

SEASONS

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



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Lord God, on this Day of Thanksgiving, as we pray for all who are in authority, we thank you especially for the form of government given us in our beloved country. Give us the grace with our fellow citizens to value the officers and the magistrates of our government as those sent by You. Instill in us that respect and honor that is due them. Lord, endow them with wisdom for their several duties, with a spirit of sacrifice for the common welfare, with mercy and justice, with uprightness and kindness. Correct the evils of selfishness, greed, a vain desire for honor, or abuse of power among us as well as in the other governments of the world. Grant that the true purposes of government may prevail, safeguarding peace and prosperity, so that we may live soberly and uprightly in Your sight and have opportunity to tell of You and Your kingdom. These petitions we direct to You because in Jesus we know You as our Father and Lord. Amen.

(By Rev. Robert E. Moeller, who serves three congregations in the Minnesota South District of the LC-MS. This prayer is from his Thanksgiving Day, 2016 sermon.)

From Your Pastor

[Originally written for the November 2010 Seasons]

By the time you read this, the annual celebration of Thanksgiving will be just around the corner. And, of course, that means then that Christmas is not far away. Thus, even the secular calendar points our attention to important matters. Before the season of giving and receiving presents comes rushing at us, we stop and give thanks for God's providential care of us during this past year. Indeed, all that we enjoy here and now is a gracious gift from God, given to us apart from any merit or worthiness in us.

One of those gifts I'd like to draw to your attention today is the faithful example of Christians who have gone before us. When you have a moment, read through the two pages in the front of the hymnal [Lutheran Service Book] under the title "Commemorations." Under each month is listed a number of Biblical and extra-Biblical, historical individuals that the Church in her wisdom has selected to serve as examples for our encouragement. A little historical digging around reveals lives redeemed and transformed by Christ the Crucified. For instance, under the month of November we find the following names:

Johannes von Staupitz, Luther's father confessor. Staupitz was the abbot at the Augustinian cloister in Erfurt, where Luther served as a monk. Staupitz was the one who first recognized Luther's potential as a professor of theology.

Martin Chemnitz, one of the two central figures in the compilation of The Formula of Concord, the last section in the Book of Concord. Chemnitz' work is so valuable that sometimes he is described as "the second Martin, without whom, the first (Luther) would not be remembered."

Martin of Tours, a fourth century Roman soldier who left the military and became a monk, affirming that he was "Christ's soldier." He serves as an example to all Christian military chaplains to this day. Luther received his first name because he was baptized on this Martin's feast day.

Emperor Justinian, a sixth century Roman leader who led his empire in confessing the centrality of Christ. One of his major accomplishments – the building of the Hagia Sophia – can still be seen today in the modern city of Istanbul.

Elizabeth of Hungary, whose acts of charity in the 13th century still inspire the naming of hospitals. Her former home, three hundred years later, became Luther's hiding place, the castle we know today as the Wartburg.

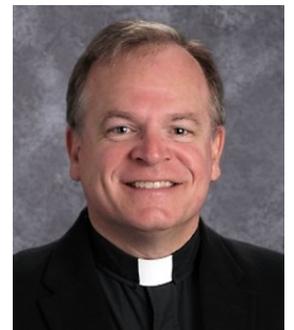
Clement of Rome, a first century Christian pastor, is remembered for having established the pattern of apostolic authority that governed the Church during the first and second centuries.

Last but not least in November, we find the name of **Noah**, a faithful man of God who called for repentance in an age of godlessness and immorality.

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession gives us three good reasons for remembering, and thus giving thanks for, the saints who have gone before us. "First, we thank God for giving faithful servants to His Church. Second, through such remembrance our faith is strengthened as we see the mercy that God extended to His saints of old. Third, these saints are examples by which we may imitate both their faith and their holy living according to our calling in life" (LSB p. xii).

Hebrews 12:1 sums it well with these words:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Exactly! We are not the first generation of Christians, and we won't be the last if Christ does not return soon. As we fight the good fight of faith, giving it all we've got, we draw strength from those who have gone before us.



Pastor Skougaard

*For all the saints who from
their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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Proclamation 5412 - Thanksgiving Day, 1985

By the President of the United States of America

Although the time and date of the first American thanksgiving observance may be uncertain, there is no question but that this treasured custom derives from our Judeo-Christian heritage. "Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks," the Psalmist sang, praising God not only for the "wondrous works" of His creation, but for loving guidance and deliverance from dangers.

