

STEEPLE ECHOES

APRIL 2024

A Monthly Newsletter
of Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Mount Horeb

APRIL
BENEVOLENCE
2024

*Reconciling in Christ
(RIC)*



ELC Mt. Horeb Welcomes You!



RECONCILING in CHRIST



*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

Easter – A New Song

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed
his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory
of our God.

–Psalm 98

With the celebration of Jesus' victory at Easter, we are given the mission of bring the new song of God's victory to the world! God has done the most marvelous thing imaginable! God has defeated death and despair forever. Easter casts everything into a new light. Our task is not to fall back into the depths of defeat and despair that drive so much of the rest of the world. We are given the power to see today and tomorrow in a new light. The theologian Walter Brueggemann puts it this way:

"The new song never describes the world the way it now is. The new song imagines how the world will be in God's good time to come. The new song is a protest against the way the world now is. The new song is a refusal to accept the present world as it is, a refusal to believe this is right or that the present will last. The church is always at its most daring and risking and dangerous and free when it sings a new song. Because then it sings that the power of the gospel will not let the world finally stay as it is."

Let's commit ourselves to the joyful task of proclaiming the good news of a new way of life, and the power of God's love to change our present and our future. Let's move together forward into God's new day of victory!!

God's Peace,



Pastoral Intern – Now What?

ZACH SMIRRIIS

“It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

~~ Acts 1:7-8 ~~

We did it! We survived Lent and Holy Week! We no longer have to focus on being sad, wearing purple, or not eating meat on Fridays. We also lose our Fish Fry's[™], but that's not too much of a loss, is it? We can still eat walleye whenever we want. Things go back to normal for a while. We can appreciate the white paraments and moan about how cold Spring seems. We forget about the man who died on the cross and fall back into our routines.

But should we? After all, isn't the entire point of Lent to turn back to God, redefine our relationship with each other, and learn what we did wrong? To leave Lent unchanged is like doing confession and forgiveness, just to repeat the same mistakes and sins that will need to be forgiven next year. It should mean something, right? All the purple and suffering should have a purpose, and that is to change us. So, let the Spirit move you!

Let's not fall into a cycle of sin and forgiveness, my friends. Let us proudly move forward with God's grace and Christ's cleansing blood on our hearts. Let us learn. Let us learn from Lent, and make Easter a truly meaningful experience for all. We can walk with Christ to find the Spirit at work in the world and at work in us. Let us walk to the ends of the earth just like God wants us to, and love all the more deeply for knowing Lent. Amen.

God's peace be with you all, my friends.

Zach Smirris
Pastoral Intern, ELC of Mt. Horeb
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CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 - 11 am (3 years old - 8th grade) -Join us for Bible stories, music, games, and snacks. We begin in the chapel.

April 21st - Sunday School will sing during the 9 am service

5th GRADE 'REMEMBRANCE OF THE LAST SUPPER' - Our special meal for our 5th graders, will be held on April 3, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. **Fifth graders celebrating their First Communion** - Leah Aeschlimann, Logan Aeschlimann, Colby Johanning, Brooklynn Kreul, Scarlett Ploessl, Evelyn Rameker, Gabe Sadler, and Parker Woolard. *(Thanks to our confirmation youth for serving this night)*

6th GRADE PRE-CONFIRMATION - Our students will gather on Wednesdays, **April 10th - May 8th, 3:45 - 4:45 PM** (5 sessions) in Fellowship Hall. Email brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org to register.

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION - Students will help serve our 'Remembrance of the Last Supper' to our 5th graders on April 3. Wednesday classes resume April 10th, 7 pm - 8:30 pm.

SYNOD ALIVE NIGHT AT ELC - Middle and high school youth are invited to join us for our synod youth night at ELC on Wednesday, April 24, 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Join us as we gather under the theme of "Alive in Community" for an evening of a light dinner, games, icebreakers, fun, worship, and music. Youth attending the Youth Gathering will be helping to host the event. Register with Brenda by April 11th.

