ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 945 Terrace Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122 Phone: 262-797-2970 Fax: 262-797-2977 Website: <u>www.egl.org</u> SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday, April 27, 2025 – Volume 77, Number 4.4 The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

- S 9:00 a.m. Worship C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)
- M 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees (228) 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)

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **535** people that attended services last week in person and **261** households streamed the services for a total of **796**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

THANK YOU: A very big thank you for all of the help and food donation for Easter Breakfast!

NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Join the EGL community next Wednesday evening, April 30, in the fellowship hall as we watch the Call Day service from Concordia Seminary St Louis. On this night we will hear which 4th year seminarian has been assigned to Elm Grove Lutheran Church as our next Associate Pastor. The livestreamed service will start at 7:00 p.m. but the doors will be open from 6:30 p.m., with snacks and drinks available.

EGL's 85th ANNIVERSARY year celebration continues on Mother's Day, May 11, with a showing of a special video during the adult Sunday school hour. Former member Arthur Fenske had the foresight to anticipate that, many years after the fact, future EGL members would love to see some of the excitement of those early years. Included in this DVD video are segments from the march up Watertown Planck Road after the formal closing of the congregation's first building -- now the Elm Grove Women's Club -- various milestones in the construction of the new church building, and the dedication of the 945 Terrace Drive property. This video is definitely worth watching to gain an appreciation of our history.

BASEKETS OF BLESSINGS: Thank you to all of you who took an Easter basket, filled it with thoughtful items and special treats, and delivered it to one of our 23

- W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental
- T 6:30 p.m. Worship C

homebound members. Some of you even took two! The special visit to share Easter blessings was appreciated. We have heard heartwarming stories of homemade baked goods, children's cards, favorite treats, and stories shared. Many blessings were given and received.

"BETTER LATE THAN NEVER" is on June 28 at 5:30 p.m. Please join us as we thank EGL Called teachers (end of the 2023-2024 school year) Amy Weymier, Laura Patterson, Kenzie (Peters) Peterson. We will celebrate these ladies with a heavy appetizer reception at the New Berlin Hills Golf Course Clubhouse (13175 W. Graham St., New Berlin, WI 53151). Reservations will be necessary and can be made by contacting the EGL Church Office (262-797-2970 or astroh@egl.org) Deadline for reservations is June 15, 2025. We would be grateful to have you join us as we thank and honor these dedicated teachers for their service to EGLS. Ouestions? Contact Paul & Linda Haut (414-254-2918), Bob & Laurie Radewahn (262-860-0527), Matt & Amy Stroh (797-2970), or John & Nancy Wolck (262-844-4983).

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!

EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING DONATIONS:

The EGL Foundation is looking for donations of wine and raffle items. If you are unsure what to purchase for raffle items and would like to donate to the raffle, please fee free to donate money specifically for the raffle and a Foundation member will use the money to purchase raffle items. There is a box in the church library for donations.

DID YOU KNOW? April has been designated for showing appreciation to our Director of Church Music. On April 28, 2025, we continue our year of church worker appreciation observances by thanking God for directors of parish music, one of the seven commissioned (auxiliary) offices that support the work of the Holy Ministry. The Evangelism Board encourages you to give a BIG Thank You to Rick Ewert for his contribution to helping us sing God's word, directing our choirs, and assisting with worship planning to include beautiful music for our congregation and its members. Continue to pray for him throughout the year but this month be sure to show your appreciation.

APOR LIFE WALK 2025: A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc. is pleased to announce the Annual Life Walk 2025. The event is hosted by Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 21, 2025. It is located at 945 Terrace Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122. The event is one of our major fundraisers. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. with a light breakfast. The event agenda follows with the Welcome, Opening Prayer Service, and Walk. The day will end with prizes, music, and lunch. Get friends and family to sponsor your Walk! Children are welcome and encouraged to walk. School groups may also want to participate. Prizes will be aiven for most money raised and most sponsors. Registration opens May 1, 2025. Please go to aplaceofrefuge.org to register. Join us for a fun filled event showing your love for sanctity of life. Ouestions? For details contact Susan 414-313-3888. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14)

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, May 7, 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. Schedule your



appointment online using the QR below or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333 /<u>BloodDrive@egl.org</u>. Blood fact: 1 out of every 7 hospital patients needs blood. Step up and donate!

THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents their spring concert, "My Song Is Love Unknown," Friday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 12700 W. Howard Ave., New Berlin and Sunday, April 27, 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 <u>https://lutheranacappella.org/</u> or talk to Rick Ewert. The program features a varied selection of Lenten/Easter anthems by Alice Parker, John Rutter, Gil Martin, Elaine Hagenburg, and more!

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF presented by Falls Patio Players 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.

LWML: The evening group of LWML will meet on Monday, May 5 in the Friendship Library at 6:30 p.m. The emphasis at this meeting will be to plan for the **Place of Refuge Life Walk** to be held on Jun 21 at our church.

LWML: The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, May 7 in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study found on pages 18-19 of the spring edition of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* is titled "**Diving Times.**" This study will dwell on the special times in the life of Jesus.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Our meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC. The book to be discussed is the *The Postmistress of Paris* by Mary Jane Gold-Clayton and Meg Clayton. Plan to attend.