A band of settlers arriving in Maine in 1607 held a service of thanks for their safe journey, and twelve years later settlers in Virginia set aside a day of thanksgiving for their survival. In 1621 Governor William Bradford created the most famous of all such observances at Plymouth Colony when a bounteous harvest prompted him to proclaim a special day "to render thanksgiving to the Almighty God for all His blessings." The Spaniards in California and the Dutch in New Amsterdam also held services to give public thanks to God.

In 1777, during our War of Independence, the Continental Congress set aside a day for thanksgiving and praise for our victory at the battle of Saratoga. It was the first time all the colonies took part in such an event on the same day. The following year, upon news that France was coming to our aid, George Washington at Valley Forge prescribed a special day of thanksgiving. Later, as our first President, he responded to a Congressional petition by declaring Thursday, November 26, 1789, the first Thanksgiving Day of the United States of America.

Although there were many state and national thanksgiving days proclaimed in the ensuing years, it was the tireless crusade of one woman, Sarah Josepha Hale, that finally led to the establishment of this beautiful feast as an annual nationwide observance. Her editorials so touched the heart of Abraham Lincoln that in 1863—even in the midst of the Civil War—he enjoined his countrymen to be mindful of their many blessings, cautioning them not to forget the source from which they come, that they are the gracious gifts of the Most High God . . . Who ought to be thanked with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.

It is in that spirit that I now invite all Americans to take part again in this beautiful tradition with its roots deep in our history and deeper still in our hearts. We manifest our gratitude to God for the many blessings he has showered upon our land and upon its people.

In this season of Thanksgiving we are grateful for our abundant harvests and the productivity of our industries; for the discoveries of our laboratories; for the researches of our scientists and scholars; for the achievements of our artists, musicians, writers, clergy, teachers, physicians, businessmen, engineers, public servants, farmers, mechanics, artisans, and workers of every sort whose honest toil of mind and body in a free land rewards them and their families and enriches our entire Nation.

Let us thank God for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for the joy of this very festival we celebrate in His name. Let every house of worship in the land and every home and every heart be filled with the spirit of gratitude and praise and love on this Thanksgiving Day.

Now, therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, in the spirit and tradition of the Pilgrims, the Continental Congress, and past Presidents, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 28, 1985, as a day of national Thanksgiving. I call upon every citizen of this great Nation to gather together in homes and places of worship and offer prayers of praise and gratitude for the many blessings Almighty God has bestowed upon our beloved country.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Sons of Asaph: Dieterich Buxtehude

Johann Sebastian Bach walked over 200 miles from Arnstadt to Lübeck to gain a better understanding of his art, listening to the famous Dieterich Buxtehude. Buxtehude himself spelled his first name "Dieterich."

Where and when he was born are not documented. Buxtehude's obituary indicates he lived "...about seventy years" and "He recognized Denmark as his country." The most likely city of his birth is Helsingborg, Denmark, born about 1637. His father, Johannes Buxtehude was born and died in Germany. The family name is most likely from the city of Buxtehude, Germany, near Hamburg. His mother, Helle Jespers Daater, may have been German, but may have been Danish. Dieterich had at least three siblings, two older sisters-- Cathrina and Anna and a brother-- Peter, a barber by trade.

Buxtehude's childhood was in the city of Helsingør, Denmark. This is probably where Buxtehude began to play the organ with lessons from his father. His academic studies were most likely at the Helsingør Latin School. There is no record of how long Buxtehude remained in school. Although, some would attend Latin school until age 20.

His father, a well-respected organist in Denmark and organist of St. Olai church, Helsingør, in 1649, requested the organ at St. Olai be renovated. This was a fine opportunity for the young Buxtehude to learn about organ building from the master organ builder Johann Lorentz. It is quite possible Buxtehude studied music with Johann Lorentz, Jr in Copenhagen, only 28 miles south of Helsingør. It is also possible Buxtehude's father sent his son back to Hamburg between 1654 and 1657, where he, Buxtehude's father, had studied organ. In Hamburg, Buxtehude would have most likely studied with Heinrich Schiedemann, a student of Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, but he was also influenced by Matthias Weckmann a student of Jacob Praetorius, who was also a student of Sweelinck.

