

SEASONS

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



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To us a child is born, to us a son is given; let us offer praise, thanks and prayer to God the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

From Your Pastor



Pastor Skovgaard

Allow me to do some personal reflecting on the recent national election results. But please stick with me until the end. I am most certainly one of those Americans who found himself breathing a sigh of relief on Wednesday morning, November 6. Apparently, the nation had seen fit to gift me the election of Donald Trump as our 47th president on my birthday! Thank you, America! With many of you, I think the next 4 years are going to be quite the rollercoaster of news and events. Perhaps some of the best advice I can give at this moment is, buckle up!

In all seriousness, when we consider the direction that our nation would most certainly have taken had the Harris/Waltz team won, the difference is staggering. The two candidates were worlds apart on matters relating to sexuality and life, ie parental rights in schools, abortion, LGBTQ+, biological men in women's sports. Then consider the role of DEI in the corporate world and on college campuses, the 1st Amendment of the US Constitution when it comes to the Church being able to not only believe what it wants within the confines of the church building but also to live out her convictions in the secular world in medicine and education. Not to be forgotten also are how we relate to Israel, Taiwan, Europe, and the rest of the world's nations.

I for one am really curious to see what happens around Elon Musk. In the Garden God gave man dominion over the creation, and that includes space. So, when Musk uses the abundant brains God gave him, God is at work doing something to expand man's dominion over the creation He made, which is part of the creation mandate. With Bobby Kennedy Jr I am cheering for a healthier America when it comes to food and medicine. There will be the clash of ideas and personalities, but in the pursuit of healthier children, let's give it a try!

But let's turn the corner here in our conversation. As Christians we live in two kingdoms – God's kingdom by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and by birth into the world around us. Our Lutheran theology is excellent at teaching us that we must be concerned about both. We don't get to choose one over the other. We live in both, even though they are governed in different ways. For a long time – so it seems – Lutherans have been almost exclusively focused on the kingdom of God and thus we have

become functional pacifists and/or separatists (think Amish) in the left-hand kingdom.

Both positions – being a pacifist or a separatist -- are erroneous. We are certainly not OF the world, but we do live IN the world. On some levels we don't have any problem embracing the culture around us. Think beer, brats, and Brewers here in Wisconsin! We speak the same language and pursue many of the same interests that the unbelieving world does around us, and there's nothing wrong with that. But there's much more to our citizenship in this world than wearing the green and gold on Packer days.

We recognize that living in the world includes caring for our neighbors, and we do that in many ways, for instance in providing food, clothing, and shelter. But caring for the neighbor also includes making sure there are just laws in place and wise leaders in elected positions who can govern according to natural law. So, in our recent elections I think we have done an excellent thing in electing Trump as our next president. I think it was the wisest thing for us to do in our life together in the left-hand kingdom of this world.

But as confessional Lutherans we need to acknowledge some realities. This election has not advanced the kingdom of God at all, nor could it. In our circles it may even have made that project more difficult because we conservative Lutherans are now perhaps tempted to rest on our laurels, believing that with this crisis averted, there's nothing else to do. But remember that success in the left-hand kingdom of this world is not the same thing as making disciples of all nations. God's kingdom is not of this world, as Jesus told Pilate on that fateful Good Friday. The incoming administration, God willing, will do many things that will do the most good for the most number of people, but if we/the Church do not embrace the political freedom God has delivered to proclaim the Gospel and teach the faith to our neighbors and to the next generation, we will have proven ourselves unfaithful as citizens in both kingdoms.

We have recently done our part as citizens in this great country, but let us redouble our efforts in the right-hand kingdom of God, praying that God would indeed work in us and through us to accomplish His will of gathering into His Church the people He has had in mind since before the foundation of the world! Once more into the breach!

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

ADMISSION INTO MEMBERSHIP:

Baptized:
By Baptism
 Maximus Maxillian Gerber

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

By Death
 William Dare

GROW IN GOD'S WORD IN 2025 - Join an EGL Bible Study!				
Day & Time	Location	Topic	Open To	Pastor Leader
Sundays 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Sanctuary	Formula of Concord	All	Skovgaard
Tuesdays 7-8 a.m.	Room 228	Romans	Men	Skovgaard
Tuesdays 10-11 a.m.	BAAC	Romans	Women	Hipenbecker
Wednesdays 10-11 a.m. (except 1st Wed. of month)	BAAC	Acts	All	Skovgaard
ALSO CALLING ALL HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: if you are willing to invite new members, contact the BOCE so we can promote it and encourage EVERYONE in our EGL family to "let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col. 3:16) in 2025!				

