

WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT ELC

Holy Communion Celebrated 1st & 3rd 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/

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 2nd

11:00 am worship (FH)

7:00 pm worship (Sanctuary)

GOOD FRIDAY April 3rd

**1:00 pm ecumenical worship
(Sanctuary)**

SATURDAY April 4th

No Worship Service

EASTER SUNDAY April 5th

7:00 am Sunrise Service

Youth Easter Breakfast

9:00 am Easter Festival

ELC'S STAFF

Accompanists: Ruth Heinecke, Barb Underwood, Kathy O'Donnell

Agape Preschool Director: Amy Kellesvig

Bell Choir Director: Kristin Willcutt

Custodian: Jeremy Kahl

Maintenance: Karl Lasse

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...

Holy Week! Easter! The whole reason ELC exists (and for that matter, the whole Christian church spread across the globe) is because of Holy Week and Easter. Without these significant events of Jesus' last week on earth, we are simply a lost, hopeless community of people. *Because of* these events, we are a people of **hope** ... a people of the **crucified and risen Christ**—both now... and in the life to come. The apostle Paul said it this way, *“If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith has been in vain... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a human, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ”* (1 Cor. 15:13-22).

The church's observance of Holy Week and Easter is at the core of our life of faith as Christian people. So, I encourage you (I urge you!) to take the time to remember and meditate on the final days that lead up to Jesus' death on the cross... and then celebrate with us Christ's resurrection – that brings **life** to everyone!

Holy Week = The final week of Jesus' life on earth is referred to as Holy Week or Passion Week. The *Passion* (from the Latin *patio* = “to suffer or endure”) remembers the events that occur from Palm Sunday through Easter eve.

Palm / Passion Sunday – [Matthew 21:1-11; 26:14–27:66] Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem marks the beginning of Holy Week... and Jesus' passion. The palm branch was an ancient symbol of victory. On this day, we remember how Jesus' disciples and followers welcomed him into Jerusalem with shouts of “*Hosanna!* [= “*Save us!*”] *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!*” But we also remember all that the coming week held for Jesus – a path that led to his suffering and death – **for us**.

Maundy Thursday – [John 13:1-17, 31b-35]

Maundy Thursday focuses on the night that Jesus was betrayed. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught his followers to “*do to others as you would have them do to you.*” On this night, Jesus lived out

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS Cont.

"The Golden Rule" – but with a twist. He told his disciples to "*do to others as I have done to you.*" "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum* which means "commandment." On this day, we remember the meal that Jesus instituted (Holy Communion) ... his example of loving service as he knelt down to wash his disciples' feet... and his final and greatest commandment— "*Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*"

Good Friday – [John 18:1-19:42] **On** this day, we walk with Jesus as he is brought before Pilate for trial, sentenced to death, crucified and buried. We hear his "last words" – "*Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing*" ... "*Today you will be with me in paradise*" ... "*Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother*" ... "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*" ... "*I am thirsty*" ... "*It is finished*" ... "*Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.*" We feel the weight of his sacrifice and the pain he endured. We feel the darkness enfold us. Why do we call this day *good* when everything about it feels so very bad? Because God took the awful events of this day and made them work for the good of all humankind, turning this into a truly **good Friday**. Why do we call this day *good*? Because Jesus endured this – **for our good**.

Easter Sunday – [Matthew 28:1-18; John 20:1-18]

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia is a Hebrew word that means "*praise the Lord!*" Easter is a day of celebration, **hope**, and **life** for all! The stone has been moved away; the tomb is empty – Jesus is risen from the dead! Easter is God's answer to sin, darkness, and death. It defines who we are as God's people—we are *Easter people* – people of **hope**! Sin and death cannot defeat us!

Without the resurrection, the passion of Christ is just a sad story of God's weakness and shame. *But* with the resurrection, the passion of Christ has the power to give **hope** and to transform lives. It shows us the power of God's LOVE—a **LOVE** that is willing to do whatever it takes to draw us into a relationship! **A LOVE** that conquers the power of sin and takes the sting of death away! **A LOVE** that aims to give **life** – to all! Dear friends, the Holy Week and Easter story becomes our story only as we immerse ourselves in it and experience it for ourselves. So come... and bring a friend or neighbor!

