

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

- S 8:00 a.m. Worship (DS3)
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School
 DOOR OPEN EGL
 10:45 a.m. Worship (DS3)
 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
- M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
 5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting (228)
 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)
- T 10:00 a.m. Women’s 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)
 7:00 p.m. Basketball Rental (Gym)
 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers
- T 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: 216 attended services last week in person. **61** households streamed the services for a total of **277**. “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to Gene and Irene Brunner and Ohde family in the sudden death of Michael Brunner on January 21. Funeral plans are pending. Christian Sympathies are also extended to the Nieting family on the death of Carmen Nieting on January 25. Carmen’s funeral will be at EGL on Monday, Jan 30 at 10:30 a.m. with a visitation starting at 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

CUWAA PRESIDENT INSTALLATION: Dr Erik Ankerberg will be installed as president of Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor on Sunday, Feb 5, at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Christ Triumphant at CUW at 12800 N. Lake Shore Drive, Mequon.

THANK YOU: To our EGL Family, we thank our Lord for all the wonderful care Dennis received before, during and after his open heart surgery. And for the support you, as our church family showed through

your prayers, visits, calls, cards, and expressions of care and concern. We especially appreciated our Pastors’ visits. You have all been a special part of the healing process. Our heartfelt thanks, Dennis and Carole Braun

DOOR OPEN EGL: The Board of Christian Education would like to invite all members to an open house this Sunday. Join us between the services and/or after the late service, where you can meet the teachers, see the classrooms and hear about all the incredible activities that our students are doing! We hope to see you there!

FEB VOTERS ASSEMBLY: The regularly scheduled winter Voters Assembly is on Monday, Feb 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the CLC. The agenda will be forthcoming, but all adult members of EGL are encouraged to attend.

HONEST REPENTANCE: This year for Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, the six midweek Lenten services leading up to Holy Week will focus on the theme of Honest Repentance. Repentance starts with being honest before God and ourselves about who we are. When it comes to sin, everyone has a natural impulse to hide, but repentance means

finding the courage to be honest and to come out of hiding. It also means having faith in the promise of forgiveness. Finally, repentance means becoming more human, not less. The key texts from the Lutheran Confessions that stand in the background are: 1) the definition of repentance as contrition and faith, found in Article XII of the Augsburg Confession; 2) the practice of repentance is described as the daily use of Baptism in the fourth question on baptism in the Small Catechism, what Luther says is "daily contrition and repentance"; and 3) the nature of original sin as the Formula of Concord describes it in Article 1 as an "accident" and not a "substance." With the exception of Ash Wednesday which has two evening services at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m., each midweek Wednesday will offer one service at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a dinner served from 5:30-6:15.

JESUS AND THE GRAND CANYON...AND PRONOUNS AND RESTROOMS?" Sunday morning Adult Bible Class, 9:30-10:30, Feb 19 and 26. What does Jesus have to do with 'the playground of geologists'? And what does that scenic wonder of the world have to do with the current craziness in our culture? What does the Book of Genesis have to do with all three? **A fierce battle is taking place** all around us for the hearts and minds of our 'neighbors'—especially our young people. We Lutheran Christians need to become equipped to engage, for the sake of the Gospel, to love our neighbor. **Evidence and sound logic** are important tools for every Christian in this engagement. The Christian has nothing to fear from good science, real science—science that starts and stays with reality. We need to become comfortable with the basics of creation, Intelligent Design, and worldview apologetics, the defense of the Gospel. **Tim Albers has taught** about the intersection of the Bible, science, and culture to both Christians and non-Christians in numerous settings, including Lutheran church Bible classes, pastors and teachers' conferences, a Wisconsin state prison, the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, and the Graduate School of Concordia University Wisconsin. And for the last ten years, he's taught it to more than 300 internationals—scientists and professors from over a dozen countries, with most coming from Communist China. In two short, Sunday morning sessions, Tim hopes to whet your appetite to dig in. Join us to learn about the resources at every level, many of them *free*; to *handle* ancient fossils that point to the truth of the Bible; and to become equipped to share your faith more confidently.

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.

SPIRIT TOURNAMENT DONATIONS: Did you know that we have an amazing selection of concessions that we offer during the spirit tournament? Sloppy joes, chili, loaded baked potatoes and Deb Tesch's famous shredded turkey sandwiches (just to name a few)! In order to offset the cost of running the concession stand, we are looking for donations from our church community. We are in need of: bottles of ketchup and mustard, plastic spoons and forks, napkins, cans of Coke, Diet Coke and Sprite, bottles of water (16.9 oz size) and fun size bags of chips (Frito-Lay variety). Any donations can be turned in to the church office. Thank you for supporting the EGL Spirit Tournament!

EGLS BAKING CLUB: A baking club for students at EGL in 3rd-8th grade will be beginning in February and run until May. Supplies and donations are need. Will you please help us by donating one or more of these items? We are looking for 6 boxes of brownie mix, bags of candy melts found at Joanns, Michaels or Hobby Lobby (3 pink, 2 white, 2 red), 2 bottles of vegetable oil, 2 boxes of sandwich baggies, 1 box of quart size baggies, 1 box of snack size baggies, 3 packages of plates, wax paper, small dish soap, and plastic spoons. If you have any questions please email Mr. and Mrs. Dodge at grade3@egl.org or grade5@egl.org. Please bring donations to the school or church office no later than Feb 3. Thank you so much!

EGL PRAYER CHAIN: The prayer chain at EGL is a group of "prayer warriors" who receive prayer requests. The prayer requests received are from EGL members, friends, relatives, or others who are asking for this team to pray for them. We offer prayers of: thanksgiving, comfort, praise, strength, peace, blessings, wisdom, and healing. If you wish to receive prayers from our prayer warriors please contact Mindy Aldinger at prayerchain@egl.org.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 2:00 - 6:30 P.M. Make your appointment online at Versiti.org or contact Rick Ewert 262.289.9333 / BloodDrive@egl.org. Each unit of blood donated will ultimately save up to 3 local patients' lives in hospitals serving our families.

APOR INSTALLATION SERVICE: The annual meeting for A Place of Refuge Ministries [APOR], our Milwaukee area LCMS ministry to pregnant women in need, is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 19. Area LCMS churches may be represented by one pastor and one lay delegate. Other members, especially APOR volunteers and supporters, are also invited to join in this celebration of life. The opening service will include the Installation of our new Executive Director, Deaconess Grace Rao. All APOR friends are invited! The meeting will take place at Immanuel Lutheran Church – Brookfield (13445 Hampton Road) at 4 p.m. A catered meal will be provided along with highlights of how the Lord has been blessing this Christ-centered ministry. Registration link: <https://www.aplaceofrefuge.org/annual-meeting> or call (414) 760-2483. Please make plans to join with your fellow Lutherans in celebrating 30 years of blessings

APOR REFUGE HOUSE MANAGER: APOR is looking for applicants for the full-time position of Refuge House Manager. The House Manager has a unique opportunity to nurture and support the pregnant women that we serve. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good candidate, please contact APOR Board President, Rev David Paape, at repaa@aol.com or 414-430-5030.

LWML: The LWML morning group will meet on Wed., Feb. 1, in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study, "**Covered by God's Grace,**" is found on pages 18-19 of the winter issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. As Christians, we are precious in God's sight and especially precious that we are covered by God's grace. Plan to attend. All women of our congregation are most welcome.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC. The book to be discussed is *The Good Hope Road* by Lisa Wingate. Any questions, please call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

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.
Ken Dahlke Leona Dober
Carl Egloff Louis Fohr

Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:

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