

# SEASONS

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



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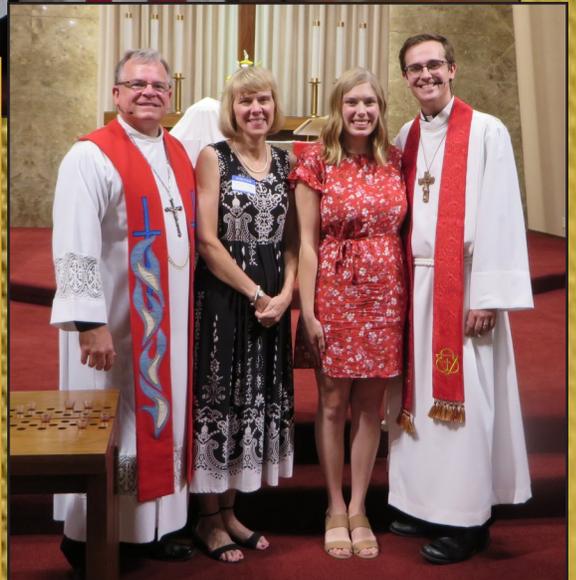
Pastors (from left to right, back row and then front row)  
Paavola, Paape, Kubow, Senkbeil, Schulz, Skovgaard  
Hipenbecker, Moon, Reseburg, Boettcher



On Sunday, June 20, Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church was privileged to welcome Aaron Reseburg into the Holy Ministry, as our Associate Pastor.

Pastor Skovgaard and area Pastors joined Dr. Rev. Daniel Paavola, Professor of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, who preached, and Rev. David Paape, South Wisconsin District, 3rd Vice President for the Central East Region, who officiated at the service.

Praise the Lord for young men, like Pastor Reseburg, who are called to serve. We hold up him, his wife, Martha, and their daughter, Eden, in our prayers.



# From Your Pastor

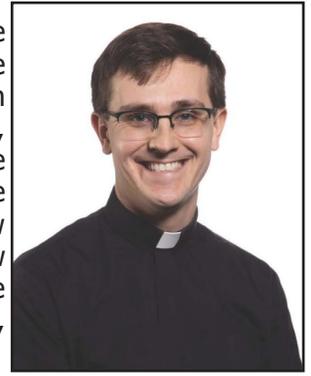
I think that I underestimated just how many walks my dog would need when I got him, especially while living in an apartment. I walk him around an hour in the morning and an hour before dinner. I decided early on that I should do something productive during those walks other than simply listening to music, so I began with podcasts, but soon after that, I discovered audiobooks and now I am hooked.



A few weeks ago I listened to a collection of poems written by Robert Frost, and I was struck by the poem entitled "Maple." It is a story about a young girl named Maple who searches for the meaning of her name. Her mother died after naming her, and her father would not tell her what it means. Maple spends her whole life searching for the meaning of her name and in her search she finds friends, a profession, and makes a family. "Thus had a name with meaning, given in death, Made a girl's marriage, and ruled in her life."

You and I have also been given a name in death, but it was not our mother's death. It was our own death. St. Paul tells us in Romans 6 verse 3, "All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his

death." In our baptism we were drowned; we were killed. But we were not left dead. We were given a name, which in and of itself, brings life. We were given the name of Jesus, and we were raised from the dead. We know the basic meaning of our new name and how it affects us. We know that it brings us salvation, and that through Baptism we have received the gift of eternal life.



*Pastor Reseburg*

But we live in a broken world. We are both sinner and saint, and like the girl from the poem, we spend our lives trying to find out what the name of Jesus means for our day to day life. It is no easy thing to live life as a baptized person. Being a Christian affects everything that we do, no matter what we do. Whether you are a mother, a father, a son, a daughter, a doctor, a lawyer, a waiter, a cook, a pastor, a teacher, a landlord, a construction worker, or whatever you do, wearing the name of Christ calls us to act differently. Yes, we will make mistakes and wrong choices. Still the Lord of the Church continually seeks us out and calls us back to himself. He calls us back to him through his Word and through his Sacraments where, over and over again, he extends to us the same forgiveness which he won on the cross. It is my hope that as long as I am your pastor, you and I will walk together, discovering together what the name of Jesus means for us in our lives.

**The Divine Service with Ordination and Installation** was enhanced through the gifts of musicians. Rick Ewert, our organist, planned the selections and led the choir and instrumentalists in beautiful hymns. Deb Margrett presented Pastor Reseburg and his wife, Martha, with gifts from the congregation. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch following the service.



## In Praise of Solid People

Thank God that there are solid folk  
Who water flowers and roll the lawn,  
And sit and sew and talk and smoke,  
And snore all through the summer dawn

Who pass untroubled nights and days  
Full-fed and sleepily content,  
Rejoicing in each other's praise,  
Respectable and innocent.

