

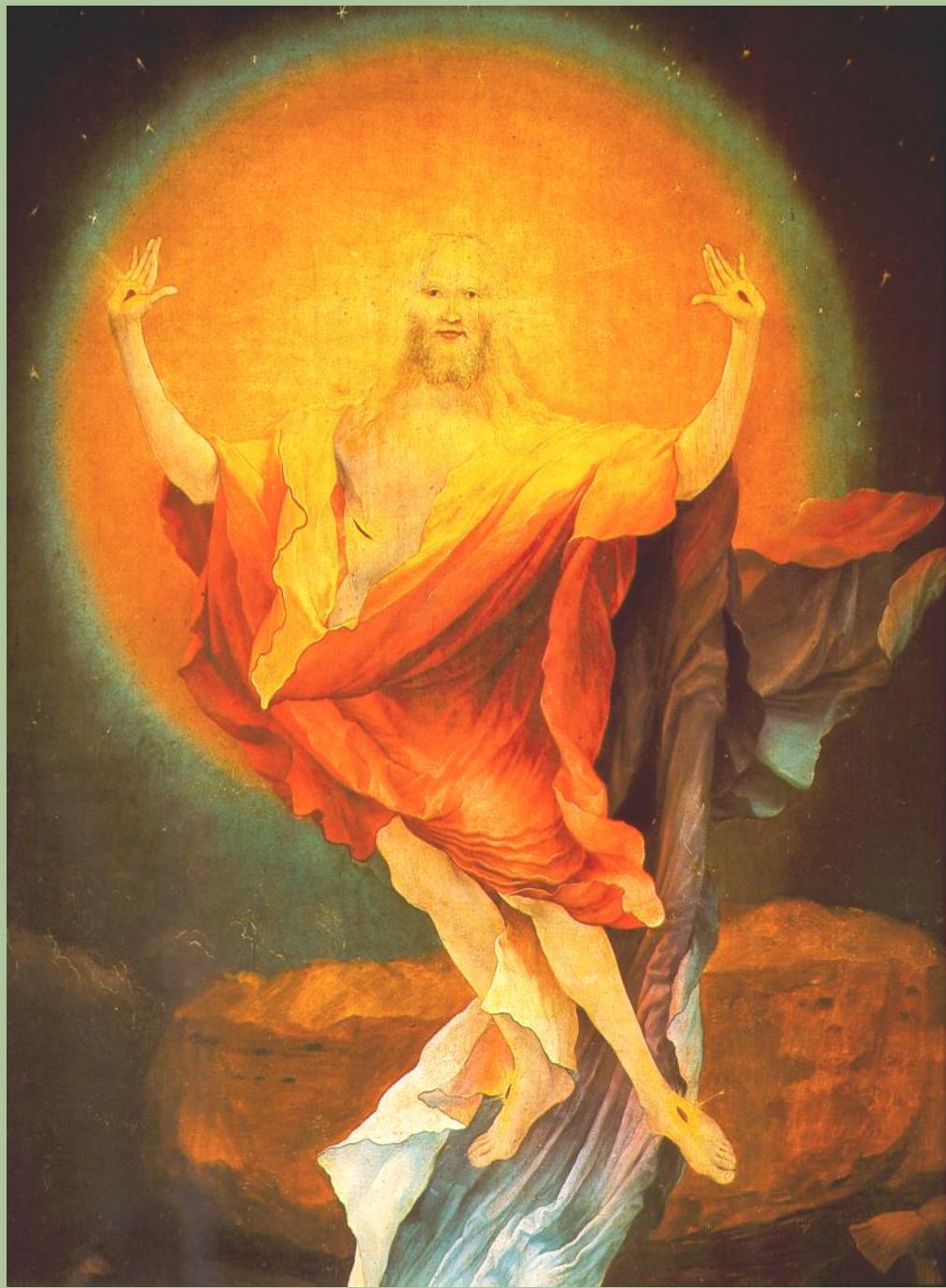
SEASONS

Be prepared in season and out of season

2 Timothy 4:2

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The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, painted by Matthias Gruenewald in 1512-1516, is part of a larger work of art known as the Isenheim Altarpiece that hangs in the Unterlinden Museum in Colmar, Alsace, in France.