An Important Message from our Congregation President

For those of you who were not able to attend the Special Voters Assembly on October 20, I am happy to announce that the motion to approve the new Constitution and Bylaws passed unanimously. They will go into effect July 1, 2025.

There is still quite a bit of work to do.

The Voters Assembly shall elect a Board of Directors and Committee of Elders, at its first regular meeting in 2025.

Upon election, the Committee of Elders shall immediately elect officers and shall elect one of its members to serve on the Board of Directors, as required by Section 10.3.1 of the Constitution and Bylaw Section 12.2.1.

Upon election, the Board of Directors shall, as required by Sections 11.2 and 11.4 of the Constitution, immediately elect its officers, treasurer, and comptroller, no later than 30 days after its election, and as required by Section 13.3 of the Constitution, appoint an Executive who shall assume the position effective July 1, 2025.

Prior to July 1, 2025, the current congregation officers and Council, and the elected members of the Board of Directors and the Committee of Elders, shall take all actions and adopt all policies necessary to ensure the continuity of governance prior to and after July 1, 2025; including, but not limited to, preparing a proposed budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year for consideration at the May 2025 regular Voter's assembly meeting.

The Board of Directors shall ensure that, on July 1, 2025, the appointed Executive shall be provided with all policies and resources necessary to ensure the continuity of governance thereafter.

The Governance Committee is continuing to meet to develop policy manuals.

I again want to thank the Governance Committee for all of their efforts. I also want to thank the Congregation for its support of the work and involvement in the process.

If any of you have any questions, please reach out to the members of the Committee.

Laura Traas - Chair
Dan Berry - Co-chair
Sue Wilcox - Secretary
Pr. Skovgaard
Pr. Lee
James Drabiszczak
Ron Harmeyer
Mark Ewert
Ben Ewert

Now that the Congregation has passed the new Constitution and By-Laws, we need to move forward with the next steps in the process. Prior to the March Voters Assembly, we need to establish a list of candidates for the Board of Directors and Committee of Elders. If you are interested in service on the Board of Directors, please contact me. If you are interested in serving on the Committee of Elders, please contact Paul Haut.

Additionally, the Voters Assembly also passed a motion to reach out to the Seminaries for a pastoral candidate. I am also looking for members to serve on a Call Committee to interview those candidates and make a recommendation to the Congregation. If you are interested in serving on that committee, please contact me.

Thank you.

In His Service,
James A. Drabiszczak
EGL President

The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ



The First Sunday in Advent, which marks the beginning of the new church year, will be commemorated on Sunday, December 1.

Blue or violet adorns the altar during Advent. Advent, a season of repentance, waiting and watching, looks forward in hope. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that Christ, who came in the flesh in history to accomplish our salvation, will also return in the same way to be our judge on the last day and bring us into eternal life.



On Wednesday, December 4, at 10:00 a.m., the morning group of LWML will meet in the BAAC for its Christmas party with the focus being a Christmas devotion with participation for all. The Christmas story will be shared with scripture verses, narration, and singing of favorite Christmas songs. Plan to attend. Each lady is asked to bring 6 cookies and a sandwich.

The South Wisconsin District of LWML will host its Winter Getaway on January 31 and February 1, 2025 at Cranberry Country Lodge located at 319 Wittig Road in Tomah, WI. The theme for this retreat is **"Wonderfully Made,"** based on Psalm 139:13-14a "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works." Retreat registration is \$65, which includes Saturday lunch, with the deadline being January 17, 2025. Special room rates at the hotel for the LWML Retreat have a deadline of December 31, 2024. Check for information on lwml-swd@org

The 21 zones in our district LWML have contributed \$8,500 in in the month of October for funding the Mission Grants of this biennium 2024-2026. We are getting close to being able to fully fund Mission Grant #3 **"SWD Church Worker Grant"** for \$30,000. This will be distributed to full time church worker students from the SWD who are enrolled at a Concordia University or a

Concordia Seminary.

