

# SEASONS

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

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## Dietrich Bonhoeffer



April 9 marked the 80th anniversary of the death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (February 4, 1906—April 9, 1945).

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor, theologian, ecumenist, and peace activist. He wrote profoundly about Christian faith, community, grace, and ethics, centered in one way or another on the question, who is Christ for us today? The atrocities of the Nazi Regime, which resulted in unspeakable human suffering, compelled him to participate in a conspiracy that tried unsuccessfully to assassinate Hitler and install a new government that would end the war and those atrocities. Imprisoned during the last two years of his life, Bonhoeffer was executed just weeks before the end of the war. On April 9, 1945, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was marched, naked, to the gallows at Flössenburg Concentration Camp and hanged. He was 39 years old. The camp was liberated a few weeks later. His family and friends, including his fiancé, Maria von Wedemeyer, did not learn of his death until the end of June. His brother, Klaus, and brothers-in-law, Hans von Dohnanyi and Rudiger Schleicher, were all executed the same week in April as Dietrich.

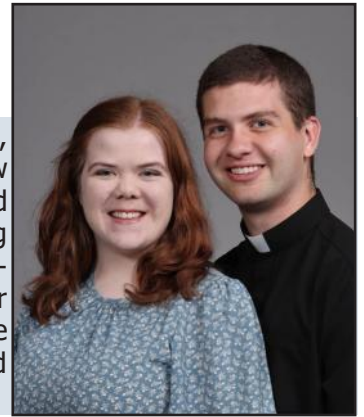
Bonhoeffer was born into a large, tight-knit family that was highly educated, politically engaged, but only nominally religious. No one expected Dietrich to study theology or pursue a career in the church. In fact, he was a prodigious pianist, playing chamber music by the age of eight, and there was some thought that he would become a professional musician. But, in 1918, when Dietrich and his twin sister Sabine were twelve years old, their older brothers – Karl-Friedrich and Walter – left to fight for the monarchy in what would be the last year of the first world war. Karl-Friedrich returned, but Walter did not. He was wounded, and died, just a few weeks after his departure from home. His death took an emotional toll on the family and raised deep existential questions for the young Dietrich – about life, death, and the nature and impact of violent political realities. By age fourteen, Dietrich Bonhoeffer decided and announced that he would become a theologian and minister.

Bonhoeffer's theological path would not, in fact, lead him away from the world, but more deeply and profoundly into it. His execution at the hands of the Nazis, for his role in opposing them, bears this out. (more information on pages 6-7)

Source: <https://bonhoeffersociety.org/about/bonhoeffer/biography>

## From Your Pastor

If you watched the Call Day service at Concordia Seminary St Louis on Wednesday, April 30, for the 4<sup>th</sup> year seminary students, you no doubt heard the name of our new Associate Pastor Joshua Teggatz. He and his wife Rachel have a nearly two-year-old daughter named Lilly and a new bundle of joy expected sometime in May. This young family comes to us eager to serve and grow among us. They both received their undergraduate degrees at Concordia University River Forest, IL. His vicarage supervisor described him in the following way: "He is very thoughtful, humble, and well organized. He also has a great sense of humor. He is very personable and looks for ways to greet and converse with people." His hometown is Rock Island, IL.



Thinking about espionage: Part 3 of 3.

Of course, when we think of espionage and Lutherans, we immediately think of Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was hired by the German military intelligence branch, the Abwehr, after he was forbidden to preach publicly following his denunciation of Hitler. The head of the Abwehr was Wilhelm Canaris, also a Lutheran. Canaris had already made the decision to seek Hitler's overthrow before he hired Bonhoeffer. So, the man in charge of German military intelligence was actively working to undermine Hitler. He protected Bonhoeffer as long as possible within the Abwehr, but both Canaris and Bonhoeffer were executed on the same day, April 9, 1945, at Flossenburg in the last weeks of the war.

