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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 Worship - Matins 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Class (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
M	Labor Day - Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. LWML 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
		T	6:30 p.m. Worship - C

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **175** people that attended services last week in person and **49** households streamed the services for a total of **224**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

REMINDER: When you enter or leave any of the doors in the building, please make sure the door is closed completely and locked. We are finding many doors left unlocked; please be mindful of this. Thank you very much!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL invites you to join them in their morning Matins service at 7:30 a.m. and their afternoon Vespers service at 3:10 p.m. each school day.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thursday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m., our group will meet in the BAAC to discuss the book, *Switchboard Soldiers*, by Jennifer Chiaverini.

LWML: The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, Sept 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. The Bible study found on pages 14-15 in the summer issue of *Woman's Quarterly* relates to the question, **"What Are You Putting On?"**

LWML: The evening group of LWML is scheduled to meet on Monday, Sept 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Library and will be working on stuffing the folders for the Fall Retreat and other related items for this inspiring event.

CHURCH IN THE GLEN: Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join us on September 7 at 10:00 a.m. for our service in the glen. Note the later time. If it rains the service will be inside in the Nave. We are having a pig roast again this year. Please use the link below to sign up to bring something to share. A hard copy will be in the back of Church as well.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-57949878-service>

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Mark your calendars for September 7 to sign up for Sunday School. Teachers are need to teach our precious little ones the words of Jesus. Call Linda Hoffmann 262-786-1203.

EGL STAMMTISCH HAS RETURNED: Guys! Fall's just around the corner...please don't forget to include EGL Stammtisch in your monthly schedule! Take a break and kick back with us on Thursday, Sept 18, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. (ish) for great libation and lively conversation that runs the gamut, but always in a fun, informal atmosphere of Christian fellowship. Perhaps a few new things to enjoy this fall? Come and find out! Join us in the Bartelt Adult Activities Center (BAAC) at EGL. Bring your favorite brew and some snacks to share and a friend! Any questions? Contact Bruce Bessert by phone/text at 414-526-8430, or by email at bruce.bessert@gmail.com

RECENT SUNDAY AM PRESENTATIONS: Two recent presentations during the adult Bible study hour were recorded, one by the headmaster of Trinity Lutheran Classical High School on the nature of classical education, and one by Congolese Pastor, Bienfait Safari. These are not available at the EGL Youtube site, but if you ask for the link from the Church Office, we will forward it to you.

CONSIDER THIS APP FOR DAILY NEWS: You don't need anyone else to tell you that the world is a crazy place. When it comes to news, the standard stations and channels we talk about are often loaded with opinions and editorial content, which is fine if that's what you're looking for. However, if you'd like to get your news delivered a little bit straighter and from a decidedly Christian perspective, I can recommend the app ***The World and Everything in It***. Monday through Friday you will find a 25-30 minute report of important news, plus regular segments on the market and economy (Mondays), developments around the world (Wednesdays), and cultural events and movies (Fridays). It is safe to have on in the car while driving kids also. On Saturdays there are also long-form interviews with individuals on relevant topics. For instance, last Saturday featured an interview on the effects of smart phones and social media on child development. This was a fantastic interview and ought to get wide circulation.

FLU SHOT CLINIC: On September 14, after Worship, Walgreens will be in the Fellowship Hall providing Flu Vaccines. Please follow this link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-58076551-flucovid> There will also be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS: A number of people rushed in to donate blood. The Versiti blood drive hosted in our Fellowship Hall Wednesday, August 13, collected 20 blood products. Every donation can save up to 3 lives – that's a

stat worth bragging about! Thank you blood donors for rushing in. The next blood drive is Wednesday, November 12, 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. Please schedule your appointment online using the QR below or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333 [/BloodDrive@egl.org](mailto:BloodDrive@egl.org)



RINGERS & SINGERS 2025-2026: Practice/Rehearsals begin in the Music Center (Room 124) **Intrada Ringers** – Mondays, starting September 8, 5:00 p.m. **Exultate Ringers** – Tuesdays, starting September 9, 5:15 p.m. **Exultate Singers** – Wednesdays, starting September 10, 7:00 p.m. You are invited to be a Ringer and/or a Singer. Please contact Richard (Rick) Ewert, Director of Church Music, for more information. Rewert@egl.org or 262-289-9333.

CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM: My guess is that most of you have not given this idea much thought at all. In the wider Christian world here in America, however, it is something that people discuss, often with a tinge of concern and/or rejection. If you are interested in unpacking the concept, what exactly is meant and whether or not it has relevance for us, I encourage you to listen to the moderated debate between Pastor David Ramirez and Concordia Seminary St Louis Professor Dr Joel Biermann during the Monday, August 25, ON THE LINE podcast. It is long, 2 1/2 hours, but is very good for thinking through the relationship between the Christian and the local community or government. This is not an angry, back and forth, no-holds-barred engagement. Both LCMS men stick pretty close to the center of our Lutheran identity but do offer thoughtful reasons for how we engage the world around us, and what exactly that engagement ought to look like. Here's the YouTube link -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIru3RAff28>.

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