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Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Confirmation/Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)		5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC) 6:00 p.m Empower Volleyball (Gym) 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
M	11:00 a.m. Winkel (BAAC) 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W	1:00 p.m. Blood Drive (FH) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 5:30 p.m. She Shed Bible Study (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	T F	6:30 p.m. Divine Service 1:30 p.m. Bread and Fish (FH)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **167** people that attended services last week in person and **66** households streamed the services for a total of **233**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The book to be discussed on Thursday, November 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is ***A Gentleman In Moscow*** written by Amor Towles. If you enjoy reading, you are most welcome to join our group. We do have interesting discussions. Questions? Call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

VISITATION TEAM: We are hoping to begin a visitation team here at EGL, where team members make visits with our homebound and other members who are in need of emotional and spiritual support. In many cases, these dear members of our church simply need a listening ear and a tangible, ongoing connection to our life together as a congregation. If this is an opportunity that interests you or simply something you'd like to learn more about, there will be an informational gathering on **Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church office conference room. We hope to see you there!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: Ladies, Advent by Candlelight is coming soon. It

will be Sunday, November 30, 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a lovely way for you to prepare your heart for Advent. Enjoy a quiet, candlelit setting surrounded by family and friends while savoring delicious treats and hearing the timeless story of Jesus' birth. Please invite a friend, relative, or neighbor to share this special program of carols, instrumental music, and Christmas characters. Please call Meg Grek (262-309-9861) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494 by MONDAY, November 24, for your reservation. A \$5 donation will be received at the door.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on November 20 at 11:45 a.m. at Bravo in Brookfield. Please call JoAnn Randall at 262-782-6085 to reserve your space.

EGL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

MEAL: Because last year's early Thanksgiving meal was so well received and enjoyed, we're gonna do it again. On Sunday afternoon, Nov 23, right after the Bible study/Sunday school hour, the EGL events committee will host a fully loaded Thanksgiving meal for our church community. Yes, this can be understood as organizing a meal for those who maybe don't have somewhere to go themselves on the actual day of Thanksgiving, but it can also be for those who will be out of town the following week but who would still love to spend some time with their EGL family around a good meal. The Packer game starts at noon

that day, so TVs will be set up for watching. Please use this Sign-up Genius link to sign up to let us know you will be joining us and whether you will bring a dish to share. A paper sign-up is on the credenza in the back of church as well. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-60313120-thanksgiving>.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: The plate offerings on Thanksgiving Eve will be devoted to supporting the work of the Lutheran Church in Germany as it proclaims the Gospel to Iranian and Afghan refugees throughout Germany. Feel free to watch the Oct 19 presentation for details on the Persian Project within the Germany FORO. https://www.youtube.com/live/_mR5jvOyFzXE This continues our long-established practice of dedicating different offerings throughout the year to ministry projects outside our normal boundaries.

LWML: The sale of both soup and cookie jars will take place on **Sunday, November 23 in the lower entrance of our church**. Prices will be \$7.00 per jar or 3 jars for \$20.00. The proceeds from the fund raiser will go to send delegates and young women representatives to the LWML-SWD Convention in June 2026.

Sermon Reflection/Questions

- 1) What overwhelms you most about the end times in the Scriptures?
Why?

- 2) What is overwhelming you about the world right now? What is overwhelming you in your personal life right now?

- 3) What does it mean for you that we know the ending of our story in Jesus?

- 4) Think of one person in your life who is struggling right now in the dizzying darkness of grief, illness, brokenness, or despair. How can you come alongside them right now to bear those experiences? How might you deliver the gospel message that we know how this story ends?

