

# SEASONS

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



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## *A Celebration of God's Gifts to the Church*

*Linda Haut, Debra Tesch, Karla Bessert*

For all the faithful women who served in days of old, To You shall thanks be given: To all, their story told,  
They served with strength and gladness In tasks Your wisdom gave.  
To You their lives bore witness, Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.

All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son! All praise the Holy Spirit, Who binds the Church in one!  
With saints who went before us, With saints who witness still,  
We sing glad Alleluias And strive to do Your will.

*LSB 855:1, 4*

## From Your Pastor

Rather than dealing with just one particular topic this month, allow me to do a quick overview of our community and the changes that we've experienced recently. There is no shortage of news to share with you. In no particular order, consider the following:

In addition to the retirements of Karla Bessert, Linda Haut, and Deb Tesch, we saw a significant turnover in elected lay leadership. It's nearly impossible to give appropriate thanks to those who give of themselves and their time to ensure that EGL is a healthy, efficiently running machine, but please know that your efforts do not go unnoticed. So many of you have taken to heart the Biblical admonition to "work while it is still day before the night comes when no one can work."

Later in this issue of Seasons you will find an introduction to our interim Principal Miss Stephanie Bahr. Yes, she is related to the extended Bahr education clan! She comes with much energy and enthusiasm for the task of educating the children committed to our care. As we wish Heather Corn much success in her new call at St. John's in Mayville, we also give thanks for Miss Bahr and her work among us. She has a full faculty to work with as we also welcome Kenzie Peters as our newly called 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher, whom you can read about on page 10. As a daughter of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, she is sort of coming home.

On Sunday, June 28, EGL held a special Voters' Assembly for the sole purpose of approving the official list of pastoral candidates for the call committee. The call committee has been meeting since then, mailing letters out to the various nominees to ascertain their willingness to consider a call and preparing a list of interview questions to ask the men. Please note that in the church office, as EGL members you have access to a binder containing all of the information on the pastors that the call committee members have. This binder cannot be removed from the office and is only available during normal business hours, but you can request access to that binder to read up on the pastors.

Vicar Samuel Lee is approaching the one-year mark in his Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) vicarage. Hard to believe but true! Next year around September, God willing, he will be ordained but still have a third year of official studies to complete. Just as EGL has been blessed in previous years to participate in exciting ministries that extend beyond our immediate walls, so God has given us another chance to participate with Him in what we identify in the very purpose statement of our congregation's Constitution as the Great Commission. As a faithful congregation, we enjoy regular Word and Sacrament ministry. But we also get to live out our baptismal identity by teaching the faith in our day school, and now also in the Chinese-speaking world. God continues to bless us with additional

avenues of service to Him, all routed in the same purpose statement of making disciples of all nations.

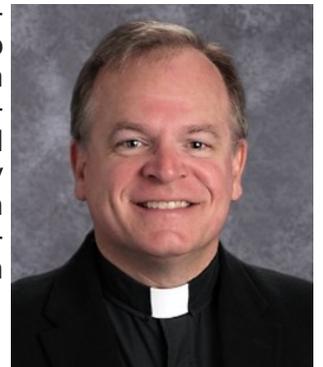
I strongly encourage you to see our training of a Chinese-speaking future pastor as an opportunity to bring the Gospel into a new (for us) mission field so that many more Chinese men and women will have the joy of confessing Christ as well. Most of us are cradle Christians, and therefore we don't always appreciate the darkness from which we've been saved. Speaking with adult converts gives us a glimpse into God's transformative work. On page 5, you will find a devotion from Dr. Lee in which he chronicles the story of his own conversion to Christianity from atheism.

By the time you read this article, Elm Grove Lutheran will have enjoyed in-person worship for over two months. We returned to corporate worship (with more than 10 at a time) on Pentecost. As you know, the effects of Covid-19 and government policies to deal with it are not over yet. It is entirely possible that we may see another lock down of some sort, limiting our ability to gather for worship around Word and Sacrament. Whatever happens, as a community we have proven ourselves capable of "rolling with the punches." We responded well to the first lock down, and we want to be even better prepared for the next time by fully funding the upgraded live-streaming project!

