

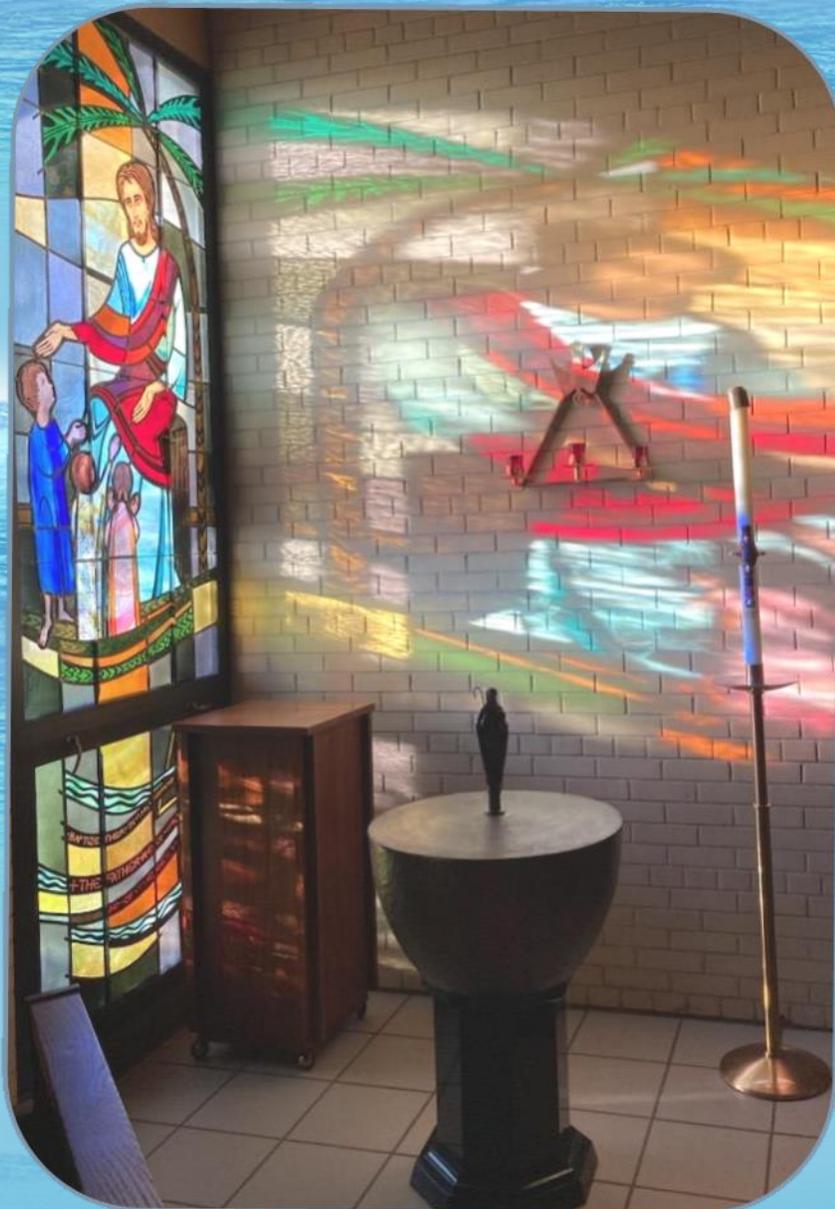
SEASONS

Be prepared in season and out of season
2 Timothy 4:2



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Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

From Your Vicar

Acts of the Spirit on Our 2023 Trip to China

Between September and November, my wife and I took a seven-week long trip to visit our loved ones in China. It has been about four years since we visited China last time before the COVID-19. We had many familial things planned for our trip, including celebrating (actually, one year in advance for men according to Chinese custom) the 90th birthday of my father-in-law who's probably suffering Alzheimers, persuading my struggling 88 year old mother-in-law to commit her husband into a nursing home instead of taking care of him by herself (in addition, she was taking care of her only remaining son who suffered a stroke two years ago), and lastly, handling my father's inheritance with my two sisters since he passed away in the beginning of last year while China was still in lock-down.

