

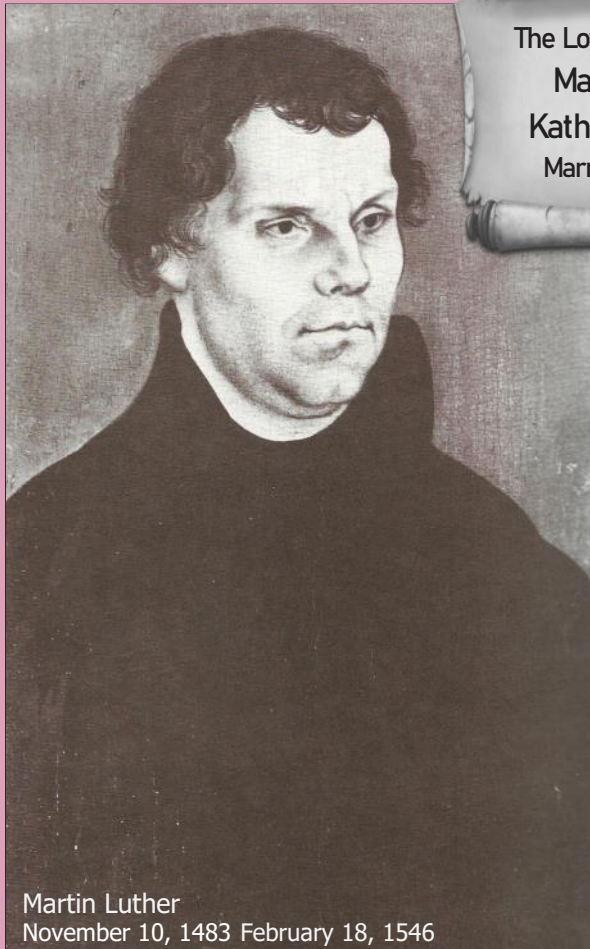
# SEASONS

*Be prepared in season and out of season*  
2 Timothy 4:2



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Martin Luther  
November 10, 1483 February 18, 1546

The Love and Marriage of  
Martin Luther &  
Katharina Von Bora  
Married June 13, 1525



Katharina Von Bora Luther  
January 29, 1499-December 20, 1552

In medieval and Renaissance Europe, marriage was typically arranged by the parents. Those in nobility were concerned with controlling bloodlines and power. Depending on family means, negotiations around a couple's union were made on real estate, money, furniture, silver or even clothing. Love, romance, or mutual attraction were not preconditions.

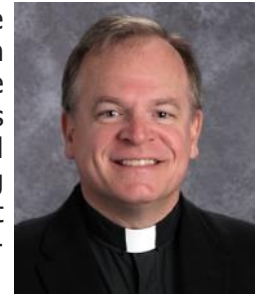
Being a former nun, Katharina Von Bora had no dowry or possessions, and her family was no longer making decisions for her. She was part of a group of vulnerable nuns who had escaped their convent, and for whom Martin Luther and the townspeople of Wittenburg did their best to protect. Potential husbands were sought for the women, although Katharina boldly expressed dislike for the man who Luther had suggested for her. She declared that she would only marry Luther or one of his esteemed colleagues. Impressed by her candid and self-assured nature, and under pressure

from his parents to marry and provide a male heir, Luther asked Katie for her hand in marriage. His faith and church teachings supported his belief that his marriage would be a seal under his testimony to the Gospel. In their wedding invitation, Martin and Katie emphasized that their marriage was an act of confession and obedience to God's plan of creation.

