

# **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. Kathy O'Donnell

**Agape Preschool Director:** Amy Kellesvig

**Bell Choir Director:** Kristin Willcutt

**Custodian:** Jeremy Kahl

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

**Office Manager:** Nancy Voss

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

**Pastor:** Karen Hofstad

**Youth Director:** Brenda Martin

# *Pastor's Reflections...*

What is “thanksgiving”? According to one of my favorite resources, Crazy Talk: The Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms, it is “any prayer or action that admits you didn’t do it all yourself and, yes, you did need a little help along the way” (p. 170). What about “offering”? It is “that which doesn’t really belong to us in the first place and which, often only after much anguished deliberation and wringing of hands, we reluctantly part with as a “gift” to God—presumably in thanks for God’s having given it to us in the first place” (p. 120).

The truth is, we easily fall into the trap of thinking that all we have—ourselves, time, food, possessions, house, family, etc.—is ours, that it belongs to us. But really, it is ALL a gift from God. Our *offerings* to God are about being *thankful*... and having our hearts in the right place. You see, God’s command to tithe (from the Old Testament)—to give 10% back to God—is really for *our* sake, not God’s! It keeps us from becoming selfish and self-centered, from letting what we have become our “god.” It encourages us to rely more on our faithful, generous God. And the miracle of giving generously is that we always receive more in return.

Think of it this way: “*thanksgiving*” and “*offering*” go hand-in-hand. God, in love, gives generously to us. God has been and continues to be faithful to us. And **that’s** what makes it possible for us to give generously—to God... to our family and friends... to our neighbors and all who are in need. Giving *thanks* isn’t something we should save for a certain time of year. And giving *thanks* is more than the prayers we say before a meal. Our whole lives are an *offering* of *thanksgiving*. As Paul writes in his letter to the Thessalonians: “*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17).

I believe that a person’s financial giving (along with the sharing of time and talents) is a reflection of his/her faith... that our faith influences how we make use of ALL that God has given and entrusted to us.

- What does your wallet or bank statement say about God’s place in your life?
- Have you grown in your level of giving as you’ve grown in your relationship with God?

# PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS Cont.

As you know, it is budget-planning time at ELC—a “necessary evil”? or an opportunity to envision ministry possibilities for the coming year? Ministry areas and individual committees are looking back at how and where the moneys allocated were utilized in 2025, as well as looking ahead to the ministry needs and goals for the coming year. Right now, your council is “crunching the numbers” in order to put forward a budget for 2026. [Personally, I prefer the terminology of “mission plan” to “budget” because it reminds us that we are about something beyond ourselves—the *missio Dei* = the *mission of God* in this world.]

- Where does faith come into this picture? into our giving commitments?
- Does our “budget” put limits on God’s plan for our ministry together?

Does ELC have the resources, financial and otherwise, to do what God is calling you to do? Yes, I believe that God has, indeed, provided you with the resources you need to carry out the ministry God calls you to as a congregation. Just as your individual giving is a reflection of your faith, so your congregational budget / mission plan is an expression of your communal faith. It is a statement about how you view God’s future and your part in it. It is a list of your ministry commitments... your mission-oriented vision for the coming year.

Please hold your church leadership in prayer as they carefully discern and prepare next year’s mission plan. Please prayerfully consider, as well, how you can participate in the work of this congregation and grow in your financial support of your ministry together. THANK YOU for your continued support of ELC... for all that you give and share for the sake of our ministry together.

Together in mission,  
Pastor Karen

# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 am - 11 am:** 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. We begin in the chapel each week.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TO SING** - Join us on **October 19th**, during our worship service at 9 am, to hear our youth share songs they love!

**3rd GRADE BIBLES** - On October 12th, during worship, we will be presenting Bibles to our 3rd graders. A special gift for this milestone in their faith journey.

