

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship	T	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School	W	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	12:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation (BAAC)		6:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting (228)
	7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)		7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)		7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting (229)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	Th	6:30 p.m. Worship

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 157 attended services last week in person. 62 households streamed the services for a total of 219. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL BRASS ENSEMBLE, directed by Jessica Kindschi Walter, will be here Sunday, Oct 29, to embellish our Reformation celebration.

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS: In a world where Christian values face unprecedented challenges, we're thrilled to invite both pastors and lay people to an event that promises to equip you to faithfully and lovingly engage in helpful conversations about sexuality in our challenging times. **Dates:** Nov 17-18, 2023. **Location:** Concordia University Wisconsin. Register before Nov 2 to secure your spot. For details and registration, visit doxology.us.

VICAR LEE ORDINATION: If you attended the Voters Assembly, Oct 15, you heard that the tentatively planned ordination service for Vicar Lee has been postponed until the early part of 2024. Consequently, if you had planned on attending the Nov 19 ordination service, your afternoon is now free for other commitments. As the new date and time for the ordination of Dr Lee come into focus, you will be informed. Stay tuned!

EGL-ZION SCHOOL FAQ: Extra copies of the EGL-Zion school cooperation FAQ [frequently asked questions] sheet are available on the back credenza of the nave. Over the past month you've received letters narrating the history of the school agreement, the finances involved, and now the FAQ sheet. Your continued prayers for faithfulness and a successful mission are appreciated.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, Nov 15, 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Schedule your appointment online at [www. Versiti.org](http://www.Versiti.org) or contact Rick Ewert, 262-289-9333 or blooddrive@egl.org. Every donation is needed to meet the high demand from hospitals in our community. People like you can make a difference. We hope to see you soon.

CHURCH DIRECTORY APP: If you need help with using the Church directory app there are directions included in October's Seasons as well as fliers in the racks outside of the Church Nave.

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL DEPARTMENT: On Sunday, Nov 5, the Martin Luther High School Instrumental Department will host a Fall Band Festival. This concert features the ML Woodwind Ensemble, Varsity Band, Symphonic Band, and 6-8 grade Kadet Band. Along with individual performances, the festival includes a special 65-piece combined 6-12th grade band. The Symphonic Band will premiere an original composition by Martin Luther graduate, Jeffrey Torres. His piece, A Life Well Lived, honors the life and work of the first band director at ML, Mr. David H. Krubsack. This concert, free to the public, will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Martin Luther High School. A free will offering will be taken. Please come and enjoy God's gift of music with some very talented young adults!

PTL FUNDRAISER: Please support Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Campus) by eating at Portillo's in Brookfield between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Nov 7. Please mention this fundraiser at time of order to ensure credit towards fundraiser. Thank you!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Please meet in the BAAC on Thursday, Nov, 16 at 9:30 a.m. for a discussion of the book, *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. 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 at 262-345-5083.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFuo.org: Blessed Reformation (observed)! Hear about Church Discipline on Free-Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (11/3 at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Hebrews 10-11 on Sharper Iron's "The New Covenant in Christ" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and have some fun with our first Pie Social on The Coffee Hour (11/2 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFuo Radio app!

COME LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS (HEBREWS 12:1-3): Jesus is the founder and perfecter of our faith and living peaceably with one another is part of that faith. One cannot achieve any big goal by working on it occasionally. We need endurance and determination to overcome setbacks. Reconciliation also requires that endurance and determination. It will require endurance and there will be setbacks but as long as we fix our eyes on Jesus we can improve our relationships – not just here in church, but in our personal life as well. This week we will talk about what conflict is and where it comes from. Hope to see you there in adult Bible Study Sunday morning!

REFORMATION CELEBRATION: The Congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod of Greater Milwaukee invite you to a Reformation Service celebrating the first hymns of Martin Luther. Rev. Dr. John C. Wohlrahe, Jr. will serve as the preacher and area musicians will gather together to praise God and celebrate the Lutheran Reformation. The Service will be held at Luther Memorial Chapel in Shorewood, WI (3833

N. Maryland Ave), Sunday, Oct 29, at 3:30 p.m.

FAITH AND HOPE: SPACE'S FINAL FRONTIER: On Oct 26, 12:00 p.m. (lunch provided), National Security and Space Center (NSSC) presents George Pullen. Much when the world found itself on the edge of the internet age in 1993, we are at the birth of an era in space economics whose impact will exceed the internet's on humanity. Buckle up. We are boldly going where no missionary has gone before.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Do you miss working with kids and teachers? Would you like to reconnect with the school here at EGL? Help would be appreciated for supervising children during recess and lunch times, among other things. For information on how to volunteer, please contact: eglboce@egl.org... today!

WHY DISCOVERY PROCESS: All EGL members are invited and encouraged to save Saturday, Nov 11, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. as we begin the WHY Discovery Process with Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, SWD-LCMS Mission Executive. Help us determine WHY EGL is here and determine our vision for the future of Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church. Coffee, water, sweets, and a light lunch will be provided (free will offering). RSVP to the Church office so we know how much food to provide. Volunteers are needed to assist with setup, food & beverage and clean-up.

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

"Praying Hands" by Albrecht Durer



[The following passage is taken from Albrecht Dürer's personal journals while staying in Antwerp from April 11 to May 17, in 1521. On January third of that year, Pope Leo X issued the papal bull Decet Romanum Pontificem, excommunicating Martin Luther from the Catholic Church. After his excommunication, Luther was expected to recant his beliefs to Emperor Charles V, at the Imperial Diet in Worms, Germany. He was famously defiant to the emperor, who declared him an outlaw. Before he could be punished by Charles V, Luther was abducted by a friendly German elector prince, Frederick the Wise — who hid him safely in Wartburg Castle. Though Luther was safe, his supporters worried frantically for his safety — assuming the worst after his abduction. This news strikes Dürer particularly hard, and he cries to God for Luther's protection.]

On the Friday before Whitsuntide, 1521, tidings came to me at Antwerp that Martin Luther had been so treacherously taken prisoner, for he trusted the Emperor Charles's herald, who had been granted to him with the Imperial safe conduct, but as soon as the herald had brought him near Eisenach, to an unfriendly place, he said that he would not need him anymore and rode away. Immediately there appeared ten knights, who treacherously carried off the pious man, who had been betrayed; a man enlightened by the Holy Ghost, a follower of Christ and of the true Christian faith, and whether he lives yet or whether they have put him to death, I know not. If he has suffered, it is for the sake of Christian truth and because he has fought with the un-Christlike papacy, which strives with its heavy load of human laws against the redemption of Christ...

O God of Heaven, have pity on us, O Lord Jesus Christ, pray for Thy people. Deliver us in due time, uphold in us the right and true Christian Faith.... And if we lose this man, who has written more clearly than anyone in a hundred and forty years, and to whom Thou hast given such an evangelical spirit, we pray Thee, O Heavenly Father, that Thou give again Thy spirit to another, that he may gather together anew from all parts the holy Christian Church, that we may all live again in a pure and Christian manner, so that from our good works all unbelievers, with Turks, heathens, and Calicuts, may turn themselves to us and embrace the Christian faith....

"O God, if Luther be dead, who will henceforth expound the Holy Gospel so clearly to us! Ah, God, what might he not have written for us in the next ten or twenty years!" Oh, all ye pious Christian men, help me to lament this God-inspired man and pray to Him that He will send us another enlightened man. (<https://www.arthistoryproject.com/artists/albrecht-durer/a-prayer-for-the-safety-of-martin-luther/>)