Although challenged with slim finances, Katie worked long hours in support of a well-run household, was an adept hostess, and didn't shy from giving her husband honest counsel. She and Martin had six children. The couple shared a mutual respect for one another. It was displayed in the doorway in *Lutherhaus*, adorned with Martin Luther's coat of arms, the word *vivit* ([Christ] lives) and the text of Isaiah 30:15: "In quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

Source: *A Reformation Life - Katharina Von Bora*,  
by Rudolf K. Markwald and Marilynn Morris Markwald

# From Your Pastor



Pastor Skovgaard

February 14 prompts us every year to think of love, and thus of marriage, that great gift of God, given to our first parents in the Garden. As such, Martin and Katie serve as wonderful role models in this matter. Martin Luther had been a confirmed bachelor until he was nearly 42 years old. He certainly had not given much thought to marriage for himself when a wagon load of nuns from the Nimbschen convent arrived in Wittenberg one Easter. Having read some of Luther's commentaries smuggled into the convent by a sympathetic businessman, Katie and the other nuns were determined to seek a life rooted in a Biblical understanding of love and marriage.

Although Martin had been able quickly to find homes, jobs, and/or husbands for all of the former nuns, Katherina von Bora had turned down several opportunities. Then Luther learned that she would be willing to marry him. So, what started as a mutual respect for one another turned into honest love over the years. Martin famously remarked how pleasant it was to find pigtailed on his pillow in the morning. And that he would not trade Katie "his rib" for all of Venice.

She was a wonderful helpmate to the Reformer, and their marriage was likely one of the most famous ones outside of the Bible. They married on June 13, 1525, in Wittenberg, Germany. In addition to the regular challenges of any marriage, theirs had to endure the spotlight of all famous people, and the constant criticism of papal officials. It was considered extremely controversial for a former monk and former nun to marry and have children. But from their letters to one another, we know that they were a good match and truly loved one another, setting a great example as the first pastoral couple and family in hundreds of years.

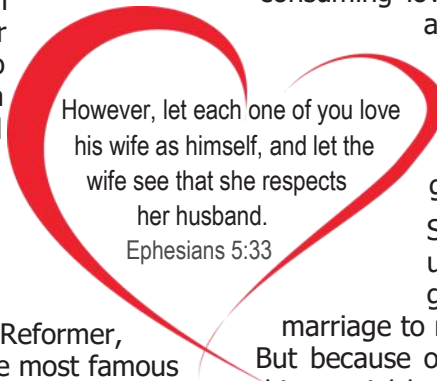
Marriage for all of God's people is meant to be a link in

the chain of generations going all the way back to our first parents. When we think of passages in the Bible connected to marriage, perhaps Ephesians 5 comes quickly to mind or Mark 10. But the entire book Song of Songs ought to be on your list also, as we eavesdrop on the conversation between Solomon and the Shulammitte woman. By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Solomon writes that his book is the songiest of all songs. It doesn't get more songy than the Song of Songs, that is to say, the melody of God's love for us, poor, miserable sinners is the most beautiful song of all. As the text says, "Love's flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of YHWH" (Song of Songs 8:6)

It's no coincidence that the love of YHWH, our God, is seen as fire. God's love for us is a burning, all-consuming love. This is why the LORD is so concerned about idolatry. He is a jealous God/husband and will not share us with another. Just as there was always a live, burning fire in the Temple in the OT for the daily sacrifices, so today the flame of God's love never goes out.

Such is the nature of our God, that he loves us like an all-consuming fire. And then, grace upon grace, he gives us the gift of marriage to reflect that love in our love for one another. But because of the power inherent in fire, God gives us this special love to be exercised and enjoyed only within the confines of married life. Without the structure of marriage to control the fire, we are left with only a wildfire that burns indiscriminately. This is why the beloved in the text teaches the daughters of Jerusalem not to stir up or awaken love until the right time.

So, as you think romantic thoughts this month, let your mind be drawn first of all to the love of our heavenly Father, then to the gift He gives us in married love. And if the first Lutheran pastoral household can inspire you, so much the better!



However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.  
Ephesians 5:33

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

**TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:**

*By Death:*

- John Seals
- Robert Tischer

**Meet Your Elder** Our congregation is divided up into sections for each of the Elders to stay in touch with. The list below identifies who belongs to whom. Members can bring forth any feedback to their Elder. If you receive a call from your Elder, please return it.