## **7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION -**

**Oct 1:** Service & Fellowship night for youth and families, 7 pm - 8 pm

**Oct 8 & Oct 15:** Class time, 7 pm - 8:30 pm

**Oct 22:** Serving dinner to our 9th graders 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Oct 29:** Class time, 7 pm - 8:30 pm

## **9th GRADE CONFIRMATION EVENTS**

- **COUNCIL MEETING**- October 13th, 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm
- **DINNER** (served by 7th & 8th grade) - Oct 22nd, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**"AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM"** - Our Confirmands will be celebrating their 'Affirmation of Baptism' on Reformation Sunday, October 26th. Please pray for guidance for our 9th graders as they are preparing for this special day in their faith journey. **Charley Collins, Mason Dudley, Caleb Gaulke, Lucas High, Eva Larson, Jacey Morin, Evelyn Wyse**

**MISSION TRIP MEETING:** 9th - 12th graders, join us on **October 6th, 7 pm - 8 pm**, to decide on where ELC youth can travel next summer to support another community. Looking for your thoughts for fundraising and future gatherings. Meet in the St Olaf room.



# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS Cont.

**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>



**Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director**

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



**'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.

**GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS EVENTS:** Join us at ELC to help two different projects in our community.

**October 18th, 12:30 - 3:30 pm**

We have 21 spots available to work at Second Harvest Food Bank in Madison. **Please sign up by Oct 10th.** We will have to verify our numbers with them. We will leave Mt Horeb at 11:30 am and return around 4:15 pm. Must be 12 yr. old (min). Everyone is welcome.



**October 19th, 10 - 11:30 am** We will have our Plarn Mat weaving project available in Fellowship Hall following worship. Plarn Mats will be donated to homeless shelters for sleeping. Volunteers can help prepare the bags, tie the bags, and weave the mats. Please sign up so we can make sure we have the needed tasks set up.

**SIGN UP USING THE LINK BELOW:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DAEA929A5FFC70-58970146-second>

# AGAPE

Agape greetings!

We are one month into our school year and having a wonderful start! The students are learning routines, making new friends, and doing a wonderful job working together! The teachers and I are honored to provide this outreach ministry for so many children in the Mt. Horeb community and our surrounding neighbors.

During October, the curriculum will cover topics such as apples, leaves, farming, Halloween, and fire safety. The upcoming visit from MHFD in early October is expected to be a positive and engaging event. Our students will have the opportunity to sit in a giant firetruck and try on firefighter gear. Our annual school photos will also be taken in October.

We will again be selling Kwik Trip Car Wash cards in the upcoming months. More details and pricing will be available soon.

Wishing you all a wonderful October!

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



# TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET	8/31/2025	7/31/2025	12/31/2024
General Fund	9,933	7,120	35,757
Building Capital Fund	17,986	16,561	26,603
Mortgage Designated Fund	0	10,384	0
Other Designated Funds	75,561	113,263	78,674
Mortgage	(31,086)	0	0
TOTAL	72,394	147,328	141,034

General fund income in August was \$20,815, our lowest monthly total in three years. Expenses were much lower as well without a pastor, resulting in a general fund gain of \$2,813. At month's end we had \$12,844 in assets against \$2,912 in liabilities for a general fund balance of \$9,933. General fund giving for the year remains well below budget, \$44,181 less than at this point in 2024. Expenses are \$12,277 under budget, primarily due to the pastoral vacancy.

We have paid a first installment of \$88,739 to 1901 Inc. for their work on our electrical and boiler systems. \$37,767 of this amount came from closing out Rose Klir's estate fund, \$19,886 from donations to the mortgage fund, and the remaining \$31,806 was drawn from the mortgage line of credit with Farmers Savings Bank.

Benevolence for August raised \$742 for the Habitat for Humanity, and \$82 for Divine Savior. Other designated income included \$8,782 for the mortgage, \$600 for the kitchen, \$187 for youth, \$25 each for the altar guild and landscaping, \$15 for camperships, and \$102 unspecified. Designated fund expenses included \$88,739 for the electrical and boiler repairs, \$337 for youth, \$100 for technology, \$70 for camperships, \$66 for the kitchen and \$1,053 for a quilters' outing to Fireside, for which the church is being reimbursed.

Respectfully submitted by Ben Brothers, September 4, 2025.

