

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
11:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation
7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)

M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
7:00 p.m. Church Council (228)
7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)

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)

W Ash Wednesday
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
5:15 p.m. Lenten Dinner (FH)
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:00 p.m. Gym Rental
7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)

T 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC)
7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (Biloba)

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 183 attended services last week in person. **67** households streamed the services for a total of **250**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

PSALM STUDY AFTER SERVICE: This Sunday, after the 9:00 a.m. Divine Service, we will pray through and study Psalm 94.

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

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: The next Voters' Assembly meeting will be March 3, preceded by the meeting of the EGL Foundation. This all will begin after the 9:00 a.m. service.

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. Thank you so much to the following groups for hosting dinner: Feb 14, Altar Guild (Chili); Feb 21, Pastor Skovgaard (Fish Fry from 5:00-6:15 p.m.); Feb 28, Tues and Wed Adult Bible Study Groups (lasagna/spaghetti); March 6, Evangelism, March 13 Boards of

Stewardship and Finance (lasagna); and March 20, Elders (taco bar). The free-will offerings received at each dinner will be collected and donated after Easter to Lutheran Indian Ministries, a missionary effort aimed at work among the Native American populations in North America. LIM is headquartered here in Brookfield. You can read more about them online at LutheranIndianMinistries.org.

GOLF OUTING: Back by popular demand! The EGL Foundation "boys" are back in town organizing for a fun-filled day of golf, dinner, and simple auction at Ironwood Golf Club on Friday, May 10. Look for further details in the weeks ahead but be sure to save the date and limber up! Money raised from this event will support the multifaceted ways the Foundation invests in and expands the Church's reach with the Gospel -- everything from investing in the education of future full-time Church workers, technology and security needs, and foreign missions.

LWML HEART TO HEART SISTERS EVENT: You are cordially invited to SWD LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Event. Hosted at Granville Lutheran School (8242 N. Granville Road, Milwaukee). This event promotes understanding of other cultures. A free lunch of "exotic" foods and delicacies are included. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and event ends

at 2:30 p.m. For more information email jamellis2003@yahoo.com or visit www.lwml-swd.org.

DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE \$\$ TO EGL:

If you have Thrivent insurance or annuity products, you may be eligible to direct where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. You have until March 31 to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars if you haven't already done so. Please consider Elm Grove Lutheran Church as your nonprofit of choice. If you receive an email from your Thrivent rep, click on Direct Now and follow the instructions. Otherwise, go to www.thrivent.com. Log in and scroll down to Direct Choice Dollars. If you have any questions, contact your Thrivent rep or Board of Stewardship member Sue Wilcox (262-574-0051).

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.

VOCATIO RETREAT: Know someone interested in full-time ministry? Spread the word about ***Vocatio: Retreat***, April 14-16, a free three-day opportunity geared especially for college students or second-career adults who are interested in serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain. **Registration** closes March 29. <https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocatio-retreat/>.

A PLACE OF REFUGE: The annual meeting for A Place of Refuge Ministries, our Milwaukee area LCMS ministry to pregnant women in need, is scheduled for Sun, Feb 19, 4:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 6021 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Whitefish Bay, WI 53217. Area LCMS Churches may be represented by one pastor and one lay delegate. Other members especially APOR volunteers and supporters, are also invited to join

for this blessed celebration of sanctity of life. The opening service will include the installation of House Managers. All friends of A Place of Refuge are invited! Registration link: <https://www.aplaceofrefuge.org/annual-meeting> or call 414-760-2483. Call Pastor if interested in being the lay delegate.

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.

CREATED MALE & FEMALE: The LCMS International Center in St Louis is hosting a special conference entitled "Created Male & Female" from April 15 at 1:00 p.m. until April 16 at 5:15 p.m. Featured presenters include our own Dr Beverly Yahnke, as well as Rev Dave Fleming and Rev Matthew Wurm. Three different tracks are offered: a clergy track for the afternoon of April 15; a laity track for the evening of April 15; and an educator track for April 16. Topics include: Pastoral care for those who cohabit; Pastoral support for families of

transgender children; The Christian worldview and sexuality; caring for the transgender child; and classroom strategies and necessities. In-person registration is \$25, which includes a lunch. Email here for a discount code: mdfl@lcms.org.

KLEEFISCH SPEAKS AT CUW: CUW's newest club, Young Americans for Freedom [YAF], is hosting former Lt Governor of Wisconsin Rebecca Kleefisch in the Terrace Room on Tuesday, Feb 13, at 6:00 p.m. She will speak on the topic of "The Impact of Getting Involved in Local Government."

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

SOLES FOR JESUS: LWML will continue to collect gently used or new men's, women's, and children's

shoes. The latest shipment of shoes will be sent to Guinea in West 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 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

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 will directly benefit Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Campus).

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