Buxtehude completed his formal education by late 1657 or early 1658. His first appointment, around April 1, 1657, was organist of St. Mary's Church, Helsingborg, Denmark the same church where his father had been organist earlier. In 1660, the organist position at St. Mary's, Helsingør became vacant. Buxtehude, in October of the same year, auditioned for the position and was chosen. He had now returned to his childhood city where he attended Latin school. The former monastery of St. Mary housed his Latin school.

Franz Tunder, organist and Werkmeister at St. Mary's (Marienkirche) Lübeck, Germany, a Hanseatic city, died on November 5, 1667. Two other organists auditioned for this position: Johann Schade from Hamburg (December) and Johannes Stanislaus Boronski from Schönenberg, Poland (February). On April 11, 1668, Buxtehude was selected to fill the position of organist and Werkmeister. Werkmeister (literally translated "work master") meant Buxtehude served as the administrator

and treasurer of the church. The account books served as the church records. Buxtehude's duty was to oversee all the work that was done in the church and to pay the workers, buy supplies, etc. On July 23, 1668, Buxtehude swore the oath of citizenship. On the Ninth Sunday after Trinity, July 26, 1668, the banns were read in St. Mary's for his marriage to Anna Margaretha Tunder, and the wedding was celebrated on Monday, August 3, 1668. Anna Margaretha Tunder (baptized August 11, 1646) was the second daughter of Franz Tunder, Buxtehude's predecessor at St. Mary's. Buxtehude and Anna had seven daughters, no sons. The last three lived in the household until after their father's death.

Helena (baptized June 24, 1669; buried July 12, 1669)

Magdalena Elisabeth (baptized July 15, 1670; buried November 16, 1692)

Anna Sophia (baptized April 8, 1672; buried April 9, 1675)

Maria Engel (baptized April 7, 1686; buried April 6, 1687)

Anna Margreta (baptized June 10, 1675)

Anna Sophia II (baptized August 30, 1678)

Dorothea Catrin (baptized March 25, 1683)

Buxtehude became well-known for his Abendmusik (literally translated "Evening Music"). These were evening musical performances usually of a religious or contemplative nature. Buxtehude was the entrepreneur for this annual concert series at St. Mary. He organized the entire production, composed the music, raised the necessary funds, chose the singers and instrumentalists, and conducted the performances. The organist of the Marienkirche (St. Mary) Lübeck was no mere cathedral organist. His concerts attracted crowds of the kind not usual until the symphony concerts of 1850 and consisted mostly of devotional music, varied enough for what was after all the largest auditorium then available for any public event whatsoever, a large gothic church. This annual concert series took place the five Sundays before Christmas following the afternoon service, from 4 to 5 o'clock.

Buxtehude's compositions included vocal works (chorale, aria, cantata), learned counterpoint, sonatas, and keyboard works (preludes and fugues, chorale fantasias, chorale preludes, chorale variations, suites and secular variations). The Buxtehude Werke Verzeichnis (BuxWV), the catalogue of Buxtehude's works, includes 275 compositions. Not a single autograph manuscript of Dieterich Buxtehude's organ works is extant. All the compositions having been handed down in contemporary copies, partly in German tablature.

Buxtehude died on May 9, 1707. He was buried in St. Mary's Church near the steps to the choir loft on May 16, 1707. On June 23, 1707, Buxtehude's successor, Johann Christian Schieferdecker was selected to fill the positions of organist and Werkmeister. On August 29, 1707, Schieferdecker married one of Buxtehude's daughters, Anna Margreta.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

For over thirty years, a hymn of the month has been taught to the children at Elm Grove Lutheran School. This year, we embark on a new practice of teaching you, the congregation at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, a hymn each month. Each month, a "new" hymn will be presented in each *Seasons* with some background information on the hymn and its author as well as the composer of the hymn tune. This information comes from the Lutheran Service Book Companion To The Hymns. The Lutheran Church has a rich heritage of hymns which cradle-to-grave Lutherans know and love. During the last three decades of the 20th century, the English-speaking world experienced an "explosion" of hymn writing with tens of thousands of hymns being written. A number of superb hymns have come from this myriad of hymns. As a congregation, we have the opportunity to share the "old favorites" and learn some brand new hymns. Each month, the Hymn of the Month will be presented on the first weekend by singing it during the offering at each worship service. The hymn will then be used as a distribution hymn or in another location in the service each weekend of the month thereafter.

