

SEASONS

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

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On Sunday afternoon, July 6, Pastor Joshua Douglas Teggatz was ordained and installed into the Office of the Holy Ministry. He will serve as the Associate Pastor at our church. Thanks be to God!



Pastors above are L-R, Greg Michel (Pastor in Florida. Confirmed Joshua in 8th grade), Colby Howell (Associate Pastor of Immanuel Brookfield), Rob Mrosko (Senior Pastor of BLC), Paul Pett of Redeemer Green Bay, WI. (Baptized Joshua), Nathan Meador (SWD District President), Dennis Hipenbecker (Retired Pastor from Our Redeemer Wauwatosa), Jeremy Swem (Rachel Teggatz' home pastor in Michigan), Sam Lee (SWD missionary at large), David Paape (Circuit 5 Visitor), Eric Skovgaard (EGL Administrative Pastor).



From Your Pastor

Wow! Much has happened in recent months that is significant for our little acre in God's vineyard. This is a great reminder that God is not done with His lampstand called Elm Grove Lutheran Church in this year that we celebrate our 80th anniversary. He still has plans to unfold in us and through us. So, buckle up!

After a couple of curve balls the Teggatz family arrived safely from St Louis, got moved into their new home, and then we had the joy of welcoming our newest Pastor through ordination. In addition to his own family being on hand to help with the move-in, I want to thank the EGL volunteers again who helped with the unloading of the U-Haul truck, the deep cleaning of the house, and the tidying up of the yard. This type of sweat equity is good for us and builds memories. Thanks are also due to those who signed up to bring meals. I can only imagine the variety of dinners the Teggatz' are getting. Your EGL generosity was also on full display in contributing to their "furniture fund." This is the way to welcome a new undershepherd and his family into the congregational family! Keep up the good work of outdoing one another in showing hospitality!

I encourage you to reflect on Romans 12:10-13 and how it might inform your generosity and hospitality with other members of the congregation also, going forward. One never knows what windows of opportunity God opens for us to express the appreciation we have for God's love so richly poured out upon us.

Recently Elm Grove Lutheran also embarked on the adventure of high school ministry. A committee had spent a year thoroughly investigating various options for our school facility, and then suddenly the opportunity of hosting Trinity Lutheran Classical High School fell into our lap. With a unanimous vote the Voters in May jumped into the deep end of the pool. Because of our long history investing ourselves in educational ministry, this seemed like a natural fit. Yet another example of EGL's generosity of time and resources has been witnessed here. A separate 501(c)3 was formed to take over the governing of the school from the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee. (The leadership of the Association was ex-

tremely helpful and supportive in this move.) Plus, in the last two months an enormous amount of work by EGL members has been accomplished and money donated to make sure this school doesn't miss a beat. It's hard to fully thank folks for the efforts they've made.



Pastor Skougaard

July 1 we began a new fiscal year under a new governance model. So, the excitement continues to build. This model is a modified form of policy-based governance, in contrast with the old Abingdon board-based model we had for several decades. Feel free to talk with any of your elected Directors for a better understanding of the new model. All of the good things about EGL you love, you will continue to enjoy. Nor have the opportunities for service gone away; you simply no longer have to sign up for three year terms on a given board.

The only request I have of you all – as your Administrative Pastor and now Executive under the new Board of Directors – is that we continue to communicate well, especially as it regards the entire facility. If you have an idea or project, just give the office a call and coordinate so that we don't work at cross purposes. We've recently added fobs to some exterior doors, as well as new locks. We're getting ready to add new security cameras. This is done for everyone's well-being and as good stewards of the property God has given us. We recently had new doors installed on the west side of Church, due to the humbling generosity of Ken and Elaine Willis. Not only are these new doors a huge improvement visually, but when the cold winds start blowing, you will find them much easier to open by hand or with the automatic button.

With all of this going on, don't forget the most important thing happening among us. The gifts of God in Word and Sacrament continue to be shared week in and week out on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. Our identity is rooted, grounded, and nurtured in these gifts. As much as it lies in you to accomplish, make an effort to be in church every week, where your faith is strengthened, but also where you encourage and strengthen one another. As that happens, more opportunities for generosity and hospitality will happen. Keep up the good work!

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. **Romans 12 : 10 – 13**

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Termination of Membership:

By Death:

Louis Fohr

Church in the Glen

Save the Date for September 7!

