

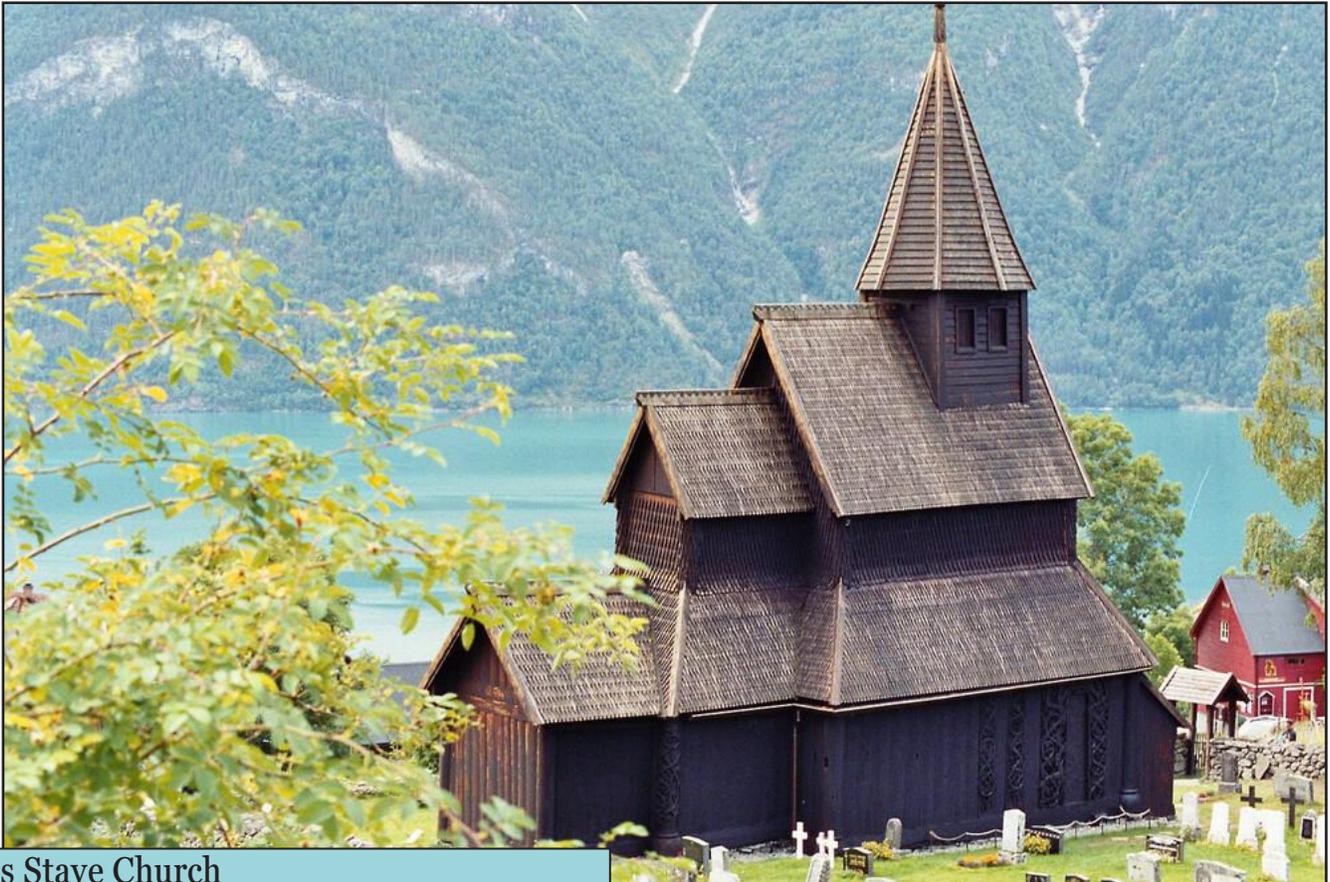
SEASONS

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



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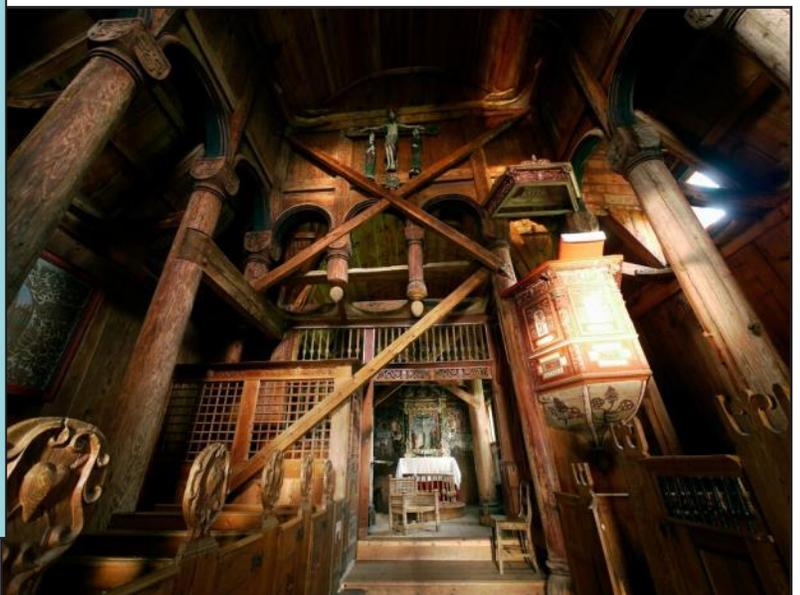
Urnes Stave Church

The wooden church of Urnes (the *stavkirke*) stands in the natural setting of Sogn og Fjordane. It was built in the 12th and 13th centuries and is an outstanding example of traditional Scandinavian wooden architecture. It brings together traces of Celtic art, Viking traditions and Romanesque spatial structures. Urnes is one of the oldest and is an outstanding representative of the stave churches.

The stave churches constitute one of the most elaborate and technologically advanced types of wooden construction that existed in North-Western Europe during the Middle Ages. The churches were built on the classic basilica plan, but entirely of wood. The roof frames were lined with boards and the roof itself covered with shingles in accordance with construction techniques which were widespread in Scandinavian countries. Among the roughly 1,300 medieval stave churches indexed, 28 are preserved in Norway today.

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From Your Pastor

February 19 was a huge day in the life of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. However, for most of us the day probably passed without much notice. The day before was the anniversary of Martin Luther's death, but only in an indirect way were that Sunday and Monday connected. This past February 19 was the 50th anniversary year of the St Louis Seminex walkout. On that day the vast majority of students and faculty left their classrooms on the campus of Concordia Seminary-St Louis, never to return again. The word "seminex" therefore refers to the **seminary** that went **into exile**.