Elder Bessert:	Ahnert - Busse	Elder Krueger:	Ma - Netzel
Elder Ewert:	Carney - Ewert	Elder Stroh:	Neuberger - Roesch
Elder Goldenstein:	Fleischmann - Jagusch	Elder Wegner:	Rohde - Szeleczyk
Elder Harmeyer:	Janz - Luetzow	Elder Wolck:	Taylor - Zientek

Hello Pastor from Ohio!  
I am with family and when we went to attend their Christmas Eve 5:00 service (King of Kings, LCMS) we found the church had a water break and damage inside and had to cancel services. We came home and everyone said we should find an online service. So I convinced them that we should participate with EGL's 5:00 service and we did. We all sang and spoke the responses etc. I love that EGL's streaming enables viewers to participate as opposed to just watch it. Makes a huge difference!  
Nice job! It was fun to be able to share my old church home experience with my family! Wanted you to know what a blessing you and EGL continue to be to me ... and to others. Keep up the great work! To God be the glory!  
Say hi to everyone for me. Have a blessed Christmas, Pastor!  
Steve Wright

(From *Seasons* editor: this note was emailed to Pr. Skovgaard)

A note of appreciation from a former member.





The LWML morning group will meet on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 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.

The LWML evening group will meet on Monday, March 6, 2023 in the Friendship Library at 6:30 p.m. The mission project will be putting together **Hygiene Kits** for the Ingathering at 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.

Soon Mission Grant #6 will be fully funded for a total of \$25,000. This will help **A Place of Refuge Ministries** to make Refuge House Interior Renovations. For the past 22 years, the Refuge House has been a home to women facing difficult pregnancies, and for women and children who faced difficult and abusive situations in their lives.

Countless hours of Christian counseling has been given. Many babies have been baptized, and mothers have been brought to hear and believe the Gospel message. There are renovations needed to maintain and keep the house in good condition.



An upcoming South Wisconsin District of the LWML will be the **Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations Event** to be held on April 15, 2023 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield, WI.

Thank you to congregation members who contribute mites. Filled mite boxes can be put in LWML treasurer, Sherri Bond's church mailbox.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He chose for His inheritance. From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind." (Psalm 32:12-13)

*Barbara Kurth*

## Elm Grove Lutheran's Board Members at Work for our Church

The Lord has blessed EGL with many devoted members who serve on the various boards. They are essential volunteers who contribute to the smooth and complete functioning of our church and school. Every month, *Seasons* will feature the individuals who have been elected to each board. We thank them for their service! Praise be to God.



Members of the Board of Elders are, from left to right: Bruce Bessert, John Wolck, Ron Harmeyer, Mattias Goldenstein, Jason Krueger, Charlie Ewert, and Rick Wegner. Matt Stroh is not pictured.

### Board of Elders

As your elected Elders, we sincerely care for all EGL members, and pray that the Lord will afford unity in His church. We encourage all to attend Bible study, in order to come together with fellow believers for instruction in, and reinforcement of, the Word of Jesus, and to recognize His expectations for us.

According to our bylaws, the **Board of Elders** shall:

1. assist the Pastor(s) in the spiritual care of members, to include arranging for personal visitation on the:
  - a. bereaved,
  - b. erring,
  - c. inactive members,
  - d. needy, and
  - e. sick.
2. be responsible for all worship services held in the name of the congregation;
3. be responsible for all personnel necessary to conduct and maintain the services in good order including but not limited to:
  - a. Pastors,
  - b. Chancel assistants,
  - c. Ushers,
  - d. Organists and other instrumentalists,
  - e. Choir directors, and
  - f. Choir members;
4. be responsible for youth, young adult, and senior ministries;
5. provide input to the Human Resource committee on the salary and welfare benefit program for the church staff.