Worship Service outdoors at 10:00 a.m.

Followed by a pig roast lunch!

Folks are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

We will also have a dessert competition/fundraiser.

More details to follow.



A reading selected from 'LCMS Stewardship Ministry' (coordinated by Rev. Curtis Heath) found on www.lcms.org.

Please take time to read and reflect on this message for us all. A few things to consider:

1. Try substituting "steward" for me/I/us.
2. Our stewardship 'requirement' (1 Cor. 4:2) is our calling. We all have a calling as baptized members of God's family.
3. The second to last paragraph states 'freely given in Jesus'. That is a most powerful understatement! The mercy of God-forgiveness and salvation is outrageous, lavish, undeserved, unchanging, and breaks all the rules of human reason or logic. Who acts this way except for Jesus?!

Faithfulness: The Stewardship Standard

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2).

What is the standard to which a steward is held? Ask the average person, and they might talk about percentages, tithes, and commitments. Too often, the default mode of measuring stewards is by how much and how frequently they give. This is not helpful. Measuring activity without any connection to baptismal identity is a recipe for disaster. It can either breed a sense of superiority and self-righteousness or create a culture of scarcity and despair. Neither outcome is godly or helpful.

This is not to say that stewardship should be regarded as "no big deal." St. Paul, within his discussion of the ministry to which he has been called, sets the standard of accountability for the steward: faithfulness. This removes any sense of superiority or self-righteousness and dispels scarcity and despair. When a steward manages what the Lord has entrusted to them — resources and all aspects of life — for God's purposes, the focus is not on how much or how frequently they give.

This standard reflects the stewardship portrayed in the Gospels where Jesus entrusts varying amounts, each according to ability. The commended stewards were recognized for their faithfulness in their vocation, not the amounts they managed. Conversely, the condemned stewards were not castigated for their lack of performance but for their lack of faithfulness.

What does this mean for the steward in the pew? The Lord has entrusted you with various things. Luther captures them in his explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer. The familiar couplets of food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals and all possessions are the Lord's, and He has entrusted them to you for His purpose. This trust brings an active realization of thanksgiving.

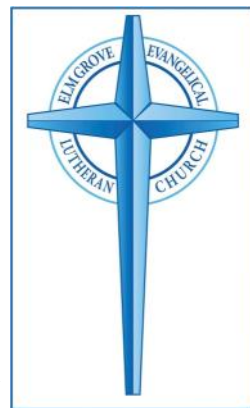
This active thanksgiving is our stewardship. It can be distilled into two questions that the steward regularly needs to answer:

1. How has God blessed me?
2. How is He calling me to respond?

The first question is quite simple to answer: if the Lord has entrusted something to you, it is a blessing. This blessing is for God's glory and the benefit of your neighbor. The second question is more challenging to measure; it is not about percentages and charts. Instead, it is about a life of thanksgiving that flows from the mercies of God revealed in Jesus Christ. This thanksgiving starts at and flows from the cross and the empty tomb. Our stewardship of the Gospel drives our stewardship of everything else.

The standard, then, is faithfulness. Faithfulness flows from eyes focused on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. It does not come from our efforts but through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives, through Word and Sacrament. It begins at the altar in the Divine Service but extends into the world — from hearth and home to workplace and classroom, from commerce to leisure. The mercy of God, freely given in Jesus, leads us to demonstrate a faithfulness that reveals to others the same mercy we have received in Jesus.

This faithfulness cannot be measured empirically. It is simply allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through us for the glory of God and the benefit of our neighbor. Weekly. Daily. Faithfully.



Thank you to all of the EGL members who generously donated the contents for the birthday cake bags, as well as those who sewed the bags. They were given to Bethany & Mission of Christ Lutheran Churches, A Place of Refuge, and the SOS Center. Tracy, the administrative assistant at Mission of Christ receives bags from Luanne Schaefer.



BREAD & FISH

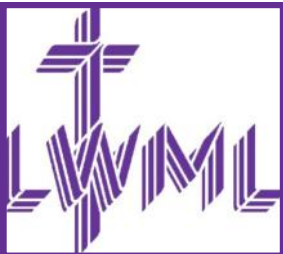


On July 3, Meg Grelk, Carole Braun, Claire Schuppner, Linda Hoffmann, Kris Nitschke, Diane and Jim Olson sorted and packed 25 boxes of clothing. On July 9, Jim and Diane delivered all the clothes to our sister church in the inner city, Hope Lutheran.

