

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Fourth Sunday in Lent
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. "Pericope Plunge" and Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 5:00 p.m. Board of Finance 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner (Tacos) 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 (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **174** people that attended services last week in person and **65** households streamed the services for a total of **239**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

EASTER FLOWERS: Orders can be placed for Easter chancel flowers. You may reserve your plants *in memory of, in honor of, and/or for blessings received* by filling out the order form (payment included, please), which can be found in the March SEASONS. ALL orders need to be in no later than **Wed, April 9**. Orders and payment can be sent to the church office or put in Paul/Linda Haut's church mailbox. Questions? please contact Linda Haut (414-254-2918 or 262-782-7356 or lhaut@egl.org).

EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING: The EGL golf outing is back! Sponsored once again by the EGL Foundation. This year's *Drive to Thrive* Golf Outing and Dinner will be held on Friday, May 9. We will once again be holding a raffle instead of an auction as well as many other familiar things from years past. Along with various raffle items supplied by generous donors, there will be a wine pull, a chance to win a new iPad, heads and tails, and a dinner catered by Bunzels. If you aren't a golfer, please still join us for the evening festivities, including an amazing dinner! All money raised this year will go toward the roof repairs needed for Elm Grove Lutheran Church. If you are paying by check, please make them payable to the Elm Grove Lutheran Foundation. Sign up today! We look forward to seeing you on May 9!

VOTE APRIL 1: Early voting has already started but the actual spring election day is Tuesday, April 1. You can go to this link and find out what's on your local

ballot: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Whats-On-My-Ballot>. Romans 13 mentions our obligation to submit to the government in our land. Here in the United States that means being informed and participating in the election of a Wisconsin State Supreme Court justice, local school board members for the public schools, the superintendent for the Department of Public Instruction, a referendum on taxes in the Brookfield area, etc.

BASKETS OF BLESSINGS 2025: Would you like to bring some cheer and Easter blessings to a fellow EGL member who finds it difficult to get to church? We will again provide the baskets for you to pick up with the name and contact information, and suggested list of small items on Sunday, April 6 and 13. (Note the new pick-up location: Upper level, outside the coffee fellowship area) Please fill them and deliver them before Easter with blessings from all of us. Questions? Please call Barb Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).

RAMADAN: This year, as we Christians make our Lenten journey to Easter, the Muslim world, even here in Brookfield, is marking their season of Ramadan. If you'd like to know more about their season of fasting and focusing on the false doctrines of Muhammad, listen to the Issues Etc interview with Pr Hesham Shehab of Peace Lutheran Church in Lombard, IL, on February 28. Ramadan ends on March 30. Of course, this is a great time for us who have our Baptismal identity rooted in Jesus Christ, the Messiah, to pray for them, that our gracious God would open their eyes in repentance to the person and work of the Son of God for our salvation.

EASTER BRUNCH FOOD SIGN UP: Following the 7:00 a.m. Easter morning service, we will be providing an

Easter Brunch. If you are able to contribute some of the needed food items or if you are able to help with clean-up after the breakfast, please sign up using this SignUpGenius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-55641352-easter>. There is also a paper sign-up sheet available in the back of the church.

EASTER BRUNCH: Make plans to join us for brunch on Easter Sunday. We will have an assortment of fantastic food items and will be serving in the Fellowship Hall from 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

NEW THIS YEAR! CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG GARDEN: Children and grandchildren are invited to visit the Easter Egg Garden to find some special treats. (Bags will be provided.) The garden is located in the West Fellowship Hall from 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. You may also stay to enjoy the Easter Brunch.

SAVE THE DATE for a "Better Late Than Never" evening to celebrate and thank EGLS' formally called teachers (ending in June 2024 school year), Amy Weymier, Laura Patterson, and Kenzie (Peters) Peterson. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 28, at New Berlin Hills Golf Course. Watch SEASONS and the weekly newsletters for more details.

2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE: EGL's Youth Ministry thanks you for all of your support. Unfortunately, we will not be taking our youth group down to New Orleans in July. Fortunately, there is still an opportunity to volunteer for anyone 18+. Team Flex applications are open until April 30th (<https://www.lcmsgathering.com/volunteer/#TeamFlex>). We are looking to take a group of volunteers on a "Mission Trip" to help with the Youth Gathering. Dates would be Friday, July 18, to Monday, July 21 or Tuesday, July 22. Contact Ben Ewert for More information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet on April 20, Easter. Let's celebrate the Lord's resurrection in Church with your family!

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY: All women are invited to join us (She Shed gals) in studying "Promised Rest: Finding Peace in God's Presence," by Michelle Diercks. We will meet **every** Wednesday evening starting April 23, 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the BAAC for eight weeks through June 11. We will be flexible to include those who cannot join every week, of course. Each weekly lesson has 5 daily readings. The study is available through CPH or Amazon. Please join us around God's Word, seeking His Peace in Christ together! Ask Nancy Wolck if you have any questions.

LENTEN FREE-WILL OFFERINGS: Thank you so much to the various volunteer groups who are preparing hearty meals for everyone on Wednesday evenings before the services! The free-will offerings received at the meals this year are being collected on behalf of two men in Africa that you've heard mentioned in prayers recently: Bienfait Romero and Jonah Khalid. Bienfait has finished his studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Pretoria, South Africa, and his vicarage, and is now back in his home country of the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he is seeking a way to the US where he plans to study at the LCMS seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Jonah is a Sudanese Lutheran Pastor seeking to build a congregation and a school in the Nuba mountain region of Sudan. These two men have great potential in their service to church and God and we have an opportunity to help.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thursday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is our next meeting. The book to be discussed is *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. It is historical fiction about Anne Morrow Lindbergh. If you like to read, please join us.

LWML: The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. The Bible study, "*Confessing What We Believe*" is found on pages 14-15 in the Spring issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. The study will feature Romans 5:1-11, Where the emphasis is on key doctrines of the Christian faith. It should be an inspiring look into these key doctrines and provide an interesting discussion.