

**ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 12, 2023 – Volume 75, Number 3.2**  
**The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**

**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)  
 6:30 p.m. LWML (BAAC)  
 7:00 p.m. Church Council (228)  
 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)
- 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 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion (BAAC)  
 7:30 p.m. Stammtisch
- S 8:30 a.m. Sunshine Dancers  
 9:00 a.m. Seminar on Revelation

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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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**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 265** attended services last week in person. **118** households streamed the services for a total of **383**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**MARGRETT CALL NEWS:** Dear members of Elm Grove Lutheran, greetings in the name of Jesus! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the prayers and kind words that you have shared with me as I considered both my calls to Elm Grove Lutheran as well as St Paul's West Allis. After much prayer and deliberation, God has led me to accept the call to St Paul's to serve as their Kindergarten teacher. This was not an easy decision. My family and I have been part of the Elm Grove Lutheran community for many years, and it has been a joy for me to begin my teaching ministry here. Greg and I have been blessed to raise our family in this loving Christian community and we have grown in our

faith here. I have been honored to share the love of Jesus with many of God's little lambs throughout the years. When those little lambs grew up and had children of their own, I have been blessed to be their teacher as well! You will be in my prayers as you continue the important work of supporting families and helping them grow in their faith. May God bless your work in sharing the Gospel message both here at Elm Grove Lutheran and beyond. Blessings, Deb Margrett

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME/CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME (CDT)** begins in Wisconsin 2:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12. When you go to bed Saturday, March 11, turn your clocks ahead one hour-- Spring ahead!

**BASKETS OF BLESSINGS:** Would you like to bring some cheer and Easter blessings to a fellow EGL member who finds it difficult to get to church? We will provide the baskets for you to pick up in the lower

lobby with the name(s), contact information, and suggested list of items between services on Sunday March 19 and 26. Please pick out a name, fill the basket and deliver it before Easter with Easter blessings from all of us. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday school will not meet March 19 due to spring break. Meet with our mighty God in church that Sunday!

**T-BALL:** Registration for T-ball begins on March 20. Any questions please contact Jeff Timm at [timmcookie@aol.com](mailto:timmcookie@aol.com).

### **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)).

**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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aa9a72aa6fcc16-baking#/) and let us know how you think *SAS* can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you! up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aa9a72aa6fcc16-baking#/> If you have any questions please email us at [grade3@egl.org](mailto:grade3@egl.org) or [grade5@egl.org](mailto: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.

**LAUDAMUS:** This select choir of seminarians preparing for full-time service as pastors in The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod from Concordia Seminary, St Louis, will be performing at several locations near us in March. Included in those dates and locations are: March 21, 6:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Chapel in Shorewood; March 22, 9:30 a.m. at Concordia University Wisconsin; and March 22, 6:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheboygan. See the poster for additional dates and locations.

### **DO YOU KNOW NONCHURCHED PEOPLE WHO NEED JESUS' LOVE AND GRACE THIS LENT?**

Use the relational "LASSIE" approach: Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-Encourage for ongoing conversation with lost people, to bring hope in Christ. **SEEK:** while listening carefully, look for points of connection between their story and Jesus' story. considering their key interactive style; head, heart or hands. This might not be something you have in common with them, because this is about sharing Jesus' story, not our story. Pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom for appropriate words and actions to speak Law and Gospel truth. For more information or tips, visit [www.everyonehiswitness.org](http://www.everyonehiswitness.org) online or ask your Evangelism Board members. Let's share our JOY 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](mailto:mcewert@gmail.com).

**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).

**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS:** EGL will once again be having a display of flowers in the chancel area for our Easter celebration. If you are interested in sponsoring a plant, please see the order forms in the tract rack area. Order forms are also available in the SEASONS. Questions, please call Linda Haut at 262-782-7356 or 414-254-2918. Deadline for orders is Palm Sunday.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

Judy Hansen

Zack Horrell

Joan Komschlies

Joanne Kowach

### **Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Rebecca (Burhop) Butler

Katherine Leaf

Will Myatt

Alex Ohde

Joshua Tesch