Who feel the things that all men feel,  
And think in well-worn grooves of thought,  
Whose honest spirits never reel  
Before man's mystery, overwrought.

Yet not unfaithful nor unkind,  
With work-day virtues surely staid,  
Theirs is the sane and humble mind,  
And dull affections undismayed.

O happy people! I have seen  
No verse yet written in your praise,  
And, truth to tell, the time has been  
I would have scorned your easy ways.

But now thro' weariness and strife  
I learn your worthiness indeed,  
The world is better for such life  
As stout suburban people lead.

Too often have I sat alone  
When the wet night falls heavily,  
And fretting winds around me moan,  
And homeless longing vexes me

For lore that I shall never know,  
And visions none can hope to see,  
Till brooding works upon me so  
A childish fear steals over me.

I look around the empty room,  
The clock still ticking in its place,  
And all else silent as the tomb,  
Till suddenly, I think, a face

Grows from the darkness just beside.  
I turn, and lo! it fades away,  
And soon another phantom tide  
Of shifting dreams begins to play,

And dusky galleys past me sail,  
Full freighted on a faerie sea;  
I hear the silken merchants hail  
Across the ringing waves to me

—Then suddenly, again, the room,  
Familiar books about me piled,  
And I alone amid the gloom,  
By one more mocking dream beguiled.

And still no nearer to the Light,  
And still no further from myself,  
Alone and lost in clinging night  
—(The clock's still ticking on the shelf).

Then do I envy solid folk  
Who sit of evenings by the fire,  
After their work and doze and smoke,  
And are not fretted by desire.

C.S. Lewis

**Clive Staples Lewis** (1898–1963) was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and arguably one of the most influential writers of his day. He was a Fellow and Tutor in English Literature at Oxford University until 1954, when he was unanimously elected to the Chair of Medieval and Renaissance Literature at Cambridge University, a position he held until his retirement.



Lewis wrote more than thirty books, allowing him to reach a vast audience, and his works continue to attract thousands of new readers every year. C. S. Lewis's most distinguished and popular accomplishments include *Mere Christianity*, *Out of the Silent Planet*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and the universally acknowledged classics in *The Chronicles of Narnia*. To date, the Narnia books have sold over 100 million copies and been transformed into three major motion pictures.

Source: cslewis.com

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

## Sons of Asaph The 'Other' Lutheran Composer

by Douglas Campbell

(source: Lutheran Witness)

Two generations junior to Bach, Felix Mendelssohn made significant contributions to western music and Lutheran hymnody during his short life.

This past Feb. 3 marked the 200th birthday of a composer of exceptional talent, deep faith, and high character. Often overshadowed in our Lutheran music tradition by the great J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847) is described as "the Classical Romantic"—linking the Classical ideal of form with the Romantic emphasis on expressiveness in music. In addition to "rediscovering" Bach, Mendelssohn enriched not only the music of his own time but also of ours, in church as well as in the salon and concert hall.

### A Vibrant Childhood

Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn, born in Hamburg Feb. 3, 1809, of Jewish descent, was the second child and elder son of Abraham and Leah Mendelssohn. Their surname was already well-known—Abraham's father, Moses Mendelssohn, gained fame for his Jewish philosophical writings and translation of the Pentateuch. Both Abraham and Leah were secure financially, and several years after they were married, they established a home in Berlin.

The Mendelssohn children were first home-schooled by their parents and later by private tutors. Both their mother and the family's music teacher had been pupils of one of Bach's students. Opportunities abounded elsewhere in Mendelssohn's youth: Composers, scientists, artists, and architects frequented the family home, and travel included Paris, Switzerland, Britain, and Italy. Years later, Felix's nephew wrote, "Without his father, Felix Mendelssohn would never have become what he was."

In 1816, Abraham and Leah Mendelssohn converted their family to Christianity, adding the last name Bartholdy. Although this came about largely because of ethnic social pressure, subsequent years reveal a Christian faith genuinely embraced by Felix and his siblings. The Mendelssohn children were baptized on March 21, 1816, when Felix was seven. His confirmation confession from September 1825 opens with John 3:16.

### The Blessings of Family

From childhood Felix and his older sister, Fanny, formed a "mutual admiration society." (Their mother facetiously commented, "They are really vain and proud of one another.") Sibling relations were close: At the first performance of the oratorio *St. Paul* in 1836, Fanny sang in the chorus while brother Paul and his wife attended.

"There are no husbands who love their wives as much as Felix loves you," penned Mendelssohn's sister, Rebecca, to Cecile Jeanrenaud. United in a happy marriage in 1837, Felix and Cecile enjoyed art, studying English, the outdoors, and reading together.