Blessings! Pastor Karen

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 am - 11 am: (3 years old - 8th grade) Join us to hear Bible stories, music, play games, create crafts, and enjoy snacks. We begin in the chapel each week. All are welcome.

DATES FOR APRIL: April 5th (Easter) No Sunday School class

April 26th at 9 am -Sunday School children sing at 9 am worship

5th GRADE 'REMEMBRANCE OF THE LAST SUPPER' -

Our special meal for our 5th graders & families, will be held on **April 15th, 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm.** (*Thanks to our confirmation youth for serving/cleaning this night*)

Fifth graders will celebrate their First Communion on April 19th- *Sophia Christiansen, Leah Gaulke, Hadley Kahl, Natalie Schulenberg, and Sedona Vondra.*

6th GRADE PRE-CONFIRMATION - Our students will gather on Wednesdays, **April 15th - May 13th, 3:45 - 4:45 PM** (5 sessions) in the Matthew Room. Email brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org to register.

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION -

- April 1 - No Confirmation Class (Spring Break)
- Holy Week Worship Schedule: (*see times in the newsletter*)
- April 8 - Class time 7 pm - 8:30 pm (Service night)
- April 15-Serving/Cleaning 5th grade Remembrance Meal @5:30
- April 22 - Bowling at Norsk 7 pm (drop off/pick up at Norsk)
- April 29 - Class time 7 pm - 8:30 pm

EASTER BREAKFAST - April 5th, 7 am - 9 am

Middle and high school youth are invited to help with our Youth Easter Breakfast on April 5th. High school youth may earn silver cord hours. Contact Brenda, if you can help.

2026 MISSION GROUP MEET & EAT - April 17th, 4 - 5 pm - Youth traveling to Kansas City will meet (and eat) to make plans for our summer trip in July.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS Cont.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT at ELC: April 17th, 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/parentsnightapril>



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES - Our Senior Blanket Ceremony will be on May 10th, during our 9 am worship service. Please send you senior photos to brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org by May 1st.

2026 YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

Vacation Bible School (VBS) / Day Camp is an action-packed week full of faith, fun, and friendship! Kids dive into exciting Bible stories, play energetic games, create awesome crafts, and enjoy tasty snacks along the way. It's a joyful place where new friendships are formed and everyone learns just how much God loves them.

VBS/DAY CAMP WEEK AT ELC - June 22-25 (Mon - Thurs)

Registration websites have more information -

VBS - (9 am– 11:30 am) 3 yr. – Kindergarten

REGISTER: <https://vbspro.events/p/vbselcmthoreb>



DAY CAMP - (1pm-5 pm) 1st – 5th grade in fall

Special day to Sugar Creek on June 25th for 1st - 5th graders. (Special trip paid by ELC)

REGISTER: <https://vbspro.events/p/elcmhdaycamp>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Youth and adults who would be able to assist with VBS or Day Camp, please sign up/register with the links above.

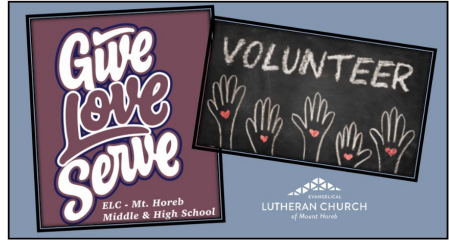
GIVE/LOVE/SERVE

(Local Service Days) -

June 17th, July 8th, August 12th (Morning /afternoon activities)

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS Cont.

Middle - High school youth are invited to our local service days. Many opportunities for youth to provide service in our community. Silver Cord hours will be given to our high school students. Please sign up for the days and times your children are able to help.



<https://forms.gle/tKJDiQnWBUsi2AKv7> Invite your friends!

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP – Online Registration is open for Sugar Creek Bible Camp Summer programs. They have a variety of programs listed on their website, for youth and families. **ELC of Mt Horeb will help with camp costs, by giving each camper \$300 towards their camping week.** If additional scholarships are needed, please contact Brenda. Come and see in 2026!



