

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (DS3) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)		6:30 p.m. BOCE Meeting (228)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Church Council (228) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Basketball Rental (Gym)
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 (MC)	T	9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Worship (Vespers) 7:30 p.m. Governance Town Hall 7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (Biloba)

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 187 attended services last week in person. **79** households streamed the services for a total of **266**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to Lois Greenweller and her family upon the death of Ken, who died on January 5. A memorial service will be held here at EGL on Sat, Jan 20 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. A catered lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. "I know that My Redeemer lives..."

TOWN HALL MEETINGS: The Governance Committee will be holding town hall meetings on Thurs, Jan 18, immediately following service and Sun, Jan 21, at 10:30 am. At these town hall meetings, we will do a short presentation on where we are in the process, the process we used to get to this point, and then ask for your questions and input. We encourage you to attend.

WHY STATEMENT (Draft): "God has placed Elm Grove Lutheran here to proclaim Christ so that all may receive God's gifts in Word and Sacrament to have life now and forever." After reviewing this statement drafted by EGL members during a workshop with SWD Mission Exec Rev. Dr. Nathan

Meador if you have an thoughts you would like to share, please email Amy (astroh@egl.org) in the church office.

CALL COMMITTEE: President Mark Ewert is looking for individuals to serve on a minister of religion – ordained call committee for the purpose of reviewing and recommending seminary candidates when that time comes. If you are interested in being on this committee, please let Mark know. His email is mcewert@gmail.com.

SAMSON, GOD'S RELUCTANT JUDGE: This Sunday morning we wrap up our brief study of the life and work of Samson in Judges 16, under the theme of Samson "falling in love" with Delilah, the only woman mentioned so far in his life who is named. Come, see how Christ is foreshadowed in the life of this conflicted man.

KIDS HAVE QUESTIONS: One of the best things we can do for the catechesis of our children is to take their questions seriously. The Church has been around for 2,000 years and has wrestled with many questions. It's not sinful for our children to ask questions; we did and do the same thing. Sometimes we won't know the answers ourselves, at least not immediately, but there's a good chance someone else has already asked it, thought about it, and developed an answer that is

consistent with everything else that we do know from the Bible. Pr Jonathan Connor of Zion Lutheran Church in Manning, IA, continues his interview series on Issues Etc (www.issuesetc.org) with a very helpful discussion on whether or not there were dinosaurs on the ark with Noah and his family. This program ran on January 5.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: With a new calendar year here, why not resolve to study God's Word with greater intentionality? Here are some obvious options for you to consider, if you're high school and older: 1) Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the nave. Topics vary but currently we are looking at the life of Samson; 2) Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the conference room. This study is for the men of the congregation. We are currently looking closely at the history and details behind some of the psalms, as a springboard for prayer. 3) Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. This Bible study is for the ladies. Currently we are looking at various hymns and psalms. (Be warned! This group knows how to laugh and joke!) 4) Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. After reading through 1000 years of church history in recent years, this co-ed group is now making their way through the Book of Acts. (The first Wednesday of the month the LWML ladies meet at the same time and place.) 5) Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. online. This group called MOZ (the men of Zoom) weaves Bible study together with a study of contemporary events, with a healthy dose of apologetics whenever possible! Contact Tim Albers for more details or how to join. 6) Thursday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. at the Grell home. They are studying the Gospel according to St Luke. 7) Thursday evenings (2x month) in the Bartelt Center 5:30-6:45. This "She Shed" ladies Bible study, led by Nancy Wolck, is reading through the book "Leaning on Jesus" by Deb Burma.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The book to be read and discussed in January is *The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall. Our discussion will take place in the BAAC at 9:30 a.m. on Thurs, Jan 18. If you like to read and also like to discuss books, we would love to have you join us. Please call Barb Kurth if you have questions at 262-345-5083.