# What our Lutheran Youth Think

In July, more than 18,000 youth and adult participants attended the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering, "In All Things," in Houston. In addition to participating in Bible studies, servant events, sessions and more, youth had a chance to take the LCMS Youth Poll. Gathering participants have taken the poll at every Gathering since the first one in 1980. Questions have been added and adjusted over the years. The poll provides snapshots in time and a look across time at changing issues, beliefs and concerns. The results of the poll provide feedback that enables the church to better serve its youth.

**B**ecause the poll is only taken by a sampling of Gathering participants, there are limitations to what the data can reveal. Nevertheless, the results provide helpful insight to those who care about young people and are involved in forming their faith.

The Rev. Dr. Mark Kiessling, director of LCMS Youth Ministry, said, "Broadly, the results are positive and consistent with what we have seen in other years. The majority of young people align with Lutheran beliefs on salvation, Scripture and other core theological matters. Respondents who reported worshiping weekly align more strongly with Lutheran doctrine than those who report worshiping monthly or less. Youth report feeling supported by parents, pastors, youth leaders and their congregations. High-risk behaviors like binge drinking and drug use continue to be reported at a low rate. When we look at the overall picture of what the poll tells us, there are many great things to say about our young people."

## Key findings in 2022

- In the area of time management, youth spent the most time studying/doing homework, followed by sports, extracurricular activities and work.
- 39% say they do not have enough time to get things done.
- The percentage of youth taking the survey who attend a Lutheran high school doubled from 9% in 2019 to 18% in 2022.
- 64% agreed that teens are a priority at their church.
- 80% agree or

strongly agree that they have an adult in their church with whom they can openly discuss doubts, struggles and questions.

- 40% have struggled with mental health issues in the last year — up from 33% in 2019. 50% report having a close friend or family member with mental health issues in the last year.
- 81% percent say that college is a worthwhile investment — down from 90% in 2019.
- 23% of youth report having a leadership role in their church.
- 75% agree or strongly agree that they regularly discuss faith at home. 56% pray together with their family regularly.
- 28% of polled teens said their congregation responded well to the Covid-19 pandemic, while 46% said their church did "the best it could."
- Every LCMS Youth Poll since 1980 has asked youth to select three issues that concern them most about their life and/or the world. In 2022, the top five responses were abortion, mental health, gun control, "my future" and suicide.

Respondents were also given an open-ended chance to share the issues they wish their church would talk about more. In 2022, the five leading answers were LGBTQ, mental health, abortion, reaching unbelievers/defending the faith and personal faith.

In 2022, for the first time, teens were asked where they get information about the issues that concern them. From a list of possible choices, Scripture was ranked first and parents second, followed by internet searches, pastors, friends and social media.

DCE Julianna Shults, program manager for LCMS Youth Ministry, said the poll shows that LCMS teens "want to take on difficult topics, and congregations should not shy away from addressing them. Our teens are hyperconnected to the world and all its issues. As they become more aware of the brokenness in our world, the church is uniquely equipped to provide them with support and hope."

A summary of the LCMS Youth Poll data will be available at [youthsource.com](https://youthsource.com) in the coming months.

Source: LCMS Reporter, Posted Dec. 5, 2022



Our EGL middle school youth group gathered in December for a holiday celebration in our newly renovated youth room. Pastor Reseburg created a saran wrapped ball of surprises that the attendees unwrapped to discover gift cards and other special finds.

Pastor Reseburg and Ben Ewert welcome all middle school-aged youth to join the group! Please contact them for details.







## Our Parish Nurse Retires

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Dec 27, 2022 ran an article on Parish Nursing entitled, "Parish nurses provide an important connection to communities in need, but few of them remain." You might ask, what is a parish nurse. "A parish nurse is a registered nurse who works in a community and within the pastoral department of a church. Parish nursing started in the 1980s and was officially recognized in 1998 by the American Nursing Association." As a type of communi-

ty nursing, "they work to improve health literacy, educating people about nutrition, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, dementia and more."

