

**ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**Sunday, January 11, 2025 – Volume 78, Number 1.2**  
**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. Town Hall	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (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. Divine Service
	6:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (BAAC)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	7:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **117** people that attended services last week in person and **80** households streamed the services for a total of **197**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**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)

**TOWN HALL TOPICS:** What can you expect at Sunday's town hall meeting? When you go to the doctor for your annual check-up, there are "vitals" that are measured. We'll look at EGL's "vitals" in comparison with last year. We'll look at recent maintenance-related projects, the new signage fundraiser, the new memorial gift policy, the new Bible studies that are available, and our support

for the Germany FORO which we've been calling the Persian Project. Your input will be sought for nominations for Synod President and regional Vice President, as we review the upcoming Convention in July.

**STAMMTISCH:** Happy New Year 2026, EGL Guys! BE BOLD...BRAVE THE COLD! Come on out and join us at EGL Stammtisch as we kick off a great new year! It's a great time to comfortably connect with those around us, in a relaxed environment. Join us for our monthly EGL guys' get-together of great conversation and great libation... (maybe a new "Luther brew"?) Always lively, always timely, always lots of variety, in a fun atmosphere of Christian fellowship. If you are new to EGL and/or have not joined us before, please come on out and give it a try! Join us at EGL in the Bartelt Center on Thursday January 15 from 7:30-9:00(ish)... for more info, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430. Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!!

**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!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are in need of Sunday School subs during the winter months. The truths of God's word need to be taught through our Lord's stories. To help out please call Linda Hoffmann, 262-786-1203. Thank you!

**LCEF ACCOUNTS:** When was the last time you checked out LCEF.org? This is the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, basically the Synod's bank. On this site you can find all that you need, from information to forms, for steward accounts for your children, CD's, checking and savings accounts, church worker loans, as well as strategic, development, and real estate solutions support. Everything is financially competitive with the secular banks but has the added bonus of supporting the Church's ministries. What you may not have known is that the South Wisconsin District's LCEF office will be giving away prizes at

the spring pastors conference for those SWD congregations that have the highest number of LCEF accounts to congregational membership. The prizes are significant cash awards to those congregations. Check out LCEF.org and support EGL at the same time!

**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.