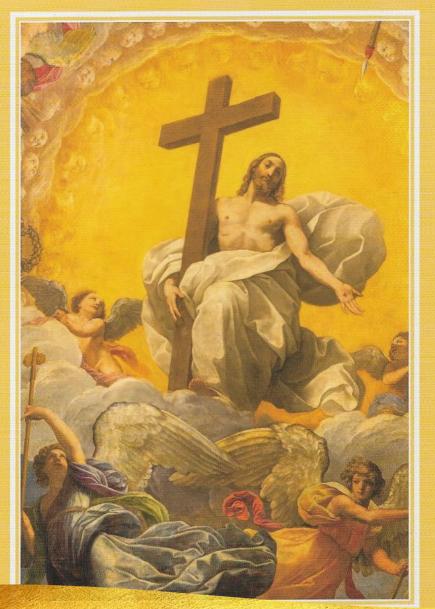


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He is Risen! Allelulia!



Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and the repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations.

Luke 24:46

From Your Pastor

Luther once wrote a booklet to answer the question, On Whether a Christian Can Be a Soldier? Even though the soldier's job is the business of war, Luther's answer was yes. His answer is rooted in Romans 13, legitimate authority, just war, and the vocation of service to one's neighbor. With that in mind, we can ask the question, can a Christian also be engaged in the business of espionage? Even though a spy's work at times involves deception and war by other means, I believe the answer is yes.

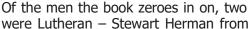
I grew up in a household that knew clearly that there was a Cold War, and that we in the West were the good guys. There was never a moment in my young adult years that I wasn't convinced that the West held the moral high ground when it came to the clash of worldviews, political and economic philosophies. We were the city on the hill to

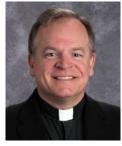
which other nations yearned to come. Not only did I hear about the clash of There was never a moment in my civilizations at home, I had my childhood assumptions reinforced at college when I attended the University of Virginia. I studied with professors who told me that I should only work for the the clash of worldviews, political government if seeing the US flag wave and economic philosophies. filled me with pride. Another professor I

had, Vladimir Reisky de Dubnic used to tell us about his escape from Czechoslovakia to Austria the weekend that the Soviets invaded. He had gone skiing that weekend in August, 1968, with friends and didn't return until years later after becoming a professor at UVA. He eventually regained ownership of his hereditary property, Vilemov Castle.

In the spring of 2022 I stumbled across a book by Matthew Sutton entitled *Double Crossed* about the formation of the OSS, the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the CIA. It focuses on the work of "Wild" Bill Donovan to recruit overseas missionaries to be agents of the new OSS. Donovan was asked why he gave special attention to the recruitment of missionaries. His answer: "What makes a good missionary makes a good spy," was the hook that got me thinking about the intersection between espionage and theology. By this statement, Donovan meant that overseas missionaries and spies were

adept at local languages, were comfortable living in foreign environments, and were keen to live for causes greater than themselves. They often viewed their work with the OSS and later the Agency as a continuation of serving the people they had been sent to evangelize in the first place.





Pastor Skovaaard

Pennsylvania, who works to undermine the Nazis from Berlin, and one LCMS, Paul Frillman, an Illinois farm boy who graduated from Concordia St Louis in 1935. Frillman was sent to Hankow (nowadays Wuhan). Known as a aifted linguist, he guickly learned Chinese. After 5-6 years of formal missionary work there he was recruited by Chennault to be a chaplain for the Flying Tigers.

It is also of interest perhaps to us to note that Donovan's assistant and later head of the CIA, Allen Dulles, had a brother, John Foster Dulles, who visited EGL at the

dedication of our church building in 1954, following the march from the first building at Watertown Plank and Sunny Slope.

One of my favorite depictions of espionage in the Bible is from 2 Samuel 16 which tells the account of David's flight from Jerusalem as his son Absalom

marches on the city. David flees with his faithful troops (largely Gentile!) and leaves in place the high priests, their sons, and an old advisor to form a spy ring to feed him information on Absalom's plans and to plant false information. They eventually provide the information necessary for David's army to win. Absalom is killed and the rebellion put down.

