

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sixth Sunday of Easter
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

- S 8:00 a.m. Worship (DS2)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship (DS2)
7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
- M 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)
- T PTL Fundraiser – Lou Malnati’s
10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study (BAAC)
- W 10:00 a.m. Church History Study (BAAC)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
7:00 p.m. Basketball Rental (Gym)
- T 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC)
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (Biloba)

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: 215 attended services last week in person. **107** households streamed the services for a total of **322**. “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

MAY VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY will be May 21 immediately following the late service in the Fellowship Hall with a potluck lunch.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The date is Thursday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC for our discussion of the book, *Everything Beautiful in Its Time* written by Jenna Bush Hager. Please bring your suggestions for book titles to this meeting, making sure you have the title of the book and author spelled correctly. Bring one suggestion for a fiction book and one suggestion for a non-fiction/historical fiction book. If you have questions, please call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

WONDERFULLY MADE: A book study in three parts. What is marriage? What is a woman? What is the relationship between sex and gender? Dr. John Kleinig’s “Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body” (Lexham Press, 2021) is a concise summary of scriptural teaching on embodied human life. Kleinig, a renowned Lutheran Bible scholar and

pastor from Australia, sheds light on what the Bible teaches about the human body in seven short chapters written in clear, straightforward language. His clear uncomplicated prose sheds important light on the controversial diversity, equity, and identity policies getting increasing attention in schools, government, and the corporate world. You’re invited to a discussion of this important book this summer. The book study will be held at EGL in three sessions: June 14, 28, and July 12 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.). Discussion leader will be Harold L. Senkbeil. Register by contacting Amy Stroh at the church office by June 5. (ASTroh@eql.org) or 262-797-2970. Order the book online in advance or pick up your copy from the church office for the discounted price of \$21.00 each.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet May 18 at Parkside 23 in Brookfield at 11:30 a.m. Call Linda at 262-786-1203 to reserve your spot.

PTL FUNDRAISER: Please support EGLS by eating at Lou Malnati’s in Brookfield on May 16 sometime between 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Lou Malnati’s will donate 20% of total sales to EGLS.

STAMMTISCH: Happy May, Guys! SPRING is in full swing, with all the usual activities (i.e. outside

chores!), so take a break from your yard work and join your friends at May's EGL Stammtisch for our monthly "Guys Night Out!" We again have the private "Upper Room" at Biloba Brewing, conducive to great conversation and great libation...in a fun atmosphere of Christian fellowship. (If the weather cooperates, maybe we will be on Biloba's private rooftop deck?) If you are new to EGL and/or have not joined us before, please come on out and give it a try! Biloba Brewing in Brookfield on Thursday, May 18 from 7:30-9:00(ish)...for more info, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430. Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!!

CHURCH GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP: One recommendation Ambassadors of Reconciliation (AOR) cited in their Dec 2022 report to EGL was to "consider reviewing and changing your governance model. We recommend that you adopt a more policy-oriented governance model." During the Feb 2023 Voters' Assembly the following motion was approved: *"A committee be immediately appointed to review and update the governance model and accordingly, the supporting constitution and bylaws, with the intent to present recommendations to the Voters' Assembly."* The Church Council at its April 24, 2023 meeting approved the following individuals as members of the governance committee: Pastors, by virtue of their office, President, Vice-President, Vicar Sam Lee, Ron Harmeyer, Laura Traas, Benjamin Ewert, Linda Seroka and Sue Wilcox. In an effort to educate the congregation as a whole and the committee specifically on policy-based governance in Lutheran congregations, your leadership approached Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Saturday, May 20, at 9 a.m. Mr. Tim Kurth, Vice President - Ministry Solutions, LCEF, will give a three-hour presentation to the congregation on the nature, structure, and function of the policy governance model. The presentation will include ample time for questions and answers. You are invited to attend the LCEF-led comprehensive overview of the policy-based governance model and how it addresses all aspects of ministry on Saturday, May 20.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND SPACE: Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon has recently established the Center for National Security and Space (CNSS) on campus at 12800 N Lake Shore Dr, Mequon, WI 53097. The CCNSS promotes American national security, spacepower, space economics, science, and exploration, unifying the ideals of virtue, free enterprise, human potential, and

American security. In addition, the activities of the Center serve to recognize each individual's God-given talent and seek to develop students in mind, body, and spirit for a life of service to the Church and humanity. If you wish to support this new endeavor, contact Jeff Klocko at Jeff.Klocko@cuw.edu.

COLLOQUY ASSISTANCE: The Church Council is looking for some cheerful donors to help two of our day school teachers complete their studies toward colloquy. They are halfway through the 8-month program, which focuses on studying Lutheran, Biblical doctrine, and which leads toward roster status, which in turn allows them to receive a call. For further information or questions, please speak to one of the pastors.

LCMS YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: Lutheran adults 22-32 are warmly invited to attend an event at **Der Sheboygan Biergarten** (511 Kiwanis Park Road, Sheboygan) on July 20 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Beer, pizza, and pretzels will be offered for free while socializing.

CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS: Preparing for disasters makes sense. The likelihood that you and your family will survive a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy, as on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving a terrorist attack or other emergency. We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own, at least for a period of time, no matter where we are when disaster strikes. Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense. www.ready.gov is a good place to start for putting together a kit of emergency supplies, for help in developing a plan for communication among family members, and for being informed.

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 Olson	Elaine Peppel
Nancy Schuchardt	Norma Scott

Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:

Rebecca (Burhop) Butler
Dr. James Burhop
Katherine Leaf
Will Myatt
Alex Ohde
Joshua Tesch