

**ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 7, 2024 – Volume 76, Number 4.1**  
**The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**

**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

<p>S 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS1)  10:30 a.m. Sunday School  7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)</p> <p>M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)  7:00 p.m. Church Council (228)  7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)</p> <p>T 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)  10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. EGL Parent/Youth Night</p> <p>W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)  7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)  7:00 p.m. Gym Rental</p> <p>T 6:30 p.m. Worship</p> <p>F 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Bingo (FH)</p>
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**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **535** people that attended services last week in person and **344** households streamed the services for a total of **879**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**THANK YOU:** We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped with Easter breakfast! Your generous donations of time, talents, and treats made the event a success and enjoyed by all. Once again, thank you very much!

**GOLF OUTING:**



Back by popular demand! The EGL Foundation is organizing a fun-filled day of golf, dinner, and raffle items at Ironwood Golf Club on Friday, May 10. Now is the time to sign 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, Church needs and foreign missions.

**DONATIONS REQUEST:** As we kick off the Drive to Thrive Golf Outing, we are looking for a few donations. We could use bottles of wine and gift cards to use in our various raffles and games prior to dinner. If you are interested in helping us out, please email us at [golfouting@egl.org](mailto:golfouting@egl.org).

**VICAR LEE ORDINATION:** It doesn't happen every day that a congregation gets to see a man from within her own ranks go off to seminary and then get ordained. As you all know Dr Samuel Lee has completed his Specific Ministry Pastor program studies through Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. We have the joy of seeing him ordained here at EGL on Pentecost Day, May 19, at the regular 9:00 a.m. service. What an opportunity for EGL to see this process brought to completion on Pentecost! Thanks are due to you, the congregation, for your support over the last 4+ years! Please set aside that day on your calendars.

**WHY DISCOVERY:** Last November EGL began the WHY DISCOVERY process with South Wisconsin District Mission Executive Dr Nathan Meador as our facilitator. This process seeks to help congregations re-appreciate who they are in Christ and the work that God has prepared for them to do in their specific acres of God's vineyard, ala Ephesians 2:10. The WHY statement we've developed in collaboration with Meador is: "God has established EGL to proclaim Christ, receiving and sharing His gifts in Word and Sacrament." Broad in scope, this statement is meant

to give purpose and anchor all the activities we do in receiving and sharing the gifts of God. Very soon you will see (likely on the wall in the overflow room) space for adding sticky notes under 5 different subcategories all the events and activities EGL engages in. You are invited to participate and help identify all the things we do, under the applicable subcategory. Those five areas are: education, fellowship, Divine Service and pastoral care, reconciliation, and outreach. Once we see them all on display, we can ask ourselves, how does each activity support that goal of receiving God's gifts and sharing them with others?

**DID YOU KNOW?** For the groups that often meet in the Bartelt Center, here's some useful information. There is now full internet access there. Maintenance man Paul Pfaff recently extended the work begun a couple of years ago from the Fellowship Hall to the living room of the old parsonage by running the necessary wiring and adding a WiFi extender/booster. Use the same network and password you'd use anywhere else in the Church.

**MINISTRY AMONG NATIVE AMERICANS:** Two streams of generosity came together during Lent. As you know, the free-will offerings associated with the midweek Lenten meals were earmarked for Lutheran Indian Ministries [LIM]. Then, unexpectedly, the Board of Evangelism designated the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday offerings for LIM also. As a result a check for \$3,768 was hand delivered to the LIM offices this past week as a gift from EGL. Thank you! As we worked our way through the book of Exodus in Lent under the theme of "Let My People Go," we gave generously to an LCMS effort aimed at helping native Americans find freedom in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Good job!

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Approximately 15 years ago on one of the dozen Higher Things "Dare to be Lutheran" youth gatherings that EGL attended, we had the opportunity to meet a delegation of youth and adults from Scandinavia who were attending that Higher Things gathering with the intention of replicating it for European purposes. A couple of years later CORPUS CHRISTI happened. Not the city in Texas, but the European confessional Lutheran gathering. They meet yearly during the summer to study, worship, and have fun together. The host city changes each year because the young Lutherans come from across Europe, but this summer the

program is in the home of the Reformation, Wittenberg, Germany. The program is held mostly in English to accommodate the various languages spoken. This year, Dr Biermann from the St Louis seminary is the featured speaker. One of the biggest differences with the American Higher Things program is that CORPUS CHRISTI focuses on young adults in their 20's rather than the high school age group. Registration is now open. Talk to Pr Skovgaard and check out <https://www.corpuschristi.eu/conference-2024/>.