In addition to making sure that the technology is in place, let's seize the moment also to reaffirm our identity as the people of God, those baptized in the blood of the Lamb and called out of the world (ekklesia) to be His treasured possession. Let's approach whatever the future brings us with confidence that not only are we loved by God but that He has work for us to do. C.S. Lewis had a great perspective on this when he wrote this about living in the atomic age. Substitute 'virus' for 'bomb' in the sentences below.

"If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds." ("On Living in an Atomic Age," 1948)

*Pastor Skougaard*



A quote to ponder during this time when churches are increasingly placed under restrictions: ***"It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's word and sacrament."*** — Bonhoeffer in Life Together

## Sons of Asaph: Paul Gerhardt

[The following article lightly edited by Pastor Skovgaard for this issue of Seasons was originally written by Rev. Don Hougard, pastor of Benediction Lutheran Church in Milwaukee in 2007, the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gerhardt's birthday.]

Easily considered Christianity's greatest hymnwriter, Paul Gerhardt was born on March 12, 1607 in Gräfenhainichen, Germany, a village between Halle and Wittenberg. His father, Christian Gerhardt, was mayor of the village. When Paul was only 12, his father died, and two years later his mother Dorothea was called home by our Savior Jesus Christ. Paul, his brother Christian, and their two sisters were left without their parents at a young age, but the parents' inn continued to supply enough money for the raising and education of the children. From 1622 to 1627 Gerhardt attended school at Grimma. From 1628 until 1642 he studied theology at the University of Wittenberg, where Luther had taught a century before.

In 1642 Gerhardt went to Berlin where he became a family tutor in the home of Andreas Berthold, an attorney. In the Christian atmosphere of this home his gift of song began to develop and bear fruit. In 1651 at the age of 44 he received his first pastorate in the village of Mittenwalde. Mittenwalde was still reeling from the effects of the 30 Years' War at the time. Both Swedish and Catholic imperial armies had been through the village time and time again, burning and plundering what little was left. Few houses remained, and the fields had grown wild. The bloodiness of the war was now over, but hunger had taken its place. The young pastor felt the same poverty as the rest of the people in the village.

On February 11, 1655 at the age of 48, Gerhardt married Anna Maria Berthold, who was a young 32. She was the daughter of Andreas Berthold, where Gerhardt had lived in Berlin. Very quickly their hearts were broken when their first child, Anna Maria, died before she was a year old. In 1657 Gerhardt accepted a call as the third assistant pastor of the Church of St. Nicholas in Berlin. He continued his hymn-writing and became recognized as the most popular preacher in the city.

At this time there was bitter strife between the Lutheran and the Reformed clergy in Berlin. Because Gerhardt wasn't as harsh as others in condemning the opposition, he gained the respect and esteem of many of the leaders of the Reformed group. But in 1662 the elector, Friedrich Wilhelm the Great, a Calvinist, issued an edict which forbade Lutheran and Reformed ministers from attacking the others' doctrine and confession. Gerhardt believed that signing the document would be a compromise of his faith. When he and other ministers refused to sign, they were deposed from their offices by the government. Just before this unfortunate occurrence he had lost 3 of his 5 children; now a son died; and his wife was seriously ill.

Because of the pleadings of the people of Berlin, the town council, and even the elector's wife, Gerhardt was offered reinstatement in 1667. But he refused because it

was only under the condition that he would preach according to the edict. For three years he was without a position and had to rely on the generosity of members of his former congregation. During this period his wife died in 1668, leaving him only a 6-year-old son. In May of 1669 he was called to the office of archdeacon in Lübben. Here he worked for 7 years with much success until his death in 1676. He died with this prayer on his lips: "Our death cannot kill us, but it takes our spirit out of thousands of troubles. It closes the door of bitter suffering and opens the way through which we enter heaven's joys." (c/w LSB 756, stanza 5)



Paul Gerhardt was an excellent pastor and the best hymn writer the Church has ever known. He wrote a total of 133 hymns. Many of the outward circumstances of his life were gloomy, but his hymns are full of cheerful trust. They show a great faith in a God, who always

gives His grace to those who are His through faith in Jesus Christ. Of the 133 hymns that he wrote, there are 21 in The Lutheran Hymnal (the old TLH), 42 in the Missouri Synod German Hymnal, and for comparison 17 in LSB, among them being "Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow," "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising," and "Awake My Heart with Gladness."