Bonhoeffer anticipated the question about his involvement in treason and the necessary lying and deception needed to succeed in this line of work. He replied that "it is worse for a liar to tell the truth than for a lover of the truth to tell a lie" (*Ethics*, p. 67). Meaning, we do not owe the truth to people who will use it for evil. Consider Corrie ten Boom and the hiding of Jews during WWII. Were those who hid Jews from the Nazis required to admit that they were hiding Jews in their homes? We give people their due, but illegitimate rulers have lost their authority. Bonhoeffer continued that God's standard of truth entails more than simply "not lying." God requires obedience, especially to the highest authority, which, of course, is God, as well as love for the neighbor.

This line of thinking is a natural consequence of the Magdeburg Confession of 1550, four years after the death of Martin Luther. Refusing to give into the Emperor's demands in the Augsburg Interim, the city of Magdeburg endured an assault from the Emperor's forces for over a year. During that time they produced a number of statements, including the Magdeburg Confession written by 9 pastors, explaining why they refused to submit to the highest authority in the land – the emperor. The authors recognized 4 different stages of oppression by the authorities, from suffering minor injustices, which ought to be endured, to using the lesser magistrates, like an elector or prince, to resist the tyranny of a higher magistrate. They maintained that when an authority fails "to protect the innocent and to punish the evil doer," that authority has lost its legitimacy, and the lesser magistrate not only can step in but is obligated to resist. In regard to Bonhoeffer and Canaris, they held legitimate office at a lower level

and were compelled out of love for their neighbor to oppose the Nazi regime.

Thus, sometimes lying is not only morally permissible but required. There seems to be a hierarchy of values, depending on the relationship. See Luther's explanation to the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment: "We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way."

Now, to look directly at Scripture and how it treats deception and lying. There are situations where deception is clearly condemned, but also some situations where it is at least tolerated and used as a tool. Some of the obvious examples include:

- Satan's deception of Eve in the Garden to doubt God's Word – did God really say? Jesus will later declare that the devil is the father of lies.
- Abraham to Pharaoh (Genesis 12:3) and Ahimelech (Genesis 20:2) about the identity of Sarah over fear for his life.
- Jacob and Rebekah conspire against Isaac over the blessing of the first born (Gen 27:19).
- Jacob's sons will go on to lie to him about Joseph and their sale of him into Egyptian slavery.
- The deception between Jacob and his father-in-law Laban regarding his daughters, Rachel and Leah.
- The Jewish midwives lie to Pharaoh about the vitality of the Hebrew women (Exodus 1:15-19), refusing to obey the authority regarding the killing of Hebrew boys.
- Moses sends the 12 spies into the land of Canaan.
- Joshua sends two spies into Jericho where they meet Rahab.
- Then there's Samson and Delilah and the source of his strength in Judges 16, where he lies to Delilah 3x before finally giving in to her nagging.
- What about Michal lying to her father Saul in order to protect the young David (1 Sam 19:11), giving him time to escape. Her brother Jonathan will later do something similar.
- David pretends to be insane with the Philistine king (1 Samuel 21:13-15).
- Naaman the Syrian general, following his miraculous healing, asks for a dispensation from Elisha when he has to escort the Syrian king into his temple to

- worship a false god, to which Elisha gives his blessing (2 Kings 5:18-19). In the same chapter Gehazi's lying doesn't turn out well for him.
- Consider the hiding of the child Joash from Queen Athaliah in 2 Kings 11.
- Esther keeps her identity hidden from King Xerxes for the sake of her people.
- The wisemen reject and mislead Herod after his explicit request (Matthew 2).
- Peter's denial of Jesus 3x.
- Acts 5 with Ananias and Sapphira lying to the Holy Spirit.

My favorite depiction of espionage in the Bible is from 2 Samuel 16 which tells the account of David's flight from Jerusalem as his son Absalom marches on the city. David flees with his loyal troops (largely Gentile!) and leaves in place the priests Zadok and Abiathar, their sons, and an old advisor named Hushai to form a spy ring to feed him information on Absalom's plans and to plant false information, to counteract the advice Ahithophel gives. They eventually provide the information necessary for David's army to win. Absalom is killed and the rebellion put down.