The initial, public reason was to show solidarity with the president of the seminary, Dr John Tietjen, who had been relieved of his duties and responsibilities the previous month. Hundreds of congregations and pastors would eventually leave the Synod in the months and years ahead. It's hard to overestimate the repercussions that 1974 had on the whole Church. A new Synod would be formed which would then lead other Synods into the formation of the ELCA. In fact, those who left with Seminex were the leaders and drivers behind that effort. Even for those who stayed, or returned, there were many scars as the Church was left to lick her wounds and chart a course forward. There was a seminary to rebuild and a trust to regain throughout the LCMS world.

As a boy at that time, growing up out east, I really had no awareness of that cataclysmic event. In fact, over the following years I don't remember my childhood Pastor ever mentioning it in a public setting. My parents certainly didn't talk about it over the dinner table or with friends who came for Bible study. The first time I remember hearing about it was when I arrived at the St Louis Seminary to begin my Greek studies in the summer of 1996. It seemed like news to most of my classmates as we talked in hushed tones about what had happened.

Over the years of service in the Church, I have come to realize that the real issue around which Seminex revolved was our understanding of the Word of God. Without a doubt, many who were involved were caught up in the great personality struggles of the day. One is reminded of the African expression that "when the elephants fight, the grass gets trampled." But once the dust settled and folks saw more clearly what the issues were, it truly was about our confession of the Word of God.

