

SEASONS

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



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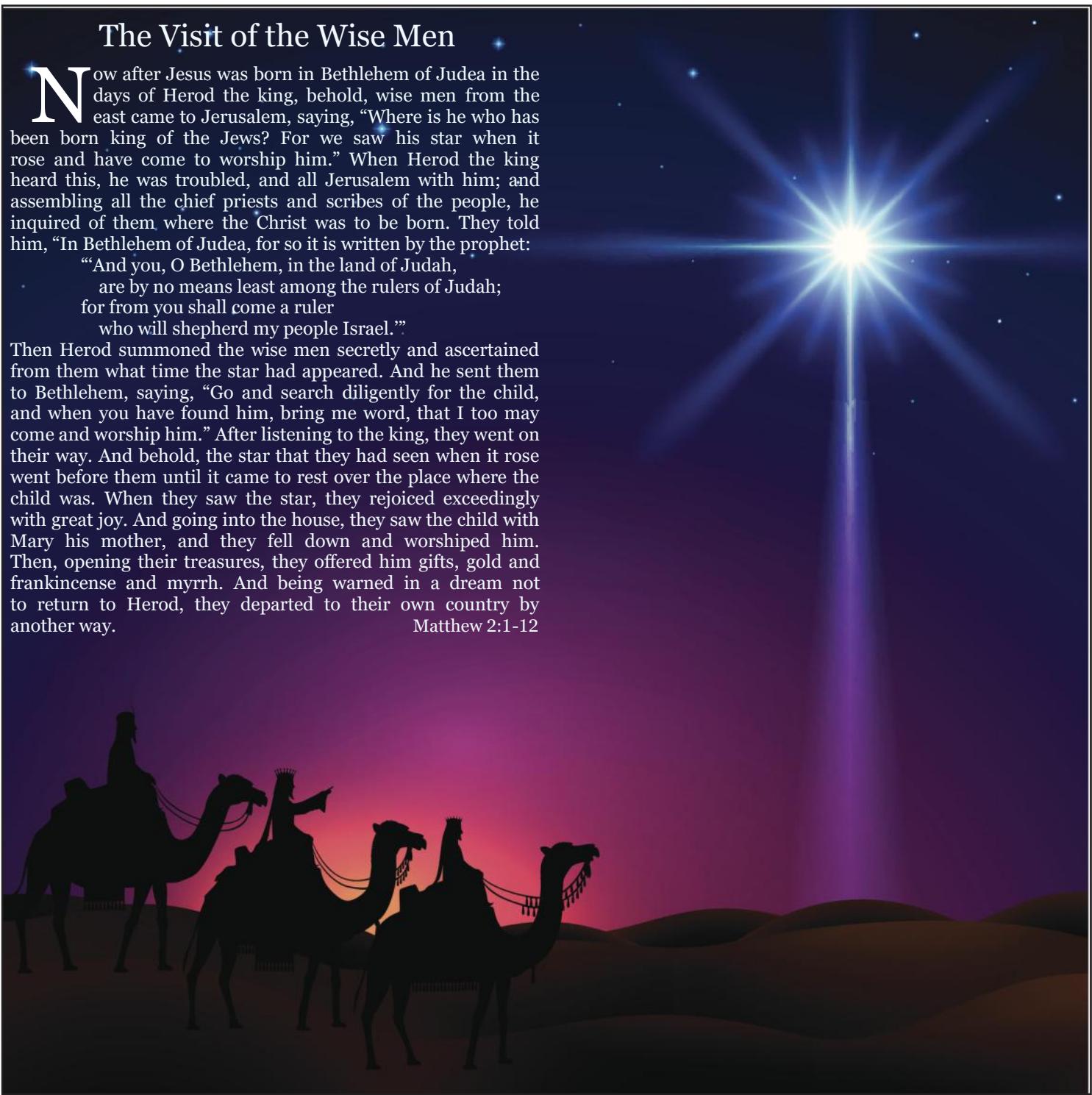
The Visit of the Wise Men

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Matthew 2:1-12



From Your Pastor

I hope this *Seasons* newsletter finds you happy and healthy as we embark on a New Year lived under the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is 2026 AD, in the year of our Lord's reign at the right hand of our heavenly Father. This lead article from me will follow a different format, being more like a collection of weekly newsletter blurbs. The EGL Board of Directors and I feel that it's important for the sake of good communication to update you with news that in the past you would have heard at regular voter assemblies. Thus, in future *Seasons* this will simply be entitled "The Executive's Corner," and will vary in size depending on the news to be shared.