God is at work in all things for the benefit of those who are loved by Him, ala Romans 8:28. He works through people in human history, and that includes the work of spies who must at times deceive in order to protect. We ought to always give others what is their due, but our enemies are not due information they will use to harm our nearer neighbors, ie the protection of Jews during WWII, or the difference between a Benedict Arnold and a Nathan Hale.



*Pastor Skougaard*

We often want to avoid as much as possible putting ourselves in conflicted situations. But at the end of the day, because of the sin within ourselves and in the world, we cannot avoid sinning. There is no profession or vocation in which we can avoid sinning, even as Pastors. We are not saved by what we do but by God's grace. So, a paraphrase of Luther's famous quote is a fitting place to end: There are times when we must sin boldly, because all of the options involve sin, but we must believe even more boldly in the forgiveness of sins.



## Stewardship message...

### The Savior's gift

*"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior" (Is. 43:2-3a).*

**Savior.** That is a word in which we in the Church have so often taken great comfort. We love to talk about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! And we should. We have much to be thankful for in the person and work of Jesus. We should shout it from the rooftop! But when was the last time you contemplated the word "Savior"? To say that Jesus is your Savior is also saying something about you. It shows your weakness. To say that Jesus is your Savior means that you are confessing that you can't save yourself.

This flies in the face of what we have been saying since we were three-years-old. We always want to do things ourselves. The child wants to be independent. The youth can't wait to leave home and be independent. The senior citizen does whatever can be done to be as independent as possible. The sinner in us wants to be independent from God's rules. The sinful steward often wants to get by with giving as little credit and stewardship as possible to the Lord! But all of these strivings for independence usually end badly! What a mess we can make of our lives at times. We are over-whelmed, consumed and drowned.

But Jesus IS our Savior. All those times we have tried to be independent of Him, He has been right there to catch us when we have fallen. When we have hoarded, He has been generous with His grace. When we have claimed ownership of that which is His and deserved death in the process, He has been there to save us and give us life! He is our Savior! Of that we can be thank-ful for every day!

We are called then to be stewards of this Savior. We serve and live for Him every day. Our lives, and all our possessions, belong to Him. They are to be used for His glory every day! We are saved in Him. In Him we have life!

### Prayer

*Lord of promise, You are there for us to save us from ourselves every day. Save us again this day from ungratefulness, selfishness and unfaithful stewardship of all we are and all we have. Save us so that we in turn can be used by You to save others. Amen.*

*Ref: lcms.org*

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### By Release:

Timothy and Peaches Senkbeil  
ELEANOR  
Released to Christ the Lord (WELS) in Brookfield

## TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

### By Death:

John Berry  
Judy Hogan





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 June 21 at our church. It is an honor for Elm Grove Lutheran Church to be chosen to host this worthwhile event.

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 **"Divine Times."** This study will dwell on the special times in the life of Jesus. Included in this study is His Birth, His Baptism, His life, His Death, and His Resurrection. What an inspiring, comprehensive Bible Study!

Good news! Mission Grant #4, **Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs - WI** has been fully funded for \$21,000. The check was presented to the representative of Comfort Dogs-WI on April 17.

Now, we will be working to put

our "Mighty Mites" to work by funding Mission Grant #5, which is **Teaching God's Children With Special Needs, Journey Lutheran School** for \$50,000. This special school in Hales Corners continues to work with children from grades 3-12, setting up programs for individualized instruction and growth with the sharing of the Gospel message.

**"Growing in God's Grace"** is the theme for the 41<sup>st</sup> National LWML Convention to be held in Omaha, NE on June 26-29, 2025. The theme Bible verse is 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 in the day of eternity. Amen."*

Save the dates of September 26-27, 2025. Our Fall Retreat is scheduled on those dates at the Embassy Suites in Brookfield, WI. When our LWML-SWD hosts retreats, it is an inspiring event. Plan on attending.

Thank you to all you who donate mite offerings. It is such a blessing to be able to fund the biennium mission grants of 2024-2026.



The beautiful stained-glass window will remain as a featured part of the renovated chapel at Journey Lutheran School. The window captures the essence of our Lutheran identity and hope of the risen Lord.