<https://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/enroll-now/>

Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director

brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org



EASTER BREAKFAST - April 5th, 7 am - 9 am

Come and enjoy our Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, featuring homemade cinnamon rolls, egg bakes, fruit, juice/coffee. Free will donations will support our youth mission trip to Kansas City, MO in July.

AGAPE

Springtime greetings from Agape!

Spring Break is right around the corner, from March 30 to April 3. When classes resume on April 7, we will begin lessons about gardening, kites, wind, and bugs. The students will learn about caterpillars and butterflies by observing them as they spin their cocoons, emerge, and are released during the month of May.

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is ongoing for all preschool classes and the “before/after school care” program. We love getting referrals from our church family members, so please spread the word to those who may be looking for preschool options! The 3K enrollment forms are available on the preschool website and can be picked up from the Agape office during preschool hours or by appointment. 4K enrollment is completed through the MHASD website.

Easter Blessings,
Amy Kellesvig

Upcoming calendar:

March 30 – April 3: Spring Break - No Preschool (3K, 4K, or Toddler Time classes)

April 7: 4K AM & PM & 3K classes resume

April 10: Toddler Time resumes

May 15: Last Toddler Time Class

May 16: ACP hosts Brats In the Lot at Miller's Supermarket Mt Horeb

May 26: 3K End of Year Family Night 5:30 – 7:00 pm

May 29: Last day 3K

June 8: 4K End of Year Family Night 5:30 – 7:00 pm

June 9: Last day of 4K classes



TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET	2/28/2026	1/31/2026	12/31/2025
General Fund	13,178	30,121	31,761
Building Capital Fund	24,054	26,317	20,564
Designated Funds	129,438	132,967	128,529
Mortgage	(71,480)	(72,162)	(72,288)
TOTAL	95,190	117,243	108,566

CASH FLOW	February 2026	2026 YTD
General Fund Income	20,564	56,910
General Fund Expenses		
Mission and Outreach	2,074	3,908
Personnel	21,979	45,718
Congregational Life	2,445	4,894
Facilities and Administration	11,010	20,973
Total General Fund Expenses	37,508	75,493
Net General Fund Gain (Loss)	(16,944)	(18,583)
Other Income		
Building Capital Fund	869	6,622
Designated Funds	4,202	10,499
Mortgage	682	808
Total Other Income	5,753	17,929
Other Expenses		
Building Capital Fund	3,132	3,490
Designated Funds	7,731	9,590
Total Other Expenses	10,863	13,080
Net Gain (Loss) from Other Expenses	(5,110)	4,849
NET GAIN (LOSS)	(22,054)	(13,734)

TREASURER'S REPORT Cont.

BUDGET TRACKING	2026	2026 vs Budget	2026 vs 2025
General Fund Income	56,910	(8,733)	(8,948)
General Fund Expenses			
Mission and Outreach	3,908	(243)	240
Personnel	45,718	1,612	(1,104)
Congregational Life	4,894	694	1,163
Facilities and Administration	20,973	8,653	1,315
Total General Fund Expenses	75,493	10,716	1,614

General fund giving was only \$20,564 in February. Expenses were about average, at \$37,508, resulting in a deficit of \$16,944. At the end of the month, the general fund had \$20,169 in assets against \$6,990 in outstanding liabilities, for a balance of \$13,178.

February was a short month with only four Sundays, and weather was sometimes an issue. But the monthly deficit exceeds our current margin in the general fund. If you are able to give a little more, please consider doing so.

Turning to our other funds, we received \$869 in income for the building fund, and spent \$3,132 on controls for the boiler. Benevolence in January raised \$1,060 for Compassion International and \$118 for Divine Savior. Other income included \$1,884 for the mortgage fund, \$400 for the sewing circle, \$222 for youth, \$220 for music, \$80 for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, \$75 for landscaping, \$40 for RIC, and \$103 unspecified. Designated fund expenses included \$884 for the mortgage, of which \$202 was interest expense and \$682 a return of principal; \$1,498 for the kitchen, and \$142 for music. Benevolence distributions include \$5,120 for Divine Savior and \$86 for Compassion International.

Last month's report incorrectly reported the outstanding mortgage balance, which has been correctly restated here. Respectfully

Respectfully submitted by Ben Brothers, March 8, 2026.