# TREASURER'S REPORT Cont.

CASH FLOW		August 2025	2025 YTD
General Fund Income		20,815	207,979
Transfers			6,000
General Fund Expenses			
Mission and Outreach		1,834	16,121
Personnel		9,100	146,725
Congregational Life		2,717	15,858
Facilities and Administration		4,351	61,099
Total General Fund Expenses		18,002	239,803
Net General Fund Gain (Loss)		2,813	(25,824)
Other Income			
Building Capital Fund		1,425	28,625
Designated Funds		11,280	71,898
Total Other Income		12,705	100,523
Other Expenses			
Building Capital Fund		0	37,243
Designated Funds		90,452	100,096
Transfer to General Fund		0	6,000
Total Other Expenses		90,452	143,339
Net Gain (Loss) from Other Expenses		(77,747)	(42,816)
NET GAIN (LOSS)		(74,934)	(68,640)
BUDGET TRACKING	2025 YTD	2025 vs Budget	2025 vs 2024
General Fund Income	207,979	(48,982)	(44,181)
General Fund Expenses			
Mission and Outreach	16,121	(482)	782
Personnel	146,725	(16,766)	(35,552)
Congregational Life	15,858	2,431	6,034
Facilities and Administration	61,099	2,540	3,100
Total General Fund Expenses	239,803	(12,277)	(26,971)



# BENEVOLENCE

## Campus Ministry - a home away from home

We've got a "back to school" flavor for this month's Benevolence Program mission – the Lutheran Campus Ministry in Madison, which serves students from the University of Wisconsin, Edgewood College and Madison College.

Located in the heart of the UW campus, LCM offers worship, plenty of programming that nourishes the soul and the belly, and opportunities to gather and serve while deepening one's faith. They're supported by the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, churches like us, and many alumni and friends.

Lutheran Campus Ministry is a student faith community that welcomes diversity, questioning, and honest relationships. Though it says "Lutheran" in their name, they welcome all students – regardless of faith or doubt – to get involved.

It's a fun and engaging place, with dinner accompanying their Thursday night worship, free coffee on a regular basis, Waffle Wednesday, and events like "Being new doesn't have to suck" – a pop-in plant party where new students (and others) were welcomed with a chance to pot a succulent for their dorm or apartment.

There are many ways to support Lutheran Campus Ministry, with more details available at [lcmmadison.org](http://lcmmadison.org):

- **Meals and snacks:** Students always appreciate sustenance, whether that be snacks, desserts or a real meal.
- **Time:** Volunteers help with building upkeep, gardening, maintaining the library, and other special projects.
- **Materials:** The organization maintains a wish list of food and coffee-related items, noted on their website.
- **Thrivent Choice:** You can direct Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars.

# BENEVOLENCE Cont.

And of course, we'll be collecting donations for Lutheran Campus Ministry throughout October. You can contribute via:

- **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)

## 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:	(\$824) 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

Greetings!

I hope everyone has been able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather. Welcome back to Sunday schoolers and teachers, confirmation students and the choirs! As we look ahead to the fall, here are a few things to note:

On **October 12**, a potluck will be held at noon to officially welcome Pastor Karen Hofstad as our interim pastor. Also, on that day, Pastor Karen and Marie Leafblad from the synod office will explain about the call process for our eventual new pastor. (see Dianne's article)

The 2025 **annual meeting** has been set for Sunday, November 9, after the worship service. Council is working on a budget for 2026. In order to be good stewards of the church's finances, a lot of thought and prayers are put into this process. Input from the congregation is always welcome.

The Nominating Committee is busy working on filling vacancies on the 2026 ballot. Volunteers are needed to fill positions in various capacities (see Vicky's article), but especially Church Council, the 2026 Nominating Committee and Personnel. I have found being on council to be a very rewarding experience. Please consider joining us!

Vaya con Dios!

Kathy O'Donnell  
ELC Council Secretary



## 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, and if you are a ministry leader for one of our many ministries, please submit to Nancy as soon as possible a summary of

what your role is for our Church. This summary is important because to newcomers and other members the titles of ministries (committees) can be a bit vague, and a detailed description might inspire others to want to participate in what you have done and hope to do. Remember, there is also a packet with ministries listed on the table by the front entrance to the Church. 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.***

# INREACH/OUTREACH

We will be doing a fall pumpkin delivery to home bound ELC members. We could use help in identifying any additional people that should be on the list. If you know someone you think should be added to our list, please contact Margie Kahl at 608-437-5341.

Inreach/Outreach Ministry will be continuing our mission to donate birthday party supplies to Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Some of the supplies we will need include the following:

*party plates, napkins, plastic table clothes, decorations, party favors, balloons, princess hats, party hats, birthday party gift bags, invitations, party necklaces, bracelets, and anything you think would make a child's party special.*

There is a basket in the narthex. These do not need to be expensive. Check the dollar store or Walmart. Thank you for helping us with this project!