That's where the connection with the season of Lent and Martin Luther is found. The First Sunday in Lent had us hear about the temptation that Jesus endured in the wilderness after fasting for 40 days. No sooner had Jesus been baptized and heard the Father declare, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" than we find

Jesus in the desert hearing Satan tempt Him with these words, "If you are the Son of the God, turn these stones into bread." The first temptation Jesus has thrown at him is the same temptation Adam and Eve get: Did God really say? Satan is always seeking to throw doubt into our minds about the trustworthiness of Scripture.



Pastor Skougaard

Where Adam and Eve failed, Jesus succeeded. However, Satan continues with that same line of attack against us even today. The spiritual stakes are high. If Satan can get us to doubt the reliability and efficaciousness of the Word of God in one area, then the door gets opened elsewhere also. If creation didn't happen in six normal days; if the fall into sin didn't happen and thus death has always been there; if the flood was not a global deluge; then maybe the incarnation of God the Son in the womb of the Virgin Mary didn't happen either; then maybe the resurrection is simply a metaphor for the memory of good people living on beyond their deaths. Maybe that business about God loving us from eternity is all bunk too?

Truly, sometimes God's Word is hard to understand. Hard, because sometimes we're not sure what it's actually saying. Hard, other times because we don't like what is all too clear. But at the end of the day, if we can't say "This is the Word of the Lord," "Thanks be to God," then doubt has crept in. Then all manner of mischief becomes possible. If we are not created and born as male and female, complementary to one another and designed for heterosexual marriage, then the LGBTQ+ agenda is the way to go. If there's no such thing as sin, then there's no objective need for forgiveness either. Suddenly forensic justification goes right out the window too.

With Luther, whose death we remembered on Feb 18, let's fight the good fight in our day also by holding fast to God's Word. Don't let the camel's nose of doubt slip into the tent! Luther at the Diet of Worms confessed before the medieval Church's and the empire's leadership that his conscience was held captive to the Word of God. That conviction gave him the encouragement to do the Reformation work God had placed in his hands to do. That's a great example for us too!

You can read more about Seminex and the events around it in the Feb 2024 issue of The Lutheran Witness magazine. A copy is in the church office, if needed. Or, you can check it out online at <https://witness.lcms.org/2024/lutheran-witness-february-2024/>. Concordia Publishing House (CPH) has also recently published two books on the topic: *Rediscovering the Issues Surrounding the 1974 Concordia Seminary Walkout*, edited by Ken Schurb; and *Seminex in Print: A Comprehensive Bibliography of Published Material and Selected Archival Resources for Historical Research*, compiled by David O. Berger. Copies of these books are also available in the church office.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

By Transfer:

Jane Heup transferring to Prince of Peace Lutheran in Menomonee Falls

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

By Death:

Kenneth Greenweller | Judy Hansen

SAVE the DATE

for EGL's

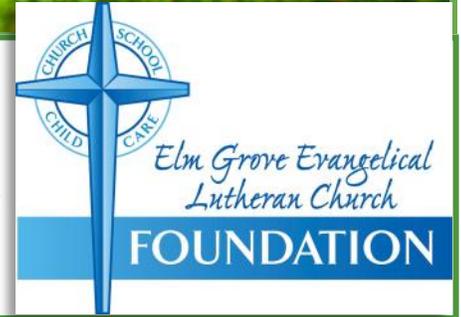
Golf Outing

Friday, May 10



Back by popular demand! The EGL Foundation team is back in town organizing for a fun-filled day of golf, dinner, and simple auction at Ironwood Golf Club on Friday, May 10.

Look for further details in the weeks ahead but be sure to save the date and limber 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, and foreign missions.



Soles for Jesus sends a Thank You to EGL Members

Soles for Jesus is a non-profit organization that provides new and gently used shoes to the people of Africa who desperately need them.



