

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Second 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)
12:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting
7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
- M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
5:30 p.m. Work Program (228)
6:30 p.m. BOCE 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. Church History Study (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)
- T 6:30 p.m. PTL Meeting (228)
- 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: 251 attended services last week in person. **198** households streamed the services for a total of **449**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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

VOCATIO: Know a high school student interested in church work? Encourage him or her to register for *Vocatio*, a free, faith-filled and fun opportunity for high school students to explore God's calling and direction for them. This weeklong retreat, set for June 24 through July 1, encourages high schoolers to find God's calling for their lives through experiencing many aspects of Seminary life including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and some fun and recreation! Participants will learn about the Lutheran faith and various church work vocations, participate in a servant event and attend a virtual Concordia University System college fair. The deadline to register is May 27. Talk to your pastors if you'd like more information. You can register

here: <https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocatio/>.

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! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aa9a72aa6fcc16-baking#/> If you have any questions please email us at grade3@egl.org or grade5@egl.org.

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.

REVELATION SEMINAR: 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.

SEEKING TO CONNECT NONCHURCHED PEOPLE WITH JESUS' LOVE AND GRACE THIS LENT? Use the relational "LASSIE"

approach: **Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-Encourage** for ongoing dialogue with lost people, to bring hope and life in Christ. **ASK:** while listening whole-heartedly, ask God for wisdom for appropriate questions that encourage someone to share more. Then we can understand the person, their relationships, experiences, world view, and understanding of religion. By understanding their story, we have a basis for seeking a point of connection between them and Jesus. Then we can share Jesus' story with them in a way that they can understand and relate to. For more information or tips, visit www.everyonehiswitness.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).

LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies we will meet for a delicious lunch on Thursday, March 16, at North Star Bistro, 19445 West Capitol Drive, in Brookfield at 11:30 a.m. Please let Carole Braun know you can attend (262-781-1494).

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.

PTL FUNDRAISER DINNER: Please support our school by having dinner at Red Robin in Brookfield on Tuesday, March 14 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. 20% of food sales comes back to EGLS.

EGL BOOK DISCUSSION: Our Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC to discuss the book ***The Endurance*** by Carolyn Alexander. To celebrate our 25th anniversary, we will meet on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Yemas Restaurant in Elm Grove.

LWML: The evening group of the LWML will meet in the Friendship Library on Monday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. The mission project for this meeting will be the putting together of **Hygiene Kits** for the Ingathering at the National LWML Convention in June. These kits will then be given to Orphan Grain Train. If congregation members would like to contribute to this worthwhile project, here is the list of items 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 before March 13. 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.

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