

**ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**The Purification of Mary & Presentation of Our Lord**  
**Sunday, February 4, 2024 – Volume 76, Number 2.1**  
**The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**

**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (DS3)	10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	11:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T 6:30 p.m. Worship
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 144** attended services last week in person. **66** households streamed the services for a total of **210**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES** are extended to the family and friends of Walter Tesch. Walter died on Feb 1. A funeral service will be held here at EGL on Tue, Feb 6, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. *"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."* (Revelation 1:18, NKJV)

**PSALM STUDY AFTER SERVICE:** For the next two Sundays, before we get to Lent and do a deep dive into the book of Exodus, we will study a handful of Psalms that have historical superscripts attached to them. This Sunday, after the 9:00 a.m. Divine Service, we will pray through and study Psalm 77.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** starts after church this Sunday with a 5 part study on Moses and his moments in ministry titled "Through the Desert with a bunch of flaky whiners."

**LENTEN SUPPERS:** As in years past, we will have Lenten Suppers before our midweek Lent services on Wednesdays (5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking for individuals or groups to sponsor the dinners. The following dates are open: March 6, March 13, March 20. Please let the Church Office know if you or a group of you would like to host a dinner.

**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](mailto:astroh@egl.org)) in the church office.

**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](https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/261580) or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333 / [BloodDrive@egl.org](mailto: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.

**LWML:** The morning group of LWML will meet on Wed, Feb 7 in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study, "**Where is Your Treasure?**" found on pages 20-21 of the winter issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* is based Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." At the meeting, there will be a handout of a synopsis of the

events in Nehemiah 1-8, in regard to stewardship. If you have time before the meeting, you may like to read these chapters.

**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](http://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.

**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](http://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.

**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/>

**EGL STAMMTISCH:** Yeah... it's cold! But it's warm and cozy inside! Come on out and join us at EGL Stammtisch as we comfortably connect with those around us, in a relaxed environment. Join us Thurs, Feb 15, from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for great libation and lively conversation that runs the gamut, but always in a fun, informal atmosphere of Christian fellowship. Come and find out what were all about! Meet us at Biloba Brewing Company, 2970 N Brookfield Road. Bring some snacks to share and a friend! Any questions? Contact Bruce Bessert by phone/text at 414-526-8430, or by email at [bruce.bessert@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.bessert@gmail.com)

**IN A GALAXY FAR FAR AWAY:** Concordia University Wisconsin is hosting a Spring Space Summit on Saturday, April 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Listen to experts discuss important issues regarding the American future in space, including technology, grand strategy, economics, national security, and more! Speakers include Space Force Deputy Commander of Space Command General John Shaw; George Pullen, the co-founder and chief economist for Milkyway Economy; and keynote speaker Orson Scott Card, novelist and playwright.

**CUW'S NATIONAL SECURITY AND SPACE CENTER:** Did you know that Concordia University Wisconsin had a Center for National Security and Space? Well, it does! The Center seeks to facilitate student and community engagement with the intersecting fields of national security and space. It helps to create a launch-point for dialogue between the fields of business, economics, science, engineering, political science, philosophy, and theology. The director is Dr Lamont Colucci, a professor at CUW and the Director of Doctrine Development for the U.S. Space Force. He has experience as a U.S. diplomat and serves on the American Foreign Policy Council and the National Task Force on National and Homeland Security. Check out the flyers hanging near the elevator for more information!

**PTL FUNDRAISER:** Please help support the Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Lutheran campus) by having dinner at Red Robin (95 N Moorland Road, Brookfield) on Feb 27. 20% of qualifying sales with directly benefit Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Campus)