The National LWML Mission Grant #25 is **"Bringing God's Word to India"** for \$100,000. The Lutheran Study Bible is being translated into the sixteen major languages of India. We pray that the Lord would bless this translation work and strengthen the faith of all believers in India.



Processing into the church in India.

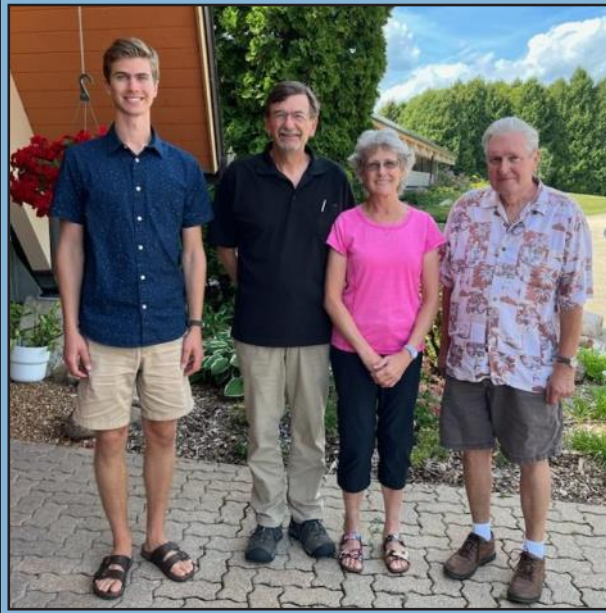
Thank you to congregation members who faithfully share their mites in spreading the Gospel message. You may put your filled mite boxes in Sherri Bond's church mail box.

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

Barbara Kurth



Last month EGL members purchased their soup and/or cookie mix jars from our LWML group. The proceeds fund the expenses needed to send our delegates to convention as voters. Thanks to the congregation for their support and to the women who worked with care to produce the soup and cookie jars.



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 Christian Education

The **Board of Christian Education** members serve two-year terms. The BOCE is responsible for planning and administering the educational programs of the congregation including adult education classes, the Day School, the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Cradle Roll. They also arrange for all personnel necessary to carry out these programs and serve as the Call Committee for Ministers of Religion-Commissioned (teachers).

Board members pictured are (left to right):
Matt Ewert, John Wolck, Nancy Wolck and John Thompson.

Peace Lutheran Campus Center

A ministry of the North Wisconsin District - LCMS

Andrew L. Weden, Campus Pastor · Email: aweden@uwsp.edu 1517 Maria Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481 · (715) 345-6510
Serving past, present, and future students at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point

Dear Members of Elm Grove Lutheran Church:

I will be going a mission trip with a team of students and Pastor Andy Weden from Peace Lutheran Campus Center to serve in Brazil. The trip is arranged through Miguel Torneire, a pastor and longtime missionary in Latin America, and will take place from December 30, 2024 - January 10, 2025. This is sure to be a great experience, and I would like to ask you to partner with me while serving in Brazil.

While in Brazil, we will be serving in the city of Rio de Janeiro. Each day we will have various chances to serve the people of Rio. We will be staying at Pastor Waldemar Garcia's congregation, Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church. While in the city, we will be serving at Igreja Evangelica Luterana da Penha School. We tentatively have plans to completely repair and repaint the children's courtyard and athletic space at the school. Besides the physical work projects that are planned during our time there, we will also have time to work with middle schoolers trying to learn English as their Second Language. There will be various other means by which we will be able to be serve these children while sharing with them the love of Jesus our Lord. During all the service opportunities, we look forward to learning more about the people and culture of Brazil. This will be a wonderful cross-cultural "stretching" experience for me. I am looking forward to growing in my faith through serving and seeing how God is working in and through His dear children in Rio de Janeiro.

I'd like to ask you to partner with me in two areas: **prayer and financial support.**

Would you begin praying for our team today? Ask that God would bless our attitudes and our preparation. **Before we leave, the 11 of us will be putting together a list of prayer concerns. I will send you a copy of those prayers closer to our time of service so that, while we are away, you can pray for me and for our team.**

Then, there is the cost of the trip. Each of us contributed \$2,000 as a personal commitment to reserve our place and for the support of the trip. But our goal for the whole trip is closer to \$3,000 per person to help cover the cost associated with transportation, food, and the work projects, etc. while in Brazil. The more we raise, the more we can serve the children and congregations of Rio. We believe that God will use many of you to assist in providing the necessary funds for this mission. So, whatever the Lord leads you to share will be a blessing for our whole team. Thank you for prayerfully considering giving as you are able.

