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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S 9:00 a.m. Worship - C 10:30 a.m. "Pericope Plunge" and Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)

M 9:00 a.m. Wauwatosa PD Training (805) 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)

T 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC) 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **188** people that attended services last week in person and **87** households streamed the services for a total of **275.** "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@eql.orq.

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 doners, 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!

CIRCUIT VISITOR ELECTION: On Sunday afternoon, March 30, the active pastors and lay delegates to the Circuit 5 Forum gathered to elect a new Circuit Visitor.

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner (Pizza) 6:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)

On the first ballot retired Pastor David Paape was unanimously elected. Brookfield Lutheran Church's Pr Rob Mrosko will finish out his current term as CV at the South Wisconsin District Convention on June 9-10, when Paape's election will be ratified and he will be installed. We thank Mrosko for his service these past three years. EGL's lay delegate to the Forum was Ben Ewert.

BASKETS OF BLESSINGS 2025: Would you be willing to put some items in a basket (will be provided) that would bring a smile of appreciation from one of our shutins? The basket, names, contact information and suggest list of items will be available between services in the upper hall outside the church library/coffee area on Sunday, April 6 and April 13. Please pick out a name, fill the basket and <u>deliver it before</u> Easter with Easter blessings from all of us. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).

BAND CONCERT TODAY: The Brookfield Civic Band has their spring concert Sunday, April 6th (today!) at 2 PM in the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center in Brookfield. EGL members Ken Schuppner and Matt Ewert play trumpet in the ensemble. This concert is in conjunction with the Hartland Community Band, so come on out, buy a ticket at the door, and enjoy the wonderful musical selections performed during this 2-for-1 concert!

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 cleanup after the breakfast, please sign up using this SignUpGenius

Link: https://www.signupgenius.com/qo/5080A4DA8AD2EA5

<u>FD0-55641352-easter</u>. 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: FGI'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 30^{th} (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. We have raised \$1,642.00 so far. One more time to contribute to this effort. Please join us for pizza on April 9.

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.