SPOT AVAILABLE FOR THE YOUTH GATHERING - We have an opening for a youth (8th - 12th grade) to join our Mt Horeb group when we attend the Gathering this summer. We will be flying to New Orleans on July 15th and will return on July 20th. This is an opportunity of a lifetime! If interested, please contact Brenda.



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS cont.

2024 YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

DAY CAMP/VBS WEEK AT ELC - June 24-27

- VBS (9 am- 11:30 am) 3 yr. - Kindergarten
- DAY CAMP -New time (1pm-5 pm) 1st - 5th grade

REGISTER: <https://forms.gle/h6gPK4PEoK68UDWF6>

ELC
VBS/DAY CAMP
REGISTRATION



CONFIRMATION CAMP - July 28 - Aug 2, 7th & 8th graders will attend Confirmation Camp at Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

Register online: <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>

ELC is paying \$100 towards the registration fee for campers

Use the GHRID: ELCMTH to register.

GIVE/LOVE/SERVE (Local Service Days) - June 12th, July 10th, and Aug 6th

Middle - High school youth are invited to our local service days, held throughout the summer. Many opportunities for youth to provide service in our community, new places and other past favorites. Silver Cord hours will be given to our high school students.

<https://forms.gle/DuANahSt4Nc3eiC19>

GIVE/LOVE/SERVE
REGISTRATION
(Service Days)



EXPLORER DAY AT SUGAR CREEK - July 31st, 9 am - 3 pm

(Children entering 1st - 5th grade in fall 2024)

Come for an exciting one-day adventure at Sugar Creek. Share in opportunities at camp - games, nature, crafts, Bible Study, singing and more!

Register online: <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>

USE GHRID: ELCMTH to register. Registration fee: \$25, payable to ELC.

REGISTER FOR SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP - Time to register for camp!

Information about all 20+ Summer Programs and the link to enroll can be found at www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org/summer-camp

ELC of Mt Horeb will help with camp costs, giving each camper \$100 towards their camping week. Call Sugar Creek to let them know you are registering with ELC or ask Brenda for a transfer code, which is needed for the discount. If additional scholarships are needed, please contact Brenda or Pastor John.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS cont.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING:

THANK YOU (EASTER BREAKFAST) - Thank you to everyone who helped make our breakfast a success. Free will donations will support our fundraising efforts for the Youth Gathering.

SHOE BOX FOOD STAND (APRIL 7th)- Time to kick off the grilling season with brats, hot dogs and hamburgers at the **Shoe Box on April 7th, 10 - 5 pm**. Bake sale items will also be available to complete your meal. Thanks for supporting our youth who are fundraising to attend the Youth Gathering this summer.

BABY KIT DONATIONS NEEDED:

Our youth and members of Rebecca Circle are teaming together to collect and assemble the baby kits which will be sent to Lutheran World Relief this fall. Everyone is welcome to donate items. Items should be in good condition, clean and in infant sizes no larger than 36 months. Each month, we will focus on one/two items, so we have many kits to make on August 6th, during our Service Days. There is a bin in the Narthex for your donations.

APRIL - *Jackets or Sweaters with or without hoods*

MAY - *Cotton, lightweight T-shirts*

JUNE - *Baby Caps & Bath-size bars of gentle soap (individually wrapped)*

JULY - *Hand towels (dark colors)*

Each Baby Care Kit assembled for Lutheran World Relief contains four diapers. We are able to make some of those diapers from T-shirts. If you have T-shirts adult size Large or larger, we would appreciate receiving them to make diapers. You may drop them in the church office. If you have questions, please contact Ann Baumgartner at abaumgartner1@charter.net or 608-576-8214. Thank you for your contribution.

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

AGAPE

Springtime greetings from Agape!

As I type this month's newsletter, I am hearing of snow, rain and cold temperatures forecasted over the next few days. We are all hoping it is very short lived and we will be enjoying the first few days of spring very soon!! We are all ready for sunshine, warmer days, and lots of outside time!

