

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 4th & 5th

PLEASE PRAY FOR Bryan Greve, Dani Sue Schroeder, Siobhan Mertz, Greg Mueller (Steve's Brother), Jon Larson, Pauline Blum (Mary Meister's Aunt), Vern Schuetz (dear friend of Steve & Diane Mueller), Ruth Ann Nemet, Margaret Twiton, Paul & Lois Kerscher (Amy Thompson's parents), Paul Baum, 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), Steve Mueller, Joyce Fargo, Alycen McKinney, Cara Mavis, Joan Schraepfer (Rita Schraepfer-Derke's Sister in Law), Norm Hefty, Lincoln Kuhn, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Delores Bryant, Makenzee Smith, Brock Howe, Jeannie U'Ren, Mike Olson, Carol Johnson

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 am - 11 am - We will resume on January 5th. Youth, 3 years old - 8th grade, are invited to participate each week. Join us to experience the Bible stories through various engaging activities. We will begin weekly in the chapel.

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION 7 pm - 8:30 pm

- Jan 8th - Class resumes (Ten Commandments)
- Jan 15th - Bowling night at Norsk



ELC FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT - We will have a bowling night on **January 15th, 7 pm - 8:30 pm** at Norsk Bowl. Everyone is invited. Please bring \$5 per person. Pizza will be provided.

COLLECTING PLASTIC BAGS - We are collecting recycled plastic bags for our Family Night Service project in February. The bags will be used to make the 'Plarns', sleeping mats for the homeless. Please drop off in the tote in the Narthex.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

ELC COFFEE TIME (Resumes January 8) Everyone is welcome to join us Wednesdays at 9:30 am - 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. A great time to connect with our church family.



MEN'S BREAKFAST 

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 a.m. at Sjolind's Chocolate House, 219 E Main

ELC SEWING DAYS The Sewing Group set a goal of sending 175 Quilts to Lutheran World Relief in September 2025. Since October 1, we have made 50 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We also sent 19 quilts to North Carolina with Pete Walton.

Contributions of flat sheets and blankets (full size or larger) and large pieces of fabric keep us moving along at a fast pace. THANK YOU for all the donations. You make us more productive.

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY resumes after Sunday worship in January. Watch the bulletin for the next topics.

BABY CAP MAKERS will meet at 9:30 am on the 7th of January in the Faith Room. ruthheinecke@gmail.com.

ANNUAL USHER'S MEETING The annual meeting of Usher Teams will be held on **Saturday, January 11, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. Members of all usher teams are highly encouraged to attend, as we will be reviewing the schedule for the 2025 calendar year. Congregants who are interested in serving as ushers, or who would just like to learn what's happening on that front, are also encouraged to attend! To learn more about ushering, feel free to contact Jim Cook (608-960-3314 or mthorebcubfan@gmail.com)

2025 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE NARTHEX.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS Cont.

Thank you, Brian!

Come Gather on Sunday, January 12th, 2025 to share a meal with our longtime custodian and friend, Brian Johnson who has decided to hang up the broom after 35 years of service at ELC! Brunch Potluck will be served starting at 10:30 AM. If your last name ends with A-I, please bring a brunch type hot dish, name ends with J-Q please bring an appetizer or salad and if your name ends with R-Z please bring a baked good or dessert. Remember whatever you bring, you get to take home the leftovers! Drop off food in the kitchen before the 9:00 AM service. Servers will keep things hot or cold and set the meal out for all to enjoy! Please let's all extend a gracious **THANK YOU to Brian** for his years of dedicated service to our church and community!

BOOK CLUB

Have you noticed that things are starting to look a little different in the church library? The RIC committee applied and was awarded a generous grant from the Mt Horeb Community Foundation. This grant will pay for new books. Work has already begun to update the library.

Outdated titles have been removed to make way for new materials. Stocking of new books has already started and will continue throughout the coming months.

With this in mind, we're hoping to start a new book club. Please consider joining us. The first meeting will be on Sunday January 19th after the worship service. We'll talk about when and how often to meet and books to discuss.

ELC DIRECTORIES are now available and ready to be picked up in the church narthex!

We have one box of labeled directories for those who had their photo taken or submitted a photo. Please take the directory with your name on it.

The second box is for those who did not have your picture taken or submitted and still want a directory "please take one from the unlabeled box". PLEASE take only one directory per family unit.

Thank You.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

| | <i>This Week January 4th & 5th</i> | <i>Next Week January 11th & 12th</i> |
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| ACOLYTES | Sunday Ellie Woolard Lucas High | Sunday Eva Larson Jacey Morin |
| COMMUNION ASSIST | Sunday Diane Bartz Linda Wahlgren Kim Kelliher | Sunday No Communion |
| READERS | Saturday Available Sunday Ben Brothers | Saturday Ann Baumgartner Sunday Diane Bartz |
| USHERS | Sunday Jim & Shannon Hadac | Sunday Jim Cook John Rosenbaum |
| NURSERY | Open but Not Staffed -Located across from the library. | |
| ALTAR GUILD | January - Cathie Field, Sara Hellenbrand, Laura Miller, Sharon Schiefelbein, Amy Kellesvig | |
| COUNCIL DUTIES | January - Mark Mostrom | |

SAVE THE DATE: LEAD 2025!

The 2025 LEAD Conference will be on **Saturday, February 22** at The Grove (North Heights Lutheran Church).

LEAD is a day of learning for rostered and lay leaders, featuring a keynote speaker, workshops, lunch, and time for fellowship and networking. The conference is open to anyone with a heart for Jesus and a passion for learning! **Registration opens on January 2!**