

**ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**Sunday, February 12, 2023 – Volume 75, Number 2.2**  
**The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**

**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

- S 8:00 a.m. Worship (Matins)  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship (DS3)  
7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
- M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)  
7:00 p.m. Church Council (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. Church History Study (BAAC)  
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)  
1:00 p.m. Blood Drive (FH)  
7:00 p.m. Basketball Rental (Gym)
- T 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers  
9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC)  
6:30 p.m. Worship
- S 8:30 a.m. Sunshine Dancers

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 215** attended services last week in person. **70** households streamed the services for a total of **285**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank our church family for their kind thoughts and prayers during Michael's hospitalization, and love and support during his funeral service. We were amazed at how many grieved with us, and how many lives Michael touched. Our assurance is in God's Word that we will all be reunited in heaven one day. The Brunner Ohde Family

**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.

**OFFERING STATEMENT FOR TAXES:** Your 2022 giving statement has been printed out and placed in your individual mailboxes in the coat room outside the nave. Those not picked up by the end of the month will be retrieved and mailed out. Call the Church Office if you have any questions.

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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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**DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS TO EGL:** If you have Thrivent life or health insurance or annuity products, you may be eligible to direct where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. You have until March 31, to direct your 2022 Choice Dollars if you haven't done so already. Please consider Elm Grove Lutheran Church or School as your nonprofit of choice. If you have any questions, contact your Thrivent rep, or Board of Stewardship member Sue Wilcox ([suew14237@gmail.com](mailto:suew14237@gmail.com)).

**THE LUTHERAN DIGEST:** For years we have enjoyed receiving the quarterly subscriptions to The Lutheran Digest, a small magazine dedicated to "inspiration, hope, and humor." The Church has covered the cost of this subscription for years. However, in these financially tight times, we need to be good stewards of all of our resources. If you have benefitted from or enjoyed reading The Lutheran Digest, would you consider making a donation through Church for next year's subscription? If not, we may need to let this subscription go. Speak with Pr Skovgaard or Mrs Stroh about any willingness to help.

**LIFE THOUGHT:** Jesus affirms that God forbids both murder and adultery (Matthew 5:21, 27). The Lord

categorically says, "No!" to abortion because He emphatically says, "Yes!" to marriage, family, and community. His "Yes!" even extends forgiveness and salvation to those who have aborted their own children. We may advocate the sanctity of human life with the same courage and compassion (Matthew 5:37)—no matter who calls us a fool (Matthew 5:22).

**BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY:** MABAS, the Milwaukee Area Biblical Archaeology Society, is hosting a presentation called "Coins, Inscriptions, and the Dating of Jesus's Ministry" on Tuesday, Feb 14, at 7:30 p.m. What says romantic love better than an archaeology lecture? The presentation will be held in Reichel Lecture Hall (FM15) on the campus of Wisconsin Lutheran College. The presenter is Prof Andrew E. Steinmann (LCMS) from Concordia University Chicago.

**MAKE REVELATION GREAT AGAIN:** The book of Revelation is widely known for how it speaks about things that are way "up there" and way "down the road." While this is most certainly true, its real greatness is in the many fascinating ways it reveals the "right here" and the "right now" of what is taking place in Christian worship. Come take a fresh look at this challenging book on March 11 from 9:00 a.m. -- 2:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Lutheran Church with Dr. Brian German, Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin and Director of the Concordia Bible Institute.

**LUNCH BUNCH:** Please join us Feb. 16, 11:30 a.m. at Bullwinkle's in Galleria West on Bluemound. Call Jerry Bechtel for reservations at 262-782-1262.

**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." Each midweek service, including Ash Wednesday, will offer one service at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a dinner served from 5:30-6:15.

**ELMBROOK SENIOR TAXI** is again in need of drivers to transport our seniors and disabled adults in Waukesha County. The taxi is located at [675 N. Brookfield Road](#), just north of Bluemound Road. We provide the sedans and pay \$8.25/hour. There are morning and afternoon shifts available, Monday to Friday. Please call, 262-785-1200 for more information.

**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.

**EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS:** Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in

Collinsville, IL, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: How to Save the West; Finding a Therapist; "Luther's Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications;" 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Lutheran Theologian Wilhelm Loehe and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**EGL STAMMTISCH:** Come on out and join us at EGL Stammtisch as we comfortably connect with those around us, in a relaxed environment. Join us for our monthly EGL guys' get-together of great conversation and great libation... always lively, always timely, always lots of variety, in a fun atmosphere of Christian fellowship. Who knows--- we may have King cake and a few other Mardi Gras goodies from a certain local "well-known" baker? Join us at Biloba Brewing in Brookfield on Thursday Feb 16, from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For more information, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430. Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!!

**SOLES FOR JESUS:** LWML will continue to collect gently used or new men's, women's, and children's shoes. These shoes will be sent to Sub Saharan Africa, where many people are unable to work or attend school, because they do not have a pair of shoes. The collection box will be located in the church's upper entryway.

**VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE** at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, February 15, 2:00 - 6:30 P.M. Make your appointment online at [Versiti.org](http://Versiti.org) or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333 / [BloodDrive@egl.org](mailto:BloodDrive@egl.org). Each unit of blood donated will ultimately save up to 3 local patients' lives in hospitals serving our families.

**PTL FUNDRAISER:** Our February fundraiser is on Feb 15, at Qdoba (418 N Mayfair Rd in Wauwatosa) from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EGLS receives 25% of the sales donated.

**HAVE-A-HEART FOR ELM GROVE LUTHERAN SCHOOL**" campaign will take place during the entire month of February. Please look for the bulletin board of hearts starting on Thursday, Feb 3. When taking a heart off the board, that family is committing to purchasing that item for the school. All items MUST be turned in either underneath that board or to the school office. Please note: this year, we are focused more on the needs of the overall school, classrooms and teaching staff. Therefore, items may be turned

into individual teachers or classrooms. Items will be due no later than Tuesday, Feb 28. Thank you, EGLS PTL!

**LENTEN SUPPERS:** We are looking for individuals/group to host supper before our midweek Lent services. The dates that are available are March 15 and 22. Please let Amy Stroh know if you are able to host dinner one of these dates. Thank you!

**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

**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.

**LWML HYGIENE KITS:** On Monday March 13, the mission project for the evening group of LWML will be putting together **Hygiene Kits for the Ingathering** of the National LWML Convention in June. If congregation members would like to contribute to this worthwhile project that will be given to Orphan Grain Train, here is a list of items that are needed: new or gently used bath towels and washcloths; a bar of bath size soap; plastic soap box holder; nail clippers; and purse size facial tissues. You may put your donations of these items in the big mite box near the LWML bulletin board in the lower entrance of the church. Thank you very much.