

SEASONS

Be prepared in season and out of season
2 Timothy 4:2



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*For God so loved the world, that he gave
his only Son, that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

From Your Pastor

The Pastoral Office

When Pastor Peters accepted the call from historic Trinity downtown Milwaukee in October to serve as their pastor, Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church began the process of calling a new associate pastor. [see below] With the back drop of calling a new associate pastor, this is a fine time to reflect for a moment on the Pastoral Office and its relationship to the Church. CFW Walther, the primary leader in the formation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, wrote a book on this very topic, entitled *Kirche und Amt*, which has been translated as *The Church & The Office of The Ministry*. In this book Walther unpacks one thesis after another aimed at explaining the treasures and responsibilities God has given the Church and the Pastoral Office. There are nine theses in Part One devoted to the Church and ten theses devoted to the Pastoral Office in Part Two. Below are selected theses from the two parts, chosen simply to help you reflect on this important relationship at a crucial time in EGL's history.

Part One

Thesis I. "The Church in the proper sense of the word is the congregation of saints, that is, the entirety of all those who, called out of the lost and condemned human race by the Holy Spirit through the Word, truly believe in Christ and by faith are sanctified and incorporated in Christ."

Thesis IV. "It is to this true Church of believers and saints that Christ gave the Keys of the kingdom of heaven, and it is the proper and only possessor and bearer of the spiritual, divine, and heavenly gifts, rights, authority, offices, and the like that Christ has procured and are found in His Church."

Thesis V. "Although the true Church in the proper sense of the word is in its essence invisible, nevertheless its existence can be (definitely) recognizable, namely by the marks of the pure preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments according to Christ's institution."

Part Two

Thesis I. "The holy preaching office or pastoral office is an office distinct from the office of priest, which all believers have."

Thesis II. "The preaching office or the pastoral office is not a human institution but an office that God Himself has established."

Thesis III. "The preaching office is not an optional office but one whose establishment has been commanded to the Church and to which the Church is properly bound till the end of time."

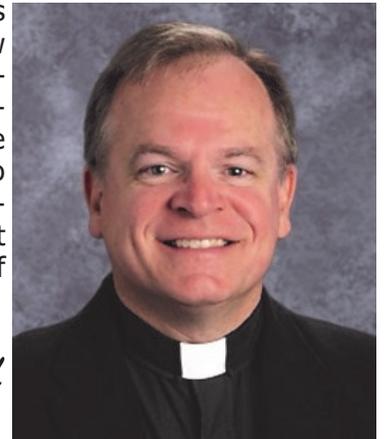
Thesis IV. "The preaching office is not a special state in

opposition to or holier than that of ordinary Christians, as was the Levitical priesthood; rather, it is an office of service."

Thesis VII. "The holy preaching office is the authority, conferred by God through the congregation as the possessor of the priesthood and of all churchly authority, to exercise the rights of the spiritual priesthood in public office on behalf of the congregation."

Thesis VIII. "The preaching office is the highest office in the Church, from which flow all other offices in the Church."

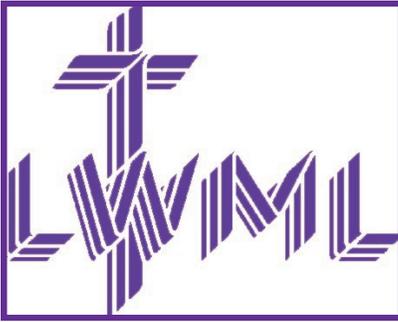
Thesis IX. "To the preaching office there is due respect as well as unconditional obedience when the preacher uses God's Word. Yet the preacher has no dominion in the church. Therefore, he has no right to introduce new laws or arbitrarily to establish adiaphora or ceremonies in the church. The preacher has no right to inflict and carry out excommunication alone, without the preceding knowledge of the whole congregation."



