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# Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

  The Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12

The image of our church's stained glass window above is Jesus' reference to the lilies of the field, indicating God's loving care for His people.

# From Your Pastor

Thinking About Espionage: Part 2 of 3

Truth be told, I wish I had thought about and through this intersection between theology and espionage decades ago. Even though I don't think it would've changed the trajectory of my life, it would've enriched my time with the Agency much more to have known then what I know now. But hindsight is always 20/20.

I grew up in a household that knew clearly that there was a Cold War, and that we, the West, were the good guys. I heard stories of meeting and interrogating defectors. I had opportunity to meet men with amazing abilities and stories to tell. There was never a moment in my young adult years that I wasn't convinced that the West held the moral high ground when it came to the clash of worldviews, political and economic philosophies. We were the city on the hill other nations yearned to emulate. There were lots of honorable men and women at the time. Just as American soldiers held themselves to a high standard in warfare, so did American spies. We didn't think of ourselves as conducting business like the Communists or tin pot dictators.

Not only did I hear about the clash of civilizations at home, I had my childhood assumptions reinforced at college when I attended the University of Virginia. I studied with professors then who told me that I should only work for the government if seeing the US flag wave filled me with pride. That was in the late '80's. How things have changed!

Another professor used to tell us about his escape from Czechoslovakia to Austria the weekend that the Soviets invaded. As a teenager he had gone skiing with friends in August, 1968. He didn't return until years later after becoming a professor at UVA. He did eventually regain ownership of his hereditary property in the Czech Republic, the Vilemov Castle.

During college I interned at the Agency, and then joined it after my undergraduate studies in political science and German. I spent most of my 7 years in the Africa division. It was a heady place for a young man to work, still full of honorable men and women who believed in their work. We watched the wars in Angola and Mozambique and the transition in South Africa from the Apartheid government to the ANC government. But I left that world behind in the summer of 1996 to study koine Greek at Concordia Seminary St Louis.

Matthew Sutton entitled *Double Crossed* about the formation of the OSS, the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the CIA. It focuses on the work of "Wild" Bill

Donovan to recruit overseas missionaries to be agents of the new OSS. Donovan was once asked why he gave special attention to the recruitment of missionaries as future spies. His answer was intriguing: "What makes a good missionary a good makes That hook that got me thinking more intently about the intersection between



espionage and theology. Donovan explained further that overseas missionaries were adept at local languages, were comfortable living in foreign environments, and were keen to live for causes greater than themselves. They often viewed their work with the OSS and later the Agency as a continuation of serving the people they had been sent to evangelize in the first place. They interpreted their work as a vocation of protecting.

Of the men the book zeroes in on, two were Lutheran -Stewart Herman from Pennsylvania who worked to undermine the Nazis from Berlin, and one LCMS pastor named Paul Frillman, an Illinois farm boy who graduated from Concordia St Louis in 1935. Frillman was sent to Hankow (nowadays Wuhan). This area was a hub for Lutheranism until the war and subsequent Communist destruction. It had a number of established Lutheran congregations, each apparently with hundreds of members. Known as a gifted linguist, Frillman quickly learned Chinese, declaring that it was the easiest language he ever learned (sic!).

With the Japanese invasion of mainland China, many missionaries left China but Frillman stayed behind in the seminary compound, sheltering the local Chinese, especially the women, from the marauding Japanese soldiers. After 5-6 years of formal missionary work there, Frillman was recruited by Chennault to be a chaplain for the Flying Tigers and an intelligence officer. Frillman worked with John Birch, a conservative Presbyterian missionary in China, and also a Chennault recruit, until his murder by Communist partisans. Interestingly, Frillman's photo hangs on the wall in a Wuhan museum established to highlight the resistance against the Japanese.

It should be especially fun for us EGLers to note that Donovan's assistant and later head of the CIA, Allen Dulles, had a brother, John Foster Dulles, who visited Elm Grove Lutheran Church at the dedication of our new church building on Terrace Drive in 1954, following the march from the first building at Watertown Plank and Sunny Slope. John Foster Dulles was the secretary of State at the time. It turns out the congregational president and his Two years ago I stumbled across a book written by wife, John and Magda Schulz, were seriously connected people politically in D.C. at the time, enough to pull some strings for the secretary of State to make a visit to a young LCMS congregation in the suburbs of Milwaukee.