Dear Pastor Eric,
Thank you for collecting so many beautiful shoes for Africa. Your faithful partnership is such a blessing and we are so grateful! God bless you for impacting so many lives in great need. Sincerely,
Diane & the SFJ team

A large box at the inside of the Terrace Drive church entrance is a receptacle for shoes you'd like to donate to this worthy cause. Their website is solesforjesus.org.

"...whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."



You're invited to enjoy a light supper before each Wednesday Lenten service. The meal is served from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Thanks to the Altar Guild women who kicked off this tradition on Ash Wednesday with chili!

Thanks to other hosts:

- Pr & Shelly Skovgaard
- Tues and Wed Adult Bible Study Groups
- Board of Evangelism
- Board of Stewardship and Finance
- Board of Elders



The free-will offerings received at each dinner will be collected and donated after Easter to Lutheran Indian Ministries.

What is the healthiest diet?

Only one diet has ever been proven to reverse the progression of heart disease, our number one killer, and be effective in treating, arresting, and even reversing other deadly diseases, such as type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure. And, that same diet—a whole food, plant-based diet—appears to be the most effective diet for healthy weight loss. Yet, doctors get little, if any, formal nutrition training in medical school and graduate without some of the most powerful tools available to stop the chronic diseases that remain our leading causes of death and disability. Source: NutritionalFacts.org

"NUTRITIONFACTS.ORG is a science-based nonprofit organization founded  NutritionFacts.org by Michael Greger, M.D. FACLM, that provides free updates on the latest in nutrition research via bite-sized videos, blogs, podcasts, and infographics. We offer a strictly non-commercial public service, without any sponsors, ads, brand partnerships, or paid subscriptions. More than 2,000 videos on virtually every aspect of healthy eating are already available online, and new videos and blogs are uploaded every day. We also disseminate fact-based information through social media on the benefits of a whole food, plant-based diet for wellness, disease prevention, healthy weight management, and longevity. Our reach is global, with a Spanish-language site, several Chinese platforms, and captions in many different languages on all of our videos."

THE 1% CLUB AND THE GREATEST GENERATION

Call it what you may, but Ginny Moeller is a member of both of these clubs. 1% of people live to be 100 and THE GREATEST GENERATION are people who lived during the Great Depression followed by World War II.

I just celebrated my centennial. I was born on January 20, 1924 in my parent's house at North 23rd and West Nash Streets. I attended school and church at Emmaus where I met my husband, Dick. High school years were spent at the old Lutheran High School. Upon graduation, I went to work for New York Life Insurance Company. In those days it was felt that it would be a bad investment for girls to go to college. So, I put college on my bucket list, graduating from Concordia, Mequon at age 65. Then I continued to work until age 75 as Vice President of the Raabe Corp. I was a charter member of EGL's Book Club.

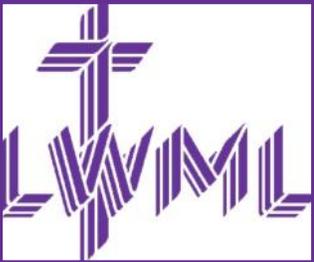
I was glad to be able to volunteer for charitable organizations, mostly during retirement. I served on the board of Lutheran Special School for 15 years, and also was involved with the Milwaukee Symphony, United Way, the Girl Scouts, and was a past president of the Elm Grove Woman's Club.

I got the most joy out of leading a Bible study group through church. About 30 years ago Rev. Egloff started a small group Bible study program which met at member homes. The group which I belonged to went strong until a couple of years ago when we had to disband because of members becoming ill.

Life wasn't always easy, especially during the Great Depression but I feel it is by the grace of God that He was with me in those difficult times. I am thankful for what I had/have: a loving husband, three children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many wonderful friends. What more could I want. And I pray that He will continue to look after me.



EGL gives thanks to God that Ginny has reached this milestone birthday. On Sunday, January 21, the congregation sang happy birthday before the service, and Pr Skovgaard ordered a cake to serve in her honor.



