

SEASONS

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



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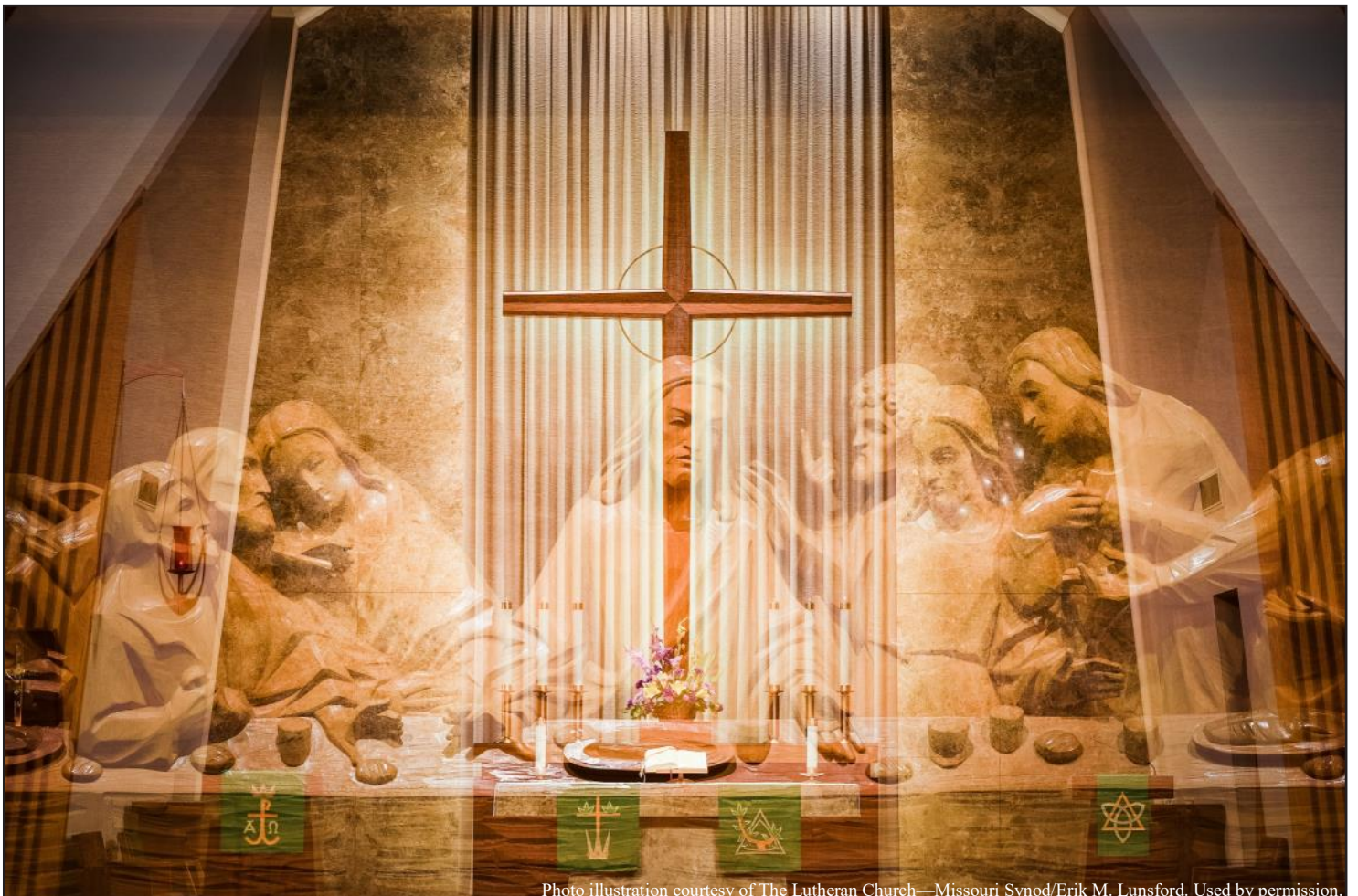


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When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, “Surely it is not I, Lord?” He said in reply, “He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.” Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” He answered, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.” Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

(Matthew 26: 20-30)