Pastor Skovgaard

CALL PROCESS

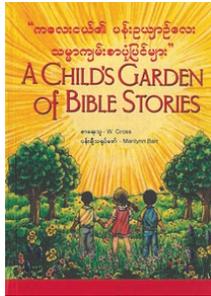
Following Pastor Peters' acceptance last October of the call to historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, the EGL Voters Assembly on November 18 approved the recommendation by the Board of Elders & Church Council to establish a Call Committee for the purpose of calling a new associate pastor. This process will be grounded in and follow our Constitution (Article IV) and Bylaws (Article XII). The Call Committee is composed of nine EGL members, reflecting a wide representation of the congregation: James Drabiszczak, Justin Speck, Carole Braun, Matt Elvers, Doug Grelk, Kelsey Lindholm, Kristina Poppe, Norm Seeger, and Walter Tesch. President Mark Ewert and Administrative Pastor Skovgaard are also on the committee as ex officio and advisory members, respectively. The Call Committee has already met twice: once on December 19 with South Wisconsin District President Dr. John Wille, and once on January 9 to review the material in the congregational self-study. ***In addition to keeping the associate pastor call process in your prayers, keep your eyes open for a letter and survey from the committee, addressed to each household, and be prepared to nominate a candidate when the time arrives.*** For most members that letter and survey will be found in your church mailbox. Our shut-ins and college students will get a copy in the mail.



The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. "Beautiful Savior" is the title of the Bible study, which is found on pages 16-17 of the winter issue of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. Jesus is

our Beautiful Savior for all that He has done for us and still does for us every day of our lives. We praise the Lord for His grace and mercy.

Our South Wisconsin District Mission Grant #7 has been fully funded. This grant of \$12,000 will enable Lutheran Heritage Foundation to publish Christian books in the language of the people that our missionaries serve. Luther's Small Catechism has been translated into more than 80 languages and A Child's Garden of Bible Stories has been translated into more than 25 languages.



The new mission grant to be funded will go to the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS to assist fulltime church worker students from our district at one of the synodical universities or seminaries. The need for pastors, teachers and other professional church workers is critical both to serve the church at large and in the mission field. This grant is for \$30,000.

The LWML SWD is hosting "Heart to Heart Sisters" at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield on Saturday, March 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. During the morning festivities, see and hear ethnic songs and music, and the worship service with reading of Scripture in various native languages. Our "Sisters in Christ" will be part of the program telling of their various cultures and what is happening in the SWD mission field. Lunch of various ethnic and American foods will be served. There will be a free will offering. Plan to attend.

Thank you for your donations of your filled LWML Mite Boxes. It is most appreciated.

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable."

Psalm 145:3

Barbara Kurth



Italian Dinner Sunday March 29, 2020 Don't Miss Out!

Plan to join us for an evening of candlelight dining, dancing, and live music.

Dinner includes:

Pasta with choice of marinara or alfredo sauce, salad, bread, and ice cream.

Beer and wine served for a free will donation.

Seatings from 4:45 - 7:15 pm

Cost: \$25.00/person payable in advance (non-refundable)

Child care provided for \$5.00/child-meal provided



Held in the EGL Gym. Sponsored by the EGL youth.

Proceeds will benefit EGL youth attending 'Higher Things' Youth Conference summer 2020.

Reservations will begin on February 16, 2020 - Contact EGL Church Office

Why You Should Keep Taking Your Kids To Church Even When It Feels Pointless

Every Sunday families face the monumental challenge of getting out the door and to the service on time. In our house the baby always needs something right as it is time to leave. After a bottle, a paci, her blanket, and some coaxing, our eight-week-old daughter fell asleep on the way to church. I hoped she would take a morning nap during the service and we would actually focus on worship.

Not ten minutes into the service, she filled her diaper. Out went my husband with my daughter. After they returned, she sat calmly for about two minutes before the fussing began again. I took her to the back to calm her down, but nothing worked. I went back to our seat, grabbed my nursing cover, and headed to the room in the back. Nursing, burping, and more fussing ensued. Before I knew it, the service was over and I had yet to "worship." I couldn't help but wonder: Why are we even here? Why do we even try?

Every Sunday is some variation of this routine. In the two to three hours we spend at church, my daughter is bound to need to be changed, fed, and put to sleep. My husband and I are like popcorn as we tend to her needs. I think about the future and realize that things are not going to get easier any time soon.

I remember my parents dutifully bringing us to church and carting us up to the balcony. My grandma would quietly pass out fruit Mentos while we wiggled in our pew. Over the years this pew was where we would doodle on children's bulletins, sing hymns, and memorize the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed. Slowly, but surely, these words were written on our hearts and the wiggles stopped. My parents' persistence and regular church attendance wasn't futile.

Other parents of young children, be encouraged. Your work on Sunday mornings isn't futile either. Even the worst, most distracted and failed attempts are important, if for no other reasons but the following.

You Are Teaching Your Child that Church Is Important

You wouldn't be attempting church with children if you didn't think it was important. Perhaps you have always known church is important or perhaps as a childless adult you were convinced that corporate worship is better than an isolated spiritual life. Either way, you have known the beautiful reality that going to church is part of the spiritual life.