More importantly to us, and interesting to you, my fellow EGLers, is that, besides visiting loved ones in China, the Holy Spirit had prompted us to take advantage of this trip for His mission and ministry, such as visiting our fellow missionaries in Taiwan and visiting folks we knew who might be open to hear the Gospel or need strengthening of their faith. How glad we were as we followed the Holy Spirit's lead! Not only have we had a wonderful family visit, but also witnessed the acts of the Spirit on our trip. Thank you for your prayers, we safely returned home without any glitches about two months ago. As many of you asked about our trip, you might be interested and encouraged in receiving a brief trip report highlighting some acts of the Spirit on our trip.

The first highlight is at the first stop, Taiwan. This is our very first visit to Taiwan and we've found that Taiwan is clean and convenient, and Taiwanese are very kind and helpful to tourists. Besides sightseeing, the beautiful island and tasting their delicious foods, we took a bullet train to Chiayi, where we visited The Saving Grace Church of our Partner Synod in Taiwan and attended their divine service with them (about 30 of them, half LCMS missionaries and their family members). They warmly welcomed us, and notably we were glad to meet Pr. and Mrs. Wu, our long-time missionary Rev. Michael Paul and his wife Irene, our LCMS Asia Regional Director Rev. Charles Ferry, etc. Do you know that LCMS began to send missionaries to Taiwan about the time EGL was founded (in the 1950s)? Do you know they have a seminary in Chiayi?

The second highlight is at the second stop, Guangdong, where we visited our friend X and his wife Y, and their handsome son, Jimmy. Because X eagerly searched for comfort, hope and meaning of life after the passing of both his parents during the COVID-19, we were led by the Spirit and so planned to bring the Gospel to him during our visit. How surprised we were that no sooner had they helped us to set up our smartphones for calls as well as g-mails in China, both X and his son Jimmy began to ask us lots of questions about the Bible and the Gospel! Except for some sightseeing in the glittering and raucous metro-

politan Guangzhou, we spent most of our three-day visit sharing our faith in Jesus Christ with them in their quiet home. Since X showed tremendous interest in Christian faith, we invited him to join our weekly Friday night (Saturday morning in China) online Bible study while his son Jimmy joined my newly created Wednesday morning (Wednesday evening in China) online ESL class together with two other young men. Isn't this encouraging? Jesus Christ sent us out on His great mission (Matt 28:19-20), and we got to watch the Holy Spirit drawing all people to Him (John 12:32)!

The third highlight is at a stop on our returning trip, Jiang-xi, where we visited our classmate H and his wife L. Here I'd like to point out the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit (John 3:8) that not long after we visited them about seven years ago, L became a Christian. Since then, God has led us to revisit them every time we visited China in order to strengthen L's faith in Jesus Christ. Indeed God had purposefully sent us to them this time, for as soon as we sat down at their dining table, L asked me, "Sam, I used to be enthusiastic in reading the Bible and going to Bible study. How come I'm no longer so passionate?" Wow, what a leading of the Holy Spirit. Seizing the opportunity, I began to share with her John 15 that Jesus is the true vine and our Father is the vinedresser. I encouraged her to live in the Word, grow in serving and suffering, and trusting God's promise instead of feelings. Meanwhile we also invited L to join our Friday night online Bible study, which she gladly accepted and joined. Moreover, that night after I got up for the bathroom at 2 am and went back to bed, I couldn't sleep but kept thinking about L's question. Suddenly, I realized that she's not alone to have such a lapse in her faith journey and the Holy Spirit urged me to write up how Christians live and grow as the topic for one of the two presentations I later gave to my online Bible study group in Beijing. So I got up and spent the next two hours outlining the presentation and finding the pertinent Bible verses. Only then could I go back and have a sound sleep.