## **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

#### TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

By Transfer:

Paula Ky Tyler & Elizabeth Ky Transferring to Brookfield Lutheran Church

"He who converts his neighbor has performed the most practical Christian-political act of all."

from Meditation on the Third Commandment (in God in the Dock)



# EGL held elections, as required by the newly approved Governance Model

Elm Grove Lutheran's new governance model requires that the congregation elect a Board of Directors and a Committee of Elders. At the March 16 quarterly Voters' Meeting, the congregation cast votes from two slates of volunteer nominees, one for each governing group. The nominees who received the most votes will serve for three years, those with the second most votes will serve two years, and those with the third most will serve one year.

#### Here are the results of that election:

Board of Directors	Number of Years
Dan Berry	1
James Drabiszczak	1
Ron Harmeyer	2
Karla Bessert	2
Mark Ewert	3
Laura Traas	3

An Executive of the Board of Directors is still to be named.

Committee of Elders	Number of Years
Matthew Stroh	1
Rick Wegner	1
Bruce Bessert	2
Eric Thompson	2
Doug Grelk	3
Paul Haut	3
John Wolck	3

Thanks be to God for all those who volunteer to serve!



#### 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 are available on the table in the back of the nave. The EGL Foundation is also looking for donations for the raffle and wine pull. Donation forms are available in the back of the nave as well, and there is a box for donation drop-offs in the coffee hour area. Whether you come for the whole day or just for the raffle and Bunzel's catered dinner, we hope to see you all there!

If you have any questions, please direct them to Ann Wilcox by email at <a href="mailto:golfouting@egl.org">golfouting@egl.org</a>.

Next Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting Sunday, May 18, after the worship service

# Women's Evening Bible Study

Starting <u>April 23</u>, 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 <u>every</u> Wednesday evening, 5:30-6:45, in the BAAC, for eight weeks, through June 11. Each weekly lesson has 5 daily readings. We will be flexible to include those who cannot join every week, of course. It is available through CPH or Amazon, in paperback (\$17.99, and ebook (\$9.99). Please join us around God's Word, seeking His Peace in Christ together! Ask Nancy Wolck if you have any questions.



#### 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** ΑII **Pericope Plunge** Skovgaard **Room 228** Skovgaard Tuesdays 7-8 a.m. **Ezekiel** Men Tuesdays 10-11 a.m. **BAAC** 1 Corinthians Women Hipenbecker Wednesdays 10-11 a.m. BAAC **TBD** ΑII Skovgaard (except 1st Wed. of month)

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!

Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.



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 interesting discussion.

The evening group of LWML is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. Guiding and helping the mentally ill through this in the Friendship Library with the mission LCMS Life Ministry! project being assembling Birthday Bag Kits

West Allis will host the LWML Zone 3 Spring Rally on issue of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. speaker.

The rally will also include important information concern- Sherri Bond. ing zone and district updates of LWML events, concluding "Serve the Lord With Gladness," Psalm 100:2 at 12 noon. Plan to attend.

The morning group of LWML will Mission Grant #7 of National LWML Upheld by God's meet on Wednesday, April 2 at Hand, Mental Health Outreach - LCMS Life Minis-10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. The Bible **try for \$96,500** has been fully funded. Millions in our



country are suffering from mental illness and are turning to pastors deaconesses and guidance and help. This grant will help support development of sources to help, and to support pastors, church workers and lay leaders.

