

# SEASONS

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



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## From Your Pastor

At Christmas we celebrated the birth of Jesus, the One who is 100% God and 100% man, the One who is born to save His people from their sins. Even though the Incarnation happened at the conception of Jesus when the angel Gabriel delivered the news to the virgin Mary, we celebrate the fact that the Son of God became man on Christmas Day. That's the Incarnation. Therein lies so much of the Christian's joy – that God has kept the promise He made so long ago to Eve, that the seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent. God has entered into our human story as a man in order to live and die in our place. There's no part of humanity that Christ did not take on with the Incarnation. Therefore, our whole being, body and soul, is redeemed by Christ. If there was some part of us that Christ did not assume in the Incarnation, that part of us would not be saved.

So, with that reminder in the background – that God has taken on our flesh, forever uniting the two natures in His person in order to save us and then to return to bring us to that place He has prepared for us – what do we do now as we wait? What does God want to see happen during this interim period as we wait? What are we to do with the gifts God has given us?

Lutherans believe, teach, and confess that God is at work in this world in two ways: through His left- and right-hand kingdoms. The right-hand kingdom is God's reign over the church and the left-hand kingdom is God's reign over culture, government, all of life. Both reigns are under God's control, but He rules them in different ways. The Church is ruled by the Gospel, as the Holy Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies." Secular human society, however, is ruled by the Law acting on people's conscience, restraining people's behavior, and guiding the natural order of the universe. "God is sovereign over all of existence, from the sparrow that falls to the motions of the nebulae, from the inner workings of every individual's conscience to the vast affairs of nations." (Veith, *The Spirituality of the Cross*, p. 97)

Christians have citizenship in both of these kingdoms. God expects us to be active members in both, to be active in the life of the Church, living and growing in the Word, and being active citizens in the secular world around us through our vocations. Not every Christian views the world in the same way as we do. But the Lutheran understanding of the two kingdoms and vocation allows us to understand what is meant by being "in the world but not of it." We do not try to escape the world in which we live by adopting the Amish model or by joining a monastery or convent. Nor do we simply let the world dictate how we should behave and what we should believe. We take seriously both citizenships and we hold them in tension. We are Americans but also subjects of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We speak a dialect of English but our language is drenched in the Word of

God. We can cheer for our favorite baseball or football teams, but our first devotion is to the Lord and His gifts. Our children can grow up being thoroughly American but never at the expense of their identity as baptized children of God.

St Paul in his epistle to the Romans 13 lays out clearly that God has established all of the earthly authorities that exist. From the family up through every government God has given his human creatures various authorities, all for the sake of good order. Our God is not a god of chaos but of order. He structures life in the world for everyone's well-being. Romans 13 has molded Lutheran Christians for a long time. It is writ large in our confessional documents, including the Small Catechism, where Luther teaches us to confess the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment, "Honor your father and your mother. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not anger or despise our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them." Because all authority is rooted in God Himself, we are slow to rock the boat.

That is a good thing. But I'm going to suggest to you today that we have replaced a proper understanding of our vocations in the left-hand kingdom with quietism. Not pacifism, but quietism. By that I mean, we have allowed ourselves to be silenced in the left-hand kingdom, when we should be speaking out, when we should be actively engaged in the important matters of our day, when we should be defending those institutions that preserve peace and order for the benefit of all.

Our theology teaches us that God has given us vocations and responsibilities in the left-hand kingdom precisely so that we can be of service to our neighbor. Our salvation in the right-hand kingdom frees us to work on behalf of those in the left-hand kingdom. We are the larva Dei, the mask of God, in caring for those around us. God has chosen to work through you and me to provide what our neighbor needs. God is hidden in our work and our words. We see this most obviously in the vocation of farmers and teachers, of those who make our clothes and our shoes, of those who create our cell phones and develop our medicines. But Romans 13 puts in front of us those who contend for law and order. Peace and the rule of law are also gifts of God. It is a loving thing to take seriously our vocations in both kingdoms.

When Christians understand who they are in Christ by means of God's grace, they are set free to serve and care for their neighbors in this fallen world. God uses Christians in His left-hand kingdom to care for other people. Yes, we can and ought to use our vocation as priest in the right-hand kingdom to pray for our neighbor and to speak the Gospel to him or her. But we also ought to love our neighbor by doing that which is best for him or her according to our vocations in the left-hand kingdom.