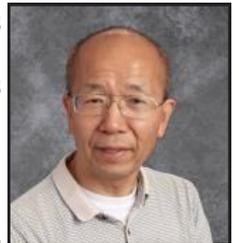
The fourth highlight is at our last stop of our trip, Beijing (or Peking as Western pronunciation), where we visited the members of our Friday night online Bible study group. Before the trip, they made a point to invite us to visit them. Indeed, the joy was overwhelming when we met in person. They commented, "Now we know you are real!". Moreover, they asked me to give them two presentations to address their concerns. You have already read in my last highlight I got the idea for one of my presentations. Yet, it was not until we arrived in Beijing, the last stop on our trip, that I got the idea for the other presentation. Although I knew that China is a work-righteous culture, it was the experience from this trip that helped me gain insight why it's often a huge obstacle for Chinese to understand and appreciate Lutheran's central doctrine i.e., *sola fide*, even after we had talked about the relationship between Christian Faith and Good Works several times before. This trip gave me fresh ideas and a new approach on how to explain it to them thoroughly. They appreciated both of my presentations with very positive feedback. BTW: Since we started this Friday night online Bible study more than two years ago, they've been so enthusiastic in

studying the Bible. Our Bible study generally lasts about two and half hours, sometimes more than three hours even beyond their lunch time in China. This has also been a huge boon and encouragement to my concurrent SMP study. They always have lots of questions. We have gone through several study series. Now, our Bible study group consists of a dozen of us, most of them from Beijing, the rest from Minneapolis, MN; Twin Lake, WI; Guangdong and Jiangxi. With AOR's permission, we are currently studying "Go and Be Reconciled!"

In short, brothers and sisters in the body of Christ at EGL, here are only the four highlights on our trip to China. Of course, I can tell you a lot more if I have more room in the *Seasons*. But you get the idea. It was the leading and acts of the Holy Spirit. It was a mission accomplished and full of joy.

Finally, as we celebrate Christmas, praise and thank our loving Father in heaven who sent Jesus Christ, His only Son, to die for us in our place for the forgiveness of our sins. As we enjoy the peace from God, remember Jesus

died for our neighbors too. We have His command to bring the Gospel to them just as it was first brought to us through His apostles, pastors, missionaries and Christian neighbors. With gratefulness to Jesus Christ, our Lord, our life is mission and ministry with Him leading the way. Let's not neglect His command and remember that only one thing, the Word of God, is truly needful (Luke 10:42). Let's not neglect to meet together and encourage one another as the Day is drawing near (Heb 10:25). While we pray for and obey the Holy Spirit's leading to places to serve our neighbors, we have His promise that if we abide in Him, we will live and bear much fruit, we will have plenty of joy in His mission and ministry, and He will abide in us to the end of age (John 15:4-6, Matt 28:19-20). That's the real meaning of Christmas! That ought to be our New Year's resolution.



Vicar Lee

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our Midweek Advent Service on December 13 commemorated Sankta Lucia, one of the victims of the great persecution under the Roman emperor Diocletian. Lucia met her death in the year A.D. 304 because of her Christian faith. A special thank you to Christine Wilcox for portraying Lucia.



The name Lucia means "light." Scandinavian countries, as well as Swedish communities in America, celebrate St. Lucy's Day. It was the shortest day of the year in medieval Europe. Young girls in their private homes dress in white and wearing a crown of lighted candles, awaken the family in the morning to offer them cakes and coffee.

Our thanks to Pastor Skovgaard for brewing Glögg, a delicious, festive hot drink for all in attendance to enjoy after the service. And thank you to Diane and Jim Olson for serving.



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

ADMISSION INTO MEMBERSHIP:

Baptized:

By Baptism

Xavier Ward

By Consent of Parent(s)

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

By Transfer:

