

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Fifth Sunday in Lent
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (Church) 6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
M	11:00 a.m. New Berlin PD Training 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (Church) 6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner 6:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship 7:30 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 6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym) S Wedding

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD’S HOUSE: There were **193** people that attended services last week in person and **81** households streamed the services for a total of **274**. “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

EASTER BRUNCH: Make plans to join us for brunch on Easter Sunday. We will have an assortment of fantastic food items and will be serving in the Fellowship Hall from 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

EASTER BRUNCH FOOD SIGN UP: Following the 7:00 a.m. Easter morning service, we will be providing an Easter Brunch. If you are able to contribute some of the needed food items or if you are able to help with cleanup after the breakfast, please sign up using this SignUpGenius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-62812204-easter#/> There is also a paper sign-up sheet available in the back of the church.

EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING: Mark your calendars for Friday, May 8! The EGL Foundation is once again hosting a golf outing, dinner and

raffle. All proceeds from this event will go to support Trinity Lutheran Classical High School. Sign-up forms are now available in the back of the church along with donor/sponsor forms. You can drop off completed forms in the golf outing mailbox in the mailbox room. The deadline for sign-up this year is April 24!

THE EGL FOUNDATION is looking for donations of money to be put toward purchasing a premium raffle item for the Drive to Thrive golf outing. Any donations which go past the price point of that item will be put toward purchasing gift cards for the raffle. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Wilcox at 262-409-5888.

PICKLEBALL KICKOFF: Our first pickleball session will be **Sunday, April 12 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the gym** (please enter through the external youth room doors). We will have several nets and paddles ready to go and all are welcome! Rules will be discussed so don't worry if this is your first time, we'd love to have you! If you own paddles, please bring them.

NOMINATIONS FOR EGL LEADERSHIP: At the Sunday morning, May 17, Voters Assembly we

will elect new leadership to both the Elders Committee and the Board of Directors. You have the opportunity to nominate godly men to the Elders Committee as well as godly men and/or women to the Board of Directors. There are two positions on both open for election on May 17. Please submit any nominations to the Church Office or one of the Pastors by Easter Sunday, April 5.

MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION: During the bible study hour on Sunday, March 29, Matt Ewert will be giving a presentation about his mission trip to Panama. He joined a group from Peace Lutheran Campus Center, the LCMS campus ministry for UW-Stevens Point, for a 9-day mission trip at the beginning of January 2026. Thank you to the EGL members that supported the team financially and through prayer!

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)

LIST OF LENTEN MEALS: Thank you so much to everyone who has offered to host meals this Lenten season. All of the dates have been spoken for. March 18 hosted by the Evangelism Committee (baked potatoes); and March 25 hosted by the Finance Committee (jambalaya). The free will offering at the Lenten dinners will go toward the Let Your Light Shine Signage Project.

LOCAL ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED: Brookfield City Clerk Sara Bruckman recently put out an appeal for volunteer election workers. With the April Spring Election, August Partisan Primary, and November General Election in 2026 just around the corner, the City Clerk's Office is actively seeking individuals of all backgrounds. You must

be an U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, able to read and write fluently in English, not be a candidate in that election, and able to perform a variety of duties that keep voting operations running smoothly. Such work is part of our responsibility as citizens, and it has to be done for the sake of free and fair elections, so why not by you? Here's another opportunity for faithful Lutherans to get involved and serve their neighbors. Interested? Go

to www.ci.brookfield.wi.us/1036/Poll-Worker-Information or call 262-787-3550.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The group will meet on Thursday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC to discuss the book, *The Great Hippopotamus Hotel: No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* written by Alexander McCall Smith. This spacious hotel near a grove of Acacia trees in the Botswanan countryside has had a good reputation for weary travelers until strange things start happening. Detectives Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutal take on this new intriguing case and uncover surprising results.

SET APART TO SERVE (SAS): Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts, congregations and many other to build a Synodwide culture of church work formation and recruitment. You can contribute toward this effort **by taking this brief online survey** at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey. Please let us know how all of us can make SAS more beneficial to your congregation. It is important we hear what you have to say.