The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, March 6, in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study, **Five Stones for Service**, is found on page 22 of the winter issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. David took five smooth stones and a sling to defeat

Goliath. The Lord equips us to serve Him.

The evening group of LWML will meet on Monday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Library. The project will be making center pieces for the Zone 3 Rally on April 20 that our LWML will host in the Fellowship Hall.

On Saturday, March 16, the **Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations** will take place at Granville Lutheran School at 8242 Granville Road hosted by Benediction Lutheran Church. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Vicar Sam Lee and his wife, Rose Lee have received an invitation to set up a display. This is what Vicar Lee writes, "Upon invitation, my wife and I will again participate in this annual Heart-to-Heart event, showing off our collection of some Chinese/Asian arts and crafts. This annual Heart-to-Heart event is truly an eye opener, promoting our understanding of other cultures and helping us to reach out to them. It even includes a free will offering lunch of "exotic" foods and delicacies." There will be a church service and program. For reservations please use this email jamellis2003@yahoo.com The program will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Check LWML bulletin board to view the poster.

The Winter Get-Away was a great success; \$1038.00 was received in the offering. The Women's Leadership Institute will receive \$1003.50 and the Female Church Worker Scholarships will receive \$334.50.



EGL's LWML members who attended the Winter Get-Away were (from left): Sherri Bond, Luanne Schaefer, Carole Braun, Paula Keefer, Barb Kurth and Linda Hoffmann.



Reserve the date of Saturday, April 20 for the Zone 3 Rally to be hosted by our LWML in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served with the Bible study and program to follow. More details to follow in the April *Seasons*.

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

Barbara Kurth

Baskets of Blessings

At Easter, our hearts are filled with joy, love, and thankfulness as we celebrate our Savior's Resurrection. It's time to share our Easter joy with our church family.



We have many fellow members who find it difficult to get to church and may not be able to celebrate our Savior's Resurrection with us on Easter. Would you be willing to fill an Easter basket with a few items of care and comfort and take it to one of these members?

We will again provide the baskets, the suggested list of items, and the name, address, and phone number of the individual or couple. The new items could include a devotional book(let), an Easter card/note, hand lotion, candy or baked goods, a small plant, etc. Many blessings have been given and received by such a simple act of kindness. Thank you to all of you, families, couples, widowed, or retired, who have thoughtfully filled and delivered a basket in the past.

Baskets, names, and lists will be ready to pick up in the lower entrance on the following Sundays, March 10 and March 17, 2024. Please come and pick up a basket or two, fill it and deliver it with Easter blessings from all of us to a fellow EGL member before Easter. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).

DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS TO EGL

If you have Thrivent insurance or annuity products, you may be eligible to direct where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. You have **until March 31** to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars if you haven't already done so. Please consider Elm Grove Lutheran Church as your nonprofit of choice. If you receive an email from your Thrivent rep, click on Direct Now and follow the instructions. Otherwise, go to www.thrivent.com. Log in and scroll down to Direct Choice Dollars. If you have any questions, contact your Thrivent rep or Board of Stewardship member Sue Wilcox (262-574-0051).

EGL Stammtisch!

Spring is right around the corner, right? Hopefully!

Come on out and join us at **EGL Stammtisch** as we connect with those around us, in a relaxed environment.

Join us **Thursday, March 21, 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 EGL in the Bartelt Center this month. 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.



Order Your Easter Chancel Flowers!

You may reserve your plants *in memory of, in honor of, and/or for blessings received*, by — calling Linda Haut (262-782-7356 or 414-254-2918), **or** by placing your order (with payment) and drop it off at the church office.

The order form, with payment, may also be mailed to:
Easter Flowers, c/o Elm Grove Lutheran Church,
945 Terrace Dr.
Elm Grove, WI 53122

Checks should be made payable to:
Elm Grove Lutheran Church

DEADLINE for orders is Wednesday, March 20
(Please....no late orders)

Please note plant selection and quantity desired below.

Sorry, there are no guarantees on flower colors. Our florist does his best to supply us with the flowers we ordered. On rare occasions substitutions may need to be made.

