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From Your Pastor

Consider this article just an update on a number of items.

Worship Schedule: Reflecting on the experience last summer and this one, the Board of Elders decided to continue with the summer worship schedule of Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. The Elders recognize that it's hard to please everyone with their preferred worship time, but they felt strongly that the benefit of worshipping together as a larger community outweighed offering two separate Sunday morning worship services. The Thursday evening service will continue alternating between a Communion Service and a Prayer Office. Because only one service is being offered on Sunday morning, the Sacrament will be offered at every service on Sunday mornings. This is consistent with our Confessions that the Sacrament be offered every Sunday and feast day.

Leadership Retreat: For the first time in many years the elected leadership of the congregation came together on Saturday, Aug 12, for a half-day retreat at Schoenstatt in Waukesha. The goal was to study and reflect on the responsibilities and privileges of serving Christ and His Church in various roles. Another goal was to engage in a Biblical study of personal peacemaking, making use of Ambassadors of Reconciliation material. Mark Ewert, Laura Traas, and John Wolck gave great presentations.

Outdoor Service: The Board of Elders at the Aug 12 leadership retreat decided to hold the annual outdoor service/Church in the Glen on Sunday, Sept 10, at 9:00 a.m. A luncheon, combining a catered meal and shared dishes, will be served afterwards. During the service the Board of Evangelism will welcome new members. There will also be a childrens' message.

School: Space here does not allow for a thorough explanation of all that has happened, but please know that, following the special Voters' Assembly decisions on June 25, an agreement was drafted and signed with Zion Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls that allows our school space to continue providing a Christian education. The school located at EGL will be managed by Zion under this arrangement. As you can imagine your Board of Christian Education has been hard at work this summer making preparations, and for the sake of good communication, please direct any questions you might have regarding school matters to them.

Vicar Sam Lee: In mid-August Dr Samuel Lee finished his four-year SMP studies through Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. He will receive a call from the South Wisconsin District to serve in campus ministry at Calvary Lutheran Chapel on the campus of the University of Wisconsin – Madison, which is the oldest LCMS student ministry in the nation. He and his wife Rose will eventually

relocate to the Madison area, but before that happens he will be ordained and installed here in the congregation that nurtured and supported him through the years. That date is Sunday afternoon, Nov 19.

Fall Bible Studies: The midweek Tuesday and Wednesday morning Bible studies will resume on September 12 and 13, respectively.



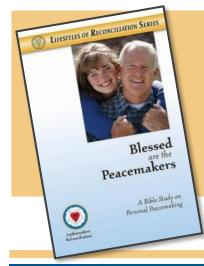
Pastor Skovgaard

Pr Reseburg will take over the leadership of the Tuesday morning ladies study with an initial focus on various hymns. Thanks to Vicar Lee for his work over the last couple of years! Pr Skovgaard will continue leading the Wednesday morning study, but with a switch in focus. After two years of diving deeply into Church History [from the end of the Book of Acts nearly to the outbreak of the Reformation], we will now return ad fontes to the Book of Acts, seeking to appreciate how all the letters of Paul fit together in the growth of the Church. Both classes run from 10:00-11:00. On Sunday morning, Sept 17, a new Sunday School year will begin for the children. On Sept 24 a new adult study will run for 6 weeks, entitled "Blessed Are the Peacemakers." This is another Ambassadors of Reconciliation resource, aimed at helping us individually apply the Biblical lessons of forgiveness and reconciliation to our vocations at home, in the office, and at church.

Synod Convention: From July 29 to August 3 The LCMS met in convention in Milwaukee. Although EGL did not have an active pastoral or lay delegate in the convention, our own Mr Richard Ewert was the organist for the opening service on Saturday night, July 29. EGL also had two candidates running for office, but unfortunately neither was not elected. Altar and pulpit fellowship was declared with Lutheran churches in Sudan, Finland, Uganda, Ukraine, and Sri Lanka, as The LCMS expands its cooperation with churches around the world. While these were causes for celebration, it is sad to note that we had to break fellowship with the Japan Lutheran Church over their continued insistence on ordaining women into the Pastoral Office, against the clear Word of God. Elections were held for any number of offices, including the Concordia University-Wisconsin Board of Regents. It was a great joy to hear from Lutheran leaders in Finland as they encouraged us to be faithful in difficult times. As they suffer unjustly for the sake of Christ, they had the faith to view their trials under government oppression as a blessing! Resolutions that passed included the disciplining of Concordia University-Texas for their attempt to break out from under the authority of the Synod. Another resolution that passed upheld the beauty and dignity of receiving the Lord's Supper in person, and thus rejected the practice of "online communing." You may read further articles and summaries on the convention here:

https://reporter.lcms.org/category/convention/national-convention/.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12: 1-2)



How can conflict Glorify God? How should I respond when my character is being attacked? Why do I find forgiveness difficult?...