In 1648 Johann Crüger, the cantor at St. Nicholas Church published a hymnal entitled, *Praxis Pietatis Melica*. Many of Gerhardt's hymns were first published in this hymnal. This became the most printed hymnal in history and probably began to shape the Lutheran Church into the singing church. In 1666 Johann Ebeling, Crüger's successor, printed the first complete collection of Gerhardt's hymns. Paul Gerhardt's hymns were popular from their inception, but in the late 1700's Rationalism couldn't stand his complete dependence on God. Consequently, the texts of his hymns were either butchered or completely left out of the hymnals of this era. However, the Lutheran confessional revival of the 19th century (out of which the LCMS was born) rediscovered Gerhardt's beautiful hymns.

His hymns have exerted much influence on English hymnody. The singing of German hymns made such an impression on John Wesley (1703-1791), the founder of Methodism, that he translated 37 of them into English, including three of Gerhardt's. Gerhardt's influence on English hymnody continued into the nineteenth century when many of his hymns were translated, especially by John Kelly and Catherine Winkworth. Ninety of his hymns have been translated into English by 50 different people. His hymns greatly influenced the faith and piety of the early Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.



Above: The EGL office staff enjoyed lunch together at Jack's Café in Waukesha on June 23 to celebrate the retirements of Linda Haut and Karla Bessert. Right: Linda Haut's son, Michael, "decorated" Linda's car on her final day of work. Below left: Amy Weymier and Pastor Skovgaard served as MCs for the July 19 Retirement Celebration for Karla Bessert, Linda Haut, and Debra Tesch. Below right: Each of the retirees received a beautiful Waterford Crystal Cross with a personalized inscription from the congregation.



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## Vicar Samuel Lee's Journey Into Christianity

I was born in China in 1964 into a family of the socially persecuted bad class (those who were former landlords, former rich peasants, counter-revolutionaries, "bad-influencers," and the political right). I am the youngest of three with two sisters who are 6 and 9 years older than I am. During my childhood my mom often had to work day and night while my father worked away from home. In fact, he only came home once a year for about a month during the Chinese Spring Festival. Although my family was looked down upon by the Communists in charge of society, thanks to my mom's and my maternal grandma's steady care for me, I knew I was deeply loved by them. I'm also very grateful for the love and help provided through my teachers, my relatives, and my parent's co-workers.

In 1982 I entered the best university in China, Peking University, and earned the B.S. in physics four years later. In 1987, I went to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN, to continue my graduate study in physics. It was in the Twin Cities where I met many Christian friends, heard about Jesus Christ and His Gospel, became aware of my sins, felt guilty for them, and sought God's forgiveness.

In particular, I remember being so warmly welcomed, greeted with genuine friendliness, and even loved by total strangers. It was incredibly touching, even moving. When I asked these "angels in disguise" why they loved me, often they said it was because God had first loved them. When I would ask to explain, they usually showed me John 3:16 (ESV), "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." This has been my favorite Bible verse since I first read it about thirty-three years ago.

Meanwhile, deep in my theoretical physics research, I became humbled by God's infinite wisdom and unfathomable creation. Half a year after I came to this beautiful but foreign country called the USA, in 1988, the Holy Spirit blessed me with faith in Jesus Christ and converted me into a Christian at a Christian retreat conference. Between 1989 and 1992, I served as an MC at the Interna-

tional Student Ministry of Grace Church in Edina, MN.

