

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Nativity of Our Lord
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S 10:00 a.m. Worship (DS2)
7:30 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
M No School/Offices Closed
5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
T No School
5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
W No School
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers
F No School/Offices Closed
Sat New Years Eve
6:30 p.m. Worship

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

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

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 232 attended services last week in person. 145 households streamed the services for a total of 377. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERINGS: Four times a year (Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday) EGL sets aside the offerings received for charitable work outside of our church community. This is a long-standing tradition. Plus, it's a great discipline for us to support the work of the Kingdom beyond our own immediate needs. The Board of Evangelism selects where these charitable offerings are sent. Because Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year and because finances are tight, the Council has opted to designate all of the Christmas Day offerings to the general fund, with the exception of \$750 which will be reserved for supporting the work of Sudanese Lutheran Pastor Jonah Khalid. The Board of Evangelism thanks you for your generosity and also asks you to pray for him as he continues his mission work in Sudan.

RED MAILBOX: The red mailbox near the church mailboxes is being repurposed. It has been moved to the school hallway. This is a way for students to ask our Pastors questions. They will put the question in the mailbox and one of our Pastors will answer their

question. If you have something that you might normally put in here, please put it in Amy Stroh's church mailbox instead. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBSTITUTES: A few, Gospel teachers are needed for Sunday School substitutes. Contact Linda at 262-786-1203

NEW APOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: A Place of Refuge, our South Wisconsin District pro-life ministry, announces that Deaconess Grace Rao has accepted the Call to be Executive Director. She will arrive in early January and be installed at the APOR annual meeting on Sunday, Feb 19, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield at 4:00 p.m. Each LCMS congregation is invited to send one pastoral and one lay delegate to this meeting, which includes a catered meal. In preparation for Deaconess Rao's arrival, APOR is looking for an apartment or room for her to rent. APOR is also looking for applicants for the full-time position of Refuge House Manager. Inquires can be sent to APOR Board President, Rev David Paape, at repaa@aol.com or 414-430-5030.

LWML: Recycle your Christmas cards or any cards by bringing them to EGL's church office. The LWML ladies will make crosses out of them.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: If you requested offering envelopes for 2023 they have been placed in your Church mailbox. If you didn't request them but want them we do have some extra boxes. Please contact Amy (astroh@egl.org/262-797-2970) in the Church office and she will get them to you.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Because of bad weather, we rescheduled the December meeting and Christmas party to **Thursday, Dec 29, at 9:30 a.m.** in the BAAC. Bring your cookies or the items you signed up for the party. We will be discussing the book, *Christmas in London*, by Anita Hughes.

LWML: The morning group of LWML will meet on Wed, January 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. The Bible study, **"Dilemmas and Decisions,"** found on page 15 of the winter issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* is based on Abram's move from Ur to the land that God promised Abram. He followed God's direction and guidance. We, too, in our lives encounter dilemmas and decisions. Studying different Bible verses helps us to see how God is able to guide and lead us.

CHILI COOK-OFF 2023: The Board of Evangelism would like to invite you to a Chili Cook-Off on January 15, 2023 from 12:15-2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Categories to be judged are Chili, Soup, Bread and People's Choice. If you want to compete in the cook-off please send an email to evangelism@egl.org or contact Paula Ky at 262-366-3170. Judges only need to show up.

ELM GROVE LUTHERAN SPIRIT TOURNAMENT is right around the corner! We are celebrating the tournament's 47th year this coming February. The tournament dates are Wed, Feb 8 – Sat, Feb 11. We are currently looking to see if you and your business would be interested in purchasing an advertisement for our tournament advertisement wall. This wall will be seen by hundreds of guests as we will be hosting 10 schools from around the area. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Joe Benson at athletics@egl.org for more information.

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.

WITNESSING TO UNCHURCHED PEOPLE is something Christ calls all his people to do, but we find it difficult! As a follow-up to the Every One His Witness evangelism (E1HW) "LASSIE" process that Pr. Reseburg shared with us in the fall, consider checking out the E1HW Context Modules, on how to engage people in particular circumstances. There are several free self-study video lesson series, on witnessing to people who are: Dechurched Adult Children; New Veterans; Grieving; Mormons; etc. Find the series and sign up to take a module at www.everyonehiswitness.org/modules/

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.

Carl Egloff
Ken Dahlke

Joanne Kowach
Shirley Wartchow

Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:

Rebecca (Burhop) Butler
Katherine Leaf
Will Myatt
Alex Ohde
Joshua Tesch