EGL Town Hall on Sunday, January 11: Our new policy-based governance model went into effect on July 1, 2025, so January 1 marked the six-month milestone of the EGL Board of Directors. Wanting to keep everyone abreast of news worth sharing, we are holding a townhall meeting, during which the congregation will be updated on events and projects. Please note there won't be anything to vote on, but your input will be solicited.

January 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 on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. I am the preacher.

New Memorial Gift Policy: In this issue of *Seasons* you will find a newly adopted Board of Directors policy for the acceptance of donations and memorial gifts. I encourage you to read it. For as many years as I can remember, and probably longer, EGL has operated a very generous attitude to such gifts, allowing members to control the expenditure of money given by others even years after the money was donated to EGL. This new policy is meant to bring us in line with best practices. Please note this does not affect retroactively any accounts we have currently. Everything up to this point is "grandfathered" in.

"Let Your Light Shine" Project: Also in this issue of *Seasons* you will find the details on a new fundraising project entitled "Let Your Light Shine." This project aims to replace/update some existing signage on our property as well as establishing new locations for lit signage. The

details are in this newsletter, but note that the EGL Foundation is supporting this fundraiser to the tune of one \$ for every two \$ raised, so your gifts go even further. The display boards with all the visual aids are able to be seen in the back of the nave.



Pastor Skovgaard

New and Continuing Bible Studies: It's a new year; thus, a new opportunity to study God's Word with fellow members at EGL! *Carpe Deum!* Sunday mornings your Pastors are leading an introduction to the various Old Testament prophets, studying these men chronologically while also putting them in their historical context and unpacking some of the major issues they dealt with. The 7:00 a.m. Tuesday morning men's Bible study is continuing their study of Matthew's Gospel. The 10:00 a.m. Tuesday ladies Bible study led by Pr Teggatz is continuing their study of various Psalms. The 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning co-ed Bible study led by Pr Skovgaard is jumping into St Paul's magnum opus, Romans, and will begin on Jan 14. The 10:00 a.m. LWML gathering continues to meet on the first Wednesday morning of each month. On Wednesday evening, Jan 21, another ladies study will begin a close look at Esther.

Regular Sunday Morning Worship: Many times in the past you've heard your Pastors talk about the importance of regular worship for your personal spiritual benefit. It's no small thing to receive the gifts of God! However, right now I'd like you to consider the impact your regular worship attendance has on others. For starters, when you dedicate your Sunday morning hours to being in church, you telegraph to your co-workers, your neighbors, and your family what you think is most important. Without having to say a word to them about Christ, by your schedule decisions you are engaged in evangelism. You are broadcasting to all those watching you the value you place on spending time with God. Here I stand; I can do no other, to quote Luther. Secondly, don't dismiss the encouragement you give to your fellow Christians when you show up. The hug, the handshake, even just a smile goes a long way in communicating to a brother or sister in Christ that they are worth spending time with around God's gifts. Just showing up encourages others that they made the right decision also.

GROW IN GOD'S WORD THIS WINTER - Join an EGL Bible Study!

Day & Time	Location	Topic	Open To	Pastor Leader
Sundays 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Sanctuary	Old Testament Prophets	All	Skovgaard & Teggatz
Tuesdays 7-8 a.m.	Room 228	Matthew, commentary led	Men	Skovgaard
Tuesdays 10-11 a.m.	BAAC	Psalms	Women	Teggatz
Wednesdays 10-11 a.m. (except 1st Wed. of month)	BAAC	Book of Romans	All	Skovgaard

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Col. 3:16)

"Let Your Light Shine" Signage Project

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord has richly blessed our congregation, calling us to be a beacon of His love and truth in our community. As faithful stewards, we are embarking on a project to upgrade and enhance the signage throughout our campus at Elm Grove Lutheran Church. These improvements will:

- Clearly proclaim our identity as a congregation rooted in Christ.
- Welcome visitors and families to worship, learn, and grow in faith.
- Provide helpful direction for all who enter our doors.
- Identify Trinity Lutheran Classical High School.

