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Blessed by God to be a Blessing

Our church is continuing our tradition to collect nonperishable food items to help stock the pantries of our urban church partners. EGL members can leave donated food in the lower lobby or bring to the evening church service on Wednesday, November 27. Donations of money are also welcome. See page 7 for more details. The offerings collected at the Thanksgiving service will be designated to A Place of Refuge. Please be generous in your support of this fantastic mission outreach. Learn more on page 5.

As we give thanks to our Lord for the bountiful blessings we enjoy, also remember those in our country who are still suffering from the effects of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Visit lcms.org/hurricane-response to help.



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25: 35-40)

From Your Pastor

By the time most of you read this, it will have been almost 5 months since South Wisconsin President Rev Dr John Wille died in office. Upon his death I became the District President. There wasn't any runway for me to become acquainted with the duties of the Office. After 5 months I have learned a lot about the demands of the Office but also the opportunities to do much good for the sake of the Church here in this region. But I'd be lying if I said it hasn't been a blurr. I remain thankful to everyone at EGL and the District Office for agreeing to this part-time arrangement. Having capable, committed individuals in both locations makes this possible.

Below are a few items I want to draw your attention to: **PASTOR LEE**: I join you in rejoicing at the call as Missionary for International Outreach that Pr Samuel Lee has accepted. He was our first SMP [Specific Ministry Program] Pastor raised up here at EGL. There were some bumps and hiccups along the way, but his 5-year vicarage ended in May of this year, and now he is on board at the District. His call has some flexibility built into it, but the two areas of immediate focus will among international students at both Concordia University Mequon and the University of Wisconsin in Madison. In both locations we have excellent chaplains in place who are prepared to work with Sam. In addition to the hundreds of international students you would expect in Madison, there are also hundreds at CUW, so the field is ripe for the harvest. You will recall that Dr Lee came to America decades ago as an international student. It was because of the Christian love and compassion shown to him that all these years later he retains a heart for those international students who are far from home today. We can anticipate seeing Sam and Rose on a regular basis because they will keep their membership here at EGL.

SWD CONVENTION: The South Wisconsin District Convention meets next summer, June 9-10. Gathering under the theme of "Nicea at 1700," the church will commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and thus the Nicene Creed on June 12. Our convention speaker is Dr Adam Francisco who will discuss Luther and Islam. Our convention musician overseeing both services is our own Richard Ewert! The District is making some

adjustments to the schedule this year to accommodate the desire for a shorter time commitment. We looked at the time allocated for convention business in recent years, crunched the other time commitments, and realized that we could accomplish the work of the District with one less day. Thus, we begin on Monday morning and finish Tuesday evening. EGL will make her



Pastor Skovgaard

nominations for District President, regional Vice President, Circuit Visitor, and a handful of other offices in the months ahead.

ELECTION RESULTS: Well, as I write these notes, I hope you have done your civic duty and voted. Your citizenship in the left-hand kingdom is part of the stewardship of the gifts God has given you. God expects you to be involved and concerned about the land He has given us. I have no idea who will actually win the elections for US President, Senate, et al, on Tuesday, November 5, but it's safe to say that regardless of the outcome there will be many unhappy people. There are extremely important issues at stake for us as a people and a nation on the world stage, and we can't minimize them as unimportant, but it seems we have lost the ability to reason with one another. In any case, as faithful Christians we do not put our ultimate trust in princes but in the crucified and risen Lord. He reigns over heaven and earth and He does so for the ultimate benefit of the Church. The next few years may be times of prosperity and peace, or they may be times of war and scarcity, but nothing will happen because God is asleep at the switch or unconcerned. The good and gracious will of God is always done for His people, even if what we experience in the here and now is not pleasant. Lord, have mercy!