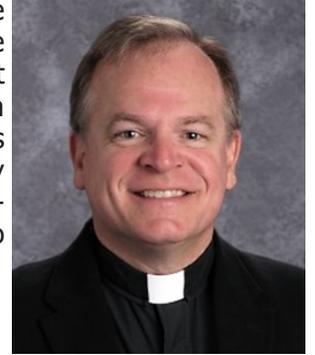
The incarnation tells us that the end of the story has already been determined. We are, therefore, set free to love – to do that which is best for our neighbor. If you are a faithful Lutheran, you care deeply about the pure .

Gospel, but you also care about life in the left-hand kingdom. Because God became man you care about life from conception to natural death, and everything in-between that impacts upon that gift of life. You are unapologetically pro-life. Because God became man you care about the type of education your children receive in school. You want them to grow in all sorts of useful knowledge and not have your worldview undermined. Because God became man you care about how laws affect the weak and the vulnerable. You care about improving the lives of the less fortunate. You care that elections are free and fair and done legally. Because God became man, you want your neighbor to enjoy the same blessings of freedom that you do and to enjoy the fruit of his labor. Because

God became man you want to be the best steward of God's creation you can be.

So, as we wait patiently for our Lord's return, no more reluctant quietism. Exercise the talents God has given you in the vocations He has given you. That includes your responsibility as a citizen in this great land God has given us. Let us labor and apply ourselves while it is still day before the night comes when no one can work. Amen.

*Pastor Skougaard*



## 'Higher Things' Announcement for High School Students



# Forgiven

*"I forgive you."*

*Powerful words.*

*Jesus' words.*

*His words for you.*

*Also, His words for others through you.*

*These words won't just change your summer or transform your daily life as a baptized child of God.*

*With these three words, Jesus changes your eternity.*

### **High school students and students who will be confirmed spring 2021,**

now is the time to make the decision to go to the Higher Things Youth Conference in July 2021. The dates are **July 20-23, 2021**. We are going to the conference held on the Calvin College campus in Grand Rapids, MI. We will travel together from EGL to the campus. Included in the family cost of \$180.00/person is registration, conference T-shirt, nine meals on campus and three nights housing on the campus. Quite the deal for a perfect opportunity to feed your faith and keep those confirmation promises to "hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully". If you have attended before you can go again; if you have not, go in 2021! Talk to Karen Clark if you are interested. 262-366-5920 (call/text) youth\_hs@egl.org or kaclark96@yahoo.com. We would like to finalize our registration by February 15, 2021.

## 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 January is LSB 404, Jesus, Once With Sinners Numbered.

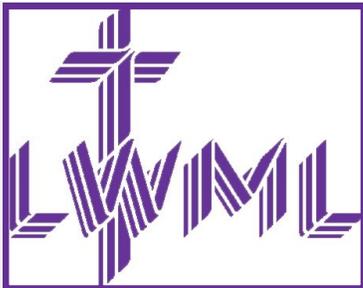
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| 1. Jesus, once with sinners numbered,<br>Had no blemish of His own;<br>In the waters of the Jordan<br>His true worth and work were shown:<br>Heaven opened and the Spirit<br>There descended like a dove,<br>As the Father's voice resounded,<br>"Hear My Son, the One I love."               | 3. This the baptism that our Savior<br>Greatly longed to undergo;<br>This the crimson cleansing needed<br>So the world God's love might know:<br>This the mission of messiah<br>As he stepped from Jordan's stream,<br>He, the chosen and anointed<br>Son of God, sent to redeem. |
| 2. John confessed Him as the Savior –<br>"Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"<br>Yet he dared not loose the sandals<br>Of the One God's love had shod.<br>Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus,<br>Bringing news of peace to us,<br>Christ, the herald of salvation,<br>Preaching mercy from the cross: | 4. Jesus, once with sinners numbered,<br>Full obedience was Your path;<br>You, by death, have consecrated<br>Water in this saving bath:<br>Dying to the sin of Adam,<br>Rising to a life of grace;<br>We are counted with the righteous,<br>Over us the cross You trace.          |

In Luther's Small Catechism we read the question, "What benefits does Baptism give?" The answer is that it "works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare." Lutheran hymnody on Holy Baptism has often emphasized the forgiveness of sins but the past few decades have seen an emphasis on rescue from death and the devil and giving eternal life. This hymn by Stephen P. Starke fits well in this Lutheran tradition. Drawing on the whole expanse of the life of our Lord, Starke teaches that Baptism is not a single event with no future consequences but it is an event with consequences that are both life changing and eternal.