From Your Pastor

On Sunday, May 2, three of our 8th Grade students will take their confirmation vows. Without a doubt they will be thankful that these two years of intensive study and memorization are finally over! While we should rejoice with them over this significant milestone – they have accomplished something truly meaningful – let's not encourage among them or ourselves the idea that confirmation is simply a graduation.

There are at least two sound reasons for not doing so. First, the academic testing of their faith has ended for now but the learning should never stop. The life of discipleship is one of constant stretching and growing. "Take up your cross and follow me," Jesus says. Plus, in a very real sense, they have chosen a confession of faith that will be repeatedly challenged in high school and in the workplace. When we cultivate the idea of confirmation as simply a graduation of sorts, we will find ourselves ill-prepared for the future. It is not a stretch of the imagination to see the challenges facing the confessional Lutheran in the years ahead, ie. the all-out assault on the Biblical understanding of marriage is in full gear, forced acceptance of homosexuality, gender dysphoria is growing by leaps and bounds, the church is increasingly in the government's cross hairs, etc.

The second reason for not thinking of confirmation as simply a graduation lies in the rite itself. The questions asked of the confirmants are not the sort of questions you ask of someone who is "done" with that part of life. "Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?" "Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?" To both questions we respond with "I do, by the grace of God." Serious questions, which demand serious faith to answer. Faith compels us to remain steadfast, and faith teaches us to know that we can only do it by God's grace.

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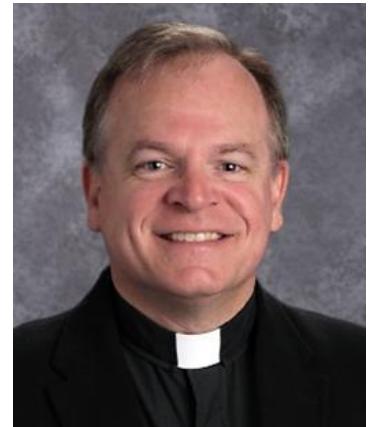
These are not the sort of questions you get when you are "done" with a stage in life. Rather, these are the sorts of questions you ask and answer as you get ready to assume a position of responsibility in the Church. You deal with questions like these when you are ready to "brace the door" [think Lord of the Rings and the battle of

Helms Deep] of the Church with your own shoulder against those who seek to rob the Church of Her ancient confession.

I love the first and last questions in the Explanation of the Small Catechism [1986 edition]. They are great bookends. The first reads, "What is Christianity?" Answer: "Christianity is the life and salvation God has given in and through Jesus Christ." So, Christianity is all about the person and work of Jesus Christ. The last question reads, "What is confirmation?" Answer: "Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community." Thus, 306 questions later, the whole point of confirmation is to help the baptized identify with Jesus Christ, who is the life and mission of the Christian community!

If He is who He says He is, then it's not a burden to ask young and old to make vows of faithfulness, when they are ready to identify with Him. Yes, a period of formal instruction has ended, but the door to life-long discipleship is wide open. Rather than "thank God that's over," our attitude should be "thank God I can now more fully live the life I have been studying about."

Immediately after the confirmants receive their individual Bible passages and a blessing, the following prayer is said for them: "Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness." May God grant all of us such steadfast and fruitful faith!



Pastor Skougaard

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

By Transfer:

Andrew Ewert
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By Death:

Dorothy Grams

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HYMN OF THE MONTH

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. This month, we look at a relatively new hymn with which we continue celebrating Easter.

The Hymn of the Month for April is LSB 474, Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen.

- 1 *Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain
ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*
- 2 *Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain*
- 3 *Jesus the vine, We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain*
- 4 *Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain*
- 5 *City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain*

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As several Lutheran bodies were preparing a hymnal supplement in 1995, its editors suggested to Herbert Brokering that he write an Easter hymn for the tune EARTH AND ALL STARS that would draw together images and themes from throughout the Easter season—the Emmaus story, the Revelation texts, and so on. The result, Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen, has been one of the most widely requested and widely used hymns in that supplement. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod chose this late 20th century hymn for inclusion in *Lutheran Service Book*. (From LSB Companion to the Hymns, vol. 1, pg. 372.)

