

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

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| <p>S 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS2)
 10:30 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School
 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)</p> <p>M 5:00 p.m. Board of Finance Meeting (229)
 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting (228)
 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)</p> <p>T 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)</p> | <p>10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC)
 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)</p> <p>W 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC)
 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
 6:00 p.m. Board of Stewardship Meeting (FL)
 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)</p> <p>T 6:30 p.m. Worship</p> |
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IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **118** people that attended services last week in person and **30** households streamed the services for a total of **148**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

35TH ANNUAL MILWAUKEE AREA LIFECHAIN: Sun, Oct 6, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Please join your fellow EGL members as we prayerfully stand in support of the unborn. Young and old alike can participate by standing or sitting and holding the now familiar signs - Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals and Abortion Hurts Women. Our location is the northwest corner of Bluemound and Pilgrim. Meet in the North Shore Bank parking lot at 12:50 p.m. Signs will be provided. Please pray for the babies and their families, all who will stand in the LifeChain and those who will witness it. And finally, please pray God's will be done as our legislators and jurists contemplate abortion laws at the state level. Please contact Sue Schmalzer, 414-313-3888 with questions.

PRO-LIFE BOARD: Just outside the west doors entering into the overflow room, you can find the board we've had for years promoting pro-life ministry. Sue Schmalzer, who is EGL's representative on the Board of Directors for A Place of Refuge, has recently updated that board that gives brand-new information. You are encouraged to check it out!

SOUND WALL APPROVAL: After navigating inclement weather in the late spring and summer,

and meandering through the Village bureaucracy, EGL received approval from the Village last week on the construction of the sound wall around the A/C unit outside the Bartelt Center. Because of its age, the A/C unit makes more noise when it's running. With a few neighbors complaining, EGL had found itself "not in compliance" with the Village. After investigating options, a proposal was put in front of the Village. They accepted it; and the project has been completed and approved. Thank you to Paul Pfaff and the volunteers who helped get 'er done!

SPECIAL APOR SERVICE: On Sunday, September 29, at 4:00 p.m. EGL will host a special Evening Prayer service for the purpose of commissioning and installing newly called church worker Abigail Hambaum. Abigail will serve A Place of Refuge (APOR) as their daytime house manager. Abigail is a recent CUW grad with a degree in Director of Church Ministries. APOR is the South Wisconsin District's only crisis pregnancy center. Refuge House is a safe place that provides a loving, nurturing environment for women and their unborn children. They encourage women to make the positive changes in their lives that will offer opportunity, direction and hope for their futures. <https://www.aplaceofrefuge.org/>

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Starting October 9, all women are invited to join us in studying "Golden Fruit" on the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22,23. We will meet every other Wednesday evening, 5:30-6:45 p.m., in the BAAC, for nine weeks. You may purchase a study guide online OR

ask Amy Stroh to print a copy from the printable version we bought. Each short chapter focuses on a spiritual "fruit" and how it was displayed in the life of a Biblical woman. May we encourage one another to produce such fruit that glorifies God and serves our neighbors! Ask Nancy Wolck if you have any questions.

KFUO RADIO ANNIVERSARY: On Oct 12 KFUO will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Our LCMS radio station has the distinction of being the oldest Christian radio station in the world. A special service of Thanksgiving will be held on Oct 12 with Synod President Matthew Harrison preaching. For a history of the station, you can check out the following: kfu.org/history.

HOLY LAND TOUR 2025: There is something special about meditating on the Scriptures in the very places where the events occurred. Pr Koch of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Greenfield will be leading a tour back to the Holy Land next March. Destinations include Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea Philippi, Qumran, Masada, and of course the temple mount, Gethsemane, and the places of Jesus' trial, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem. We will visit the site of Jesus' baptism at the Jordan River, take a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, and take a swim in the buoyant Dead Sea. PLUS there is an optional trip extension to Egypt to ascend the Mountain of Moses in Sinai, and see the Sphinx and the great Pyramids of Egypt. Tours are already safely taking place in Israel right now. It only takes a \$500 registration to hold your spot for this tour. Spaces are limited, so you are encouraged to sign up soon. Brochures can be found in the back of the Nave or you can go to registernow.ittworld.com and put in the tour code Koch25 to get all the information you need. If you have any questions, feel free to call Pastor Koch at 414-795-9005. We hope you'll be able to take part in this great experience!