God is at work in all things for the benefit of those who are loved by Him, ala Romans 8:28. He works through people in human history, and that includes the work of spies who must at times deceive. I believe the Lutheran confession of the faith supports the work of spies, and thus is a theology for espionage. Our life is hidden in Christ, and as such we live by faith in Christ, and in our neighbor by good works, serving him in many and various ways. I believe that service of neighbor includes God's working even through His servants called spies "to defend us against all danger and to guard and protect us from all evil."

A Little Walking Works: More Is Even Better

The largest study of its kind researching the "necessary" number of steps to take per day has good news for everyone. The most recent study — involving more than 225,000 people — showed that just 2,400 steps per day can help reduce your risk of dying prematurely from heart

> disease or stroke. That's good news for those days where you aren't able to walk as many steps as you'd like.

> a few thousand steps more:

- Walk 4,000 steps per day and you'll cut your risk of dying from any cause (not just from heart disease and stroke).
- Each extra 1,000 steps beyond 4,000 is associated with an additional 15% reduced risk of dying from any cause. (The health benefits eventually top off at around 20,000 steps.)

The research team from the Medical University of Lodz in Poland and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in the U.S. found that the results applied to both men and women regardless of age and where they lived, and the The news gets even better if you can walk biggest benefits were seen among those under the age of 60. Source: The Week and BBC News

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Stewardship Message

"For we are God's fellow workers" (1 Corinthians 3:9).

It takes many hands — working together — to accomplish all that takes place in a church like Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church. Some of those "hands" are highly visible as they lead worship services, usher, teach Sunday school classes, or participate in musical presentations. Others are not seen as much as they labor behind the scenes in the nursery, cleaning the building, serving on committees, or in many other ways.

That is true of all types of organizations, but what sets the church apart — especially a church like Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church — is that we are not just

working by ourselves and for ourselves. We are working together hand in hand with Almighty God. As Annie Johnson Flint wrote, "Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today."

What we are doing, whether it is one of the highly visible functions or one of the behind-the-scenes tasks, we are doing for God's glory. We are "God's fellow workers." We are truly working together with God! And as we do so, we have the opportunity to celebrate God's good gifts to us.

As we embark on a new election cycle for our church boards, consider investing your time and talents on a board position or other activity with-in the church. Since we are "Gods Hands" he needs us to support the church and all the church activities that take place to grow his kingdom.

Sign Up for EGL's Golf Outing and Dinner Friday, May 10



The EGL golf outing is back! The EGL Foundation has been working hard to bring this fun event back. We have rebranded the event. It is now called The *Drive to Thrive* Golf Outing and Dinner. We are so excited for this fun day on Friday, May 10, 2024.

This is not a school event. All money raised will support the multifaceted ways the EGL 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, security and church needs, and foreign missions.

We will not have an auction this year, but you can expect the evening to include many things that you have loved about this event in the past. A few things to look forward to are a wine

pull, a chance to win a new iPad, heads and tails, raffles (including a chance to win a new bike), and of course an amazing dinner prepared by Bunzels.

As in the past, if you aren't a golfer, you can join us for the evening festivities, including an amazing dinner.



HAPPY



JoAnn Randall, our church's retired Parish Nurse, reached a milestone birthday on February 27. Her family surprised her with cake, balloons and a bouquet of tulips during the Sunday coffee hour. EGL members joyfully celebrated JoAnn's 90th year with her, and her family!

Shown above with JoAnn is her granddaughter, Ana, daughter, Kim, and son, Greg.

May God continue to bless JoAnn in the years ahead. We give thanks for her many years of service to our church and school.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

By Transfer:

Thomas and Susan Kaucic

Transferring to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Reedsburg, WI

Ilona Kuchta

Transferring to Christ the King Lutheran Church in Riverview, FL

Meghan Patterson

Transferring to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI

By Death:

Walter Tesch



Altar Guild holds their Spring Meeting



On Saturday, March 9, members of the Altar Guild gathered at church for their bi-annual spring meeting. The 15 members in the group serve our church by setting out all the elements of the Lord's Supper, and then clean-up immediately following the worship service. Luanne Schaefer leads the group. New members are welcome. Jean Kruse works closely with Pastor Skovgaard in order to know which services will offer Communion, and then schedules the Altar Guild members accordingly. Members are able to request dates that they can't serve.

Members shown above are: (first row, L to R) Joan Knuteson, Diane Olson, Jean Kruse, Sherri Bond, Nancy Ewert. In the second row, L to R, are: Meg Grelk, Luanne Schaefer, Shelly Skovgaard, Irma Witzke, Helen Moore, Carol Ewert and Julie Leaf. Members not able to attend were Sharon Boudro, Karen Clark and Sue Schmalzer.