The 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on June 26-29 with the theme being "Growing

to be given to inner city Lutheran churches in Milwaukee. in God's Grace," based on 2 Peter 3:18. Candiidates for St. Paul's Lutheran Church located at 7821 W. Lincoln - LWML offices are listed with their pictures in the spring

Saturday, April 26, beginning with registration and break- In one month the mites donated from the 21 zones fast at 9:00 a.m. The program and meeting will begin at reached \$10,000. Check out the LWML bulletin board to 9:45 a.m. Pastor Josh Grotelueschen will lead the devo- see the thermometer. Thank you to congregation memtions. Dr. Beverly Yahnke from DOXOLOGY is the keynote bers who faithfully donate their mites. Please put your mite donation in the Church mailbox of our treasurer

Barbara Kurth



A BIG thank you to all who donated birthday supplies, fabric or money towards making the birthday bag kits!

Our LWML ladies look forward to blessing those most in need through food pantries!



## BREAD & FISH



On February 21, Meg Grelk, Carole and Dennis Braun, Claire Schuppner, Linda Hoffmann, Kris Nitschke, Irma Witzke, Diane and Jim Olson sorted and packed 40 boxes of clothing. Orphan Grain Train stopped at EGL on February 27 and filled their trailer with our donation.

A big "Thank you" to all our Bread and Fish volunteers!

## **Book Discussion Group**

Thursday, April 17, at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is the date, time, place for the Book Discussion Group's meeting.

The book to be discussed is The Aviator's Wife Melanie Benjamin. This historical fiction book is about Anne Lindbergh, wife of Morrow Charles Lindbergh, who made the first successful airplane non stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean from New York City to Paris, France.

If you like to read, please join us.





#### **Baskets of Blessings**

As we continue our Lenten journey with our Savior through His sufferings and death, we look forward to His Resurrection and the empty tomb. We join our church

family to celebrate on Easter Sunday, but not everyone in our congregation can be with us. Many 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 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 <u>deliver it</u> with Easter blessings from all of us to a fellow EGL member <u>before</u> Easter. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).



SAVE THE DATE....for a 'Better Late Than Never' evening to celebrate and thank EGLS' called teachers (ending in June 2024 school year):

- Amy Weymier
- Laura Patterson
- Kenzie (Peters) Peterson

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 28, 2025 at New Berlin Hills Golf Course.

Watch May SEASONS and the weekly newsletters for more details.

#### 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.

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Hanging Flower Basket \$25.00						
Hyacinth \$15.00						
Pansy Bowl \$25.00						
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Azalea \$25.00						
Tulips \$15.00						
Hydrangea \$30.00						
Easter Lily \$16.00						
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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						

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	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.)



# OK...So What is a "Stammtisch" (and why is it totally appropriate at EGL?)

It seemed like a typical bar hangout until one of the guys planted a little flag on the table: an insignia for their group. That seemed a bit odd: Why do these pals have a flag? Turns out, this was no random meetup for a pint. It was a *Stammtisch*.

Stammtisch ("shtom-tish") literally means "regulars' table". It's an age-old German tradition where a group of like-minded people — traditionally men — meet up at a bar or a restaurant at a regular time to have drinks, informally chat about a variety of topics and "solve the problems of the day".

Socially, Stammtisch companions clearly enjoy each other's company. And as I have learned, it really is more than just sharing drinks — these monthly meetings deepen their friendships.

And it has an elegant simplicity: A standing date on the calendar to see a group of people you enjoy, out at a bar or restaurant (or in our case at Elm Grove Lutheran, our Bartelt Adult Activities Center - BAAC) so no one needs to tidy their home.



#### The corner table in the corner bar

Describing the classic Stammtisch: "In every German village there is the corner bar, and in the corner is a table. It's reserved for the sort of elders or other regulars. And they sit in the corner and they drink their beer and pontificate on the town and all of its "craziness."

Traditionally, many taverns in Germany had a big, round table reserved for regulars — "Stammtisch" refers to both the table and those who meet there. There are many tales of foreign travelers unwittingly taking a seat at this table and being shooed away by the barkeep.

Everyone seemed to agree that the basic format of Stammtisch is a good one. Regular schedule, but informal.

#### Why Stammtisch at EGL?

Several years ago, I found myself thinking of the idea of Stammtisch and what a nice way it is to see people you like, who easily get isolated by work and demands of daily life.