They had five children. Mendelssohn referred to his children as a "great blessing." Family letters record him teaching them math, geography, Greek, and music (naturally), reading them "Rumpelstiltskin," and dispensing discipline.

As a musician, Mendelssohn gave his first public concert when he was nine years old. Compositions began at a young age with numerous works being completed as a teenager. As a conductor, composer, pianist, and organist, Mendelssohn was regularly in demand during his lifetime, with offers from places as far away as New York. More famous appointments included the Leipzig Gewandhaus orchestra, the Birmingham Festival in England, and service to the King of Prussia. Casual concertizing included Sunday afternoons in the family's Berlin home; a 19th-century "jam session" with Queen Victoria and Prince Albert; and playing a broken, borrowed fiddle for friends at a bonfire.

### Faith and Music

A contemporary stated, "[Mendelssohn] believes firmly in his Lutheran creed." His manuscripts are initialed with the prayers *L.e.g.G.* (*Laß es gelingen, Gott*: "Let it succeed, God") or *H.D.m.* (*Hilf Du mir*: "Help Thou me.")

We can laud Mendelssohn's opinion of the Word and of music. Consistent with Heb. 4:12, "The Word of God is living and active," he wrote: "When composing, I usually look up the Bible passages myself," and "I have felt with fresh pleasure how forcible, exhaustive and harmonious the Scripture language is for music to me. There is an inimitable force in it." Reflecting Ps. 33:3, "Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy," Mendelssohn wrote: "I take music in a very serious light, and I consider it quite inadmissible to compose anything that I do not thoroughly feel," and "Every kind of music ought . . . to attend to the glory of God."

Mendelssohn composed choral settings of the Psalms and liturgy and cantatas on Lutheran chorales such as "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (*LSB* 449), "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" (*LSB* 743), and "From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come" (*LSB* 358).

His Organ Sonata No. 1 employs the tune for "The Will of God Is Always Best" (*LSB* 758) and Organ Sonata No. 6 showcases variations on "Our Father" (*LSB* 766), Luther's catechetical hymn on the Lord's Prayer.



Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (19th century) artist unknown; Musikbibliothek der Stadt, Leipzig, Germany.

The distribution of five chorales in the oratorio *St. Paul* helps recount the history of the Apostle to the Gentiles. The 1846 oratorio *Elijah* is considered by some to show that prophet as a type of Christ. (Elijah's confrontation with the priests of Baal is particularly dramatic!)

Symphony No. 5, *Reformation*, concludes powerfully with the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (LSB 657). This music was intended to commemorate the 1830 tercentennial of the Augsburg Confession.

Mendelssohn received a commission for the 1840 Gutenberg Festival in Leipzig (a center for book publishing), celebrating 400 years of the Gutenberg printing press. At Bach's own St. Thomas's Church in Leipzig, Symphony No. 2, *Hymn of Praise* premiered, featuring "Now Thank We All Our God" (LSB 895) and opening and closing choirs declaring Psalm 150: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Alleluia!"

### Cultural Fixtures

Some of Mendelssohn's work has become a fixture in western culture. The "Spring Song" for piano is a background music staple in classic Saturday morning cartoons. Many couples exit their church ceremony into married life to his "Wedding March," incidental music written for Shakespeare's play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

At the 1840 Gutenberg Festival, Mendelssohn also composed a patriotic tune for a chorus of 200 men and brass band. The tune was for the dedication of a statue of the printer. Mendelssohn said: "I am sure that piece will be liked very much by singers and by hearers but it will never do to sacred words." Fifteen years later, it was combined with a Charles Wesley text, creating a popular carol. The ubiquitous presence of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" at Christmas might surprise Mendelssohn today.

### An Inspiring Legacy

In spite of anti-Semitic disparagement following his 1847 death and a Nazi ban in the 20th century, Mendelssohn's work has endured. His music totals more than 250 pieces from all genres, many popular in the modern repertoire. Besides composition, he is credited with coining the oxymoron "song without words," which persists in musical terminology. Modern concert programming is also attributed to him, where music is played from a wide variety of periods at a single sitting. His keen interest in Bach, fueled by his parents and teachers, led to the performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* in 1829. At the time, Bach's work was commonly perceived as outdated drudgery. Mendelssohn's presentation of the piece after 80 years in obscurity spurred the "Bach revival."

The life, influence, and especially the music of Mendelssohn serve as an inspiration to us in 2009. Take the opportunity this year to explore and discover the music of Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy—the "other" Lutheran composer.