When classes resume in April, after spring break from March 25 – 29, we will be enjoying many fun activities and projects about gardening, kites, wind, and bugs. The children will also learn about caterpillars and butterflies, by watching them spin their cocoons, hatch and then be released in May.

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is ongoing for both 3K and 4K classes. Please spread the word to family and friends who may be looking for preschool options. 3K enrollment forms are available on the website or can be picked up from me during preschool hours or by appointment. 4K enrollment is completed through the MHASD website.

Easter Blessings,
Amy Kellesvig

Upcoming calendar:

March 25 – March 29: Spring Break - No Preschool (3K, 4K or Toddler Time classes)

April 2: 4K AM & PM Classes & 3K Purple and Red classes resume

April 4: 3K Yellow class resume

April 5: Toddler Time resumes

May 17: Last Toddler Time Class

May 22: Last day 3K Red & Purple Class

May 24: Last day 3K Yellow Class

June 5: Last day 4K classes

COUNCIL NEWS

Greetings from the church council!

Recently, I was visiting with some folks after church and someone asked why we're recruiting greeters. At first, I was a little surprised to hear this question. But then, maybe it is surprising that we assign people to be friendly. Aren't we all just naturally nice to one another?

There are several reasons to reach out, share a greeting, and even get to know a little bit about each other. Letting everyone know they are welcome and valued is a response to God's love and mercy.

During our most recent council meetings, we have been discussing ideas about hospitality and becoming a more welcoming congregation. We read and discussed Romans chapter 12 which has much to say about hospitality. The verses in this chapter remind us that each of us is unique and has special talents to bring to the congregation and our community. We were reminded that Jesus offered himself for everyone and encouraged us to care for one another. One of the most interesting questions we discussed was to consider not only how we offer hospitality to others but how to receive hospitality that is extended to us.

I've certainly thought about how I extend hospitality but rarely do I consider how I receive it. Graciously receiving hospitality is one more way to show others the love of Jesus.

Now, I challenge you to think about hospitality. What are you doing now and what new actions can you take to give and accept hospitality? How can you walk beside others who are rejoicing or mourning? Can you reach out to those who are considered "lowly" or outcasts? Yes, we need greeters, but there are also many other needs in the congregation and the community. What work will you continue? Should you or can you do something else? I see the outpouring of Jesus' love all around us here at ELC. Keep up the great work of Christ!

Peace, Amy Sinner

COUNCIL NEWS cont.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please help the Church Directory committee by signing up as soon as possible for your directory picture. **For those members that haven't signed up by April 10th the committee will call to get you scheduled.** If you are not having your picture taken, we still need your updated information for our church records. Please email Dave at abaumgartner1@charter.net or call Dave at 608-576-8798 and let him know by 4/10/2024 that you are not having your picture taken. At that time, provide him with your current contact information, i.e. current address, contact phone numbers and email address. We need the correct information for our church records and the directory being published. (Email addresses will only be used for church records, they will not be published in the directory.)

Currently there are 138 time slots available for our church directory pictures and we currently have over 270 family units in our congregation. Once we have 80% of the 138 time slots scheduled by members, Universal Church Directories will provide more time slots to accommodate our needs.

May 1st thru 4th are the dates pictures will be taken for the directory at this time. To sign up:

1. Go to www.ucdir.com
2. Click on the box that says "photography appointment scheduling login"
3. Then enter church code **wi325** and password **photos** then press enter.
4. Then you can pick the day and time you want to have your picture taken. The available dates will show. Enter the required information.
5. Click the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family name.
6. Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your appointment.

Note: If you have more than six family members or are having a pet in your picture schedule two consecutive appointment times.

Please enter all the information to include phone number(s) and email address.

COUNCIL NEWS cont. NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you want your picture in the church directory and cannot physically come to ELC or you have other questions please contact Dave Baumgartner at 608-576-8798.

If you are receiving our newsletter and are not a member of ELC you can still sign up for a church directory picture. You are still part of our church family.

Pictures will be taken in the education area of our church. Please enter, for your picture, in the lower level doors (Agape entrance near elevator) and proceed to the second floor.