The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, April 3 in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study, found on page is titled **Equipped. Serving."** We are baptized in Christ. We are equipped in Christ. We serve others for Christ. We should

have an interesting discussion. We extend a welcome to all women of our congregation.

Good news! The last mission grant Hispanic Outreach in Shebovaan County of \$11,060 has been fully funded. This grant will enable a communication and Ministry Partnership. The outreach has resulted in weekly Bible study and worship services in Spanish. Several children have been baptized and several newcomers have been catechized.

Heart to Heart Sisters took place on Saturday, March 16. In attendance were 150, many dressed in ethnic at-

tire. Displays of the various ethnic cultures were quite

interesting. Vicar Sam Lee and Rose were one of the exhibitors. Highlights of the Worship Service was hearing scripture in different languages, the Hmong Children's Choir dressed in festive Hmong attire singing in the "Baptized. Hmong language, and Vicar Sam Lee singing a solo of "How Great Thou Art" in Chinese.

Our LWML will be hosting the LWML Zone 3 Rally on Saturday, April 20, in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration and breakfast. Pastor Dennis Hipenbecker will lead the group in Bible study. The

keynote speaker will be Pastor Afam, who is employed by our South Wisconsin District of the LCMS as chaplain in the House of Corrections. He leads Bible study, worship services, counselling, and even one to one counselling in the inmates' cells. You will be able to hear how this ministry is bringing people to Jesus Christ. The ingathering will be for putting together items in a backpack for when they are released from the House of Correction. If you would like to contribute, bring any of these items to the big Mite Box near the LWML bulletin board. Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, lotion, soap, towel, washcloth, comb, and hand sanitizer. Pastor Afam is also ministering at Bethany Lutheran Church.

The LWML-SWD will hold its Convention at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie, WI on June 14-15,

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

Barbara Kurth



Stermal Life

Featuring John Rutter's "Requiem,"

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Under the direction of Mr. Thomas Ajack, Artistic Director

Friday, April 26th at 7:30pm

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Mount Carmel Lutheran Church 8424 W Center St Milwaukee, WI 53222

Tickets are \$15 General Admission Students FREE with student 1D

Visit the web site for more information: lutheranacappella.org/spring-concert Tickets are available for purchase in advance or at the door.





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Remember to Vote on Tuesday, April 2!

2024 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote

A good resource is this web site: **myvote.wi.gov**



Type in your street address to see your sample ballot. Depending on your location, the options to vote for elected offices and referendums on the ballot will vary. The web site also includes the location of your polling place. Note, some of those locations have changed.

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



EGL Stammtisch!

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 info, 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!!!

My Democracy is a being I nourish to keep alive. I do not take for granted that my freedoms will survive. My ideas and ideals I work to promote, and I never neglect my privilege to vote.

(source: Library of Congress, Programs, Poetry and Literature loc.gov/programs/poetry-and-literature/poet-laureate/poet-laureate-projects)



Tax Returns are due Monday, April 15

What does the pessimistic accountant think?

It's accrual world.



GOLF COURSE:

GOLF and DINE WITH A PURPOSE:

Sign up now for the EGL Foundation Golf Outing and Dinner on **Friday, May 10, 2024**.

Come support our Foundation as we raise funds to support our mission.

	W270 N6177 Moraine Drive, Sussex				
	(262) 538-9900				
	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Registration Begins and Driving Range Opens Lunch (Hamburger/Brat/Hot Dog with chips and cookie) Golf, Shotgun Start			
AUCTION/DINNER:	4:30 p.m.	Arrival for Dinner & Raffles Menu: Roast Beef, Chicken, Pork Loin, Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert (catering by Bunzels).			

FESTIVITIES: Raffles, games, and contest winners. Winners to be

Ironwood Golf Course

announced during dinner. The program will close by 9:00 p.m.

COST: \$150 Per Golfer. Includes: golf, cart, range balls, hole games and contests,

2 mulligans, lunch, dinner, 2 drink tickets, and a gift bag.

\$30 Per Person for Dinner and Festivities.

Deadline for registration is May 1.