From Your Pastor

Thinking About Espionage: Part 1 of 3

Luther once wrote a booklet to answer the question, *On Whether Soldiers Too Can Be Saved?* The question was raised by the Knight Assa von Kram, who was having conscience issues as he sought to reconcile his Christian faith with his profession. Even though the soldier's job is the business of war and thus of killing the enemy, Luther's answer was yes, a Christian can serve his nation as a soldier. His answer is rooted in Romans 13:1-5, especially "he does not bear the sword in vain." Luther also draws upon 1 Peter 2:13-14 for his defense of Christians serving as soldiers. The following quote from Luther's document, *On Whether Soldiers Too Can Be Saved*, sums his argument up well:

"[W]e must, in thinking about a soldier's office, not concentrate on the killing, burning, striking, hitting, seizing, etc. This is what children with their limited and restricted vision see when they regard a doctor as a sawbones who amputates, but do not see that he does this only to save the whole body. So, too, we must look at the office of the soldier, or the sword, with the eyes of an adult and see why this office slays and acts so cruelly. Then it will prove itself to be an office which, in itself, is godly and as needful and useful to the world as eating and drinking or any other work." (*Whether Soldiers, Too, Can Be Saved*, 1526)

Building on Luther's defense of the soldier's vocation, we can ask the question, can a Christian also be engaged in the business of espionage? Even though a spy's work at times involves deception and war by other means, I believe the answer is also yes. Consider espionage as another branch of legitimate authority, Die Obrigkeit, and that through the lens of the Lutheran experience at Magdeburg. The long-standing western theory of just war could also inform our conversation. For instance, has the responsibility of spying been given to you by a legitimate government in service of a just cause. Just as our western Christian tradition tells us not to take the law into our hands and punish the evil doer ourselves when we haven't been given that office, likewise, without the legitimate vocation of spy, one ought not to do it.

I think this intersection between theology and espionage intrigues me for two reasons: One, why there are spies in the first place; and two, the assumption that spy work is morally dirty. So, why do nations have spies? Simply stated, so that governments can know the capabilities and the intentions of their enemies. There are different types of espionage in our day and age: signal intelligence, gathering information from all sorts of transmissions; satellite imagery, which takes

images of everything from military bases to infrastructure; open-source material, looking at everything from newspaper reporting to social media; and human intelligence. The last is the traditional perception of spying and it is still the most important. You can know a lot about an adversary's capabilities without traditional spies, but it's hard to know an enemy's intentions without having human connections to the decision-makers.



Pastor Skovgaard

Granted, traditional spy work often exists in morally difficult situations, but not always. Sometimes a foreign asset seeks you out for noble reasons, ie they remember what their country used to be like before a dictator took over, as was often the case in the early years of the Cold War when Soviet defectors would come over because they wanted to help restore Mother Russia. Sometimes the foreign asset is just looking for a pay day to get out of debt. Sometimes those who have valuable information to sell are disgusting individuals. But, just ask yourself, what sort of person would betray a Putin, an Ayatollah Khomeini, a Xi, and what would it take to recruit him or her? But to have someone close to any leader like these tyrants, able to tell you what these men were planning to do, not just what they are capable of doing, would be a gold mine. Or perhaps to identify and turn a Russian, Chinese, or Iranian spy against their own country, so that they would be willing to feed false information back home becomes a massive victory. Whatever angle you take, you are asking someone to betray their own country, and that's a big ask, but an important one.

The Chinese military philosopher Sun Tzu details the need for spies in his short book, *The Art of War*, in the 6th century BC. The last chapter, the 13th, is devoted to espionage. We can read the following there:

"A major military operation is a severe drain on the nation and may be kept up for years in the struggle for one day's victory. So, to fail to know the conditions of opponents because of reluctance to give rewards for intelligence is extremely inhumane, uncharacteristic of a true military leader, uncharacteristic of an assistant of the government, uncharacteristic of a victorious chief. So, what enables an intelligent government and a wise military leadership to overcome others and achieve extraordinary accomplishments is foreknowledge. Foreknowledge cannot be gotten from ghosts and spirits, cannot be had by analogy, cannot be found out by calculation. It must be obtained from people, people who know the conditions of the enemy."

Was Sun Tzu reflecting on Joshua's secret mission of the two spies into Jericho?