The first stanza says that Jesus was one of those coming to be baptized by John even though He was without spot or blemish. Stanza 2 continues with John the Baptist's confession, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" In stanza 3, Starke refers to Christ's death as a kind of baptism demonstrating the love of God to the world. Christ's mission to redeem the world is described with powerful Old Testament words: "Messiah," "chosen," "anointed," and "redeem." Finally, in stanza 4, by dying our death and rising again victorious from the dead, Jesus counts us among the righteous. In the Rite of Holy Baptism, the sign of the cross is placed upon the baptized. (From LSB Companion to the Hymns, vol. 1, pg. 206-207.)

Stephen Starke (b. 1955) majored in art and minored in music at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest (now Concordia University Chicago), graduating in 1977. He taught at a Lutheran High School before entering seminary in 1979. Starke has served congregations in Chicago, Middletown, Connecticut and Bay City, Michigan where he continues to serve as pastor.

Starke began writing hymns at the end of his seminary study in 1983 and has since written more than two hundred hymn texts. He has written a number of hymns marking special anniversaries at both Concordia Theological Seminaries and has been commissioned by individuals, congregations, organizations, and church bodies across the country. LSB contains 25 of Starke's hymns. As chairman of the Hymnody Committee for LSB, he left the room during all discussions and voting concerning his hymns. The Hymnody Committee unanimously concluded again and again that Stephen Starke's hymn texts are consistently well crafted, and they excel theologically and poetically. (From LSB Companion to the Hymns, vol. 2, pg. 686-687.)



The LWML morning group will meet on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. Since there was no meeting in November 2020, we are rescheduling the November Bible study to the January meeting. **"We've Got**

**News to Tell,"** found on pages 20-21 of the fall issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* is the Bible study. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'" Isaiah 52:7

The LWML evening group will meet on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friendship Library with the mission project being the cutting of plastic bags into strips to be used in the making of mats for the homeless people. Members are asked to bring plastic bags. The group will discuss future mission projects for the coming year. Bring your ideas and suggestions – some may be near and dear to your heart.

During the past year, the contribution of mites has been lower than previous years. If you have filled mite boxes to donate, please put them in the big mite box near the LWML bulletin board in the lower entrance area or put them in the church mailbox of Sherri Bond, our treasurer. We appreciate your generosity. All these mites add up to become "Mighty Mites" in funding the mission grants. Thank you!

National Grant #17 **"Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere – KFUE Radio,"** has been fully funded for \$60,000. The LCMS is able to broadcast Christian programs on KFUE Radio in St. Louis. This grant will help the radio station update the technology that has changed so much and so quickly. This mission grant will assist KFUE Radio in sharing the Gospel and staying current in the digital age.

During the season of Epiphany, we rejoice as the Wise Men did in seeing Jesus. "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him." Matthew 2:2

*Barbara Kurth*

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

*We will miss:*

Margaret Steinkellner Peterson, by death †

Rebecca (Burhop) Butler  
Transferred to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
Honolulu, HI



### Address/Phone Changes:

Mrs. Ruth Schulz  
1215 River Park Circle W  
Mukwonago, WI 53149  
262-395-4395

## THEOLOGICAL MAN CAVE

The "Theological Man Cave" is held on the second Thursday of each month at Revere's restaurant in Delafield from 7:00 to 8:30ish. A 45-60 minute presentation is given on one topic that then serves as the grist for our conversations as we enjoy drinks and snacks. So far we have covered an introduction to C.S. Lewis and a drive-by treatment of the first 500 years of church history, from St Paul's release from prison at the end of Acts to the Council of Chalcedon. On January 14 the topic will be the next 500 years of church history -- AD 500- 1000. The "Theological Man Cave" is meant to complement the monthly "Stammtisch" event at Biloba's in Brookfield on the third Thursdays of the month; it's not a replacement.