Brokering's texts are typically rich in biblical imagery, and this hymn is no exception. The first stanza announces the resurrection of our Lord, with images of "trumpets resounding," the Lamb from Revelation 5:13, and heaven. The refrain unequivocally proclaims Christ's resurrection and the absolute certainty that it imparts to all believers that we also shall arise. It ends just as the hymn began with "alleluia", glorifying God. Stanza two recalls the account of Jesus' encounter with the disciples on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-49, incorporating one of the hallmarks of Brokering's poetry: the word "surprise."

The teaching of Jesus being the vine and His disciples the branches found in John 15:1-11 is reflected in stanza 3. Stanza 4 captures St. Paul's discussion of the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15. Brokering brings his hymn to a conclusion alluding to Revelation 21 and 22, with references to the "city of God," the "Lamb," and the "river of life." (From LSB Companion to the Hymns, vol. 1, pg. 373.)

Author Herbert F. Brokering (1926-2009) was the son of a Lutheran pastor. After earning a BA in New Testament Greek at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa he pursued graduate study in child psychology at the University of Iowa, earning the MA in 1947. Following World War II, Brokering was active in humanitarian efforts in Germany, assisting refugees in the British Zone as well as participating in the reconstruction efforts of the World Council of Churches. During this time, he undertook theological study at the University of Kiel and subsequently pursued ordination and received the BDiv from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. After serving as a parish pastor for 10 years, Brokering's career moved to educational endeavors. From 1960 to 1970, he served the Department of Parish Education of the American Lutheran Church as the director for confirmation education. His interest in global peace led Brokering to guide over 100 international tours since the early 1980s, spanning Europe, the Middle East, China, and India. Of particular note are the Reformation tours he led in Germany and the forty Renaissance festivals he produced in coordination with the Reformation historian Roland Bainton. They co-directed the film *Where Luther Walked* (1981) and co-authored the book *A Pilgrimage to Luther's Germany* (Minneapolis: Winston Press, 1983). For many years, Brokering served as a freelance writer and instructor in the areas of worship and education. He wrote fifty-two books, penned over two thousand hymn texts, and composed over one hundred anthems and song texts. LSB contains four of his hymn texts: 474, 680, 817, and 879 (From LSB Companion to the Hymns, vol. 2, pg. 240.)

The tune name is EARTH AND ALL STARS which comes from the first line of another Brokering hymn for which the tune was composed. The tune was composed by David N. Johnson (1922-1987.) When Brokering wrote Earth and All Stars, Johnson was chair of the music department and college organist at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. During his lifetime, Johnson composed over three hundred works for choir and organ that were primarily for church use. (From LSB Companion to the Hymns, vol 2, pg. 435.)



The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. Our Bible study, **"Joy in His Presence,"** is found on pages 16-17 in the spring issue of *The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. When we study God's Word, it can fill our hearts and lives with joy. Psalm 119:103 tells it best. "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth." Even in the midst of sad times in our lives, the Lord can fill our lives with joy. We are looking forward to the opportunity of searching the various Bible verses to see how we do have joy in God's presence. Remember to wear your masks.

We thank the Lord that the Lutheran Church has been blessed with spreading the Gospel message to the churches in Africa. Some of these pastors are responsible for 5-15 congregations. They desperately need help to reach all the people within these congregations. The Lu-

theran Church – Missouri Synod Mission Training Center provides continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives. Seeing the need to train lay people to help with the need to reach more people for Christ, the National LWML had fully funded Grant #15 for **Pre and Post Seminary Training for Local Church Workers – Mission Training Center, Africa** for \$62,650. The lay church workers meet with pastors 5 times in a month for 2 years covering a total of 22 workbooks. This training helps the lay church workers in giving them a good spiritual foundation to aid the pastors in reaching people with God's Word in the countries of Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations." (Psalm 67:1-2)

As you contribute your mites, think of how all of these mites add up to fund National LWML and District LWML Mission Grants.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever." (Psalm 136:1)

Barbara Kurth

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Stewardship Message

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:5). Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give

thanks for His daily provision of it. God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned on the mount of the Lord it will be provided. The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return.

Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him. When budgetary discussions pop up our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance. It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts have been taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

Source: LCMS Stewardship Ministry, Newsletter article, March 2021

Dossal Drape Cleaning



Thank you very much to a generous donor!

This anonymous donor paid to have the dossal drape that hangs behind the cross, cleaned. It was not only a monetary donation, but also involved significant time, research and phone calls to make it happen. What a difference—it looks beautiful, and the cleaning will help prolong the life of this focal point of our chancel.