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## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

All the Quilts and Kits have been blessed and sent. We have reached totals this year that are worth celebrating. The new year of collecting and constructing has begun. Thank you for all you've done.

Did you know that each Quilt and Kit has a cost to be shipped to its final destination? Our gifts would require:

204 Quilts	@ \$2.80 = \$ 571.20
101 School Kits	@ \$2.85 = \$ 287.85
108 Baby Kits	@ <u>\$3.10 = \$ 334.80</u>
For a total of	\$1,193.85

If you would like to help with these costs, you can make a contribution in any of the usual ways (envelope, special check, or on line) and be sure to indicate that it is for the LWR Quilts and Kits Shipping Fund.

# **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

## **WE NEED YOU!**

- Church Council (2-year term) – 2 people
- Endowment Committee (2-year term) – 1 person
- Personnel Ministry (2-year term) – 2 people preferably with Human Resources background/training
- Nominating Committee (1-year term) – 6 people
- Synod Voting Members (adults for Synod Assembly held in May) – 1 person
- Synod Voting Members (youth for Synod Assembly held in May) – 2 people
- Sugar Creek Delegates (1 year) – 2 people

If you are willing to serve in any of these capacities or have questions about the positions, please call Vicky Rosenbaum at 608 284-0813 or email at [vsrosen63@gmail.com](mailto:vsrosen63@gmail.com). Please consider being an active part of our congregation in one of these capacities. We do need you!

Thank you!

Vicky Rosenbaum  
608 284-0813

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## **PROPERTY**

After several months of bad weather, the roof replacement was started August 29th and finished as of Friday September 12th at 6pm!!

A lot of attention was required for that project, so the long list of volunteer help from September's Echoes didn't get started.

However, Dave Baumgartner stepped up and came in to wash all the inside windows in Fellowship Hall! Thanks, Dave! The remaining inside windows are still waiting for polishing. Who can help?

Because it isn't good to do painting when the building is closed up, those projects will be delayed until next summer.

The one project that should begin is the refreshing of the nursery. It would be great to have a couple of moms and/or dads to go over what can be purged and what should stay. A good project for a Saturday morning. Watch for the sign up!

# TECHNOLOGY

## *Join the Tech Team!*

Our Technology Ministry plays a vital role in worship each week—running sound, projection, and livestreaming, and keeping our equipment running smoothly. No prior experience is needed—training is provided, and there are both Sunday and weekday opportunities. If you'd like to serve, please contact Andy or Bruce, or leave a note in the church office.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** 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,

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## A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

*.....I am overwhelmed with everyone's kindness & helping me through this very difficult time.*

*With Deepest Gratitude,  
Mary Meives*

Thanks to all that stepped in to help with the funeral of James Meives.

# MEMORIALS

## *Given in honor of:*

*Milo & Kendall Bergum*

*Cara Mavis*

*Duane "Duke" Miller*

*David Thompson*

## *Given By:*

*Ken & Linda Kellogg*

*Dave & Kerstin Edwards*

*Char Smith*

*Paul Kellesvig*

*Mark & Becky Mostrom*

*Diane Bartz*

*Ken & Sara Kittleson*

*Cory & Karen Erickson*

*Helen Kahl*

*Jeff & Robin Paske*

*Dennis & Diane Dreger*

*Carol Losenegger*

*Scott Shelstad*

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*Doug & Gail Dahlk*

*Scott & Theresa Andrews*

*Roger & Nancy Parkos*

*Kathy O'Donnell*

*Bob & Sharon Schiefelbein*

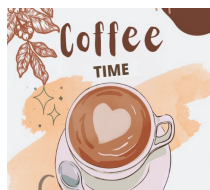
*David Flom*

*Leroy Collins*

*Lawrence Jenkins & Mary Thompson*

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**ELC 'COFFEE TIME' 9:30 - 11 am** - Join us for Coffee Time on the first **Wednesday of each month** in Fellowship Hall. Stop by for coffee and conversation.



**Future dates for 2025:** Nov 5th, Dec 3rd.  
Come whenever you can.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on **Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Matthew room. Confirmants will attend.

