

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 17 & 18, 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR Cailyn Knuth (Jen Mullendore's niece) Steve Mueller, 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, 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

CHILDREN & YOUTH - Two Week Schedule

Jan 18th (Sunday):

•Sunday School 10:15 am - 11:00 am, meet in chapel

Jan 21st (Wednesday):

•7th/8th Grade Confirmation - Bowling at Norsk, 7 - 8:30 pm

Jan 23rd (Friday):

•2026 Mission Trip meeting - 4 - 5 pm, Fellowship Hall

•Parents Night Out 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Jan 25th (Sunday):

•Sunday School 10:15 am - 11:00 am, meet in chapel

Jan 28th (Wednesday):

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

Feb 1st (Sunday):

•Sunday School 10:15 am - 11:00 am, meet in chapel

•Troll Way Pizza Making - 8 am - 11:30 am

TROLL WAY PIZZA PICKUP: Pick up day will be on **February 1st**, in Fellowship Hall. (After worship service) 10 am - 11:30 am. We have extra pizzas available if you didn't get a chance to order. Funds raised will support our youth programming



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.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT at ELC:

Jan 23rd, 5:30 pm -8 pm: Our high school youth will be offering a night of games, crafts, and treats for youth ages 3 years through 5th grade at ELC of Mt Horeb. Fundraiser for 2026 Mission Trip.

Donation: \$10 per child and \$5 for additional children (family rate).

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend. Sign up with the QR code or link -

<https://vbspro.events/p/ad14b8>

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 Date for 2026: February 4th.**

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

NEW MEMBER CONVERSATIONS -

When? Today! Sunday, January 18th (10:30-11:30am)

Where? In Room: Matthew

We welcome anyone who has been attending worship at ELC and wants to learn more... anyone who is interested in joining our ELC membership ...anyone who simply wishes to join in on the conversations ☺

What does it mean to be "the church" in the world today?

What does it mean to be "Lutheran"?

What is distinctive about the ELCA... our teachings and understandings?

What makes ELC distinct / special?

How can you be part of and support this ministry?

BABY CAPS - will meet **Tuesday 20, 9:30-11:00** in the Faith Room.

Meriter Hospital is always grateful for the caps we contribute! Contact Ruth at ruthheinecke@gmail.com for more information

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet at **10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21st** at Homestead. We will be watching Liz Curtis Higgs Youtube from Monday, January 19th.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet on **Tues, Jan 20th at 7 pm** in the Matthew Room. We will do the January Bible Study from the "Gather" magazine, starting on page 26. Always welcoming new faces and those we haven't seen lately too. If you need help locating the Bible study materials you can email Connie Curran at this address: curranconnie@hotmail.com.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST WEEKEND

As we gather for worship on **Saturday, January 24 @ 5:00pm or Sunday, January 25 @ 9:00am**, we will, with other RIC congregations across our synod and beyond, "*Celebrate Diversity as God's Children.*" I've invited Pastors Loren and Linda Schumacher to be our guest preachers. They are passionate about our Christian calling to be intentionally inclusive of and welcoming of all God's children. Join us for conversation and fellowship during the coffee hour after worship on Sunday.

Pastor Karen

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)

HYMNALS Since we no longer use the green and blue hymnals, you are welcome to take them. They will be on our library shelves until March. At that time, we will save several and dispose of the rest. So, take as many as you want!

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



GENERAL FUND AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$ 7,358
GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR LAST WEEK	\$ 7,750

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	SATURDAY	5 PM	14
	SUNDAY	9 AM	106

STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Thursday, January 22nd for the February issue of the newsletter.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Tuesday, January 27th at 9am to assemble the newsletter. *Newcomers are welcome.* The assembly process usually takes about 2 hours. Please, come and enjoy the fellowship!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR OUR WEBSITE: We are looking for a volunteer who is interested to help keep our church website updated on a weekly basis. We will help train, along with our step-by-step guide, to help update our weekly bulletins, announcements, worship recordings, and monthly information. If interested, please contact the office.

WEEKLY EMAIL SIGN UP -Do you receive our weekly church updates and digital newsletters? At ELC of Mt Horeb, we are able to share important information to everyone quickly by email. If you aren't receiving our emails, we encourage you to sign up through our website. Go to elcmthoreb.org and click on the Email Signup image on the top right, add your name, email and phone number, then SUBMIT. We want to include everyone.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE		
	<i>This Week Jan. 17TH & 18TH Saturday & Sunday</i>	<i>Next Week January 24TH & 25TH Saturday & Sunday</i>
ACOLYTES	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Brooklyn Kreul Scarlett Ploessl	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Evelyn Rameker Gabe Sadler
COMM ASSIST	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Helen Kahl Available Available	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> No Communion
READERS	<i>Saturday 5pm worship</i> Available <i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Helen Kahl	<i>Saturday 5pm worship</i> Available <i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Available
USHERS	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Doug Nesheim Gerald Stamm	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> John & Carol Nielsen
NURSERY	Open but Not Staffed -Located across from the library.	
ALTAR GUILD	Cathie Field, Sara Hellenbrand, Laura Miller, Sharon Schiefelbein & Amy Kellesvig	
COUNCIL DUTIES	Ann Baumgartner	