In modern life, especially **as fewer people go to church** (another significant issue), these gatherings can take on even more significance.

A close friend in Germany, described the Stammtisch this way: "That's a place where you meet **in person**. It's hard to see a Stammtisch working on **Zoom**." I definitely agree.

EGL Stammtisch is a place for men to share, to fight loneliness, open up, and build each other up...in a relaxed Christian atmosphere.

Men can find it hard to be vulnerable with one another. But amid the ambiance and repeated in person gatherings of a Stammtisch, something starts to happen. You open up on things, on your very personal things. Nowadays, I have to say that it's more important than ever to have a kind of Stammtisch, especially for Christian men.

Portions adapted, Credit: Laurel Wamsley/NPR

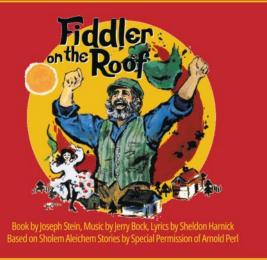
Stammtisch at EGL is a comfortable, informal place where Christian men socialize with like-minded men who share the faith. We typically meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the BAAC from 7:30-9:00ish. But this month because of Holy Week, Stammtisch will gather on the 4th Thursday. It's open and welcome to all men at EGL and in the community. Come join us for good libation, lively conversation, in a relaxed Christian atmosphere. For more information, contact Bruce Bessert (414-526-8430 or email to bruce.bessert@gmail.com.)



The Evangelism committee hosted a Farkle Game night at the end of February that was a night of food, fun, and fellowship. "Walking tacos" were enjoyed first with great conversation accompanying the meal. Afterwards the dice game Farkle was easily explained to those that had never Farkled before. Popcorn snacks were part of the evening as well as prizes for those that were lucky enough to get their name in the basket for reaching 10,000 points. If you missed this fun evening be sure to watch for the next one hosted by Evangelism and invite a friend to come along!







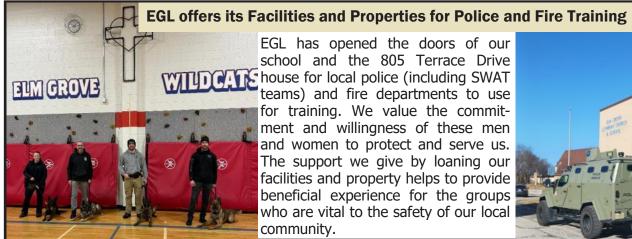
### PRESENTED BY FALLS PATIO PLAYERS

# **APRIL 25-27 MAY 2-4**

Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30PM Sundays at 2:00PM

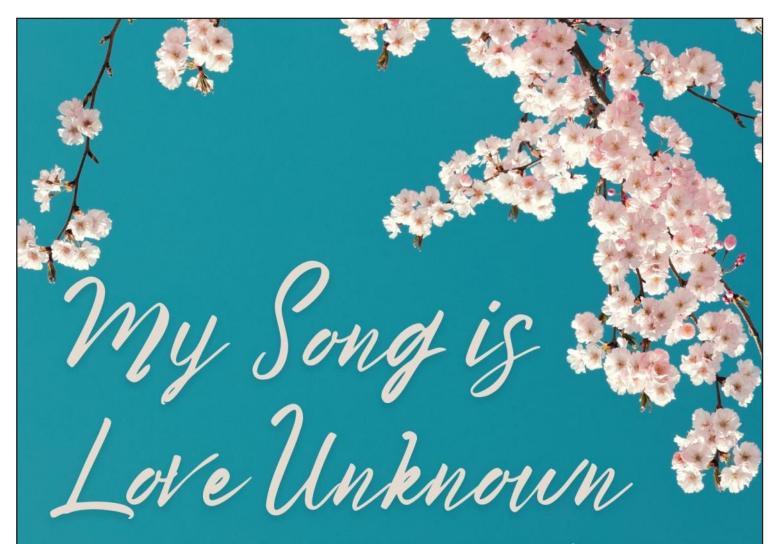
> North Middle School Auditorium N88W16750 Garfield Dr. Menomonee Falls, WI fallspatioplayers.com

Falls Patio Players presents *Fiddler on the Roof* April 25 - 27 and May 2 - 4. EGL's Mark Ewert is a member of the cast. Benjamin Ewert is a member of the build and run crew. Tickets may be purchased at www.fallspatioplayers.com.



