

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 16th & 17th, 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

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the Strube family as they mourn the loss of Peter who passed away suddenly on Monday December 11th. Please hold Becky and their children in your hearts as they grieve for their husband and father.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES -

December 17th 10:15 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School Christmas Gathering

December 24th and December 31st - No Sunday School, Merry Christmas!

January 7th, 2024 - Resume Sunday School at 10:15 am in the chapel

THANK YOU (CHRISTMAS PROGRAM) - Many thanks to our Sunday School children for sharing their Christmas program, *"Bethlehem at 9"*. Thank you to our many volunteers who have helped with our preparations. Always a special time hearing the children share the Christmas story. **Sunday School Volunteers:** Lauren Albrecht, Athena Eggers, Kaylen Hastings, Deasy Hartenberger, Gail Huseh, Abby Sadler, Sophie Sadler, Teddi Sadler, Jay & Deb Schneider, Sarah Sieg, Mel Tetzlaff, Barb Underwood, Serena Vondra, Renee Wienkes, Sydney Wyss.

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.

THANK YOU (CHRISTMAS at ELC)- Thank you to all the performers for sharing their musical talents at *Christmas at ELC* last Sunday. It was an amazing treat for all. Thank you for all donations received, as they will help support our youth to attend the Gathering in New Orleans. Special thanks to Diane Dangerfield, Millers for donating the chili, Men's Morning group for making the chili, Jim & Brenda Schmidt for the poinsettias, and Andy Mullendore, John Coffin & Bruce Meister for their technical assistance. It was truly a beautiful evening together.

BAKE SALE TODAY: Our ELC youth will be hosting a Bake Sale on December 17th, after worship. Come and pick up some Christmas goodies to share! We appreciate your support of our youth who will attend the Gathering.

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.





TROLL WAY PIZZA (TIME TO ORDER) - Our youth are taking orders for our delicious "church-made" pizzas after worship services Dec 17th - Jan 14th. Orders may be placed online, using the link below or the QR Code.

Pick up day for these unforgettable

pizzas will be on February 4th, in Fellowship Hall. (After worship service) One great way to stock up on pizzas before the Super Bowl. Funds raised will support the youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2024.

<https://forms.gle/u1t8fKgJR5owPuVJ9>

TROLL WAY PIZZA
ORDER HERE



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.

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

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.



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

STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY
Thursday, December 21st for the January issue.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on **Wednesday**, December 27th to assemble the January newsletter. *Newcomers are welcome.* The assembly process usually takes about 2 hours. Please, come and enjoy the fellowship



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	<i>This Week Dec 16th & 17th</i>	<i>Next Week Dec. 23rd no service Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Dec. 25th Christmas Day</i>
READERS	Saturday Paul Heinecke Sunday Amy Sinner	5pm 24th Vicky Rosenberg 8pm 24th Dawn Haag Christmas Day 25th Barb Underwood
ACOLYTES	Natalie Hogseth Hannah Schulenberg	5pm 24th Hudson Kahl Oliver Kahl 8pm 24th Chase Collins Sam Grundahl
USHERS	Carol & John Nielsen	5pm 24th Betsy Baguhn John Rosenbaum Jim & Shannon Hadac 8pm 24th
COMMUNION ASSIST		
NURSERY	Open but Not Staffed -Located across from the library.	
ALTAR GUILD	Jean Bower, Mary Lokken, Teresa Schult, Diane Twiton	
COUNCIL DUTIES	December 16th & 17th – John Coffin December 24th & 25th Barb Underwood	

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING WORSHIP!!!

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 MEMORIALS

Poinsettia Hunger Fund Gifts

ELC will be receiving memorial and honoring donations through **Sunday, December 17TH**. After purchasing poinsettias to adorn the altar, the remainder of the donations will go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Memorials will be published in the Christmas bulletins.



POINSETTIAS

Please fill in the form and leave it in the church office, in the offering plate, or mail it to ELC with your monetary donations.

Make checks payable to ELC.

This gift is ___ in memory **OR** ___ in honor of:

(Please check one of the above blanks)

Given by _____

Envelope # _____

Amount \$ _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ON OR BEFORE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH.**