TRINITY CHURCH RESTORATION: Do you have any family history with historic Trinity Lutheran Church downtown Milwaukee? Maybe you're just curious about how things are going following the fire that engulfed the structure back on May 15, 2018? In any case a PowerPoint slideshow presentation was developed for showcasing the restoration efforts of this landmark church in the Milwaukee area. The slideshow was put together for a fundraiser hosted by Zuehlsdorf Woodworking in West Allis last month. Zuehlsdorf Woodworking is the company doing all the wood restoration efforts. You can watch this presentation, and thus get an update, while you grab your coffee and snacks this Sunday morning after the Divine Service.

HYMN FESTIVAL: You are invited to St. Marcus Church (2215 North Palmer Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212) for a Hymn Festival on Feb 2 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will feature accomplished composer and church musician Benjamin Culli and the St. Marcus Choir. A social hour will follow. The event is free but free-will donations are appreciated.

EGLS PRAYER CHAIN: The prayer chain at EGL is a group of "prayer warriors" who receive prayer requests. The prayer requests received are from EGL members, friends, relatives, or others who are asking for this team to pray for them. We offer prayers of: thanksgiving, comfort, praise, strength, peace, blessings, wisdom, and healing. If you wish to receive prayers from our prayer warriors please contact Mindy Aldinger at prayerchain@egl.org.

LUTHERAN SINGLES CRUISE: Set sail on a spiritual adventure with our four-day Lutheran Singles Cruise, departing from Galveston on August 1. This journey is designed for connection and fellowship, offering daily devotions, Bible studies, and opportunities to meet like-minded singles. Embrace this chance to deepen your faith, make new friends, and enjoy the beauty of the sea. Don't miss out on this unique blend of spiritual growth and social fun – book your spot today! Learn more at www.wolfmueller.co/cruise

RECYCLED CARDS: LWML is looking for recycled cards to make crosses out of them. Place in church office or by Linda Hoffmann's mailbox. Thank you!

SOLES FOR JESUS: LWML will continue to collect gently used or new men's, women's, and children's shoes. These shoes will be sent to Sub-Saharan Africa, where many people are unable to work or attend school, because they do not have a pair of shoes. The collection box will be located in the church's upper entryway.

EGL WEAR: A former member of EGL had a box of brand new EGL tops and a few hats. Please stop at the table in the back of church and help yourself!

3RD ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT: Elm Grove Lutheran PTL will be hosting trivia night on January 27 with gym/CLC doors opening at 5:15 p.m. and trivia from 6-9 p.m. Please assemble your team of up to 8 players or sign up and we will put you with a team. Trivia will cover a wide range of categories, so everyone can contribute to the team. You can sign up by using the form in the January Seasons or by emailing elmgroveptl@gmail.com by Friday January 19. Cost is \$5/person with dinner included (please bring your own beverages). Teams should have a theme/team name and costumes are highly encouraged!

PTL FUNDRAISER: Please help support the Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Lutheran campus) by having dinner at Noodles & Co., (17000 W Bluemound Road, Unity H, Brookfield) on January 16 between 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. 25% of qualifying sales will directly benefit Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Campus).

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR PR WOLF KNAPPE: The Rev. Dr. Wolf Kappe died at his home in Wauwatosa on Thursday morning, January 9. Although Knappe was not a member of Elm Grove Lutheran Church, or of The LCMS for a long period of time, in his retirement years he was a faithful member of Peace Lutheran Church in Sussex, and contributed much to our understanding and appreciation of Wilhelm Loehe in The LCMS. He worked with LCMS President Harrison on a number of translation projects. Here are the details for his funeral service: Visitation will be on Friday, Jan 19, from 6:30 p.m. until Compline (Prayer at the close of the day) at 8:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church (W240 N6145 Maple Ave, Sussex). Additional visitation will be on Saturday, Jan 20, at Peace from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 11:30 a.m.



ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO CONSIDER CHURCH WORK!

Christ's church will continue until He returns, and that church will continue to need church workers.

Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is an initiative of the LCMS to recruit church workers. Together, we pray for workers for the Kingdom of God and encourage children to consider church work vocations. Here are three easy ways you can participate in SAS:

1. **Pray with** your children for God to provide church workers.
2. **Talk to** your children about becoming church workers.
3. **Thank God** for the people who work in your congregation.

To learn more about *Set Apart to Serve*, visit lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve.



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