPORT Cont.

BALANCE SHEET	7/31/23	6/30/23	12/31/22
General Fund	\$ 912	\$ (2,496)	\$ 18,205
Mortgage Fund	\$ 227	\$ 452	\$ 4,566
Building Capital Fund	\$ 21,544	\$ 21,772	\$ 23,201
Designated Funds	\$ 136,818	\$ 135,744	\$ 134,727
Mortgage	\$ (12,348)	\$ (15,460)	\$ (41,933)
TOTAL	\$ 147,153	\$ 140,012	\$ 138,766

CASH FLOW	Jul-23	YTD 2023
General Fund Income	\$ 31,260	\$ 195,055
General Fund Expenses		
Personnel	\$ 18,655	\$ 134,102
Mission and Outreach	\$ 1,917	\$ 14,516
Congregational Life	\$ 1,167	\$ 11,774
Facilities and Administration	\$ 6,113	\$ 51,955
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 27,852	\$ 212,347
Net General Fund Gain (Loss)	\$ 3,408	\$ (17,292)
Other Income		
Benevolence	\$ 1,464	\$ 7,858
Building Capital Fund	\$ 714	\$ 7,780
Designated Funds	\$ 1,115	\$ 17,204
Mortgage Fund	\$ 3,744	\$ 26,081
Total Other Income	\$ 7,037	\$ 58,923
Other Expenses		
Benevolence	\$ 1,017	\$ 4,553
Building Capital Expenses	\$ 943	\$ 9,438
Designated Fund Expenses	\$ 489	\$ 18,418
Mortgage Repayment	\$ 3,630	\$ 30,420
Total Other Expenses	\$ 6,079	\$ 62,829
Net Gain (Loss) from Other Expenses	\$ 958	\$ (3,906)
NET GAIN (LOSS)	\$ 4,366	\$ (21,198)

BENEVOLENCE

Supporting Saba's new school building in Kenya

Sometimes, the building blocks of a life-changing educational opportunity are literally building blocks.

Saba International – the amazing nonprofit group founded by Cathy and Tim Woller of Mount Horeb – is raising money for an exciting new project in Kenya. In the largest and most impoverished slum in the capital city of Nairobi, Bethel Kibera School has begun work on a new building.

The school, which was established in 2006, has been providing psychosocial and educational support for orphans and vulnerable children in the slum. Bethel Kibera School started as a daycare center with just three kids and has grown to support hundreds of children from very vulnerable families.

Providing a more stable structure will ensure that Bethel Kibera School's transformative work not just continues, but expands to assist even more kids who otherwise would be without formal educational opportunities.

The project is estimated to cost about \$100,000, and Saba International needs to raise about \$6,500 more to meet its pledge of \$10,000. Throughout the month of September, donations to the Benevolence program will go toward meeting this goal.

One particularly interesting aspect of this project: The concrete blocks being used for construction are manufactured locally in Kibera by a German company utilizing local labor, providing much-needed work and income for many adults.

ELC has been a proud supporter of Saba, International, for more than a decade, thanks to our connection to the Wollers and Cathy's mother Helen Kahl of ELC, who serves as the organization's treasurer. Cathy and Tim started Saba International after witnessing the massive disparities in living conditions in Nairobi while living in Kenya during Tim's active duty assignment there with the Air Force. "Saba" is a Hebrew word that translates as "to fill up to overflowing."

As inspiration for Saba International's work in general – and this project in particular – Cathy cited a passage from Isaiah 58 in a recent newsletter, offering one twist:

BENEVOLENCE cont.

And if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in the darkness and your gloom will become like midday. And the Lord will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones, and you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; you will raise up the age-old foundations; and you will be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the breach in which to dwell (and learn).

You can donate to the construction of a new Bethel Kibera School building 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 & Lutheran Disaster Response (\$702.00)

February: Compassion International (\$646.42)

March: ELC youth and summer programming (\$1485.32)

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 (\$930.92)

July: Young Adults in Global Mission (\$1317.92)

August: Lutherans United Against Disasters TBD

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

IT'S THAT TIME-PLEASE CONSIDER-

The Nominating Committee is starting the process of finding members that would be willing to volunteer their time to be part of a very important role in the future of our church; by running for an elected position for ELC Council or one of our Ministries. Below you will find a description of what council and our ministries duties and responsibilities are. Please consider each one. We would like to have 5 or 6 candidates for council and each ministry. We can make a difference. If you would be interested in running, please contact the church office at 608-437-5012. Leave your phone number and email address with Nancy.

