

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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First Sunday in Lent
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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
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. Barbershop Group (FH)
- T 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)
3:10 p.m. Baking Club (FH)
5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
6:30 p.m. Board of Finance (229)
6:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting (BAAC)
7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting (228)
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (FL)
7:30 p.m. Work Program (229)
- W 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner (FH)
6:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service (Compline)
7:00 p.m. Basketball Rental (Gym)
7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
- S 8:30 a.m. Sunshine Dancers

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
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IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 230 attended services last week in person. **106** households streamed the services for a total of **336**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

BAPTISM: During the 10:45 a.m. service. Olive Louise Reseburg, born 2/20/2023, daughter of Pastor and Martha Reseburg. Baptismal sponsors: Davey Kulberg and Beth Dinger. *"For all of you who were baptized in Christ have been clothed with Christ."*

DEACONESS INSTALLATION: On Sunday morning, March 5, at 8:00 EGL celebrates a first -- the installation of Deaconess Christiana Ewert. She recently accepted the call extended to her as our part-time Deaconess for homebound and hospitalization visits. In this capacity she is assisting the Pastors in their regular visits. Be sure to greet and thank her for her service among us!

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).

SWEET TREATS BAKING CLUB: Thank you again for all the donations and supplies for our Sweet Treats Baking Club. We are in need of some ingredients for a recipe we are making in March. If you are able to donate please follow the link and sign up
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aa9a72aa6fcc16-baking#/> If you have any questions please email us at grade3@egl.org or grade5@egl.org.

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.

MABAS: The Milwaukee Area Biblical Archaeology Society recently hosted a presentation on the dating of Jesus' public ministry. This presentation can now be viewed online at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8888661>, along with the links to a number of other recent MABAS presentations held at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

CHURCH WORKER SURVEY FROM SYNOD: Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess, or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)*, an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve *SAS*. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how you think *SAS* can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you!

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).

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. Please contact Amy (astroh@egl.org or 262-797-2970) in the Church Office to sign up.

LENT is an ideal time to connect nonchurched people with Jesus' love and grace! To witness naturally, use the "LASSIE" approach: **Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-Encourage** as ongoing dialogue with broken people, to find hope and life in Christ. **LISTEN:** Witnessing begins with and proceeds with listening. We need to understand the person, rather than make any assumptions about them and their concerns or needs. Active listening is crucial for any trusting relationship; and our goal is to develop trust for sharing everyone's greatest need: Jesus! For more information or tips, visit www.everyonehishiswitness.org online or ask your Evangelism Board members. Let's share our hope in Christ with our neighbors this Lenten season!

CANDIDATES SOUGHT: the EGL nominating committee is seeking individuals to run for the various boards of the congregation. If elected terms would begin 7/1/2023. Please contact the church office or members of the nominating committee to learn more. Nominating Committee members are Paul Haut, Dennis Hipenbecker, Amy Stroh, Mark Ewert and James Drabiszczak.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED: At the February Voters' Assembly a motion was passed to immediately appoint a committee to review and update EGL's governance model and accordingly, the supporting constitution and bylaws, with recommendations to the Voters' Assembly in February 2024. If you are interested in joining the Governance committee, please contact Congregation President Mark Ewert – 262-366-2773 or mcewert@gmail.com.

BASKETS OF BLESSINGS: Our hearts are filled with joy and hope as we celebrate Easter. Would you be willing to share those Easter blessings in a visit to one of our homebound members? We will again provide the baskets for you to pick up with the name(s), contact information, and suggested list of small items of care and comfort to fill it on Sunday, March 19 and 26. Please come to the lower lobby between services, pick up a basket, fill it and deliver it before Easter with blessings from all of us.

Questions? Please call Barb Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).

"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.

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.

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 not 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 one date still needed is March 22. Please let Amy Stroh know if you are able to host dinner one of these dates. Thank you!

LWML: The morning group of LWML will meet in the BAAC on Wednesday, March 1, at 10:00 a.m. Instead of having a Bible study, we will participate in the 2023 LWML Prayer Service, "My Soul Rejoices," written by Rev. Dr. Michael Schuessler, former LWML Pastoral Counselor. This is a service of song and prayer with the key verse being Psalm 5:11a "But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy." This should be an inspiring prayer service for our group. We welcome all women of our congregation to attend.

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!

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.

Elaine Poppel
Norma Scott

Nancy Schuchardt
Shirley Wartchow

Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:

Rebecca (Burhop) Butler

Katherine Leaf

Will Myatt

Alex Ohde

Joshua Tesch