Starting Sept. 24 we will explore how God's ministry of reconciliation is meant to be lived out in our daily lives. We will study key Scripture passages and acquire new tools to live, proclaim, and cultivate lifestyles of reconciliation in the family, workplace, and church. Since all of God's children are called to be Peacemakers, please join us on Sunday mornings, Sept 24 through Oct 29, when Laura Traas and John Wolck will facilitate this study along with our Pastors.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

(Matthew 5:9)

Elm Grove Lutheran Church Leadership Retreat





On Saturday, August 12, many of EGL's board members and leadership, including Pastors Skovgaard and Reseburg, took time during their weekend to attend a retreat at Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha.

The goal of the gathering, led by Congregation President, Mark Ewert, was to better understand the respective roles of our church's officers, and their calling as brothers and sisters in Christ. Our fellow members were elected or appointed to serve in different ways, but all aim at strengthening the Church as that place where the Gospel goes out in all its beauty and authority. While Christ has accomplished all that needs doing for our salvation, He has given us all the privilege of participating with Him in the expansion of His kingdom, the Church on earth.

Presentations and discussions included strategies to cultivate lifestyles of reconciliation, an overview of EGL's Governance, a working lunch for the boards to discuss and advance their initiatives, and also prayer.



Praise be to God for His faithful servants!

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

By Transfer: Joseph Boudro Jacob Kailey JEREMIAH Transferring to Immanuel LC in Brookfield

Greg and Deb Margrett Transferring to Saint Paul's West Allis

By Death: Carl Egloff

Confirmed: By Transfer Lamont and Kathryn Colucci ISABELLA ALFRED

ROLAND

ADMISSION INTO MEMBERSHIP:



It seems summer went by so quickly and now we are reading the September issue of Seasons. The LWML Morning Group will be meeting in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6. An interesting Bible study based on the hymn, "Hark the

Voice of Jesus Crying" will be discussed. "Here am I, **Send Me**" is found on pages 20-21 in the summer issue of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. Plan to attend.

The LWML Evening Group will meet in the BAAC on Monday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m. to work on the mission project which is Operation Christmas Child **Shoebox** project. This is such a wonderful opportunity for us to share Christmas gifts with children ages 2 to 14 and also share the Christmas message of Jesus' birth. If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile project bring your items to the large plastic box near the LWML Bulletin Board in the lower lobby. Needed are small items that can fit into a shoebox such as crayons, pencils, erasers, small books, little toys, small stuffed animals, tooth brushes, combs, socks, washcloths, small hand towels, etc. Each box will have a message about Jesus in an ethnic language. Thank you for the donations.

The District Fall Retreat will be held at the Clarion Hotel

and Suites on September 29-30 in Wisconsin Dells. Featured speaker is Michelle Diercks, an author who is very active in her church and LWML in eastern Iowa. The deadline for registering for the retreat, and reservations for the hotel is September 10. Details and registration forms can be found at lwml-swd.org. Lunch is included in registration fee.

To God be the glory! **Mission Grant #8** for \$14,000 has been fully funded to Bethany Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach and **Mission Grant #9** has been fully funded to St. Martini LUMIN School for \$15,000 for construction of a playground on the school campus.

LWML Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, October 8. The Zone 3 Fall Rally to be held on Saturday, October 21 at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church. It begins at 9:00 a.m.

It was a great honor for Milwaukee to host the National LWML Convention in June. There are so many wonderful memories from this convention. It has been live streamed and you can watch various parts of the convention on line. Go to lwml.org and scroll on news heading "go to livestream" in the purple box to find the You Tube recorded events of business sessions and worship services.

"Declare His glory among the nations His marvelous works among all the peoples." (Psalm 96:3)

Barbara Kurth

A Message from Debbie Larson, Past LWML President, 2019-2023

For two years, you, the volunteers from North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin, planned, prayed, and worked to host the 2023 Convention in Milwaukee. Thousands came to 'Celebrate the Lord of the Nations." You welcomed them, answered countless questions, showed mercy and grace to those who were tired and frustrated, and put smiles on your faces when you may have wanted to frown. Why? Why do we go through all this planning and work? Because we are His children, redeemed by Jesus' blood! Our Lord has given us everything and, as His children, we have the privilege of sharing this Good News with all those around us.





