

**ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**Sunday, January 4, 2025 – Volume 78, Number 1.1**  
**The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (Church)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	6:30 p.m. TLCHS Board (228)
	10:30 a.m. Confirmation Class (BAAC)	W 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (Church)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)	T 6:30 p.m. Worship
	6:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	7:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **478** (includes Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve services) people that attended services last week in person and **448** (Includes Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve Services) households streamed the services for a total of **926**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**EGL CHRISTMAS TREES:** Please stay after Worship/Bible Study today to help take down the Christmas trees. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**JAN 6 EPIPHANY SERVICE:** This year EGL is not holding its own Epiphany Day service; however, an area-wide service is being held at Luther Memorial in Shorewood (3833 N Maryland Ave, 53211) on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. Pr Skovgaard is the preacher.

**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE SIGNAGE PROJECT:** EGL is preparing to enhance signage throughout our campus to better welcome visitors, provide clear direction, and reflect our identity in Christ. Our goal is to raise **\$75,000** to fund new monument signs, updated lettering, directional

signage, and necessary electrical work. The Foundation is providing a matching gift of \$1 for every \$2 raised to support this effort. Graphic boards showing the proposed signs and locations are in the back of the church. "Let your light shine before others..." (Matthew 5:16)

**EGL TOWNHALL:** We're almost six months into our new governance model. One of the features is that we don't have nearly as many Voters Assemblies because you have entrusted your elected Board of Directors with the direction of the Church. However, in an effort to keep the membership informed, we are scheduling a townhall meeting for Sunday, Jan 11, right after worship to update the congregation on developments and to solicit input.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD GROWS:** As we anticipate a new year, we also anticipate a new topic for our Sunday morning Bible study! Join us as we explore the world of the Old Testament prophets. God used these men in the course of the Old Testament to be watchmen for His people, standing at their posts with words of judgment and promise. We'll spend some time with these prophets each week to explore their context,

personality, respective books, and message to God's people then and even today. This study will begin on Sunday, January 4.

**VISITATION TEAM:** We plan to begin visitation team meetings toward the end of January, with individual visits beginning after our first few meetings. If you are interested in joining the visitation team, please let Pastor Teggatz know and he will rope you into planning conversations. Thank you for your prayerful discernment!

**LWML:** The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, January 7 in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study is on pages 18-19 of the winter issue of Lutheran Women's Quarterly, titled "What is Happening?" Look to Psalm 121:1-2, "I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." The evening group will not meet in January.

**BOOK CLUB:** Plan to meet on Thursday, January 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC to discuss the book, *I'm Proud of You – My Friendship With Fred Rogers* written by Tim Madigan. The author writes about how Fred Rogers became a close friend and how Fred Rogers helped Tim Madigan through some rough and depressing times in Tim's

life. This is an inspiring book. We welcome new members.

**LADIES PM STUDY:** The Story of Esther follows the story of a young orphan girl starting with a six-month long feast, to her becoming queen, and finally risking her life to save the lives of her people. Join the "She Shed" gals as we dig into this beautiful story together, with LWML speaker Donna Pyle-Snow. She will show us how the story of Esther applies to our lives today. The Ladies PM Bible Study will take up the eight-week study of "Chosen – A Study of Esther" starting on Wednesday evenings January 21, 2026 through February 11, 2026, 5:30-6:45 p.m., in the BAAC, then shift to Thursday evenings for the next four weeks during Lent (February 19 through March 12). Contact Nancy Wolck or Susan Schmalzer with questions.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES:** With the exception of the men's study on Tuesdays at 7:00 am, which will continue meeting over the next couple of weeks, the midweek Bible studies are on a break. Pr Teggatz's study of the Psalms will resume on Epiphany, Jan 6, at 10:00 a.m. Pr Skovgaard's Wednesday 10:00 a.m. study will launch into the Book of Romans on Wednesday, Jan 14.