BENEVOLENCE

It Takes a Church to Build a Summer of Impact

As we turn the corner into spring, we also begin looking ahead to something special: a summer filled with faith, energy and connection for the kids and youth in our congregation and community.

From Vacation Bible School for our youngest children, to Day Camp for elementary students, to local service days and a summer trip to Kansas City for our middle and high school youth, there is no shortage of meaningful experiences on the horizon.

But none of it happens on its own.

Each of these moments — whether it's a child singing at VBS, a first grader stepping onto the grounds at Sugar Creek, or a high school student serving others in our community — exists because people in this church step forward to make it happen.

This summer, we're grateful for strong leadership already in place. **Cheyenne Twiton** and **Lauren Albrecht** will lead and plan Day Camp, while our Youth Ministries Director, **Brenda Martin**, will guide our VBS programming. They will create the kind of welcoming, high-energy environment that makes these experiences so memorable.

And they won't be doing it alone. We're actively looking for additional volunteers to help lead activities, support our Day Camp leaders and be part of the VBS experience. Whether you can give a full week or just some of your time, your presence makes a real difference. If you are interested in contributing your time and talents for any of these events, please reach out to Brenda at brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org.

At the same time, our Benevolence Program plays a critical role in ensuring these opportunities are accessible to everyone who wants to participate. Each April, we invite contributions that help offset costs, provide camperships and expand what we're able to offer. For kids already connected to ELC, these experiences deepen their faith in new ways. For others, it may be their first meaningful introduction to a church community.

You can contribute financially throughout the month of April by:

- **Mail:** Send a check to ELC and note "Benevolence" in the memo
- **Online:** Visit the ELC website and click "Give"
- **Digitally:** Download the "GivePlus Church" mobile app, or text "Benevolence" to 608-400-0183 with the amount you wish to give

BENEVOLENCE

Thank you for helping build a summer that will matter. Not just for a week, but for years to come.

On behalf of Benevolence,

Adam Mertz

adammertz2@gmail.com

2026 BENEVOLENCE MISSIONS

January: Divine Savior, our sister church in Puerto Rico \$4035

February: Compassion International \$1178

March: Pastor's discretionary fund

April: ELC youth programming

May: Reconciling in Christ (RIC)

June: Solstice House

July: Lutheran Social Services

August: Kiva

September: SABA, International

October: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

November: Accessible local health care: Our Lady of Hope and
Community Connections

December: Madison Area Jail Ministry

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

It has been 6 months since we shipped quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief. The quilting groups set themselves a goal of shipping 175 quilts again this year. At this point, 90 quilts have been completed leaving 85 to do. Gifts from the congregation of sheets and light weight blankets help so much. Thank you all for being part of the production process.

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. We work Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to Noon. The doors will be locked but don't hesitate to ring the doorbell.

COUNCIL

Happy April to All! And Happy Easter!

I wanted to share some information on what council has been up to for the last month. We have a number of ongoing efforts as well as some new ones.

Ongoing

- We've had a group reviewing disaster recovery and incident prevention, looking for ways to make our building safer. Some ideas have been brought forward for discussion, and we agreed we need to continue to pursue a plan around this topic. We'll need to approach it judiciously as there are additional expenses involved.
- We approved new contracts for lawn care for the 2026-2028 seasons (mowing, trimming, and blowing of clippings) as well as weed care applications.
- We also approved continuation of the ELC advertisement in the Community Guide.
- We continue to look for ways to improve our committees and ministries. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas!
- Our Transition Team continues to work their way through the process and is doing a wonderful job. Please continue to support them and to share with them in their immensely important role. They are a true blessing and we appreciate all of their efforts!

New going 🤔

- We reviewed our "Trusted Partners" list and discussed ideas for future maintenance of the list, to ensure we continually have access to cost-effective, reliable, responsive, and trustworthy sources to help us maintain all of our church needs.
- We reviewed our approach to financial approvals to update what had been an inefficient decision-making process. We established a means and limit for the Executive Officers to be able to approve various already budgeted items in order to reduce the delay caused by having a full council vote.
- We reviewed the current status and purpose of the Endowment Fund as well as other specific-use funds.

