

SEASONS

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



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THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

The plaque below hangs on the wall at the cathedral in Augsburg, Germany. It states, "Here before the ecclesiastical princes in this royal hall on the 25th of June 1530 the Augsburg Confession [AC] was proclaimed." The Lutheran princes had gathered in Augsburg because the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V had summoned them, expecting them to explain the teachings of their church. In consultation with Martin Luther, Philip Melancthon wrote the AC for the princes. The AC was read out loud in the emperor's presence by Christian Beyer in German. The emperor's German was said not to be very fluent, but a copy of the Confession in Latin was also presented to him. The confession covers topics from the Holy Trinity and original sin to receiving Holy Communion in both kinds and the right of Pastors to get married. Many Lutheran churches to this day will have a corner stone in their building with the letters "UAC" written in it, which stand for Unaltered Augsburg Confession. We celebrate this event every June 25.



The selected stanzas of the hymn *Built on the Rock* by Danish composer, Pr Grundtvig, serve as a good reflection.

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

3 We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

From Your Pastor

Teggatz Family Introductions

Greetings in Christ! We are so excited to meet you all in person and be a part of the Elm Grove Lutheran community, but in the meantime, we wanted to briefly introduce ourselves before our arrival. I was born and raised in Rock Island, Illinois, part of the Quad Cities of Illinois and Iowa. I've been a member of St. Matthew Lutheran in Milan, Illinois, since birth and have been richly blessed with their support. I've played tennis and violin since grade school and still continue to play as I am able. I attended Concordia University Chicago [CUC] for my undergraduate degree, majoring in English and minoring in Biblical languages.

Through Concordia, I was able to deepen my knowledge of the Scriptures, delve into my love for English/literature, and be involved in a variety of musical opportunities. It was in the last activity that I met my wife, Rachel. Even through the onset of COVID at the end of my junior year/ duration of my senior year, I loved my time at CUC and graduated in 2021. From there I went to Concordia Seminary St. Louis, where I've been studying for the last four years, doing my vicarage at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Between my first and second year, in 2022, Rachel and I were married in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Through my years of study and vicarage, I've met so many wonderful people and have developed a passion for pastoral care, teaching, preaching, and the ministry.

Rachel grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan, attending Our Savior Lutheran in Grand Rapids for all of those years. She's always had a heart for education and music, specifically flute and voice, and pursued those passions at Concordia University Chicago, specializing in secondary education history. Rachel also loved getting to be a part of CUC's Wind Symphony ensemble. She did her student teaching in Southern Illinois (Metro-East Lutheran in Edwardsville) and taught a year of junior high at my field work congregation in St. Peter's, Missouri. Through these educational and experiential years, she's loved challenging her students and especially supporting them and their families in their faith, developing a heart for family discipleship. For the last two years, she's been at-home with our daughter Lily and run an at-home daycare this last year for seminary families.

In April 2023, we were blessed to have our first child, Lily,

in St. Louis (just six days before our vicarage placement!). Lily has been a tremendous blessing to our growing family, inspiring us on a daily basis as she's been treated for bilateral club feet with a series of casts and now boots and a bar while she sleeps. This hasn't stopped her from exploring the world and walking/running at her first opportunity (and she has never looked back). She loves to walk, spend time outside, listen to the birds and fire trucks, and read, read, read! Lately, she's loved to sing songs with us and learn new hymns. We are also blessed to have welcomed our second child in May of this year! While he has also been diagnosed with bilateral club feet, we are confident that Lily will be a strong support for him as he goes along the same path, and are excited to get to know his little personality on the outside!



Pastor Skougaard

We look forward to our time at Elm Grove and our companionship in the Gospel! God's peace be with you!



Pastor-elect Joshua Teggatz and his wife, Rachel.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

ADMISSION INTO MEMBERSHIP:

By Confirmation:

Zoe Jacober

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

By Transfer:

Robert and Lynn Hicks

Transferring to Hales Corners Lutheran

Samuel Ewert

Transferring to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc

Elm Grove Lutheran Welcomes Pastor-elect Joshua Teggatz

On Wednesday, April 30, Pastor-elect Joshua Teggatz was formally assigned to Elm Grove Lutheran Church to be our new Associate Pastor. At least 40 EGLers were on hand in the fellowship hall watching the call day worship service. Joshua and his wife Rachel have a 2-year-old daughter named Lily. They welcomed baby Simeon on May 23.

