

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Third Sunday in Advent
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

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| S | 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS3)
10:30 a.m. Voters' Meeting
12:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation (BAAC)
7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH) | W | 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
6:30 p.m. Midweek Advent Service (Vespers)
7:00 p.m. Basketball Rental (Gym)
7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC) |
| M | 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (Nave) | T | 6:30 p.m. Governance Meeting (FL)
7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (Biloba) |
| T | 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)
5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (Nave) | | |

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 160 attended services last week in person. **86** households streamed the services for a total of **246**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Advent Service: Dec 20 – 6:30 p.m.
Worship: Dec 24 – 9:00 a.m. (C)
Christmas Eve Service: Dec 24 – 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Service: Dec 25 – 10:00 a.m. (C)
No Service on Thurs. Dec 28
Worship: Dec 31 – 9:00 (C)
New Years Eve Service: 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays Services resume on Jan 4

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: We continue this coming Wednesday evening with our midweek Advent services at 6:30 p.m. This year we are looking closely at three different examples of faithful Christians from church history who are given prominence in our church's calendar. Of course, we always focus on Christ, but we can learn about His love for us through the example of Christians who have walked the road of faith before us. This coming Wednesday we draw attention to St Katharina von Bora (Luther's wife) as the lens through which we reflect on the grace of our heavenly Father in sending His Son on Christmas Day.

SAMSON STUDY: The next time we meet we will continue our brief study of the life and work of God's reluctant judge, Samson, by reviewing Judges 15 in which Samson slays a thousand Philistines with a

donkey's jaw bone. The class meets in the nave shortly after the end of the Divine Service. We will resume the class on January 7.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: For your reading pleasure and strengthening in the faith once for all delivered to the saints, three different Advent devotional booklets have been printed and provided for you in the mailbox/coat rack area. Included among the choices are the Lutheran Hour Ministries' "What Child Is This?"; the Higher Things' "Reflections"; and the 1517 "The Clothing of the King."

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE: Attention all bakers! Zion Lutheran School (EGL campus) is having a bake sale to raise money for the school. We are asking for donations of baked or packaged treats by Tues Dec 19, to the school office. Please email PTL at elmgroveptl@gmail.com or call/text Jessica Ward at 262-488-1962 to let us know if you are able to bake.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your Church mailbox. If you didn't receive envelopes and would like them please contact Amy in the Church office.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The book to be read and discussed for December is *Love Comes Softly* by Janette Oke. The date of the meeting has been changed to Thurs, Dec 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC. We will also have our Christmas party at this time. Remember to bring what you signed up for or plan to bring cookies. If you like to read and discuss books, you may be interested in joining our group. Please call Barb Kurth if you have questions at 262-345-5083.