Thank You

TREASURER'S REPORT

Giving in February was close to expectations, but facility costs were high, due to snow removal (those snow storms seem like a distant memory) and quarterly office expenses. As a result, the general fund deficit for February was \$13,338. At the end of the month we had \$20,367 in assets against \$2,856 in outstanding liabilities, for a balance of \$17,541. We also received a large undesignated gift of \$5,000, which will be used to for lighting and painting in the sanctuary.

February expenses from the designated funds include \$3,225 for a new refrigerator, \$897 for youth, \$457 for the internship program, and \$60 for technology. Designated-fund income included \$1,900 in memorials for Dawn Kellesvig, \$450 for the kitchen, \$290 for music, \$230 for the internship program, \$187 for youth, \$50 for landscaping, \$20 for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, \$10 for Sunday school, and \$89 unspecified.

TREASURER'S REPORT cont.

BALANCE SHEET	2/29/24	1/31/24	12/31/23
General Fund	\$ 17,541	\$ 30,879	\$ 9,486
Building Capital Fund	\$ 21,913	\$ 15,858	\$ 10,271
Designated Funds	\$ 111,627	\$ 111,868	\$ 109,292
TOTAL	\$ 151,081	\$ 158,605	\$ 129,049

CASH FLOW	February 2024	YTD 2024
General Fund Income	\$ 28,687	\$ 81,559
General Fund Expenses		
Personnel	\$ 22,538	\$ 44,287
Mission and Outreach	\$ 1,917	\$ 3,834
Congregational Life	\$ 1,761	\$ 2,872
Facilities and Administration	\$ 15,809	\$ 22,510
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 42,025	\$ 73,503
Net General Fund Gain (Loss)	\$ (13,338)	\$ 8,056
Other Income		
Benevolence	\$ 1,258	\$ 3,332
Building Capital Fund	\$ 6,055	\$ 11,642
Designated Funds	\$ 3,227	\$ 8,017
Total Other Income	\$ 10,540	\$ 22,991
Other Expenses		
Benevolence	\$ 86	\$ 1,647
Building Capital Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Fund Expenses	\$ 4,639	\$ 7,367
Total Other Expenses	\$ 4,725	\$ 9,014
Net Gain (Loss) from Other Expenses	\$ 5,815	\$ 13,977
NET GAIN (LOSS)	\$ (7,523)	\$ 22,033

Respectfully submitted by Ben Brothers, March 8, 2024

BENEVOLENCE

RIC opens doors - to invite others in, and to venture out

Is it enough just to open our doors to everyone? Or are we bold and courageous enough to take that next step and not just invite people in, but venture out?

The Reconciliation in Christ (RIC) Committee has challenged itself – and our congregation – to live into the biblical calling to not just make ELC a welcoming place, but to show that we want to make a positive impact in the world around us. Especially among people who've either been excluded or not regularly present at our services.

Last year, RIC created opportunities for ELC members to hear the perspective of Rev. Javen Swanson, a gay man who fulfilled his dream of serving in the Lutheran clergy; participated in and provided dinner at the PFLAG march to show support for LGBTQ+ members of our community; visited Centro Hispano's market night in Madison; and attended graduation ceremonies hosted by the Latino Academy of Workforce Development.

Already in 2024, RIC organized a field trip of sorts to Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Madison to converse with and experience the dynamic preaching of Rev. Everett Mitchell in a truly multicultural congregation. And plans are in the works to again support PFLAG's annual march through Mount Horeb – to show solidarity with and support for members of that group through our presence, and through Carl Sieg's "well-done" work on the grill.

The Committee's work is guided by ELC's welcome statement, striving to open our hearts, minds, and congregation to those who have not always felt they had a voice or a place in the church. Contributions to RIC go to two places:

- **Creating** these opportunities to engage with the broader community and invite others in
- **Supporting** the national RIC organization, which inspires ELC and churches around the country to be the change they want to see in the world.

BENEVOLENCE cont.