ELC COUNCIL-

Duties and Responsibilities:

You are the eyes and ears of the congregation. Attend the monthly Council meeting. Stay attuned to problems and successes and report at the Council meetings. Make decisions on issues brought to the council. Work with the Budget and Finance Ministry in developing the annual spending budget presented for approval at the annual meeting. Serve as a liaison to one of the ministries. Assigned to a month to collect the Sunday offerings and place in the safe, and provide support to Sunday coffee and donuts before and after the services. Also need a youth representative/must be Confirmed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE-

Duties and Responsibilities:

Oversee the paid staff. Review and approve the payroll records. Yearly reviews with staff to identify and resolve issues. Responsible for hiring any vacancies that may occur. Council liaison is not a voting member.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Duties and Responsibilities:

Manage and invest the Fund, collect the income there from and pay the expenses which are necessary and related to it. The committee has authority to distribute income of the fund as they feel appropriate (Benevolence, capital expenditures, normal operating expenses, etc.) to such organizations duly organized and operated to carry on consistent with the Christian beliefs.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE cont.

AUDITORS

Duties and Responsibilities:

Work with the Administrative Secretary (Financial Secretary) to monthly review financial records, report at the Annual Meeting that the financial records have been reviewed and are found in order.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Duties and Responsibilities:

Review the list of vacancies in the elected positions. Seek out potential members and put names into nomination for the Annual Meeting voting.

SYNOD VOTING MEMEBERS

Duties and Responsibilities:

Attend the Synod annual assembly. Location to be announced. Receive and study the issues and resolutions presented. Vote on items presented for action. Need youth/young adults-must be Confirmed.

ENDOWMENT

The Endowment Fund manages the monetary gifts that are made in perpetuity. The income generated by these monetary gifts are distributed approximately yearly to benevolent organizations to help support others. A committee of members of ELC elected at the congregational annual meeting decide how interest earned is dispersed. They also manage the investment of the funds to gain maximum interest with no risk to the Fund itself.

INREACH/OUTREACH

Inreach/Outreach has been involved in several items this summer. We provided candy for the Frolic Parade and donated free water to the youth for their fund raiser during the art fair. We continue to collect items for children to have a special birthday party. These are organized and donated to NHN. These items include large birthday bags (boys, girls or neutral). Paper plates, napkins, party favors and decorations, candles, plastic table clothes, balloons and anything that would help a child have a special birthday celebration.

In October we will be meeting to plan our fall pumpkin delivery and gifts for our homebound ELC members. Agape also makes gifts for us to deliver at Christmas. We could use help with these deliveries. Students could also get silver cord hours for participating.

If you or your family are interested, contact:

Margie Kahl-mkahl@mhtc.net or 608 437-5341

PROPERTY

THE PARK AT THE CORNER OF MAIN AND 4TH STREET

As you pass by this corner of Mt Horeb, do you notice the park like setting that has been created? Take a walk around the property and enjoy the beautiful plantings that are now in full bloom. The flowers and shrubs are the work of Diane Dangerfield and her sister Deb.

Thanks to Anderson Landscaping for the trimming and mowing. Kittleson Landscaping provided the work last fall to clear out the east side of the building where there were water leaks into the basement. This spring the work was completed so that Diane and Deb could refresh the area with beautiful plantings.

Also, on this side are two benches for anyone to stop and take a rest or meet with friends to converse under the shade of the tree. These benches are a tribute to John Kahl, provided by Helen and those that honored his passing.

If you walk toward the Main St entry to the addition, you'll notice the Rooster and the sign depicting the Bible verse that is the reason for a rooster in relation to the church. The rooster was originally mounted on the roof of the Chapel, but was removed because of continued water leaks into the building. It was put here in conjunction with the plantings that Diane was doing. It is a beautiful entry into the addition.



Are we done here? No. The sidewalks at the entries into the building – front door and front St to the Chapel – will be replaced next summer. Also, being planned is a redo of the yard on Front St along the Fellowship Hall. More opportunities to beautify our area by donating to the Landscape Fund!