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	Brazil	All	Skovgaard
Tuesdays 7-8 a.m.	Room 228	Ezekiel	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!

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

By Death:

Hazel Ewert
Leona Roesch

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Luke 6:36

God's Instruments, God's Stewards

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:10)

Some pastors refer to these words as "the most forgotten words in the Scriptures." They are forgotten because they follow the familiar and critical words before it. The preceding two verses that overshadow Ephesians 2:10 are words of justification: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). These are words preached regularly. They are assigned as confirmation verses. They carry with them the very heart of what it means to be a redeemed child of God!

Precisely because the previous verses are so central to salvation, they often overpower our practice of stewardship! We have been saved by grace. This is certain and sure because of Jesus. Works play no role in our salvation. No credit taking for us! Grace is freely given. Faith is miraculously created by the Spirit and joyously received. This truth is so wonderful and so encompassing that we often miss out on WHY we are redeemed.

The grace of God revealed in Jesus calls us to faith. But St. Paul doesn't stop with grace and faith. He continues to the logical conclusion. Just like the creation declares the handiwork of God, the redemption of sinners like you and me declares His greatest handiwork! Redeemed stewards are created to reflect the grace and mercy God showers on us to others.

As Lutherans, we understand that good works flow from faith in Jesus Christ. They are the fruit of the tree of salvation into which we have been grafted by grace. Sanctification and stewardship are both on-going and active confessions of what the Lord has done in us. These works are not always spectacular. Many times, they are simply parents showing Jesus to their children. They are compassionate actions that live out the truth of the Gospel to co-workers and even complete strangers. While they can be grand endeavors, more likely they are simple, beautiful works which highlight what Jesus has done in us.

These works aren't random either. They have been planned by God. God planned to use you as a faithful steward as you walk the road that leads you through your daily life. There are no chance encounters or coincidences. They have been planned by the Lord of the universe for the benefit of His creation. Good works are what point to God's greatest work: Jesus!

He calls you and me to walk in this faith, which flows from this grace, which has been poured out on us in Jesus. But even this is not to our credit. We are simply called to be faithful stewards of God's grace so that we may share it with those who need it as much as we do. God's Spirit carries us along in this. We are just the steward — the instrument in His hand to accomplish His plan and glorify Him!

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship

Update on Key Fob System at Elm Grove Lutheran

Please know the goal is to keep everyone safe, not to keep people out of the building.

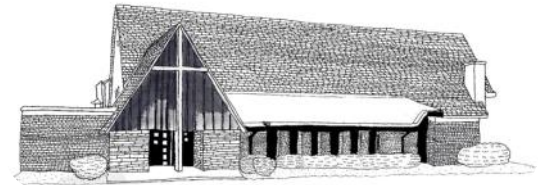
Changing door locks:

We do not have an exact date when the door locks will be changed. We expect that they will be installed in the next 2-3 weeks.

Doors with fob access:

(A fob is a small, battery-powered device that allows you to access a door without using a physical key.)

- The inside door to the door near the Church office.
- The lower Church entrance once the new door is installed
- Left most main school entrance door
- The inside door near the CLC
- Bartelt Center
- Youth Center door



Exit only doors: (These doors were chosen to be exit only to direct the flow of traffic upon entering the building. It is felt that all areas of the building are easily accessed with the doors mentioned above.)

- Both sets of gym doors
- Chancel doors
- Nursery door
- Exit in Church

If a Church member is interested in obtaining a fob they will need to come to the Church office and complete a form requesting a fob. Everyone who has a fob will be able to obtain access to the fobbed doors between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday (regular Church office hours). If you need access to the building outside of these hours, you are asked to contact Amy or Paul (if Amy isn't available) to request access. The fobs can be programmed for specific times.

Keys will only be provided to full-time employees of the Church. The inside locks are not changing currently.



The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, March 5 in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. In our October meeting, we studied the second article of the Apostles' Creed and in our February meeting we studied the third article of the



Our LWML-SWD is working to fund **Mission Grant #4 – Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs-WI** for \$21,000. There are seven comfort dogs living with host families/congregations/institutions in the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS. Often they are called upon to deploy to disaster areas and this expense is "out of

Apostles' Creed. For our March meeting, we will study the first article of the Apostles' Creed from our summer 2024 issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* found on pages 18-19. The title of this Bible study is "**Steadfast in Faith – First Article Blessings.**" God blesses us so much with all that we need to support our bodies and lives. There will be copies of this Bible study for you, if you do not have the summer 2024 issue of the quarterly.

