

# **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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/](http://www.elcmthoreb.org/home/worship/sermon-archive/)

## **ELC'S STAFF**

**Accompanists:** Ruth Heinecke, Barb Underwood

**Agape Preschool Director:** Amy Kellesvig

**Bell Choir Director:** Kristin Willcutt

**Custodian:** Jeremy Kahl

**Junior Choir Director:** Barb Underwood

**Music Team Leader:** Barb and Chris Underwood

**Office Manager:** Nancy Voss

**Organist/Senior Choir Director:** Diane Dangerfield

**Pastor:** Karen Hofstad

**Youth Director:** Brenda Martin

# A NOTE FROM PK

Let me begin by saying how excited and blessed I feel to serve in this setting and in the important work of discernment you are entering into. In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to getting to know each of you... listening to your stories and learning from you... walking and working with you in this time of transition between called pastors.

As we begin our time together, let me tell you a little bit about myself:

- I grew up in Bemidji, MN, and I love all that the great north woods (and many lakes) have to offer. And yes, I am a Vikings fan (I hope you won't hold this against me).
- I am a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (1986, BA, Biology, with minors in Chemistry and Psychology), Minnesota State University, Moorhead, MN (1995, MS, Counseling and Student Affairs) and Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA (2006, MDiv).
- I did my internship at Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church, Osseo, WI. As a pastor I have served at St. John's Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, Augustana Lutheran Church, Cumberland, WI, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Baraboo, WI.
- Fall and winter are my favorite seasons, so I am looking forward to cooler temperatures, colored leaves, and all that comes with the change of seasons.
- Family and friends are very important to me. Most of my travel involves reconnecting with these people who form my network of support, accountability, and encouragement.
- I am 50% Norwegian and 50% Swedish ("the best of both" my grandparents used to say). And yes, I do like lutefisk and lefsa and most of the traditional Scandinavian "goodies."
- I am NOT a morning person - especially before I've had my first cup (or two) of good strong dark coffee.

Over time, you will learn more about me. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Now, back to you:

- Why are you a part of ELC? What role do you play in the ministry of ELC?

## A NOTE FROM PK Cont.

- What are your hopes for ELC's ministry as you move forward and call a new pastor?
- What in your congregational history has shaped who you are today?
- What makes ELC unique and needed in the Mt. Horeb community?
- What is God calling you, as a congregation, to *be* and *do* in *this* place and time?
- What are you willing to *let go of* in order to be the church God wants and/or needs you to be today?
- What are you willing to *risk* for the sake of God's mission?

These are the kinds of questions we will be in conversation about in the coming weeks and months. I hope you will be willing to engage in conversations... to listen to each other's thoughts and perspectives (your dreams and hopes as well as your frustrations and/or concerns) ... to remember, together, where ELC has been... to assess where you are now... to discern and vision what the future might hold for you. I look forward to the “unfolding” of the year ahead - to our conversations and learning together... to what God has in store for us!

Grace and peace to you all... *Pastor Karen Hofstad*

# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

## 9th GRADE CONFIRMATION -

- **Sept 2nd, 7:00 - 8:00 pm** - 9th Grade Confirmation youth will gather with parents in Fellowship Hall. We will share updates on their preparations for Confirmation. Bring photos and a draft of their faith statement.
- **Sept 14th at 4 pm - 5 pm** - youth and parents gather at the Gunderson Camacho Funeral Home, 500 N. 8th Street, Mt. Horeb, for a discussion of how we, as Christians, deal with death, grieving, and the promise of the resurrection.
- **Sunday, September 28th, 11:00 am - 1:30 p.m.**, youth will gather in the Fellowship Hall to create their stole they'll wear for Confirmation, work on their final drafts of the three requirements, and prepare for their interviews with the Congregational Council.

**7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION KICK OFF - Wednesday, September 3rd, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** We will be having our 'Kick-Off' to Confirmation outside on the ELC front lawn with students and their parents. We will provide brats & hot dogs. Please bring a dish if you are able: **7th grade -Dessert; 8th grade - Side Dish.** Welcome to invite friends to join us for confirmation.