As Russell Moore stated, "we are not simply fueling our individual quiet times with praise choruses. We're actually ascending to the heavenly places together, standing before Christ and all of his angels on Mount Zion." But now with children participation in the corporate body feels like

a distant reality and heaven isn't any closer.

Every Sunday families face the monumental challenge of getting out the door and to the service on time. In our house the baby always needs something right as it is time to leave. Some mornings we stop to address her needs and we are late to church. Other mornings we come rolling in with a crying, needy baby. Either way, we are not part of corporate worship in the ways we used to be.

It is easy to find excuses to stay home, but even on the most stressful mornings it is important that Christian parents haul their families to church, even if we just feel like we are going through the motions. Children see what we do and, as my pastor reminds us regularly, they love what we love. The regular struggle to attend regular worship reinforces to our children that church is a priority.

You Are Creating Habits that Will Smooth the Future

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.

If we wait until we have perfectly well-behaved children to bring them to church, it is likely Jesus will have already returned. Looking back, things only got more difficult for my parents as my sister and I got older. I have distinct memories of my dad sitting in the station wagon idling in the driveway while my mom herded us out the door.

Once I could drive we would often take three cars to get four people to church because nobody could get out the door on time to suit my father. But we followed his lead. Going to church wasn't debatable, and nobody had to tell us that. This was simply the established order as long as I can remember. It was this habit that pulled me through as I doubted my faith in my adolescence.

While on the subject of behavior and habit-making: what a great way to teach, practice, and live grace. Our salvation isn't dependent on our behavior, so don't make church attendance behavior-dependent, either. Our children need grace, and so do we. Regardless of how the children are acting during worship, if worship involves entering the presence of God, then what better time than with screaming children to experience such a grace.

You Are Introducing Your Kids to a Lifelong Community

So you got to church and you survived the service, but you can't repeat any points from the sermon and your child was throwing a fit so epic no one could focus on the sacraments. Wasted time, right? No.

Your time after the service, while perhaps not as essential as participating in the word and sacrament, is an important part of being part of the body. Your children are meeting peers whom, Lord willing, will be alongside them as they come into their faith.

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They are also meeting adults who are praying for them, teaching them, guiding them, and setting an example of a godly life. As an adult, I now see that some of my fiercest prayer warriors are the adults who have prayed for me since my baptism. They prayed for me when I left for college and kept me connected to the body of Christ as I struggled to find a church home in early adulthood.

These peers, prayer warriors, teachers, and mentors are essential to your child's spiritual well-being. We live in a time when fewer and fewer other associations will uphold the gospel. With the secularization of the communities in which we live, our children will lean even more on their church community to help bear the burdens that are inevitable to the human experience.

You Are Building Your Own Community

As I have already stated, perhaps belabored, being part of Christ's body is essential. If you stay home, when do you have a chance to share your needs as well as offer support to others? Perhaps an exhausted tired momma with a screaming baby in the back will remind others to pray for all of the exhausted tired mommas (and especially you). You need the prayer.

You also need to pray for others. As a mother, I surprisingly find myself with more time to pray. This might change in the future, but with one baby I seem to have extra quiet time in my day. I find myself praying on walks, while I am nursing, while I am rocking a sleeping baby. By staying connected to the Christian body, I can use this time to pray for others.

You Are Including Your Children in Christ's Body

You are not just offering your children a like-minded community, you are faithfully including them in the body of Christ. In Acts 16:33 Paul baptizes the whole household of the jailer. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." The New Testament makes it clear that there is a place for our wiggly, fussy, and distracting chil-

dren. Our efforts as parents, however messy, are worth our time, if only to follow the example of both Christ and Paul.

You Are Being Faithful

Perhaps the most important reason to strive for regular church attendance is because it is part of the duty of a Christian parent. This builds on point number five, but it is not just a recognition of children's place in church. Instead, it is acknowledging our responsibility as parents to bring them up in the church.

When we baptized our daughter we promised to instruct, pray with, set an example for, and "endeavor by all the means of God's appointment to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." These vows echo Paul's words in Ephesians 6:4: "provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

This is an intimidating responsibility, if only for the sheer weight of its consequences. While baptism practices and vows vary between denominations, the responsibility to raise our children according to God's word is an essential responsibility as a Christian parent. And why not do it with the help and guidance of the church?

