

**ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, November 10, 2024 – Volume 76, Number 11.2**  
**The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**

**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

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| <p>S 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS2)<br/>         10:30 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School<br/>         7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)</p> <p>M 5:00 p.m. EGPD Tactical Training (School Building)<br/>         5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)<br/>         7:00 p.m. Church Council (BAAC)<br/>         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)<br/>         5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)</p> <p>W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)<br/>         1:00 p.m. Blood Drive (FH)<br/>         1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)<br/>         7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)<br/>         6:30 p.m. Gym Rental</p> <p>T 6:30 p.m. Worship</p> |
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**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **171** people that attended services last week in person and **50** households streamed the services for a total of **221**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**PLEDGE WEEK:** No, no one is pledging a fraternity or sorority(!), but next week, Nov 14 & 17, we are prayerfully considering what we will give to the Lord in offerings this coming calendar year. The Board of Stewardship has diligently encouraged us this year, under the theme of "Moving Forward by Faith," to reflect on Hebrews 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." If you haven't seen the mailing from the Church in recent weeks, there are extra copies of the material on the credenza in the back of the nave. This Sunday's Gospel reading of the widow's mite reminds us that it most certainly is not the amount that we give that the Lord pays attention to. Rather it's a matter of the heart. The Lord already owns everything -- including you, body and soul -- and has promised to never leave you nor forsake you. But in our giving we have an opportunity to confess that truth by returning to Him a portion of what He has first given us.

**ADULT SURVEY:** The Elders are requesting that adults in our congregation complete a survey. You may complete the survey by following the QR code below or there are hard copies in the back of Church. Please complete them and put them in the red mailbox near the Church mailboxes. Thank you very much for your time!



**EGL FAMILY THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON:** We have so much to be thankful for! Please join us as we gather together for a family style Thanksgiving luncheon on Sunday, November 24, beginning at 11:30 a.m. following our Sunday morning bible study. Please sign up for a dish to share. Turkey and gravy are already on the menu! Please use the sign-up genius link to let us know you will be attending and what dish you bring to share. There will also be a sign up sheet in the back of church. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-53071917-eglfamily>

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** Ladies, please join us as we enjoy one another's company over special beverages, appetizers and desserts and focus on the wonderful gift God gave us through His son, Jesus. ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT is Sunday, December 1, 3:30-5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Carole Braun (262-781-1494) or Meg Grelk (262-309-9861) to let us know you can join us. Table decorators, servers, and appetizers/dessert makers are needed and appreciated, too. A \$5 donation will be received at the door.

**SWD CONVENTION NOMINATIONS:** The South Wisconsin District meets in convention June 9-10, 2025, at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon under the theme of "Nicaea at 1700." The regular business of the convention includes the election of officers -- President, regional Vice Presidents, Circuit Visitors, CUW Board of Regents, District Board of Directors, and District Convention Nomination Committee. Nominations for District President and Vice President must be made by congregational action and the nomination forms available on the convention web page must be signed by the President/Chairman and the Secretary of the congregation, by March 10, 2025. These original forms are to be mailed to Secretary Knuth at the SWD office by the appropriate deadline. The other recommendation forms should also be completed, signed, and returned to the District for the other various offices by January 31, 2025. Copies of the instructions and various nomination forms can be found on the credenza in the back of the nave. You may also go here to read the same material: <https://swd.lcms.org/president/convention.html>

**THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE** presents their Christmas concert, "*...and night shall be no more*," Friday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 121 W. Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha and Sunday, December 8, 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee. Tickets are \$20 General Admission. Students are free with student ID. Tickets can be purchased at <https://lutheranacappella.org/> or talk to Rick Ewert. Come hear music from Bach, Manz, Kirchner, Rutter, Wilberg and more!

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER:** Please help our youth fundraise for the LCMS Youth Gathering next year by having dinner at Qdoba (16005 W. Bluemound Road in Brookfield) on Nov 12, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 25% of sales will benefit our youth. Flyers can be found in the back of the nave.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS** collected at the Thanksgiving service are designated to support a Place of Refuge. This mission is helping women choose life for their babies and is guiding them toward a life in Christ. Please be generous in your support of this wonderful mission outreach.

**VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE** at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, November 13, 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. Schedule your appointment online or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333/[BloodDrive@egl.org](mailto:BloodDrive@egl.org). Blood donors are critically needed. With many Baby-Boomer donors no longer eligible to donate, more younger donors are needed.



**LUNCH BUNCH** will meet on Thurs, Nov 21 at 11: a.m. at Parkside 23 restaurant (2360 Pilgrim Square Drive). RSVP to JoAnn at 262-782-6085.

**HATCH DEATH:** For those who have attended the Oak Hill Cemetery in Brookfield Memorial Day event over the years the name Hatch will ring a bell. Nathan Hatch is buried in the center of the cemetery. He was a Revolutionary War veteran who had signed up four different times to serve under General George Washington. In his 70's Nathan joined a couple of sons in moving from Vermont out to the frontier territory of Wisconsin, farming a plot of land on the north side of Capital Drive not far from the intersection with Calhoun. His descendants have a long, proud history of serving in the US military, including a Clark Hatch who died just recently on October 31 in his home State of Hawaii after a battle with cancer. Plans had been in place to invite him back to Oak Hill for the 2025 Memorial Day event, where he has spoken on several occasions over the years.

**A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP:** All church families should have received your "Moving Forward by Faith" pledge packet for 2025 in the mail. Please carefully read the information and ask God to provide specific direction in completing the Pledge Card and "Be an Active Member" survey, then bring them to our worship services on "Pledge Weekend", November 14 or 17. By providing this information to EGL, you will greatly help in the planning for the upcoming year. Thank you! P.S. There will also be additional forms in the news rack and the back of the church if needed.

**LWML:** The evening group of LWML will meet on Mon, Nov 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the BAAC to assemble the dry ingredients into jars for cookies. Both soup jars and cookie jars will be sold in the lower entrance of the church on Sun, Nov 24. Proceeds of the sale will be used to send two voting delegates and two young representatives to the LWML-SWD Convention in June 2026.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** Thursday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m. is the next meeting in the BAAC. The book to be discussed is *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.



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DISTRICT

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

At the South Wisconsin District office, we often receive calls from churches and church members seeking recommendations for trusted professionals — attorneys, accountants, plumbers, realtors, etc. — but too frequently, we lack information to share.

To bridge this gap, we're excited to announce the launch of our ***Vocational Directory***, designed specifically for LCMS business owners and professionals in South Wisconsin.

This directory isn't about finding volunteers for *pro bono* work; it's about building a network of skilled professionals within our membership. We invite you to share your expertise with congregations across South Wisconsin.

**Ready to get involved?** Complete the simple registration form at [swd.lcms.org/PRO](http://swd.lcms.org/PRO) or scan the QR code below to get started. And please, share this invitation with fellow LCMS business owners and professionals who might want to share their skills and join us in honoring each of our Christ-centered vocations.

***Together, we can create a resource that strengthens our community and serves our churches effectively!***



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The South Wisconsin District is one of 35 districts of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Covering the southern third of the state of Wisconsin, the District serves the 83,700 baptized members in 199 churches, 51 elementary schools, 23 preschools, 8 high schools, and 1 university. Visit [swd.lcms.org](http://swd.lcms.org) to learn more.