An Important Message for all Retirees:

Heard of RMD's IRA's Roth IRA's?

Ok, enough of the acronyms....

Let us talk about a way to make a yearly contribution to EGLC. Yes, most of us "older" folks like giving our contributions in our envelope weekly – but outlined below is a way to give annually (to any non-profit) with monies from an IRA account that require an RMD [Required Minimum Distribution]. Roth IRA's do not require an RMD.

Definitions – tax tables – links - references – etc. are available "off-line" - if you are further interested please contact the church office – Amy Stroh, and she will give you the link to one of the authors.

Now here are just 2 examples of giving, using monies from an IRA that requires an RMD.

Example # 1:

A couple, both older than 73, married, filing a joint tax return for 2021.

Total income taxable: \$50,000. Both have an IRA investment.

Itemized deductions do not exceed standard deduction for Federal, so standard deduction assumed.

The RMD for both exceeds \$10,000. Note all \$ from an IRA are income and subject to all taxes. However, if the proceeds from an IRA are donated to a non-profit **before** distributing the amount to the 'owner', they are not taxed at all.

Thus, if the couple decides to give \$10,000 to EGLC (or any non-profit), their income is not charged with the income and the gift is given as a substitute for their annual gift.

Benefits:

- ♦ The church has the gift early in the year.
- ♦ The couple's income taxes are reduced by approximately - [Federal 12% or \$1200] and [WI state by 6.27% or \$ 627] thus saving them a total of \$ 1827 in tax dollars.

Example # 2:

Single person older than 73, filing a tax return for 2021.

Total income taxable: \$30,000. The person has an IRA investment.

Standard deduction used for Federal taxes.

The RMD exceeds \$10,000.

Benefits:

- ♦ The church has the gift early in the year.
- ♦ The person's income taxes are reduced by approximately - [Federal 12% or \$1200] and [WI state by 6.27% or \$ 627] thus saving a total of \$ 1827 in tax dollars.

The best way to understand, and use this to help EGLC, and you, is to contact your financial advisor; discuss how this will benefit your financial situation, and proceed to issue the necessary forms to complete the transaction.

April 18, 2021, is “Here I Stand” Sunday

Luther’s famous words at the Diet of the Worms



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Join Lutherans across the nation in celebrating “Here I Stand” Sunday, a special 500th-anniversary observance endorsed by delegates to the 2019 convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

Although this resolution was passed prior to the pandemic, the goal remains the same: to encourage continued comradery across the Synod.

Therefore, encouraged by the confession of Dr. Martin Luther, we gladly bring to mind the truth that to gather in the Lord’s name and around His Holy Word and Sacrament is to be joined always to the full number of saints — both around the world and in eternity.

On April 18, 1521, three and a half years after he nailed the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Martin Luther made his historic stand at the Diet (official meeting) in the German city of Worms (pronounced “Vorms”). Accused of fostering heresy, he was directed by Charles V and other leaders to recant his teaching about the pure Gospel or face death.

As recounted in his collected works, Luther concluded his statement to the Diet with the words:

“Since then your serene majesty and your lordships seek a simple answer, I will give it in this manner, neither horned nor toothed: Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience.

“I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen” (LW 32:112–13).

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2019 Resolution 4-09 calls on God’s people and all LCMS congregations to “gather for worship celebrations ... spend time in prayer, asking the Lord to continue to bless the proclamation of the Gospel” and to receive thank offerings to be used toward the continued proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world.

Source: lcms.org

by the adoption of Resolution 4-09 at the 2019 Synod convention. The resolution reads, in part:

“WHEREAS, Scripture gives us encouragement with these words: ‘Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful’ (Heb. 10:23) ... therefore be it Resolved, That April 18, 2021, be declared ‘Here I Stand’ Sunday throughout The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, its districts, circuits, and congregations ... and be it finally Resolved, That our churches and people be encouraged to spend time in prayer, asking the Lord to continue to bless the proclamation of the Gospel.”

In the coming weeks, congregations and individual contributors may also anticipate further Synod communications on how they might participate in the gathering of a Synod-wide thank offering, as called for in Res. 4-09, as part of the anniversary celebration.