Our goal is to raise **\$75,000** to cover the costs of replacing the monument sign on Terrace Drive, adding an illuminated monument sign to the Verdant Dr entrance, updating lettering on the West and South faces of our building, directional signage at key locations, updated signage at the School Entrance, long-term warranties, and the necessary electrical work to complete the project. The Elm Grove Lutheran Foundation has generously offered a **matching gift opportunity**. For **every \$2 you give**, the Foundation will contribute **\$1**, up to **\$25,000**! This means your gift will go **50% further** toward our **\$75,000 goal**.



We invite you to view the graphic boards on display in the back of the church which show the proposed designs and locations. Please take a moment to see how these enhancements will serve our ministry and outreach.

Giving Instructions:

If you feel led to support this effort, gifts may be made by:

- Placing a check in the offering plate (please note "Signage Project" in the memo)
- Mailing your contribution to the church office
- Contacting the church office for information about pledges or other ways to give

A Prayer for Our Campaign:

Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the blessings You have poured out on our congregation. Guide us as we seek to improve our campus for the sake of Your mission. Grant us generous hearts and unity of purpose, that all we do may bring glory to Your name and serve our neighbors in love. Bless this campaign, and may these signs point many to the saving grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord. In His name we pray. Amen.

We prayerfully ask for your support—through your gifts, prayers, and encouragement—as we work together to let the light of Christ shine ever more brightly in Elm Grove. "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) Thank you for considering how you might participate in this effort. May the Lord continue to bless our congregation as we serve Him together!

In Christ,

Pr Eric Skovgaard

Mr Mark Ewert

Mr Bruce Bessert

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

ADMISSION INTO MEMBERSHIP:

By Baptism:

Emily Paige Loy

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

By Transfer:

Daniel and Ruth Brettl

OWEN & EMMA

transferring to

St. Paul's Onalaska

Aaron DeWitt transferring to
St. Paul's LC – Oconomowoc

Nicholas Margrett transferred
to Our Savior, Whitefish Bay

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

By Death:

Patsy Alles



Our church welcomed back Rev. Bienfait Safari-Romeo as guest preacher for the December 28 service. Rev. Bienfait was ordained on August 10, 2025 in the chapel of The Lutheran Theological College Uganda in Ninja, Uganda. During his recent visit in August he led a Bible Study and told the story of God's grace at work in his life.



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 Woman's Quarterly* titled "**What Is Happening?**" Where do we go when things are happening in our

lives that are traumatic and disturbing? 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."

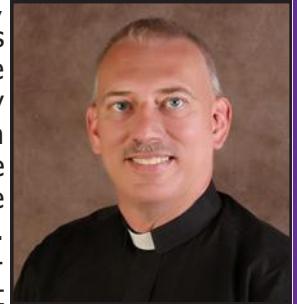
The evening group of LWML will not be meeting in the month of January.

The Mission Grant Thermometer shows that we have enough money to fully fund Mission Grant #5 and will soon present the \$50,000 check to Journeys Lutheran School. Now, the giving of mites will go towards Mission Grant #6 for Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee for \$25,000. Note that this grant was proposed by our EGL LWML.

The main event for the LWML-SWD in January is hosting the **2026 Winter Getaway** on January 30-31 at the Radisson Hotel in Fond du Lac, WI. The theme of this retreat is **God Is With You**, based on Joshua 1:9, "Have

I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. So do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Cost of the retreat is \$75.00. The deadline for registration and for the LWML group rate hotel reservations is January 16, 2026. Since Fond du Lac is relatively close to Milwaukee, you may want to attend the retreat only on Saturday.

The speaker is Rev. Keith GeRue, a U.S. Army Chaplain, who is currently serving as Associate Pastor and Principal at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Menasha, WI. Check out the LWML bulletin board for more details on this Winter Getaway. These district retreats are inspirational and you get to see and visit with other Sisters in Christ living in different parts of Wisconsin. Plan to attend.



Thank you congregation members for donating your mites to LWML. You may place the mites in Sherri Bond's church mailbox.