**TO REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION** - 7th & 8th graders, please use the link below or QR code to register.

Confirmation meets weekly on Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. (7 pm start time begins Sept 10th)

<https://forms.gle/egewr2q11EAtGoXeA>

CONFIRMATION  
REGISTRATION  
7th & 8th



**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.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS Cont.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY-** We are kicking off our Sunday School year on **Sept 14th, 10:15 am - 11:00 am**. We will have a bouncy castle, popcorn, crafts and games to celebrate our first day back. Youth, who are 3 years old - 8th grade are invited to participate each Sunday. Join us to hear Bible stories, music, play games, create crafts, and enjoy snacks.

**REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Follow this link or QR code:  
<https://forms.gle/AAbtEkniJQ9DNQLA7>

## 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](mailto:brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org).

Sunday School  
Registration



**COLLEGE ADDRESSES:** 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.

COLLEGE  
ADDRESSES



<https://forms.gle/L5zG8jocro1NTBPaz>



**FUSE SCAVENGER HUNT** - 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group on **Sunday, Sept 21st at 7 pm** for a **Goosechase scavenger hunt** and have a **campfire with smores**. Let's start the school year off with faith and fellowship. Invite your friends!

**BUCKY BOOKS -FOR SALE** - Bucky Books are available Sept 1st! Pick up a copy after worship. Each book sells for \$35.00. Don't miss out on the new books and their amazing offers. Thanks for supporting our youth.



**Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director**  
[brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org](mailto:brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org)

# AGAPE

A back to school welcome from Agape!

Summer has flown by, and I hope you have all had an enjoyable one! The teaching staff are all returning this fall minus our beloved music teacher, Wendy Rasmussen. She has decided to retire after 23 amazing years of service and dedication to the preschool and so many children. We will miss her wonderful musical talents and wish her well in her retirement journey!

The teachers and I have been preparing for the new school year by cleaning, organizing, and planning. Our 4K students will begin on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3K students will start the following Tuesday, September 9th. We have a wonderful mix of new and returning families. I am looking forward to all the fun we will have learning and playing together throughout the school year.

We welcome donations to support students needing financial aid. Please reach out to me if you would like to sponsor a family to help them attend preschool and start out their early education with an amazing foundation.

Best wishes to all of you,

Amy Kellesvig  
Agape Director  
[agapekids@mhtc.net](mailto:agapekids@mhtc.net)  
608-437-7100



**Agape**  
Christian Preschool

# TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET	7/31/2025	6/30/2025	12/31/2024
General Fund	7,120	10,202	35,757
Building Capital Fund	16,561	12,279	26,603
Mortgage Designated Fund	10,384	0	0
Other Designated Funds	113,263	124,926	78,674
Mortgage	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>147,328</b>	<b>147,407</b>	<b>141,034</b>

CASH FLOW	July 2025	2025 YTD
General Fund Income	23,661	187,164
Transfers		6,000
General Fund Expenses		
Mission and Outreach	1,834	14,287
Personnel	9,995	137,625
Congregational Life	2,619	13,141
Facilities and Administration	12,381	56,748
Total General Fund Expenses	26,829	221,801
Net General Fund Gain (Loss)	(3,168)	(28,637)
Other Income		
Building Capital Fund	6,278	27,201
Designated Funds	2,276	60,618
Total Other Income	8,554	87,819
Other Expenses		
Building Capital Fund	1,995	37,243
Designated Funds	3,275	9,644
Transfers		6,000
Total Other Expenses	5,270	52,887
Net Gain (Loss) from Other Expenses	3,284	34,932
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS)</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>6,295</b>

# TREASURER’S REPORT Cont.

BUDGET TRACKING	2025 YTD	2025 vs Budget	2025 vs 2024
General Fund Income	187,164	(37,891)	(38,549)
General Fund Expenses			
Mission and Outreach	14,287	(240)	(469)
Personnel	137,625	(5,430)	(21,395)
Congregational Life	13,141	932	4,294
Facilities and Administration	56,748	4,089	2,194
Total General Fund Expenses	221,801	(648)	(15,376)

General fund income of \$23,661 was less than our general fund expenses of \$26,829, resulting in a monthly loss of \$3,168. At month’s end we had \$10,384 in assets against \$3,228 in liabilities for a general fund balance of \$7,120. The main reason for the shortfall is lower than expected giving. Although expenses are running slightly under budget, income is \$37,891 less than projected, and \$38,549 less than at this point in 2024.

