

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 9th & 10th, 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 Ingrid Hoerz, Dolores Kahl, Sara Kittleson, Helen Ladwig, Dennis Lokken & Terri Naylor (Dennis & Mary Lokken's son & daughter), 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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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. We begin each week in the Chapel. **Sunday School youth will sing at Christmas at ELC on December 10th, 5pm.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM- Join us on **December 17th** during our 9am worship to celebrate **"Bethlehem at 9"** featuring our ELC children. Fun time to hear the Nativity Story as a news broadcast.

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION 7th and 8th graders meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the St. Olaf room. Our Christmas party will be held on December 20th, 7pm.

KRUMKAKE MAKING AT ELC - Dec 16th; 1pm - 3 pm - Middle and high school youth are invited to help make Krumkake, a Norwegian waffle cookie. They will be sold for our bake sale on Dec 17th.

BAKE SALE: Our ELC youth will be hosting a Bake Sale on December 17th, after worship. Come and pick up some Christmas goodies to share! If you are interested in baking some goodies for our bake sale, please contact Brenda. We appreciate your support of our youth.



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

FUSE NIGHT (Youth Gathering Edition) - 8th - 12th graders are welcome to join us on **Dec 17th, 7 pm** in the youth room. We will focus on discovering more about the Youth Gathering theme, "Created to Be: Free". **Youth attending the Gathering are expected to attend.**

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL Monday, December 11th @ 7pm

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet at church for our December outing on Tuesday, December 12. We will sign cards beginning at 11:00 and leave for lunch in Verona at 11:30. Watch your emails for further details.

WINTER FARMERS MARKET- Saturday, December 16th 8am-2pm at ELC.

NICK'S WINTER CRAFTS - Nick's Crafts are available for purchase in Fellowship Hall during December. Proceeds will be donated to NHN.

DECEMBER BENEVOLENCE -MADISON AREA JAIL MINISTRY

The Madison Area Jail Ministry serves as our outreach to everyone in the jail – including the Sheriff's Deputies who work there. That's why we support them annually through our Benevolence Program
Here's what you can do:

Tutor: Are you passionate about a particular school subject and interested in educating someone interested in helping someone learn so they can better themselves? If so, you can provide one-on-one tutoring for the men and women in the Dane County Jail. To learn more about the program, contact Rosemary Russ at rruss@madisonjailministry.org.

Connect: To learn more about MAJM, visit their website (madisonjailministry.org) and sign up for their newsletter, and "like" their Facebook page.

Pray: Support this "ministry of presence" by praying for Chaplain Todd, the men and women who are incarcerated, and the men and women responsible for their safety.

Give: You can donate financially 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.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

At our annual meeting on November 12th, we introduced a survey to our congregation. This survey is being done to obtain feedback from all of you on our church and also to identify areas that you would like to get more involved in. We would ask that you take a few minutes to complete the survey no later than December 12th.

In addition to paper copies that are available at church, there is also an option for you to complete the survey on-line via our ELC website (www.elcmthoreb.org). You can also scan the QR code to access the survey. Thank you for your time and feedback to help make our church better.

ELC SURVEY



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.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday November 29 th	Advent Midweek Service (Holden Eve Prayer)	6:15pm Chapel
Saturday December 2 nd		5:00pm Chapel
Sunday December 3 rd		9:00am Sanctuary
Wednesday December 6 th	Advent Midweek Service (Holden Eve Prayer)	6:15pm Chapel
Saturday December 9 th		5:00pm Chapel
Sunday December 10 th		9:00am Sanctuary
	Christmas at ELC Concert & Carol Sing	5:00pm Sanctuary
	Chili Supper	6:00pm FH
Wednesday December 13 th	Advent Midweek Service (Holden Eve Prayer)	6:15pm Chapel
Saturday December 16 th		5:00pm Chapel
Sunday December 17 th		9:00am Sanctuary
Wednesday December 20 th	Advent Midweek Service (Holden Eve Prayer)	6:15pm Chapel
Saturday December 23 rd		no service
Sunday December 24 th	Christmas Eve	5:00pm Sanctuary 8:00pm Sanctuary
Monday December 25 th	Christmas	10:00am Sanctuary
Saturday December 30 th		no service
Sunday December 31 st	New Year's Eve	10:00am Sanctuary

Christmas at ELC



Sunday, December 10th

5:00 p.m. Concert and Carol Sing

6:00 p.m. Chili Supper

A benefit for area youth attending
the 2024 ELC Youth Gathering



Monday – Thursday 9 am-Noon & 1-4 pm
Friday 9am-Noon

**I will be away from the office Wednesday December 13th to attend
my grandson's Christmas program. –**

Thanks for understanding!

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	<i>This Week Dec 9th & 10th</i>	<i>Next Week Dec 16th & 17th</i>
READERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ann Baumgartner• Diane Bartz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amy Sinner
ACOLYTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carter Vesely• Mason Dudley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caleb Gaulke• Lucas High
USHERS	Doug Nesheim Gerald Stamm	Carol & John Nielsen
COMMUNION ASSIST	No Communion	available
NURSERY	Open but Not Staffed -Located across from the library.	
ALTAR GUILD	Jean Bower, Mary Lokken, Teresa Schult, Diane Twiton	
COUNCIL DUTIES	December 9th & 10th – Jan Ekenberg December 16th & 17th – John Coffin	

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING WORSHIP!!!