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

**FARMER'S MARKET** All markets run 3:00pm - 6:30pm on Thursdays. Located on the front lawn of the Evangelical Lutheran Church  
**Last outdoor market of the season is on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**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 October meetings will be the 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.*** Contact [ruthheinecke@gmail.com](mailto:ruthheinecke@gmail.com) or 608-444-4949 for more information.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet at **10am at Homestead on Wednesday, October 15th.**

**SARAH CIRCLE** will meet **Tuesday, October 21st at 7 pm** in the Matthew Room. We will discuss the Oct Bible study from "Gather" magazine (page 24 - "Money, Stewardship and Generosity"). 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."



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS Cont.

## 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.

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

Pastor Karen and Marie from Synod will address our congregation in the sanctuary at 11:00 am on October 12th after Sunday school, to discuss the processes that will happen moving forward for our church. We want our Sunday school teachers to have the opportunity to participate in this discussion, hence the time. Council had the opportunity to meet with Marie and found her explanation of the process to be very informative and helpful. Some members of Council will set out the food for the 12 pm potluck so members can hear Marie and PK's message. Looking forward to seeing you!

**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.**

Dianne Hirsch  
Council President

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS Cont.

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Looking ahead to **All Saints' Sunday on November 2nd** I'd invite you to once again submit photos of those people who have been witnesses to the faith in your life for our All Saints' Slideshow. If you'd like us to repeat a photo from the previous year, just let Nancy in the office know You can submit photos by email to [elc@mhtc.net](mailto:elc@mhtc.net) ***Please have your submissions in by October 24<sup>th</sup>.***

## BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Donors Check in	53
Total Blood Products	56
Red blood units	44
Power red units	12
First time donor	1



Allow me to personally thank you for your service. Your blood drive means more life, more love, more memories for the most vulnerable patients in our community—those suffering unexpected trauma and chronic illness every day. It was a pleasure to partner with you and we're so happy to have you in our American Red Cross family.

Since donation is the only source of lifesaving blood for patients, we hope you'll enjoy the pride of your efforts and join us again. The need for blood is ongoing and we can't sustain patients in need without partners like you.

To discuss any feedback about your recent drive, please don't hesitate to contact me. We honor your service and support of patients by always seeking ways to improve the experience and we value your feedback.

Thank you for all that you put into making your blood drive a success!

**Diane Nichols**  
**Donor Recruitment Account Manager**

## 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.



### *Fall Hours*

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

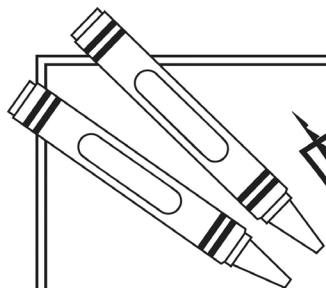
*Fridays – 9am – Noon*

*Nancy will be on vacation from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>.  
voicemails & e-mails will be monitored.*

**STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> for the November issue of the newsletter.**

**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!



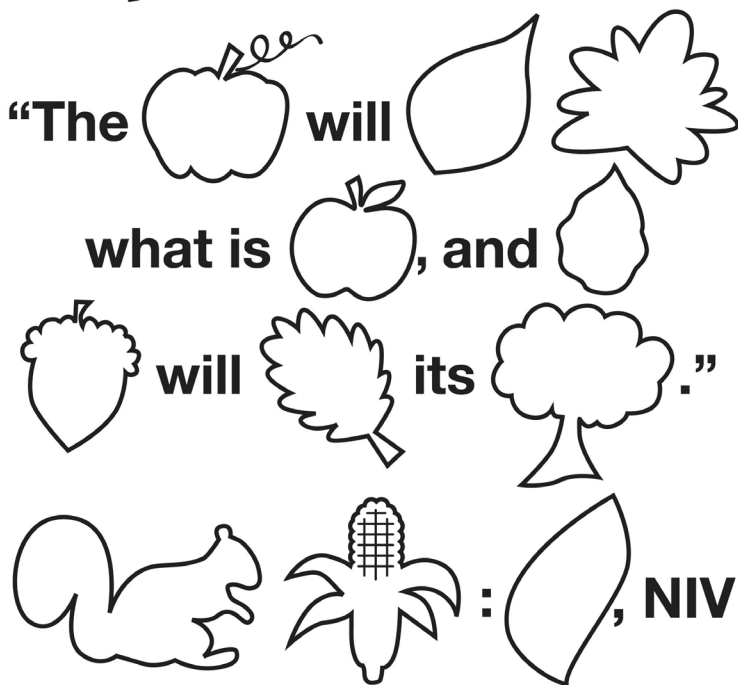
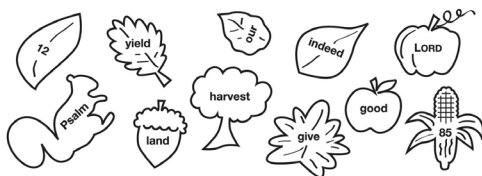