Find resources and ideas for celebrating:

lcms.org/here-i-stand-sunday

Learn about the history of the Reformation:

lutheranreformation.org

Article is an excerpt from *Reporter*, Official Newspaper of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Issues, Etc.



You've seen the notices for Issues, Etc., in our weekly bulletin.

Issues, Etc. is a ten-hour weekly syndicated radio talk show and podcast. The program features expert guests, expansive topics, while extolling Christ.

The program is hosted by Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Jeff Schwarz. You can listen live or access the archives.



Consider taking a break from this hectic, and at times chaotic world, to tune in to music that reflects our faith.

The LPR app is available on iTunes, Google Play, Windows Phone, Amazon and Tunein.



Greetings in Christ! I am currently enjoying my junior year at Hillsdale College, where I am majoring in History and minoring in Greek. Following my time at Hillsdale, I plan to attend Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where I will study towards a Master of Divinity. While here in Hillsdale, I regularly attend St. Paul's Lutheran Church here in town, I am in both the college choir and the chamber choir, and even have a solo in this year's performance of Handel's Messiah.

Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church has my undying gratitude for their support of my education, and I am continually praying for God's rich blessings for you all.

In Christ,

Harvey Peters

(Harvey is the son of Pastor Doug and Heather Peters)



Call Day at Concordia Seminary is the day when second-year students receive their vicarage church assignments (a one-year internship at an LCMS church anywhere in the United States) and fourth-year students discover their first call assignments. Deaconess students learn their deaconess internship assignments or diaconal call assignments on this day as well.

These assignments and calls will be announced and celebrated during two worship services on Call Day in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus.



Source for the above text and photo taken from LCMS web site.
Photo: The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, St. Louis, MO

The congregants of Elm Grove Lutheran Church are prayerfully waiting to learn God's will as to whether or not we will be assigned a Seminary candidate to serve as our Associate Pastor. In December, the voters decided to proceed with placing a call for a seminary graduate. The Call Committee worked with the South Wisconsin District President John Wille and Seminary placement directors to submit a list of preferred candidates, and then interviewed those men and their wives.

Pastor Skovgaard wrote in his message in last month's *Seasons*, that as we await the decision "to match our interests, with the needs of the larger Church, we commend ourselves into the Lord's hands, trusting that He will do that which is best for us, for each of the candidates, and for The LCMS. Should we get word that a man has been assigned to us, we can all watch the Call Day service via Zoom on April 28."

Focus on the service of the Altar Guild



Do you ever wonder how the Holy Sacraments appear on the Altar each week, and who is responsible for making it happen?

The answer is that it's a faithful, committed group of women who make up what is known as the Altar Guild. The group numbers 19 women, plus three alternates, many who have served for decades.

Zae Bartelt started the Altar Guild. Currently the group is led by chairwoman, Luanne Schaefer. The primary responsibility of the Altar Guild Chairman is to carry out the needs and directions of the Pastor. He will inform her of routine and special needs of the congregation that need to be performed by the Altar Guild, as they apply to worship services and care of the chancel, and its furnishings. Luanne also inventories wine, wafers and candles and orders more when required.

The monthly calendar is prepared so that all the worship and communion services will be appropriately observed. The Pastor determines which paraments are to be used and if any other special items are needed, such as the Advent wreath and candles, paschal candle, or Nativity set. Paraments are also determined by the use of the Concordia color calendar.

Jean Kruse and JoAnn Randall work on the schedule together. They ensure that all services are staffed with at least two women. JoAnn is the co-chair and also helps to plan the agendas for our biannual meetings.

Once the schedule is approved, and Amy Stroh creates it, it's distributed to members who will consult it for correct service times, and for which paraments need to be on the altar.

For each service where the Holy Sacraments are celebrated, the assigned Altar Guild team meets the day before to set the Altar, and then cleans up the Communion ware following the service. They may set up for the next service, if one is scheduled.

The Altar Guild does a deep cleaning of the Altar, the chancel, and its furnishings once a year.

They also perform the "Stripping of the Altar" ceremony on Maundy Thursday.



Most of the preparation and clean-up is done in the Sacristy. Pictured at left, left to right are Luanne Schaefer, Diane Koch and Diane Olson, all masked-up!



We realize our duties are a privilege, we will set the Lord's Table with reverence.