Casey and Katherine Dodge

HARRISON

Transferring to Blessed Savior New Berlin

Jon and Carol Heup

Catherine

Transferring to Prince of Peace in Menomonee Falls

BREAD & FISH

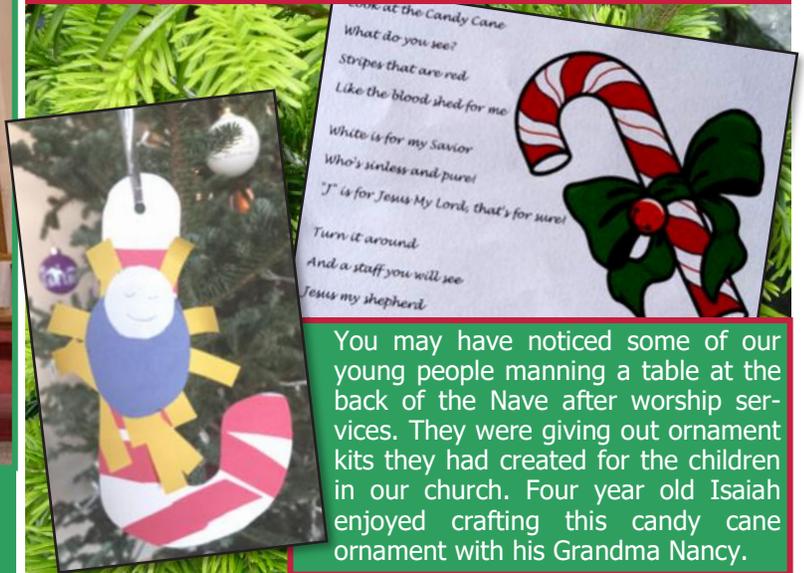


Jim Olson and Ron Wegner delivered 24 boxes of food that were collected at Thanksgiving and packed by Randy, Jake and Ron Wegner. In addition, eight boxes of winter clothes packed by Carole Braun, Linda Hoffman, Diane Olson, Kris Nitschke and Claire Schuppner were delivered to Hope and Holy Ghost Lutheran Churches. Our church sent \$554 each to the three churches we serve that was collected the past six months, and at Thanksgiving.

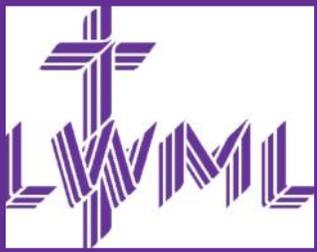


A sincere thank you to those who decorated the chancel on December 17: Carol, Emily, Ben and Mark Ewert; Ann, Sue and Bruce Wilcox; Linda and Terry Hoffmann.

Thank you to our Middle School Youth who made Christ-Centered Ornament Kits for Children!



You may have noticed some of our young people manning a table at the back of the Nave after worship services. They were giving out ornament kits they had created for the children in our church. Four year old Isaiah enjoyed crafting this candy cane ornament with his Grandma Nancy.



The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, January 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. The Bible study **"Equipped"** is found on pages 18-19. Since we still are in the Christmas season, this study should prove very interesting.

We will study the lives of Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna, women in different stages of life, and understand how God equipped each woman. Plan to attend. Bring a friend.

During the year 2023, we have been so blessed by receiving offerings of mites that totaled \$3,551.75. Several large donations for mites were donations in memory of loved ones.

Our district LWML is sponsoring a Winter Getaway, **"Growing Together,"** at the Marriott West Hotel located at W231N1600 Corporate Court in Waukesha on February 2-3. The cost of this retreat is \$70, which includes Saturday lunch. The deadline for registration is January 19, 2024. If you wish to stay at the hotel, please call the Marriott Hotel directly at 262-574-0888, and ask for the LWML SWD discount rate of \$129 for single/double occupancy plus tax, which includes breakfast. Each additional guest will be \$5 more. Deadline for hotel reservations is January 14. The retreat will begin on Friday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. and continue on Saturday, February 3. You can find the registration form and other information on the website lmwl-swd@org.

Darcy Paape, author and Executive Director of the Women's Leadership Institute will be the retreat speaker. Darcy has worked with young adults in high school, church ministry, and at the university level. Her specialty is leading conferences and workshops for Christian women in leadership roles. **Gifts Of Love Care Packages** will be given to women students and women church workers at Concordia Wisconsin. You may contribute by

donating the following items in a quart size zip lock bag: socks, lip gloss, facial items, chocolate kisses, chocolate hugs, devotions, and Mustard Seed Devotions. The offering will go to Women's Leadership Institute at CUW (3/4) and Female Church Worker Scholarship Fund (1/4). Challenging your creative talent, the Retreat Committee is hosting a Hat Contest with the criteria for hats as the following: a wintery hat, creativity, personality, and incorporate the theme "growing together." Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Plan to attend this inspiring Winter Getaway. It is a relatively a short distance from our church.

The National LWML has a mission goal for the biennium 2023-2025 of \$2,350,000. One of the mission grants that has been fully paid is Mission Grant #2 for \$100,000 **"A Healing Space for At-Risk Children at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Bismarck, ND."** A gap in the spiritual care of the many children from ages 10 – 18 has been a chapel facility that is designed for traumatized boys and girls. The hope is that being in a chapel setting will serve to help these children to experience the mercy of Christ and His healing power.



