

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Second Sunday in Lent
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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. Bible Study and Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation
11:30 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (FL)
7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH) | T | 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)
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) |
| M | 5:00 p.m. Board of Finance (229)
5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees (228)
6:30 p.m. WHY Discovery Part 2
(Nave/Overflow) | W | 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) |

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 219 attended services last week in person. **174** households streamed the services for a total of **393**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available on the table near the mailboxes. Please be sure to grab one or all three.

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. **Why Discovery part 2 will be on Feb 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Nave/Church overflow.**

MABAS LECTURE: The Milwaukee Area Biblical Archaeology Society will host a lecture on Tuesday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Wisconsin Lutheran College, in Reichel Hall/FM15. Prof John Brug will speak on the topic of "Water Systems in Ancient Israel." These lectures are free and open to the public. You can watch online also

at <https://zoom.us/j/94684745286>. The next lecture will be on Thursday, April 11.

A LIFE THOUGHT FOR LENT II: Physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia view aging and affliction as burdens. But Abraham became a blessing in his elderliness (Genesis 17:1-2). And we encounter the glory of the Lord in carrying one another's crosses (Mark 8:34, 38). So let us resist Satan's temptations to take death into our own hands (Mark 8:33). We will rejoice in our suffering (Romans 5:3) and receive neighbors as gifts even in theirs (Psalm 22:24).

EASTER FLOWERS: Orders can be placed for Easter chancel flowers. You may reserve your plants *in memory of, in honor of, and/or for blessings received* by filling out the order form (payment included, please), which can be found in the March SEASONS. Due to changes from the florist, ALL orders need to be in no later than **Wednesday, March 20**. Orders and payment can be sent to the church office or put in Paul/Linda Haut's church mailbox. Questions?? please contact Linda Haut (414-254-2918 or 262-782-7356 or lhaut@egl.org).

BASKETS OF BLESSINGS: We look forward to celebrating our Savior's Resurrection with joy and hope, especially with our church family. Some of

our members find it difficult to get to church. Would you be willing to share those Easter blessings with one of them in a visit? We will again provide the baskets for you to pick up with the name(s), contact information, and suggested list of thoughtful items to fill it on Sunday, March 10 and 17. Please come to the lower lobby between services, pick up a basket, fill it and deliver it before Easter with blessings from all of us. Questions? Please call Barb Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY After church 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, roughly 10:30 a.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Elm Grove Lutheran's Middle School Youth Group has been busy this year. Students in grades 6-8 have spent time serving the church and enjoying time together. So far this year, students have learned how to create a sleeping mat out of recycled plastic bags, packed cookies for college students and the homebound, created take-and-go craft bags for Advent, went snow tubing with Pastor Skovgaard and created valentine's for the homebound. Keep an eye out for opportunities to participate with EPIC!

LENTEN SUPPERS: As in years past, we will have Lenten Suppers before our midweek Lent services on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much to the following groups for hosting dinner: Feb 28, Tues and Wed Adult Bible Study Groups (lasagna/spaghetti); March 6, Evangelism (baked potatoes), 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 is organizing 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).

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The book to be read and discussed in March is *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge, a novel based on the true story of the 1938 cross country journey of transporting 2 giraffes from the east coast to the San Diego Zoo. Our discussion will take place in the BAAC on Thurs, March 21, at 9:30 a.m. 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, March 6, in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study, "**Five Stones for Service**", is found on page 22 of the winter issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. David took five smooth stones and a sling to defeat Goliath. The evening group of LWML will meet on Mon, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Library. The project will be **making center pieces for the Zone 3 Rally** on April 20 that our LWML will host in the Fellowship Hall.

GREEN BAY NFL ALUMNI YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP here at Elm Grove Lutheran July 8 – 12. This non-contact football instruction camp is available for boys and girls ages 6 to 14 years old. Featuring NFL Alumni Packers, professional coaches, high-rep-fun-training, develop skills, build confidence, develop life skills thru competition, fun contests, tournament action, and super football Friday. For more information and to register go to www.alumnicamps.com or call 877-226-9919.

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.

IN HIS IMAGE CONFERENCE ON SEXUALITY: Lake Country Lutheran High School is hosting a CLI (Connecting, Learning, Innovating) event at LCL on June 4 & 5 2024 that is supported by the LCMS Office of National Mission. The CLI event, entitled "In His Image: Sexuality Conference," is an effort of DOXOLOGY. There are three different components: one day for Pastors (June 4), one evening that is open to the community (June 4), and one day for Educators (June 5). See the posters by the main entrance and elevator for details on registering.

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.

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).