After graduating with a Ph.D. in physics in 1992, I first worked as a post-doc in the Medical Center of the University of Michigan for about 10 months; then for a Magnetic Resonant Imaging company in Fort Collins, CO, as a principal scientist for about a year and four months; then for Rockwell Automation in Mayfield Heights, OH, for about three months before I lost the job due to the new project I just got hired for being cut. Since then, I worked mostly as a contractor in the software development field for about 10 years until I moved here to Brookfield in 2005 to work for GE Healthcare in the Research Park in Wauwatosa, WI, as a senior software engineer. Then, in 2013, I started to work as a contractor again until I formed the International Student Services in 2017 to serve international students.

Looking back, it became clear that God has always been guiding and blessing me throughout my life from China to the U.S., from an atheist to a Christian, from a career engineer to a dedicated servant of Christ. Particularly, in 2007 I was called by God to serve international students and visiting scholars on campuses. In 2008 I started going to the then Chinese fellowship hosted in the Elm Grove Lutheran Church and got to know Pastors Myers and Skovgaard of the hosting church. In 2009 I became a confirmed member of Elm Grove Lutheran Church. I have been an active member of the church ever since, including serving two terms on the Board of the Education. Meanwhile, I started to help the International Student Ministry at Luther Memorial Chapel in Shorewood, WI, and the int'l students of the Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. In 2015, after the passing of Pastor Jerry Lange, I was asked by the Chinese Fellowship to lead their Bible study on Saturdays. In 2016, through the introduction of Pastor Skovgaard, I was invited by Mr. Wingfield, the director of the Global Studies of the LHSAGM, to teach God's word in the Bible to the Chinese students in the Martin Luther High School during some of their chapel times. Later, in 2017, Mr. Wingfield asked my family to host students and recruit high school students for the LHSAGM. With gratefulness I thank God for blessing me with my wife Rose who's my high school sweetheart. She's my helper in life and an invaluable partner in the Holy Ministry.



## BE A HERO

Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19, there is an immediate need for blood donors to ensure a safe supply. Unfortunately, over 4,000 blood drives have been cancelled. The next blood drive at Elm Grove Lutheran will take place on **Wednesday, August 19, 2020** from 2:00-6:30 p.m. To be able to distance donors appropriately, the drive will take place in the Fellowship Hall/cafeteria located immediately below the sanctuary. For an appointment, sign up at the tract rack or contact Rick Ewert at 262-289-9333.



**GOLF and DINE WITH A PURPOSE:** Sign up now for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual EGL Golf Outing, Dinner, and Auction on **Friday, October 2, 2020**. Come support our school as we raise money for: **UPDATED LOCKERS IN THE GYM LOCKER ROOMS. ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AROUND OUR SCHOOL.**

**GOLF COURSE:** Ironwood Golf Course  
 W270 N6177 Moraine Drive, Sussex  
 (262) 538-9900  
 10:30 a.m. Registration Begins and Driving Range Opens  
 11:00 a.m. Lunch (Hamburger/Brat/Hot Dog with chips and cookie)  
 12:00 p.m. Golf, Shotgun Start

**AUCTION/DINNER:** 4:30 p.m. Arrival for Dinner & Auction  
**Menu:** Steak (grilled on site), Chicken, Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls, Desserts, and Coffee (catering by Bunzels).

**FESTIVITIES:** Raffle, live auction, silent auction, games and contest winners. Winners to be announced during dinner. The program will close by 9:00 p.m.

**\*COVID PRECAUTIONS:** Dinner will be served in individual to-go containers and we will eat outside by the party barn. The live auction, silent auction, and raffles will all take place in and around the party barn with silent auction bidding online. All areas will be sanitized frequently. You can join us at Ironwood or you can get your dinner to-go and bid from the comfort of your home.

\*~~\$150~~ **\$135 Per Golfer** includes: golf, cart, range balls, lunch, dinner, 2 drink tickets, and a gift bag.

\*~~\$30~~ **\$25 Per Person** for Dinner, Auction and Festivities only.

**Deadline for registration is August 16, 2020** to receive discounted pricing. Turn in your money by Friday, August 16 to take advantage of special **EARLY BIRD** pricing! This will be the **ONLY** time this pricing is offered – so act now! Registrations will be accepted through September 25 at the full price.