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

*Barbara Kurth*



### Volunteers Needed - LifeWalk 2025

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

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](mailto:s.schmalzer@yahoo.com).

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.

### Elm Grove Lutheran's Board Members Who Serve our Church

The Lord has blessed EGL with many devoted members who serve on the various boards. They are essential volunteers who contribute to the smooth and complete functioning of our church. We thank them for their service. Praise be to God!



The Board of Trustees members pictured are:

(left to right)

Jeff Burke, Randy Wegner, Kevin Kysely, Matt Zientek

The **Board of Trustees** oversees and maintains the real and personal property of the congregation and arranges for sufficient physical facilities. In other words, they make sure the furnace and AC are running, the lights are working, the toilets are flushing, and repairs of all kinds are being done in a timely fashion. This is no small task for a facility as large as EGL. While they "officially" meet eleven times a year, they are constantly busy keeping the facility running.



## "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:

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](mailto: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.

*Questions? 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).

# Create More MOMents



## BLOOD DRIVE

Elm Grove Lutheran Church Blood Drive  
945 Terrace Drive  
Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, May 7  
2 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.**

Make appointment by scanning QR Code



Or you may also make an appointment at:  
<https://bit.ly/EGLbloodMay2025>

If you have questions call Rick Ewert at 262-289-9333 or email [blooddrive@egl.org](mailto:blooddrive@egl.org) for assistance. Thank you!

**PLEASE DONATE BLOOD  
AND ASK OTHERS TO  
DONATE TOO!**

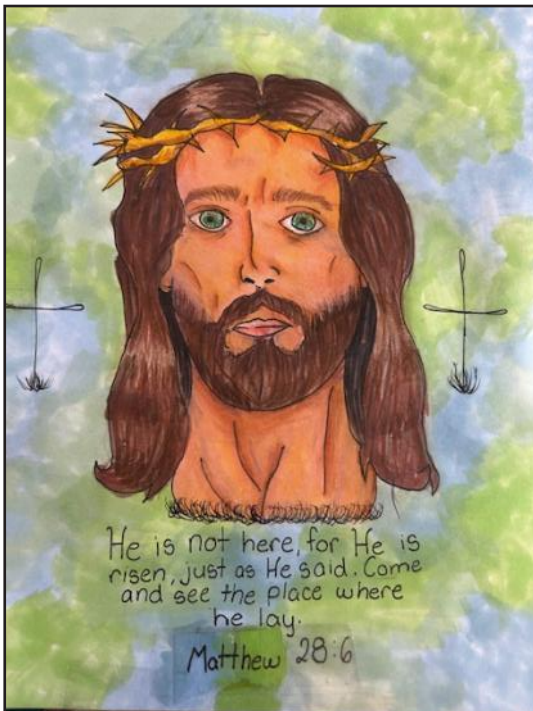
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



**Blood Center of Wisconsin**

## EGL Artists

God has blessed many church members with creative gifts and talent. The Easter-inspired art shown below represents the work of Emma Stroh (Jesus) and Anthony Bagwell (Lamb).



# WELCOME BACK, DIETRICH

*After decades of misinterpretation and misrepresentation by many for their own purposes, God's purpose for Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life and death is being rediscovered.*

Adapted from *Lutheran Witness*, February 2006, written by Uwe Siemon-Netto

One hundred nineteen years after Dietrich Bonhoeffer's birth, and eight decades after his violent death, it is high time for Lutherans to reclaim one of their greatest martyrs. We have allowed him to be hijacked by too many unorthodox theologies. Because of his jailhouse musings about "religionless Christianity," he has been portrayed as the apostle of Christian atheism, as the father of the "God is dead" movement of the 1960s. "Seldom has an author, living or dead, been so misrepresented by his commentators and translators," wrote Paul Lehmann, by no means a confessional Lutheran but one of America's most prominent liberal theologians.

Never mind that Bonhoeffer interpreted "religion"—as opposed to faith—as a form of self-actualization and self-justification; never mind that "whatever he meant by 'religionless Christianity,' he certainly did not think it eclipsed the need for prayer, worship and sacrament," wrote Stephen R. Haynes in his recent book, *The Bonhoeffer Phenomenon*.