HISTORIC TRINITY: In May 2018 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Milwaukee suffered a devastating fire that gutted this historic church building. See this link for a review of the damage shortly afterwards: https://www.pbs.org/video/10thirtysix-210-ulaxvj/ Keep your eyes open, however, for an upcoming PBS show on Wednesday, Dec 18, at 9:00 p.m., which will give us an insider's view of the restored chancel and nave. I received a private tour on a recent Sunday after worship, and it is a sight to behold. Now we pray that God will fill it with people from Milwaukee who long to receive the gifts of God!

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

ADMISSION INTO MEMBERSHIP:

Confirmed: By Transfer

Bryan Preuss Zoe and Caleb PO Box 1006 Brookfield, WI 53008 262-787-0000

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

By Transfer: Susan Paasch

Transferring to Brookfield Lutheran Church



Notice anything different about the main church doors?

In time for the celebration of Reformation, we now have the visual reminder that we enter the Church only through the blood of the Lamb, the Son of God who takes away the sin of the world. Justification by grace alone! "Enter His courts with praise!"

Thanks to John Schaefer, Jim Olson & John Wolck for the work.

Stewardship Message: "Moving Forward by Faith"

Living by faith involves our time, talents, and treasure.

talents, but some seem to have a problem when it comes move forward by faith individually and as a part of this

to our treasure. Some have forgotten the first premise of total stewardship: God owns everything. We are just managing what rightfully belongs to Him.

Accepting that premise requires us to believe what God has said concerning our material possessions. Accepting that premise requires us to exercise faith. Accepting that premise is essential if we are to give as we should.

If so, you will demonstrate the kind of faith that people in

the Old Testament demonstrated in the "first-fruits" offering. Before the crop was harvested, they would take The life of faith is one that takes God at His word. It is a portion — a sample — and offer it to God. This was one which involves every area of our lives, including how a fresh reminder of God's ownership of everything and a we use the resources which God has provided for us. way of saying, "Lord, we trust you, even before we see what the harvest will really be like, to provide for us."

Most of us have no problem giving God our time and our In that spirit of doing all that God asks of us, will you

fellowship concerning your giving for the coming year? As you consider your response to that question, please ask God to give you direction concerning giving your time, talents, and financial resources in the coming year. As you do so, please remember these words from Hebrews 11:

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

Ref: Kenneth L. Williams



Pledge Weekend - November 14-17

Through faith, I understand that God has created me and recreated me though Baptism. As a new person in Christ, He has entrusted me with time, talent, and treasures to be used to serve Him by serving others and His Church. He equips me and empowers me to live the lifestyle of a faithful steward.



Elm Grove Lutheran's Board Members who serve our Church.

The Lord has blessed EGL with many devoted members who serve on the various boards. They are essential volunteers who contribute to the smooth and complete functioning of our church. We thank them for their service. Praise be to God!

Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism develops and maintains an evangelism program within the church and community at large. It enlists members to participate in an outreach to the unchurched. It arranges adult confirmation classes to prospective members. It maintains a program of assimilation of new members, including use of their spiritual gifts in the congregation.

The Board of Evangelism hosted a Packers Party last month. Among other activities they've sponsored include an Easter Egg Hunt for children, new member receptions, Chili Cook-off, Bingo Night, and many others.

Evangelism Board members pictured are (left to right): Shelly Skovgaard, Paula Keefer, Meg Grelk and Ben Ewert.



Honoring All Who Served. Thank You for Your Sacrifice. Veterans Day - November 11



meet on Wednesday, November 6 of the Gospel. at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship will be the assembling of the dry ingredients into jars for the Friendship Soup, which will be sold

lower entrance of our church. There will be no Bible study. Instead we will have a short liturgical prayer.

The evening group of LWML will meet on Monday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the **BAAC** for their meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to assemble the dry ingredients into jars for cookies. These cookie jars will also be for sale on Sunday, November 24 in the lower to this worthwhile project.

entrance of the church. Proceeds from the sale of soup jars and cookie jars will be used for sending two voting delegates and two young representatives to the LWML-SWD Convention in June 2026.

