

**ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2022 – Volume 74, Number 12.1**  
**The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**

**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

- S 8:00 a.m. Worship (DS2)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. Worship (Matins)  
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (228)  
7:30 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
- M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)  
6:30 p.m. BOCE (228)
- T 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (BAAC)  
5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
- W 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC)  
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)  
3:15 p.m. Lego Club (FH)  
6:30 p.m. Advent Service  
7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers  
7:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)
- T 8:15 a.m. School Chapel  
6:00 p.m. IT Meeting (228)
- Sat 8:00 a.m. Decorate the Nave  
9:00 a.m. Doxology Meeting (228 & 229)

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Offices are open Mon. – Fri.  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Key: CLC – Christian Life Center FH – Fellowship Hall BAAC – Bartelt Adult Activity Center MC – Music Center FL – Friendship Library YR – Youth Room
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**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 289** attended services last week in person. **171** households streamed the services for a total of **460**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**SECURITY OF EGL CAMPUS:** On Monday night, Nov 14, the EGL Church Council passed a motion aimed at helping secure EGL's school. In fact, school accreditation policies nowadays demand that the school perimeter be secure during school hours, Monday through Friday, 7:00-4:00. Because the church and school buildings are so closely intertwined at EGL, this decision affects activities in the Church areas also. The Council decision means that any activity inside and outside our facility requires checking in with the Church or School Office for anyone who is not staff, during these hours. This new policy is not meant to stifle any current or future activities; rather, simply to

give us a good handle on who has access to the school during school hours. This amounts to saying hello to Amy Stroh or Sandy Brown before your planned activity and letting them know when you leave. Worship-related services in the nave and/or Fellowship Hall are exempted.

**NEXT YOUTH EVENT:** Friday, Dec 16 at 5:30 p.m. Feel free to bring friends! Email [youth@egl.org](mailto:youth@egl.org) to RSVP for food!

**PASTOR SENKBEIL:** During Coffee hour on Sunday, Dec 4, Pastor Senkbeil will be displaying his new award-winning children's book from Lexham Press, "The Lord's Prayer for All God's Children," and its matching coloring book, plus "The King of Christmas," written by another author. The books, lavishly illustrated with colorful depictions of Bible stories, are part of Lexham's FatCat Books, intended to teach children age 3 - 8 the truths of the catechism. You may want to pick

up multiple copies for children in your extended families; they make great Christmas gifts. The books sell for over \$18 retail, but Pastor Senkbeil has donated them to our church as a fundraiser for our school. You may pick up as many copies as you like for your free will donation to the project, which will share the book with children undergoing procedures at local hospitals, sister urban schools, etc.

**THANK YOU:** Our heartfelt thanks to the many people who helped to make Advent by Candlelight 2022, a special time of fellowship, reflection, and music, in a beautiful setting surrounded by faces aglow with candlelight. We thank all those who shared their time and talents, especially this year after Dennis's hospitalization; Karen Lippert for her inspiring words, Christiana Ewert for her fine piano accompaniment, Carol Jagusch for her beautiful violin selections, as well as all the ladies who lovingly decorated a table, and all those who brought the delectable food. A special thank you, especially this year after Dennis' hospitalization, to the many who helped set up, serve, greet, or take down. Most of all, we thank and praise God for our Savior, Jesus, our joy, hope and peace... Carole Braun, Meg Grelk, and Judy Hogan.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBSTITUTES:** Linda Hoffmann is looking for people to be substitutes for Sunday School. If you are interested and able to help please call Linda Hoffmann at 262-786-1203 or via email at linaldhoffmann@yahoo.com.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** are available on the table near the mailboxes. There are three different kinds from Higher Things, Lutherans for Life, and Lutheran Hour Ministries. Please help yourself!

**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING:** Help us setup and decorate the chancel Christmas Trees 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

**CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES** are completed and ready for pick up. If you preordered a directory, they are available to be paid for and picked in the Church office. Otherwise, please contact Amy ([astroh@egl.org](mailto:astroh@egl.org)/262-797-2970) in the Church

office to arrange payment and pick up of your directory.

**PTL FUNDRAISER DINNER:** On Dec 7, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. help support our school by having dinner at Panera at 15040 West Greenfield Avenue. 20% of sales will be donated to EGLS.

**PTL TRIVIA NIGHT:** Please join our EGL PTL on Saturday, Jan 28. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. First round promptly starts at 6:00 p.m. (event ends by 9:00 p.m.). Invite your family and friends! Assemble your team and come up with a theme! Register your team by Friday, Jan 20. Maximum of 8 persons per table/team. All players must be over 18 to play. \$5 per person. BYOB & Costumes highly encouraged. Prizes will be awarded. If you cannot compile a team and would like to be paired up with others, that's possible! If you want to join in the fun, but need help finding childcare, the PTL may be able to help! Email PTL at [ElmGrovePTL@gmail.com](mailto:ElmGrovePTL@gmail.com).

**AOR SEMINAR GUIDE:** Back in early October as part of their engagement with us here at EGL, Ambassadors of Reconciliation presented a six-hour study on reconciliation, spaced out over three nights. Interested members may still watch these recorded sessions. The EGL Church Office still has a few of the seminar study guides also for taking notes. If you'd like one of the study guides, please contact Mrs Stroh in the Church Office by close of business Tuesday.

**FALLS PATIO PLAYERS** presents "Christmas Carol" Friday, Dec. 2, 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4, 1:00 p.m. and 4:00p.m. See [www.fallspatioplayers.com](http://www.fallspatioplayers.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** Plan to attend on Thursday, Dec 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC to discuss the book, *Christmas in London* by Anita Hughes. If you enjoy reading and like discussing the book, please join our group. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Kurth at 262-345-5083. It will also be time for our Christmas party. Several ladies will be bringing Christmas bakery

items. If you would like to add something to our festivities, please bring 6 cookies.

**LWML CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** The morning group of LWML plans to meet on Wednesday, Dec 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC, enjoying Christian fellowship at its Christmas party. Emphasizing our anticipation of the birth of the Christ Child, we will all participate in the Christmas Devotion, "**The Christ of Christmas,**" with singing of Christmas songs, reading of Bible verses, the Christmas story, and narrations. Each lady is asked to bring 1 sandwich and 6 cookies for the luncheon. An invitation is extended to all women of our congregation.

**FREE BARBERSHOP CONCERT AT EGL:** You are invited to join the Midwest Vocal Express and Forward Harmony Barbershop choruses as we "Welcome Christmas." This free concert will be on Sunday, Dec 4, from 4:00-5:00 in the gym. This group has been practicing at EGL for over a year and wanted to share their talents with us as an early Christmas gift.

**MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT** invites you to their annual Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec 9 and Saturday, Dec 10 at 7:00 p.m. The concert, entitled "*O Come Let Us Adore Him*" will feature the Troubadours, Chorus, Concert Choir, Brass Choir, Spartan Band, and Symphonic Band. Please join us for this festive event! Ticket reservations may be made by calling 414-421-4000. Tickets are also available at the door!

**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.

Louis Fohr

Nancy

Schuchardt

Zack Horrell

Leona Dober

**Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Rebecca (Burhop) Butler

Katherine Leaf

Will Myatt

Alex Ohde

Joshua Tesch