

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 14th & 15th, 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR Linda Palzkill (Dennis & Sylvia Lokken's sister) Cailyn Knuth (Jen Mullendore's niece) Steve Mueller, Jill Knuteson, Kathy Sies, Jennifer Hubert (Mary Meister's niece) Mike (Stick) Hirsch (Dianne's brother), Dani Sue Schroeder, Pauline Blum (Mary Meister's Aunt), Ruth Ann Nemet, Paul & Lois Kerscher (Amy Thompson's parents), Paul Baum, 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

Feb 15th (Sunday):

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

Feb 18th (Wednesday):

·7th/8th Grade & families - attend Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm

Feb 20th (Friday):

·Meet & Eat - Mission Trip meeting for youth 4 - 5 pm

·Parents Night Out - 5:30 pm - 8 pm (register below)

Feb 21st (Saturday):

·First Communion for 5th graders, 9:30 am - 12 pm

Feb 22nd (Sunday):

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

Feb 25th (Wednesday):

·7th/8th Grade Confirmation - 7 pm Worship, 7:30 small groups

March 1 (Sunday):

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

PARENTS NIGHT OUT at ELC: Feb 20th, 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/2bc778>

FEBRUARY 20th
Parents Night Out
2026



1st COMMUNION RETREAT - Feb 21 9:30 am - 12:00 pm- Our 5th graders and their parents are invited to our First Communion Retreat in Fellowship Hall. Sign up: email brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org.



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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Dear ELC Congregation,

Thank you for leading the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Clothes Closet during the end of December and throughout January! Your support ensured our neighbors received care, warmth and needed clothing, shoes and bedding.

A special thanks to Amy Sinner for coordinating efforts! With her leading the way, we served over 380 family members and volunteers contributed over 95 hours.

We are truly grateful to ELC and give our thanks to you all!

Amy Gordon

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Clothes Closet Coordinator

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.

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

BABY CAPS - Knitters, we will meet to make baby caps on **Tuesday Feb 3 and 17, 9:30 in the Faith Room.** I delivered 29 caps to Unity Point Meriter last month! ruthheinecke@mail.com or 608-444-4949.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on **February 18th at 9:30 am** at church before the Lenten service.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, February 17th, at 7 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall to tie blankets for our graduating seniors. If you have fabric at home for one of these blankets, bring back the fabric that night so we can work on assembly together. If you've completed a blanket, please bring it that evening or drop in Brenda's office before February 17th. **!** 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.

INDOOR FARMER'S MARKET Saturday, February 21st from 8am – 1pm at ELC

RECONCILING IN CHRIST Engagement Session

The RIC Committee will hold an engagement session at **4:30 pm, on February 21, 2026**, prior to worship in the Chapel. 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?



WINTER CANCELLATION POLICY
If the Mount Horeb School District has cancelled school, all church activities are cancelled.

Please pick up your contribution envelopes in the Narthex

GENERAL FUND AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$ 7,358
GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR LAST WEEK	\$ 5,864

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

SATURDAY	5 PM	17	SUNDAY	9 AM	93
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STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Thursday, February 19th for the March issue of the newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Tuesday, February 24th at 9am to assemble the newsletter. *Newcomers are welcome.* The assembly process usually takes about 2 hours. Please, come and enjoy the fellowship!



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.

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!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	<i>This Week Feb. 14th & 15th Saturday & Sunday</i>	<i>Next Week Feb. 18th, 21st & 22nd Ash Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday</i>
ACOLYTES	Sunday 9 am worship Ilana Hartenberger John Henry Lee	Sunday 9 am worship Maria Van Ooyen Leah Zelle
COMM ASSIST	Sunday 9 am worship Kerstin Edwards Available Available	Wednesday Assist as needed Sunday 9 am worship No Communion
READERS	Saturday 5pm worship Available Sunday 9 am worship Gary Hamburg	Wednesday Assist as needed Saturday 5pm worship Ann Baumgartner Sunday 9 am worship Ben Brothers
USHERS	Sunday 9 am worship Jim Cook Mary Gullickson-Krantz	Wednesday Assist as needed Sunday 9 am worship Mary & Wayne Knudson
NURSERY	Open but Not Staffed -Located across from the library.	
ALTAR GUILD	February -Deb Dangerfield, Shannon Hadac, Judy Steinhauer, Joan Stensby & Jessica Powell	
COUNC DUTIES	February -Kathy O'Donnell	

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT - at 11:00 am or 7:00 pm

On Ash Wednesday, we will gather for worship in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am and at 7:00 pm we will gather in the Sanctuary. On the rest of the Wednesdays, we will gather in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am with a luncheon following worship. At 7:00pm we will gather in the Chapel for a simple service of scripture and reflection, song and intercessory prayer— for ourselves, for those in need, and for the world.

February 18th (Ash Wednesday) - *“Father... hallowed be your name...”*

February 25th - *“Give us each day our daily bread...”*

March 4th - *“Forgive our sins... as we forgive...”*

March 11th - *“Lead us not into temptation... deliver us from evil...”*

March 18th - *“The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours...”*

March 25th - *“Amen.”*