The evening group of LWML will meet on Monday, March 10 in the Friendship Library at 6:30 p.m. and will be working on assembling the birthday kits, cutting fabric for the birthday bags and making "recipe cards" for the birthday kits.

The District LWML Winter Get Away held in Tomah, WI was very inspirational with 140 in attendance. Several ladies from our EGL LWML attended.

This is a reminder that the Leadership Workshops will be held on March 8 in Sheboygan and on April 5 in Janesville. Same program! Different locations! Choose one to attend! Times for both dates are 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

pocket" for those sponsoring the dogs. These funds would be equally distributed between the host dog entities to supplement their support/care/ travel funds.

As of January 31, 2025, the total amount of mites donated from the 21 zones in our district to the LWML-SWD for the 2024-2026 Biennium was \$80,000. What a blessing! Our fiscal year ends March 31, 2026, with the total goal being \$181,548.28. Thank you to all congregation members who faithfully donate mites for missions. You may put your filled mite boxes in our treasurer Sherri Bond's church mailbox.

The 41st Biennial LWML Convention is scheduled for June 26-29 in Omaha, Nebraska with the theme being "Growing in God's Grace." A chartered bus from our SWD district is being planned. Check the website and the winter issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

"Serve the Lord With Gladness," Psalm 100:2

Barbara Kurth

EGL's LWML Group Attends District Winter Getaway in Tomah

The South Wisconsin district of LWML, held it's Winter Getaway, on January 31 - February 1, in Tomah, WI. The theme was "Wonderfully Made." Pastor Salemink, executive director of Lutherans for Life, was the guest speaker. Servant activities included sewing eyeglass cases for Most Ministries, and filling handknit soap sacks. Gifts from the Heart were given to the SOS Center in Milwaukee. The SOS (Strength of Savior) Center facilitates Christian care, educational instruction, after school programming and life skills activities for children and families in the Milwaukee community.



Our church member attendees were Sherri Bond, Linda Hoffmann, Paula Keefer, Jean Kruse, and Luanne Schaefer.



Baskets of Blessings

As we begin our Lenten journey with our Savior through His sufferings and death for our sins, we look forward to His Resurrection and the empty tomb. We join our church family each year to celebrate our Easter joy, but not everyone in our congregation can be with us. We think of our fellow members who are confined to their homes or find it difficult to get to church.

Let's share that Easter joy and hope with a visit to them and a "basket of blessings"! 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, 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 on the following Sundays, April 6 and 13. 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).

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, April 9
(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 \$25.00
- ___ Tulips \$15.00
- ___ Hydrangea \$30.00
- ___ Easter Lily \$16.00
- ___ Daisy mum \$17.00
- ___ Ivy Basket \$20.00



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: _____

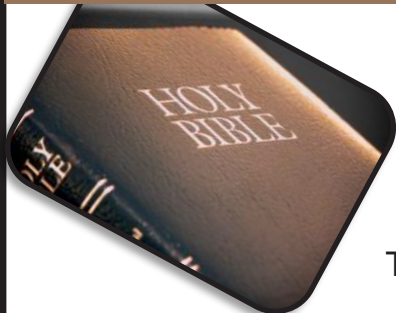
• Blessings received []

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Flowers need to be picked up soon after the 10:00 service on Easter Sunday, April 20.

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

Through the Bible in Two Hours



Elm Grove Lutheran Church is pleased to announce a partnership with an LCMS Michigan non-profit, **THROUGH THE BIBLE IN TWO HOURS.**

We aim to "Cast the Gospel Net on the Facebook Net," specifically via Facebook [FB] Ads. These FB Ads' objective is to register people for a 2-hour presentation at our congregation in Elm Grove. The topic is the Bible's Unifying Central Theme. The presentation traces this theme throughout each of the Bible's 66 books.

Pray that the Holy Spirit would bless many who want to understand the Bible's message. Our focus is on the "unchurched" and "dechurched," not LCMS members. Please contact the Church Office if you or your LCMS friends want to learn this Biblical Central Theme. Do not use the Registration Portal. Instead, express your interest in seeing the presentation so one can be scheduled.

