

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS4)
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
M 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)
Th 6:30 p.m. Worship

OFFICE HOURS

Office are open Mon. – Fri.
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 158 attended services last week in person. **74** households streamed the services for a total of **232**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: This coming Monday, Aug 21, the Church Office returns to its normal hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Even though the official hours are reduced during the summer, there has been much productivity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is in need of a special needs teacher as well as teachers for our students. We need your prayers and your skills to fill this need in Sunday school. Call Linda, 262-786-1203.

SEMINEX? Not many still remember or have a good grasp of the issues surrounding the "seminary in exile" period of our LCMS history. However, the issues involved in Seminex are not entirely gone. Even though it was a painful period of time in which our St Louis seminary lost 90% of its faculty, students, and hundreds of congregations throughout the United States, we usually avoid the conversation. However, the radio station Issues Etc has done the church a huge favor by running a series of interviews over the last couple of weeks with various theologians aimed at rediscovering the issues surrounding the 1974 Concordia Seminary walkout. You can download the Issues Etc app on your cell phone or log on at www.issuesetc.org and then look for the series entitled "A Retrospective on the Lutheran Battle for the Bible." As of publishing time, there have been 7 different interviews.

MAUI RELIEF EFFORTS: We've all seen the devastation caused by the recent fire on the island of Maui. [We had a couple of EGL families who were actually on that island within the last couple of weeks, one that left the day before the fire!] If you have the resources to help and want to do so, consider these two options: monetary gifts can be sent directly either to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 520 One Street, Kahului, HI 96732; or, The California-Nevada-Hawaii District of The LCMS, <https://www.cnh-lcms.org/>. Click on the donate now to the Maui Disaster Relief fund at the top of the top of the homepage.

LUNCH BUNCH On Wednesday, September 13, the Lunch Bunch will meet at Maxim's Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Please call Barb Kurth for reservations at 262-345-5083

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Please meet in the BAAC on Thursday, September 21, at 9:30 a.m. for discussion of the book, *The Ragged Edge of Night* by Olivia Hawkins.. If you like to read and like to discuss books, you may be interested in joining our group. Please call Barb Kurth if you have questions. 262-345-5083.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES: Would you like to help the LWML fill shoeboxes with needed items? You could add NEW school supplies (crayons, markers, pencils, pens, erasers, etc.) or hygiene items (comb, bar soap, toothbrush, washcloth, etc.) to the LWML box in the lower entrance. These boxes (to be packed in September) will go to children (ages 2-14) in need around the world. Each box will also contain the story of Jesus' life in the child's language. Thank you for your support!