

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 16th & 17th

PLEASE PRAY FOR Catherine Ivy, Brian Johnson, Bryan Greve, Dani Sue Schroeder, 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, 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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

9th GRADE CONFIRMATION:

- **Thursday, August 28th, 8:25 am - 2:30 pm.** Our 9th graders will experience the Challenge Courses at Bethel Horizons. Please bring a bag lunch. We will leave at 8:25 am from ELC. Return at 2:30 pm.
- **Tuesday, Sept 2nd, 7:00 - 8:00 pm** - 9th Grade Confirmation Gathering with parents and 9th grade youth in Fellowship Hall.

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION:

- **Wednesday, Sept 3rd, 6:00 - 7:30 pm** 7th/8th grade Confirmation Fall Kick Off for parents and youth
- **Wednesday, Sept 10th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm** Weekly confirmation classes begin for 7th/8th graders

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY - Sept 14th, 10:15 - 11 am - First Day of Sunday School. Youth, 3 yr old - 8th grade, will experience a bouncy castle, crafts and games to start our year. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION GUIDES NEEDED: Each year, we ask parents or other adult members to assist with our Confirmation program, as adult guides, on Wednesday evenings. Our guides meet with a small group of students each week to share discussion about the topic for the week, and to listen to their concerns, hopes, and joys. You don't need to be a Bible expert or 'super Christian', just be willing to care about these young people and share in their journey of faith. If interested, please talk to Brenda.

INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL?

For Sunday School each week, we have teachers and helpers who guide our children through a Bible story, craft and games. No planning time needed. All supplies are ready each week for each class. Other opportunities to help would be with our service opportunities, Christmas program, preparing materials, and/or providing snacks. If interested, please email brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES: With many of our young adults moving this fall, we are updating our contact information for college students of ELC. Please use the link or the QR code. For those attending UW Madison, UW Whitewater and UW Platteville, we share names and contacts with Lutheran Campus Ministry. They reach out to them, to help them with their faith journey.

<https://forms.gle/L5zG8jocro1NTBPa7>

COLLEGE
ADDRESSES



BUCKY BOOKS COMING SOON - Bucky Books will be available Sept 1st! Pick up a copy after worship, contact a high school youth or Brenda. Each book sells for \$35.00. Don't miss out on the new books and their amazing offers. Thanks for supporting our youth.

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

**The Community Supper is on
Tuesday, August 19th,**

**We will be serving in person!
Takeout Meals will also be available.
Reservations are required to help us serve you better.**

Blackhawk Church Community Group

Will be serving,

Chicken Spinach Alfredo,

Salad & Dessert.

**Reserve an in-person or takeout meal by calling,
Susan at (608-437-5765) or
Dee at (608-437-4576)
By Saturday, August 16th,**

Join us at the Senior Center on August 19th, from 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm

BLOOD DRIVE Friday, August 29th from 12:30-5:30pm @ ELC in Fellowship Hall.

BABY CAPS -Are you interested in knitting or crocheting baby caps for Unity Point Meriter hospital? The need is great; an average of 450-500 babies are born there every month! Meriter provides us with yarn and patterns. During the school year, our group of crafty workers meets the first and third Tuesday of the month 9:30-11am in the Faith Room. We have fun sharing stories and craft ideas. ***Our first meetings this fall will be Sept 2 and 16th.*** Contact ruthheinecke@gmail.com or 608-444-4949 for more information.

CALL COMMITTEE

In accordance with our church's Constitution, we are pleased to announce the Call Committee within 60 days of a pastor's departure. The Council has selected the following 9 volunteers: Eric Albrecht, Gary Hastings, Jeff Hook, Amy Kellesvig, Adam Mertz, Vicky Rosenbaum, Sarah Sieg, Elizabeth Troge, and Serena Vondra.

The ONLY requirement our current Constitution requires for a Call Committee participant is the person be a "voting member".

Call Committee duties: The call committee has one purpose and goal-they take the ministry site profile that's been created and approved by council and congregation, prepare their questions for interviewing, do a mock interview, and then begin interviewing candidates when available.

The call committee's work is unlikely to begin until next year, as a result we are seeking 2 alternates to join the committee. Alternates will participate in meetings and interviews but will not have a vote unless they replace an original member.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Dianne Hirsch, Council President, at [dehirsch60@gmail.com].

HELP US SHAPE OUR CONSTITUTION: Join the Review Team!