Left-wingers such as Father Daniel Berrigan and Beatriz Melano, a Latin American "sage," altered Bonhoeffer into an originator of "liberation theology." Meanwhile, Georg Huntemann, a conservative German evangelical, stripped him of his Lutheran credentials by claiming that he was actually a Calvinist of sorts. Huntemann, himself of Reformed persuasion, used his volume, *The Other Bonhoeffer*, to rail relentlessly against the Lutheran Two Kingdoms Doctrine, which he thoroughly distorted, clearly not realizing that Bonhoeffer's very life and death bore the markings of this doctrine as none other.

One must be grateful to Gustavo Gutierrez that at least he, the actual founder of liberation theology, did not give Bonhoeffer his imprimatur as a radical. To Gutierrez, Bonhoeffer was, though courageous, a bourgeois.

And that was true. Like most of the

men and women who suffered and died resisting Hitler, Bonhoeffer hailed from Germany's upper classes, whose very culture the murderous Nazi thugs violated.

Bonhoeffer was born Feb., 4, 1906, in Breslau, then the capital of German Silesia, now part of Poland, as the son of a celebrated psychiatrist and a noblewoman. At that time, Europe was at peace; it was still the cultured continent that had no idea its refinement would soon be shattered by the slaughter of millions in the fratricidal first World War and then by World War II, the handiwork of Adolf Hitler. According to his biographer and friend Eberhard Bethge, Bonhoeffer considered Hitler a tool of the Antichrist.

According to Martin Luther, when the Antichrist (or "Beowulf," as Luther called him) enters a village, the peasants have the obligation to slay him; should they fail to do so, they will incur guilt. This was the way Bonhoeffer felt about Hitler. Before his death in 2000, Bethge told me that when his friend became involved in the plot to kill the tyrant, he said, "Of course, Christ's words that those who draw the sword will die by the sword also apply to us [coconspirators]. But right now, reason dictates that we must do this, and then of course we must still turn to God for forgiveness in Christ."

Then Bonhoeffer added, "Now for the first time I have understood what Luther meant when he wrote [to Philipp Melanchthon in 1521], 'Sin boldly but even more boldly believe and rejoice in Christ.'"

Yes, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a strong sinner in this sense of the word, for he was a confessional Lutheran. He, who at age 21 had earned his Ph.D. in theology, did not act in his capacity as a citizen of the spiritual right-hand kingdom—Christ's realm—when he conspired to kill Hitler. He did so in his



role as resident of the secular left hand kingdom—the realm of reason where God reigns in a hidden way. In that kingdom Bonhoeffer was not a pastor but an unpaid agent of the *Abwehr*, Germany's military intelligence service, which actively opposed the Nazis.

Indeed, so adamantly did he insist on making this distinction that he even insisted on having his name removed from congregational prayer lists for pastors suffering persecution for proclaiming the Gospel. As his friend WolfDieter Zimmermann reported, Bonhoeffer did not want these clergymen placed in even greater danger by being associated with him and his conspiratorial activities.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer later coined the phrase that "suffering with God in a godless world" was the Christian's proper response to "God's show of solidarity with suffering humanity." He was prepared to suffer in the extreme as part of his citizenship in the left-hand kingdom, which is still under sin. He could have avoided this fate. He was in New York in June 1939, trying to avoid conscription into the German military. A stellar career as a professor





*A young Rev. Dietrich Bonhoeffer is shown on an outing near Berlin with a church boy's group in this undated photo.*

at Union Theological Seminary awaited him. But a daily Scripture lesson changed his mind: "Do your best to come to me before the winter" (2 Tim. 4:21). So he decided to return to Germany just before the outbreak of World War II to share his fellow-countrymen's fate.

"I have made a mistake in coming to America," he wrote to U.S. theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. "I must live through this difficult period of our national history with the Christian people of Germany. Christians in Germany have the terrible alternative of either willing the defeat of their nation in order that Christian civilization may survive, or willing the victory of their nation and thereby destroying our civilization. I know which of these alternatives I must choose; but I cannot make that choice in security."