The Hymn of the Month for November is LSB 565, Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ.

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| 1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ,
Speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done,
They bid my fear depart. Refrain | 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,
Has borne the crushing load
Of sins that none could bear
But the incarnate God. Refrain |
| ref To whom save Thee,
Who canst alone
For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee? | 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ,
Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine
Would have been all too few. Refrain |
| 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,
Can heal my bruised soul;
Thy stripes, not mine, contain
The balm that makes me whole. Refrain | 5 Thy righteousness, O Christ,
Alone can cover me;
No righteousness avails
Save that which is of Thee. Refrain |

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Horatius Bonar, the author of our hymn of the month, was a nineteenth century Scottish churchman and poet. He received his education at the University of Edinburgh and was honored with a Doctor of Divinity degree from the University of Aberdeen. Bonar, 1808-1889, is "generally regarded as the most eminent of the hymn writers of Scotland." He wrote around 600 hymns and published ten volumes of hymns. Bonar would write his hymns quickly, often while on the train, and would not attempt to make improvements on them resulting in awkward rhythms and flawed rhymes. Lutheran Service Book contains six hymns written by Bonar, including the "old favorites" "Glory Be to God the Father" (506), "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (606), and "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (699). (Companion to the Hymns, vol. 2, pg. 229-230)

"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ" was first published in 1857 under the title "The Sinbearer." LSB uses five of the original ten hymn stanzas. Because it contains a refrain after each stanza, this hymn is well suited for children. That refrain focuses on Christ alone as the source of our atonement, asking the question, "To whom save Thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?" The implied answer is that we flee to no one except Christ, who atoned for our sin.

Christ's work for our salvation to the exclusion of any works done on our part is the emphasis of this hymn. The first line of every stanza follows a similar pattern: "Thy works, not mine" (stanza 1), "Thy wounds, not mine" (stanza 2), "Thy cross, not mine" (stanza 3), "Thy death, not mine" (stanza 4), and "Thy righteousness, O Christ" (stanza 5). Based on Ephesians 2:8-9 and Philippians 3:7-9, the focus is not on what we do but on what Christ has done for us.

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV

The tune used for "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ" originated in England but the composer is unknown. The source of the tune was *The Parish Choir or Church Music Book*, vol. 3, published in London in 1850. *The Parish Choir* was issued occasionally between February 1846 and March 1851 by the Society for Promoting Church Music. (Companion to the Hymns, vol. 1, pg. 607-608)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The South Wisconsin District Convention is scheduled for June 13-15, 2021. The following items will need to be addressed by the congregation.

1. EGL will send one lay and pastor delegate to the convention. If you wish to volunteer, please submit your name to the Board of Elders. These positions will be ratified at the February 15, 2021 Voters' Assembly.
2. The President and Four (4) Regional Vice-Presidents of the District are up for election. If you have any recommendations for these positions, please forward them to the Board of Elders. These nominations will be ratified at the February 15, 2021 Voters' Assembly.
3. The Circuit Visitor is up for nomination. Please forward any recommendations to the Board of Elders. These nominations do not require Voters' Assembly ratification. They will be submitted to the Circuit Forum, where they will be voted on. The District Convention will then ratify the results of the Circuit votes.

The following positions are also up for nominations. Any LCMS member of the South Wisconsin District may submit these nominations directly to the District office. Please visit their website at swd.lcms.org, select Resources, then District and Synod Convention to access the nomination forms. These nominations must be submitted by January 30, 2021.

Secretary of the District

Board of Directors

Central East One Layperson (6 year term)

North East One Ordained (6 year term)
 One Layperson (6 year term)

South East One Ordained (6 year term)
 One Layperson (6 year term)

West One Layperson (6 year term)

Committee on Convention Nominations – District

North East One Ordained (6 year term)
 One Commissioned (6 year term)
 One Layperson (6 year term)

South East One Ordained (6 year term)
 One Commissioned (6 year term)
 One Layperson (6 year term)

Central East One Layperson (3 year term – filling unexpired term)

CUW Board of Regents

One Ordained (3 year term)
One Commissioned (3 year term)
Two Laypeople (3 year term)

Please contact me if you have any questions.

