

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 4th & 5th

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 Ingrid Hoerz, Dolores Kahl, 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, 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, Rick Gullickson (Brother 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 to Tucker Lavern Collins and his parents Ava Waldmer and Lucas Collins on the occasion of Tucker's baptism this Saturday.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS- Interested in helping with our youth ministries at ELC? Join us for our quarterly meeting on Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, in the Matthew Room at ELC.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15 am - 11 am - Youth, who are 3 years old - 8th grade are welcome. Join us to hear Bible stories, music, play games, crafts, enjoy snacks and participate in monthly service opportunities. We begin each week in the Chapel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO SING - Join us on **November 12th**, during our worship service at 9 am, to hear our youth share two songs they love! Children should meet in the chapel at 8:45 am to get ready for the worship service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOV 12th, 10 - 11 am - We need a few 7th & 8th graders to help lead our Sunday School youth on Nov 12th. (Supervising simple crafts, snacks and a movie.) This allows for our teachers who are voting members, to attend the Annual Meeting.

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION - 7th & 8th graders meet weekly on Wednesdays, 7 pm - 8:30 pm in the St Olaf room.

YOUTH GATHERING - WE ARE REGISTERED - We registered 24 youth and 6 adults to attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans, 2024. An exciting opportunity for everyone's faith journey.

FUSE NIGHT (Youth Gathering Edition) - 8th - 12th graders are welcome to join us on **Nov 19th, 7 pm** in the youth room. We will focus on discovering more about the Youth Gathering theme, "Created to Be: Authentic". Youth attending the Gathering are expected to attend.



BUCKY BOOKS -LAST DAY on Nov 12th - Bucky Books are available through November 12th! Pick up a copy after worship, or contact Brenda. Each book sells for \$35.00. Funds raised will help our youth to attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

CRAFTS BY NICK - Nick's Crafts will be available for purchase in Fellowship Hall. There are many decorative items for fall. Thank you to Nick for donating to our youth opportunities.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT/KIDS NIGHT OUT at ELC - **Nov 17th, 5:30 pm -8 pm at ELC:** Our experienced high school youth will be offering a night of games, crafts, and treats for youth ages 3 years through 5th grade at ELC.

Donation: \$10 per child and \$5 for additional children (family rate). Funds raised will support our youth to attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

Sign up with the link or QR code.

<https://forms.gle/TcNT9sL9ahZBxsMH6>

Parent's Night Out
ELC of Mt Horeb



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 am on Zoom. Contact Pastor John for the link.

BABY CAP MAKERS will meet in the Faith Room Tuesday Nov. 7 at 9:30 am. If you don't have a current copy of the baby cap pattern that the hospitals are requesting, please contact ruthheinecke@gmail.com. They need caps, but are only accepting ones made following certain guidelines.

JOIN US THANKSGIVING DAY-Thursday, November 23 at 10 am as Intern Zach leads us in a service of Thanksgiving and praise to God. We will give thanks to God for all of the blessings that we have received this year and learn more about the people who lived in the Mt. Horeb area before white settlers arrived.

MIDWEEK HOLDEN PRAYER Join us at **6:15 pm in the chapel each Wednesday during Advent beginning November 29**, as Intern Zach hosts Holden Evening Prayer. This simple Lutheran evening prayer service allows us to reflect on our period of impatient waiting for Christmas morning. People of all ages, including Confirmation and youth, are invited to join for singing, prayer, and reflection. Each service is expected to last about half an hour.

Friday Night Magic and Young Adult Ministry

Everyone between the ages of 18-35 is invited to join a casual afternoon of Magic: The Gathering - Commander format hosted by Intern Zach. We will meet Fridays 5:30-7:30 pm weekly! No experience is necessary, we will teach and provide the decks!

THE GIVING TREE NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



The Giving Tree of Mt Horeb has become part of the Neighbors Helping Neighbors family! The Giving Tree has been running an annual throw blanket drive for many years which is again being held during the month of November at ELC and several other locations in Mt Horeb.