**Complete form and return** your payment to the Elm Grove Lutheran school office. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Ganswindt at 414-828-2658 or by email at [pganswindt@egl.org](mailto:pganswindt@egl.org). No tickets will be sent.

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Have you noticed the "summer banner" hanging at the front of the sanctuary? We thank EGL member Joan Knuteson for once again using her artistic talent to make yet another beautiful banner to glorify God and enhance our worship experience.



On Sunday, July 19, three pastors received recognition from SWD President, Rev. Dr. John Wille for their ordination anniversaries: Pastor Dennis Hipenbecker - 55 years; Pastor Eric Skovgaard - 20 years; and Pastor David Ernst - 45 years.

Psalm 107:1  
 "Oh, give thanks  
 to the Lord  
 for He is good;  
 For His lovingkindness  
 is everlasting."

Pre Kindergarten 4 teacher and school librarian, Deb Margrett, was recognized on July 12 for her 30 years in the teaching ministry. Did you know that all 30 years have been here at EGL? The SWD presented her with a beautiful wood cross. EGL says a heartfelt "THANK YOU, Mrs. Margrett!"





# CHURCH IN THE GLEN

## Sunday, September 13

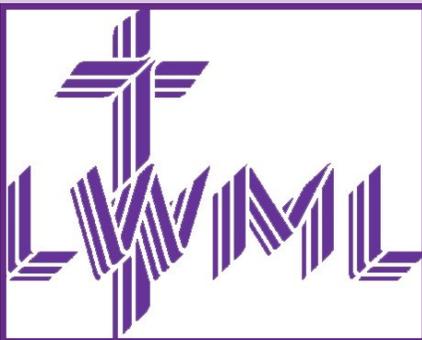
8:00 a.m.  
indoor worship with Communion

10:45 a.m.  
outdoor worship

12:00 p.m.  
PICNIC LUNCH



A Live-Streaming Fundraiser has been established by the Church Council to continue making our worship services available on-line. The EGL Foundation has approved providing matching funds for this Live-Streaming Fundraiser. For every \$2 donated toward the Live-Streaming Fundraiser, the EGL Foundation will contribute \$1 up to a total of \$7,000. Therefore, if \$14,000 is donated, the Foundation will contribute \$7,000 for a total of \$21,000 (the expected cost of the hardware and installation). Please include "Live Stream" in the memo line so we can continue this on-line ministry. Donations can be sent to the Church Office or placed in the offering collection box as you enter the sanctuary. **THANK YOU!**



As of March 2020, our South Wisconsin District LWML had only one more Mission Grant to fund for \$16,700. This was to go to the **Alaska Native Discipleship Teen Camp**. There was some concern about receiving this amount of mites before the fiscal year ending in June 2020. Because of the restrictions and concern of the pandemic and with society meetings and rallies being cancelled, the question was whether we would meet this goal of \$16,700. Thanks be to God, our LWML did reach the goal and exceeded this amount by \$3,300, which enabled the LWML to give \$20,000 to this mission grant. To God be the glory!" This reminded me of Malachi 3:10b – "And thereby put me to the test says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down a blessing until there is no more need."

Newly elected officers are the following: President – Cinda Poppa; Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants – Lu Ann Roman; Vice President of Communications – Jennifer Olen; Corresponding Secretary – Janice Koopman; Treasurer – Patricia Silah; Interim Recording Secretary – Angie Mader; and Junior Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Matthew Gehrke.

The first five 2020-2022 Mission Grants are the following:

- ◆ Church Worker Student Grant - \$30,000
- ◆ Bethany Lutheran Church in Milwaukee - \$12,000
- ◆ Fort Wayne Seminary Food and Clothing Co-Op - \$10,000
- ◆ A Place of Refuge – Vehicle for Refuge House - \$20,000
- ◆ Mission Central Support of LCMS Missionaries - \$15,000



The 2020 LWML South Wisconsin District Fall Retreat is scheduled for September 11-12 at the Holiday Inn, located at 4601 Calumet Ave. in Manitowoc, WI 54220. The theme for the retreat is "**Jesus is the Light,**" with the Bible verse being John 9:5, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Registration is \$60.00, which includes the Saturday Breakfast Buffet and Lunch Buffet and needs to be sent in by August 14. Registration information may be found at lwml-swd.org. For room reservations, please contact the Holiday Inn by August 11 for the special LWML room rate.