## EGL STAMMTISCH 2021

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

EGL Guys, Happy 2021...we're baaack! After a bit of a break over the holidays, EGL Stammtisch is back and ready for a great 2021! **Come help us kick off the new year with a "bottle exchange" this month in the Bartelt Center at EGL.** Be ready to share your favorite brew, snacks, and good conversation to catch up on things and enjoy each other's company. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, with conversations that run the gamut, but always in a fun, informal atmosphere of Christian fellowship! We hope to be back at Biloba Brewing in Brookfield again in February, but for this month, **head to EGL on Thursday, January 21 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.** Stay tuned for more info, or you can contact Bruce Bessert by phone or text at 414-526-8430, or by email at [bruce.bessert@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.bessert@gmail.com).

Bring a friend!!



*Happy New Year*  
*2021*

## YOUR ELECTED LEADERSHIP

Periodically we place in front of you those whom you have elected as officers to serve and lead on the six constitutionally mandated boards. All of the boards meet eleven times a year but members also give of their time to prepare for

these meetings by serving on various committees within each board. We acknowledge and understand that service to our Lord is freely given through love and faith with no thought of self, but we also hope that the efforts and personal experience of these board members will inspire and motivate others to get involved in various ways in our church. We sincerely thank all of these board members for their service to Elm Grove Lutheran Church and School.

The **Board of Christian Education** members serve two-year terms. The BOCE is responsible for planning and administering the educational programs of the congregation including adult education classes, the day school, the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. They also arrange for all personnel necessary to carry out these programs and serve as the Call Committee for Ministers of Religion-Commissioned (teachers).

Board members are (l-r): Amy Williams, Carol Heup, Jerome Novak, Kristina Poppe, Krzysztof Olbrot. Not pictured is Amy Zientek, the sixth member of the Board.



## Elm Grove Lutheran Young Adult Ministry

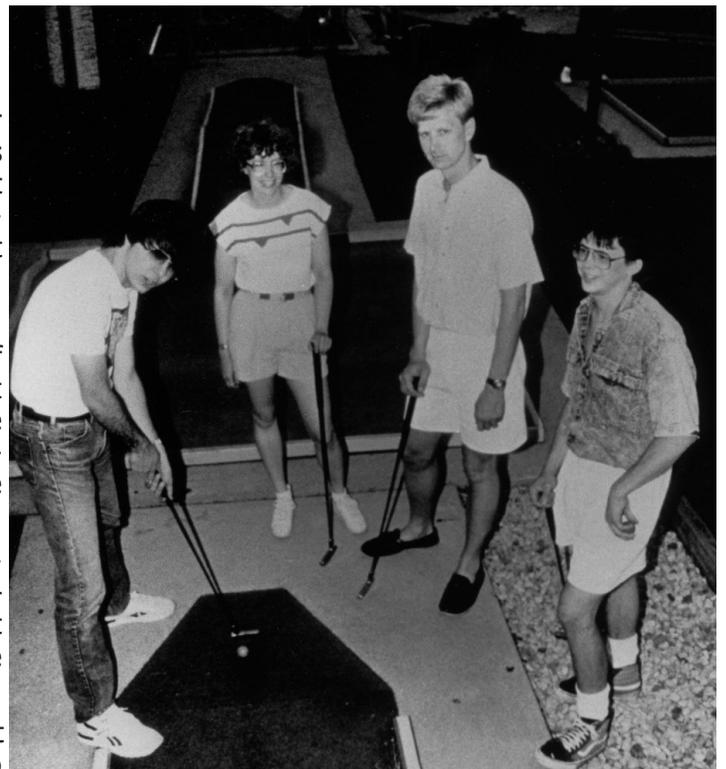
In 2020 Bruce and Sue Wilcox attempted to get a group for young adults going at Elm Grove Lutheran. Other churches in the circuit were also contacted. The timing could not have been worse. Right after the first meeting in mid-March, the COVID-19 lockdowns hit. The group also met at the end of July, but future gatherings are on hold.

EGL had an active young adult group (single and married) in the late 1980s and early 1990s. In fact, a picture of members Mike Robinson, Sue Bleeke (Wilcox), Rick Ewert and Dave Bustamente playing mini golf appeared in The Milwaukee Journal on Sunday, August 20, 1989. The picture was part of an article about how religions help single adults meet.

Quoting from the article "A Singles Task Force Report, issued in 1988 by the Lutherans' Missouri Synod for Southern Wisconsin, stressed that the church had a significant number of what it called back door losses among its single members.