Good news! Mission Grant #2 of the South Wisconsin District of LWML - The Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI Child Therapy Expansion – Mental Health Coverage has been fully funded by mite donations for \$25,000. With the counseling skills of the staff at LCFS and a vision of expansion to serve more youth, the goal is to expand the Child Outreach Therapy Program that reaches children and their support networks and to

The morning group of LWML will bring them to a better place in life through the message

Check out the LWML Bulletin Board in the lower entrance Hall for their meeting. The project to our church for LWML News. There is a Mission Grant Thermometer that is changed monthly with the new amount of mite donations. At the end of September, a new amount of \$10,000 was added to the thermometer. on Sunday, November 24 in the What a blessing from the Lord! Many thanks to the faithful congregation members who regularly donate to mites.

> The assembling and packing of items for Operation Christmas Child was accomplished at the meeting on October 14. There were 55 boxes that will be sent to needy children in various places in the world, bringing Christmas joy to them. Thank you so much for donating



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

Barbara Kurth

The goal for Lutheran Counseling and Family Services is to expand the Child Outreach Therapy Program!

Thanks to all for your donations to the Christmas Shoe Box. You just made it a fantastic Christmas for some little boy or girl! This is what Christmas is all about. GIVING!!!



Hoffmann, Sherri Bond, Shelly Skovgaard, Luanne Schaefer, Paula Keefer, Jean

Kruse, Mary Tischer, and Karen Kennedy.

Altar Guild holds their Fall Meeting



On Saturday, October 19, members of the Altar Guild gathered at church for their bi-annual meeting. The 16 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) Diane Olson, Joan Knuteson, Sue Schmalzer, Sherri Bond, Jean Kruse. In the second row, L to R, are: Helen Moore, Rose Lee, Shelly Skovgaard, Sharon Boudro, Luanne Schaefer, Carol Ewert, Irma Witzke, Nancy Ewert, Julie Leaf and Meg Grelk. Karen Clark was not able to attend.



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Ladies, Advent by Candlelight is coming soon. It will be Sunday, December 1, 2024, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a lovely way for you to prepare your hearts for Advent. Enjoy a quiet, beautiful atmosphere surrounded by family and friends while eating delicious treats and hearing our vivacious speaker, Karen Lippert share "Here's Your Sign", telling us of the signs and wonders at our Savior's birth.

Please come and invite a friend, neighbor, or relative. Call Meg Grelk (262-309-9861) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494) before November 25 for reservations and to offer to bring an appetizer/dessert, decorate a table, or lend a helping hand. A \$5 donation will be received at the door.



Abbey Hambaum is the new Daytime House Manager at Refuge House. She is a recent graduate of Concordia University Wisconsin from the Director of Church Ministries program. She majored in theology with minors in nonprofit management and evangelism. She interned at A Place of Refuge her junior year and realized that it was the kind of setting in which she would like to serve. God is already using her to His glory in her new role. This photo was taken 10/13/24 just prior to the baptism of APOR mom Taylor and newborn daughter, Ryleigh. This is what the ministry is all about—helping women choose life for their babies and guiding them toward a life in Christ.