# PUZZLE

## HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

*Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.*



Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	OCT 4 <sup>TH</sup> & 5 <sup>TH</sup>	OCT 11 <sup>TH</sup> & 12 <sup>TH</sup>	OCT 18 <sup>TH</sup> & 19 <sup>TH</sup>	OCT 25 <sup>TH</sup> & 26 <sup>TH</sup>
ACOLYTES	<b>Sunday</b> Natalie Hogseth Hudson Kahl	<b>Sunday</b> Oliver Kahl John Henry Lee	<b>Sunday</b> Hannah Schulenberg Taylor Symons	<b>Sunday</b> Ellie Woolard Sarah Zelle
COMM ASSIST	<b>Sunday</b> Diane Bartz Linda Wahlgren Kim Kelliher	<b>No Communion</b>	<b>Sunday</b> <b>Available</b> <b>Available</b> Kim Kelliher	<b>No Communion</b>
READERS	<b>Saturday</b> <b>Available</b>  <b>Sunday</b> Diane Bartz	<b>Saturday</b> Ann Baumgartner <b>Sunday</b> Ben Brothers	<b>Saturday</b> Paul Heinecke <b>Sunday</b> Amy Sinner	<b>Saturday</b> Bonny Kellogg <b>Sunday</b> Paula Van Ooyen
USHERS	<b>Sunday</b> Carol & John Nielsen	<b>Sunday</b> Betsy Baguhn Jody Morey	<b>Sunday</b> John Rosenbaum Matt Anderson	<b>Sunday</b> Jim Cook Mary Gullickson-Krantz
ALTAR GUILD	Deb Dangerfield, Shannon Hadac, Judy Steinhauer, Joan Stensby, Jessica Powell			
COUNCIL DUTIES	Kathy O'Donnell			



# October

## BIRTHDAYS

1	Jackson Corrigan	12	Mathew Aeschlimann	23	Patti Anderson
	Chase Collins		Jim Hanson		Pat Dann
	Melissa Knudson		Justin Lund		Jacob Guenther
	Linda Ladwig		Beth Siltala		Ellen Van Galen
	Brian Lichte				Ellie Woolard
		13	Irv Steinhauer		
2	Talvick Hook			24	Diane Dreger
	Kendall Kittleson	14	Cindy Holzkopf		Zoe Stack
	Mikaela Sherven		Benjamin Rothamer		
			Jim Schmidt	25	Danelle Kosa
4	Kaylyn Hellenbrand		Casey Sinner		Chris Sarko
	Melaina Tetzlaff		William Smith		
				26	Leah Aeschlimann
5	Randy Thompson	16	Mason McNally		Logan Aeschlimann
			Judy Steinhauer		Sara Larson
6	Steven Festge	19	Kyle Freitag	27	Sam Grundahl
	Barb Underwood				Ingrid Hoerz
		20	Cyndy Densmore		Brandon Lutz
			Linda Magnuson		Noah Strube
			Arthur Steel		
7	Dan Johnson		Helen Witte	28	Kennedy Eggers
	Ken Sinner				Richard Festge
		21	Sarah Sieg		Dennis Kahl
8	Megan Fisher		Vicki Spellman		
	Owen Schmidt		Christopher Troge	29	Elizabeth Field
			Holly U'Ren		John Martin
9	Evelyn Eggers				Alice Uptegraw
	Jay Schneider	22	Tyler Anderson		Paul Wittman
10	Jenelle Ollendick			30	Jenni Zupan
	Alexis Thorsen				
				31	David Flom
11	Kyle Czech				Emily Siltala
	Kristen Seibel				

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