

**ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2024 – Volume 76, Number 12.2**  
**The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**

**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (DS2) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Formula) 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC) 5:00 p.m. HA Gym Rental
M	5:00 p.m. HA Gym Rental 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)		6:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Romans) (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC) 5:00 p.m. Property Meeting (228) 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)	F	6:00 p.m. EGL Youth Group Christmas Party (YR, GYM)

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **193** people that attended services last week in person and **94** households streamed the services for a total of **287**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY:** Please join us on December 15 after the 9 a.m. service for the next Voters' Assembly.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us for pizza dinner, drinks, and popcorn with the movie. Friday, December 20, 6:30 p.m. in the CLC. The cost is a free-will offering. We will watch 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. RSVP by December 18 to [evangelism@egl.org](mailto:evangelism@egl.org)

**THANK YOU:** Our heartfelt thanks to the many people who helped to make Advent by Candlelight 2024, a special time of focus on the true meaning of Christmas. We also enjoyed the fellowship, music and delicious food surrounded by faces aglow with candlelight. We thank all those who shared their time and talents; Karen Lippert for her inspiring words, Gene Traas for his fine piano accompaniment and musical arranging, Laura Traas for alto clarinet, and Emily Ewert for flute. We appreciate all the ladies who lovingly decorated a table, and those who brought the delectable food. A special thank you the many who helped set up, serve, greet, or take down. Most of all, we thank and praise God for our Savior, Jesus, the fulfillment of all the signs, now and forever. Meg Greik and Carole Braun

**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>

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Offering envelopes have been put in Church mailboxes for those individuals/families who have requested them. If you have not received envelopes and would like to have them please let Amy know ([astroh@egl.org](mailto:astroh@egl.org)/262-797-2970). Thank you!

**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!

**EGL YOUTH BAKE SALE:** EGL Youth Ministry is holding a bake sale the next 2 Sundays (December 15 and 22) after church in the Friendship Library. Stop by to pick up some sweets and baked goods. All proceeds will support the participants attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in July 2025.

**EGL YOUTH GROUP** is having a Christmas Party on Friday, December 13, 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Room and Gym. Enjoy playing in a Mario Kart tournament, beach ball volleyball and minute-to-win-it games. Food will be provided. Please plan to attend!

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH:** Here's some nice publicity about Pr Lee's work at CUW. We rejoice in this opportunity to see the Gospel proclaimed among international students at CUW (as well as University of Wisconsin-Madison.) <https://blog.cuw.edu/rev-dr-samuel-lee/>

**DEUTSCHE GOTTESDIENST:** Benediction Lutheran Church is sponsoring a German Christmas Service again this year on December 15 at 1:30 p.m. The church is located at 8475 W. Fond du Lac Ave. in Milwaukee. Benediction offers a monthly German service (Gottesdienst) in the afternoons, and a weekly German radio devotion on WJOI 1340 am at 4:30 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. Questions? Please call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

**LWML RETREAT:** If you are planning to attend the LWML SWD Winter Getaway, please note that the deadline for reserving rooms at the Cranberry Country

Lodge for the LWML room rate is December 31, and the deadline for registering for this retreat is January 17. Check the LWML bulletin board in the lower entrance of the church for details.

**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!



**GROW IN GOD'S WORD IN 2025 – Join an EGL Bible Study!**

Day & Time	Location	Topic	Open To	Pastor Leader
Sun 10:30-11:30	Sanctuary	Formula of Concord	All	Skovgaard
Tues 7-8 a.m.	Rm 228	Romans	Men	Skovgaard
Tues 10-11 a.m.	BAAC	Romans	Women	Hipenbecker
Wed 10-11 a.m. (except 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 ypu richly" (Co.. 3:16) in 2025!

This Advent Season the Sunday sermons will focus on the Old Testament Prophets while the Midweek sermons will focus on the "I Am" statements of Jesus.		
December 11, 6:30 p.m.	Midweek Advent	"I Am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25)
December 15, 9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent	"The LORD Rejoices Over You With Singing" (Zeph. 3:17)
December 18, 6:30 p.m.	Midweek Advent	"I Am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11, 14)
December 22, 9:00 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent	"He Will Be Their Peace" (Micah 5:5)
December 24, 5:00 & 8:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve	"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6)
December 25, 10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day	"The Piling Up of Goodness and Mercy" (John 1:16)