There are many ways to support RIC's work. First and foremost is taking part in activities that RIC organizes, which build connections with people throughout our community and open our hearts and minds to other people's experiences. We also encourage you to pray for greater acceptance for those who've been ostracized or systematically excluded. And throughout April, we are accepting donations to further our ambitions through RIC. **You can contribute 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.

One last note: Please take a moment to view and reflect on the giving totals for our first two causes of the year. Wow. I've said many times that the generosity of this congregation never ceases to amaze me, and you've done it again.

On behalf of Benevolence,

Adam Mertz

adammerz2@gmail.com

BENEVOLENCE 2024 Missions

January: Divine Savior, our sister church in Puerto Rico - \$2074

February: Compassion International - \$1132

March: ELC youth programming

April: Reconciliation in Christ (RIC)

May: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

June: Solace Hospice, a new service for people of lesser means

July: ELCA international charity TBD, based on need

August: Felicia's Closet, helping domestic abuse victims rebound

September: Saba, International

October: Madison Area Jail Ministry

November: Accessible local health care: Our Lady of Hope and
Community Connections

December: Young Adults in Global Mission

PROPERTY

**It's Not: "April Flowers Bring May Flowers" ...
it's June Brings Renewal!!!**

Plans are being developed by your Property Ministry to enhance the walks into the church and to reveal the beauty of the sanctuary!

Intrigued?

- New concrete at the entrances
- New lighting in the sanctuary
- Pillars painted and walls refreshed in the sanctuary

The bulk of the work will be done the first three weeks of June.
This will require the Sunday service on June 9 to be held in Fellowship Hall.

Stay tuned for additional information!



TECHNOLOGY

****Volunteer Opportunity: Join Our Church Tech Team! ****

Are you tech-savvy and looking for a meaningful way to contribute to our church community? Don't worry you don't have to be, we can teach you! We invite you to join our tech team and help us create present engaging worship experiences during our services.

Role: As a tech booth volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to operate audio, video, and streaming equipment to support our services. Your role will be crucial in ensuring that our message reaches our congregation effectively. Our livestream is watched live by 15 to 20 viewers per weekend.

Responsibilities:

- Operating sound mixing boards
- Controlling video presentations
- Operate Streaming Computers
- Troubleshooting technical issues as they arise

Requirements:

- Basic understanding of audio and visual equipment is helpful but not necessary. (training will be provided)
- Willingness to learn and adapt
- Availability to serve during Sunday Services one to two times per month.

Benefits:

- Opportunity to use your technical skills and or develop some for a meaningful cause
- Connection with our church community and fellow volunteers

If you're interested in serving in our tech booth or have any questions, please reach out to Andy Mullendore or Bruce Meister (technology@elcmthoreb.org). We look forward to having you on our team and creating impactful worship experiences together!

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve with us.

The Tech Team

PRAYER list

PLEASE PRAY FOR Max Rosenbaum, Susan Koller, Warren Wilson, Tony (Farmer) Endres, Margaret Twiton, Paul & Lois Kerscher (Amy Thompson's parents), Paul Baum, Ingrid Hoerz, Dolores Kahl, Sara Kittleson, Terri Naylor (Dennis & Mary Lokken's daughter), John Scheele & family (Char Smith's Brother in Law) Linda Stoenner, Ken Rabideau (Helen Ladwig's Brother in Law), Nick O'Connell, Steve Mueller, Joyce Fargo, Alycen McKinney, Cara Mavis, Joan Schraepfer (Rita Schraepfer-Derke's Sister in Law), Todd Collins, Norm Hefty, Lincoln Kuhn, Mary Jane Ellis (friend of Bonny Kellogg), Bonnie Bender, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Delores Bryant, Makenzee Smith, 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 Memory of:

Vern Drape

Dave Field

Dawn Kellesvig

Shirley Thompson

Given By:

Jim & Cara Mavis

*Chris & Sandy Hook
Mary & Leo Humphrey
Ross & Sue Torkelson*

*Adam & Amy Mertz
Corey Cleary
Mary Curtis
Jim & Cara Mavis*

*Sheryl Kleppe
Eugene & Donna Everding*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on **Monday April 8th at 7pm** in the Matthew Room.