See the website: www.BibleInTwo.org and the Facebook Page: BibleInTwo. You are encouraged to "Like" and "Follow."

From the EGL Archives

Our church has a rich tradition of supporting one other following the death of a loved one. For decades, the Ladies Service League lovingly planned, prepared and served a meal for a member's funeral service reception. Through their care and concern many were touched. As that generation aged, the group and their custom ended.

Marge Treichel's Funeral - Arranged for Jan Geoch.

MARGE TREICHEL'S FUNERAL MARCH 21 at 11:30 AM.
Pastor Barhalt. Luncheon to be served about
12:15 PM. Estimated attendance 50-75.
Food prepared for about 60-70

Set up 9 tables (8 place settings) Place mats,
napkins, silver knives + forks, spoons in a glass
9 Bread Baskets, 9 Coffee servers.
Salt + pepper creamer + sugar bowl. Dart
cups. Some glasses ready for milk or water.
If you wish, cover tables with paper tablecloths,
which gives a "warmer" feeling.
Buffet table. Divided plates, board for casserole.
Dessert table. Dessert plates. Serve only way
you like. A ~~board of choice~~ ~~flower basket~~.

Casserole: I fix this. Recipe for 60.
Quantities for mushrooms, cream of mushroom
soup could vary depending on size of can. Also
quantity of noodle packages depending on weight
Also, I've added some extra noodles, extra
casserole without losing "base".

Marge Treichel's Food
No obit available

Fruit Salad: Big Salad Bowls.
Peaches, pears, open cans, drain well, cut into
smaller pieces.
Mangoes, Oranges, drain well (open cans)
Pineapple tid Bits, open cans, drain well
separately. Save juice for bananas + apple
Cut up apples, don't peel
Slice bananas, using special cutter
Clean strawberries, slice, save some for
garnish. Same with kiwi.

Relish Tray: Use Black Divided Tray.
Clean Carrots and celery. Using special
cutter, cut into "sticks"
Cut up pickles into quarters.
Open ripe olives + stuffed olives, add those
not used in casserole.

Written instructions left nothing to chance. Praise God for these ladies of a bygone era who represented and displayed His love.

Cut up butter, use paper dessert plates, one for each

The main dish, "Casserole Extraordinary" includes ground chuck, Creamette noodles, Velveeta cheese, stuffed olives, mushrooms, mushroom soup, milk and onions. Rice noodles and peanuts were sprinkled on to add crunch.

A folder labeled "Bereavement" contains the records that the ladies kept detailing the table set-ups, shopping lists, recipes, receipts, and volunteer helpers & bakers who worked for each reception. The spiral bound books even include the obituary news clipping of the deceased EGL member.

Casserole Extraordinary (Basic recipe) (# same original recipe)

The following recipe serves about 45-48 people

- 4 1/2 to 5# ground chuck
- or extra lean beef
- Att. 2 to 3 tbsp butter
or margarine
- 1- 12oz. pkg. frozen, chopped
OK sliced onion
- 2- 1# pkg. Creamette
Noodles (wide)
- 4- 4oz. cans mushroom
slices, piece, drained
- 2# Velveeta diced (about 1/2"
cubes)
- 2 c. sliced stuffed olives
(15oz. jar)
- 1, 2oz. salt - 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 4- 10 1/4 oz. cans cream
of mushroom soup,
thinned with:
- 5 c. milk (2%)

Brown onions and beef in shortening until moisture is evaporated. Cook noodles until barely tender. Mix remaining ingredients and add to noodles. Add browned meat and onions. Place in large stainless steel pan which has been sprayed with Pam. Bake at 375° for 25 min. (turn slower on). Then remove from oven and sprinkle with 2 cans La Choy Rice Noodle and 2/3 can Planters Old-fashioned Peanuts. Return to oven and bake another 15 to 20 min. to brown noodles and nuts.