In His Service,
James A. Drabiszczak
EGL President

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Thanks to all congregation members for your understanding of facility usage during and after the school day.

As you are most likely aware, Elm Grove Lutheran School is open for business with many excited students and teachers learning and growing in God's Word daily.

In these times of COVID, congregational and school leadership have worked very hard to ensure the safety of the students, teachers, and staff. As such, rooms in the facility that have been available in the past may not be during and after the school day. As part of EGLS' COVID safety policy, extensive cleaning is being done in the school facility after hours. We as a congregation need to ensure that use of the facility during and after the school day does not interfere with those cleaning efforts and the overall safety of our students, teachers, and staff.

As always, any facility usage requests (including all room reservation requests) **must** be submitted to Business Manager Amy Stroh in the church office (262-797-2970; astroh@egl.org) . All requests will be reviewed and the requestor will be notified if the request can be granted or if an alternative room is available.

We at Elm Grove Lutheran Church and School have been blessed with an outstanding facility, and it is our prayer that things will return to normal in the near future so that facility usage can return to what it has been in the past.

Thank you again for your understanding!

“Empowered by God — Responding by Grace”

“. . . as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you — see that you excel in this act of grace also” (2 Cor. 8:7).

We are entering into our annual stewardship emphasis entitled, “Empowered by God — Responding by Grace.” During this time, we will consider how God has empowered us and how our response, by grace through faith, can be used by God, especially in the ministry here at Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Just what does it mean to be empowered by God? The Lord Jesus said that His disciples would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 1:8). That not only happened as He said it would, but we, too, receive God’s power by His grace through our faith in Christ as the Holy Spirit takes up residence in us.

And what should be our response to God’s provision for us? According to 2 Corinthians 8:7, we respond by “faith,” implicitly trusting God to provide all that we need. We respond by “speech,” sharing the good news of the Gospel with others. We respond by “knowledge” through the study of God’s Word. We respond in “all earnestness,” that is, through a demonstration of the sincerity of our love for the Lord. And we respond by excelling in the grace of giving.

As an example of what it means to give by grace, the Apostle Paul points to the Christians at Macedonia. These were poor people — dirt poor, poor as the proverbial church mice — who were commended by Paul for giving beyond their ability to give. How could they do that? The answer is found in 2 Corinthians 8:5 — “. . . they gave themselves first to the Lord.” Giving does not begin with the movement of the hand to the wallet, purse or pocketbook. Giving begins in the heart.



Sometimes, when stewardship is mentioned, people wrongly conclude that giving money is all that is involved. Not so. Giving **does** include our financial resources, but it goes far beyond money and actually encompasses three primary resources. These are what might be called “building blocks” in God’s “school of faith” which constitute “lifestyle stewardship” or “total stewardship.”



First, there is the matter of our time. Time is one resource that is given to everyone equally. All of us have twenty-four hours in every day. No more, no less. How we use our time reflects accurately what is a priority in our lives. Some people have made the TV a priority in their lives. They might not admit it, but by totaling the amount of time they spend in front of the screen, it would be hard to draw any other conclusion. Others have made sports a priority. How can we tell that’s true? Again, by the amount of time they spend pursuing sports. The key question is this: How much of the 168 hours available to each of us every week is spent in pursuit of God or in service to God’s kingdom, especially here in this ministry?

Then there is the matter of our talents, an area in which all of us have not been gifted equally. Some have been gifted by God to work with their hands, with machines, or with computers. Some have musical abilities that enhance our worship. Others excel in their ability to communicate orally or via the printed page. The effective outreach of the Gospel here at Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church is made possible only when God’s people who are part of this fellowship use their combined talents for God’s glory and for the good of this ministry.



Finally, there is the matter of our treasure. Don’t be confused. Money cannot buy salvation. Money cannot buy eternal life. Money can’t even buy security which God alone provides. But how we use money is an indication of our priorities. Think about the process: God owns everything. According to Psalm 24:1, “The earth is the Lord’s.” God has never relinquished His title deed to the world, but God enables us to earn that which rightfully belongs to Him. God then seeks to have us return a portion of what He has entrusted to us through our giving.