BABY CAPS MAKERS will meet **Tues., April 2 and 16, 9:30 am** in the Faith Room. We're making lavender colored ribbed caps for the month of April. Lavender is the color for Shaken Baby awareness. Contact ruthheinecke@gmail.com for information. Caps of all colors are always welcome, but contact Ruth to get the knitting pattern and guidelines used by the hospitals. All knitters are welcome!

SARAH CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, April 16th, 7 pm** in the Matthew Room. We will do the April Bible study from "Gather" magazine. This study is "Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith, Session 4 - Food" - starts on page 32 of the March/April Issue. 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.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on **Wednesday, April 17th at 10 am** at Homestead. We will still be discussing Chapter 7. Rita S-D will bring treats, Linda W. will do coffee and Jeannie will bring juice.

ELC SEWING GROUP We meet every **Thursday morning from 9:00 am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to see how those beautiful quilts are made, please stop by. We'll be happy to show you how it's done. We also invite anyone interested in joining our group for the fun of fellowship and working on this stewardship project. All equipment and supplies are provided so come as you are.

MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7 am on at **Sjolinds**. Contact Pastor John with questions.

JOIN US TO HONOR OUR SEASONED SAINTS

For over 20 years ELC has honored the ladies in the congregation who are reaching the age of 80 years during that year. Our Seasoned Saints have been role models for younger women at church. They have held offices on Church Council, taught Sunday School, served many, many meals, assisted with church services, sung in choir, served on various committees, and on and on.

It is a privilege to honor these ladies on **Saturday morning, May 11, at 9:30** with a light breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please join us by calling the church office today to make your reservation, 608-437-5012.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS cont.



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

**Nancy will be away from the office on Friday April 12th.
I'll be attending Grandparents day with our littles**

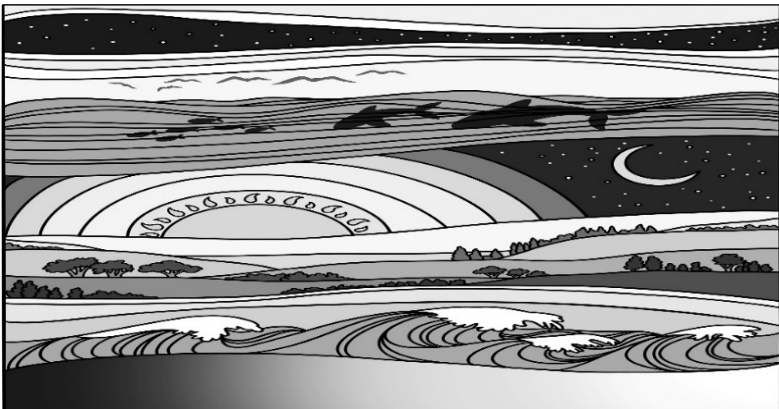
**STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY
Thursday, April 18th for the May issue.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Tuesday, April 23rd
to assemble the May newsletter. *Newcomers are welcome.*
The assembly process usually takes about 2 hours.
Please, come and enjoy the fellowship



ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING of the Barneveld Conference ELCA
South-Central Synod of Wisconsin at Perry Lutheran Church. **Saturday
April 6th.** Registration 8:30am. Worship and program at 9am.

EARTH DAY - April 22nd



Caring for God's Creation



GIVE HOPE THIS SPRING.

Give blood.



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

Fellowship Hall
315 East Main

Friday, April 19, 2024
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.

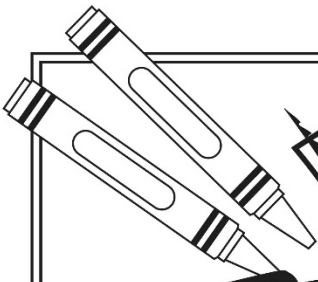
You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.

