



Mount Horeb Community Blood Drive

An Interview with Linda Schroeder

Reporter: I'm here with Linda Schroeder, a member of ELC in Mt Horeb. Good morning, Linda! I've done some research and found out you're a very active member of ELC! And I've been told there's a very important event that you've taken charge of. Can you tell me what that is?

Linda: It's the Red Cross Blood Drive that is held here at ELC five times a year.

Reporter: That's wonderful! How did you get involved?

Linda: I was in a horrible accident and received life-saving blood from the Red Cross. Through that experience I met a representative, Diane Nichols, the blood drive coordinator from the Red Cross. Once I recovered, she encouraged me to stay involved. I thought working at our blood drives would be good for me.

Reporter: I imagine that's a big responsibility. You must have a dedicated team helping you.

Linda: Only a great group of volunteers. Some are the same for each event, others are coming in to help out when they're available. I also do "recruiting", advocating for donating and helping at the scheduled drives.

Reporter: I've been in the building at times when there is a drive-in progress. I see folks at the registration/welcome table. And more in the kitchen managing the refreshments for the donors. Are these volunteers too?

Linda: Yes, all volunteers!

Reporter: Who supplies the refreshments? Are they all purchased? I'm also aware that you serve the most awesome egg salad sandwiches. Is this a volunteer activity also?

Linda: Yes! Mary Meister donates the ingredients and makes and delivers the egg salad the day of the drive. Volunteers make the sandwiches and keep the donors supplied while they're recovering. The Red Cross supplies beverages, and other folks drop off "goodies" such as cookies and bars.

Reporter: Linda, you're certainly a gem! The effort it takes to help the blood donors cannot be measured! What a perfect way to pay forward the life-saving blood donations you received after your accident. Be proud of this work you are doing! Other volunteers are always welcome, especially those who take time to give the gift of life! Sincere thanks to you and all the volunteers!

Upcoming Blood Drive: January 30th, 2026