The throws are gifted during the Giving Tree's annual distribution of Christmas gifts to area residents, and any leftover blankets will be distributed during open hours at NHN's Clothes Closet in December.

There is a special need for throw blankets, which measure about 4 feet by 6 feet. That's a popular size because they're versatile, fit people of all ages, and are easy to store away in the summer.

Please bring blankets to the new Donation Station in the Narthex. NHN will also accept monetary donations to purchase blankets and other winter clothing and accessories. You can send checks to NHN at 102 E. Lincoln St Mount Horeb, WI, 53572.

Thank you for your continued support of NHN, which provides food, relief services and gently used clothing, footwear and bedding to our neighbors in need at no cost.

For more info on NHN, visit mthorebneighbors.org, check out the Facebook page, email them at info@mthorebneighbors.org or call 608-437-6114.

SNOWBIRDS!!!

If you are flying south for the winter or will be away from home for an extended amount of time be sure to share your forwarding address with the church office. The post office won't forward our bulk mailings and we want to ensure that you don't miss them!

MORTGAGE

We've paid off the mortgage and closed our mortgage repayment account!

Any recurring gifts that are designated for mortgage repayment will instead be sent to the general fund. We encourage you to update your records on our website if you want to change that default



Sunday November 12th following the service at 10 am.

A quorum of 75 is needed for the meeting. Please plan to attend!



***Nancy will be away from the office from
Thursday November 9th through Monday November 13th.***

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	<i>This Week Nov 4th & 5th</i>	<i>Next Week Nov 11th & 12th</i>
READERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available• Amy Sinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ann Baumgartner• Debby Schneider
ACOLYTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Josie Sailor• Adelle Zwolanek	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carter Vesely• Mason Dudley
USHERS	Team 7 Jim & Shannon Hadac	Team 8 Jim Cook
NURSERY	Open but Not Staffed -Located across from the library.	
ALTAR GUILD	November- Patti Anderson, Karen Bunke, Polly Field, Dawn Haag, Mary Knudson	
COUNCIL DUTIES	November- John Coffin	

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING WORSHIP!!!

Dear ELC Congregation,

Last week you received a November Steeple Echoes and inside was a one-page (front and back) survey with no explanation given. For that we apologize. We planned to introduce the survey at the annual meeting on November 12 with an explanation and instructions. We're very sorry for any confusion and we are outlining instructions via this note because the survey is now in your hands a bit earlier than intended.

- You will notice that there is a space for you to sign this survey and insert your email and phone number. Most surveys do not contain this, but it is a way for us to update the church records and to contact you for any volunteer ministries you may want to know more about. A signature and/or e-mail address and phone is not a requirement, but for the reasons stated, we would appreciate your signing and completing the email/phone information. It will not be used outside of the church office!
- Anyone confirmation age or older is encouraged to submit a survey. We would like to hear from our youth!
- Council discussed having a separate survey for "time and talent" but there are so many surveys out there these days that we want to simplify things and get your opinions on various topics as well as condensed time and talent information all in one survey.
- The questions are quite open-ended as we want to hear from you. A small committee of Council members will be tabulating the results. This will hopefully give us helpful information on ways we can improve our church.
- Your information will not be shared with anyone other than a small group of Council members. We will refer your name to appropriate ministry chairpersons if you express an interest in volunteering from the survey. We hope you will consider getting involved!
- We will compile anonymous group results to share with the full Council and the congregation in early 2024.
- **The deadline for return of the survey is December 12th.**

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- On the survey it states it can be returned to the office which is correct. However, we hope to have a slotted box in the narthex soon into which you can place your survey. Surveys can be put in the offering plate as well, but that is obviously not as secure.
- It is important that we hear from as many members as possible so we can obtain a more complete assessment of needs.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email Nancy at the church office - elc@mhtc.net or contact a council member. We will address the survey briefly at the annual meeting and can answer other questions not covered here.

Thank you!
ELC Church Council