It's a good thing EGL has had a parish nurse program in place to keep health issues in front of us. Thank you, JoAnn, for your years of service toward that effort! Last summer in July we recognized and gave thanks to Mrs JoAnn Randall for her 25 years of dedicated service to EGL as our Parish Nurse. She entered into that work after a full career of nursing in hospital settings. However, she has decided that her time as our Parish Nurse is up. In recent years she is perhaps best known for organizing the fall flu vaccination clinic, but her volunteer efforts go much further. She did weekly blood pressure screenings; wide-ranging, confidential health counseling; home and hospital visits with Pr Skovgaard; and organized numerous cancer support groups here at EGL, allowing the pastors many opportunities to study and pray with cancer patients. She also helped keep track of those members who were slipping into homebound status but might have been too proud to tell one of the pastors. Her investment in our community has been deeply appreciated!

## Reflections on Growing Up at EGL from a Son of our Congregation, Andy Bartelt.



What fun to see the photo of the living room (we didn't know then that it was really a Great Room) of the parsonage, which brought back all



sorts of memories. Yes, that was "mid-century modern," complete with all the light tones, the huge stone fireplace, and the wrap-around sofa with the "poof," which was quite the cutting edge back then. It's the old TV cabinet that helps date this to the mid/

late 50's, I would think, and maybe even the early 60's. I can't remember when we got the first color TV that replaced it. I remember when the NBC peacock actually opened its tail in full, blazing color, but the early TVs were expensive and it was some years till we had one. For some reason, I do remember watching the Sapporo Winter Olympics in color, and that would have been 1972.

And yes, Gunner Nelson was the advisor on decorating, whom my mom, "Mrs B," respected very highly. Anyone who remembers her might well agree that she too, likely had a strong hand in many of those decisions.

That cocktail table with the four tub chairs was a "high-low" table that could be raised into a card table (for which the chairs were uncomfortably too low!), and those chairs are still in serviceable use, currently in my brother's basement in Omaha.



Steve Bartelt

I remember many a winter evening with that fireplace roaring. It was a special treat for Dad to have an evening free, and he would light a fire, we'd set up a card table in front of it, make popcorn, and play 4-handed sheepshead, usually two-black queens until we kids learned about cut-throat.

And yes, Mom hosted many a social event, from friends and family to so many church groups. We always had Ted and Wilma Senne for a little wind-down after the Christmas concerts during Advent, various get-togethers of various boards and committees in a more informal session (if Mom was ever really "informal!"). And there were some wild games of Con-

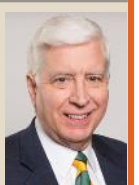
centration, Buzz (a counting game where you can't say the number 7 and its multiples), and "The Prince of Paris" with the youth group filling that huge couch, the poof, and cushions on the hearth.

But those "Open Houses" were the big events, especially in those early years when the whole congregation could be invited. As I recall, Mom did most of the food herself, filling the dining room table with finger food and a huge punch bowl. We kids had to help with all the cleaning before and the cleanup afterwards. I still remember the nasty job of emptying ashtrays (remember them?), which was another sign of times gone by.

All things considered, it was much more a blessing than anything less to have grown up in that parsonage. There are, of course, all sorts of pros and cons to living right next door, but overall, it was a rich experience. There is something profound in being - very literally - attached to the church, as yes, that shaped our lives rather than the other way round, as though "church" needs to "fit in" to what we want to do with the lives God has given us.