Our EGL groups plan to meet on Wednesday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. for the morning group and on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. for the evening group.

"Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever."  
Psalm 106:1

*Barbara Kurth*



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**THANK YOU!**



## STAMMTISCH

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

EGL Guys, we're baaack! 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 (**August 20** this month) from **7:30-9:30 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](mailto:bruce.bessert@gmail.com).



Seen on a church sign:

**HAVE THE DONKEY & ELEPHANT  
LET YOU DOWN?  
TURN TO THE LAMB!**



## LOOK AT THAT SHINE!

Stephen Bernau, a middle school teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Watertown, cleans the tile floors at EGL. He and his wife Paige were married a year ago and love building the foundation for their lives together. Stephen loves reading, running, and all things sports. He enjoys working at EGL during the summer because it gives him a mental break from school while allowing him to do some physical work. Stephen uses his work time at EGL to learn while listening to podcasts and book tapes. Originally from Minnesota, Stephen is a huge sports guy, but not a Vikings fan, so no worries there! He attended Concordia University Wisconsin, graduating in 2016. Good Shepherd Lutheran in Watertown is his first call and he will begin his fourth year there in August. Many thanks, Stephen, for making our floors shine!



# TOGETHER IN JESUS

And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony

Colossians 3:14 ESV



**FROM THE NEW INTERIM PRINCIPAL:** Hi! My name is Stephanie Bahr and I will be serving as your Interim Principal for the 2020-2021 school year. My first official day was July 1st where I happily learned both Pastor Skovgaard and I have a shared love of donuts! I have loved meeting so many of the wonderful people connected to EGLS and I am thankful to be sent here this year. Some fun facts about me include: I am not a Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Bucks, or Milwaukee Brewers fan - that has been a little bit of a shock to some of the students. I was born and raised in New York, lived in Cleveland and then Chicago - so I follow the Buffalo Bills, the Oklahoma City Thunder, and the Chicago Cubs. I also love the Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team. I played basketball and volleyball in college, coaching both sports for the past several years. While I love sports, I also love music, especially theater. My favorite musicals are *Wicked* and *Les Miserables*. I have had a lot of fun writing shows for the Milwaukee Lutheran choirs the past five years. Personally, I am a product of Lutheran education from Kindergarten through college, with more than twenty family members following the same path. Our family gatherings normally have a healthy dose of conversation



around all things church and school. One of my most favorite roles is Godmother to many children. My Godchildren bring so much laughter and love to my heart; hopefully they will have a chance to meet you this year. Professionally I have had several experiences that give me unique perspectives into how to serve a church and school community well. I have spent over 15 years in schools, serving as a founding member of the HOPE Schools Milwaukee and then as a teacher and Dean of Students at Sherman Park Lutheran School. I have also worked in the corporate sector in Pharmaceutical sales and then as a business manager. I appreciate that those experiences have helped me see the beauty and balance of creating a strong school community that is supported by efficient systems and proper stewardship. I love working with families and teachers to help children harvest the unique gifts that God has planted in their hearts and minds. Please feel free to stop by the office and say hello anytime, and if there are donuts on the table you are welcome to enjoy your favorite kind!

*Miss Bahr*



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**MEET EGLS's NEW 2ND GRADE TEACHER:** Kenzie Peters is originally from Milwaukee, and is coming back to the area after teaching first grade for six years at St. Paul Lutheran School in Rochelle, IL. Kenzie's parents are Richard and Pamela Peters, who are currently members of Mt. Olive. She attended Mt. Olive Lutheran School, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, and graduated from Concordia University Chicago in 2014. Kenzie has always been active in her school, and being at St. Paul wasn't any different. At St. Paul she was in charge of the yearbook, was on the youth board, officiated volleyball for a few years, and helped behind the scoring table at sporting events. On Saturday mornings she helped at the scoring table for 3rd-6th grade community basketball as well. In her spare time she loves to read, watch movies, work on various crafts, and travel in and outside of the United States. She also loves spending time with her family and friends. Welcome, Miss Peters!