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- I am enclosing a gift to assist with your mission trip.
- I will commit to prayer for the mission team.

You can make your tax-deductible check payable to:

Peace Lutheran Campus Center (note "Ewert Brazil Mission Trip" in the memo line).

Mail checks to: Peace Lutheran Campus Center - 1517 Maria Drive – Stevens Point, WI 54481

Thank you for your consideration to partner in this exciting event as I serve our Lord in Brazil. Be assured that I will send you a report when we return as I will be excited to share with you how I saw God at work.

In Christ,
Matt Ewert

This is me during an ESL class (English as a Second Language) on a mission trip to Baltimore in 2023. Our mission team to Rio through Peace Lutheran Campus Center will do similar work.



LCFS - Lutheran Counseling and Family Services

Spotlight on AODA (Addiction) Services

Part of LCFS's mission, rooted in God's love, is to help individuals and families who struggle with mental health and substance abuse issues. We know that life can sometimes present us with struggles and challenges. It's during these times that we rely upon the words of Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

One such challenge that affects many in our community is addiction to both drugs and/or alcohol. LCFS's AODA (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse) program (offering both group and individual counseling) started after the Vietnam War to address the overwhelming addiction needs of our veterans returning home. Our AODA program was and is designed to provide compassionate help to those who are battling addiction. Whether a person is addressing substance abuse issues related to alcohol, opiates, Tranq, Fentanyl, or the many other drugs that are impacting and abruptly ending lives, LCFS is here to help.

AODA therapy and group counseling are invaluable resources. Our licensed clinicians guide clients through the complex emotions and obstacles they might encounter on their path to recovery. We help a client develop coping mechanisms, set achievable goals, and celebrate victories along the way. We also work with families to address the unique challenges of loving a person battling addiction or grieving the loss of their loved one from substance abuse.

As the saying goes, recovery is a journey, not a destination. Many clients will return to our program after multiple attempts at sobriety. And we open our doors. We work to ensure that hope remains a part of the process and assess each person's individual needs. If LCFS is unable to safely treat a client in the outpatient setting, we refer the client to a higher level of care so that they may safely begin their recovery journey.

During addiction's challenges, reaching out for support can make all the difference. If you know someone struggling with addiction, consider referring them to LCFS's outpatient AODA program where we are true to our mission statement:

Lutheran Counseling & Family Services of Wisconsin puts God's love into action by strengthening individuals, families and communities with professional mental health, addiction and adoption services because every person deserves the opportunity to thrive.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the mental health and/or substance abuse issues of someone you know, please reach out to our team at LCFS - lcfs@lcfswi.org or 414-536-8333.

The Elm Grove Fire Department uses EGL School Building for Tactical Training

The Elm Grove Fire Department used the EGL school building for mass casualty tactical training on November 11. Volunteer participants were recruited to act as patients. Church members, Karen and Mark Kennedy, along with about 16 others, answered the call to help our local first responders train for emergencies.



There were 25+ EMT professionals who took part in the training. They were grateful for the use of the facility and the volunteers. **We're grateful** for the men and women who answer the call when the residents of our community need help in an emergency!



A recent study points to the health benefits associated with laughter — particularly with heart health. The study showed that patients with coronary artery disease who engaged in laughter therapy had reduced inflammation and increased oxygen flow throughout their bodies. Laughter is not only beneficial to our health, but also on our attitudes. Mary Poppins memorably sang: "The more I laugh, the more I fill with glee. And the more the glee, the more I'm a merrier me!" (ConcordiaPlans.org/BetterHealth)



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

... Save-the-Date ... January 24, 2025

Watch for further information about a fun-filled game night on Friday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Book Discussion Group

We plan to meet on Thursday, December 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC to discuss the book, *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* written by Joe Siple.

This will also be our Christmas party. Remember to bring what you volunteered at the November meeting. Any questions, please contact Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.



Join us for pizza dinner, drinks, and popcorn with the movie.