**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.

**PET PHOTOS WALL:** All creatures great and small! One of the blessings of caring for animals as pets is the opportunity to develop empathy for others. In exchange for their affection, we give them safe homes in which to live out their lives. In celebration of the gift of pets, a pet appreciation wall is "under construction" in the stairwell leading up to the church nave. If you have a pet you'd like featured on this wall, please submit a 4"x6" standard photo of your pet to Mrs Stroh. To maximize the image, please include just the pet -- be it a bird, a cat, a dog, a horse, a gerbil, etc. Please write the pet's name on the back, with your name, and then give it to Mrs Stroh by the end of April.

**RECENT CONFIRMATION YEARS:** If you've been in the Fellowship Hall in recent years and spent some time looking at the confirmation photos going back to 1944, you've no doubt noticed that we ran out of space for confirmation class photos eight years ago! It was high time to do something about that injustice, so our maintenance man, Paul Pfaff, spent some time recreating three additional wall-mounted frames to match the six that are reset into the western wall of the FH. You can now see the first additional frame mounted on the same side of the FH. We will add the other two in the years ahead as the confirmation classes roll by. For the time being, you can check out the last 8 years worth of classes. Did you know that

a dear lady from that 1944 class is still a member here?!

**BASKETS OF BLESSINGS:** Thank you to everyone who took an Easter basket, filled it with thoughtful items, and brought it with a smile and Easter blessings to one of our homebound members. Many of you added a handwritten note, homemade treats, or a lovely devotional booklet. You were a special messenger of the love and joy of our Savior's Resurrection. - Barbara Thompson & Carole Braun [Although we have done this for many years, this year there was so much positive feedback from the homebound members and the volunteers! – Pastor]

**CANDIDATES SOUGHT:** The EGL nominating committee is seeking individuals to run for the various boards of the congregation, including Vice President and Secretary. If elected terms would begin July 1. Please contact the church office or members of the nominating committee to learn more. Nominating Committee members are Paul Haut, Dennis Hipenbecker, Amy Stroh, Mark Ewert and James Drabiszczak.

**EGL PARENT/YOUTH NIGHT** is Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. and is for both youth in 5th-12th grade and their parents. We will have food and refreshments for everyone! This event is for the parents to learn about and discuss our Youth Program with the Youth Ministry Team. Game Tournaments with Prizes for the Youth! We ask you to RSVP no later than Sunday, April 7 by emailing [youth@egl.org](mailto:youth@egl.org). WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!

**VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE** at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wed, May 1, 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. Schedule your appointment online at [https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/261952](https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/261952) or contact Rick Ewert [262-289-9333](tel:262-289-9333)/[blooddrive@egl.org](mailto:blooddrive@egl.org). When one donates blood, they give patients the gift money cannot buy or science cannot create. A unit of blood can save up to three lives.

**EGL FAMILY BINGO NIGHT** is Friday, April 12, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per person (for dinner) and 2 full sized candy bars. Make sure to invite your Family and Friends and sign up by Monday, April 8th. Sign-up sheets can be found in the racks outside the nave or in the

February, March, or April Seasons. Any questions, email [evangelism@egl.org](mailto:evangelism@egl.org).

**EGL STAMMTISCH:** Hi, Guys! Join your friends at April's EGL Stammtisch as we kick back once again for our monthly "guys night out" connecting with those around us! This month, Stammtisch will once again be in the Bartelt Center here at EGL as a BYOB event. Conversation is always lively, always timely, with lots of variety, in a fun atmosphere of Christian fellowship. If you are new to EGL and/or have not joined us before, please come on out and give it a try! EGL Bartelt Center on Thursday April 18 from 7:30-9:30(ish). For more information, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430 or call the church office. Bring a friend, your favorite beverage, and snacks to share! See you there!

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** Thurs, April 18, our group will meet in the BAAC at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book, "**The Next Ship Home**" written by Heather Webb. It is a novel about Ellis Island.

**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 or go here: [www.luwisomo.org/contact-form](http://www.luwisomo.org/contact-form).

**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>

**MABAS LECTURE:** The Milwaukee Area Biblical Archaeology Society will host a lecture on Thursday, April 11, 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 LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE** presents their spring concert "Eternal Life" featuring John Rutter's Requiem. Fri, April 26, 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 121 W. Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha and Sun, April 28, 3:00 p.m. Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee. \$15-General Admission / Free-Students with ID. <https://lutheranacappella.org/>

**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).

**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 is in the church's upper entryway.

**PTL FUNDRAISER:** Please help support the Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Lutheran campus) by having dinner at Panda Express (18190 Bluemound Rd, Brookfield) on April 16, 10 a.m. -8:30 p.m. 20% of event sales get donated to Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Campus).