Sunday afternoon, July 6, at 3:00 p.m., we will have the joy of ordaining and installing Joshua as the next Pastor in a long line of faithful Lutheran Pastors called to serve God's flock here at Elm Grove. Mark this day and time on your calendars now!



Congregation members enjoyed snacks and beverages as they gathered in anticipation of learning the identity of our church's new Associate Pastor. Enthusiastic applause erupted as Pastor-elect Teggatz's name was announced.



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



The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday June 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. Instead of a Bible Study, we will worship using the LWML 2025 Prayer Service, "**Blessed Are They**," written by Rev. Brian Noack.

The evening group of LWML will meet on Monday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Library and will continue its planning of the **A Place of Refuge Life Walk** to be held at our church on Saturday, June 21.

There are 40 districts in the National LWML. These 40 districts are divided into 4 regions, which are Western, Central, Eastern, and Southern. National Conventions rotate within these regions. This year the National Convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, which is in the central region.

Growing in God's Grace is the theme for the 41st Biennial Convention to be held in Omaha, Nebraska June 26-29, 2025 based on 2 Peter 3:18, "*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*" Jean Kruse will be one of the delegates from our South Wisconsin District that will vote on the mission grants for the 2025-2027 biennium, election of officers, and on other business of the convention. The convention will be live streamed.

The goal of the **National LWML Mission Grants of 2023-2025 was \$2,350,000**. Thanks be to the Lord



LWML 2025 Convention

**Thursday June 26 -
Sunday, June 29**

Omaha, Nebraska

lwml.org/convention

that the total amount was reached and all 31 mission grants were fully funded. Each of the 40 LWML Districts give 25% of the mites offering to pay for the National LWML Mission Grants. Most of these offerings of mites are made up of quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies. These are really Mighty Mites. Other money for mites is received from memorials, honorariums, endowments, and wills.

Thank you to our EGL members who faithfully save their change to fill the mite boxes, that can be picked up on the counter of the Friendship Library. 75% goes to the LWML-SWD and 25% goes to the National LWML. Offerings of mites may be put into our treasurer Sherri Bond's church mailbox.

Look forward to the Fall Retreat to be held at the Embassy Suites in Brookfield on September 26-27. Plan to attend this inspiring event.

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

Barbara Kurth



Elm Grove Lutheran Church is hosting A Place of Refuge Ministries LifeWalk 2025 on Saturday, June 21.

LifeWalk 2025 - Register Now

Online Registration is now open at aplaceofrefuge.org

Walkers and volunteers should register so that we have a good count for planning. Print out a pledge sheet on the site or pick one up from the table near the mailboxes. If you can't attend, please consider sponsoring other EGL members.

Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, June 20, food set up and service on Saturday morning and cleanup. If you can assist on either date, donate a door prize, or assist with planning, please contact Sue Schmalzer at 414-313-3888 or s.schmalzer@yahoo.com.

Attention Jr. High and High School Volunteer Opportunity

Jr High and High School age volunteers are needed on Saturday June, 21, 2025, during our LifeWalk event. Assistance is needed with children's activities and balloons between 9 and 10 a.m. and again after the walk. We also need volunteers along the walk route to distribute water and direct walkers. Please text or call Sue Schmalzer at 414-313-3888 if you are able to assist.

A Place of Refuge Ministries is a network of volunteers and staff who are committed to life and to caring for women facing crisis pregnancy in South Wisconsin.



Augsburg has a special place in Lutheranism and the Reformation for one major thing: The Diet of Augsburg in 1530. It was at this Diet that the Protestant Reformers presented what was called the Confessio Augustana, or as we know it: the Augsburg Confession.

During the Protestant Reformation, the Augsburg Cathedral, built in 1075, lost most of its religious artworks, although some were later restored. The interior, which was turned into a Baroque one during the 17th century, was partially restored to its late medieval appearance in the 19th century, with the addition of some neo-Gothic elements. The church suffered only limited damage during World War II, mostly to the Chapel of Our Lady.