Date: Friday, December 20

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: CLC

Cost: Free-Will offering

RSVP by 12-18: evangelism@egl.org

We will be viewing a live-action Christmas musical adventure that combines classic Christmas melodies with humor, faith, and pop songs in a retelling of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus.

* Feel free to bring a comfy movie chair. *



On Friday, November 1, the Bread and Fish Team: Carole Braun, Meg Grelk, Linda Hoffmann, Kris Nitschke and Diane & Jim Olson, sorted and packed 20 boxes of clothes, along with a dozen jackets and some nice winter coats too.

Peace if possible; truth at all costs.
Martin Luther



LYAL (LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE) REFORMATION PARTY HOSTED AT EGL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

The group enjoyed an authentic German meal including brats, schnitzel, potato salad, & sauerkraut. Activities included Reformation-themed trivia, scripture copy race, a Diet of Worms race, and Papal Bull toss.



EGL Adults Survey

The Elders are requesting that adults in our congregation complete a survey. You may complete the survey by using the QR code below. Or, if you'd like to complete a written form, there are hard copies in the back of Church, or use this version. Then after completing the survey, please put it in the red mailbox by the Church mailboxes. Thank you!
The Elders would appreciate your response by December 31, 2024.

Required *

1. Name (leave blank if you wish to remain anonymous)

2. Email address (leave blank if you wish to remain anonymous)



3. What age bracket do you fall into?

- Under 45
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-80
- Above 80

4. What days would you have more availability to participate in events? (select all that apply) *

- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- No preference

5. What time of day works best for you? (select all that apply) *

- Mornings
- Afternoons
- Evenings
- No preference

6. What types of events would you be interested in participating in? (Select all that apply) *

- Bible Studies
- Concerts/Organ Recitals
- Hymn Sings
- Lecture/Speaker Events
- Pot Lucks
- Tours of Local Churches
- Service Projects/Volunteering
- Hiking/Walking

7. If you have other ideas for activities or thoughts, please enter them here:

8. Are you interested in helping plan and coordinate events?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

The purpose of this congregation is to assist and support believers as they carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) throughout the world, and live the Christian life.



December Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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



December 2

Sarah McNeely

December 4

Ben Mueller
Rachael Tischer

December 5

Kyle Higgins
Paula Ky
Alexandra Thompson

December 6

Sue Mickol

December 7

Benjamin Nelson

December 9

Mattias Goldenstein
Cathy Tuttrup
Emma Wollak

December 10

A-Bob & Nancy Genack
James Drabiszczak

December 11

A-Arik & Becky Ruhnau-Gee

December 12

Lynn Crowell
Benjamin Garcia
Michael Gibbons

December 15

Jean Bennett
Nancy Ewert
Joan Knuteson

December 18

Judy Hogan
Emma Mitchell

December 19

Amy Stroh

December 20

A-Lisa & Al Savaglio

December 21

Karlie Bellante
Catherine Goldenstein

December 22

Chuck Ewert
Linda Stiloski

December 23

A-John & Luanne Schaefer
Delores Rische

December 24

Dana Vilar

December 25

Hannah Margrett

December 26

Susie Radke

December 27

A-Jeff & Carol Jagusch
A-Woody & E'lem Lindblom
Carol Ewert
Joanne Kowach

December 28

A-Forrest & Barb Schumacher
Heidi Anderson
Paul Haut
Carol Jagusch

December 29

Angela Holmes

December 30

Roland Colucci

December 31

A-David & Christa Neill
Anthony D'Agostino
Benjamin Krueger



December

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Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved! Psalm 80:1-7



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Sunday, December 15

Submissions can be sent to
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The next EGL Voters Meeting is
Sunday, December 15, after the worship service



Prayer Warriors at Elm Grove Lutheran Church are ready to pray for you.

If you have a prayer request or wish to become a part of this great mission, please contact:
Linda Hoffmann – LindaHoffmann@yahoo.com or call 262-786-1203, or email Meg Grelk, mgrelk55@gmail.com

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated
every Sunday

See schedule at right for holiday worship services.

Bible Study
10:30-11:30

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
on December 4, 11, 18.

There will **not** be a Thursday evening service until
January 9, 2025.

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24
5:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

Wednesday, December 25
10:00 a.m.
(Communion)

New Year's Eve Service

Tuesday, December 31
6:30 p.m.
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