ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Stewardship Sunday
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	8:00 a.m. Worship (Matins)
	9:30 a.m. Bible Study – Hebrews (Nave)
	9:30 a.m. Key to Life (229)
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School (various rooms)
	10:45 a.m. Worship – (DS2)
	7:30 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
M	5:00 p.m. Public School Confirmation (228)
	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. Voters' Assembly (CLC)
	7:00 p.m. Ganswindt Barbershop Rental (FH)
T	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)
	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)
W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
TH	9:00 a.m. Library Committee (FL)
	9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC)
	6:30 p.m. Worship
	7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (Biloba)

OFFICE HOURS
The offices are open Mondays-Fridays,
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SERVICE SCHEDULE
Thursday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m. (DS2),
Sunday, Nov. 21, 8:00 a.m. (DS2) & 10:45 a.m. (Matins)
"What Joy and Comfort in Crushing Times!" (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14) – Pastor Skovgaard, Preacher

Key:
CLC – Christian Life Center
FH – Fellowship Hall
BAAC – Bartelt Adult Activity Center
MC – Music Center
FL – Friendship Library

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 266 attended services last Thursday and Sunday in person. **78** households streamed the service for a total of **344.** "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES to the family and friends of Karen Hromadka who died on Mon. Nov. 8, and a Christian Funeral was held at noon on Saturday. *"I know that my Redeemer lives."*

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Please note that following the service on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, Nov 24, at 6:30 p.m., we will NOT have a Thursday evening service until Jan 6, which this year is on Epiphany. There will be midweek Advent services on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Dec 1, 8, 15, and 22. There will be Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Christmas Day service on Saturday, Dec 25, is at 10:00 a.m. We will also receive God's gifts and return our thanks on Sunday, Dec 26, at one service -- 10:00 a.m. There will also be a New Year's Eve Communion Service at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec 31.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT Ladies, Ladies, Advent by Candlelight is coming soon. It will be Sunday, Nov. 28, 3:30-5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a lovely way for you to prepare your heart for Advent. This will also be a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend, relative or neighbor to hear the story of Jesus' birth and life as told by His mother, Mary, as she shares her memories and mementos in "Mary's Treasure Box". Please call Judy Hogan (262-455-1013) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494) by Monday, Nov 22, for your reservation. A $3 donation will be received at the door..

PATHS TO LUTHERANISM: For those who love a good coversion story, check out these interviews on Issues Etc, describing how different folds have come to appreciate what confessional Lutheranism offers. You'll find examples of people who have walked that lonley road from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism, and more at issuesetc.org/pathtolutheransim.

VETERANS' DAY PRAYER: Lord of the heavenly hosts, on this Veterans' Day, we thank You for the members of our military. Continue to give them courage and integrity as they seek to use their God-given skills in service to our country. In periods of separation, abide with their spouses, children, and parents as they suffer from loneliness and worry. Grant wisdom to our chaplains who support our troops by proclaiming Christ and Him crucified. Accept our thanks, O Lord, especially for Your people and our fellow countrymen who have served us in the past, defending the cause of freedom from tyranny and our constitutional Republic. We also thank You for those who gave the last full measure of their lives protecting us and our freedoms. May their devotion to our nation's founding and Constitution be an inspiration in our generation. Father of an infinite majesty, hear our prayers for the sake of Your adorable, true, and only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents a Christmas concert: The Work of Christmas. Friday, December 10, 7:00 pm, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 6705 Northway, Greendale and Sunday, December 12, 3:00 pm, Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center Street, Milwaukee. Tickets: $15-General Admission, $12-Seniors & Students. For more information: www.lutheranacappella.org
Masks are required for everyone attending.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY will be on November 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the CLC.

COVID & PUBLIC POLICY: Most of you know that I have received the Pfizer COVID vaccine. One of the main reasons I got it was so that I could continue to do my job with as little interruption as possible, which expects visiting and caring for God's people wherever they're at, including institutional settings like hospitals and assisted living homes. I am not an anti-vaxxer. However, neither am I in favor of forcing people to do that which is against their conscience, especially when it comes to the care of their children. We will not force anyone to be vaccinated in order to receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament in His house; thus,

no passports to go to church. Having said that, you will find this interview very helpful in thinking about the intersection between science and public policy. Dr David Sander is a trained virologist. He runs a public health consulting firm. He is an elected mayor of a town in suburban Sacramento, CA. He's a faithful LCMS member to boot! In this interview he thoughtfully explains the balancing act needed between science and public policy. https://issuesetc.org/2021/10/21/2941-covid-vaccines-and-vaccination-mandates-dr-david-sander-10-21-21/ - Pr. Skovgaard

STAMMTISCH: EGL Guys! Fall is upon us!! New schedules, new routines… Please don't forget to include EGL Stammtisch in yours! Take a break, kick back, and join us on Thursday, November 18, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. for good libation, conversation, and fellowship! This month we will again be at our "normal" meeting place, Biloba Brewing Company, 2970 N Brookfield Rd (look for the big grain hopper in front!) 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, contact Bruce Bessert by phone/text at 414-526-8430, or by email at bruce.bessert@gmail.com. Hope to see you there…please RSVP…and bring a friend!!

LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our LWML morning group will have its Christmas party in the BAAC on Wed., Dec. 1, at 10:00 a.m. Instead of a Bible study, we will participate in a **Christmas Devotion** of singing favorite Christmas carols, reading scripture and narrations pertaining to Jesus' birth. Our emphasis for this special December meeting will be on praising and thanking God for His plan of salvation as we ponder the true meaning of Christmas. For our luncheon, please bring 6 cookies and a sandwich. We extend an invitation to all women of our congregation.

WOMEN'S GATHERING Monday, November 22. The women's group, now officially named the Theological She Shed, will be meeting Monday, November 22 in the Bartelt Center at 5 p.m. to learn about Vicar Sam Lee's ministry, Chinese Fellowship, and Chinese culture. Following Sam's presentation we will carpool to the Asian restaurant Momo Mee for dinner. Please text your RSVP to Deb Weller so that enough seating can be confirmed for dining. 262-290-8665

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH (Formerly The Red Hat Belles) will meet for lunch on Thursday, November 18 at Maxim's Restaurant, 18025 W. Capitol Drive at 11:30. For reservations call Jeanne or Valerie Pentler, 262-879-0556, by Monday, November 15.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Ezekiel 40-43 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (11/20 at 10:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

CUW OFFERING $1,000 GRANT FOR NEW INCOMING STUDENTS: Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor wants to help new incoming Class of 2022 students save money. Any NEW traditional student who completes the FAFSA by Thanksgiving will be awarded a $1,000 early filing grant. Visit **www.cuw.edu** or **www.cuaa.edu** for more info.

CARE AND SHARE: Barb Thompson has graciously agreed to start Elm Grove Lutheran's Care and Share program up again. This group provides meals to individuals/families after hospitalization, during recovery periods, etc. If you are interested in providing meals please contact Barb to let her know you would like to be included on her list of people to ask. She can be reached at 262-784-3886.

EGLS ROLLER SKATING PARTY at Waukesha Skateland (1931 E. Main Street, Waukesha) on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 3:45 – 5:45 p.m. The cost is $7 per skater (includes skate rental). Join us for an afternoon of skating fun.

PORTILLO'S FUNDRAISER: After roller skating you will be hungry. Join us a Portillo's (17685 W. Bluemound Road in Brookfield) on Nov. 17 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. 20% of the proceeds will benefit Elm Grove Lutheran School. Flyers are in the back of the Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPIC TODAY: Christ is our Passover Lamb, whose blood was shed for our salvation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR and remember these members of EGL who are confined to bed or to their homes. Addresses and telephone #'s are in the church directory.

Walter Tesch	Shirley Wartchow
Audrey Zarder	Betty Altpeter

Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:
Rebecca (Burhop) Butler – Hawaii
Katherine Leaf – Middle East
Alex Ohde – USS Key West, Guam
Joshua Tesch – Deployed to Jordan

"Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace"

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

Over the past few weeks, we have considered various aspects of our annual stewardship emphasis, "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace." We have been reminded of the fact that we are managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us. We have observed how total stewardship consists of time, talents and treasure, all of which are to be used for God's glory and for the good of others.

We now come to a place of commitment, a time when we are challenged by God to step out by faith in obedience to what God asks of us. In fact, we are being asked to demonstrate our trust in God as we step out by faith concerning our finances and our giving. We are being asked to put God to the test in this vital area of our lives.

And what might that be? God is asking each of us to stretch our faith. Concerning our giving, God challenges us with this invitation, " . . . test Me now in this . . . if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows." In the entire Bible, giving is the only subject about which God gives us this challenge. God does not do so concerning salvation, prayer, Bible reading, or any other aspect of the Christian life except giving.

Today, as you consider your support of Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church in the coming year, you have a choice. You can analyze your financial situation in light of the economy, and you can make a commitment based on human logic and reason. In other words, based on your personal financial resources and situation, you can commit to give what any reasonable Christian might give. Or, as a faithful steward of God's infinite grace, you can step out by faith in response to God's leading. You can allow "God room" by promising more than it's possible — from a human viewpoint — to give. And then you can watch God provide in ways that you cannot begin to imagine.

When it comes to giving, that goes right along with what King Solomon described in Proverbs 11:24-25,

> One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched; and one who waters will himself be watered.

On behalf of our entire congregation, thank you for giving of your time and talents to the Lord's work here. Thank you for stepping out by faith in obedience to all that God asks concerning your financial support of Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church and for giving as God has prospered you.

Please remember to thoughtfully consider and pray about your contribution of time, talents, and treasures for this next year. Then fill out your pledge card and place it in the brown box in the back of church or hand it right into the church office.