I think that's all for now. Thank you for reading!

Peace and Blessings to All,
Gary Hastings

ELC BOOK CLUB

ELC BOOK CLUB will meet on April 12th after church in the Fellowship Hall.

We will discuss SOULTYPES: Matching Your Personality & Spiritual Path by Sandra Krebs Hirsh & Jane A. G. Kise

Has anyone ever told you or made you feel like you were doing spirituality all wrong? With a combination of Psychology & Theology, this book lays out the spiritual paths of each of the 16 MBTI (Myers-Briggs Type Indicator) personality types -- in the words of the people themselves.

Each of the pathways is a rich life-long journey of discovery full of new avenues for growth, not a single set of prescriptive practices. The book (and we) aim to: find those practices that bring the greatest joy, insight, clarity, help, or whatever se are seeking;

- understand past frustrations with religion and/or spirituality;
- grant new freedom for yourself and others to take a different path;
- find comfort and strength in life's struggles;
- continue on a rich, fulfilling spiritual journey all of your days.

To prepare for our April 12th meeting, please do the following ahead of time (but it is just fine if you cannot -- please come anyway):

- Order the book -- or notify Paula Van Ooyen if you need help with that. See her contact info at the end of this note.
- Use Chapter One in the book to determine your four-letter personality type - the best that you can. We will help you if you need it.
- Read the chapter that corresponds with your four-letter personality type. We will talk about the discoveries and any AHA moments.
- Do the following Sensory Exercise on any day in any place: Go for a walk, find something in nature, and spend five minutes concentrating on present-moment experiences. Use your senses, not metaphors or connections, to find the spiritual in the here and now. Write down your observations and your thoughts about how the experience is spiritual.

We will define spirituality together. We will make note of and respect and enjoy our differences. We will have many AHA moments. We will bask in the Spirit. Please join us. It is ok if you have never met with us before. It is ok if you did not read the book. But please, shout out to Paula if you need assistance.

Paula Van Ooyen
pvanooyen111@gmail.com

PRAYER list

PLEASE PRAY FOR- Jan Lukken, Char Smith, 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), 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), Joyce Fargo, Alycen McKinney, 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,

MEMORIALS

Given For:

Ron Cushman

Katie Gordon

Mike Hirsch

Given By:

LeRoy Collins

Ann & Dave Baumgartner

Martin & Connie Elligson

Sharon Collins

Dave & Kerstin Edwards

Sara & Randy Schultz

Linda Wahlgren

Delma Larson

Mary Stamm

Diane Fink

Diane & Steve Mueller

Ron & Bonny Kellogg

LeRoy Collins

Diane & Dennis Dreger

Helen Kahl

Ann & Dave Baumgartner

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.



CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on **Monday, April 14th at 6 pm** in the Matthew room.

ELC SEWING GROUP We meet every **Thursday morning from 9:00 am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall.

BABY CAPS will meet **Tuesday, April 7 and 21 in the Faith Room from 9:30-11 am**. We've delivered a good amount of caps to Unity Point Meriter already since January, so keep up the good work, knitters and Crocheters! ruthheinecke@gmail.com or 608-444-4949.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet at **10 am on April 15th at Homestead**.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet on **Tues, April 21st at 7 pm** in the Matthew Room. We will do the Bible Study from the March/April/May issue of "Gather" magazine. See page 24 for study titled "God's Name, God's Promise." 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

JOIN US TO HONOR OUR SEASONED SAINTS

For about 25 years ELC has honored the ladies in the congregation who are reaching the age of 80 years during that year. Our Seasoned Saints have been role models for younger women at church. They have held offices on Church Council, taught Sunday School, served many, many meals, assisted with church services, sung in choir, served on various committees, and on and on.

It is a privilege to honor these ladies on Saturday morning, May 2, at 9:30 with a light breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please join us by calling the church office today to make your reservation, 608-437-5012.

T-SHIRTS NEEDED: Each Baby Care Kit assembled for Lutheran World Relief contains four diapers. To help recycle and keep costs down, we utilize T-shirts and sew them to make diapers. If you have T-shirts adult size Large or larger, we can recycle them. Please drop them in the church office. Thank you for your contribution. Stay tuned for more information regarding other donations needed for our Baby Kits.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS Cont.