Enjoy your Park!

SOCIAL ACTION

Throughout this past year, we have looked at some of the programs sponsored by Lutheran World Relief. Quilters have met (almost) every week to make 150 warm blankets. Baby Kit makers have collected items each month to assemble into 67 kits. School Kit makers have taken advantage of Back-to-School sales to best use resources and assemble 100 kits. Without contributions from the whole congregation, this wouldn't be possible. **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR OUTREACH.**

Now it's time to wrap up for the year. On September 2 & 3, Quilts will be arranged on the pews for blessing. Pastor John, the quilting group, and the congregation look forward to this every year. It is always amazing to see how the bits of donated cloth and old sheets come together to make so many beautiful quilts. On Tuesday, September 4, all the quilts will be packed up for shipping to the LWR warehouse.

The Boxcars from LWR will be receiving our quilts and kits at the Madison train yard on Johnson Street, Saturday, September 16. Drivers will be needed. Please contact the church office if you are available and willing to drive that day.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering. Phoenix Arizona, September 21 - 24

Our Gathering 2023 theme, Just Love, helps us to see the needs of our neighbors in a new way. In-kind gifts are more than charity or feel-good opportunities. These in-kind gifts are a way to Just Love.

Our Women of the ELCA purpose statement calls us to be there for each other. Through in-kind gifts, we connect Just Love with lives of gift recipients in Phoenix and around the world. We can be there for them in relationship and partnership, and we can make a difference in the world.

Gift Cards (minimum value \$10; \$25 is most desirable) may be purchased from the following national retailers: Target, Walmart, Visa, MasterCard, Home Depot, Lowe's, Sam's Club, and Costco.

NOTE: There were many suggestions for In-Kind gifts such as bringing quilts with us or knitting projects or Food Pantry Items. I will be traveling light on the plane, just my personal backpack, so I have chosen the Gift card option. If you would like to send gift cards, please get them to me by September 17 and I will take them with me.
Betsy Baguhn 608-437-8937

MEMBERSHIP NEWS cont.

ELC Senior Choir will resume on Sunday, September 17. Rehearsals are at 8am on Sundays, followed by singing at the 9am service.

The choir sings a variety of music including classical, hymn arrangements, spirituals and gospel. Feel free to email our director, Diane Dangerfield, with any questions at diane.dangerfield76@gmail.com.

The only prerequisites are a willingness to make a time commitment and a love of singing!

BABY CAPS Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting baby caps for the area hospitals is invited to join our group which meets in the Faith Room. Normally we meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 9:30 - 11:00am. In September, we will skip Sept. 5 and resume our times together on September 19. The hospital has preferred patterns for us to use along with requests to use soft, non-scratchy yarn.

Ruth Heinecke can answer questions, help you get started, provide patterns and advice. Any other needlework projects can be brought for "show and tell" or to get help from some of our seasoned crafters. We love to laugh, so bring along your good stories!

ruthheinecke@gmail.com

608-444-4949

ELC MEN'S BREAKFAST RESUMES on Thursday, September 7th. We will continue to meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

COFFEE TIME RESUMES on Wednesday September 6th at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.



ELC SEWING DAYS - Thursdays from 9am to Noon in Fellowship Hall.

FARMER'S MARKET Thursdays 3pm to 6:30pm on the ELC front lawn.

REBECCA CIRCLE is celebrating our 50 YEAR anniversary! Back in 1973 we established Rebecca Circle when Monica Circle became too large to comfortably meet in homes. Our first service project was running the nursery for Sunday services. Eventually we moved on from the nursery to serving wedding receptions. Currently we are divided into outreach committees who tend to members who've lost loved ones who were also