Take a moment to read 1 Corinthians, chapter 13. As children of the risen Lord, we follow His example of service, sacrifice, and love. Verse 13 says, *So now faith, hope, and* love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. I know why you volunteered, and I prav you can look back and see how God has worked in you and through you to spread His love and grace around the earth. Thank you for allowing this servant to serve alongside you! Rest today in His promises, and may God continue to bless you as you share His love!

The photos above show the hundreds of volunteers who served during the LWML Convention in Milwaukee. EGL members who volunteered during the event were: Sherri Bond, Carole Braun, Paula Keefer and her husband Bill Keefer, Jean Kruse, Luanne Schaefer, and Sue Schmalzer.

Comfort for the Grieving

By Pastor Skovgaard

Solomon, the Qoheleth in Ecclesiastes, reminds us that

there is a season for everything under the sun, "a time to be born, and a time to die." With that in mind, how can we best care for those who are grieving the death of loved ones? Everyone grieves differently and for different periods of time, but we can draw much comfort from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, as the apostle Paul urges us to encourage one another with the hope we have in Christ.

In a very real sense the whole New Testament is written to new believers, to those who were struggling with living out the Christian faith as pilorims in a strange land. But in particular, how should these relatively new Christians in Thessalonika deal with the death of loved ones? Their pagan neighbors lived by the creed of eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow you die. Their lives began in nothingness and ended the same way, so there wasn't much meaning in

God's glory, there's no hope. But not for the Christian! The Christian knows he was created in the image of God, and by faith is being molded into the image of Christ already in this life, and will by the grace of God live eternally with the Triune God.

Grieving of course is nothing new to the human experience. Job mourned the loss of his children, his wealth, and his health. Jacob mourned for Joseph. David mourned for Absalom. Mary and Martha mourned for Lazarus. Even Jesus wept for his friend Lazarus. To grieve is an expression of love. The difference between the Christian and the unbeliever, however, is that we do not mourn as those who have no hope. That's what Paul tells the Thessalonian Christians as they mourned the death of friends and family in that first generation of believers. You have hope!

How do we dig deeply into that hope? By remembering a couple of points from the text. One, Paul reminds them/us that Christ died and rose again. The perfect Son of God was born of the virgin Mary precisely to make atonement for our sins, which he did on Good Friday. But that wasn't the end of the matter. He didn't just die; he was also raised for our justification, and ascended to the right hand of the Father, where he continues to intercede for us. In the waters of Holy Baptism we were united to that death and resurrection, so that where Christ is, we will one day be also.

Next Paul tells the grieving Thessalonians the dead in Christ are asleep in Jesus. They are at peace. Even in death they are united with Christ. Paul told the Romans

that nothing in all creation, not even death, can separate



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us from the love of God found only in Christ. The souls of the blessed dead are with the Lord, while their bodies await the resurrection. Death cannot sever the relationship Christ has with his beloved. In fact, the old order of things has passed away for them. For the blessed dead, there is no longer any suffering, crying, or pain. We can almost envy them that peace!

Piling on the reasons for hope, Paul teaches the grieving that the dead in Christ will rise first when the Lord returns. They won't miss out on anything simply because they died and went on ahead of us. We rightly mourn their absence because someone we loved has been taken from our presence, and there's a big hole now. But when we are resurrected on the last day, we will be reunited with them because we will be caught up in the air with them and meet Christ together. And this reunion won't be a temporary meeting, but we will

always be with the Lord, as he once again walks with us in the cool of the evening in the new creation.

It is ordained for man to die once and then be judged, so we don't pray for the dead. But we can and ought to pray to God, giving thanks for those we loved, especially for those who taught us the faith in word and deed. We thank God not only for giving them to us to love but also for the hope we have in Christ of seeing and living with them forever.

So, how do we mourn as those who have hope? By remembering that by the grace of God we are in Christ who lived, died, and rose again for us and our salvation. Because we are in him now, we will also be with him forever, along with all those who died before us in Christ. Where he is, we will be also. To live is Christ, and to die is gain. This is what it means for us to be the church. Death has lost its power over us because of the hope we have in the resurrection.

In conclusion, how might we best prepare those who will one day mourn our death? This is where the rubber meets the road in our Christian lives. Live now in such a way that they know where your hope is placed. Our hope is not in our good-natured charity and generosity; not in our moral rectitude; not in our genealogy; not in our superior minds. But rather in the One who said he was going ahead to prepare a place for us, so that where he is, we can be also.