___ Hanging Flower Basket \$25.00

___ Hyacinth \$15.00

___ Pansy Bowl \$25.00

___ Daffodils \$15.00

___ Azalea \$28.00

___ Tulips \$15.00

___ Hydrangea \$30.00

___ Easter Lily \$16.00

___ Daisy mum \$17.00

___ Ivy Basket \$22.00

You again have the opportunity to contribute to the Children's Garden in the lower lobby of our church, on Easter Sunday.

___ Children's Garden \$7.00



Your Name: _____

• In Memory of: _____

• Honoring: _____

• Blessings received []

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Flowers need to be picked up soon after the 10:00 service on Easter Sunday, March 31.

(Other pick-up times available **ONLY** by special request – see Linda Haut for details.)



Family Easter Egg Hunt

JOIN EGL'S BOARD OF EVANGELISM ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 9AM FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT, TREATS, AND AN EASTER MESSAGE. AGES 0-12 ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE. OLDER STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME AND HELP. BRING YOUR OWN BUCKET AND JOIN IN SOME FUN AND FELLOWSHIP! LOOK FOR A SIGN-UP GENIUS FOR DONATIONS & RSVPS IN MARCH!

Family BINGO Night

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

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

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

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: _____ Age _____

Friend's Name: _____ Age _____

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Any Questions? Email Evangelism@egl.org

WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY
COMMUNITY STARTS HERE
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OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



March Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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



March 3

Michael Klein
Doris Moore
Peaches Senkbeil

March 4

Tom Brojanac
Laura Huber
Sue Kaucic
Woody Lindblom

March 5

A-David & Jean
Bennett
Zachary Fleischmann
Aaron Kurka

March 6

Elijah Lind
Jim McMiller
Kristine Schuchardt
Pr. Harold Senkbeil

March 7

Rhonda Kurka
Ashley Ma
Nancy Roozen

March 9

Yvonne Bangle
Kyle Kurka
Judith Pritchard

March 10

Amanda Kysely

March 11

Charles Janz

March 12

Ken Olson

March 13

Rick Ewert

March 16

Greg D'Agostino
Paula Keefer
Xuhui Lu

March 17

Ken Dahlke
Joan Komschlies

March 18

Carole Braun
Benjamin Cross

March 19

Katie Thompson

March 20

Nicholas Margrett
Beverly Mueller

March 21

Jeffrey Jagusch
Michael Kaucic
Peggy Paulsen
Sandi Schmidt
Petra Seymore
Ken Willis

March 22

Deanna Beltran
Conor Carney

March 23

Louis Scheer

March 26

Helen Moore

March 27

A-Gene & Barbara Wilbur
John Soderland

March 28

Mary Beth Drabiszczak
Linda Timm

March 29

Lisa Schuppner
Lea Soderland

March 31

A-Carl & Charlene Pfeifer



March

Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar - 2024

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But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. (Hebrews 9:11-15)



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Friday, March 15
Submissions can be sent to
seasons@egl.org



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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

Wednesday Lenten Services

6:30 p.m.

with a light meal served beforehand, 5:30-6:15, in the Fellowship Hall, through March 20

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 24 – 9 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 28 – 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29 – 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31 – 7:00 a.m., 10 a.m.

Easter Brunch 8:15 - 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall

The Thursday 6:30 p.m. service will resume on April 4

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

Sunday, March 3

Immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service, in the Nave



SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR

It's time for Daylight Savings Time to return!

It begins **Sunday, March 10** at 2 a.m.

BREAD & FISH



On January 26, the "Bread and Fish ladies"; Carole Braun, Linda Hoffmann, Kris Nitschke, Diane Olson, Claire Schuppner, and Irma Witzke, along with Dennis Braun and Jim Olson, sorted and packed 35 boxes of donated clothing from EGL members. On January 30, Jim Olson and Ron Wegner delivered the boxes to Mission of Christ Lutheran Church. Praise be to God!



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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