

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. Governance Town Hall Meeting 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. MS Youth Outing 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)		5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC) 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (FL) 5:30 p.m. She Shed Bible Study (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)	T	9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Worship

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 98 attended services last week in person. **115** households streamed the services for a total of **213**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are in your Church mailbox. If you don't pick it up by Jan 31 we will mail it to you.

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.

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.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall. Thurs, Feb 22, 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Schedule your appointment online at https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/261580 or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333 / 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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The book to be read and discussed in February is *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Pattie Calahan. Our discussion will take place in the BAAC at 9:30 a.m. on Thurs, Feb 15. 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.

2025 LCMS Youth Gathering Update The Gathering Ambassador Application is open. Gathering Ambassadors are adult volunteers ages

26 and older who will serve in many different capacities for the duration of the Gathering. You can find the application at www.lcmsgathering.com/volunteer and it will remain open until March 15, 2024. If you have questions about this or the 2025 Gathering, contact Ben Ewert.

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.

EGLC 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 Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller on a 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.

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!

JOHN10:10 PROJECT: In this familiar Bible passage Jesus tells his disciples that he has come to give us life and to give it to us more abundantly (than we could ever imagine.) The John10:10 Project has a series of videos aimed at helping Christians appreciate the gift of life we see exhibited in creation. The videos are 5-10 minutes in length typically and cover topics ranging from the engineering skills of honey bees to the sonar abilities of dolphins, the ability of Monarch butterflies to find their way back to a particular valley in Mexico from North America, to the wonders of the elephant's trunk. Through these short videos you'll find gratitude welling up within you for God's creative genius. <https://thejohn1010project.com/videos/>



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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