Altar Guild members at their Spring Meeting, March 20. *Seated L to R:* Jean Kruse, Sherri Bond, Joan Knuteson, Hazel Ewert. *Standing L to R:* Rose Lee, Shelly Skovgaard, JoAnn Randall, Luanne Schaefer, Diane Olson, Irma Witzke, Helen Moore, Sue Schmalzer, Nancy Ewert.

Not pictured are: Sharon Boudro, Cynthia Midtbo, Ruth Dare, Arlene Malnar, Jerry Bechtel, Yi Chen, Diane Koch, Karen Clark and Meg Jungkuntz.

Women are invited to join the Altar Guild. You can choose a service time you prefer to work. On average, members are scheduled once a month, but there is flexibility, and members request days to not be scheduled. Occasionally the women trade shifts if they have a conflict. If you are interested in learning more about serving on the Altar Guild, you can try it for one service. We would appreciate your interest!



Jean Kruse, JoAnn Randall and Luanne Schaefer, are leaders of the Altar Guild.

Annual Altar and Chancel Spring Cleaning

On February 27, Altar Guild members gathered for the annual cleaning. Candle sticks were buffed, the holes in the Communion rail were cleaned, and all wood surfaces were polished. The Altar was stripped and washed, and the Chancel was vacuumed.



Pictured above L to R clockwise are: Arlene Malnar and Sherri Bond work on candle sticks. Sherri, Luanne Schaefer, Shelly Skovgaard and Jean Kruse at the altar, and Nancy Ewert, Luanne, Rose Lee, Jean and Sherri, clean the Chancel.



Above, Joan Knuteson stands next to one of the post banners she designed and created. Joan is a member of Altar Guild and a talented artist. EGL is fortunate to benefit from her many gifts. Her beautiful banners adorn our church and school.

Elm Grove Lutheran Church Bulletin Board

Exercise Your Right to
Vote!

Tuesday, April 6

Polls are open 7 a.m.—8 p.m.

Visit:
myvote.wi.gov

for general election information including absentee and early in-person voting, your polling place, sample ballots and the races in your community.



This Spring election will decide key Wisconsin positions, including:

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

- Jill Underly
- Deborah Kerr

A few sources of background information on the above candidates are:

- Wifamilyaction.org—click on Election Central
- Wcris.org—enter search for DPI Superintendent

Depending on your location, you could vote for:

Elmbrook School District School Board Member:

- James Thomas Gunsalus
- Mushir Hassan

Elections have consequences.



April 15 Tax Deadline Delayed

In case you missed the news, the Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced on March 17 that the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021.

The State of Wisconsin is following the federal government's lead. As a result, **both state and federal income taxes for 2020 will now be due on May 17.**

Reminder:

If you ordered Easter Chancel flowers or Children's Garden flowers, please remember to pick them up *after* the 10 a.m. Easter Sunday service, on April 4.



THEOLOGICAL MAN CAVE

The "Theological Man Cave" is held on the second Thursday of each month at Revere's restaurant at 505 Wells St. 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 1500 years of church history, from St Paul's release from prison at the end of Acts to the Council of Chalcedon, up to the Reformation.

On **April 8**, we'll continue our discussions of the Lutheran Reformation.

The "Theological Man Cave" is meant to complement the monthly "Stammtisch" event on the third Thursday of the month; it's not a replacement.

EGL STAMMTISCH 2021

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

EGL Guys, Welcome to April...Happy Easter! Happy Spring!

Celebrate the traditional Income Tax Day and come out to join us on **Thursday, April 15 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.** for some fun and frivolity (or at least some good libation, conversation, and fellowship!)

We will meet again in the Bartelt Center so plan to bring some of your favorite beer and snacks to share and be ready for lively banter that runs the gamut, but always in a fun, informal atmosphere of Christian fellowship! If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Bessert by phone or text at 414-526-8430, or by email at bruce.bessert@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there...please RSVP...and bring a friend!!





GOLF and DINE WITH A PURPOSE: Sign up now for the 16th annual EGL Golf Outing, Dinner, and Auction on **Friday, May 14, 2021**. Come support our school as we raise funds for The creation of a "Maker's Room" which would include STEM activities such as a 3D Printer, a Green Screen, and Cameras.

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.

COST:

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

\$30 Per Person for Dinner, Auction and Festivities.