According to St. Louis mathematician Charles Ford, a leading American Bonhoeffer scholar, "Bonhoeffer returned from America because he did not want to miss his encounter with Christ, who was waiting to form his life."

Bonhoeffer knew the cross was waiting for him, and he accepted it in true discipleship of Christ, here, in the secular realm. He was hanged April 9, 1945, in Flossenbürg concentration camp, only days before it was liberated by American forces. He died nobly, or so the camp's physician reported later:

"I saw Pastor Bonhoeffer, before taking off his prison garb, kneeling on the floor, praying fervently to his God. I was most deeply moved by the way this lovable man prayed, so devout and so certain that God heard his prayer. At the place of execution he

again said a short prayer, and then climbed the steps to the gallows brave and composed."

This sounds like an almost blissful ending. It seems, though, that the doctor made up this tale in order to avoid punishment later in a war-crimes trial. B. Jorgen L.F. Mogensen, a Danish diplomat imprisoned in Flossenbürg, denied the existence of a scaffold or gallows in that camp. Mogensen is certain that Bonhoeffer died the same ghastly death his two Abwehr superiors, Adm. Wilhelm Canaris and Maj. Gen. Hans Oster, suffered.

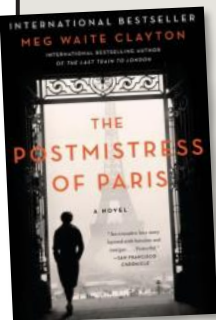
They were slowly strangled to death by a rope dangling from an iron hook that had been sunk into a wall. When they lost consciousness they were revived so that the procedure could be repeated over and over again. The man who revived them was evidently none other than the camp doctor who later made up the story about Bonhoeffer's elegant end, Mogensen insisted.

Bonhoeffer's bitter end was in a sense his personal exclamation mark behind his own Lutheran theology of the cross. So it is time for his radical, atheist, postmodern and other weird admirers to step back and hand him over to us. Welcome back, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, you are home now—finally, 119 years after your birth and 80 after your death!

Uwe Siemon-Netto, was a scholar in residence at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and director of the Concordia Center for Religion and the Media at Concordia College, Bronxville, N.Y.

Photo by Walter Sanders/Time Life Pictures/Getty Images

### Book Discussion Group



The book to be discussed at our Thursday, May 15 meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is ***The Postmistress of Paris*** written by Mary Jane Gold-Clayton and Meg Clayton. The setting of this historical novel is during the German occupation in France where a young American heiress helps artists hunted by the Nazis escape from war torn Europe.

An invitation is open to women who enjoy reading and would be interested in our lively discussions. Please join us. Questions? Call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

### Spend time with others to lessen the feeling of loneliness

A team of researchers has confirmed that in-person contact is KEY for lowering loneliness in older people.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet one another, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

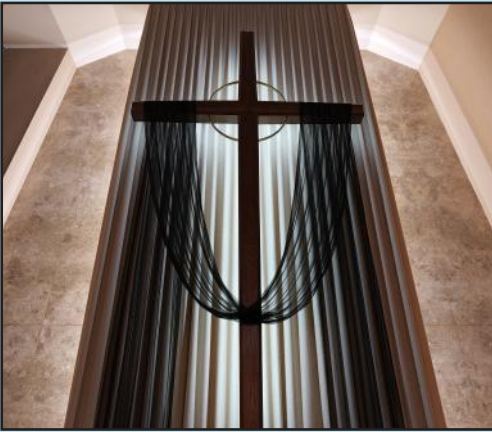
— Hebrews 10: 24-25



**Please join Behling Kutchera American Legion Post 296, Oak Hill Cemetery Association, and others at the historic Oak Hill Cemetery on Monday, May 26, for a Memorial Day Commemoration to honor our country's military who made the ultimate sacrifice. The 45 minute program begins at 10 a.m. Pr Skovgaard will give the invocation. Please bring a lawn chair. (3490 N. Brookfield Rd, Brookfield)**