A big "Thank you" to all our Bread and Fish volunteers!

Bread and Fish accepts clean clothing in good condition, new towels, and bed linens with no stains or rips. Please leave items in the Fellowship Hall cupboards.

Money donations are greatly appreciated. Write "Bread and Fish" in the memo line of your check to Elm Grove Lutheran Church.



Since I was unable to attend the National LWML Convention in Omaha, NE, June 26-29, I felt the next best thing was to watch the live stream version of this Christ filled event. The opening worship service on Thursday evening was so impressive as the many robed

pastors with their red stoles kept coming and coming and coming into the convention center. So much to absorb! Beautiful choir of over 100! Communion for the participants! Inspiring sermon! To God be the glory!

Highlights of the convention included the mission goal set for the 2025-2027 biennium of \$2,622,270; the mites in action speakers; the Bible study on the theme verse of the convention; the procession of the district banners; the mission walk that raised \$74,000 for mites; the Saturday evening entertainment of Jennie Williamson

with singing and witnessing for Jesus; newly elected officers; and the closing worship service.

LWML-SWD is hosting the Fall Retreat at the Embassy Suites in Brookfield on September 26-27. Theme is "Put on the Whole Armor of God." Gifts of the Heart for the Prison Ministry of Free at Last can be put into the big mite box near the LWML Bulletin Board. They are the following: toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shavers, lotion, soap, hand towel and wash cloth.

Be sure to check out the LWML Bulletin Board in the lower entrance of our church. Lots of information! It is interesting to see the thermometer showing growth of mites that have been given.

Thank you congregation members who faithfully bring their mites and put them in Sherri Bond's church mailbox.

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

Barbara Kurth



Growing in God's Grace

(2 Peter 3:18) was the theme of the 41st Biennial Convention of Lutheran Women in Mission held in Omaha, Nebraska, June 26-29.

3,684 were in attendance, including 5 women from EGL. Attendees were strengthened and encouraged as we grew closer to God through various bible studies. We were amazed and deeply touched as previous grant recipients told how our awesome God has used LWML grants to richly bless their ministries. New ideas were gathered for hands-on mission opportunities from the many exhibitors. An astounding 62,071 items were packed, created, or assembled by volunteers during the servant events. These included braille books, quilts, food packets, witness bracelets, military thank you cards, cards of encouragement and much more. The District Banner Procession is always a highlight of the convention and was even more so this year as we watched our district president, Cinda Poppe, carry the South Wisconsin District banner created by our own EGL member Joan Knuteson. Deaconess Grace Rau, Executive Director of A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wisconsin Inc (APOR), was honored to carry the U.S. flag in the Mission Flag procession which parades flags of the countries touched by past LWML grants.



A budget of \$2,622,270 was approved for the 2025-2027 biennium which will fully fund 33 mission grants. The \$75,000 grant requested by A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wisconsin Inc was approved. It will be used to purchase an additional van to transport residents, plus a set of five parental skills books to be gifted to each new mom. Thanks be to God. The next convention will be hosted in Oklahoma City by the Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas districts July 8-11, 2027.

- Sue Schmalzer

The Saturday afternoon Mission Walk was the largest in convention history! More than 1,627 men, women and children raised over \$74,000 as they trekked across the beautiful Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge. The bridge connects Nebraska & Iowa across the Missouri River. The bridge was lit LWML purple during the convention.



EGL attendees were (L to R above) Sue Schmalzer, Sherri Bond, Luanne Schaefer, Jean Kruse and Paula Keefer.





On Saturday, June 21, EGL hosted approximately 50 people for LifeWalk 2025, including our newly elected District President, Reverend Doctor Nathan Meador. LifeWalk is the main fundraising event for A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc. APOR is a network of volunteers and staff who are committed to life and to caring for women facing a crisis pregnancy in South Wisconsin. Donations of about \$9,500 have been received for the event to date. The morning included a light breakfast, a service of prayer and singing in the sanctuary, an outdoor walk, lunch and door prizes and words from our new DP. Thank you to all of the EGL volunteers who helped with the event. Many hands made light work.