As you consider your life during this time of stewardship emphasis, will you — like the Macedonian Christians — excel in the “grace of giving” by first giving yourself to the Lord? Will you then respond by grace through giving your time, your talents and your treasure to be used by God in this ministry?

“Empowered by God — Responding by Grace.” That was true of the Macedonian Christians. May it also be true of us here at Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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2020 Stewardship Campaign



With Thanksgiving approaching later this month, it's time to start collecting items for the annual

EGL Food Ingathering!

Join our school children in donating non-perishable food items to the inner city food pantries of the South Wisconsin District. This year, Hatched, a pie bakery owned by Allison & Craig Cebulla, will join the Ingathering. Their annual Thanksgiving Pie pick up will take place in the EGL parking lot on Nov. 25 and customers will be encouraged to bring a donation of non-perishables. Bring your donations to church anytime between now and Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 25. Let's make this an overflowing Ingathering!

What can you bring?



ANYTHING as long as it is non-perishable and has not passed its expiration date. The food pantries cannot accept items past their expiration dates. Bring food that YOU like to eat because others probably like to eat it, too. Try to bring a protein item like canned meat or peanut butter and another item like canned fruits or vegetables or your favorite cereal or soup! Bring as much as you want – one can/

box or 100 cans/boxes! Let's fill the chancel with lots and lots of food!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**

***PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM
ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!***



EGL'S NEW AV BOOTH—START TO FINISH



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

We welcome:

By Baptism

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VIRGINIA Higgins

By Adult Confirmation

Kyle Higgins

By Re-Affirmation of Faith

Alexis Higgins

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821 S. 115th Street
West Allis, WI 53214

Jayne Klug
Linden Grove
13755 W. Fieldpointe Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151





The morning group of the LWML will meet on Wednesday, November 4, in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study, **"We've Got Good News to Tell,"** is found on pages 20-21 in the fall issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. During

this study we will look at the Good News about Jesus and how we can tell others about God's plan of salvation.

The evening group of the LWML will meet on Monday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. The mission project is **Operation Christmas Child**. We will be assembling and packing the shoeboxes with needed items for children in poverty areas in the world. Included in each shoebox, with be a Christmas brochure in their native language telling of the birth of Jesus our Savior. If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile mission project, please bring the small items to the large Mission Mite box near the LWML bulletin board in the lower entrance of the church. Items still needed are: children's socks, mittens, scarves, pencils, crayons, puzzles, small foam balls, small flashlights with batteries, and anything small to be tucked into the shoeboxes. If you

have questions, please contact Carole Braun or Jean Kruse. Thank you!

News about National LWML is that of the \$2,100,000 mission goal for the biennium of 2019-2021, thirteen Mission Grants have been totally funded for a total of \$1,081,400. This leaves eight Mission Grants left to be fully funded, with some of these grants already partially funded. All of the 40 zones within our country send 25% of their donated mites to the National LWML.

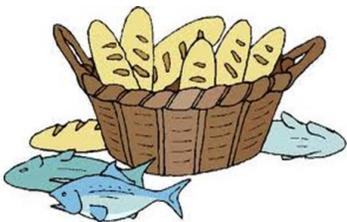
One of the National Mission Grants was **Wind River Reservation Transportation** for the purchase of a vehicle to transport children of the Shoshone and Arapaho tribes to attend Sunday School at Fort Washakie, which is an 88 mile round trip and "Monday" school at Crowheart, which is a 66 mile round trip. In the summer, children would be transported to attend VBS. In most of the instances, this is the only opportunity for children living on the reservation to hear the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. This grant was funded for \$40,000.

"And, whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Colossians 3:17)

Barbara Kurth

BREAD & FISH

On Tuesday, October 20, Orphan Grain Train picked up 60 boxes of clothing and two mattresses and box springs for shipment to places like Haiti, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, and in the U.S., Black Hawk, SD; Myra, KY; and numerous cities in Texas.



Please keep the clothes, food and donations of money coming! **Be sure to participate in the Thanksgiving Food In-gathering** (see pg. 8)



Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight for 2020 has been cancelled due to increasing concern for the health and safety of those who attend. We regret we cannot share the message and music, food and fellowship in our beautiful candlelit setting as we have in the past. As the Advent season approaches, let us continue to praise and thank God for loving us and sending us our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please save the date, Sunday, November 28, 2021 for Advent by Candlelight.

