

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 10th & 11th

PLEASE PRAY FOR Brian Johnson, Bryan Greve, Dani Sue Schroeder, Siobhan Mertz, Jon Larson, Pauline Blum (Mary Meister's Aunt), Ruth Ann Nemet, Paul & Lois Kerscher (Amy Thompson's parents), Paul Baum, Dolores Kahl, Sara Kittleson, John Scheele & family (Char Smith's Brother in Law) Linda Stoenner, Ken Rabideau (Helen Ladwig's Brother in Law), 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), Makenzee Smith, Brock Howe, Jeannie U'Ren, Mike Olson, Carol Johnson

CONGRATULATIONS to Landon Allen Sherven and his parents Dan and Mikaela on the occasion of Landon's baptism. Landon's sponsors are Jamie Blizzard & Shannon Hadac. We are grateful to be a part of Landon's faith journey.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 am - 11 am – Youth, 3 years old - 8th grade, are invited to participate each week. We will begin weekly in the chapel. **Last day of Sunday School class – May 18th.**

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Jody Morey for her dedication to our Blanket Ministry. She carefully selects and donates many unique blankets each year that our seniors' treasure as a gift from ELC. Many thanks to the many hands who help to tie these special blankets each year. Much love goes into this ministry.

EARLY RELEASE CHILDCARE - May 12th, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Join us at ELC during the school's Early Release Day (Children 3 yrs - 8th graders) We will have various opportunities: games, outdoor time, crafts, service project, and snacks.

High school students can help and earn silver cord hours.

Donation: \$10 per child and \$5 for additional children (family rate).

Sign up with the link/QR code

<https://forms.gle/f7hawVFHW5EdB4d2A>



Early Release Childcare

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

May 14 - End of the Year Picnic at 6 PM. We will provide brats & hot dogs. Please bring a dish if you are able: 8th grade - Dessert; 7th grade - Side Dish. Families are invited to attend.

FUSE NIGHT - May 18th at 7 - 8:30 pm - High schoolers are welcome to join our youth group at Icki Sticki for games and treats! Celebrating the end of the school year. Friends are welcome to attend.



NEEDS FOR VBS/DAY CAMP - To have a successful VBS/DAY CAMP week, we are in need of adult teachers & youth helpers for June 23rd - 26th. Contact Brenda, if you are interested in helping.

2025 YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

DAY CAMP/VBS WEEK AT ELC - June 23-26

(Join us for Bible time, songs, games, snacks & lots of fun)

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

ELC
VBS/DAY CAMP
REGISTRATION



REGISTER: <https://forms.gle/aUMc2hzs9ipyfELX7>

(SPECIAL TRIP -One day to Sugar Creek on June 26th for 1st - 5th)

CONFIRMATION CAMP - June 15th or July 20th week, 7th & 8th graders will attend Confirmation Camp at Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

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

ELC is paying \$300 towards the registration fee for campers (Use the GHRID: ELCMTH when registering.)

GIVE/LOVE/SERVE (Local Service Week) - July 14, 15 and 16, 2025

Middle - High school youth are invited to our local service week. Many opportunities for youth to provide service in our community. High school students can earn Silver Cord hours.

REGISTER: <https://forms.gle/DuANahSt4Nc3eiC19>

GIVE LOVE SERVE
Registration



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP - There is still time to register for summer camp. ELC of Mt Horeb will help with camp costs, by giving each camper \$300 towards their camping week. If additional scholarships are needed, please contact Brenda or Pastor John. We want everyone to attend camp this summer. <https://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/enroll-now/>

BABY KIT DONATIONS NEEDED:

We are getting very close to our goal of making 100 baby kits in July. To complete our goal, we need: **27 T-Shirts and 30 individual soaps.** We continue to collect all the items needed. A complete list of baby items is in the May newsletter and there is a handout in the Narthex. T-shirts are always needed for diapers. Place items in the bins in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone who has donated.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

FARMER'S MARKET on the front lawn of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for summer 2025! All markets run 3:00pm - 6:30pm on Thursdays.

ELC COFFEE TIME - Everyone is welcome to join us Wednesdays at 9:30 am - 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. A great time to connect.



