

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

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| <p>S 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS1)
 10:30 a.m. Adult Study (Exodus) (Nave)
 Sunday School (FH)
 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)</p> <p>M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)</p> <p>T 7:00 a.m. Men's Study (Psalms) (228)
 10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC)</p> | <p>W 10:00 a.m. Adult Study (Acts) (BAAC)
 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
 7:00 p.m. Elder Meeting (228)
 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
 7:00 p.m. Gym Rental</p> <p>T 6:30 p.m. Worship</p> <p>S Rental (FH)</p> |
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IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **171** people that attended services last week in person and **85** households streamed the services for a total of **256**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

GOLF OUTING:



Don't miss out on this fun event! Sign up today to join us for what promises to be a fun day! If you don't golf, we'd love to have you join us for dinner. You can find sign up sheets in the back of church and in the April Seasons. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at golfouting@egl.org.

DONATIONS REQUEST: Do you have a donation for the Drive to Thrive Golf Outing? You will find a box in the church library for your donations. Any bottles of wine, gift cards, or raffle items are appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at golfouting@egl.org.

THE KAMMERCHOR from Concordia University Wisconsin is singing at our Sunday morning worship, May 5, 9:00 a.m. This is the first stop on their annual Spring Tour. The Kammerchor is CUW's concert choir. Be sure to worship in-person.

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.

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/>

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?

IN HIS IMAGE CONFERENCE ON SEXUALITY:

Lake Country Lutheran High School is hosting a free 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 event and registration information or contact Nancy Ewert at newert@doxology.us.

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 from July 22-26. 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 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering is almost a year away! If you or your youth ages 14-19 by the time of the gathering is interested, please talk to Ben Ewert or email youth@egl.org AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. You can also sign up by scanning the QR code below.



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.

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.

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 or contact Rick Ewert [262-289-9333](tel:262-289-9333)/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. Donors get 1 free Wisconsin Dells Mount Olympus Water Park Ticket.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:

Thurs, May 16, our group will meet in the BAAC at 9:30 a.m. to discuss

the book, **"The Book of Charlie"** written David Von Dreble. Please join us.

LWML: The morning group of LWML will meet on Wed, May 1 in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. Since our April meeting was cancelled because of the weather, the Bible study will be the one scheduled for April. **"Baptized. Equipped. Serving."** This study is found on page 16 of the spring issue of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*. We are **baptized** in Christ. We are **equipped** in Christ. We are **servng** in Christ. Also to be discussed at this meeting will be the upcoming LWML-SWD Convention on June 14-15.

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.

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>

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 or call (877-226-9919).

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.

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. Go Brewers!



KAMMERCHOR SPRING TOUR 2024

DIRECTOR
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Sunday, May 5

Worship Service 9:00 am

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