EGL Livestream Results for April



Most watched video: Easter Sunday, April 20

Visit our website: egl.org

[View Our Youtube Channel >](#)

- 6 New Uploads
- 7 New Subscribers
- 691 Total Views
- 11,100 Minutes Watched



Book Discussion Group

Thursday, June 19 at 9:30 a.m. is the date and time for our meeting in which we will vote for books to be read and discussed in 2025-2026. Instead of a discussion of a book, we will have enjoyment and fellowship with having a delicious brunch with food that you volunteered to bring during our last meeting.

EGL Stammtisch!

Welcome to Summer, Guys!

Warmer temps, nice weather (hopefully!) and certainly appropriate for great conversation and fellowship over a "cold one", so join your friends at the **June EGL Stammtisch** on **Thursday, June 12** for our monthly "Guys Night Out!"



We're capping off this season with a "housewarming" for Aaron DeWitt and a great homebrewing activity at his house in Waukesha.

We'll be taking our standard break for July and August and will be back again in September!

Details: Thursday June 12 from 7:30-9:00 (ish) (Aaron's street address is forthcoming) For more info, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430.

Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!!

"Better Late Than Never" Celebration

Saturday, June 28, 2025



Please join us as we thank EGLS' formally called teachers (ending in June 2024 school year)

**Amy Weymier · Laura Patterson
· Kenzie (Peters) Peterson ·**

We will celebrate these ladies with a heavy appetizer reception at 5:30 p.m. at:

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 EGLC Church Office (262-797-2970) or astroh@egl.org) The deadline for reservations is June 15.

We would be grateful to have you join us as we thank and honor these dedicated teachers for their service to EGLS. While we honor and celebrate all three teachers, regrettably, Laura and Kenzie will not be able to attend the event.

Questions? Contact:

- Paul & Linda Haut (414-254-2918),
- Bob & Laurie Radewahn (414-844-3523),
- Matt & Amy Stroh (797-2970),
- Or, John & Nancy Wolck (262-844-4983)

Congratulations and God's Blessings to the Reseburg family!



Former EGL Associate Pastor Reseburg and his wife Martha are the new parents of baby boy Seth Aaron Reseburg. No doubt sisters Eden and Olive are excited to have a little brother. The congregation at Pastor Reseburg's church, Good Shepherd in Watertown, hosted a celebration with treats and decorations to welcome baby Seth.



The Drive to Thrive golf outing, dinner and raffle was held on Friday, May 9. Proceeds from the event will go toward the roof repairs needed for the church. Thank you to everyone who attended, and a special thanks to our sponsors!



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Elm Grove Lutheran Foundation Golf Outing, Dinner and Raffle 2025



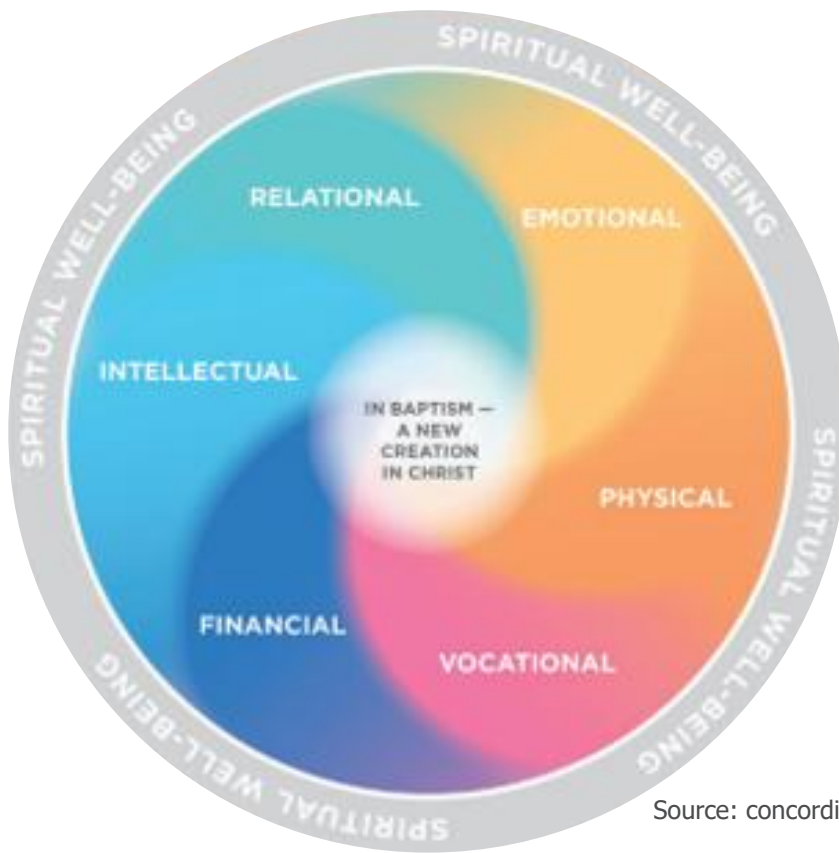
EGL Garden Club prepares for the season of planting flowers