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

Barbara Kurth

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMORIAL GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY

The purpose of this congregation is "to proclaim Christ, receiving and sharing His gifts in Word and Sacrament." As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church (EGL), relies on charitable contributions to fulfill this purpose. Charitable contributions also help cover its day-to-day operational expenses. Memorial gifts must support and enhance the purpose of EGL. EGL reserves the right to refuse any gift if accepting the memorial is determined to be in conflict with the congregation's purpose, or if, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, the gift carries extraneous liabilities that EGL is not able to manage. As an example, a gift of a certain building may involve the need to invest in improvements, pay taxes, deal with tenants, etc.

Every accepted gift will be promptly acknowledged, and donors will be informed of how the memorials will be recognized. Specific requests about acknowledgment will be honored, consistent with EGL's practices and policies. Memorial gifts may be unrestricted or restricted. Gifts that are not restricted will be used toward the general operations as the Board of Directors may determine.

Gifts may be restricted by the donor for a specific program in the Work Plan. The Work Plan is the annual Church budget. If someone wishes their memorial to be restricted to a specific use, they are asked to indicate that preference at the time the gift is given and, if others are also giving memorials, they should also indicate that preference. Restricted memorials may be designated to the following general categories:

- Maintenance
- Music
- Capital improvements

Thereafter, the Executive will determine more specifically how the memorial will be used under the category selected. Please note that only the donor himself may designate a restricted gift. The memorial given by one person cannot later have its designation (restricted or unrestricted) changed by another person, even if by a family member. Likewise, EGL and the EGL Foundation are separate non-profit entities which means that a memorial to one cannot be transferred to the other.

This policy conforms with the best practice of operating non-profit Christian entities. EGL cannot offer tax or legal advice, and the prospective donor is advised to seek his own counsel.

This policy was approved by the Board of Directors on November 13, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald W. Harmeyer".

Ronald W. Harmeyer, President, EGL Board of Directors

Advent By Candlelight 2025

We praise and thank our Lord for blessing us so richly, from the planning and preparations to Sunday afternoon, November 30, 2025, when more than 70 gathered around beautifully decorated tables lit by softly glowing candles. We again heard the wonderful story of God's promise to send a Savior, this time told by "The Men Who Saw the Messiah". Our special thanks to John Schaefer as Joseph, Bruce Bessert as the innkeeper, Ben Thompson as a shepherd, and Gene Traas as a Magi, who did a great job in their roles. Karen Clark and her sister Karlene Joseph were our thoughtful emcees again this year.

We were delighted to welcome many guests and those who were attending for the first time. It was a special joy to have so many mothers, daughters, granddaughters, sisters and friends join us. Thank you to all who attended.

Our table decorators; Barb Alles, Jean Bennett, Karen Clark/Karlene Joseph, Carole Braun, Linda Hoffmann, Joan Knuteson, Jean Kruse/Sherri Bond, Sue Schmalzer, and Shelly Skovgaard did a wonderful job transforming our Fellowship Hall into lovely Christmas setting with their china, linens, and centerpieces. (All the tables were setup before the big snowstorm. Thank you ladies!)

We also appreciate all who brought the delicious appetizers and desserts and to Sharon Boudro and Meg Grelk, who helped to serve them. Karla Bessert, piano, and Carol Jagusch, violin, provided us with beautiful music. Thank you to our thoughtful Reflection Readers; JoAnne Peterson, Mary Tischer, Amy Stroh, and Shelly Skovgaard. Carol and Nancy Ewert proved a warm welcome as our Greeters. A special thank you to Carole Lawonn who made an ornament for everyone who attended. Our sound and light men, Dennis Braun and Terry Hoffmann, did another great job.

A special note of appreciation to our set up and take down crews; Jean and Dave Bennett, Carole and Dennis Braun, Meg Grelk, Linda and Terry Hoffmann, Joan Knuteson, Carole Lawonn, Jim and Diane Olson, Paul Pfaff, and many other helping hands. Bless you all!

Our Freewill offering of over \$1,000 was sent to Saint Philip Lutheran Mission Society for Pastor Bienfait Safari- Romero to serve a church for Congolese refugees in Uganda.