Sue Schmalzer, APOR Board Secretary and EGL member



APOR Executive Director,
Deaconess Grace Rau

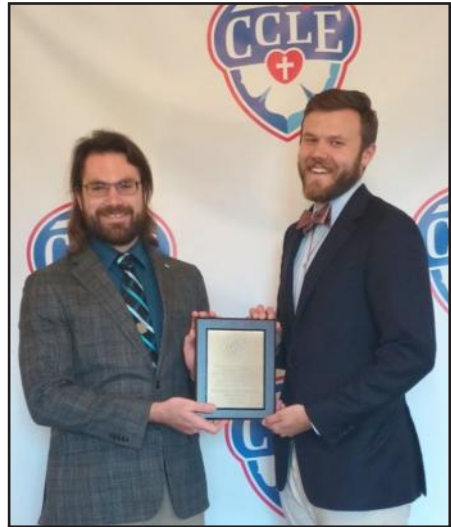


(back row) Nathan Meador (SWD DP) Jonathon Bakker (CUW campus pastor)
Bryan O'Connor (retired) Robert Johnson (retired) Mike Schleider (Pastor of
Mt Olive MKE)
(front row) David Paape (Circuit 5 Visitor) Don Hougard (Pastor of Benedic-
tion MKE) Eric Skovgaard (EGL Administrative Pastor)





The board for Trinity Lutheran Classical High School is: Pam Ganswindt (secretary), Doug Grelk, Jason Eggold, Andrew Hopfensberger, Ron Harmeyer, Bruce Bessert (chair), and John Thompson. Not pictured is Pastor Skovgaard, who is an advisor to the Board, nor Pr Brandon Koble, also an advisor, the former headmaster who is now serving in Plano, Texas.



The Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education presented Trinity Lutheran Classical High School with an accreditation plaque on July 17 at Concordia University Wisconsin.

Private high school seeking to expand, moves to new location in Elm Grove

 **Cleo Krejci**
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
July 18, 2025, 5:03 a.m. CT

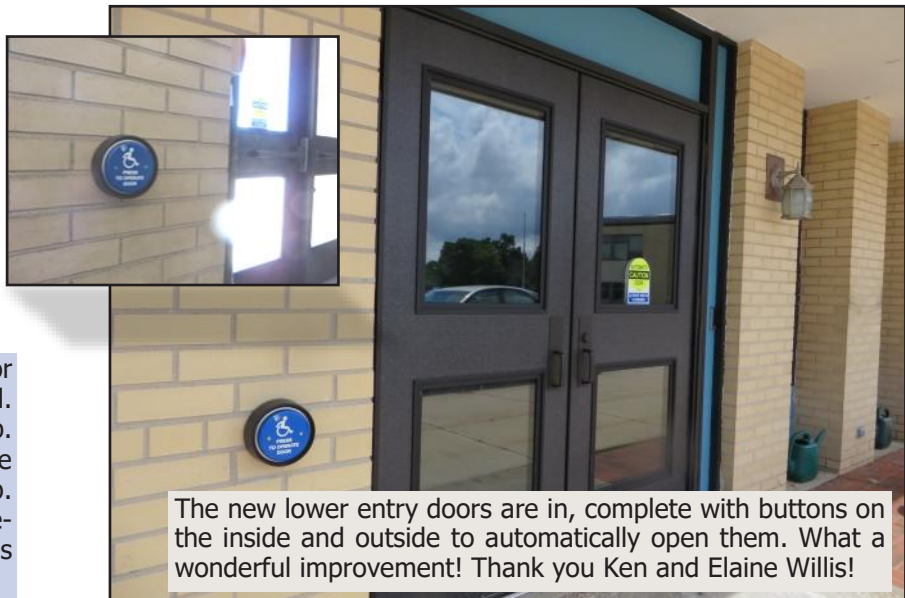


The July 18 issue of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* featured a story about Trinity Lutheran Classical High School finding a new home at Elm Grove Lutheran. It reads in part:

"As part of its plans to expand, a private high school that accepts public vouchers will begin its third year of operations in a new permanent location within the Elm Grove Lutheran Church.
Trinity Lutheran Classical High School will begin classes for the 2025-26 school year on Aug. 22 in its new location at at 945 Terrace Drive. The move to a larger space allows the private school to add students in grade 11 this year, expanding beyond grades nine and 10.
The long-term goal is for the school to educate students in kindergarten through 12th grade, according to school leadership."