Mount Horeb Community Blood Drive

**Evangelical Lutheran Church
315 Easy Main**

**Friday, April 17, 2026
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: MthorebWI

Only the front door will be open.

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.



Help save blood! Give blood 4/13-30 for \$15 e-gift card to merchant of choice. See rcblood.org/hope

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Thursday, April 23rd
for the May issue of the newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Tuesday, April 28th 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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Spring Gathering

of the West Dane and East Madison Clusters

Join us for a morning with fellow Lutheran Women as we
"Spring Forth in Faith"
at our annual WELCA Cluster meeting.

Registration begins at 9:00. Business Meeting at 9:30.

Program at 10:00.
"The Power of Connection" by Grief Nurse
Peg Weber, and a talk about Care Team Ministry
by Melissa Kelley from Catholic Charities.

Lunch Served at 11:30 - Cost \$7. Payable that day.

Saturday 18 9:30 AM
 April
 2026

Primrose Lutheran Church
8770 Ridge Drive, Belleville

RSVP BY APRIL 5TH TO: FERN LANGFOSS
flangfoss@gmail.com



JOYFUL PSALMS

Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are happy songs of praise.
They all begin and end with the same sentence.

Put the words below in alphabetical order in the boxes. Then read down the second column to discover the special sentence from Psalms!



- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER





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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	APRIL 4TH & 5TH Easter	APRIL 11TH & 12TH	APRIL 18TH & 19TH	APRIL 25TH & 26TH
ACOLYTES	Sunday 7am Colby Johanning Brooklyn Kreul Sunday 9am Scarlett Ploessl Evelyn Rameker	Sunday Gabe Sadler Parker Woolard	Sunday Willie Wyse Hudson Kahl	Sunday Evelyn Eggers Ilana Hartenberger
COMM ASSIST	Sunday Available Available Available	No Communion	Sunday Available Available Available	No Communion
READERS	Saturday NO SERVICE Sunday 7am Available Sunday 9am Diane Bartz	Saturday Bonny Kellogg Sunday Kim Kelliher	Saturday Available Sunday Ben Brothers	Saturday Available Sunday Amy Sinner
USHERS	Sunday 7am Jim Cook Mary Gullickson- Krantz Sunday 9am Mary & Wayne Knudson	Sunday Doug Nesheim Gerald Stamm	Sunday John & Carol Nielsen	Sunday Betsy Baguhn Jody Morey
ALTAR GUILD	April Kerstin Edwards, Caylen Kahl, Mary Lokken, Diane Pladziewicz, Teresa Schult			
CNCL DUTIES	April Gary Hastings			

PLEASE BRING YOUR USED INK CARTRIDGES TO THE CHURCH OFFICE! Betsy Baguhn does a fabulous job of turning them in for ELC credit. This is a great way to help offset the cost of printing our bulletin and newsletter.





APRIL Birthdays

1	Lauren Faust Ethan Frank Timothy Geiger Jordyn Pasker Linda Wahlgren	12	Barry Larson Lucy Lichte Czech Donna Miller	23	Maureen Cassady Natalie Hosgeth
2	Bekett Eisele Abigail Sadler Nicole Vesely	13	Ashley Lund	24	John Huseth Alexandra Grundahl Scott Johanning Jill Knuteson Dennis Lokken Conrad Schult
4	Annalee Groves Adelynn Kelliher Hannah Schulenberg	14	Brian Frank Cade McKay Sally Soltis Jonathan Winkler	25	Preston Corrigan Donald Williams
5	Carl Sieg	15	Ingrid Erickson	26	Siobhan Mertz Doug Lund John Rollins
6	Maggie Stack Andy Truman	18	Carol Engstad Gloria Foley Geoffrey Krentz Amy Shay Nathan Steinl Sacha Tetzlaff	27	Andy Mullendore Gabriel Sadler
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8	Noah Mullendore Sawyer Staplemann	20	Sullivan Boettcher Sharon Collins	29	Jack Brager Sandra Hammen
9	Shelley Lichte		Lindsay Hellenbrand Graham Osterholz	30	Madeline Cook Jerry Thompson
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