Yes, there were the few times when someone forgot a key or something needed to be checked, or even the regular times when we were essentially the custodial and security folks on night duty. (It was often my job to check all the bathrooms in church and school to make sure lights were turned off.) But Dad was handy to both his professional work and his home, often just taking a break for lunch with Mom. And of course, we could leave at 7:58 for 8:00 am services, never with a coat. Getting to school was handy, too, and, as a point of historical interest, my class was the first to go all the way through all 8 grades. I had kindergarten at Leland School on Sunnyslope (now gone), which was right behind the first church (now the EG Women's Club). That would have been pretty handy, too, as the first parsonage was just across the athletic fields on Meadow Lane. But that house was sold before we could move into Terrace Drive, and we spent a few months living in the Sleepy Hollow Motel.

Dr. Andrew H. Bartelt is the son of Pastor Victor and Zae Bartelt. Pastor Bartelt served at EGL for many years, from the early days at the Watertown Plank Road church to the building of the current facility and for years afterwards. Dr. Bartelt is a professor emeritus at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and retired in 2020 after 42 years of distinguished service.





# A Perfectly Pink Celebration for Baby Girl Reseburg

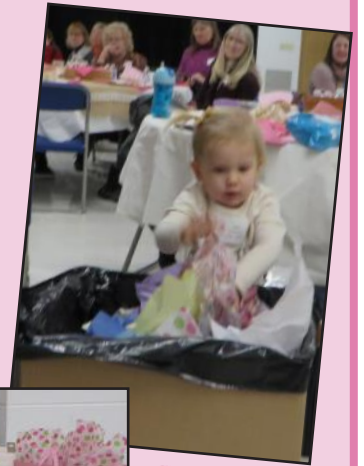


On Saturday, January 7, women of EGL gathered to help welcome Pastor and Martha's baby girl, due in February.



Sincere thanks to the party's hostesses: Linda Haut, Shelly Skovgaard and Amy Stroh, for planning a lovely and welcoming shower, complete with beautiful decorations, fun games, and an absolutely delicious luncheon! Unfortunately Amy wasn't able to join the festivities due to illness. The ladies used money given by women, some who couldn't attend, to purchase a few larger gifts. Many guests bought or made gifts for the baby girl.

Thanks to Pastor Reseburg for successfully keeping the secret so that Martha wasn't expecting to walk through the Fellowship Hall doors to an assembly of excited women greeting her with "surprise!!" Our entire congregation is prayerfully awaiting the arrival of God's little blessing to join the Reseburg family!



**Thank you** to everyone who came out after church on January 15. Great food and conversation were enjoyed by all. There were 6 chilis, 5 soups, and 6 breads entered into the competition. Congratulations to Sonia Neuberger for best chili, Sharon Boudro and John Wolck for best soup (a tie) and Nancy Wolck for best bread. Hosted by the Board of Evangelism.

**Chili & Soup Cook-off**





Elm Grove Lutheran Church  
**Bulletin Board**



**VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Wednesday, February 15**  
2:00 pm - 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Please schedule your donation appointment online at [Versiti.org](http://Versiti.org) (click on Donate Blood) or send an email to [BloodDrive@egl.org](mailto:BloodDrive@egl.org) or call Rick Ewert, 262-289-9333.



Eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.  
Temperatures will be taken.  
Masks are not required.

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**Voter's Assembly Meeting:**  
**Monday, February 20, 7 p.m. Christian Life Center**

Our "**Have-a-Heart for Elm Grove Lutheran School**" campaign will take place during the entire month of February. Church families should look for the bulletin board of hearts starting on Thursday, February 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, February 28.

Look for photos of **Lutheran Schools Week** happenings at **EGLS** in the March issue of *Seasons!*



**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 by Wednesday, February 8.  
Thank you for supporting the EGL Spirit Tournament!

**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 seeking candidates 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 in more information or know someone who would be a good fit for this position, please contact APOR Board President, Rev. David Paape, at [repaa@aol.com](mailto:repaa@aol.com) or 414-430-5030.