NOTE: When doubling the recipe, use 3 cans Rice Noodles and 1 whole can Peanuts -



Bakers

Linda Haut	Meg
John Randall	Jed
Joan Miller	Joan
Loris Moore	Hel
Elaine Olson	Dor
Kenneth Klauk	Ele

Kenneth had originally planned for 30 and then called should plan for 75 served 28 to 30 plus 6 purchased 15 d. Berma used half. 5# Beef

Plus 15# each kind of gravy left - frozen tuna. 2-29. Can peaches, some for pea Can oranges + 1-15oz. Can, Chunks, 2 1/4# grapes, 2 Carrots, 2 pars dill, 2-7oz. black, 1 gallon 2%, Coffee fruit was gone. Family did divide the left-over. Total ca. \$201.34 - Received \$202.00



The Drive to Thrive golf outing is back! Same golf outing, dinner and raffle, new logo! Join the EGL Foundation in a fun day of golf and socializing at Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex on Friday, May 9. Signup forms will be out soon.

The EGL Foundation is also looking for donations for the raffle and wine pull. Donation forms are available in the back of the nave, and signup sheets will be there when golf times and the catering menu have been finalized.

Whether you come for the whole day or just dinner and the raffle, we hope to see you all there!

The proceeds from the event will help fund the church roof repairs.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Ann Wilcox by email at golfouting@egl.org.



Please join your fellow members and guests for a light supper before the Midweek Lenten service.



**5:30-6:15 p.m.
Wednesdays, March 5- April 9**

March 5: Chili (Altar Guild)
March 19: ?? (Evangelism/Stewardship)

We need volunteers to host and serve dinners. Please consider. Thanks!

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Do you have a family member or friend, whose contact information you'd like the Church Office to have in cases of emergency?

Please email (astroh@egl.org) or call (262-797-2970) Amy in the office and give her this information. This is not for the general public, only for the Church Office staff.

Help Someone Celebrate their Birthday!

During the month of March, the LWML women of EGL are celebrating our congregation's 85th birthday by sponsoring "Birthday Bag Kits". Food insecurity is an everyday reality for many in our community. But when it is a family member's birthday, that family is even more compromised because of its inability to celebrate that birthday through the simple means of being able to purchase or even bake a cake. This reality is heart breaking for everyone in that family.

Included with this message is a photo showing an example of what those kits will be like. Families without food may not have eggs, oil or other key ingredients in hand. Hence, these kits are all inclusive with an alternate recipe. YES! You can bake a cake with only a can of soda!

We are asking for the congregation to help with this project by purchasing cake mixes (any flavor as we will alter the soda flavor to match), frosting, and birthday candles. There is a plastic tote near the LWML bulletin board (wall across from the lower parking lot doors) for you to place your donations. If you happen to have leftover birthday napkins, plates, sprinkles, streamers etc. taking up space in a closet, we will include those in some of the kits as well. Please place them in the plastic tote along with your other donations.

We have received a Thrivent Action Team grant that will help with completing kits to include purchasing the tin pans and soda to go along with the items donated by EGL members. If you would prefer to assemble a complete kit to donate, that will help our Thrivent grant monies go farther. Our plan is to bless those intercity food pantries that we have an established relationship through our Bread and Fish program with the donated Birthday Bag Kits. Those food pantries include Holy Ghost, Mission of Christ, Hope and occasionally Bethany, as well as RSO's like SOS and A Place of Refuge.



Please join us in giving a Birthday Blessing to those most in need, as a way to give back to our community while celebrating EGL's 85th birthday!

Questions: You may reach out to Paula Keefer at paulajkeefe@gmail.com.



Book Discussion Group

March 20 at 9:30 in the BAAC is the date, time, and place for our next meeting.

The book to be discussed is *The Keeper of Hidden Books* by Madeline Martin. The setting for this book takes place in Warsaw, Poland during World War II with an underground library as resistance to the Nazi occupation of Poland.

We welcome new members.

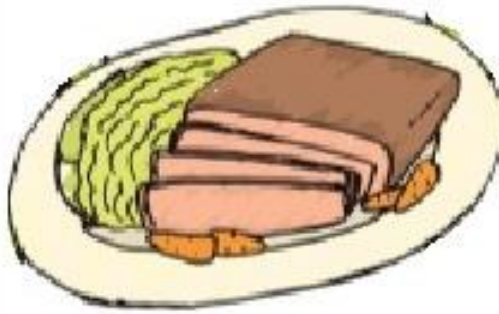
Questions? Contact Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

How Corned Beef and Cabbage Became a Holiday Staple on St. Patrick's Day

For most of us in the U.S., corned beef and cabbage is synonymous with St. Patrick's Day. But its association with the holiday isn't an Irish tradition. It is a uniquely American tradition, a blending of both history and opportunity.