Sunday Mornings at EGL take the opportunity after the service to sip a coffee, tea or juice, taste a sweet treat, and enjoy fellowship with members and guests before Bible Study or Sunday School.

John and Luanne Schaefer, pictured below, are the hosts who keep this vital weekly occasion to caffeinate, nibble, and socialize going. Every Saturday they are in the library, setting up the coffee urns that get plugged in first thing on Sunday to start brewing. They make sure there is always coffee, cream, juice, and some treats for children on hand. And, we all rely on the gracious servers who volunteer to pour coffee and bring/serve treats, bought or home-baked.



Please consider serving on a Sunday morning. The sign-up sheet is on the counter, or contact the Schaefers at jglmschaefer@sbcglobal.net, 262-784-3106 or 262-617-0561. Your help is appreciated!



BREAD & FISH

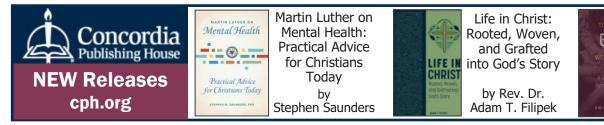


On July 28, Wisconsin-based Orphan Grain Train picked up 12 Boxes of clothes, shoes & boots for shipment to the Ukraine. Praise be to God for your donations!

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 71 different countries including the USA. ogt.org

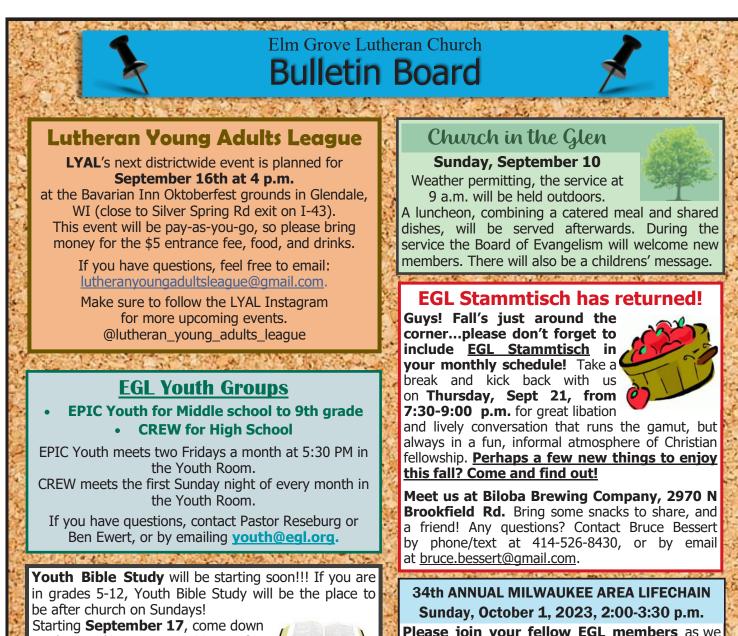


Our own Rick Ewert, EGL's Director of Church Music and Organist, played the organ during the recent LCMS Convention in Milwaukee. Above, Rick accompanies the choir and other musicians, as those in attendance received the Lord's gifts of Word and Sacrament during Divine Service on Saturday evening, July 29.





Emily Belvery



to the Youth Room at 10:30 a.m. for fellowship and a Bible study. Make sure to bring a friend too!

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For other youth announcements, make sure to follow us on Instagram: @egl.youth

Sunday School:

Mark your calendars for September 17 for a new year to rejoice in God's love, in Sunday School.

Sunday school is in need of a special needs teacher as well as teachers in Sunday school. If God has blessed you with this talent, Sunday School would welcome your help. Call Linda 262-786-1203.

Please join your fellow EGL members as we

prayerfully stand in support of the unborn.

Young and old CHILDREN alike can participate by standing or sittina and holding the now familiar signs -



Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, and Abortion Hurts Women.

Our location is the northwest corner of Bluemound and Pilgrim. Meet in the North Shore Bank parking lot at 1:50 p.m. Signs will be provided. Please pray for the babies and their families, the LifeChain organizers, all who will stand in the LifeChain and those who will witness it. And finally, please pray God's will be done as our legislators and jurists contemplate abortion laws at the state level. Please contact Sue Schmalzer at 414-313-3888 with questions.

September Dinner Fundraiser

The Chocolate Factory

13475 Watertown Plank Road Elm Grove, WI 53122

Tuesday, September 12th 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Please mention Elm Grove Lutheran School when ordering and we will receive a percentage of sales.