The asbestos-remediation prelude to the electrical and boiler work has been completed. The \$1,995 was paid from the building capital fund. We expect to use the rest of Rose Klir’s estate gift to cover the upcoming roof repair, and roughly the first \$15,000 in expenses for the electrical work. The remainder of the expenses will come from the \$150,000 line of mortgage credit. We will begin accruing interest on that mortgage only when we withdraw from it. When the work is finished, the loan will be recast into a traditional principal + interest loan where the principal is the outstanding amount we used, potentially less than \$150,000.

We’ve created a new designated fund from which we’ll withdraw our mortgage payments, and to which folks can donate online. A generous \$10,000 donation was given to help with this project, which had been kept temporarily in the unspecified designated fund.

Benevolence for July raised \$571 for the Literacy Network, and \$63 for Divine Savior. Other designated income included \$662 for the mortgage, \$345 for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, \$300 for the kitchen, \$187 for youth, \$25 for music, and \$132 unspecified. Designated fund expenses included \$1,334 for youth, \$1,349 for benevolence programs, \$288 for RIC, \$278 in mortgage origination fees, for summer camp, \$125 for RIC, \$180 for the kitchen, and \$25 miscellaneous.

Respectfully submitted by Ben Brothers, August 4, 2025.



# BENEVOLENCE

## Another potential partner for Saba, International

Those of you who have followed Saba, International for a long time probably know that the name of this amazing organization stems from the Hebrew word meaning to fill, up to overflowing.

For the past 16 years, Saba has lived into that mission with humility and sincerity, lifting up thousands of kids in East Africa. They have three longtime partners – New Dawn, Bethel Kibera School and The Nest – which provide educational, emotional and spiritual support to children growing up in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. They also support The Hunter Initiative, which provides software development training to youth from low-income backgrounds,

Tim and Cathy Woller started Saba, International in 2009 after their three-year residence in Kenya, where he was stationed as an Air Force attaché. Now, they are weighing whether to bring another partner into their fold – Royal Child Academy.

“It’s our newest interest in Nairobi that God has exposed us to,” Cathy writes. “We are currently praying about sponsoring this primary school.”

ELC has supported Saba, International throughout our 13-year run with Benevolence, providing financial support and prayers for their life-changing work. We will welcome the Wollers to ELC to share their story, and this potential next step in their journey, at services the weekend of Sept. 13-14.

“Our emphasis will be about how God is always at work and calling us to new things, asking us to trust him as we explore new territory and opportunities!” Cathy adds.

To financially support Saba, International, you can make donations throughout September by:

- **Mail:** Send a check to ELC and note “Benevolence” in the memo
- **Online:** Visit the ELC website and click “Give”
- **Digitally:** Digitally: Download the **VANCO MOBIL FAITH ENGAGEMENT APP**, or text "Benevolence" to 608-400-0183 with the amount you wish to give.

On behalf of Benevolence,

Adam Mertz

[adammertz2@gmail.com](mailto:adammertz2@gmail.com)

# BENEVOLENCE Cont.

## 2025 BENEVOLENCE MISSIONS

January	(\$1,842) Divine Savior, our sister church in Puerto Rico
February	(\$1,400) Compassion International
March	(\$1.245) ELC youth programming
April	(\$1,089) Reconciling in Christ
May	(\$1,009) Neighbors Helping Neighbors
June	(\$769) Madison Area Jail Ministry
July	(\$634) Literacy Network
August:	Habitat for Humanity
September:	Saba, International
October:	Lutheran Campus Ministry
November:	Accessible local health care: Our Lady of Hope and Community Connections
December:	Young Adults in Global Mission

(Additionally, 10% of all funds donated each month go to Divine Savior.)

## COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Just a gentle reminder that reports for your prospective ministries is fast approaching. Please email your article to our Office Manager, Nancy Voss, so she can start compiling the 2025 Annual Report handout.

**If you will NOT be submitting an article, please let Nancy know so she's not waiting.**

This is a great opportunity to share all that is going on in your ministry and our church.

Please, submit your article by the first week of October.  
Thank you for your continued service to these important ministries and doing God's work.

Peace be with you,  
Dianne Hirsch  
Council President

# COUNCIL Cont.

Happy September from your Church Council,

This is such an exciting time for our church family! We were so very blessed with familiar, faithful pastoral leadership for so many years with Pastor John. I know most of us have been unsure what this time of transition would bring.

Well, we have certainly been blessed with terrific supply pastors this summer. A huge thank you to each and every one of our visiting pastors for bringing God's word to us in such warm and wonderful ways! The next part of our journey continues as we welcome Pastor Karen Hofstad as our Interim Pastor! We welcome her with open arms and hearts as she comes to be our pastor as well as to help us prepare for our full-time pastor.

A huge thank you to all of you who give of your time and talents with the many tasks, small and large, on a regular basis to help our congregation run. This summer many have helped more than usual with things that have needed extra attention. Thank you so very much for all you have done and are doing to keep things going! It seems there is a renewed sense of community and fellowship. What a blessing during our transition time and I hope it continues as we move forward!

We have a great group of people who stepped forward, excited to be part of our Transition Team. (No arms were twisted in the process ;) What a blessing! A huge thank you to the Transition Team members! They will work with Pastor Karen to help us prepare for the Call Committee part of our journey. Please look for Transition Team updates in the bulletin, Steeple Echoes, and in announcements at services.

Your church council members are always interested in hearing your ideas, concerns and feedback. We truly are here to represent all of you. Please lift up our church family in your prayers during this time of transition and change. It is exciting to wonder what God has in store for us!

Always remember that God is with you,  
Barb Underwood

# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Quilting Group has been working steadily this year to complete as many quilts as possible to send to Lutheran World Relief. Our "year" runs from October 1 to shipping day in September. The goal for this year was

175 to ship. We have completed over 200.

19 were sent to North Carolina with Pete Walton

2 were sent to Sugar Creek Bible camp for the auction

1 was presented to John and Diane Twiton

several are available for sale to raise money for LWR shipping expenses

**The quilts will be displayed on the pews September 7**, blessed, packed, and then shipped out on September 13. We will ship 175 so be aware that the number for sale will be limited.

## PROPERTY

### HELP NEEDED FROM OUR EXCELLENT VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

ELC volunteers have assisted in many projects in the past. For those projects that needed specialized assistance, bids were sent out for the help we needed. Most recently the washing of the outside screens and windows, and the carpet shampooing in the sanctuary, fellowship hall and pastor's office.

Now we're on to smaller, but no less important, jobs that will continue to enhance our facility.

1. Wall patch – the hole alongside the bottle filler bubbler
2. Paint
  - a. Narthex hall walls into the steps to the chapel and entry to the fellowship hall
  - b. Fellowship hall, kitchen, hallway to the addition, and steps to the lower level
  - c. Women and men bathrooms
3. Window washing – all inside windows, including the sills, in fellowship hall and offices, and all windows in the addition

## PROPERTY Cont.

4. Nursery – needs a major renovation. Remove all items. Vacuum. Determine what items should be put back. It's accumulated many unnecessary items. Perhaps a couple of parents who have/or will use this important facility.
5. File cabinets in the pastor office. Suggestions/help with how to spray paint them. Probably will need to be moved outside to do the refurbishment.

This is the current list. Hopefully there will be a significant number of "Yes! I can help with that"!!

A calendar of work dates will be posted and possibly be put on the Sign-up Genius to help with getting the help needed.