Take Heart and Keep It Up

So dear parent, rest easy. While Sunday morning might feel more like a wrestling match, a battle of wills, or a circus, your time, efforts, and distracted worship are worth it. Even the messiest and most frustrating days are not wasted. Thank God for his grace—and keep it up.



Emily Carrington is a housewife and non-profit consultant in Hillsdale, Michigan. She is also a co-founder of the start-up nonprofit organization the Early Pregnancy Loss Association. Follow her on Twitter: @ecarrington725.



We will miss:

Jennifer & WALKER Bachmann
Transferred to Blessed Savior LC, New Berlin

Hunter Bennett
Transferred to Shepherd of the Desert
Scottsdale, AZ

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

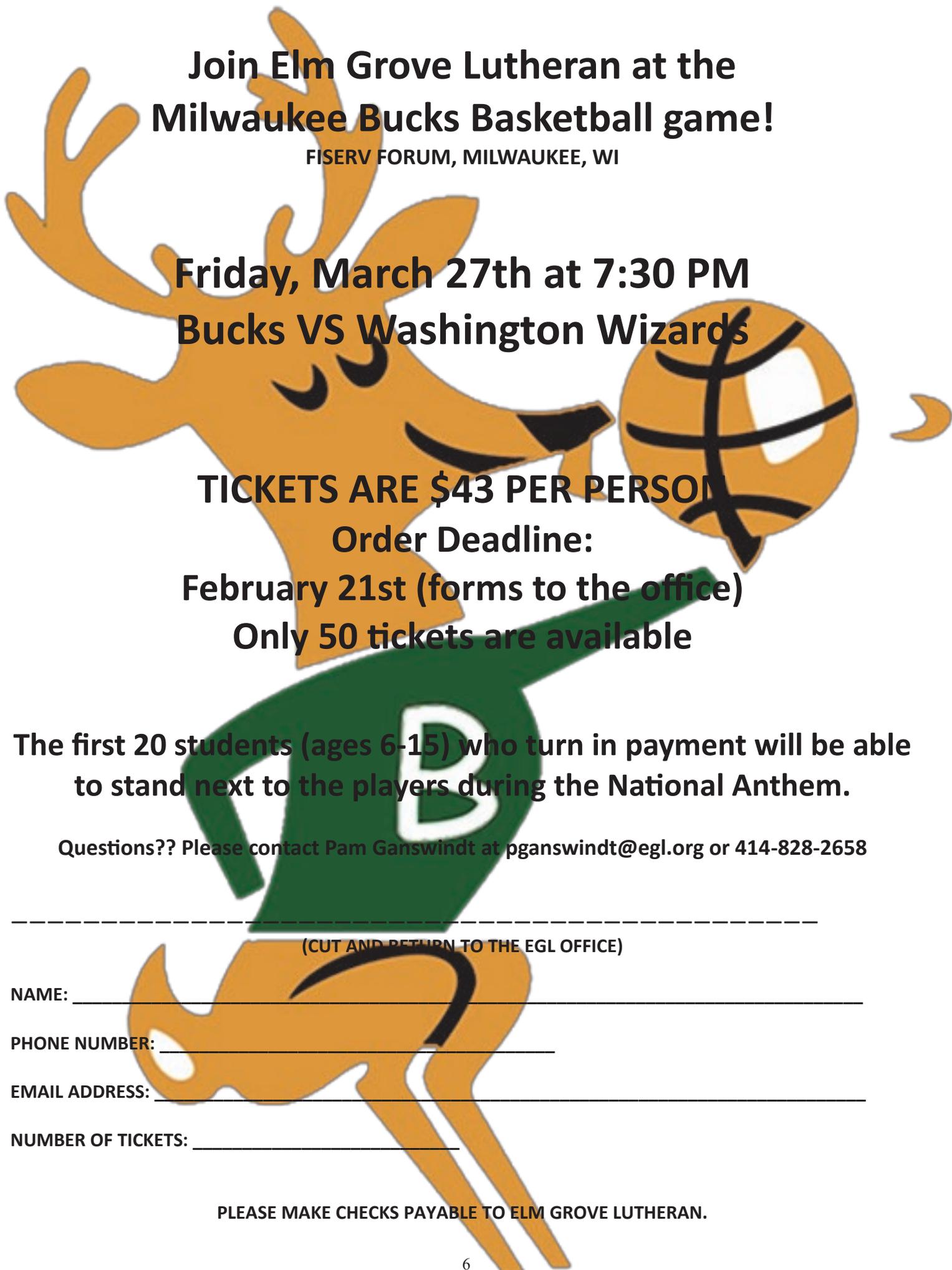


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**Join Elm Grove Lutheran at the
Milwaukee Bucks Basketball game!**