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September Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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



<u>Sept. 1</u>

A-Casey & Alanna Carney A-Steve & Karen Handrich Eleanor Senkbeil Dustin Stiloski

<u>Sept. 2</u>

A-Jeff & Linda Timm Linda Hoffmann Tom Knuteson Michael Marble

<u>Sept. 3</u>

Damien Langner Brian Zavadil

<u>Sept. 4</u> A-Jeffrey & Shari Schulz

<u>Sept. 5</u> Emily Ewert Jamie Krueger

<u>Sept. 6</u> A-Judy & Jerry Pritchard Avis Browne

<u>Sept. 7</u> A-Duane & Ann Wunsch

<u>Sept. 8</u> Michele Bellante Allison Cebulla Karen Clark Fred Witzke

<u>Sept. 9</u> A-Clark & Jennifer Gaulke

Sept. 10

A-Sabrina & Cedric Dennis A-Louis & Susan Fohr Harry Knight Brad Patterson Kieran Wagner

<u>Sept. 11</u>

A-Daniel & Lisa Burant Gayle Berry Amelia Woelky

<u>Sept. 12</u>

A-Linda & Jim Beckley Sabrina Dennis Pat Schober

<u>Sept. 14</u> A-David & Yvonne Bangle Dan Pautz

<u>Sept. 15</u> A-Jill & Craig Cookle Tyler Schmid

Sept. 16

Ryan Gronitz Ronald Higgins Rev. Dennis Hipenbecker

<u>Sept. 17</u>

A-Al & Darlene Baumgart Gabrielle Harner Mya Schultz Terry Tuttrup

<u>Sept. 18</u>

Alice Chen Zoe Schneider

Sept. 19

A-Julie & Ryan Luetzow A-Bob & Laurie Radewahn Leona Dober Bob Radewahn Forrest Schumacher

<u>Sept. 20</u>

Lyn Peterson Rick Wegner

<u>Sept. 21</u>

A-Jeff & Peggy Paulsen Ryan Browne Jill Cookle Hanna Radewahn Jacob Rentmaster

<u>Sept. 22</u>

Gary Will

Sept. 23

Kevin Kysely

Sept. 24

A-Dan & Gayle Berry A-Stu & Sharon Boudro A-Dick & Jean Kruse JoAnne Peterson Kelsey Wegner

<u>Sept. 25</u>

A-Mal & Jane Chapman A-Sam & Rose Lee Chase Hipke Miriam Soderland

Sept. 26

Joanne Carstens Amy Stiloski

<u>Sept. 28</u>

Kenzie Peters John Schaefer

<u>Sept. 29</u> Inge Klammer

<u>Sept. 30</u>

A-Mark & Carol Ewert Benjamin Ewert

September

Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar-2023

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Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18: 21-22)



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The deadline for articles and photos to be submitted for the next *Seasons* is: Friday, September 15 Submissions can be sent to seasons@egl.org

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

One service at 9 a.m. will continue.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday

Bible Study will follow the service.

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

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

Prayer Warriors at Elm Grove Lutheran Church are ready to pray for you.

Prayers of:

Thanksgiving Comfort Praise Healing Strength Peace Blessings Wisdom

If you have a prayer request or wish to become a part of this great mission, please contact:

Mindy Aldinger – <u>prayerchain@egl.org</u> or 414-698-8774 Linda Hoffmann – 262-786-1203



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Set Apart to Serve

An Initiative of the LCMS to Recruit Church Workers

God gives His church pastors and church workers for the sake of the Gospel. Pastors proclaim Christ and administer the Sacraments, means through which people receive Christ's saving work. Church workers assist the pastoral office in service to the Word, witnessing to Christ daily in various roles. Christ's church will continue until He returns, and that church will continue to need workers.

Parents/grandparents, pastors, professional church workers, Sunday school teachers and others in our congregation help influence children to consider serving the church in these sacred and joyful vocations. Since church work is rooted in Baptism and a lifetime of hearing the Word, SAS encourages young people to consider church work vocations primarily through their continued and faithful involvement with their congregation.

SAS is a collaborative effort across the Synod to equip congregations and church leaders in identifying, catechizing, encouraging and supporting boys, girls, men and women for ordained and commissioned church work vocations. The goal is to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity.

The **Set Apart to Serve (SAS)** team will host a **Synod-wide virtual town hall on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1–2 p.m. CDT,** to kick off the next stage of the church work recruitment initiative. <u>Icms.org/sas</u>