Thank you for your patience! All of the exterior door fobs are finally installed and operational. Many of you have requested and received a fob. If you need one please see Amy Stroh in the church office. She will provide the form and fob. The keys for the interior building doors have remained the same. Thank you for your support as we work to make our already safe building safer!



The new lower entry doors are in, complete with buttons on the inside and outside to automatically open them. What a wonderful improvement! Thank you Ken and Elaine Willis!



Elm Grove Lutheran welcomes the Teggatz family with a delicious meal and opportunity for fellowship.



Meal Train for the Teggatz Family

Let's help the Teggatz family, Pastor, Rachel, and their children, Lily and Simeon, settle in by bringing them a meal. Gift cards to Door Dash or select restaurants are also appreciated. To sign up to bring a meal to their home, now through Sept. 17, visit www.mealtrain.com/23m1rm or call Amy in the church office.

Pastor Skovgaard celebrates his 25th Ordination Anniversary



EGL is indebted to the group of men who fertilize and mow the lawn of our vast property during the warm, growing months. Their volunteer work saves the congregation thousands of dollars every year! In addition to mowing, they often maintain bushes and trees. Thrivent grant funds are applied for, received, and spent to maintain the mowing equipment used for the upkeep of our landscape. Please see any one of them if you're interested in helping.



The Green Team mowers pictured above (l to r) are: Doug Grelk, Jim Olson, Terry Hoffmann, Dennis Braun and John Schaefer. Dan Berry is not pictured.

**Thank you
Green Team!**

**Sunday
School
Teachers
Needed!**

Registration for Sunday school will take place September 7. Sunday school begins on September 14. We are in need of a few teachers to teach the words and stories that provide the roots to eternal life. Call Linda to get details 262 786 1203.



**Children's Book Bags
for use during
Worship services**

Thanks to Luanne Schaefer for the new book bags she sewed. She also refreshed the contents of the bags. They hang on a stand at the back of the Nave and are filled with children's books and finger puppets. Church attendees are invited to take a book bag for their young children to enjoy during the worship services.

**Nancy and John Wolck host Jean and Dick Kruse & friends
lakeside for an evening of delicious food and fellowship**



For a second year, the Wolcks generously offered a sunset boat ride and dinner as an auction item at the annual Golf Outing. Jean and Dick Kruse had the winning bid and invited Sherri Bond, Helen Moore and Sandy & Al Krueger.

The guests were treated to appetizers on the patio overlooking the lake and a delicious dinner. The perfect ending to a wonderful evening was John's five-star crème brûlée. Thank you Wolcks!



Book Discussion Group

We will meet in the BAAC on Thursday, August 21 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book, *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All The Rules*, written by Catherina Ingelman-Sundberg, set in Sweden in a nursing home with her 4 friends, who all feel that the care they are getting is not up to par. This is a humorous book that sends them on various activities that help them to feel stronger and healthier.





August Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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



August 2

A-Doug & Meg Grelk
A-Andrew & Angela Holmes

August 3

Joan Knight

August 4

A-Linda & Terry Hoffmann
Casey Carney

August 5

Todd Baumgardt
Sandy Hahn

August 6

Pam Ganswindt
Beverly Hipenbecker
Carol Schaefer

August 7

A-Dan & Stephanie Garcia
Natalie Carstedt
Mark Kennedy

August 9

A-Paul & Linda Haut
A-Pr. Eric & Shelly Skovgaard
Christine Wilcox

August 10

A-Kyle & Alexis Higgins
Lindsay Mitchell

August 11

Barb Alles

August 12

A-Peter & Terry Holzward
Tyler Beckley
Heidi Wegner

August 13

Alex Ohde

August 14

Rob Hipke

August 15

Patrick Gerber

August 16

Manfred Moritz
Brody Setzer

August 18

A-Jeff & Laurie Mueller
A-William Myatt Jr. & Anna Bangle-Myatt
Donald Anderson
Tom Paasch
Alex Setzer