FISERV FORUM, MILWAUKEE, WI

**Friday, March 27th at 7:30 PM
Bucks VS Washington Wizards**

TICKETS ARE \$43 PER PERSON

Order Deadline:

February 21st (forms to the office)

Only 50 tickets are available

**The first 20 students (ages 6-15) who turn in payment will be able
to stand next to the players during the National Anthem.**

Questions?? Please contact Pam Ganswindt at pganswindt@egl.org or 414-828-2658

(CUT AND RETURN TO THE EGL OFFICE)

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ELM GROVE LUTHERAN.

HELLO

We've all been there. Looking across the church at someone we're quite sure we've never seen before. But how many of us have taken the time to show Christian love and go over to say "hello" to that person? Maybe that person is a long-time member of EGLC who normally attends a different service. Or maybe it is that person's first visit to EGLC and your stopping in their pew to say "hi" is just what they needed.

The EGLC Attendance Committee/Task Force was appointed last Fall by congregation president Mark Ewert and its membership consists of representatives from each Board as well as the Faculty and a member at large. Its advisory members are Pastor Skovgaard and Principal Corn. The Committee has met several times and is working to accomplish several goals:

- To foster a better sense of community within EGLC.
- To better use the data at our disposal to identify inactive members earlier and perform outreach to those individuals.
- To look at the demographics of our congregation and see where we may need to focus efforts to grow, i.e. young adult ministry, family ministry, singles ministry, etc.
- To better coordinate efforts across all the Boards to grow the ministry at EGLC.

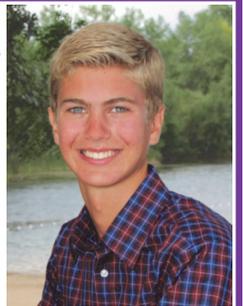
To those who have already reached out to committee members with ideas and articles and information of interest, our thanks and please keep those messages coming!

To those who regularly and consciously reach out to new faces before and after services at EGLC, we salute you! This is something that we can ALL do and you don't have to be a powerfully-extroverted person to do it! Simply tell yourself that your goal is to say hello and strike up a conversation with one person you don't know at each service you attend at EGLC. If every adult member of our congregation were to do this, imagine the powerful impact this would have with both existing and new members alike!

If you have any questions about the Attendance Committee/Task Force, please feel free to reach out to chair Greg Margrett either by phone/text (262.894.3445), email (gmargrett@wi.rr.com), or at a service. Please keep the Committee in your prayers as we continue to meet monthly to grow our great congregation and spread the Holy Gospel.



Matthew Ewert has been named to the Dean's List for Academic Excellence at the University of Minnesota-Duluth for the fall 2019 semester. This is an honor reserved each semester for students who have achieved a term GPA of 3.5 or higher in the Swenson College of Science and



Engineering. Matt, son of Rick and Nancy Ewert, is in his third year at UM-D and has been on the Dean's List every semester. Matt is a 2013 graduate of EGLS and a 2017 graduate of Waukesha North High School. Congratulations, Matt!

Thank you to everyone who performed for our Carol Fest and to the contestants who participated in our Chili/Soup and Quick Bread Cook Off! We enjoyed beautiful music, a wonderful meal and had a lot of fun. Our event winners are:



Chili - Brian Diven;  Soup - Sweet Potato Soup - Karen Clark

Bread - Chocolate Pumpkin Bread - Christine Wilcox



"Ten Blessings of Large Families"

by Pastor Michael Salemink

God loves children -- and God loves having lots of children. He doesn't demand an abundance of children from every human family, however. Even little families and only children are great treasures. But our culture seems to have developed a particular disdain for big households.

"Are those all yours?"
"You know how that happens, right?"
"Can you really afford another baby?"
"You sure have your hands full!"

Large families come with unique benefits. I surveyed my Facebook network about it recently. "My friends who have four or more children -- or who have three or more siblings -- what blessings does living in a large family bring?" They had lots of positive responses. Here are the top ten:

1. Guaranteed friends, even into adulthood.
2. Ready-made laboratory for learning people skills like taking turns and getting along.
3. MORE HUGS, MORE CUDDLES, MORE GIGGLES.
4. What one forgets, another remembers.
5. Less housework for Mom and Dad.
6. Free babysitting (also, no need to save for retirement -- just live with one of them!)
7. MORE GRANDBABIES!
8. God's unconditional love on every face.
9. Increases chances for Christians to take over the world.
10. Foretaste of the feast to come (Revelation 7:9)!