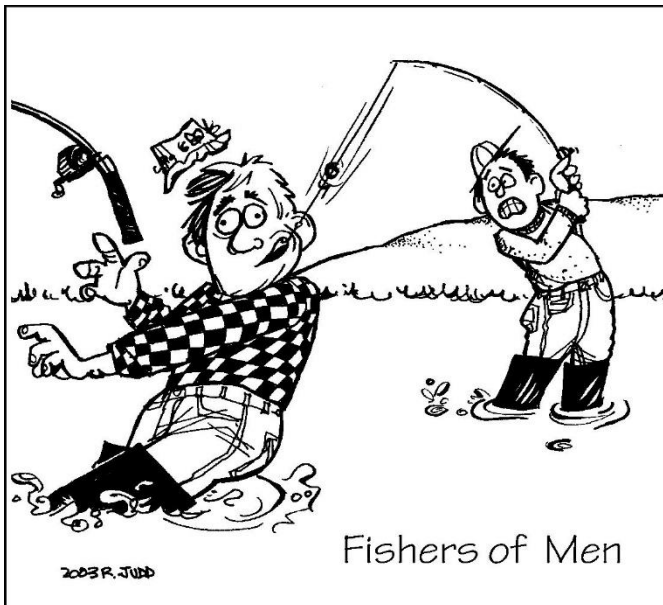
REBECCA CIRCLE cont.

members at ELC. We also over the years have collected and assembled various kits for Lutheran World Relief, including the 67 Baby Kits we assembled this year with the help of the youth during their service week.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, Sep-May at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join us on Tuesday, September 19, at 10 a.m. We will discuss Chapter 3 in the Bad Girls of the Bible study.

SARAH CIRCLE is a women's Bible study group. We support each other's faith journey as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. We meet at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at church, September thru May. Summer social outings are scheduled. We are currently using the Gather magazine Bible Study. Our service projects include providing a remembrance gift to children baptized in our church, as well as making blankets for high school graduates. We collect a benevolence offering and route it to various groups.

This month we'll meet Tuesday, Sept 19, 7 pm in the Matthew Room at church. We will do the September Bible study from "Gather" magazine. Contact Connie Curran (curranconnie@hotmail.com) with any questions about the study materials or meeting details. Always welcoming new participants as well as those we haven't seen recently."





DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

**Mount Horeb Community
Blood Drive
Evangelical Lutheran Church**

315 E Main

**Friday, September 1, 2023
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: MtHorebWI

Only the front door will be open.

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**MONDAY-THURSDAY 9 AM - NOON & 1 PM-4 PM
FRIDAY 9 AM - NOON**

The office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4th in observance of Labor Day.

Nancy will be away from the office Friday, September 22nd to attend a Celebration of Life.

**STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY
Thursday, September 21st for the October
issue.**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Tuesday,
September 26th to assemble the October
newsletter. *Newcomers are welcome.* The assembly
process usually takes about 2 hours. Please, come and enjoy the
fellowship.**

PRAYER *list*

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sara Kittleson, Helen Ladwig, Terri Naylor (Dennis & Mary Lokken's daughter), Linda Wahlgren, Pete Strube, 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" & 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

MEMORIALS GIVEN

In Loving Memory Of:

Laura Friske

Dorothy, Milo & Kendall Bergum

Hazel Hermann

By:

Gordon & Margie Kahl

Ken & Linda Kellogg

Jodie & John Tonner

Sharon Collins

Amy & Greg Kellesvig

Mary Ann Austin

Diane Bartz

Leroy Collins

Gordon & Margie Kahl

Jo Ann Six

Mary Stamm

Martin & Mary Ellen

Tollefson

Julie Vasen

HYMNALS GIVEN

In Loving Memory Of:

Hazel Hermann

By:

Terri Hermann Meyer &

Jeff Hermann

Char Smith

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN JUNE 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.

	SEPT 2 & 3	SEPT 9 & 10	SEPT 16 & 17	SEPT 23 & 24	SEPT/OCT 30 TH & 1 ST
ACOLYTES	Aiden Aeschlimann Aaron Fendrick	Kayla Bredeson Adrienne Hogseth	Michael Powell Ben Rothamer	Eve Kellesvig Melaina Tetzlaff	Addison Watson Chase Collins
READERS	<i>No Service (Sat)</i> Ben Brothers	Ann Baumgartner Vicky Rosenbaum	Bonny Kellogg <i>Available</i>	Ann Baumgartner Jim Cook	Kate Hook <i>Available</i>
USHERS	TEAM 3 Dennis Lokken Irv Steinhauer	TEAM 4 Doug Nesheim Gerald Stamn	TEAM 5 Carol & John Nielsen	TEAM 6 Betsy Baguhn Jody Morey	TEAM 7 Jim & Shannon Hadac
ALTAR GUILD	SEPTEMBER -Cathie Field, Sara Hellenbrand, Laura Miller, Sharon Schiefelbein, Bev Schwierske, Amy Kellesvig				
	OCTOBER -Deb Dangerfield, Shannon Hadac, Judy Steinhauer, Joan Stensby, Jessica Powell				
COUNCIL DUTIES	SEPTEMBER -Sean LaBorde				
	OCTOBER -Alie Grundahl				



