

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Third Sunday in Lent
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (DS1)	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	10:30 a.m. Voters' Assembly	6:30 p.m. Governance Committee (FL)
	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	W 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	5:15 p.m. Lenten Dinner (FH)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	6:30 p.m. Worship
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	7:00 p.m. Gym Rental
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 219 attended services last week in person. **119** households streamed the services for a total of **338**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS: Thank you for donating blood! We had a very successful blood drive Thurs, Feb 22. From the 22 registered donors, 20 blood products were collected. One product can impact as many as three lives, meaning EGL's blood drive will impact as many as 60 lives. The next EGL hosted Versiti Blood Drive is Wed, May 1. You can schedule your appointment now at: https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/261952

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

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 **Wed, 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@eql.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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not be in session March 24 or 31 due to Easter break. Rejoice in the Lord those Sundays in worship to our awesome God.

LUNCH BUNCH: It's almost spring and time to get back together to enjoy good fellowship and good food. We will meet on Thurs, March 21, at North Star Bistro, 19115 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, at 11:45 a.m. Let Carole Braun (262-781-1494) know you can be with us.

FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT: Save the date: Sat, March 23, 9-10:30 a.m. in the CLC. Please join

us for a breakfast snack, egg hunt, and the Easter story. Watch for future sign-up information. – Evangelism Board

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: 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.

PRO-LIFE REPORT: National Right to Life has released *The State of Abortion in the United States, 2024*. The eleventh annual edition summarizes key legislative developments on the state and federal level in the first year following the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*. The report notes that the annual number of abortions was on the increase in the years leading up to *Dobbs*. However, more recent numbers appear to show that as many as 89,000 preborn children have been saved since *Dobbs* due to new protective state laws. The report is available from the National Right to Life Communications Department here: <https://www.nrlc.org/wp-content/uploads/StateofAbortion2024.pdf>

LWML HEART-TO-HEART SISTERS EVENT:

You are cordially invited to SWD LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Event on Mar 16. 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.

Lutheran Schools Night, Saturday, April 27 Join us for a night of family fun as the Milwaukee Brewers take on the New York Yankees, 6:10 PM. You can select seats from the Loge Outfield Box (where our group has been in past years) or from outfield box, infield box or terrace infield seats. Tickets range from \$15-\$59. You can also purchase a parking pass in advance.. For groups of 10+, please contact Teddy Sibilski, Milwaukee Brewers. If you are ordering tickets for a group, you can forward tickets via text or email to individuals Ballpark App. Purchase your tickets online at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutheranschools24> by April 12. Questions? Contact Robin, SWD, mueller@swd.lcms.org. Go Brewers!

PTL FUNDRAISER: Please help support the Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Lutheran campus) by having dinner at Chipotle (15375 W Bluemound Rd, Ste 170, Brookfield) on March 12, 4-8 p.m. 33% of event sales get donated to Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Campus).

EASTER CHANCEL FLOWERS - 2024

__ Hanging Basket	\$25.00	__ Hyacinth	\$15.00
__ Pansy Bowl	\$25.00	__ Daffodils	\$15.00
__ Azalea	\$28.00	__ Tulips	\$15.00
__ Hydrangea	\$30.00	__ Easter Lily	\$16.00
__ Daisy mum	\$17.00	__ Ivy Basket	\$22.00
__ Children's Garden		\$7.00	

Please note plant selection and quantity desired.

You may reserve your plants in memory of, in honor of, and/or for blessings received, by calling Linda Haut (262-782-7356 or 414-254-2918), or by sending your form to the church office.

******* NEW DEADLINE DATE for orders is Wednesday, March 20**
(Please....no late orders)

Checks should be made payable to Elm Grove Lutheran Church, and mailed to: Easter Flowers, c/o Elm Grove Lutheran Church, 945 Terrace Dr., Elm Grove, WI 53122 or dropped off at the office. Payment should be received with order. Thank You.

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

Honoring: _____

Blessings received []

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Flowers need to be picked up after the 10:00 service on Easter Sunday. (Other pick-up times available ONLY by special request - see Linda Haut for details.)

Sorry, but no guarantees on flower colors. Our florist does his best to supply us with the flowers we ordered. On rare occasions substitutions may need to be made.