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www.lutheransforlife.org

BE A HERO

The next blood drive will take place on Monday, **February 3, 2020** from 2:00-6:30 p.m. in the CLC, Rm. 170, located in the southwest corner of the facility. For an appointment, sign up at the tract rack or contact Rick Ewert at 262-289-9333. You can also go to

blooddrive@egl.org



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Shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0908369> and Amazon donates to Elm Grove Lutheran Church & School.

THANK YOU!



PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground.

Ephesians 6:13 (NIV)



ANOTHER "SEASON"! This year, towards the end of the month of February brings us a new Church Year "Season" – that of LENT. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on Wednesday, Feb. 26. We spend Ash Wednesday contemplating God's love for us shown in the Lord Jesus with the imposition of ashes – the sign that we are truly dust, and to dust we shall return. But that is not the end of the story for Christians. Because of God's love for us, through the saving work of Christ Jesus, we are to be resurrected with our Lord on that appointed day when we reach our heavenly mansion that He has prepared for us! May each of you continue to daily reflect in wonder and awe on the love that we have from God our Father and the love He gives us to share with those closest to us!

Ms. Corn

NEW POSITION ON OUR STAFF: I am excited to announce that the BOCE (Board of Christian Education) has approved 5 hours per week to be used as a social work position. We will utilize Mrs. Kaethe Ward, who also serves as our Enrollment Development Coordinator, for this position. Mrs. Ward has earned a Master of Science in Social Work with a concentration on children, youth, and families. We will utilize her knowledge and expertise in several ways and hope to expand her position in future years. She will be working with classes learning Social Emotional Learning skills as well as some individuals and small groups. She will also provide support and resources for the teachers and families. Please welcome her to her new position and continue to keep her in your prayers and she serves EGL in both roles and as we learn how best to have her serve in the new capacity.



THIRD MID-QUARTER FEB. 14, CONFERENCES FOLLOW FEB. 25 & 27

Friday, Feb. 14 ends the first half of Third Quarter of the school year. Parent Conferences for all PK3-Gr. 8 students follow each evening on Feb. 25 and 27 from 4:00-8:00 pm.

2020-2021 SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration for the 2020-21 school year to begin next August is now open for all new and re-enrolling students. The re-enrollment process will involve registering online through Fast Direct, and the new enrollment procedure will involve completing registration forms available from the School Office – contact us online at egl.org or by phone at 262-797-2970.



EGL SPIRIT TOURNAMENT The 5th and 6th Grade Elm Grove Lutheran Spirit Tournament will run from Thursday, February 13 through Sunday, February 16. This is an exciting event that requires many hands and donations to run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation of soda, Gatorade, water, etc. please contact Scott Paukner by phone at the school office (262-797-2970) or by email at spaukner@egl.org. He would love to put you to work or graciously accept your donations. See pg. 10 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

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| Feb. 13-16 | 45th Annual 5th/6th Grade Spirit Basketball Tournament
See p. 10 for details |
| Monday, Feb. 17 | Winter Bread - NO SCHOOL |
| Friday, Feb. 28 | Winter Break - NO SCHOOL |
| Friday, March 5 -
Friday, March 12 | Book Fair in the CLC |
| Friday, March 5 | Music Informance, <i>The Magnificent Seven:
The Days of Creation</i>
6:30 p.m. in the Gym |
| Thursday, March 11 | Visitors' Day
World Fair in the Gym |





The 45th Annual EGLS 5th & 6th Grade SPIRIT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, February 13 - Sunday, February 16

The 45th Annual 5th/6th Grade Basketball Invitational *Spirit Tournament* tips off on Valentine's Eve this year. Teams from across Southeastern Wisconsin will descend upon Elm Grove Lutheran February 13-16. Four opening round games will take place on both Thursday (girls) & Friday (boys) starting at 4:20 p.m., with 2nd and 3rd rounds taking place on Saturday & Sunday. Our own Elm Grove 5th-6th grade girls play at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. Not only will there be lots of great competition on the court, but the always entertaining halftime contests - paper airplanes and 3-point & half court shots - will take place along with the opportunity to enjoy a full menu of delicious food throughout the weekend.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

There are many ways to support this event:

You may volunteer to work shifts at the Admission Table or selling Concessions in the CLC.

