

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 13th & 14th

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jill Knuteson, Kathy Sies, Jennifer Hubert (Mary Meister's niece) 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), Norm Hefty, Lincoln Kuhn, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Makenzee Smith, Brock Howe, Jeannie U'Ren, Mike Olson, Carol Johnson

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS for the friends and family of Anthony Hefty who passed away on Friday, December 5th.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Dec 14th (Sunday):

- Sunday School Christmas Program 9:00 am worship
- Sunday School 10:15 am - 11 am
- Bake Sale following worship/Troll Way Pizza orders begin

Dec 17th (Wednesday):

- 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7 pm - 8:00 pm "Christmas Party"

Dec 21st & Dec 28th (Sunday):

- No Sunday School

Dec 24th & Dec 31st (Wednesday):

- No Confirmation (Resume on Jan 7th)

THANK YOU (CHRISTMAS PROGRAM) - Many thanks to our Sunday School children for sharing their Christmas program, "Signs of Christmas". Thank you to our many volunteers who have helped with our preparations. Always a special time hearing the children share the Christmas story.

BAKE SALE: Our ELC youth will be hosting a Bake Sale on December 14th, after worship. Come and pick up some Christmas goodies to share! We appreciate your support of our youth who will attend the Kansas City mission trip next summer.

CHRISTMAS CD'S - Two Christmas CD's that were created by The Cambridge Road Ensemble (Paul & Ruth Heinecke) are for sale in the Narthex. Thank you to Paul & Ruth for donating their CDs to the youth. Each CD sells for \$5.00 each. (Lots of music for \$10) CDs will be available after worship in December. Another opportunity to support our youth!

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.



TROLL WAY PIZZA (TIME TO ORDER) –

Our youth are taking orders for our delicious "church-made" pizzas after worship services Dec 14th - Jan 11th. Orders may be placed online, using the link below or the QR Code. Pick up day will be on February 1st, in Fellowship Hall. (After worship service) One great way to stock up on pizzas before the Super Bowl. Funds raised will support our youth programming. <https://forms.gle/u1t8fKgJR5owPuVJ9>

TROLL WAY PIZZA
ORDER HERE



MISSION TRIP 2026 - WHO'S INTERESTED?

Open to our **current 8th - 12th graders**. Our trip will be **July 12 - 18th, 2026 to Kansas City, MO**. Great opportunity to experience and serve another place. We have an open spot. Please contact Brenda (608.437.0332) to sign up, including a \$50 deposit. Balance paid by fundraising. Join us!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS



ELC 'COFFEE TIME' - Stop by for coffee and conversation. 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!** **Future Dates for 2026: January 7th**.

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

RIC Engagement Session

The RIC Committee will hold an engagement session on **This Sunday, December 14, 2025**, immediately following worship in meeting room Matthew. We would like your input, and we look forward to a good discussion. The questions we will discuss are:

- 1) What does it mean to you to be a RIC member/congregation?
- 2) How does RIC fit in our overall ministry here at ELC?
- 3) How do we live as our RIC Commitment/Mission in the community?
- 4) How do we ensure all are welcome at ELC and how do we show it?

BABY CAPS - Baby Cap makers will meet on **Tuesday Dec. 16th, 9:30-11 in the Faith Room**. Meriter hospital is grateful for the caps we turn in! If you need yarn or a pattern, contact Ruth at ruthheinecke@gmail.com or 608-444-4949.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet for an Advent evening visit at the home of hostess Chris Coffin on Tuesday, Dec 16th at 6 pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and don't be afraid to stop by later than 6. You can contact Connie Curran (curranconnie@hotmail.com) with any inquiries concerning details of this meeting.



The Community Supper is on December 16th,
We will be serving in person!
Takeout Meals will also be available.
Reservations are required to help us serve you better.

United Methodist Church & Two Steeples Parish
Will be serving,
Italian Meatball Pasta Casserole, Salad & Dessert.

Girl Scout will be singing
Christmas Carols during Dinner!

Reserve an in-person or takeout meal by calling,
Susan at (608-437-5765) or
Dee at (608-437-4576)

By Saturday, December 13th,

Join us at the Community Center 107 N. Grove St.
on December 16th from 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm

If the school cancels for severe weather, we will also be cancelled.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet at **11 am at Spring Garden on 12/17**. We will
sign cards there and then have lunch.

ANNUAL USHER'S MEETING

The meeting for all ushers, and for all congregation members who are
interested in serving as ushers, will be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, January 24

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Fellowship Hall

There is a growing need for more ushers and we heartily encourage anyone
interested in serving the congregation in this capacity to attend this
meeting. Refreshments will be served and a good time had by all! For those
seeking more detailed information, contact Jim Cook
(mthorebcubfan@gmail.com)



REMINDER - Christmas Memorials are due by the 18th!
Forms are available in the Narthex.

Contribution envelopes are available for pick-up in the Narthex.

STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Noon on Thursday, December 18th
for the January issue of the newsletter!!!! Please no late submissions!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Tuesday, December 23rd 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	\$8,999

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE
SAT 13
SUN 91
CHRISTMAS AT ELC Did not report

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE		
	<i>This Week Dec. 13th & 14th Saturday & Sunday</i>	<i>Next Week Dec 20th & 21st Saturday & Sunday</i>
ACOLYTES	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Maria Van Ooyen	<i>Sunday-9 am worship</i> Leah Zelle Natalie Hogseth
COMIM ASSIST	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> <i>No Communion</i>	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Kim Kelliher Available Available
READERS	<i>Saturday 5pm worship</i> Paul Heinecke <i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Amy Sinner	<i>Saturday 5 pm worship</i> Kate Hook <i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Diane Bartz
USHERS	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Wayne & Mary Knudson	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Dennis Lokken Irv Steinhauer
NURSERY	Open but Not Staffed -Located across from the library.	
ALTAR GUILD	<i>December</i> -Kerstin Edwards, Caylen Kahl, Diane Pladziewicz, Teresa Schult	
COUNCIL DUTIES	<i>December</i> -Dianne Hirsch	