NEW! Alumni, Alumni Parent, and Former Faculty Discount: \$140 golf/\$25 Dinner

Deadline for registration is May 10

***COVID PRECAUTIONS will be implemented according to CDC Guidelines at the time of the event.**

Golf & Dinner	Dinner Only	Name	Email Address	Phone #
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of Golfers _____ @ \$150.00 each\$_____
of Dinners _____ @ \$30.00 each \$_____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$_____

Please return this registration form along with your **check**, made **payable to Elm Grove Lutheran School**, and return it to the school office no later than May 10.



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Write "ELM
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Mobile Order Spirit Night

Thursday, April 15, 2021 • 4 pm - 7 pm



Mark your calendar for **Thursday, April 15**.

Order something delicious from Chick-fil-A
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Help your school & have great food! 15% of sales will
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Our School is looking for new PTL Members.
We welcome your participation and your talents!

The Elm Grove Lutheran PTL is looking for members for the 2021/22 school year. The PTL is responsible for helping with Room Parent duties/holiday parties, Back to School picnic, Halloween Dance/Trunk or Treat, Family Christmas Event, Movie Night, End of School Picnic, Have-a-Heart Campaign, teacher appreciation meals, and local restaurant fundraising nights.

While we do have monthly meetings, we are open to any and all availability to help plan these fun activities to enrich our school's community outside of the classroom. A specific title/position is not required, but options are available, depending on your interests.

If you're interested, please email Jen Bachmann at elmgrovePTL@gmail.com or come to our next meeting for a fun Meet & Greet on **Thursday, April 8th** anytime between 6 - 7:30 pm in the Faculty Lounge. Beverages and light snacks will be provided.





April Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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



April 1

Zoe Keck
Justin Speck
Duncan Wierzchowski

April 2

A-Rob & Julie Diehl
Harvey Kroening (92)
Mary Mhambrey

April 3

Austin Garcia
Matthew Stroh
Nicholas Weinbauer

April 5

Ashley Fisher
Seth Williams

April 6

Victoria Ohde

April 7

Sophia Handrich
Olivia Olbrot
Zach Skovgaard
Mary Tischer

April 8

A-Kelly & Dick Niggemann
Virginia Higgins
Rose Lee

April 9

Gene Brunner
Carmen Nieting (99)
Norm Seeger
Henry Van Schaick

April 10

Joseph Beltran
Megan Dougherty
Amy Zientek

April 11

A-Jim & Mindy Aldinger
A- Robert & Debra Tesch
Ella Donath

April 12

Ella Donath
Linda Haut
Alexander Morateck
Rachel Schultz

April 13

Sharon Maxson
Matthew Zientek

April 14

Jeanne Clark

April 15

A-Michael & Jennifer Rentmaster
Bruce Bessert
Samuel Eichelberger

April 16

Alanna Carney
Alyssa Krueger
Gene Traas

April 17

Brian Diven
Nina Polzin
David Wolber

April 18

A-Gene & Irene Brunner
A-Elizabeth & Jack Tice
Lois Greenweller
Diane Olson
Sue Schmalzer

April 19

Dennis Braun

April 20

Michael Dober
Eric Weller

April 21

A-Brian & Linda Diven
Riley Novak

April 22

Rebecca Frank
Heather Hipke
Katherine Will

April 23

Elise Halvorson
Liam Novak

April 24

Andrew Dietrich
Steve Nelson
Timothy Senkbeil

April 25

A-Preston & Sarah Nobile

April 26

A-Gary & Katherine Will
Linda Goba
Kathryn Kuffel
Nancy Schuchardt

April 27

Tommy Alles
Jenna Patterson

April 28

A-Richard & Christine Jaeschke
A-Kathryn & Kevin Kuffel
Stephanie Garcia

April 30

Ron Hessenthaler

April

Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar—2021

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Miss Stephanie Bahr, Interim Principal

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

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

Thursday, April 15

Submissions can be sent to

seasons@egl.org

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***

Please note: There are special services and times through Easter Sunday, April 4, listed at right.

Then, regular service times will resume, per the schedule above.

Lenten and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday, April 1
6:30 p.m. Communion

Good Friday, April 2
12:00 p.m. The Seven Last Words
6:30 p.m. Tenebrae

Easter

Sunday, April 4
7:00 a.m. Communion
10:00 a.m. Communion