Play with the Pep Band Thursday during the 6:30 p.m. game when our 5th-6th grade girls team will be competing.

Come before the Saturday night service or after the Sunday late service to enjoy a delicious meal from Concessions, located in the CLC.

For all these options, simply reach out to our day school's Band Teacher & Athletic Director, Scott Paukner - spaukner@egl.org - to let him know how you'd like to help! **GO, WILDCATS!**

PEP BAND

Alumni of EGLS and parents, relatives, and friends of current students are invited to play in the pep band for the 45th Annual Spirit Tournament. The band will play at the EGL girls' game on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. SO...dig out those instruments, brush off the dust and get in shape to join the band for the game! Plan to meet in the Music Center at 6:00 on Thursday evening. Please let Mr. Paukner (spaukner@egl.org) or Mrs. Bessert (kbessert@egl.org) know if you plan to participate and what instrument you will be playing so that we have enough music ready! And spread the word - if you know of alumni in the area, please invite them!!



BAKE SALE

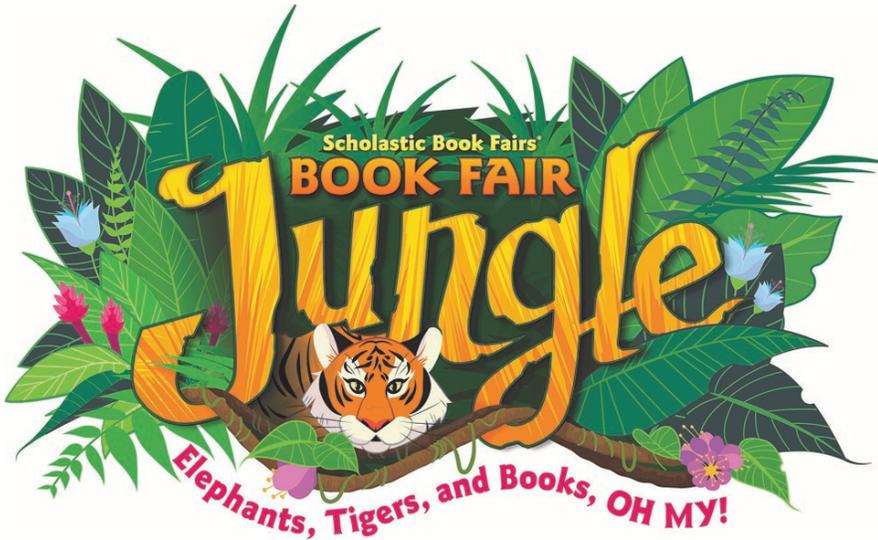


The EGL 8th grade students will be hosting a bake sale during the Spirit Tournament to raise funds for their trip to New Orleans in April. If you have never had a chance to check out this bake sale, it is a sight to behold. There will be a wide range of items such as cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, puppy chow, caramel corn, coffee cakes, brownies, breads, and the like. The bake sale dates are Friday, Feb. 14, from 4:20 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 15, from 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. We will open on Sunday, Feb. 16, at noon if there is bakery left. Stop by for some tasty homemade treats!





The PTL kicked off National Lutheran Schools Week with their annual **"Have a Heart"** campaign. This is a great way for both church and school families to give back to our wonderful educators by helping them with mid-year classroom supply needs. All you do is select a heart (or a few!) off the display board near the Fellowship Hall entrance, purchase the item(s) and return them to the carts provided by the school entrance or the lower level church entrance. All items are due by **Monday, February 10** and will be showcased at the Spirit Tournament Pep Rally then given to the teachers on Valentine's Day.



Our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair March 5-12 in the Christian Life Center (lower hallway, across from the Pre-K classrooms.) Please stop in and check it out. **Books make great gifts for church buddies and as Easter basket surprises.**



Watch for dates and times to come to the fair in the weekly church and school newsletters soon. If you are interested in helping with setting up, working the fair, or taking the fair down, please contact Deb Margrett at dmargrett@egl.org or 262-894-3446.

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the EGL
Golf Outing, Dinner,
and Auction

Watch for more
information
coming soon!



