

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 16th & 17th

PLEASE PRAY FOR Butch Wille (Diane Dreger's Brother), 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 & Staci 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, P.R

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL (May 17th) 10:15 - 11 am - Join us for fun activities to celebrate the end of the school year.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS, - Thank you to our many Sunday School leaders/helpers and our Confirmation small group guides. We appreciate your dedication to guiding our youth as they grow in their faith.



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/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Youth and adults who would be able to assist with VBS or Day Camp, please sign up/register with the links or QR code that matches the program. (same as the registration link for the youth)

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>

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!



BABY KIT DONATIONS NEEDED: We have recently taken an inventory of our donated items and established a goal of 60 kits for this year. Thank you for donating to this project. The following is a list of needed items in order to make that goal:

51 lightweight cotton t-shirts (each kit requires 2)

71 long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (each kit requires 2)

6 receiving blankets, (each kit requires 2)

32 jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood

53 hand towels, dark color recommended, must be NEW.

BAKED ITEMS NEEDED: Our youth will be hosting a bake sale along with our Brats in the Lot on May 30th. If someone is available to bake some goodies, please let Brenda know. Thank you.

BRATS IN THE LOT (Youth Mission Trip-Kansas City) - May 30th, 10 am - 2 pm at Millers - Mt Horeb. Start the summer off with us at Millers to enjoy some brats. Pick up some delicious Bake Sale treats, as well. Thank you for your support of our youth who will help the community of Kansas City, MO in July.

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 in **June**.



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

FARMER'S MARKET Thursdays 3:30-6:30 pm on the ELC front lawn

BABY CAP MAKERS will meet Tuesday, May 19th @, 9:30am either outside on the east benches or the Faith Room
ruthheinecke@gmail.com or 608-444-4949.

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

BAKING NIGHT WITH SG&F

Please consider joining the Spiritual Growth and Fellowship committee for a fun evening of baking and socializing. Since our church is going to offer baked goods during the coffee hour, we've decided to bake some treats. You can bring unbaked cookie dough if you like. We plan to bake cookies and freeze them. **Meeting time: 6pm on Wednesday May 20th**

Location: ELC kitchen



***Nancy is on Vacation through the 17th.
E-mail & Voicemail will be monitored***

***The Church office will be closed
Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day***

***Summer Hours Begin Tuesday, May 26th
9-Noon Monday-Friday***

Budget & Finance Concerns

The ELCMH Budget and Finance Committee wants to raise two concerns. First, annual giving to the General Fund has not been keeping up with budgeted revenue and expenses. Second, reduced giving during the summer months depletes the General Fund balance, making it difficult to pay staff and outside expenses. The first problem would be solved if each giving unit would increase their gifts to the General Fund by 10% versus last year. The second problem would be solved if more members would adopt recurring automatic giving as described at <https://elcmthoreb.org/home/give/> or scan the QR code. Please prayerfully consider helping our church with these issues. Thank you!



STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Noon on Thursday, May 21st
for the June issue of the newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Tuesday, May 26th 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 TO SEND EMAILS - We are very thankful for Athena Eggers dedication of helping to send out our weekly church emails on Fridays. We are looking for someone to give Athena a break beginning in September and for most of the next school year. It is a great way to know what is going on at ELC. Contact Nancy or Brenda, if you are interested.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	<i>This Week May 16th & 17th Saturday & Sunday</i>	<i>Next Week May 23rd & 24th Saturday & Sunday</i>
ACOLYTES	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> Hudson Kahl Oliver Kahl	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> John Henry Lee Hannah Schulenberg
COMM ASSIST	<i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> <i>No Communion</i> <i>Worship with the Choir</i>	<i>Sunday 9 am</i> Available Available Available
READERS	<i>Saturday 5pm worship</i> Paul Heinecke <i>Sunday 9 am worship</i> <i>Worship with the Choir</i>	<i>Saturday 5 pm worship</i> <i>No Service</i> <i>Sunday 9am worship</i> Debby Schneider
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	May – Cathie Field, Sara Hellenbrand, Laura Miller, Sharon Schiefelbein, Amy Kellesvig	
COUNCIL DUTIES	May – Carl Sieg	