Ideally this can be accomplished within a couple of months. If someone wants to jump on any of these before the computer can be set up, send an email to [barbaradbartz@gmail.com](mailto:barbaradbartz@gmail.com) or leave a note in the Property mailbox in the office.

Let's get'er done!



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Catherine Ivey, 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

**Our partner congregation** IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño,

# MEMORIALS

## *Given in honor of:*

*Jon Anderson*

*Jim Collins*

*Delma Larson*

*Jon Larson*

*Duane "Rollie" Lokken*

*Cara Mavis*

*Duane "Duke" Miller*

*Phyllis Murphy*

*Greg Oimoen*

## *Given By:*

*Helen Kahl*

*Ron & Sandy Cushman*

*Diane Bartz*

*Jeff & Robin Paske*

*Ann & Dave Baumgartner*

*Wayne & Mary Knudson*

*Ann & Dave Baumgartner*

*Jody Morey*

*Peter Headley*

*Barb & Chris Underwood*

*Janice Carney*

*Ann & Dave Baumgartner*

*Sharon Collins*

*Mary Stamm*

*Chris & Barb Underwood*

*Helen Kahl*

*Sharon Collins*

*Irv & Judy Steinhauer*

*Mark & Becky Mostrom*

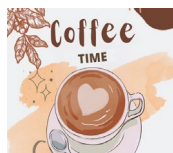
*Ann & Dave Baumgartner*

*Ann & Phillip Dettwiler*

*Diane Bartz*

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**ELC 'COFFEE TIME' RESUMES** - Join us for Coffee Time on **Sept 3rd at 9:30 am** in Fellowship Hall. Stop by for coffee and conversation. We will gather weekly on Wednesdays, 9:30 am - 11:00 am. Come whenever you can. Everyone is welcome.



## CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS!

The ELC Book Club has met a few times and we enjoy it very much both because of reading new material as well as getting together socially. We'd love to have you join us.

Here are the details:

**WHEN:** Last Sunday of each month beginning September 28<sup>th</sup> immediately after the 9:00 a.m. church service

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall not far from the doughnuts and coffee!

**WHY:** Social connection and reading regularly a variety of book types - all ideas welcome

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Love of reading, connecting
- Hearing and discussing differing opinions on a variety of topics
- All ages welcome!
- Didn't get the book read one month? That's OK! Come anyway for the great connection to ELC friends.

August is such a busy time with school starting, gearing up for Sunday School, new pastor coming, sports, etc. that we're regrouping the end of September. For our next meeting on **September 28<sup>th</sup>**, we're reading ***Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black American Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US***. We'd love to see you there!

For other information or questions, you may contact  
Amy Sinner ([amylsinner@gmail.com](mailto:amylsinner@gmail.com)),  
Vicky Rosenbaum ([vsrosen63@gmail.com](mailto:vsrosen63@gmail.com)),  
Paula Van Ooyen ([pvanooyenlll@gmail.com](mailto:pvanooyenlll@gmail.com)).

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS Cont.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on **Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the Matthew room.

**ELC SEWING GROUP** - The Sewing Group meets every Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon in Fellowship Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

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

**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](mailto:ruthheinecke@gmail.com) or 608-444-4949 for more information.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will be meeting at **10 a.m. at Homestead on September 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will be watching and discussing Liz Curtis Higgs video from Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**SARAH CIRCLE** will meet **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the **Matthew Room**. We will do the Sept Bible study from "Gather" magazine. Contact Connie Curran ([curranconnie@hotmail.com](mailto: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."

## **HELP US SHAPE OUR CONSTITUTION: Join the Review Team!**

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](mailto:dehirsch60@gmail.com)

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



# **MEMBERSHIP NEWS Cont.**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

## **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.

## **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.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS Cont.

## CALL COMMITTEE Cont.

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].



### *Fall Hours*

*Monday – Thursday 9am – Noon and 1-4pm*

*Fridays – 9am – Noon*

*The Office will be closed on Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> for Labor Day*

**STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> for the October issue of the newsletter.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am to assemble the newsletter. *Newcomers are welcome.* The assembly process usually takes about 2 hours. Please, come and enjoy the fellowship!