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# Back to School

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Returning to school is a constant conversation among many school administrators and teachers. At present, EGL will be returning to school for five full days of instruction. This week I walked around to introduce myself to our neighbors on Luther Lane, Verdant St. and Terrace Drive. During those introductions I also asked the neighbors how they felt about the children returning to school - they were happy to hear we will be coming back. I let them know we would be outside more often than in years past, and wanted to ensure they felt comfortable with a little more noise. Many neighbors said they miss the sound of our kids and it will be a welcome change to the day. The key to our current conversation is flexibility. Right now I have a team of people working with me to ensure that we are taking the right steps to keep school as normal and also safe as possible for staff and students. After that plan is finalized and approved it will be sent to the school families.

The first day of school is  
August 24

**2020-2021 REGISTRATION UPDATE:** Paperwork for the 2020-21 school year is available on the school website. Hard copies are also available in the school office. As a reminder, student forms need to be completed before the first day of school. If you have questions please contact the School Office - 262-272-2970, or email School Administrative Assistant Ms. Brown at [sbrown@egl.org](mailto:sbrown@egl.org).



To EGLS Parents:

As the new school year approaches, part of the registration process means updating your child's immunization record and completing consent forms for medications to be taken. Please send or drop off a copy of your child's immunization record to the school office no later than 30 days after school starts to Sandy Brown at [sbrown@egl.org](mailto:sbrown@egl.org)

You can obtain a copy of the student immunization record at:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/f-040201.htm>

The following are the minimum required immunizations for each age and grade level according to the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law. These requirements can be waived for health, religious, or personal conviction reasons. Additional immunizations may be recommended for your child depending on his or her age. Please contact your doctor or local health department to determine if your child needs additional immunizations.

**Grade/Age Number of Doses Pre-K (ages 2 through 4 yrs)**

4 DTaP/DTP/DT2 ,3 Polio, 3 Hepatitis B6, 1 MMR7 ,1 Varicella8

**Kindergarten through Grade 5**

4 DTaP/DTP/DT/Td, 4 Polio5 ,3 Hepatitis B6, 2 MMR7 , 2 Varicella8

**Grades 6 through 12**

4 DTaP/DTP/DT/Td2, 1 Tdap4, 4 Polio5, 3 Hepatitis B6, 2 MMR7, 2 Varicella8

## WHAT DID YOU DO DURING SUMMER BREAK?

Just about each week during summer break, a varied group of teachers, staff, and a few students enjoyed hiking through some interesting parks and towns. In pictures 1 & 2, Mrs. Margrett, Miss Ganswindt, Mrs. Scepanski, Miss Lindholm, Mrs. Stroh, and Sarah and Emma Stroh hiked in Lion's Den Gorge in Grafton. In pictures 3 & 4, Miss Ganswindt, Mrs. Elvers, and Mrs. Tesch joined Mrs. Margrett for a walking tour and scavenger hunt in historic Greendale. They even spent a few minutes with Norman Rockwell!



Your word is a  
lamp to my feet  
and a light to  
my path.

Psalm 119:105 ESV



## August Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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



### August 1

Darlene Baumgart

### August 2

A-Andrew & Angela Holmes  
Tom Kaucic  
Lauren Lawton  
Gene Wilbur

### August 3

A-Anthony & Amanda D'Agostino  
A-Tom & Ilona Kuchta  
Carmen Klug (96)  
Joan Knight

### August 4

A-Linda & Terry Hoffmann  
Casey Carney

### August 5

A-Arnold & Sue Will  
Todd Baumgardt  
Sandy Hahn  
Brandon Scepanski

### August 6

A-Terry & Anne Tuttrup (60)  
Pam Ganswindt  
Beverly Hipenbecker  
Carol Schaefer

