

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Last Sunday of the Church Year
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service		6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
	10:30 a.m. Confirmation/Sunday School		1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Lunch		5:30 p.m. She Shed Bible Study (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)		6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service
M	4:30 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)		6:30 p.m. Gym Rental
	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)		7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T	Happy Thanksgiving
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)		Office Closed
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	F	Office Closed
	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)		

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **149** people that attended services last week in person and **63** households streamed the services for a total of **212**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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/mR5jvQyFzX>

E This continues our long-established practice of dedicating different offerings throughout the year to ministry projects outside our normal congregational boundaries.

MIDWEEK SERVICE CHANGE: Beginning next Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, Elm Grove Lutheran changes its midweek service schedule from Thursday evenings to Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. As we

enter the season of Advent, the Wednesday services in December (3, 10, 17) will focus on faith's eager anticipation of our Lord's return in glory, while the Sunday morning services will follow the regular lectionary readings.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Meet the BAAC on Thursday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book, ***The Santa Suit*** by Mary Kay Andrews. The plot revolves around a decades old Santa Suit found in a recently purchased farm house by the new owner who finds a note from a young girl in the pocket of the suit asking for her daddy to come home from war. We will also have our Christmas Party at this meeting.

CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE is having their annual Black Friday sale running now through December 1, with sales on resources for all ages. One new resource is a Bible Study workbook series that outlines the larger blue Concordia Commentaries (some of which are in our church library). The first workbook, Matthew 1:1-11:1, is available and on sale for \$14.99. This would be a great resource if you'd like a chance to slowly work through a gospel, getting

some historical context, textual insights, connections to other portions of God's Word, and room for journaling/reflection.

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: Sunday, November 30, 3:30-5:30 p.m., will be an afternoon of Advent joy and peace shared by women of faith. Come join us for fellowship, music, appetizers, and desserts. Please call Meg Grelk (262-309-9861) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494) for reservations by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24. Our Mission support will be for Bienfait Safari-Romeo.

LWML: The sale of both soup and cookie jars will take place **today Sunday, November 23 in the lower entrance of our church.** Prices are \$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.

THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents *"The Glorias of Christmas,"*

featuring "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi, accompanied by chamber orchestra and Richard Ewert. There are two performances: Friday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 12700 W Howard Ave, New Berlin, WI 53151 and Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 p.m. Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W Center St., Milwaukee, WI 53222. Tickets are \$20 and students are FREE with an ID. Tickets are available for purchase in advance or at the door. <https://lutheranacappella.org/>

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS: Thank you for your blood donation. We had a very successful blood drive Wednesday, November 12, 2025. There were 27 registered donors; 27 units of blood were collected. One unit can impact as many as three lives, meaning EGL's blood drive will impact as many as 81 lives. Next blood drive is Thursday, February 26, 2026, 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