MEN'S BREAKFAST



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

ELC SEWING DAYS We meet every Thursday morning from 9:00 am to Noon in Fellowship Hall.

THE RIC AND SOCIAL ACTION committees are working to restock the library with books that align with our Welcome Statement. If you have suggestions for books or authors, please share those suggestions with Sarah Sieg at cssmm5@aol.com or Kimberly Sailor at Kimberly.raschka@gmail.com.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Monday, May 12th at 7 pm in Matthew.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

Hello everyone! I confess I missed my monthly Steeple Echoes article and so I thought I'd add one now! For me, a book group is a wonderful form of Spiritual Growth and Fellowship!

Our group began a couple of months ago and is now on the second book. We started with "Everything Happens for a Reason And Other Lies I've Loved". By Kate Bowler. The book is about her cancer journey, including all the emotions that come along with that. It's an honest, candid and sometimes laugh out loud look at life and all its aspects. We learn of her experience with the Prosperity Gospel as well.

Our current book is "the Book of Hope" by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams. The book talks about what hope is and Jane's 4 reasons for being hopeful. In her 90s, she still travels and speaks around the world as a messenger of hope. What makes you hopeful?

Our discussions have been meaningful and thought provoking so far and I imagine that is likely to continue! We have had about 10-15 participants so far -the more the merrier! I find it's a fun way to learn more about each other and all we share as humans, both through the books, as well as our common beliefs and experiences.

Huge thanks to Amy Sinner for getting this going and to Dianne Hirsch for pitching in and leading our discussions! Our next meeting will be after church on a Sunday in May -keep an eye out for the date- and I believe we'll talk about the first 75 or so pages of The Book of Hope. I'm finding Jane is a most amazing person!

Hugs,
Chris C.



GENERAL FUND AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES \$7,358
GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR LAST WEEK \$6,476

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SAT 5/03 - 22
 SUN 5/04 - 126

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	<i>This Week May 10th & 11th</i>	<i>Next Week May 17th & 18th</i>
ACOLYTES	<i>Sunday</i> Leah & Logan Aeschlimann	<i>Sunday</i>
COMM ASSIST	<i>Sunday</i> No Communion	<i>Sunday-Worship Through Music</i> No Communion
READERS	<i>Saturday</i> Ann Baumgartner (sub) <i>Sunday</i> Paula Van Ooyen	<i>Saturday</i> Ann Baumgartner <i>Sunday</i> Jim Cook
USHERS	<i>Sunday</i> Carol & John Nielsen	<i>Sunday</i> Betsy Baguhn Jody Morey
NURSERY	Open but Not Staffed -Located across from the library.	
ALTAR GUILD	<i>May</i> - Cathie Field, Sara Hellenbrand, Laura Miller, Sharon Schiefelbein, Amy Kellesvig	
COUNCIL DUTIES	<i>May</i> - Matt Anderson	

Please join us for a Retirement Celebration!

*After almost 19 years of pastoral care and devotion
it's time to CELEBRATE Pastor John's retirement*

June 1st, 2025!

*Worship service starts at 10:00 AM
followed by a potluck in the church's
fellowship hall.*

*If your last name begins with A-I please bring an appetizer or
salad, if your last name begins with J-Q please bring a dessert
and if your last name begins with R-Z please bring a hot dish
or sandwiches. Remember whatever you bring, you get to take
home the leftovers!*

*If you have a dish that needs to be baked, please do that at home.
We have limited oven space but we can keep things warm/hot!*

*Drop off food in the kitchen before the 10:00 AM service.
Servers will keep things hot or cold
and will set the meal out for all to enjoy!*

*Please let us shower Pastor John
with our gratitude and thanks for his years of
dedicated service to our church and community!*

Happy Mother's Day

My mother kept a garden, a garden of the heart. She planted all the good things that gave my life its start. She turned me to the sunshine and encouraged me to dream, fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem. And when the winds and rains came she protected me enough, but not too much because she knew I needed to grow strong and tough. Her constant good example always taught me right from wrong. Markers for my pathway that will last a lifetime long. I am my mother's garden. I am her legacy and I hope today she feels the love reflected back from me.