### August 7

A-Dan & Stephanie Garcia  
Natalie Carstedt  
Matthew Diven  
Mark Kennedy  
Jessica Nicely

### August 8

A-Dan & Ruth Bretl

### August 9

A-Paul & Linda Haut (45)  
A-Stephanie & Jeffrey Laundre  
A-Pr. Eric & Shelly Skovgaard  
Christine Wilcox

### August 10

Lindsay Mitchell

### August 11

Barb Alles  
Ruth Bretl

### August 12

A-Peter & Terry Holzwart  
Tyler Beckley  
Joel Schultz  
Heidi Wegner

### August 13

Alex Ohde

### August 14

Rob Hipke  
Krzysztof Olbrot  
Scott Williams

### August 15

A-Henry & Karen Van Schaick  
Patrick Gerber

### August 16

Ethan Kritzer  
Manfred Moritz  
Brody Setzer

### August 17

A-Paula & Tri Ky  
Levi Widule

### August 18

A-Jeff & Laurie Mueller  
A-William Myatt Jr. & Anna Bangle-Myatt  
Donald Anderson  
Tommy Paasch  
Alex Setzer

### August 22

A-Kirk & Cynthia Midtbo  
Tom Alles  
Brooks Hornburg  
Michael Huber

### August 23

A-Josh & Sara Keck  
Barb Thompson

### August 24

A-Bill & Ruth Dare (52)  
Jim Aldinger  
Jeff Netzel

### August 25

Jerry Baumgardt  
Austin Williams

### August 26

Ian Klein  
Ray Lester

### August 27

A-Jared & Katie Duncan  
Kent Baumgardt  
Dan Bretl  
Aislyn Wegner

### August 29

A-Deanna & Matthew Beltran  
Dick Kruse  
Alexandra VanderMeer

### August 30

William Dennis  
Jami Hedtke  
Ava Laundre  
Laura Patterson  
Richard Rahardt  
Bruce Wilcox

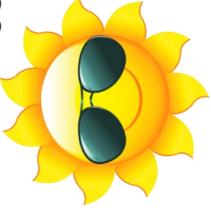
### August 31

A-Kevin & Andrea Kysely  
A-Tom & Jane Neill  
A-Brad & Vicky Ohde  
Lydia Ohde

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02 8:00 AM Service - C 10:00 AM Service - C 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Doxology - BAAC 12:00 PM Bd. Of Evangelism - Rm 228 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM AA Mtg - CLC	03 6:30 PM BOCE - Rm. 228	04	05 6:30 PM Service	06 6:30 PM Service	07	08 
09 8:00 AM Service - C 9:15 AM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm. 229 10:00 AM Service - C 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM AA Mtg - CLC	10 7:00 PM Church Council - TBD	11	12 6:30 PM Service	13 6:30 PM Service	14	15
16 8:00 AM Service - C 10:00 AM Service - C 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM AA Mtg - CLC	17 Church and School Offices open Monday - Friday 6:00 PM Intrada-BR	18	19 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Blood Drive FH	20 9:30 AM Book Discussion - BAAC 6:30 PM Service 8:00 PM Stammtisch - Biloba Brewery	21	22
23 8:00 AM Service - C 10:00 AM Service - C 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM AA Mtg - CLC	24 5:30 PM Board of Finance - Rm. 234 1st Day of School K4-8 6:00 PM Intrada-BR	25 7:00 PM Bd. Of Elders - Rm. 228 First Day of School K3	26	27 6:30 PM Service	28	29
30 8:00 AM Service - C 10:00 AM Service - C 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM AA Mtg - CLC	31 6:30 PM Bd. Of Trustees - Rm. 234 6:00 PM Intrada-BR	01	02	03	04	05



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**Miss Stephanie Bahr, Interim Principal**

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Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.***

***SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

**SUNDAY MORNING**

*The Lord's Supper celebrated at both Sunday services*

***8:00 a.m.***

***10:00 a.m.***

**THURSDAY EVENING**

***6:30 p.m.***

**The deadline for articles and photos to be  
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**August 15**

**Submissions can be sent to  
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