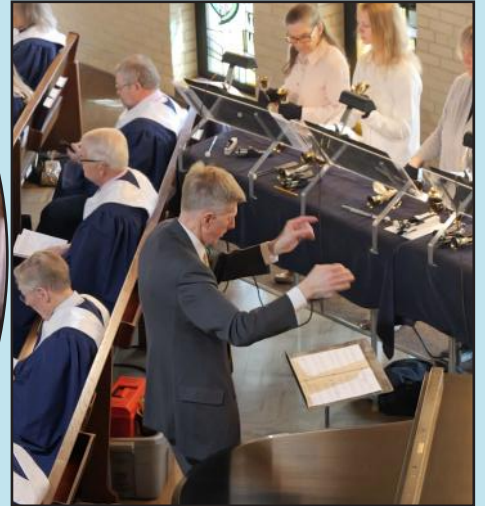
# Holy Week at Elm Grove Lutheran



Beginning Palm Sunday and culminating on Easter, Pastor Skovgaard, music director Rick Ewert, and scores of church members contributed to the meaning of Holy Week at EGL. We give thanks to God for all those that provided the message, the music, and in various ways supported the season that embodies the basis of our Christian faith.

From the singers, instrumentalists, crucifers, and torchbearers, to the Altar Guild women and chancel decorators, all contributed to enhancing our worship services.

On Easter Sunday we rejoiced together in proclaiming the Risen Lord. Many gathered for a breakfast planned and provided by bakers, cooks and those who brought food and beverages, as well as those who served. Children enjoyed an Easter egg garden. Thank you and God bless you!







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

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



### May 1

Mark Soderland

### May 2

Sam Lee  
Steven Schmadl

### May 3

Doug Grelk

### May 4

A-Katie & Dan Gerber

### May 5

Sandi Ehlers

### May 8

Todd Alles

### May 9

Carole Lawonn

### May 10

AJ Mueller

### May 11

Gladys Smith (102)

### May 12

A-David & Sue Schmalzer  
Andrea Kysely

### May 13

Joan Meller  
Maci Mitchell  
Anna Ohde  
Steve Roesch

### May 14

Arlene Jennings

### May 16

Jacob Nelson  
Janine Netzel

### May 17

A-Michael & Marnie Klein

### May 18

A-Willi & Susie Radke

### May 19

Cynthis Buss  
Michael Erdmann  
Steven Genack  
Morgan Zientek

### May 20

A-Tony & Frances Sibley

### May 21

Jennifer Gaulke  
Fred Nick

### May 22

Nathan Margrett  
Ryker Seymore

### May 24

Kim Eichberger

### May 25

Kelly Baker

### May 26

A-Matthew & Amy Zienteck  
Alex Eichberger  
Barbara Kurth  
Jeff Paulsen

### May 27

A-Bruce & Karla Bessert  
A-Jeff & Lynn Harner  
A-John & Barb Thompson

### May 28

A-Hal & Sherry Panetti



# May

## Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar - 2025

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
 He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
 He leads me beside still waters.  
 He restores my soul.  
 He leads me in paths of righteousness  
 for his name's sake.  
 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
 death,  
 I will fear no evil,  
 for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,  
 they comfort me.  
 You prepare a table before me  
 in the presence of my enemies;  
 you anoint my head with oil;  
 my cup overflows.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
 all the days of my life,  
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
 forever.

Psalm 23





## Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church

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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:

**Thursday, May 15**

Submissions can be sent to  
**[seasons@egl.org](mailto: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](mailto:LindaHoffmann@yahoo.com) or call 262-786-1203, or email Meg Grelk, [mgrelk55@gmail.com](mailto:mgrelk55@gmail.com)

**Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting  
Sunday, May 18, after the Worship Service**

### **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**



**We continue to celebrate EGL's  
85th anniversary year!**

### **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](mailto:astroh@egl.org).

May 8, 1955 saw the dedication service of our beautiful cream brick church with its lannon stone trim. After farewell ceremonies at the original church, the Pastor and church officers, carrying the sacred vessels, preceded by Elm Grove police squad cars and accompanied by the Concordia College Brass Quartet, marched up Watertown Plank Road to the new house of the Lord on Terrace Drive. The congregation followed, singing hymns.