**Spring into action: Come give blood April 8-28 for a \$10
e-gift card to a merchant of your choice. PLUS,
automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$7,000
gift card, there will be two lucky winners! Terms apply:
rcblood.org/spring**

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PUZZLE

A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



The 5 1 18 20 8 is 20 8 5 12 15 18 4 19, and
5 22 5 18 25 20 8 9 14 7 9 14 9 20, the
23 15 18 12 4, and 1 12 12 23 8 15 12 9 22 5
9 14 9 20 16 19 1 12 13 24:1, NIV

Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it, Psalm 24:1, NIV



APRIL

Birthdays

1	Lauren Faust	11	Lynn Kitsemble	21	Hanna Errthum
	Ethan Frank		George Rothamer		Emma Pierick
	Timothy Geiger	12	Barry Larson	23	Maureen Cassady
	Jordyn Pasker		Lucy Lichte Czech		Natalie Hosgeth
	Linda Wahlgren		Donna Miller	24	John Huseth
	Paula Luhman	13	Ashley Lund		Alexandra Grundahl
		14	Brian Frank		Scott Johanning
2	Bekett Eisele		Brock Howe		Jill Knuteson
	Katie Gordon		Cade McKay		Dennis Lokken
	Abigail Sadler		Rachel Slaney		Conrad Schult
	Nicole Vesely		Sally Soltis	25	Preston Corrigan
4	Annalee Groves		Jonathan Winkler		Phyllis Murphy
	Adelynn Kelliher	15	Ingrid Erickson		Donald Williams
	Hannah Schulenberg	17	Keaton Little	26	Siobhan Mertz
5	Carl Sieg	18	Carol Engstad	27	John Rollins
6	Jean Bower		Gloria Foley		Andy Mullendore
	Maggie Stack		Geoffrey Krentz		Gabriel Sadler
	Andy Truman		Amy Shay	28	Ingrid Frank
7	Ann Baumgartner		Nathan Steinkl		Landon Kahl
	Blake Farnsworth		Sacha Tetzlaff		Nolan LaBorde
	Allison Farrell	19	Ilsa Gaulke		Rhonda Lund
	Cheryl Hanson		Brian Miller		Skylar Schulenberg
8	Noah Mullendore		Brighid Monahan	29	Jack Brager
	Sawyer Staplemann		Augustus Weber		Sandra Hammen
	Addison Turk	20	Sullivan Boettcher	30	Madeline Cook
9	Shelley Lichte		Sharon Collins		Jerry Thompson
10	Lincoln Bull		Robert Davis		
	Garrett Getz		Lindsay Hellenbrand		
			Graham Osterholz		

If we've missed you or a member of your family, or if we've listed your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

Thanks for all that you do in support of worship!

	APRIL 6 & 7	APRIL 13 & 14	APRIL 20 & 21	APRIL 27 & 28
ACOLYTES	<i>Sunday</i> Chase Collins Sam Grundahl	<i>Sunday</i> Landon Kahl Drake Ploessl	<i>Sunday</i> Josie Sailor Skylar Schulenberg	<i>Sunday</i> Vanessa Rameker Adelie Zwolaneck
COMM ASSIST	<i>Sunday</i> available	NC	<i>Sunday</i> available	NC
GREETERS	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
READERS	<i>Saturday</i> Kate Hook <i>Sunday</i> Debby Schneider	<i>Saturday</i> Paul Heinecke <i>Sunday</i> Barb Underwood	<i>Saturday</i> Ann Baumgartner <i>Sunday</i> Helen Kahl	<i>Saturday</i> Dawn Haag <i>Sunday</i> Jim Cook
USHERS	<i>Sunday</i> Jim Cook John Rosenbaum	<i>Sunday</i> Mary & Wayne Knudson	<i>Sunday</i> Dennis Lokken Irv Steinhauer	<i>Sunday</i> Doug Nesheim Gerald Stamm
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Lokken, Teresa Schult, Diane Twiton, Kirsten Edwards			
COUNCIL DUTIES	Mark Mostrom (sub April 6 th & 7 th) Amy Sinner			

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GREETER

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READER:

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