## Our Hymns: Much More Than Words and Music

— By Dr. Gregory J. Wismar

Every hymn is much more than words and music. Each hymn is a skilled instructor, a fascinating time capsule, and a spiritual mentor. Each and every hymn in our hymnal is there because of a wonderful interaction of creativity, devotion, and history. Knowing the resources contained in the pew edition of the hymnal and also located in its support volumes can lead to an expanded appreciation of the blessings contained within the hymn itself. The process of discovering those blessings begins by taking a closer look at the hymn on the hymnbook page.



Not only are there texts and the music notes on a hymnal page, there is other information to present a fuller picture of the work. The names of the text writer, musical composer, and other people who have worked with the words and music, such as translators and arrangers, are noted beneath the hymn. Each of those people is a special contributor and has a singular life story. As we learn about them, these gifted people become skilled instructors for us.

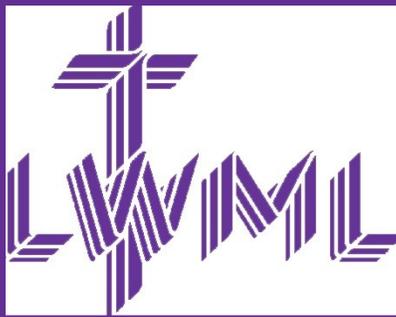
tors for us.

The life story of Felix Mendelssohn is a good example of that kind of inspiring instruction. Mendelssohn not only composed music, he enriched the faith of countless Christians through his broader musical skills. In the back of our *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) is a set of indexes which share the scope of work of a given contributor to the hymnal. If you look under Felix Mendelssohn (on p. 1005) you will discover that not only did he compose the tune for "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (LSB 380) and one of the melodies for "Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord" (LSB 777), he supplied the setting of the hymn tune "Munich" which is used three times in LSB: hymns 523, 606, and 658.

In its way, each of the hymns in the hymnbook is a fascinating time capsule. The words were written in a specific time and place in the history of God's people. The tunes were composed in various eras in the rich history of world music. Coming to understand more about that history is an enriching experience. At the present time, the LCMS Commission on Worship and Concordia Publishing House are cooperating on the publication of the *Lutheran Service Book Hymnal Companion*. This volume, written for both professionals and the wider membership of the Church, will be sharing the amazing history of our hymnody and telling the stories of the people behind the words and music. The *Hymnal Companion* will be available throughout the Church in June 2010.

As presented in LSB, each hymn serves as a spiritual mentor. At the end of each hymn is a listing of Bible texts that relate to the theme of the hymn. These can be studied in a devotional manner. Also a newly released resource, *Lutheran Service Book Concordance*, provides further opportunities for discovery and growth by listing each word in every hymn in LSB in an easily understood alphabetical sequence. Choosing a word such as "mercy" or "peace" or "blessings" or "prayer" and then looking up the hymn stanzas in which they are found can be a rewarding devotional exercise. Each hymn is so much more than just words and music! Start to make that discovery for yourself soon!

(source: Lutheran Witness)



The evening group of LWML will meet on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Library. The mission project for this meeting will be writing "What Jesus Means to Me" on note cards to be given to foreign stu-

dents from International Outreach. Julie Wohlrabe is the director who is able to interact with these young people who are studying here in Milwaukee. This is a great opportunity to share your faith in Jesus with those who may come to know Jesus their Savior through International Outreach.



Mission Grant #5 of the South Wisconsin District LWML "At Just the Right Time – Mission Central" for \$15,000 will soon be funded. Mission Central is a unique Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. Located near Mapleton IA in the Iowa West District of LCMS in a cornfield. This mission has helped foreign missionaries on furloughs to the USA, raise money for missions in our country and abroad, and is a vital extension of the mission work and service of the LCMS. Groups tour the buildings on the property and are inspired by the work that is being done by Mission Central. Foreign missionaries use the facilities as a home base for setting up schedules to speak to churches and religious organizations throughout our country.

This helps you to understand where the mites you give to LWML go to further missions.

An ongoing mission project of the evening group of LWML was cutting crosses from old greeting and Christmas cards. On the back of each card was printed the Bible verse John 3:16. It was with joy that our LWML was able to send 700 of these cross bookmarks to Orphan Grain Train.

Your mites are always appreciated. Thank you.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to the family of believers." (Galatians 6:10)

*Barbara Kurth*

## Get to know your Church Officers and Board Members

At the Voter's Meeting on May 17 new board members were elected. The church body gives thanks to God for all members who choose to serve.