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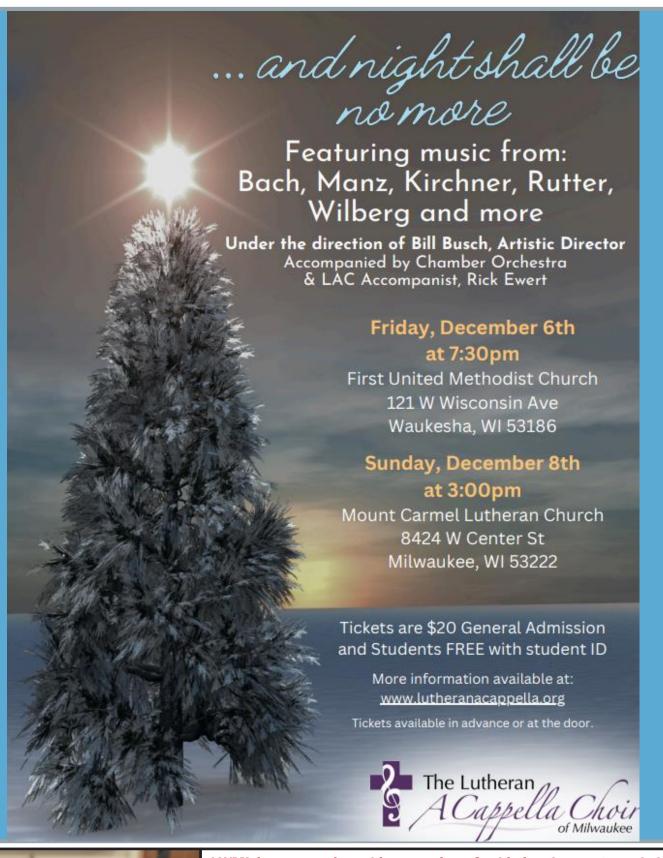
If you were in church on Sunday, Oct 6 you may have noticed Hannah Weymier taking photos. She was

doing so at the request of the team who is working to create a new EGL church website. The goal is to launch a new site by Dec. 1!

The Board of Evangelism hosted a Packers Party on Sunday, October 20. Attendees enjoyed a delicious spread featuring the best of tailgating fare, and even a Packers (nail biter) win!









LWML is once again making soup jars. Cookie jars have returned also!!

These make great Christmas gifts. The proceeds help fund the Mission Grants and also send delegates to convention as voters.

They will be available Nov. 24. Beat the crowd and call Jean Kruse (262-765-9355) to reserve yours before the actual date.

Our motto is "try before you buy!" There will be samples at the table. They sell for \$7.00 per jar or three jars for \$20.00. **Mix or Match**.



Food Ingathering for Milwaukee Lutheran Church Food Pantries

EGL will be collecting food and money to support our inner city church partner

food pantries. Please either place the food in the lower level entry, or bring it to the worship service on Wednesday evening, November 27.

Suggestions on what kind of food to donate:

- Nonperishable
- Hasn't reached its expiration date
- Items that YOU like to eat, because others will probably like it too
- Canned tuna, ham or chicken, beef stew, chili, peanut butter, canned/dried beans
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Pasta, rice and pasta sauce
- Healthy cereal
- Canned, hearty soup
- Condiments
- All natural juice
- No glass containers, or home-canned foods

Monetary gifts are appreciated, as the churches can then buy specific needs for their food pantries. Checks can be made to EGL and a notation for "Bread and Fish" made in the memo line.



Book Discussion Group

eva woods Thursday, November 21 at 9:30 A.M.

something Is the lead fleeting in the book to be discussed **Something Like Happy** by Eva Woods.

> An invitation is extended to EGL ladies who enjoy reading. Come and join us.

Questions?

Call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

EGL Members Participate in Life Chain Event



Participants pictured are: Sherri Bond, Linda Hoffman, Sue Schmalzer, Sue Wilcox, Sharon Boudro, and Jean Kruse. Not pictured: Cindy Buss and Bruce Wilcox.

Women's Evening Bible Study

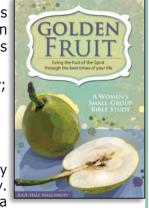
All women are invited to join us in studying "Golden Fruit" on the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

We meet every other Wednesday; 5:30-6:45 PM, in the BAAC: 11/6; 11/20;

12/4; 12/18;

1/8/25; 1/22/25 and 2/5/25.

You may obtain a study guide by asking Amy Stroh for a copy. 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.

Attention: Bakers at EGL

It's time for our cookie delivery to college students and members who are homebound. If you'd like to contribute, please donate:

- 9 x 13 pan of bars
- 12 18 cookies
- And/or a \$10 donation





Please drop off by Friday, November 8 at the EGL **Church Office**

Thank you!