Most of all, we thank and praise God for the gift of His Son, our Savior and Messiah, Jesus Christ.

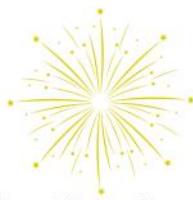
Carole Braun and Meg Grelk

Soli Deo Gloria





TRINITY LUTHERAN
CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year from Trinity!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. It is hard to believe that our partnership with Elm Grove Lutheran Church began seven months ago, but here we are already at the beginning of a new year. Our students and faculty are returning to begin our second semester of classes. I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on all the blessings your partnership has given our school: congregational and pastoral support, office and maintenance support, a beautiful sanctuary for our chapel services, a wing of fantastic classrooms, a very involved and helpful school board, donations, prayers, an actual gym for our students to get their energy out, security with doors and cameras, building wide fire alarm and drill capabilities, a bell schedule, and the list could go on. This school year would not be happening without you, and I am extremely grateful for you all.

As we begin the New Year, I would like to ask that if members of the congregation have any events you would like to do with the students to please reach out and send me an email or speak to Pastor Skovgaard or a board member. We would love for you to get to know our students and for them to get to know you more. Unfortunately, since our students mostly come from locations over thirty minutes away and are very involved in their home congregations, and Kantor Hopfensperger has two congregations that he plays for on Sunday mornings, we have not been able to put together a choir performance for your Sunday morning services. If you would like the opportunity to worship with the students, we do have a morning Matins service at 7:30 and a short Vespers at 3:10 every day that we would love to see you at.

We are currently beginning our enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. We are having our next open house on February 26 at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in the school or know a family that might be, please get in touch with me, or you can speak to Amy in the office to get some informational materials about enrollment. We will also be having scheduled shadow days for prospective students in February and March.

I hope and pray that you have a blessed beginning to this New Year.

In His grace,
Jason Eggold



TRINITY LUTHERAN
CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Supporting strong minds, strong bodies and strong spirits.

Open House

Come and see what makes Trinity Lutheran Classical High School unique!

**Thursday, February 26th
6:30 PM**

Trinity Lutheran Classical High School
Elm Grove Lutheran Church
(945 Terrace Dr, Elm Grove, WI)



EGL Stammtisch!

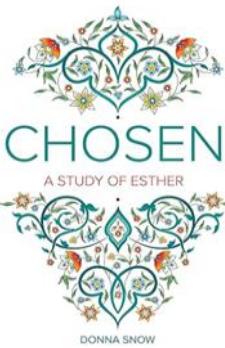
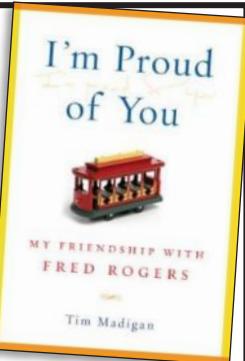
Happy New Year 2026, EGL Guys!

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 16, 2026 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 Book Discussion Group

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. As a journalist for the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*, Tim Madigan was given an assignment to write a profile of the television icon Mr. Rogers. This led to a wonderful friendship between Fred Rogers and Tim Madigan. Quite an inspiring book! We welcome new members. We have some interesting discussions.



LADIES EVENING STUDY:

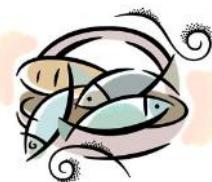
The Story of Esther follows the story of a young orphan girl starting with a six-month long feast, to her becoming queen, and finally risking her life to save the lives of her people. It is a curious book in the Bible because God is not mentioned once in the entire 10 chapters, but His presence is woven throughout the book. 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 and also how it "demonstrates that God is sovereign over all things, even seemingly insignificant events."

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, 5:30-6:45pm, in the BAAC, then shift to Thursday evenings for the next four weeks during Lent (February 19, 2026 through March 12, 2026).

Contact Nancy Wolck, 262-844-4984 or Susan Schmalzer, 414-313-3888 with questions.

BREAD & FISH



On November 21st, Carole Braun, Kris Nitschke and Diane Olson sorted, folded and packed 17 boxes of donated clothing. Our church collected 25 boxes of food for our Thanksgiving ingathering this year. Jim and Diane Olson delivered the food and clothing to our sister congregation Hope Lutheran in Milwaukee on December

3. Over \$1800 in cash donations were also disbursed to our sister churches, Mission of Christ, Holy Ghost and Hope. This money is used to support and supplement their individual food pantries.

