

**ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024 – Volume 76, Number 3.2**  
**The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**

**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (DS1)	5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner (FH)	
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School	6:30 p.m. Worship	
	11:30 p.m. Confirmation (BAAC)	7:00 p.m. Gym Rental	
	7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)	
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (Nave)	T	9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)		7:00 p.m. Stammtisch (BAAC)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	S	8:00 a.m. Evangelism Easter Egg Hunt (CLC)
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)		9:00 a.m. LWML Board Meeting (BAAC)
	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (Nave)		12:00 p.m. Kitchen Cleaning (FH)
W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)		
	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)		

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **186** people that attended services last week in person and **79** households streamed the services for a total of **265**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UP:** If you would like to contribute to the Easter Breakfast following the 7:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday please sign up using this Sign Up Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-48547283-easter#/> or there is a paper sign up sheet in the back of Church.

**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). This can be found in the March SEASONS. Due to changes from the florist, ALL orders must 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. If you have questions, please contact Linda Haut (414-254-2918 or 262-782-7356 or [lhaut@egl.org](mailto:lhaut@egl.org)).

**BASKETS OF BLESSINGS:** Would you like to bring some cheer and Easter blessings to a fellow EGL member who finds it difficult to get to church? We

will provide the baskets for you to pick up in the lower lobby with the name(s), contact information, and suggested list of items between services on Sunday, March 10 and 17. Please pick out a name, fill the basket, and deliver it before Easter with Easter blessings from all of us. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** It will not be in session on March 24 and 31 due to Easter Break. Rejoice in the Lord those Sundays in worship with 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 Thursday, March 21, at 11:45 a.m. at North Star Bistro, 19115 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield. Let Carole Braun (262-781-1494) know you can be with us.

**FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT:** Save the date: Saturday, March 23, 9-10:30 a.m. in the CLC. Please bring your basket and join us for a breakfast snack, egg hunt, and an Easter devotion. For food donations as well as helping and attending go to the link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAEAC2DA7F9C07-48401861-easter>. See you there!

**FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE:** In an effort to strengthen family bonds and instill lasting values, the South Wisconsin District's upcoming Family Life Conference, under the theme "Passing on the Faith," aims to provide attendees with invaluable insights and resources. It is scheduled to take place on June 8, at Concordia University Wisconsin, the conference will feature keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann and will have several break-out sessions geared towards equipping families with the tools needed to navigate life's challenges while staying grounded in their faith. If you're a parent, grandparent, or guardian, this event offers a unique opportunity to connect with fellow believers and reaffirm your commitment to fostering a strong faith-based foundation within your family.

**LUWISOMO:** Our Campground Ministry Host, Dan, and his wonderful wife, Kris, have shared that it's time to retire as hosts, so they can enjoy other interests in this next season of their lives. We're so thankful to Dan & Kris for their faithful service these past five seasons! We're seeking new host(s) for our campground ministry this Summer. This is primarily a weekend position (a little more for holiday weekends). It's paid and great for someone who loves camping, people, Jesus, and has some free time in the Summer. It could be college students, teachers, retirees, ministry professionals, a family... This could be a shared role (i.e. two hosts/host teams) or a primary host with a substitute, (i.e. if someone could not or did not want to serve every weekend). We're very open to what God has in mind for His ministry and future host(s). If you or someone you know is interested or wants to learn more, please [contact us](mailto:contact_us) or go here: [www.luwisomo.org/contact-form](http://www.luwisomo.org/contact-form).

**SYMPHONIC BAND OF MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL:** It is directed by Jessica Kindschi Walter. The concert will be performed on Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m., at Martin Luther High School (5201 S. 76<sup>th</sup> St in Greendale). This award-winning instrumental group will be making their appearance as part of a seven-day concert tour to Florida and Georgia. They will perform a wide variety of traditional band repertoire and sacred music. The public is cordially invited to attend this performance. A free-will offering will be received to help the students defray the cost of the tour.

**LENTEN SUPPERS:** Like 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 group for hosting dinner: 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](http://LutheranIndianMinistries.org).

**OFFERINGS:** The Board of Evangelism is designating all offerings received for Maundy Thursday and Easter to be donated to Lutheran Indian Ministries as well as the free will offerings received at the Lenten Suppers (please see above).

### GOLF OUTING:



Back by popular demand! The EGL

Foundation is organizing a fun-filled day of golf, dinner, and a 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 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>

### **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](http://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).

**EGL STAMMTISCH:** Spring is right around the corner, right? Hopefully! Come on out and join us at EGL Stammtisch as we connect with those around us, in a relaxed environment. Join us Thursday, March 21, from 7:30-9:00 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 EGL in the Bartelt Center this month. Bring some snacks to share and a friend! If you have 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).

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** The book to be read and discussed in March is *West with Giraffes: A Novel* by Lynda Rutledge, which is based on the true story of the 1938 cross-country journey of transporting two giraffes from the East Coast to the San Diego Zoo. Our discussion will take place in the BAAC on Thursday, March 21, at 9:30 a.m. If you like to read and discuss books, we would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, please call Barb Kurth (262-345-5083).

### **GREEN BAY NFL ALUMNI YOUTH FOOTBALL**

**CAMP:** This non-contact football instruction camp will be here at Elm Grove Lutheran from July 8 – 12 and is available for boys and girls ages 6 to 14. It will feature NFL Alumni Packers, professional coaches, high-rep-fun-training, skill development, building confidence, developing life skills through competition, fun contests, tournament action, and super football Friday. For more information and to register go here: [www.alumnicamps.com](http://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 here:

[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.

### **IN HIS IMAGE CONFERENCE ON SEXUALITY:**

Lake Country Lutheran High School is hosting a CLI (Connecting, Learning, Innovating) event at LCL on June 4 and 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: the first day is for Pastors, June 4; that evening is open to the community, June 4; the following day is 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. Many people unfortunately are unable to work or attend school, because they do not have a pair of shoes. The collection box will be in the church's upper entryway.

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS NIGHT:** On Saturday, April 27, join us for a night of family fun as the Milwaukee Brewers take on the New York Yankees, at 6:10 p.m.. 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 can 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 the individuals Ballpark App. Purchase your tickets online here: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutheranschools24> by April 12. If you have any questions, contact Robin, SWD, [mueller@swd.lcms.org](mailto:mueller@swd.lcms.org). Go Brewers!

**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.

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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.