LUTHERAN HOME: The Chapel program at the *Lutheran Home* (76th & North Ave.) needs your help. Your service will help our residents to live fuller, more connected lives, not only with each other, but with the love of Christ. We need friendly faces to assist our residents get to worship service, Bible class, and fellowship opportunities. Volunteer times can be as little as one hour. Areas of need include:
Sunday mornings 9:30-11:30 (Transport residents to Sunday morning worship service in the

chapel). **Tuesdays mornings 11:15-12:15** (Transport residents on 2nd floor to Bible class). **Wednesday mornings 9:45-10:45** (Transport residents on 3rd floor to Bible class) **Wednesday/Thursday/Friday afternoons 1:00-2:00** (Assist residents on "shopping outings" to our 1st floor emporium). Please prayerfully consider sharing some of your time and talents with your brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need. By doing this, you will help enrich not only the quality of our residents lives with human and spiritual connections, but your own as well. If you would like to help or need more information, please contact Chaplain Derek M. Wolter at 414-258-6171, ext. 349, or derek.wolter@thelutheranhome.org.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED! Qualifications: a friendly smile, ability to pour a cup of coffee and bring some morning sweets. Time: after the 9:00a.m. Sunday service. No experience required. Sign up on Sunday mornings or call Luanne and John Schaefer at 262-784-3106 or 262-617-0561.

SOLES FOR JESUS: Thank you to all of our members who have generously donated shoes to this mission. Our EGL collection box was filled to overflowing and they were delivered to the Soles for Jesus warehouse this past week. Their volunteer teams recently traveled to the countries of Benin and Cameroon and provided shoes, washed feet, and shared the Gospel message.

LWML: The Morning Group of LWML will meet in the BAAC on Wed, Oct 2 at 10:00 a.m. The Bible Study "Christ's Steadfastness: The Apostle's Creed – Second Article," is found on pages 22 and 23 of the fall issue of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. We find comfort and truth in in this creed that the Father has for us through His Son Jesus Christ.

LWML: Our EGL LWML evening group will pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child on Oct 14 in the BAAC at 6:30 p.m. Bring your donations to the LWML Mite Box near the bulletin board in the lower church entrance by Sun, Oct 13. Suggested items include:
Hygiene: combs, toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap, **School:** pencils, sharpeners, colored pencils, crayons, markers, pens, notebooks, watercolor sets glue sticks, stickers **Toys:** foam balls, small cars/trucks, finger puppets, Slinkys, play animals, stuffed animals, jump ropes, kickballs, and pumps.

Look for school supplies on sale or at dollar stores. Thank you for your generosity in bringing joy to needy children.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thurs, Oct 17 at 9:30 a.m. is the next meeting in the BAAC. A true story of the recovery of a reporter covering a war, who was severely injured. The title of the book is *Saved: A War Reporter's Mission To Make It Home* by Benjamin Hall. We should have a good discussion. An invitation is extended to EGL ladies who enjoy reading. Come and join us. Questions? Call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: Please help our youth fundraise for the LCMS Youth Gathering next year by having dinner at Portillos (17685 W. Bluemound Road in Brookfield) on Oct 15, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 20% of sales will benefit our youth. Flyers can be found in the back of the nave.

FALL YOUTH NIGHT is Sun, Sept 29 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Youth in grades 6th-12th can come hang out, play some games, eat snacks, study the Bible, and maybe do some homework in the Youth Room! See you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Elm Grove Fire Department is going to be using the EGL school building for tactical training on Nov 11. They are looking for participants to act as patients. They ask that you arrive no later than 5:30 p.m. and the training should be over by 9:00 p.m. Please contact Scott Burgardt at sburgardt@elmgrovewi.org if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you very much!