Carole Braun & Judy Hogan



We are actively looking for Sunday School teachers and substitutes. Come join our team to share the good news of God's kingdom.

We encourage all children to participate in Sunday School. We know every time we hear a Bible story another gem from God's Word jumps out at us! You can be a part of Sunday school, ages 3-14 years.



Thank You
For Being a Hero



BLOOD DRIVE

ELM GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020
02:00 p.m. - 06:30 p.m.
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Sign up at blooddrive@egl.org
or call Rick Ewert at 262-289-9333



Thank you for supporting the rescheduled Elm Grove Lutheran Golf Outing on October 2. Even though it was a chilly day, everyone had an amazing time! All of the faculty, staff, and students at Elm Grove Lutheran thank you for your generosity during our event. We thank all of our sponsors, donors, golfers, and guests.

Our total profit from this year's event was \$19,636!

Thank you again for your part in making this event a success, and we look forward to having you join us again next year. Mark your calendars for May 14, 2021!





About this painting by Shannon Wirrenga ...

"Where is my child?" There is unseen, unspoken heartache in families when a child is lost. The Bible teaches that the soul is present at conception. This is a teaching worth picturing—that the soul is eternal. *The Lost Child* validates a woman's discernment that a life is missed. This discernment and distress can lead to spiritual guidance and healing. Mothers are not wrong to have troubling thoughts and feelings of guilt over their lost child ... but they need not carry this burden and grief alone. [Word of Hope](#) and other Christian counselors are ready to listen and help every woman (and man) dealing with misgivings, pain, and grief. Painting and photography have a long tradition of capturing unseen and avoided realities by depicting the invisible and unmentionable. Healing art can bring us all to the rending of our hearts—and then the mending of our hearts by the Lord. The purpose of *The Lost Child* is to give hope, healing, and peace to women (and men) grieving for a lost child. – *Lutherans for Life*

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them." (Psalm 139:13-16)





November Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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



November 1

Tyler Anderson
Kailey Boudro
Connor Hipke

November 2

Donna Corder
Jacob Harner
Dick Mueller
Ann Wilcox

November 3

A-David & Cathy Wolber
Angela Lee
Caleb Nelson
Ted Wilke

November 4

A-Jon & Carol Heup
Julianne Skovgaard

November 5

A-Tom & Diane Zavadil
Taylor Buechel
Karen Handrich
Arnie Will

November 6

Sharon Fisher
Kim Novak
Pr. Eric Skovgaard (50 +3)

November 7

A-Bobby & Margie LaFond
Dolores Kroening
Arlene Malnar
Melina Palmer-Flintrop

November 8

Christin Cruz
Noah LaFond
Casey Wierzchowski

November 9

Barbara Schuldt (89)

November 10

A-Dick & Pat Mueller
A-Larry & Marna Olenchek
A-David & Liz Pond
Tim D'Agostino
Carson Gaulke
Barbara Wilbur

November 11

A-Petra & Joshua Seymore
Dylan Gaulke
Sue Paasch
Norma Scott (94)

November 12

Alexis Higgins

November 13

Mark Midtbo
Jessica Olbrot

November 14

Dick Knutson
Shelly Skovgaard
David Stamm
Taylor Stamm

November 15

Pat Alles
Lynn Hicks
Preston Nobile

November 16

Owen Bretl
Irma Witzke

November 17

Layton Gehrke

November 19

Nancy Genack
Jerry Hogan

November 20

Rick Mitchell

November 21

A-Jay & Amy Weymier
Andrea Jagusch
Ryan Polzin
Ron Wegner

November 22

A-Mike & Kiki Rohde
Christopher Avant

November 24

Erica Hornburg
Makia Koch-Seymore
Jean Roman

November 25

Timothy Albers
Madeline Diehl
Andrew Weymier
John Wolck

November 27

A-Ken & Elaine Willis (65)
Isaac Burant
Oliver Burant
Laurie Radewahn

November 28

Terri Elvers
Christine Jaeschke

November 29

James Kaul
Diane Koch

November 30

Thomas Hipke



NOVEMBER 2020



Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
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The deadline for articles and photos to be submitted for the next *Seasons* is

November 15

Submissions can be sent to
seasons@egl.org.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

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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*



***Join us for
Thanksgiving Worship***

***Wednesday, November 25
6:30 p.m.***