### There are some boards that still need members.

- ◆ Elders
- ◆ Stewardship
- ◆ Trustees

If you are interested in being on a board, please contact James Drabiszczak, [jdrabisz@yahoo.com](mailto:jdrabisz@yahoo.com)

### Current roster of officers and board members:

President: James Drabiszczak  
 Vice President: Greg Margrett  
 Secretary: Karen Clark  
 Comptroller: Rob Hipke  
 Treasurer: Linda Haut  
 Financial Secretary: John Schaefer

#### Board of Elders:

- Jim Aldinger
- Bruce Bessert
- Doug Grelk
- Paul Haut
- Ron Harmeyer
- Jason Krueger
- Matt Stroh
- Jonathan Ward

#### Board of Christian Education:

- Carol Heup
- Jerome Novak
- Kristina Poppe
- Tim Senkbeil
- Amy Williams
- Amy Zientek

#### Board of Evangelism:

- Paula Ky
- Kenzie Peters
- Bretta Speck
- Nancy Wolck

#### Board of Finance:

- Dennis Braun
- Christine Daws
- Karen Kennedy
- Laura Traas

#### Board of Stewardship:

- Steve Hipenbecker
- Kelsey Lindholm
- Katie Scepanski

#### Board of Trustees:

- Andrew Dietrich
- John Heup
- Peter Holzwart

Elm Grove Lutheran Church  
**Bulletin Board**

**Rev. Dr. Harold Senkbeil Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination**



Please join us on Sunday, July 11, for a special service to honor and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Pastor Senkbeil's Ordination.

Rev. David Fleming, the new DOXOLOGY Executive Director for Spiritual Care will be the guest preacher for the 10:00 a.m. service of recognition for Pastor Senkbeil. Lunch to follow after the service.



**ADDRESS UPDATES:** Later this summer we will be printing a new directory. Please make sure that the Church office has your correct address, phone number, and email address. You may email Amy at [astroh@egl.org](mailto:astroh@egl.org).



**BREAD & FISH**

Bread & Fish gave \$300 each to Bethany, Holy Ghost, Hope and Mission of Christ Lutheran church's for their Food Pantries.

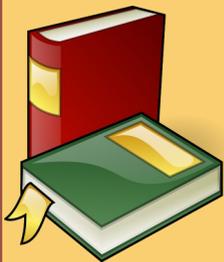
A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of you who generously donated pajamas to the Milwaukee Rescue mission on behalf of the **Mother's Day Mission project!** It was a great mix of infant to adult sizes. We were able to drop off over 125 pairs of pajamas!! The Milwaukee Rescue Mission and the children of EGL thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

**KEYS:** If you have keys to EGL and are no longer on a board you must turn them in to the church office.

This is a matter of everyone's safety.  
Thank you!



**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:**



On July 15, we will extend the meeting to discuss *SONGS OF WILLOW FROST* by Jamie Ford and vote on our next year's reading list with refreshments in between. Call Anne with questions. 262-691-9642.

While we all recognize **July 4th, 1776**, as the day America's first Continental Congress declared independence from the British monarchy, the official vote on the matter actually happened two days earlier. The Declaration was published in the papers on July 4th, which may be why we settled on that date for the holiday.



**EGL STAMMTISCH**  
(a.k.a. "Guys Night Out!")

**EGL Guys, Welcome to July!** Take a break from yard-work and come out to join us on **Thursday, July 15 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.** for some fun and frivolity (or at least some good libation, conversation, and fellowship!) **This month we return to our meeting place at Biloba Brewing on Brookfield Rd, in Brookfield,** so bring some 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](mailto:bruce.bessert@gmail.com). Hope to see you there...please RSVP...and bring a friend!!



## Congratulations 2021 Graduates! EGL Celebrates Your Accomplishments!



**Zack Skovgaard** graduated from California State Polytechnic University-Pomona with a major in Biotechnology and a minor in Chemistry on May 23, 2021. He is now pursuing his masters degree in Biology with an emphasis in stem cell research at Cal Poly Pomona and continuing his work as a lab technician at Curative laboratories.



**Christine Wilcox** graduated summa cum laude from Concordia University Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance. Christine is the daughter of Bruce and Sue Wilcox. While at Concordia, Christine was a member of Alpha Chi, an honors society. She was also a lab assistant for Anatomy & Physiology and a tutor for many classes. Christine is working at Fiserv, in Brookfield, in the Financial Analyst two-year rotational program. Her first rotation is in the tax department.



**Tyler Ky** graduated with high honors from Waukesha Engineering Preparatory Academy part of Waukesha South High School. He achieved the Scholar-Athlete award all four years competing in Cross Country and maintaining above a 3.5 GPA. Prior to high school, he attended EGL from PK-4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He will be attending the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) in the fall and studying Computer Engineering.

**Matthew Ewert** graduated from University of MN's Duluth campus on May 8th. This newly-minted Chemical Engineer was busy with UMD's Tennis Club, Jazz Band, Scholar Club, and Lutheran Student Fellowship with Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Duluth.

