

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 18th & 19th

PLEASE PRAY FOR Mark Mostrom, Elizabeth & baby Jack Troge, 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, 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

April 19 (Sunday):

- 5th grader's First Communion, 9 am worship
- Sunday School 10:15 am - 11:00 am, meet in chapel

April 22 (Wednesday):

- 6th grade Pre-Confirmation 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm (Matthew room)
- 7th/8th Grade Confirmation - Bowling at Norsk, 7 pm - 8:30 pm

April 26 (Sunday):

- Sunday School Children sing during 9 am worship, arrive at 8:45
- Sunday School 10:15 am - 11:00 am, meet in chapel

April 29 (Wednesday):

- 6th grade Pre-Confirmation 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm (Matthew room)
- 7th/8th Grade Confirmation - Class time - St Olaf, 7 pm - 8:30 pm

May 3 (Sunday):

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

CELEBRATING OUR FIFTH GRADERS - We joyfully celebrate our youth as they prepare to receive their First Communion - April 19.

*Sophia Christiansen
Leah Gaulke
Hadley Kahl
Natalie Schulenberg
Sedona Vondra*

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

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

2026 YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

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)

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/>



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

ELC 'COFFEE TIME' – Join us for Coffee Time on the first Wednesday of each month in Fellowship Hall. Stop by for coffee and conversation on May 6th.

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

BABY CAPS will meet Tuesday 21 in the Faith Room from 9:30-11 am ruthheinecke@gmail.com or 608-444-4949.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet at 10 am on April 21 at Homestead.

WORSHIP & MUSIC will meet @ 3 pm on April 21st.

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.

PEW PADS REFRESHED!

For those of you that faithfully use the pew pads, you may notice they all have new pads and sharpened pencils. A couple of weeks ago during Easter break, Jackson and Preston Corrigan removed all the pads and took them to Fellowship Hall where they updated each one! They were all returned to the proper places in the pews.

Sincere thanks Jackson and Preston for a necessary job well done!



STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Noon on 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!



GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR LAST WEEK	\$ 6,575
YTD BUDGETED GIVING GENERAL FUND	\$104,891
YTD ACTUAL GIVING GENERAL FUND	<u>\$ 98,318</u>
	\$ (13,148)

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SATURDAY 18 SUNDAY 106

CALLING FOR HELP FROM ALL BAKERS!

Our donuts cost approximately \$200.00 a month. This past week's donations came to \$10.00. We need to curb our spending.

We need a batch or two of cookies or breads, label the contents on a freezer zip lock bag with the date and put them in the church freezer. Some treats can be gluten free; I suggest NO NUTS to avoid allergies.

Beginning May 24th until Sunday School starts in the Fall, let's do treats the old-fashioned way and provide them for coffee time before and after church. This is an important fellowship time, and we want to continue the tradition without the high cost. (Council will reassess this process late Summer and hopefully we can continue this new tradition!)

Council will care for plating the goodies on Sunday morning. Those that do not bake but want to participate, please purchase baked goods and put them in a freezer zip lock bag, mark what they are with the date and put them in the freezer.

The donation container will remain out for donations to help offset the cost of the coffee and rental of the urns. **THANK YOU for your help!** Any questions, contact Dianne Hirsch, Council President, dehirsch60@gmail.com

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE		
	<i>This Week April 11th & 12th Saturday & Sunday</i>	<i>Next Week April 18th & 19th Saturday & Sunday</i>
ACOLYTES	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Gabe Sadler Parker Woolard	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Willie Wyse Hudson Kahl
COMM ASSIST	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> <i>No Communion</i>	<i>Sunday 9 am</i> Kim Kelliher Available Available
READERS	<i>Saturday 5pm worship</i> Bonny Kellogg <i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Gary Hamburg	<i>Saturday 5 pm worship</i> Available <i>Sunday 9am worship</i> Ben Brothers
USHERS	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Doug Nesheim Gerald Stamm	<i>Sunday 9 am</i> John & Carol Nielsen
NURSERY	Open but Not Staffed -Located across from the library.	
ALTAR GUILD	April – Kerstin Edwards, Caylen Kahl, Mary Lokken, Diane Pladziewicz, Teresa Schult	
COUNCIL DUTIES	April – Gary Hastings	