" . . . Greater effort must be given to special ministries that focus on the growing number of singles in our society who do not know their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," the report recommended.

Those same statements can be made over 30 years later. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.





EGL's chancel was overflowing with non-perishable food during the Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 25. Members of the congregation, the school children, and participants in the Hatched Thanksgiving Pie Pick Up that day donated what is seen in the photo as well as covering two tables, one on each side of the center display, that reached to the side communion rails. Additionally, \$400 in cash donations was received from the Pie Pick Up participants bringing the total received during the month of November for the Thanksgiving Ingathering to \$908. EGL's Bread and Fish Committee was able to distribute \$1820 to the four inner city churches that EGL serves: Bethany, Hope, Holy Ghost and Mission of Christ. Ron Wegner delivered 17 boxes of winter clothing to Mission of Christ for distribution at their pantry and Ron, along with Jim Olson, delivered 60 boxes of food collected for Thanksgiving to Holy Ghost and Mission of Christ for their food pantries. We are grateful to the Hatched customers who participated in the ingathering. The stewardship banner in the photo says it all: Elm Grove Lutheran is truly

***"Blessed by God to be a Blessing"***

### **ABOUT THE COVER ART**

Looking at the cover art, your mind may be drawn to the Christmas song, We Three Kings of Orient Are. The Orient used to mean what we now call the Middle East and the Far East. Well, the artist behind this piece, Sadao Watanabe, is definitely from the Far East. He was born and raised in Japan before the outbreak of WWII. During a protracted battle with tuberculosis, he promised God that if he got better he would devote the rest of his adult artist life to depicting Biblical scenes within a Japanese cultural context. He survived and produced much in the decades following. This print was produced on rice paper. Watanabe captures some of the excited conversation that must have taken place between the Magi as they draw near to the young Messiah. The arrival of the Wise Men is celebrated annually as Epiphany, January 6, when the Magi present baby Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This featured piece hung in one of the offices at Concordia Seminary St. Louis during the late 1990's. The seminary has a collection of 19 originals from Watanabe. Pastor and Mrs. Skovgaard spent an enjoyable Saturday once upon a time renting professional camera equipment and taking photos of those 19 pieces.



While enjoying outdoor classes this Fall, the EGLS third graders met the neighbor across the street, Mrs. Dianna Haugh. Mrs. Haugh had had hip surgery and would walk circles in her driveway as rehab. She would wave to the third graders everyday so they decided to make cards for her. Over the next couple of months, Mrs. Haugh and the third graders became pen pals, with letters and notes going back and forth. When the class found out that she was having another surgery around Thanksgiving, they made signs to post in her yard so that she would have something cheerful to see when she got home from the hospital. Hopefully, in the Spring, masks won't be needed and we will get to see another picture with lots of smiles! Thank you, Miss Ganswindt and Third Grade, for this beautiful reminder to love our neighbors.



PK3-2nd grade shared the good news of the birth of baby Jesus by caroling to some of our neighbors. After singing, they enjoyed some Christmas cookies and hot chocolate as a special treat.





This year, teachers needed to find a new and creative way to help students share the Christmas story. In December, the PK3 through 2nd grade classes collaborated to create a Christmas Program video to share with EGLS families. Former EGL student, Nick Margrett, assisted with the photos and videography.



**Luke 2:**

*<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

*<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*





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Photo 1: 2nd grade is working to match cause and effect cards as part of their reading skill that week.

Photo 2: Second grade is using fruit loops to spell their spelling words during spelling practice time.

Photo 3: 2nd and the luminaries they made for Trunk or Treat.

Photo 4: Second grade is working on math in the early part of the year. It was the first day they got to do math on the floor so they were excited.