Academically, he graduated summa cum laude, finishing with a 4.0 GPA. While at UMD, Matt was president of Omega Chi Epsilon (chemical engineering honor society), vice president of Tau Beta Pi (engineering honor society), and activities coordinator of AIChE (a professional chemical engineering organization).

He gained valuable experience working as a dorm Resident Advisor, performing undergraduate research on ticks, and internships/co-ops in the food, medical device, & paper mill industries.

Matt continues working at Pixelle's paper mill in Stevens Point while job hunting.



# TOGETHER IN JESUS

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

*Colossians 3:14 ESV*



I discovered that I love learning outside. Third grade had so much fun sitting outside having class or walking to the pond down the street.

I loved the joy and excitement that was evident in our school from both the students and the faculty.

I loved that we were in-person. After spending last spring seeing faces on a screen, it was so good to be back together.

I loved that we had a positive leader with new ideas and a servant heart. The kids felt it, the teachers felt it, the parents felt it and great things happened this year.

I loved starting each week with all-school devotions. It was amazing to see the entire school body begin each week focused on Christ.

Pastor Skovgaard and Principal Bahr worked so well together. It was a joy to work with cohesive leadership.

I loved that you could see that God was in this place and he is doing great things at EGL.

**- Pam Ganswindt**

- Learning, Laughing and Loving together in person.
- Enjoying "outdoor classroom" activities on our school grounds and in our local community.
- Having an opportunity to worship, praise, and thank God for His goodness at Monday Morning assembly times.

- Having a student in my class baptized.
- Deb Margrett**



- Being able to be in person for school all year long
- Celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week with fun activities and field trips

- Gathering as a whole school for Monday Devotions
- Kelsey Lindholm**

These recollections were submitted by the teachers.

Our theme for the 2020-2021 school year was "Together in Jesus."

## What we loved about our year...

**T ogether** - God brought us together in spite of wearing masks and staying at least 6 feet apart. We became families in our own classrooms and together grew closer to our Savior.

**O utstanding** - The climate in our school has never felt so positive and encouraging. Kids and teachers laughed and their eyes smiled. New ways were found to build relationships.

**G enuine** - The changes and the growth in our school is real and deep. It has roots. Blessed by God and to His glory, it will grow.

**E ncouraging** - Everyone found ways to cheer on and encourage one another. From the littlest to the biggest, we were there for each other.

**T hankful** - So many blessings were found this year in ways we never could have suspected. We are all very thankful for God's guidance as we navigated our new "normal."

**H ardworking** - If you totaled up the hours spent in this building by Principal Bahr alone, they would surpass two full time jobs. Teachers were here from pre-dawn hours to after sunset. Weekends found people in this building working to make this school the best it could be.

**E xceptional** - The changes made this school year have nurtured a climate that reflects who we are in Christ. The Spirit in the hearts of the students and staff made this a year like no other.

**R estore** - After moving to virtual learning in March of the previous year, we were blessed to be face to face all year long. God brought us back to what we all needed - Christian community.

**I nspiring** - Principal Bahr is someone who uses her spiritual gifts to inspire the staff and the students to strive for excellence in life and in learning.

**N atural** - It felt so natural to return to school, to see kids walking in the halls, to hear laughter ringing throughout the building. God is good!

**J oyful** - There is no way to fully describe the feeling of being here, of becoming a family, of sharing Jesus and seeing Him at work in big and little ones.

**E ager** - There are great things in store for us, work that God has planned for us to do, and blessings He has waiting for us. We can't wait to begin the next chapter in His story here!

**S kills** - We as teachers work on the skills our students need to live this life. Principal Bahr gave us the tools and the space to work on our skills as teachers, and we are blessed.

**U nconditional** - God loves us unconditionally. By His grace, we are forgiven and walk in newness of life.

**S avior** - He is the reason we are here. He is the One who has won the ultimate victory for us. Heaven is ours! Praise be to God!

-Laura Patterson



These recollections were submitted by the teachers.



Having a Principal who worked to develop and strengthen successful relationships with us as a staff, with our students, and our families

Frequently celebrating our year together while enjoying many new and exciting activities as a staff and as a whole school (teachers and students)

Gathering together and growing as a school family in the gym each Monday morning by worshipping, listening to each other, laughing, playing, and praying together.

Listening to the energizing music in the morning as the students entered the building

Having a Principal who had a constant flow of positive energy, fresh new ideas and follow-thru, and a very thoughtful and caring heart.

- Katie Scepanski



Having a school building that was clean and organized.  
 Working with a Principal that is invested in me as a person.  
 Working with a Principal that is completely invested in growing EGL.  
 Working with a Principal that sees the potential in EGL and is willing/eager to do the hard work.  
 Having two students (PK4 and 8th grade) baptized during the school year.  
 - Amy Weymier



This school year was filled with the **celebration** of being "Together in Jesus". We had....