MAY 15, 2020

FOCUS ON FACULTY



Deb Margrett is in her 30th year of ministry here at Elm Grove Lutheran. She serves as the 4 year old Kindergarten teacher and the librarian. Over the years, she has also served as the 3K teacher at times. We can also thank Mrs. Margrett for the fantastic Scholastic Book Fair we have every spring. In addition to all of that, Mrs. Margrett also runs a book club with a few of the Middle School students.

Deb graduated from Concordia- River Forest in 1990. She and her husband, Greg Margrett, have three children named Nathan, Nick, and Hannah. Deb keeps herself quite busy when she is at home with many interests and traveling around the world.

As I have observed Deb in her role, I can assure you that we here at Elm Grove are extremely blessed to have her serving our families and young children. I would categorize Deb as a master teacher. She has an extensive knowledge of her content and best practices for early childhood students. Deb is an extremely reflective teacher and is always eager to learn more strategies to incorporate into her classroom and into our school. Most importantly is the way Deb shares her faith and love for Jesus with her students, families, and fellow teachers. She makes sure that all of her students know that Jesus loves them every day. I truly enjoy working with

Mrs. Margrett and have learned so much about early childhood instruction from her. It is a joy for me to observe her teach and interact with her students. Not to mention that I always love visiting the ducks in her classroom each spring and Rosco, the class pet rabbit, every day!

We are so blessed that God has called Mrs. Margrett to Elm Grove Lutheran Church and School to serve us and our families here. She is such a blessing to me and so many others here. May God continue to bless Deb and her family and hold them all in the palm of His hand.





February Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

If your birth date or wedding anniversary is not included, please be sure to contact the church office.
Thanks!



February 1

Sam Ewert
David Schmalzer

February 2

A-Tom & Pat Alles (63)
Jean Baesemann
Mark Ewert
Laura Struve

February 3

David Neill
Jeanne Pentler

February 4

Amalia Seeger
Bretta Speck

February 5

Tom Paasch, Sr.
Aidan Pritchard

February 7

Micaela Anderson
Elizabeth Ky
Megan Pritchard
Walter Tesch (91)

February 8

A-Rick & Nancy Ewert
Rev. David Ernst
Brian Gerber
Lynn Harner

February 9

Mia Halvorson
Kayla Pederson
Sam Thompson
Harley Widas

February 10

Kayla Burk
Irma Koch
Daniel Patterson

February 11

Emily Andrew
Cheryl Kari
Nancy Kelley
Megan Stritesky

February 12

Alysia Berg
Jeremiah Boudro
Caroline Thompson

February 13

Cara Corder
Pr. Egloff

February 14

James Ahnert
Katie Gerber
Luanne Schaefer
Becky Wilinski

February 15

Frank Eichelberger
Elaine Peppel (93)

February 16

Katie Baesemann
Gary Baker
Theodore Gehrke
Emmie Lawton
Meghan Patterson
Kris Sousek

February 17

Peter Holzwart
Alexia Hoppe

February 19

Christine Daws
Daniel Garcia
Susan McNeely

February 20

A-John & Miriam Soderland
Daniel Berry
Barbara Schumacher
Terry Sousek

February 21

Ruth Dare

February 22

A-Chuck & Hazel Ewert (62)
Sherri Bond
Andrew Peters
Mikayla Zientek

February 23

David Busse
Karen McCarville
Andrew Niggemann
John Schaefer

February 24

Sophia Dean
John Elvers
Lianne Peters

February 25

Hannah D'Agostino

February 26

Julia Elvers
Kathy MacGillis

February 27

Jeff Jagusch
JoAnn Randall

February 28

Callie Hedtke

FEBRUARY 2020

Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar



January						
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The deadline for articles and photos to be submitted for the next *Seasons* is

February 15

Submissions can be sent to
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

*The Lord's Supper celebrated
1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday*

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

*The Lord's Supper celebrated
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday*

***Sunday School & Bible Classes
9:30 a.m.***

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

*The Lord's Supper celebrated
2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday*

STAMMTISCH

(a.k.a. Guys Night Out!)

EGL Guys! Relax and connect once a month over a "cold one" to catch up on things and enjoy each other's company. Conversation varies each month, but it's always in a fun, informal atmosphere of Christian fellowship! We meet at Biloba Brewing Co., 2970 N. Brookfield Rd., on the third Thursday of each month (February 20 this month) from 8:00-10:00 p.m. The Brewery doesn't serve food, so please bring a snack (peanuts, meat/cheese, crackers, etc.) to share! For more info, contact Bruce Bessert by phone or text at 414-526-8430 or email to bruce.bessert@gmail.com.

Bring a friend!!