Corned beef has been around for centuries and has been a staple in many cultures, including most of Europe and the Middle East. It gets its name from the "corns" or large grains of salt used to cure the meat. Ireland became known for exporting corned beef in the 17th century after British land owners brought cattle into Ireland. But the Irish people couldn't afford to eat it themselves. Their traditional dishes used corned pork instead, and they relied heavily on nutrient-dense potatoes to survive.

In the 18th century, when large numbers of Irish immigrants came to the U.S., they brought with them the idea of beef as a luxury. So when they found salted beef brisket was cheap in the States, they were quick to replace their traditional "Irish bacon." Nutrient-dense cabbage was



also readily available and affordable, and a dish combining the two became a staple for working classes across the country.

As St. Patrick's day evolved into a celebration of Irish heritage and nationality for Irish-Americans, corned beef and cabbage became a holiday tradition for consumers across the nation.

According to USDA's Market News, part of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), St. Patrick's Day was the single largest promotional period for beef brisket cuts in 2012.

St. Patrick's Day is also typically the biggest holiday for fresh, green cabbage consumption in the U.S., with New Year's Day running a distant second.

Whether you're one of the 34.5 million Americans who claim Irish ancestry or not, as you celebrate the holiday, you may be honoring two traditions from those early Irish immigrants: corned beef and cabbage... and good, affordable ingredients.

usda.gov/about-usda/news/blog (2013)

EVERYONE'S IRISH ON MARCH 17



Join us for an unforgettable Beatles-themed evening with LIVE music from the Beatles tribute band, The BriTins.

Begins at 4:30 pm

The BriTins 6:00-7:00 pm

Dinner & Program at 7:30 pm

Journeys Lutheran School

5425 South 111th Street Hales Corners

(414) 461-8500

journeyslutheran.org

Affiliated with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Journeys is accredited through the National Lutheran School

Accreditation (NLSA), and is part of the Milwaukee Parental

School Choice (MPSC), Wisconsin Parental School Choice

(WPSC), and Special Needs Scholarship programs (SNSP).



Check out the Children's Booklets in the Friendship Library!

EGL Member and Sunday School teacher, Linda Hoffmann, has procured an assortment of booklets offered through Lutheran Hour Ministries.

The booklet titles are:

- *Do You Know Who Jesus Is?*
- *Sharing Your Faith*
- *Learning to Pray*
- *The Easter Story*
- *The Christmas Journey*
- *The Bully*
- *Let's Be Disciples*
- *The Bible Tells Me So*
- *Welcome*

While they were developed for children, the messages will resonate with all ages. If you know children or others who would benefit from a booklet, please take one or two to share.



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
Woody Lindblom

March 5

A-David & Jean Bennett
Zachary Fleischmann
Aaron Kurka

March 6

Elijah Lind
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 14

Heinrich Goldenstein

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

March 28

Mary Beth Drabiszczak
Linda Timm

March 29

Lisa Schuppner
Lea Soderland

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Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar - 2025

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Saturday, March 15

Submissions can be sent to seasons@egl.org



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SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR

It's time for Daylight Savings Time to return!

It begins **Sunday, March 9** at 2 a.m.

REGULAR QUARTERLY VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

Sunday, March 16, in the Church Nave
10:30 a.m., following the worship service

Lenten Midweek Worship

• Ash Wednesday, March 5
6:30 p.m. with the Imposition of Ashes

• Wednesdays, March 12 through April 9
at 6:30 p.m.

Light Supper served every Wednesday, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Regular Thursday evening worship services will resume on April 24.

Holy Week Worship

- Palm Sunday, April 13, 9:00 a.m., Communion
- Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., Communion
- Good Friday, April 18, 12:00 noon, 6:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 20, 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
Communion at both services

Easter Brunch 8:15 – 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Regular Sunday morning worship services are at 9 a.m.
The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday.

Bible Study is every Sunday, 10:30-11:30, except on Easter.



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.