**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 Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
**MEMORIALS AND DEDICATIONS OF EASTER PLANTS**



**Given by:**

Andrew & Amber Alles

Pat Alles and Todd & Barbara Alles

The Beckley Family

Dave & Jean Bennett

Bruce & Karla Bessert

Dennis & Carole Braun

Gene & Irene Brunner

Jeffory Burke

Karen Clark

Ken Dahlke

James Drabiszczak

Pam Ganswindt

Peter & Terri Holzwart

Mark & Karen Kennedy

Tom & Joan Knuteson

Barbara Kurth

**In memory of:**

Thomas Alles

Thomas Alles, husband and father

James & Florence Fielding

Grandparents & Mike Young

Our parents & Karla's brother

Our parents and our brothers

Michael Brunner

Marion Burke

Fred Kurth, father

Parents, Elton & Nathalie Dahlke

Anton & Mary Drabiszczak  
Lynne Drabiszczak

Ralph & Carla Ganswindt

Walter & Amy Holzwart

Richard Kennedy  
Ray & Margaret Spors

Family Saints

Husband, Fred Kurth

Sam & Rose Lee	Our parents
Charlotte Mohr	George Mohr, husband and father
Doris Moore and Helen Moore	Husband, Amory Moore Sister, Martha Moore
Liz Okray	Sainted family members
Jim & Diane Olson	Diane's parents and Jim's father
Judi & Jerry Pritchard and Family	Father & Grandfather, Melvin Smith
Cindy Regenfuss	John Schaefer
Nancy Roozen	My Mother
Kathy Rutley	Steve Rutley, husband, father, and grandpa
Claire Schuppner	Husband, Howard Schuppner
Rev. Harold Senkbeil	Jane F. Senkbeil
Pastor & Shelly Skovgaard	Dale & Helen Skovgaard Zack & Dottie Horrell
Gladys Smith	Husband, Melvin Smith
Stroh Family	Richard & Suzanne Purath
John & Barb Thompson	Our grandson, Nathan
Jennifer Tromp	Diane Prell & Elmer Prell

### **Dedicated by:**

Andrew & Amber Alles

Anonymous

Richard & Nancy Ewert  
Mark & Carol Ewert

Peter Holzwart

### **In honor of:**

The 6th birthday of Tommy Alles  
The 40th wedding anniversary of Todd & Barbara Alles

Pastor & Shelly Skovgaard  
in honor of their loving service to EGL

Charles & Hazel Ewert

Grandchildren

Kevan & Julie Leaf and Family

Charles & Hazel Ewert  
Gerald & Selma Leaf

James & Diane Olson

Jim's Mother, Elaine Olson

Bruce & Sue Wilcox

Daughters, Ann & Christine

## **Blessings Received**

Andrew & Amber Alles  
Sherri Bond  
Doug & Meg Grek  
Paul & Linda Haut  
Peter & Terri Holzwart  
Richard & Jean Kruse  
Kris Nitschke  
John & Luanne Schaefer  
John & Barb Thompson  
Ron & Bev Wegner  
Fred & Irma Witzke  
Ann Wilcox  
John & Nancy Wolck  
Matthew & Amy Zientek



## **Children's Garden**

Avery Haut  
Emma Haut  
Gavin Nelson  
Liam Nelson  
Ella Nelson  
Kathy Rutley

Elijah Thompson  
Alexandra Thompson  
Mikayla Zientek  
Madelyn Zientek  
Morgan Zientek

## EASTER WORD SEARCH

H K B U N O J V P S F B Z B M	
J J W G H Q G U S G U U O W Y	BASKET
R E S U R R E C T I O N M M V	BONNET
D V L G U Z R L O F N N D U F	BUNNY
I Y U L G P C B D E V Y Y A D	CANDY
F J G Q Y E M M T K E D O Q Y	DINNER
C Q R M B B T A J M E P T T M	EGGS
H Q S E K S E L K D D P K B M	EASTER
W W E X T F Z A A A H A C Z S	JELLYBEANS
G E I Q B S S R N I R A C U E	JESUS
F Q L Y A O A Y B S N A R V V	LAMB
O R I A S P W E Y D L N J N M	LILIES
G B L L K I C I Y S U S E J G	PARADE
B O F R E N N I D D Z G A Q B	RESURRECTION
P Z E C T Q J U S P R I N G M	SPRING
	SUNDAY