- C**aring leadership of Pastor Skovgaard and Principal Bahr
- E**xcitement of being present with students at school
- L**augher of happy students during the day
- E**agerness to learn shown by students and faculty
- B**onding times during all-school devotions and off-campus trips
- R**eadiness of faculty and students to try something new
- A**dventure of outside activities during the school day
- T**eamwork developed between faculty
- I**mprovement of our school environment
- O**pportunity to daily share and live our faith with students
- N**ever-ending energy of Principal Bahr in her loving concern for the well-being of students, families, and faculty

- Meg Grelk

Hearing the joy and laughter of students in person, seeing their smiles, and watching their eyes light up as they learned and discovered something new.  
 Having a clean building where the environment is warm, welcoming, loving, & joyful, and students couldn't wait to come back the next day.  
 Being able to start the week off together in whole school devotions as one family in Jesus.  
 Outdoor field trips where the students could bond together as well as enjoy God's beautiful creation.  
 Having a Principal who saw the changes that needed to be made, worked incredibly hard to improve the school and make it the best it could be, and had our backs and supported us no matter what we needed.  
 School leaders that listened to us and made us feel valued as teachers.  
 Becoming part of a staff that bonded and grew stronger together in stories, laughter, & Jesus, and became prayer warriors for Him.  
 - Kenzie Peters

What I liked about this school year was the joy that was evident within our school family. There was joy from the faculty as we felt valued by our school leadership and that there was a vision of growth for our school. Joy was seen on the faces of the students and teachers as we were reunited after being apart last spring. There was joy as we learned to think outside the box and discover new ways to educate such as taking our classrooms outdoors more. Joy was heard in the voices of the students as we caroled around the neighborhood and made other connections with the neighbors of EGL. Joy was evident as the staff grew closer and we became a stronger team. Joy was evident on the faces of the students as they mastered concepts and learned something new. Joy was evident as we closed our school year stronger than we were before: stronger in knowledge and problem solving, stronger in our relationships with others, and stronger in our faith.

- Shari Schulz

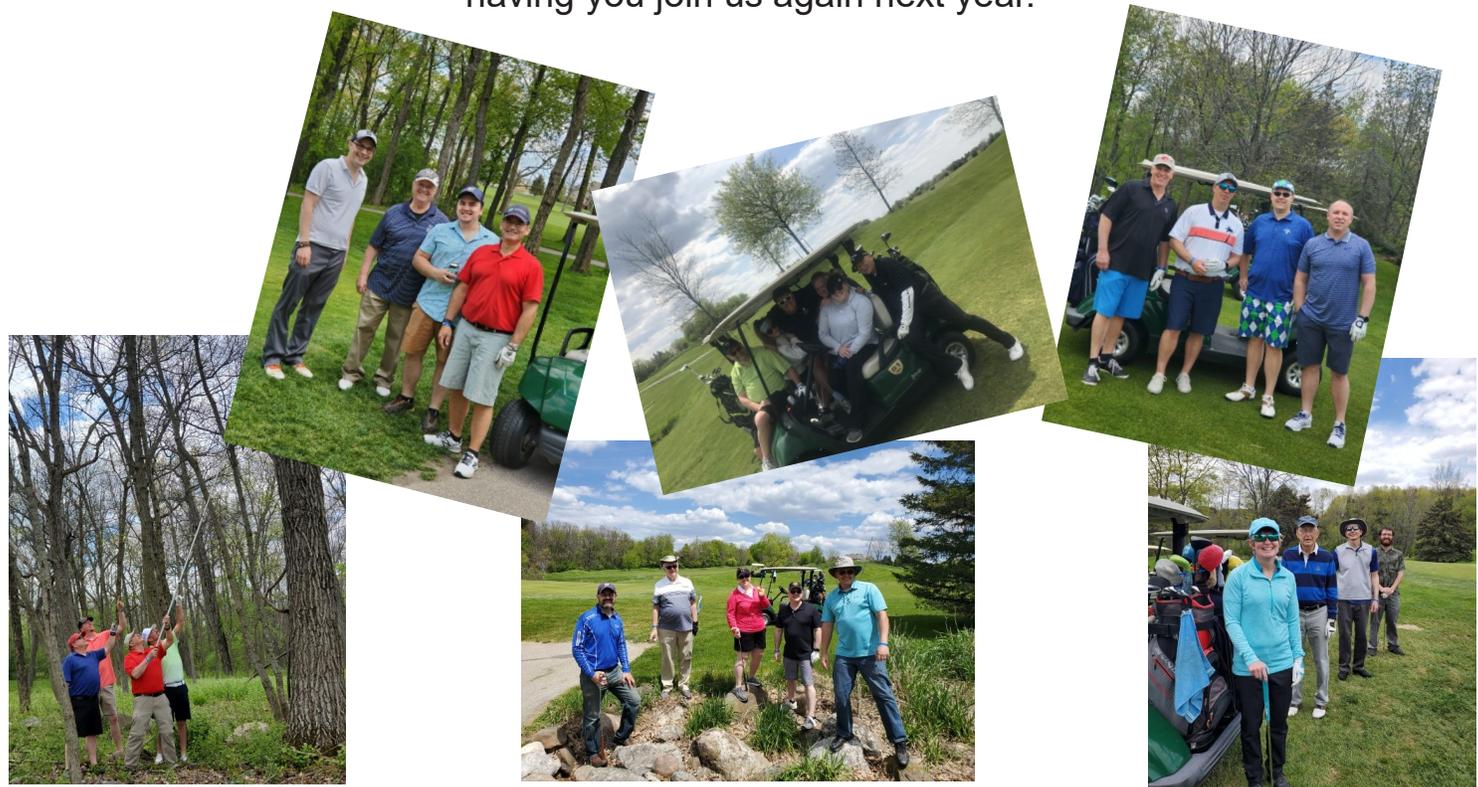
These recollections were submitted by the teachers.