Golf & Dinner	Dinner Only	Name	Email Address	Phone #



# of Golfers	@ \$150.00 each\$
# of Dinners	@ \$30.00 each \$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	¢

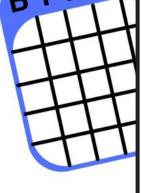
Please return this registration form along with your **check**, made **payable to Elm Grove Lutheran Foundation**, and return it to the church office or the golf outing mailbox no later than May 1.



Family BINGO Night

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FRIDAY, APRIL 12 6pm-8pm EGL FELLOWSHIP HALL



BINGO WILL START PROMPTLY AT 6:30pm. ARRIVE EARLY TO GET YOUR BINGO CARDS

B 4 Cost? \$5.00/PERSON (FOR DINNER)
PLUS TWO FULL SIZED CANDY BARS

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INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

In order to plan for dinner, please fill out the sign up slip below and return to the church office by **Monday, April 8**.

EGL BINGO NIGHT SIGN-UP

Name: ______
Friend's Name: _____
Friend's Name: _____
Friend's Name: _____

Any Questions? Email Evangelism@egl.org

Fundraiser for

Elm Grove Lutheran School

20% of event sales will be donated



When

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM to 8:30 PM

Where

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How to Order

or



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April Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

If your birth date or wedding anniversary is not included, please be sure to contact the church office. Thanks!



April 1

Justin Speck

April 2

A-Rob & Julie Diehl Mary Mhambrey

April 3

Austin Garcia Matthew Stroh Nicholas Weinbauer

April 5

Ashley Fisher

April 6

Victoria Ohde

April 7

Sarah Daley Zack Skovgaard Mary Tischer

April 8

A-Kelly & Dick Niggemann Kathryn Colucci Virginia Higgins Rose Lee

April 9

Gene Brunner

April 10

Joseph Beltran Megan Dougherty John Widule Amy Zientek

April 11

A-Jim & Mindy Aldinger

April 12

Ella Donath Linda Haut Alexander Morateck Mackenzie Netzel Rachel Schultz

April 13

Sharon Maxson Matthew Zientek



April 15

A-Michael & Jennifer Rentmaster **Bruce Bessert**

April 16

Alanna Carney Alyssa Krueger Gene Traas

April 17

David Wolber

April 18

A-Gene & Irene Brunner A-Elizabeth & Jack Tice Lois Greenweller Diane Olson Sue Schmalzer

April 19

Dennis Braun

April 20

Michael Dober Eric Weller

April 22

Rebecca Frank Heather Hipke Katherine Will



Elise Halvorson

April 24

Andrew Dietrich Steve Nelson Timothy Senkbeil

April 25

A-Preston & Sarah Nobile

April 26

A-Gary & Katherine Will Linda Goba Kathryn Kuffel Nancy Schuchardt

April 27

Tommy Alles Jenna Patterson

April 28

A-Richard & Christine Jaeschke A-Kathryn & Kevin Kuffel Stephanie Garcia

April 30

Ron Hessenthaler







Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar - 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	A:30 PM Stewardship Meeting (FL) 6:30 PM BOCE Meeting (228) 6:30 PM Governance Meeting (FL) 7:00 PM Barbershop Group (FH) Church Office Closed Easter Monday - Office Closed	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	3 10:00 AM LWML (BAAC) 1:00 PM Sheepshead (BAAC) 7:00 PM Gym Rental	4 6:30 PM Worship (C)	5	6
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I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

(John 10: 11-16)



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The deadline for articles and photos to be submitted for the next *Seasons* is:

Monday, April 15

Submissions can be sent to

seasons@egl.org

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday

Bible Study will follow the service 10:30-11:30

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated 1st, 3rd, 5th Thursday

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Follow Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church on Facebook!

Do you recognize this plate?

A stack of them was left on our doorstep a few weeks ago. One is on display in the Friendship Library. Please email seasons@egl.org if you know its history.



Prayer Warriors at Elm Grove Lutheran Church are ready to pray for you.



Prayers of:

Thanksgiving Comfort Praise Healing Strength Peace Blessings Wisdom

If you have a prayer request or wish to become a part of this great mission, please contact:

Mindy Aldinger – <u>prayerchain@egl.org</u> or 414-698-8774 Linda Hoffmann – 262-786-1203

Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 1 2:00 - 6:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall



Schedule your appointment online at <u>versiti.org</u>. Click on the top right button, DONATE BLOOD. Then enter the zip code 53122 and the date, 05/01/2024. *OR*, call or email Rick Ewert

262.289.9333 / blooddrive@egl.org

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