The architect's projection for the chapel at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in Bismarck, ND.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power." Ephesians 6:10

Barbara Kurth



Advent by Candlelight 2023

It was a delight to see our candlelit Fellowship Hall filled with ladies of all ages gathered to prepare their hearts for Advent through the Word, music, message, and fellowship. We thank all who attended and brought family and friends to Advent by Candlelight, December 3. We especially thank our inspiring speaker, Dr. Brad Alles, who shared Old and New Testament prophecies and insights. Our talented musicians were; Emily Ewert, flute, Lynn Kowach, clarinet, and Karla Bessert, pianist and arranger. The carol medley and "Silent Night" by candlelight were beautiful. Our wonderful emcees were Karen Clark and her sister Karlene Joseph. Our Advent wreath reflection readers; Sue Wilcox, Andrea Kysley, Emily Ewert, and Nancy Wolck did a wonderful job.

We appreciate each of our table decorators; Barbara Alles, Jean Bennett, Karen Clark/Karlene Joseph, Linda Hoffmann, Joan Knuteson, Jean Kruse/Irma Witzke, Julie Leaf, Kristen Murphy/Kate Rollefson, Sue Schmalzer, and Barbara Thompson for sharing their treasured china, linens, silver, and decorations to create the beautiful tables for us. A special note of appreciation to Joan Knuteson for sharing her time, talents and beautiful angels, lights, decorations, and placing the banners she made to enhance our setting. We thank those who brought the delectable appetizers and desserts and Gale Berry and Meg Grek who helped to serve them. Another thank you to Kristen Murphy and daughters, Kate, Elizabeth, and Maddy who mixed and served the punch.

It was wonderful afternoon of peace and joy, reflection and fellowship. Thank you to all who came. It was good to see and welcome those attending for the first time and many mothers, daughters and granddaughters as well as friends and neighbors.

We could not have transformed the fellowship hall without the help of our faithful crew who set-up and put away; Jean and Dave Bennett, Dennis Braun, Linda and Terry Hoffmann, Joan Knuteson, Jim and Diane Olson, Irma Witzke, and many others.

A special thank you to Dennis and Terry for handling the sound system seamlessly.

After expenses, a generous free will offering of \$600.00 was sent to Rev. Ted Krey and his family who are serving our Lord in Latin America and the Caribbean.

We thank and praise God for so many blessings for this event, but most of all for His gift of our priceless Savior, Jesus.

Meg Grek Judy Hogan Carole Braun



National Lutheran Schools Week
January 21-27, 2024



National Lutheran Schools Week provides more than 1,800 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.

Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike. (source: lcms.org)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15: 1-5

3rd ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT SIGN-UP

(All players must be over 18 to play)

⇒ Register Your Table by Friday, January 19th.

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8. _____

OF PLAYERS _____ X \$5.00/PERSON = _____

Check here if you don't have a team & want us to pair you up!

⇒ RETURN this Sign-Up sheet w/ payment to the school office marked "TRIVIA NIGHT" by Friday, January 19th.

⇒ Make check(s) payable to: Elm Grove Lutheran PTL

⇒ Any questions? Email ElmGrovePTL@gmail.com



As a thank you to Elm Grove Lutheran for allowing them to rehearse at our facility every Monday evening, The Midwest Vocal Express Barbershop Chorus extended an invitation to a free Christmas concert in the gym on Sunday, December 10. The concert also featured their mixed chorus, Forward Harmony. They sang both traditional and lighthearted Christmas songs, in perfect harmony and with precise musicality. Scott Ganswindt, a son of EGL, is part of the premier vocal group. Thank you to the vocalists!

TRIVIA NIGHT



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 5:15 PM

FIRST TRIVIA ROUND PROMPTLY STARTS AT 6 PM

INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Assemble your team & come up with a theme & costumes!

**EVENT ENDS
BY 9 PM**

📣 Register your team by Friday, January 19th

📣 MAXIMUM OF 8 PERSONS PER TABLE/TEAM

📣 All players must be over 18 to play

📣 \$5 per person (includes trivia and dinner)

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR: *Best team name/theme, best costume, 1st place winning team*
Activities and games in between rounds. Bring your competitive spirit!