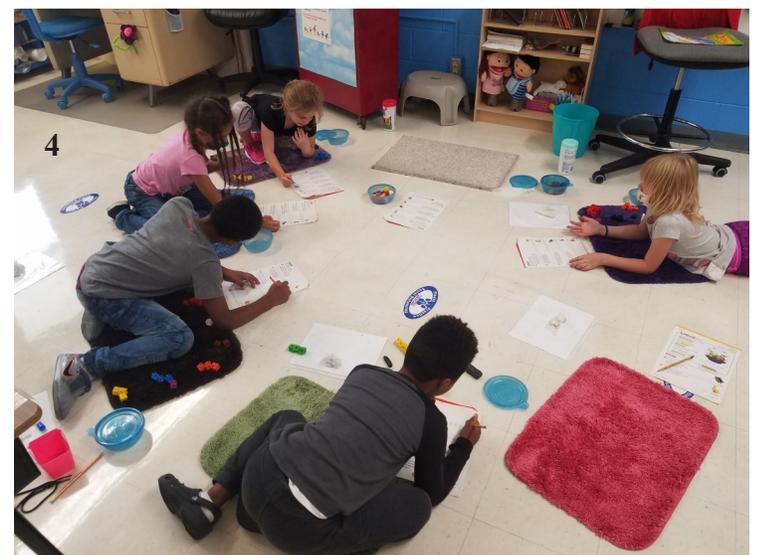
Photo 5: Some kindergarteners and second graders are working to build a castle and village in the sand pit by the playground.



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# SOUTH WISCONSIN

## DISTRICT

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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| <b>205</b><br>Congregations  | <b>52</b><br>Elementary Schools  | <b>30</b><br>Preschools & Early Childhood Centers   | <b>6</b><br>High Schools |
| <b>25%</b>   | Percent of unrestricted congregation support shared directly with Synod  | <b>Your Gifts at Work in 2019</b>                   |                          |
| <b>\$18.91</b>   | Average unrestricted congregation support per communicant member (ranging from \$0 to \$125.88)                  | Shared with Synod<br><b>\$472,292</b>               |                          |
|  |  | SWD Mission Partner Grants<br><b>\$678,377</b>      |                          |
| <b>8¢</b>  | Maximum budgeted amount needed from one dollar of unrestricted congregation support to cover "overhead" expenses | Dominican Republic FORO<br><b>\$29,438</b>          |                          |
|  |  | Disaster Relief & Mercy Ministry<br><b>\$17,316</b> |                          |
| <b>This is Our Time...</b><br><i>to be distinctively Lutheran<br/>to plant new congregations<br/>to honor our vocations<br/>to embrace our communities</i> |  | Other One-time Grants & Support<br><b>\$22,880</b>  |                          |
|  |  | Student Aid Awards<br><b>\$113,861</b>              |                          |

The South Wisconsin District, formed in 1916, is one of 35 districts of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Covering the southern half of the state of Wisconsin, the South Wisconsin District has nearly 103,000 baptized members.

# Annual Update

October 2020

*Confessing Christ for the next generation*

**In addition to various one-time grants to support ministry, education, staffing, and programming throughout the District, the Office of Mission & Mercy also awarded 18 year-long Mission Partnership grants for the 2020-21 fiscal year.**

## **International Mission**

- 1 Dominican Republic FORO

## **Campus Ministry**

- 2 Faith (UW—La Crosse)
- 3 Calvary Chapel (UW—Madison)
- 4 Luther Memorial International Outreach (UW—Milwaukee)

## **Specialized Ministry**

### *Deaf Ministry*

- 5 Emmanuel (West Allis)
- 6 Our Savior (Madison)

### *Community Outreach*

- 7 SOS Center (Milwaukee)
- 8 Free@Last (Milwaukee)

### *Chaplaincy*

- 9 Milwaukee County House of Correction

## **Urban Ministry**

- 10 Bethany (Milwaukee)
- 11 Holy Ghost (Milwaukee)
- 12 Mission of Christ (Milwaukee)

## **Ethnic Ministry**

### *Hmong*

- 13 Redeemer (Manitowoc)
- 14 Hmong Hope (Milwaukee)
- 15 Benediction (Milwaukee)

### *Hispanic and Latino*

- 16 St. Martini (Milwaukee)

### *French African*

- 17 Zion International (Milwaukee)

## **Church Plants**

- 18 Cross (Westport)

