

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Jennifer Hubert (Mary Meister's niece) Vivian Stone, Mike (Stick) Hirsch Dianne's brother, 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), Ken Rabideau (Helen Ladwig's Brother in Law), Joyce Fargo, Alycen McKinney, Joan Schraepfer (Rita Schraepfer-Derke's Sister in Law), Lincoln Kuhn, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Makenzee Smith, Brock Howe, Jeannie U'Ren, Mike Olson, Carol Johnson

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Oct 26th (Sunday):

- Affirmation Sunday for 9th graders, arrive at 8:45 am for photos
- Cake Reception for Confirmands (following worship)
- Sunday School 10:15 am - 11 am

### Oct 29th (Wednesday):

- 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7 pm - 8:30 pm

### Nov 2nd (Sunday):

- Sunday School 10:15 am - 11 am

### Nov 4th (Tuesday):

- Children & Youth Ministry Meeting 7 pm - 8 pm

### Nov 5th (Wednesday):

- 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7 pm - 8:30 pm

### Nov 9th (Sunday):

- Sunday School 10:00 am - 11 am - Meet in St Olaf during Annual Meeting

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**MISSION TRIP 2026 - WHO'S INTERESTED?** - Reaching out to our current 8th - 12th graders! We have registered for a mission trip, July 12 - 18th, 2026 to Kansas City, MO. Great opportunity to experience and learn about another place and create new friendships. Please contact Brenda by Oct 31st to sign up.

**BUCKY BOOKS FOR SALE** - Click on the link or QR code to order for later pickup. Each book sells for \$35.00. Thanks for supporting our youth. (also available after worship)

<https://forms.gle/XmW2rDfTQMgGSmYr9>



# CHILDREN & YOUTH cont.

**T-SHIRTS NEEDED:** We are recycling t-shirts, **adult size Large or larger**, and sewing them into diapers for our Baby Kits. Please drop them in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you for donating.

**'SOCK-TOBER' - (Baby Kit Donations) - Let's get ready for our Baby Kit donations for next year!** We are focusing on collecting baby socks in October. Our youth and members of Rebecca Circle are teaming together to collect and assemble the baby kits for Lutheran World Relief. There is a bin in Narthex for your donations. Thank you for your support.

## COUNCIL NOTES-October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting

7 youth presented their faith statements for confirmation: Charley Collins, Mason Dudley, Caleb Gaulke, Lucas High, Eva Larson, Jacy Morin and Evelyn Wyse. Congratulations and may your faith grow stronger throughout your lives.

Reviewed and discussed 2026 budget for the annual meeting, accepted previous changes.

Pastor Karen provided her vacation weeks: Nov 11-17, Dec 29 – Jan 4, and April 6-12, PK has coverage for emergencies and fill in pastors cared for.

Andy reported electrical work is done and boiler is heating water! Diane Bartz diligently rewrote the duties of a hired custodian and maintenance manager to make caring for our building easier with two people. We are grateful Jeremy Kahl will stay on as our custodian, and we hired Karl Lasse as our maintenance manager. If you are in the building and see these men working, please introduce yourself to them!

Diane Bartz also updated the facility use form and a new copy is in the office. THANK YOU, Diane, for stepping in to care for these important duties and updating the paperwork.

Council approved the following language for the RIC and Progress Pride Flag:

For the remainder of 2025 and 2026, the ELC Church Council will display one welcoming RIC flag in the front of the church and one in the back of the church. The flags will be the current version of the ELC Welcomes All flag. Additionally, a third flagpole will be installed in front of the church to fly the Progress Pride flag during the month of June, and at other times approved by Council.

Respectfully, Dianne Hirsch, Council President

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**ELC 'COFFEE TIME'** - Stop by for coffee and conversation. **Starting October 1<sup>st</sup>**. We will gather on the first Wednesday of each month, 9:30 am - 11:00 am. in Fellowship Hall. Come whenever you can. *Everyone is welcome!*

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

## ANNUAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 2025

This is a reminder that our annual meeting will be held immediately after our Church service on November 9 – approximately 10:00 am. Please make plans to attend. An involved congregation makes for an active, exciting spiritual journey. *Mark your calendars today and plan to attend the meeting on November 9 and let your vote be counted.*



**ANNUAL REPORT** - available in the Narthex



**Fall Hours – Mon-Thurs**  
9am-noon & 1pm-4pm  
**Friday 9am-noon**

<b>GENERAL FUND AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7,358</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR LAST WEEK</b>	<b>\$5,058</b>
<b>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SAT 15- SUN 138</b>	

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** on Tuesday, October 28<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 ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	<i>This Week Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Next Week Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></i>
ACOLYTES	<b>Sunday-9 am worship</b> Ellie Woolard Sarah Zelle	<b>Sunday 9 am worship</b> Leah & Logan Aeschlimann
COMM ASSIST	<b>Sunday 9 am worship</b> <b>No Communion</b>	<b>Sunday 9 am worship</b> Diane Bartz Linda Wahlgren Kim Kelliher
READERS	<b>Saturday 5 pm worship</b> Bonny Kellogg  <b>Sunday 9 am worship</b> Paula Van Ooyen	<b>Saturday 5 pm worship</b> <b>Available</b>  <b>Sunday 9 am worship</b> Barb Underwood
USHERS	<b>Sunday 9 am worship</b> Jim Cook Carol Nielsen	<b>Sunday 9 am worship</b> Wayne & Mary Knudson
NURSERY	Open but <b>Not Staffed</b> -Located across from the library.	
ALTAR GUILD	<b>October</b> -Deb Dangerfield, Shannon Hadac, Judy Steinhauer, Joan Stensby, Jessica Powell <b>November</b> -Mary Knudson, Dawn Haag, Polly Field, Di'Anne Stamm	
COUNCIL DUTIES	<b>October</b> -Kathy O'Donnell <b>November</b> -Claire Hurda	