August 22

A-Kirk & Cynthia Midtbo

August 23

Barb Thompson

August 24

A-Jeff and Jennifer Burke
Jeff Netzel

August 26

Ian Klein
Ray Lester

August 27

Kent Baumgardt
Aislyn Wegner

August 29

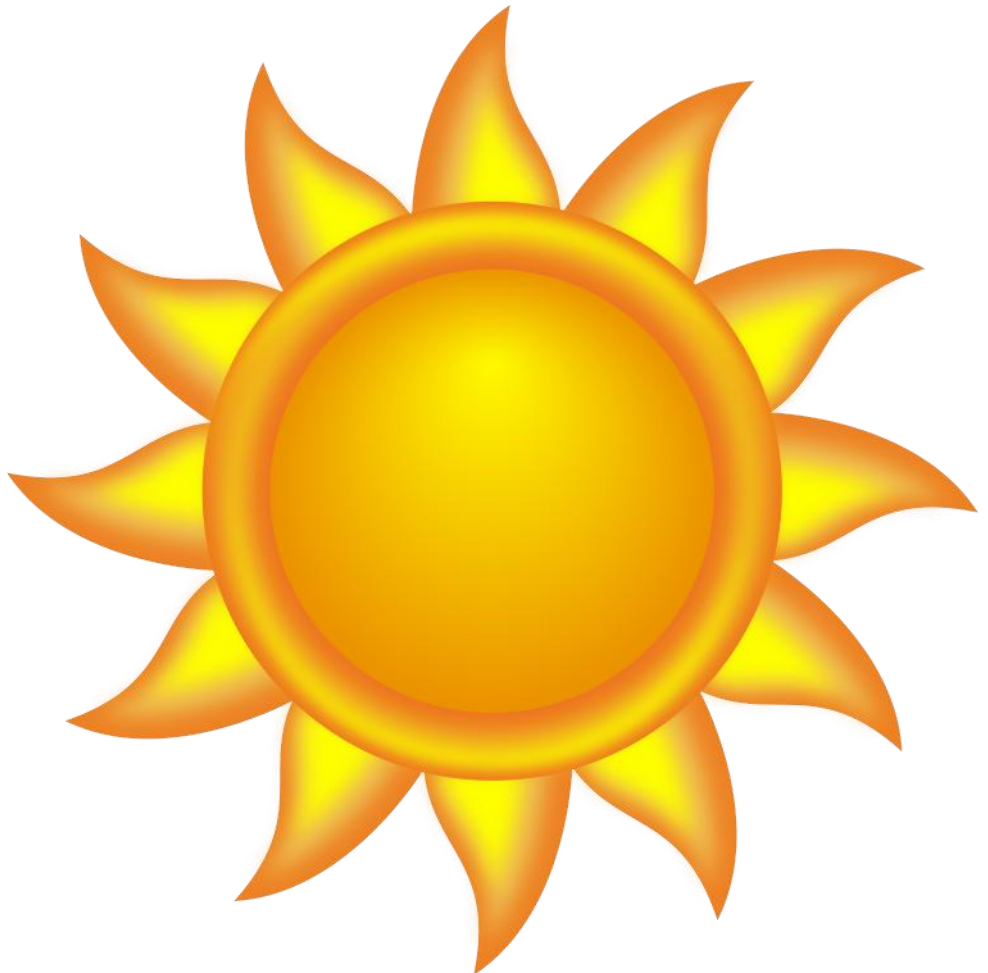
A-Deanna & Matthew Beltran
A-Al & Sandy Krueger
Dick Kruse

August 30

William Dennis
Richard Rahardt

August 31

A-Mattias & Catherine Goldenstein
A-Kevin & Andrea Kysely
A-Tom & Jane Neill
A-Brad & Vicky Ohde
Lydia Ohde



August

Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar - 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 a.m. Worship – C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	4 8:45 a.m. Summer Math (228 & 229) 7 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	5 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 5:30 p.m. Summer Math (228 & 229)	6 10 a.m. LWML (228) 1 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	7 6:30 p.m. Worship - C	8	9
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17 9 a.m. Worship – C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	18 7 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	19 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	20 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1 p.m. Sheepshead (FH)	21 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (FH) 6:30 p.m. Worship - C	22	23
24 9 a.m. Worship – C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	25 7 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	26 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	27 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1 p.m. Sheepshead (FH)	28 6:30 p.m. Worship - C	29	30
31 9 a.m. Worship - Matins 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)						

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Luke 12: 13-21



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

Friday, August 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

REGISTER NOW



Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 13

2:00 - 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Scan the QR Code to make an appointment or visit the Versiti web site:



donateblood.versiti.org

and click on DONATE NOW

Or, use the direct link to make an appointment:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11599494

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.