**EGL Stammtisch!**  
**Happy February, EGL Guys!**



**Yeah...it's cold! But it's warm and cozy inside!** 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 February 16, from 7:30-9:00...**for more info, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430.  
**Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!!**

Another delicious opportunity to support our school!  
Visit Qdoba on Wednesday, February 15, from 4-8 p.m. & enjoy your favorite meal.

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## February Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

If your birth date or wedding anniversary is not included, please be sure to contact the church office.  
Thanks!



### February 1

Sam Ewert  
David Schmalzer

### February 2

Jean Baesemann  
Mark Ewert

### February 3

David Neill  
Jeanne Pentler

### February 4

Amalia Seeger  
Bretta Speck

### February 5

Tom Paasch, Sr.  
Aidan Pritchard

### February 7

Micaela Anderson  
Elizabeth Ky  
Megan Schultz  
Walter Tesch

### February 8

A-Rick & Nancy Ewert  
Rev. David Ernst  
Lynn Harner

### February 9

Mia Halvorson  
Sam Thompson  
Harley Widas

### February 10

Kayla Burk  
Irma Koch  
Daniel Patterson

### February 11

Cheryl Kari  
Nancy Kelley  
Megan Stritesky

### February 12

Jeremiah Boudro  
Caroline Thompson

### February 13

Cara Corder  
Pr. Egloff

### February 14

James Ahnert  
Katie Gerber  
Luanne Schaefer

### February 15

Frank Eichelberger  
Elaine Peppel

### February 16

Katie Baesemann  
Gary Baker  
Meghan Patterson  
Kris Sousek

### February 17

Peter Holzwart

### February 19

Christine Daws  
Daniel Garcia

### February 20

Daniel Berry  
Barbara Schumacher  
Terry Sousek

### February 21

Ruth Dare  
Shari Schulz

### February 22

A-Chuck & Hazel Ewert  
Sherri Bond  
Andrew Peters  
Mikayla Zientek

### February 23

David Busse  
Karen McCarville  
Andrew Niggemann

### February 24

Lianne Peters  
Nancy Wolck

### February 27

Jeff Jagusch  
JoAnn Randall



# February

## Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar—2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			<b>First Day of Black</b> 10am - Bible Study 7pm - Basketball Rental 7pm - Exultate Singers	6:30pm - Worship (C)		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8am - Worship (C) 9:30am - B.S. & S.S. 10:45am - Worship 7pm - AA Meeting (CLC)	12:30pm - Evangelism 5pm - Intrada Ringers 6:30pm - BOCE Meeting 7pm - Barbershop Group	10am - Women's Bible 3:10pm - Baking Club 5:15pm - Exultate 7pm - Stewardship	10am - Bible Study 7pm - Basketball Rental 7pm - Exultate Singers	6:30pm - Worship		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

(Luke 6: 27-31)





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**Wednesday, February 15**

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### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday 8:00 a.m.**

The Lord's Supper celebrated  
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Bible Study  
9:30-10:30

**Sunday 10:45 a.m.**

The Lord's Supper celebrated  
2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

**Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

The Lord's Supper celebrated  
1st, 3rd, 5th Thursday

**Note:** Ash Wednesday is February 22, so beginning on February 23, the Thursday night service will be paused until after Easter, and will resume on Thursday, April 13.

### **Lenten Service Schedule**

**Ash Wednesday** - February 22  
Imposition of Ashes Service 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.  
4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Service  
5:30 p.m. Dinner

#### **Lenten Services**

Every Wednesday March 1 - 29  
5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Service



### **Witnessing Follow-up in Lent**

Christ calls ALL of us to share His message with unbelievers, but we need help! Look for more follow-up links and information during Lent – in the worship bulletins – to the Every One His Witness evangelism (E1HW), using the "Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage" (LASSIE) process. These will encourage and equip us for professing Christ and engaging our unchurched friends and family to know Him.

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"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."  
(1 Peter 2:9)



I pray the catechism every day . . . and ask God to keep me in his dear, holy Word, lest I grow weary of it.  
Martin Luther