

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 17th & 18th

PLEASE PRAY FOR Duane Miller, Brian Johnson, Bryan Greve, Dani Sue Schroeder, 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

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES to the Powell family for the loss of Marc's mom Mary who passed away on Friday, May 9th. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL (May 18th) 10:15 am - 11 am – Join us for fun activities to celebrate the end of the school year.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS - Thank you to our many Sunday School leaders/helpers and our Confirmation small group guides. We appreciate your dedication to guiding our youth as they grow in their faith.

SPECIAL THANK YOU - Today, we celebrate the dedication that Gail Huseth has shown volunteering for our Sunday School program for 50 years. She has cared for so many young people at ELC. There are blank cards available in the Narthex, if anyone would like to write a message to Gail. Thank you, Gail!

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



REGISTER: <https://forms.gle/aUMc2hzs9jpyfELX7>

(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.

GIVE LOVE SERVE
Registration



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

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: **26 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.

FROLIC PARADE - ELC has an entry! Everyone is welcome to walk with ELC during the Frolic parade on June 15th at 12:00 pm. Great time together! Please let Brenda know if you can walk with us.

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.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, May 20th in the Matthew Room at 7 pm. We will work through the devotional "Receiving the Spirit's Flame" starting on page 44 of the "Gather" Magazine. This is from the March/April/May issue of the publication. Always welcoming new faces and those we haven't seen lately too. If you need help locating the Bible study materials you can email Connie Curran at this address: curranconnie@hotmail.com.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet May 21st and go to lunch. Meet in parking lot at ELC at 10:45 am and we will car pool to Paddy Macs with reservations at 11:00. Let Helen K. know if you are coming by May 15th.



GENERAL FUND AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$7,358
GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR LAST WEEK	\$8,570
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	SAT 5/10- 15
	SUN 5/11 - 210

STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Thursday, May 22nd for the June issue. Please submit articles by noon. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Tuesday, May 27th at 9am to assemble the June newsletter. *Newcomers are welcome.* The assembly process usually takes about 2 hours. Please, come and enjoy the fellowship!



The Church Office will be closed on Monday May 26th in observance of memorial day.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	<i>This Week May 17th & 18th</i>	<i>Next Week May 24th & 25th</i>
ACOLYTES	<i>Sunday</i> John Henry Lee Colby Johanning	<i>Sunday</i> Brooklyn Kreul Scarlett Ploessl
COMM ASSIST	<i>Saturday -Communion</i> <i>Sunday-Worship Through Music</i> No Communion	<i>Sunday</i> No Communion
READERS	<i>Saturday</i> Bonny Kellogg <i>Sunday</i> Jim Cook	<i>Saturday</i> Available <i>Sunday</i> Paula Van Ooyen
USHERS	<i>Sunday</i> Betsy Baguhn Jody Morey	<i>Sunday</i> John Rosenbaum Matt Anderson
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	

Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.

- Martin Luther

I'm looking for volunteers to help with Pastor John's retirement celebration on June 1st!

- Need volunteers to set up the night before, and will use the extra Sunday school rooms for overflow. 6:00 PM or whatever works for people. IF you have a specific time, let me know so I can coordinate!
- Need assistants for accepting food as it comes into the church kitchen and plating the desserts. 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM
- Need help taking food out to tables for people to serve themselves and to replenish those tables. Close to when church service is over.
- Need Kitchen crew to clean up. 11:30ish

Please email me diannehirsch60@gmail.com if you can help and what shift you'd like to take.

Thank You!

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!*