Our EGL Youth Group will be packing cookie boxes. If you have a 6-12th grade student who wants to participate in the packing, please email youth@egl.org.

EGL Stammtisch!!

Guys! Lots to be THANKFUL for this and every year...Let's celebrate our Christian faith with

fellowship and fun on Thursday, November 21, from 7:30-9:00(ish) p.m.

Again, the November EGL Stammtisch will be at the **EGL Bartelt Center.**

Bring your favorite beverage and 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



BLOOD DRIVE



GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS FALL

Fall Into Giving

Wednesday NOVEMBER

13 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.
Please bring photo ID.

ELM GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Fellowship Hall; 945 Terrace Drive; Elm Grove

***Make appt. by scanning QR Code below

*If have questions call Rick Ewert at 262-289-9333 or at blooddrive@egl.org for assistance. Thank you!

*Blood donors are CRITICALLY NEEDED and FIRST-TIME donors needed, so ask others to donate. With many baby-boomer donors no longer able to donate, more younger donors are needed.

DONATE BLOOD & ASK OTHERSD TO DONATE TOO!





You may schedule your appointment online:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11535808



November Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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

Thanks!



November 1

Tyler Anderson Connor Hipke

November 2

Donna Corder Jacob Harner Dick Mueller Ann Wilcox

November 3

Angela Lee Caleb Nelson Ted Wilke

November 4

Jameson Midtbo Julianne Skovgaard

November 5

A-Tom & Diane Zavadil Taylor Buechel Arnie Will

November 6

Sharon Fisher Bill Keefer Pr. Eric Skovgaard

November 7

Arlene Malnar

November 9

Barbara Schuldt

November 10

A-Dick & Pat Mueller A-Larry & Marna Olenchek A-David & Liz Pond Carson Gaulke Barbara Wilbur

November 11

A-Petra & Joshua Seymore Dylan Gaulke Norma Scott

November 12

Alexis Higgins

November 13

Mark Midtbo

November 14

Dick Knutson Shelly Skovgaard David Stamm Taylor Stamm

November 15

Pat Alles Lynn Hicks

November 16

Owen Bretl Meadow Midtbo Irma Witzke

November 17

Layton Gehrke

November 19

Nancy Genack Jerry Hogan

November 21

Andrea Jagusch Ron Wegner

November 22

Christopher Avant

November 24

Makia Koch-Seymore

November 25

Timothy Albers Madeline Diehl John Wolck

November 27

A-Ken & Elaine Willis (70) Isaac Burant Oliver Burant Laurie Radewahn

November 28

Christine Jaeschke

November 29

James Kaul

November 30

Thomas Hipke



November

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.

(Hebrews 9: 11-14)



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Rev. Eric C. Skovgaard, Administrative Pastor Rev. Samuel Lee, Pastor

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

Friday, November 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

There is no worship service on Thanksgiving, but join us for a special service on Wed., Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Coffee Servers Needed!

Qualifications: a friendly smile, pour a cup of coffee, and bring some morning sweets.

Time: After the 9:00 a.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.







Follow Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church on Facebook!

It's that time of year!

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 3</u>. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.



Also, remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms!

REMEMBER TO VOTE - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Voting is the language of democracy and can have long-lasting implications.

The next EGL Voters Meeting is Sunday, December 15



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:

Linda Hoffmann – LindalHoffmann@yahoo.com or call 262-786-1203, or email Meg Grelk mgrelk55@gmail.com



The special beauty and meaning of Altar Flowers

Celebrate an anniversary or birthday, remember and honor a loved one, or give thanks for blessings received by sponsoring Altar flowers. Take the beautiful arrangement home to enjoy after the Sunday worship service. The cost is \$35. Please call or email Amy Stroh in the church office to request a date and to provide a message for the bulletin; 262-797-2970 or astroh@egl.org.