

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*A warm welcome to any visitors today. If you are interested in more information about our church, please fill out the welcome card located in the pews, and place it in the offering.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Sara Kittleson, Helen Ladwig, Terri Naylor (Dennis & Mary Lokken's daughter), 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

**CONGRATULATIONS** Calina Ackerman on completing and placing 6<sup>th</sup> in your group competing in your first Ironman!!!

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### TIME TO REGISTER FOR 2024 YOUTH GATHERING

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

**Please pick up forms from Brenda, so we can register our group.  
Let's get ready for New Orleans!**



**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/L5zG8jocro1NTBPz7>

COLLEGE  
ADDRESSES



**9th GRADE CONFIRMATION** Sept 10th at 10:15 am – 1:00 pm, -

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

CONFIRMATION  
REGISTRATION  
7th & 8th



**7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION**

7th & 8th graders, please use the QR code to register. Confirmation meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
<https://forms.gle/egewr2q11EAtGoXeA>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY TODAY-** 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>



**BUCKY BOOKS -FOR SALE** - Bucky Books are available! 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.

**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.

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

**ELC SEWING DAYS** are Thursdays from 9am to Noon 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.

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

**BABY CAPS** Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting baby caps for the area hospitals is invited to join our group. We'll meet in the Faith Room from 9:30 - 11:00 am on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:ruthheinecke@gmail.com)

608-444-4949

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

**SARAH CIRCLE** will 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](mailto: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."



## **FALL HOURS**

**MONDAY – THURSDAY 9am-NOON & 1-4pm**

**FRIDAY 9am- NOON**

***Nancy will be away from the office on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> to attend a celebration of life.***

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



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

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING WORSHIP

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE		
	<i>This Week Sept 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Next Week Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup></i>
READERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bonny Kellogg</li><li>Debby Schneider</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ann Baumgartner</li><li>Jim Cook</li></ul>
ACOLYTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Michael Powell</li><li>Ben Rothamer</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eve Kellesvig</li><li>Melania Tetzlaff</li></ul>
USHERS	<b>Team 5</b> Carol & John Nielsen	<b>Team 6</b> Jim Cook Jody Morey
NURSERY	Open but <b>Not Staffed</b> -Located across from the library	
ALTAR GUILD	Cathie Field, Sara Hellenbrand, Laura Miller, Sharon Schiefelbein, Bev Schwierske, Amy Kellesvig	
COUNCIL DUTIES	Sean LaBorde	

## **Ministry, Service and Outreach efforts need your support....**

As things get busier with the start of the new school year, it's time to recommit to the ministries we've been called to share here at ELC. Perhaps you've been busy or away over the past few months, but the tasks of ministry continue.

The great news is that our mortgage on the church addition is about to be paid off. But maintenance and everyday expenses do not go away, and our sharing of our resources has lagged the past few months. Our general fund has been running recurring deficits, and it's not sustainable.

Perhaps some of the funds we've given to the mortgage fund over the past eleven years could now be redirected to the general fund. Please evaluate your circumstances and recommit to supporting our congregation and its various needs in a generous way. As we prepare for our annual meeting this November, prayerfully consider how we as God's people in this place can best serve the ministries of God's Church in our day.

One area of particular concern is a shortfall of about \$200 in our benevolence support for Compassion International, needed to support our relationship with Simon from Tanzania and Ariana from Mexico. The commitment our congregation made to the February benevolence recipient is now due and has fallen short of the amount it takes to support these two children. If you are able to do so, contributing now to this cause would help these children in many ways, including providing for their education.

Sincerely,

Vicky Rosenbaum, Council President  
Ben Brothers, Treasurer  
Adam Mertz, Benevolence Chair