The 12-member team of volunteer gardeners met, shopped and planted flowers that will enhance our property and be cared for during the warm weather months ahead.

Carole Braun leads the group. She applies for, and receives, Thrivent grants that cover the cost of the flowers. The women met in May at Shady Lane Nursery to choose and purchase a colorful assortment of annuals.





LCMS WELLNESS WHEEL

The Wellness Wheel illustrates our multi-faceted well-being, with Baptism in Christ at the core and spiritual wellness encompassing all aspects. Each facet reflects God's order and His promise to bear fruit in our lives.

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul."

– 3 John 1:2

Source: concordiaplans.org · Better Health newsletter, Spring 2025

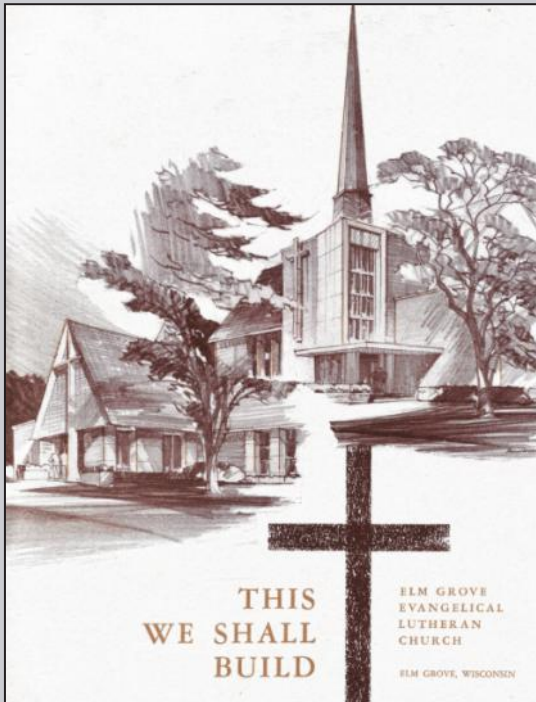
Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church - 85 Years of History

Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church was organized in January, 1940, by nine families, representing 25 communicant members. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Winkler, pictured at right, were recognized in 1975 by Pr Victor Bartelt as founding members. They hosted area families in their Elm Grove home to plan the beginnings of our church.

The church, originally housed in what is now the Elm Grove Women's Club, grew quickly. Land was purchased nearby and plans were made in the early 1950's to build a structure that would accommodate the congregation.



MR. AND MRS. RALPH A. WINKLER, in whose Elm Grove home a group of area residents met in 1940 to plan the founding of what is now the congregation of Elm Grove Lutheran Church, were honored by members of the church following Sunday services: The Rev. Victor A. Bartelt, shown at the left with his wife, presented the Winklers with an engraved plaque commemorating their years of service. In the background is a son, Dwight Winkler, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Winkler, a son and daughter-in-law, and their children Bradley and Kristin, are at the right.



Recent midwest storms are a reminder of the damage from the destructive winds that blew down the laminated wood arches just after they were erected in 1954.



June Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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



June 1

A-Jim & Janine Netzel
Samantha Ruhnau-Gee

June 2

Kris Nitschke

June 3

A-Dick & Sue Knutson

June 4

Anthony Bagwell
Chloe Handrich

June 5

Lisa Savaglio
Diane Zavadi

June 6

Steve Hipenbecker

June 7

Lamont Colucci
Kate Lind

June 9

A-Bill & Paula Keefer
A-Joan & Tom Knuteson
A-John & Nancy Wolck
Tirzah Cook

June 10

Julie Luetzow
Katie Radewahn

June 11

A-Tom & Sue Paasch
David Bennett

June 12

Jason Seals
Teresa Stritesky

June 13

A-Megan & Don Dougherty
Grace Dennis
Tyler Hipke
Karen Kennedy
Will Myatt

June 14

A-Mike & Carrie Marble

June 15

Andrew Holmes
Lynn Radovich

June 16

Elijah Thompson

June 18

Marnie Klein
Sarah Stroh

June 19

A-Tim & Cheryl Albers
Karla Bessert
Louis Fohr
Molly Stritesky

June 20

A-Gene & Laura Traas

June 21

A-Rob & Heather Hipke

June 22

A-David & Cindy Busse

June 23

A-Rev. Dennis & Beverly
Hipenbecker
A-Cynthia & Stephan Regenfuss
Ron Harmeyer

June 24

A-Dennis & Carole Braun
A-Lindsay & Brian Mitchell
A-Linda & Patrick Seroka
Marissa Kritzer

June 25

Tara Anderson
Debra Weller

June 26

A-Dick & Chris Rahardt
A-Steve & Anne Schmadl
Pat Mueller

June 28

Octavia Bagwell
Sharon Boudro
Isabella Colucci

June 29

A-Harry & Joan Knight
A-Mark & Eva Midtbo
Kelly Niggemann

June 30

Katelyn Elvers
Sharon Gehrke



June

Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar - 2025

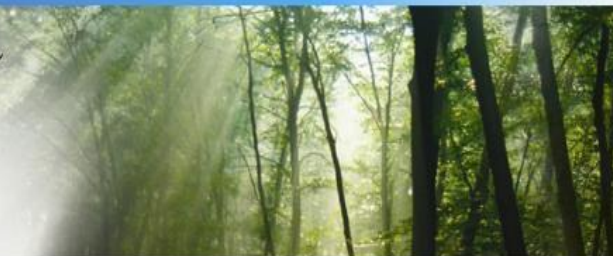
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1 9:00 a.m. Worship – C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	2 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	3 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	4 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	5 6:30 p.m. Worship - C	6 Office Closed	7 Rental (BAAC)
8 9:00 a.m. Worship – C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	9 7:00 p.m. Church Council (228) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	10 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	11 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	12 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Stammtisch (Aaron's House)	13 Office Closed	14
15 9:00 a.m. Worship – C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	16 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	17 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	18 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	19 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Worship – C	20 Set up for A Place of Refuge Walk Office Closed	21 A Place of Refuge Walk
22 9:00 a.m. Worship – C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	23 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	24 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	25 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	26 6:30 p.m. Worship	27 Office Closed	28
29 9:00 a.m. Worship – Matins 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	30 5:00 p.m. Board of Finance (234) 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees (228) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)					

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth. (Gen. 11: 1-9)



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

Sunday, June 15

Submissions can be sent to
seasons@egl.org



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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday

(Unless there is a fifth Sunday in the month, when Matins is observed)

Bible Study will follow the service
10:30-11:30

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday

The Day of Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday, June 8.

What is Pentecost?

The word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word pentekostos which means "fiftieth." Exactly 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the form of flames of fire.

Liturgical color for Pentecost

The altar will be adorned with red. Red is a power color and is appropriate for use on Pentecost Sunday. On this day we remember the power and fire of "the Lord and Giver of Life," who revealed himself as the promised one. The color red communicates the motif of strength-strength and power the Holy Spirit gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others. lcms.org

Thank You Coffee Servers!

We all greatly appreciate those members who volunteer to bring treats and serve coffee on Sunday morning after the 9 a.m. worship service. It provides a valuable opportunity for fellowship, not to mention fuel for the day!

Please continue to volunteer. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter during coffee hour, or call Luanne and John Schaefer at 262-784-3106 or 262-617-0561 for information and available dates.



The Beauty 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.