DON'T HAVE A TEAM? WE CAN PAIR YOU UP WITH OTHERS LOOKING FOR A TEAM!

If you want to join in the fun, but need help finding childcare, the PTL may be able to help! Email us at ElmGrovePTL@gmail.com

EXPECT A VARIETY OF CATEGORIES: (WE ARE NOT HERE JUST FOR BIBLE TRIVIA)

**POP CULTURE
THE MOVIES**

**TV SITCOMS
SPORTS**

**HISTORY
FOOD/DRINKS**

Money raised at Trivia Night will go towards the school library!

DIG INTO A DELICIOUS CAUSE... YOURS.



Enter offer code **GIVING25** at checkout*

Raise your fork to raising funds.

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- Log in to your Noodles Rewards account
- Place your order and **enter offer code Giving25 at checkout.***
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*In-restaurant or online ordering only through the Noodles Rewards app, or Noodles.com/Order. Valid for pickup, delivery and in-restaurant. Not valid for call-in orders. Please enter offer code at checkout online or mention the organization when ordering in-person. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts.

Brookfield

17000 W Bluemound Rd Unit H, Brookfield, WI 53005



January 16, 2024

4-8 pm

25%

of qualifying sales
will directly benefit:

**Elm Grove Lutheran
School**

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& COMPANY

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2. Once your order is complete, head to checkout.
3. Enter code "GIVING25" in coupon code and hit "Apply."
4. Look for red check  for confirmation and proceed to checkout.



January Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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



January 1

A-Lyn & Jerry Peterson
Michael Bartsch
Johanna Beirs

January 2

Mason Nobile

January 3

Jack Storm

January 4

Kylie Kruck
Wendy Lester

January 5

Timothy Cowell
Elaine Willis

January 6

A-Jason & Emily Krueger
Robert Kurka

January 7

Isaiah Holmes
Elaina Luetzow

January 8

Cheryl Albers
Lynne Bock

January 9

Allison Pritchard

January 10

Cindy Busse
Clark Gaulke
Thomas Harmeyer
Nina Kaul

January 11

Shirley Wartchow
Randy Wegner

January 12

Patty Antonczyk
Kierstan Leaf

January 13

Linda Berry
Jerome Novak
Ken Schuppner

January 14

Robert Hicks
Jeff Mueller
Linda Seroka
Debra Tesch
Eric Thompson

January 15

Brian Bleisner
Tracy McMahon
Brae Nelson
Jacob Newman

January 16

A-Dave & Barb Stamm
Ryan Beckley
Willi Radke

January 19

A-Brian Zavadil & Amanda Miller

January 20

Elise Aldinger
Virginia Moeller

January 21

Killian Carney
Isabelle Holmes

January 22

Matthew Ewert

January 23

Linda Beckley

January 24

Carrie Marble

January 26

Lucas Aldinger
Joseph Rentmaster

January 29

Ian Ruhnau-Gee

January 30

Jennifer Alexander
Brooke Gronitz
Dylan Schultz

January 31

Courtney Anderson



January

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For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."
(1 Corinthians 1:26-31)



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Monday, January 15
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday

Bible Study
10:30-11:30

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

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

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE TOWN HALLS

For the review their work, and input from the voting body of the congregation, the Governance Committee will be holding Town Hall meetings in January to report on their status in the process. Information will be provided prior to these meetings.

- Thursday, January 18, after the worship service
- Sunday, January 21, at 10:30 a.m.

The members of the committee want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as they continue to work on this very important project.

The next Voters' Assembly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 3, immediately following the service.

It's a New Year for EGL Stammtisch!



Happy 2024 Guys! A new year offers new opportunities for fellowship, so come help us celebrate...make a resolution to include EGL Stammtisch in your monthly schedule!

This month's festivities resume on **Thursday, January 18, 2024, 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 Biloba Brewing Company, 2970 N Brookfield Rd Bring some snacks to share and a friend! Any questions? Contact Bruce Bessert by phone/text at 414-526-8430, or by email at bruce.bessert@gmail.com.

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:

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414-698-8774

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We must stop regarding unpleasant or unexpected things as interruptions of real life. The truth is that interruptions are real life.

C.S. Lewis