A big "thank you" to all the ladies who helped this past year in sorting and packing clothing - Claire Schuppner, Meg Grek, Carole Braun, Linda Hoffmann, Kris Nitschke and Diane Olson. Many thanks as well to the generosity of our congregation in supporting the Bread and Fish program through clothing, food and cash donations. This outreach program of our church is greatly appreciated by our inner city sister congregations, especially this time of year. God Bless!



Thank you to the members who decorated our church, chancel and library for Christmas!





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Elm Grove Lutheran Members featured in the LCMS Engage Publication

The Winter 2026 issue of *Engage* features an article on *Inviting Mission Partners to the Table*. It highlights the FOROs recently held in South Africa and Germany that "brought together a diverse group of supporters to collaborate on the planting of churches". As our congregation knows, in September the SWD sent a group to Germany that included Pastor Skovgaard, John and Nancy Wolck, shown in the photo above, along with Ann Wilcox. They witnessed how the "Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK), the Synod's partner church in Germany, provided outreach for Persian refugees — those who come primarily from Iran and Afghanistan." Read the full story at engage.lcms.org

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving offering. A total gift of \$5,120.00 was collected and will be donated to the Persian Project to support the work of the Lutheran Church in Germany as it proclaims the Gospel to Iranian and Afghan refugees throughout Germany.

If you would still like to contribute to this effort, visit lcms.org/givenow/germany-foro

*The Festival of Light,
celebrated on December 13,
honors Christian martyr,
Santa Lucia.*



In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Lucia an authentic kransekake was served during coffee hour.



EGL Visitation Team

We hope to begin visitation team meetings toward the end of January, with visits beginning after our first few meetings. If you are interested in learning more about this team or becoming a member of it, please reach out to Pastor Teggatz either at the church office or by email: jteggatz@egl.org.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Practice Healthy Nutrition Habits



Where for forty days He was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them He was hungry. — Luke 4:2

Being hungry is natural and nothing to be ashamed about. Food gives us strength to fight against temptation of other sorts. However, what food we put in our bodies is something we should be mindful about. It isn't always practical to limit ourselves to just eating at designated mealtimes. So, snacks are sometimes necessary.

Here are a few suggestions:

Veggies & Hummus	Almonds	Frozen grapes	String Cheese
Mixed Berries	Cashews	Greek Yogurt	Apple, Banana
Hard-boiled egg	Air-popped popcorn	Whole-wheat pretzels with peanut butter	Avocado and tomato on whole grain toast

Source: concordiaplans.org/employers/keep-my-ministry-well/wellness-champion-center

One of the victims of the great persecution under the Roman emperor Diocletian, Lucia met her death at Syracuse on the island of Sicily in the year A.D. 304, because of her Christian faith. Known for her charity, "Santa Lucia" (as she is called in Italy) gave away her dowry and remained a virgin until her execution by the sword. The name Lucia means "light," and, because of that, festivals of light commemorating her became popular throughout Europe, especially in the Scandinavian countries. There her feast day corresponds with the time of year when there is the least amount of daylight. (Collect and Intro from The Treasury of Daily Prayer, Concordia Publishing House)

In medieval Europe before the Gregorian reform of the calendar, St. Lucy's Day was the shortest day of the year and this day was celebrated especially in Scandinavia where it marked the turning from the long cold nights to the increase in daylight. Swedish communities, including many in America, still have special festivities for this day. In private homes one of the young girls of the household, dressed in white and wearing a crown of lighted candles, awakens the family in the morning and offers them cakes and coffee from a tray. (from Festivals and Commemorations by Rev. Philip Pfatteicher)



Thanks to Christine Wilcox for portraying Santa Lucia during a commemoration of her at the December 14 service.



January Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

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



January 1

Michael Bartsch
Johanna Beirs

January 3

Jack Storm

January 4

Kylie Kruck
Wendy Lester

January 5

Timothy Cowell
Elaine Willis

January 6

A-Jason & Emily Krueger
Robert Kurka

January 7

A-Cynthia & Brad Buss
Isaiah Holmes
Elaina Luetzow

January 8

Cheryl Albers
Lynne Bock

January 9

Allison Pritchard

January 10

Cindy Busse
Clark Gaulke
Thomas Harmeyer

January 11

Shirley Wartchow
Randy Wegner

January 12

Kierstan Leaf

January 13

Linda Berry
Ken Schuppner

January 14

Jeff Mueller
Linda Seroka
Eric Thompson

January 15

Brian Bleisner
Tracy McMahon
Brae Nelson
Jacob Newman

January 16

A-Dave & Barb Stamm
Ryan Beckley
Willi Radke

January 19

A-Brian Zavadil & Amanda Miller

January 20

Virginia Moeller

January 21

Killian Carney
Isabelle Holmes

January 23

Linda Beckley

January 24

Carrie Marble

January 29

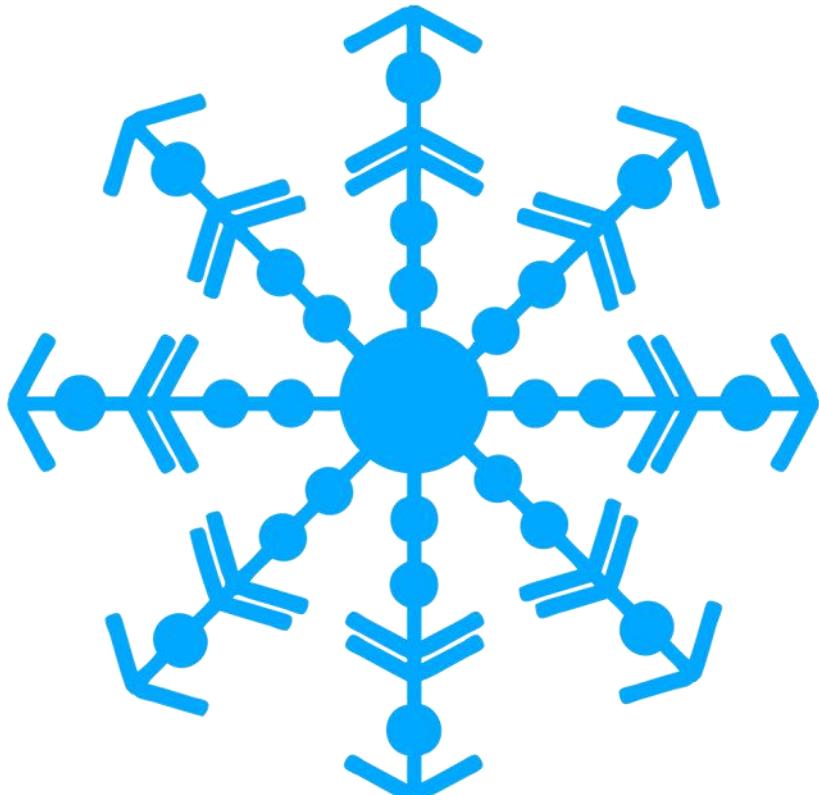
Ian Ruhnau-Gee

January 30

Jennifer Alexander
Dylan Schultz

January 31

Courtney Anderson



January

Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar - 2026

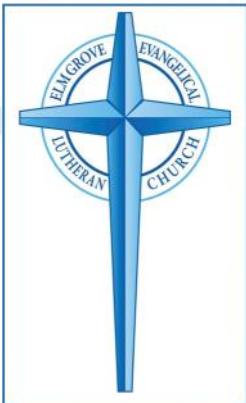
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Dead to Sin, Alive to God

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Romans 6: 1-11)



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

Thursday, January 15

Submissions can be sent to seasons@egl.org



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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

Thursday services resume on January 8, 2026

Lord Jesus, You are our King and Lord. As the Magi worshiped You with extravagant gifts, grant us Your grace that we might be willing to give the very best of us in service to You and to our neighbor. Amen.

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.



TOWN HALL MEETING

The Board of Directors of Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church has scheduled a Town Hall to update the congregation members about the business of the church.

Sunday, January 11

Immediately following the 9 a.m. Worship Service.

Join fellow members in the Sanctuary.