**\$751,968**



**SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD**

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

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



### **January 1**

A-Lyn & Jerry Peterson  
Michael Bartsch  
Johanna Beirs  
Jane Senkbeil

### **January 2**

Mason Nobile  
Ruth Schulz

### **January 3**

Jack Storm

### **January 4**

Kylie Kruck  
Wendy Lester

### **January 5**

Timothy Cowell  
Elaine Willis

### **January 6**

A-Jason & Emily Krueger  
Robert Kurka

### **January 7**

Isaiah Holmes  
Elaina Luetzow  
Eva Olbrot  
Allison VanderMeer

### **January 8**

Cheryl Albers  
Lynne Bock

### **January 9**

Allison Pritchard

### **January 10**

Cindy Busse  
Clark Gaulke  
Thomas Harmeyer  
Nina Kaul

### **January 11**

Jonathan Harmeyer  
Shirley Wartchow  
Randy Wegner

### **January 12**

Patty Antonczyk

### **January 13**

Linda Berry  
Jerome Novak  
Ken Schuppner

### **January 14**

Robert Hicks  
Jeff Mueller  
Linda Seroka  
Debra Tesch  
Eric Thompson

### **January 15**

Brian Bleisner  
Michael Brunner  
Tracy McMahon  
Brae Nelson  
Jacob Newman

### **January 16**

A-Dave & Barb Stamm  
Ryan Beckley  
Willi Radke

### **January 18**

A-Alex & Lauren Lawton

### **January 19**

A-Brian Zavadil & Amanda Miller

### **January 20**

Elise Aldinger  
Virginia Moeller  
Jeff Wilinski

### **January 21**

Killian Carney  
Isabelle Holmes

### **January 22**

Matthew Ewert

### **January 23**

Linda Beckley

### **January 24**

Carrie Marble

### **January 25**

Justin Plant

### **January 26**

Lucas Aldinger  
Joseph Rentmaster

### **January 29**

Ian Ruhna-Gee

### **January 30**

Jennifer Alexander  
Brooke Gronitz  
Kelsey Lindholm  
Dylan Schultz

### **January 31**

Courtney Anderson  
Jane Deisinger (95)



2021

Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday  |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
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| 27   | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
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| <b>3</b><br>8:00 AM Service (C)<br>9:30 AM Adult BC & SS<br>9:30 AM HS Youth (Rm 228)<br>10:45 AM Service (C)<br>12:00 PM Bd. of Evangelism (Rm 228)<br>7:30 PM AA Mtg. (CLC)  | <b>4</b><br>5:00 PM Public School Confirmation (Rm 229)<br>6:30 PM Bd of Stewardship (WFH)<br>6:30 PM BoCE-Rm 228             | <b>5</b><br>10:00 AM Women's BC (BAAC)  | <b>6</b><br>9:00 AM Chapel<br>10:00 AM LWML-BAAC          | <b>7</b><br>9:00 AM Library Committee (FL)                                  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
| <b>10</b><br>8:00 AM Service<br>9:15 AM Blood Pressure Screening (Rm 229)<br>9:30 AM Adult BC & SS<br>9:30 AM HS Youth (Rm 228)<br>10:45 AM Service-C<br>7:30 PM AA Mtg. (CLC)   | <b>11</b><br>5:00 PM Public School Confirmation (Rm 229)<br>7:00 PM Church Council  | <b>12</b><br>10:00 AM Women's BC (BAAC)<br>6:30 PM Foundation Meeting (Rm 228)<br>7:00 PM Bible Study (WFH) | <b>13</b><br>9:00 AM Chapel<br>10:00 AM Women's BC (BAAC) | <b>14</b><br>9:00 AM Library Committee (FL)                                 | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
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| <b>24</b><br>8:00 AM Service<br>9:30 AM Adult BC & SS<br>9:30 AM HS Youth (Rm 228)<br>10:45 AM Service-C<br>7:30 PM AA Mtg. (CLC)  | <b>25</b><br>5:00 PM Public School Confirmation (Rm 229)<br>5:30 PM Bd. of Finance-Rm 228<br>5:30 PM Bd. of Trustees (Rm 234) | <b>26</b><br>10:00 AM Women's BC (BAAC)<br>7:00 PM Bd. of Elders (Rm 228)<br>7:00 PM Bible Study (WFH)      | <b>27</b><br>9:00 AM Chapel<br>10:00 AM Women's BC (BAAC) | <b>28</b><br>9:00 AM Library Committee (FL)                                 | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b> |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**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*

**896 Now Greet the Swiftly  
Changing Year**

- 1 Now greet the swiftly changing year  
With joy and penitence sincere.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.*
- 7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!  
To all our pleas incline Your ear;  
Upon our lives rich blessing trace  
In this new year of grace.*

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