EGL has opened the doors of our school and the 805 Terrace Drive house for local police (including SWAT teams) and fire departments to use for training. We value the commitment and willingness of these men and women to protect and serve us. The support we give by loaning our facilities and property helps to provide beneficial experience for the groups who are vital to the safety of our local community.





Featuring a varied selection of Lenten/Easter anthems by Alice Parker, John Rutter, Gil Martin, Elaine Hagenburg, and more!

Accompanied by Brass, Strings and LAC Pianist/Organist Mr. Richard Ewert Under the direction of Mr Bill Busch, Artistic Director

# Friday, April 25th at 7:30pm Sunday, April 27th at 3:00pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Mt Carmel Lutheran Church 12700 W Howard Ave New Berlin, WI 53151

8424 W Center St Milwaukee, WI 53222

Tickets are \$20 General Admission and Students FREE with student ID

> More information available at: www.lutheranacappella.org

Tickets available in advance or at the door.





#### April Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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

Thanks!



April 2

Mary Mhambrey

April 3

Austin Garcia Matthew Stroh Nicholas Weinbauer

April 5

Ashley Fisher

April 6

Victoria Ohde

April 7

Sarah Daley Zack Skovgaard Mary Tischer

April 8

A-Kelly & Dick Niggemann

Kathryn Colucci Virginia Higgins

Rose Lee

April 9

Gene Brunner

April 10

Joseph Beltran Megan Dougherty Amy Zientek April 12

Ella Donath Linda Haut

Alexander Morateck

April 13

Matthew Zientek

April 15

**Bruce Bessert** 

April 16

Alanna Carney Alyssa Krueger Gene Traas

April 18

A-Gene & Irene Brunner A-Elizabeth & Jack Tice

Lois Greenweller Diane Olson Hal Panetti Sue Schmalzer

April 19

Dennis Braun

April 20

Michael Dober Eric Weller April 22

Rebecca Frank Heather Hipke Katherine Will

April 23

Elise Halvorson

April 24

Andrew Dietrich Steve Nelson Timothy Senkbeil

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A-Gary & Katherine Will

Linda Goba Kathryn Kuffel Nancy Schuchardt

April 27

Tommy Alles Sandra Krueger Jenna Patterson

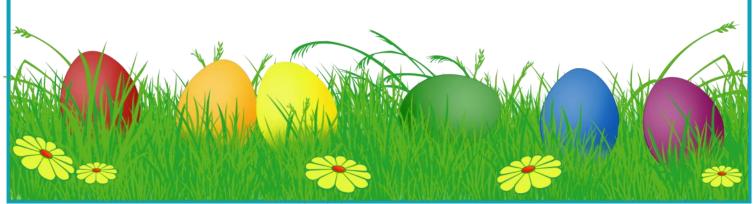
April 28

A-Richard & Christine Jaeschke A-Kathryn & Kevin Kuffel

Stephanie Garcia

April 30

Ron Hessenthaler



# April

#### Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar - 2025

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See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

1 John 3:1-7



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## Rev. Eric C. Skovgaard, Administrative Pastor

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The deadline for articles and photos to be submitted for the next *Seasons* is:

**Tuesday, April 15** 

Submissions can be sent to **seasons@eql.org** 



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VOTE on April 1 TAXES DUE April 15



#### 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 – LindalHoffmann@yahoo.com or call 262-786-1203, or email Meg Grelk, mgrelk55@gmail.com

### Lenten Midweek Worship

Wednesday April 2 and 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Light Supper served 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 – 9:30 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.



# Easter Brunch and Children's Easter Egg Garden

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for brunch on Easter morning.

We will be serving from 8:15 – 9:30 a.m.
Children and grandchildren
are invited to visit the Easter Egg Garden
to find special Easter treats.



## 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.