# WORSHIP ASSISTANCE SEPTEMBER

	SEPT 6 <sup>TH</sup> & 7 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPT 13 <sup>TH</sup> & 14 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPT 20 <sup>TH</sup> & 21 <sup>ST</sup>	SEPT 27 <sup>TH</sup> & 28 <sup>TH</sup>
ACOLYTES	<b>Sunday</b> Charley Collins Mason Dudley	<b>Sunday</b> Caleb Gaulke Lucas High	<b>Sunday</b> Eva Larson Jacey Morin	<b>Sunday</b> Zoe Stack Evelyn Wyse
COMM ASSIST	<b>Sunday</b> Diane Bartz Linda Wahlgren Kim Kelliher	<b>No Communion</b>	<b>Sunday</b> Kim Kelliher Available Available	<b>No Communion</b>
READERS	<b>Saturday</b> Available  <b>Sunday</b> Betsy Baguhn	<b>Saturday</b> Ann Baumgartner  <b>Sunday</b> Diane Bartz	<b>Saturday</b> Available  <b>Sunday</b> Paula Van Ooyen	<b>Saturday</b> Bonny Kellogg  <b>Sunday</b> Available
USHERS	<b>Sunday</b> Jim Cook Mary Gullickson-Krantz	<b>Sunday</b> Wayne & Mary Knudson	<b>Sunday</b> Dennis Lokken Irv Steinhauer	<b>Sunday</b> Doug Nesheim Gerald Stamm
ALTAR GUILD	Cathie Field, Sara Hellenbrand, Laura Miller, Sharon Schiefelbein, Amy Kellesvig			
COUNCIL DUTIES	Barb Underwood			

# **SEPTEMBER** Birthdays

<b>1</b>	Jim Rollins	<b>12</b>	Paul Miller	<b>22</b>	Karsen Bentley
	Monica Sieg		Dani Sue Schroeder		Tyler Kittleson
			Addison Watson		Chloe Stack
<b>2</b>	Dick Engstad				
	Vicky Rosenbaum	<b>13</b>	Cecilia Hook	<b>24</b>	Jamie Ekenberg
			Kelli O'Connell		Evan Huseth
<b>3</b>	Bryce Farnsworth				Cynthia Kahl
	Cuyler Monahan	<b>14</b>	Jeff Hook		
	Mason Sherven		Oliver Kahl	<b>25</b>	Tena Green
<b>4</b>	Kaylee Errthum		Randy Schulz		Natalie Schulenberg
	Owen Klabough				Brooke Walton
	Tola Klabough	<b>15</b>	Carson Brummer		
	Laura Miller		Polly Field	<b>26</b>	Morgan Brummer
			Max Grundahl		Alysen Seibel
<b>5</b>	Becky Faliveno				Rheanna Thompson
	Peter Faust	<b>16</b>	Shirley Groff		Natalie Wyss
	Greg Kellesvig		Ben Vondra		
	James Mavis			<b>27</b>	Carol Dann
<b>6</b>	Kamron Nesheim	<b>17</b>	LeRoy Collins		Carly Densmore
	Sara Seibel		Jocelyn Sveum		Cindy Fendrick
<b>7</b>	Pat Doty				Christopher Hurda
		<b>18</b>	Emma Anderson		
	John Scheele		Kalista Eggers	<b>28</b>	Leah Kellesvig
	Violet Steel		Autumn Okeson		Mary Knudson
<b>9</b>	Angela Brager				Keith Schult
	Sonya Wittman	<b>19</b>	Derek Cannon		
<b>10</b>	Adam Mertz		Andy Seibel	<b>29</b>	Wayne Knudson
	Roxanne Johanning				Kayla Meister
	Avery Monroe	<b>20</b>	Kris Kiel		Kay Truman
	Courtney Monroe				John Wyss
<b>11</b>	Kiersten Frank	<b>21</b>	Elizabeth Iverson		
	Jim Vogt		Shirley Martin	<b>30</b>	Gary Hastings
			Mary Schroeder		Janet Nesheim
					Randy Ziebarth

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