Thank you for supporting the Elm Grove Lutheran Golf Outing on May 14. The weather was perfect, and 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 just over \$36,200!**

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





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

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



#### July 1

Elizabeth Pond

#### July 2

Muriel Bingenheimer (96)  
Judy Hansen (94)  
Sharon Katzer  
Mollie Radewahn

#### July 3

A-Ken & Lisa Schuppner  
Jeraldine Bechtel

#### July 4

Andrew Alles  
Eva Midtbo  
Anna Myatt  
Joe Boudro

#### July 5

Barb Stamm  
John Thompson

#### July 6

Jackson Poppe

#### July 7

A-Greg & Deb Margrett  
A-Tim & Peaches Senkbeil  
LaVerne Baldus (95)

#### July 8

Laney Nicely

#### July 9

Aaron DeWitt  
Kirk Midtbo

#### July 10

Stephanie Carstedt  
Matthew Morateck  
Leona Roesch (96)

#### July 11

Savannah Berry  
Jason Krueger  
Patricia Morateck  
Christine Rahardt

#### July 12

Sydney Anderson  
Nathan Pfeifer

#### July 13

A-Tim & Martha D'Agostino  
Jacqueline Hohn (88)

#### July 14

A-Andrew & Lianne Peters  
James Olson  
Susan Taylor

#### July 15

A-Ron & Brigid Harmeyer  
A-Fred & Irma Witzke  
Debra Baesemann  
Amy Weymier  
Haley Williams  
Jacob Wunsch

#### July 16

Bev Wegner

#### July 17

Tom Crowell  
Claire Schuppner  
Cathy Wolber

#### July 18

A-Tom & Lynn Crowell  
A-Tim & Teresa Stritesky  
David Bangle  
Emily Krueger  
Bernice McCloskey (99)  
Tim Stritesky  
Bob Tischer  
Karen Van Schaick

#### July 19

Mike Huxsol  
Josh Keck  
Carter Klein  
Teri Nitschke

#### July 20

A-Ben & Brae Nelson  
A-Kristina & John Poppe  
Rachel Wunsch

#### July 21

A-Ron & Meaghan Hessenthaler  
A-Mark & Karen Kennedy  
Owen Krueger  
Donna Kruse  
Margie LaFond  
Carrigan Ward

#### July 22

A-Rebecca & Jeff Wilinski  
Kristen Elvers  
Jeff Timm

#### July 23

Joel Keck  
Kyle Keck  
Sue Knutson

#### July 24

Jeffery Burke  
Juliette Gresley  
Angela Palmer

#### July 25

Katie Scepanski  
Emma Stroh  
Ryan Wegner  
Sue Wilcox

#### July 26

Kyle Schmalzer  
Helen Schmidt

#### July 27

A-Mary & Prakash Mhambrey  
Rob Diehl

#### July 28

Nicolas Daws  
Kameron Poppe

#### July 29

A-Jim & Diane Olson  
Amber Alles  
Tyler Nelson  
Jay Weymier  
Luke Wilinski

#### July 31

Jane Neill  
Stacey Setzer



# July

## Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar—2021

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**Miss Stephanie Bahr, Interim Principal**

**Summer Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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

**Thursday, July 15**

Submissions can be sent to  
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### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

*Please note changes for summer:*

#### **Sunday 8:00 a.m.**

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

Bible Study  
9:15-9:45

#### **Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

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

#### **Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

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



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