As part of our ongoing transition process, we are forming a small subcommittee to review our current congregational constitution alongside the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations. This work is essential, as **a congregation's constitution serves as its governing document...**providing structure, clarity, and accountability for how we function together as the body of Christ. It is vital that we uphold it, update it, and recognize its importance as we move forward.

This group will prayerfully and thoughtfully identify areas for revision, clarification, or alignment, and bring recommendations forward to our Congregation Council, Transition Team, Interim Pastor, and ultimately, to you, the congregation.

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We are seeking 3–4 individuals to serve on this team who bring:

- A love for the church and a commitment to its future
- A detail-oriented mindset (bonus if you enjoy reading fine print!)
- Respect for structure and process, balanced with a spirit of collaboration
- The ability to work **and** communicate clearly
- Experience with governance, legal documents, or previous council/committee work is helpful but not required

If this sounds like you or someone you'd recommend.... please contact:

Dianne Hirsch at dehirsch60@gmail.com

Thank you for considering this important work as we prepare for the next faithful chapter in our congregation's life together.

ELC Church Custodian Job Posting

Part time ELC church custodian wanted. This position will call for 15 to 20 hours per 2-week pay period. Compensation will be commensurate with experience. The custodian is responsible for the appearance and cleanliness of the church building as well as light maintenance. This position calls for the ability to perform physical tasks such as bending, stooping, kneeling, lifting and climbing ladders. Duties include but are not limited to general cleaning, sweeping, mopping, vacuuming floors, emptying trash, and arranging tables and chairs in the fellowship hall to support church and community activities as needed. Maintenance requirements include changing light bulbs and furnace filters. The custodian will also monitor church systems such as the heating, cooling and electrical systems and report problems to the church office staff. Interested applicants should contact the church office to get a job application form.

SCHOOL KITS:

Thanks to every one for the donations to Lutheran World Relief. We have enough supplies so far for 51 complete kits.

Still needed:

240	<i>Note books</i>	285	<i>Pens</i>
26	<i>Erasers</i>	29	<i>Rulers</i>
136	<i>Pencils</i>	49	<i>Scissors</i>
38	<i>Pencil Sharpeners</i>	38	<i>Crayons</i>

There is a collection bin in the Narthex. Neighbors Helping Neighbors is taking cash donations instead this year. Please, make checks payable to:
Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th

Worship at 9:00AM

Sunday School from 10:15AM to 11:00AM / Adult Coffee time / Meet and Greet

11:00AM in Sanctuary with Pastor Karen and Marie Leafblad (so, Sunday School staff can also hear the message)

Join us as we hear Pastor Karen and Marie Leafblad from our Synod office share ELC's updates. They will share the future plans for our congregation, and explain the role of the Transition Team and Call Committee and answer any of your questions.

Following the ELC updates, we will join together for a POTLUCK in Fellowship Hall. Those with the last name beginning with A-I please bring a dessert, those with last name beginning with J-Q please bring a hot dish and those with last names beginning with R-Z please bring an appetizer or salad. Continued prayers as we continue our faith journey together



Summer Hours Monday – Friday 9am -Noon

STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Thursday, August 21st for the September issue of the newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Tuesday, August 26th at 9am to assemble the newsletter. *Newcomers are welcome.* The assembly process usually takes about 2 hours. Please, come and enjoy the fellowship!



GENERAL FUND AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$7,358
GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR LAST WEEK	\$7,052

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

SAT 18 SUN 80

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	<i>This Week August 16th & 17th</i>	<i>Next Week August 23rd & 24th</i>
ACOLYTES	Sunday-9 am worship Hannah Schulenberg Brooklyn Kreul	Sunday 9 am worship Scarlett Ploessl Evelyn Rameker
COMM ASSIST	Sunday-9 am worship Kim Kelliher Available Available	Sunday 9 am worship No Communion
READERS	Saturday 5 pm worship Bonny Kellogg Sunday 9 am worship Ben Brothers	Saturday 5 pm worship Ann Baumgartner Sunday 9 am worship Barb Underwood
USHERS	Sunday 9 am worship John & Carol Nielsen	Sunday 9 am worship Betsy Baguhn Jody Morey
NURSERY	Open but Not Staffed -Located across from the library.	
ALTAR GUILD	August -Kerstin Edwards, Mary Lokken, Teresa Schult, Caylen Kahl	
COUNCIL DUTIES	August -Andy Mullendore	