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

1	Jim Rollins	12	Jason Larson	22	Karsen Haag
	Monica Sieg		Paul Miller		Tyler Kittleson
2	Dick Engstad		Gary Morris		Chloe Stack
	Vicky Rosenbaum		Dani Sue Schroeder	24	Jamie Ekenberg
	Lola-Isabella Toniazzo		Addison Watson		Evan Huseth
3	Bryce Farnsworth	13	Cecilia Hook		Cynthia Kahl
	Cuyler Monahan		Kelli O'Connell	25	Tena Green
	Mason Sherven	14	Jeff Hook		Carol Klabough
4	Kaylee Errthum		Oliver Kahl		Natalie Schulenberg
	Owen Klabough		Randy Schulz		Brooke Walton
	Tola Klabough	15	Carson Brummer	26	Morgan Brummer
	Laura Miller		Polly Field		Alysen Seibel
5	Becky Faliveno		Laura Friske		Rheanna Thompson
	Peter Faust		Max Grundahl		Natalie Wyss
	Greg Kellesvig	16	Shirley Groff	27	Carol Dann
	James Mavis		Ben Vondra		Carly Densmore
6	Kamron Nesheim	17	LeRoy Collins		Cindy Fendrick
	Sara Seibel		Jocelyn Sveum		Christopher Hurda
7	Pat Doty	18	Emma Anderson	28	Leah Kellesvig
	John Scheele		Kalista Eggers		Mary Knudson
	Violet Steel		Autumn Okeson		Keith Schult
9	Angela Brager	19	Derek Cannon	29	Wayne Knudson
	Sonya Wittman		Dennis Friske		Kayla Meister
10	Adam		Chad Kitsemble		Kay Truman

Mertz		
Roxanne Johanning	Andy Seibel	John Wyss
Avery Monroe	20 Kiel	30 Hastings
Courtney Monroe	21 Hall	Janet Nesheim
11 Frank	Kiersten	Elizabeth Iverson
	Jim Vogt	Randy Ziebarth
	Shirley Martin	
	Mary Schroeder	
If we've missed you or a member of your family, or if we've listed your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.		

PUZZLE



CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5)

E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51)

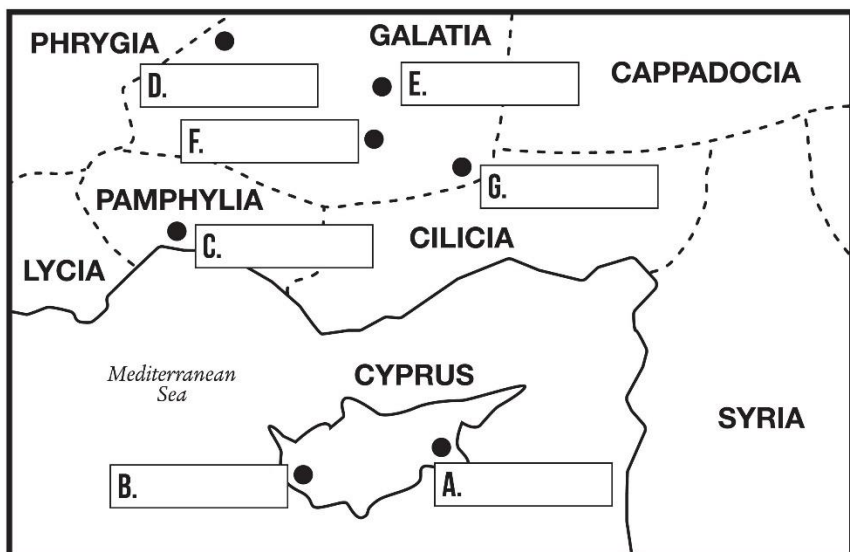
B. PAPHOS (ACTS 13:6)

F. LYSTRA (ACTS 14:6)

C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13)

G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6)

D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14)



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Antioch, Perga, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe