

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Fourth Sunday of Easter
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
	10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
	3:30 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	T 11:00 a.m. New Berlin PD Training
	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)	6:30 p.m. Divine Service
	7:00 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	

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **135** people that attended services last week in person and **77** 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."

APPRECIATION FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS:

This Sunday (April 26), LCMS congregations and schools are invited to observe Director of Parish Music Appreciation. The Rev. Sean Daenzer, who serves as director of Worship for the LCMS and as chaplain at the LCMS International Center, says, "Directors of parish music help make sure that the Scriptures that are read and preached echo back from balcony and pew in thanksgiving, praise, and the confession of Jesus. What they contribute is more than just background music. In songs and hymns and spiritual songs, the Word of Christ dwells richly among the people of God in the Lutheran church, in no small part through the stewardship of their talents." A hearty thank-you to Mr Richard C Ewert and all our church musicians this month for their devotion to the songs of salvation in our congregation!
<https://thelc.ms/4e5FoTE>

PICKLEBALL: Our pickleball group continues this Sunday, April 26 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the gym. Future dates will be May 10, May 24, June 7, and June 21 (and more upcoming!). All ages and stages are welcome. Please join us!

EASTER THANK YOU: A very big thank you for all of the help and food donation for Easter Breakfast!

THANK YOU: From the bottom of our hearts, the Ewert family thanks you for your prayers, kindness, and support during this difficult time. Chuck meant so much to all of us, and he will be deeply missed. It brings us comfort to know he is at peace, called home to eternal life with our Lord and reunited with Hazel. Your love, compassion, and presence have carried us through more than words can express. We are truly grateful to have such caring people surrounding our family. "Christ has risen from the dead; so too shall we rise, and all who die in the Lord."

UPCOMING VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: On May 17 we will have our annual Voters' Assembly following the 9:00 a.m. worship service during the Bible Study hour. Copies of the proposed 2026-27

budget are available on the credenza in the back of the church.

SAVE THE DATE for a free concert on Saturday, June 20, at 3:00 p.m. at Elm Grove Lutheran Church featuring Mr. Richard C. Ewert on the church's digitally enhanced Casavant Pipe organ and Dr. Aaron Wunsch, Professor of Keyboard Studies at the Julliard School in New York City, on its classic Steinway Piano.

GLIMPSE INTO TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL: Today Latin has fallen into the abyss of 'by-gone' and 'old-fashioned' ideas which most people never think about nor do most schools teach. Come and learn why Latin is neither 'by-gone' nor 'old-fashioned' and why it stands as a pillar of learning for the students at Trinity Lutheran Classical High School. Kantor Andrew Hopfensperger (the Latin tutor) will lead a presentation on the necessity of Latin within the school as well as its place within broader society during the first half of the adult Bible study hour on Sunday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m.

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.

BASKETS OF BLESSINGS: Thank you to all of you who took an Easter basket, filled it with items of care and special treats, and delivered it to one of our 22 homebound members. Some of you even took two! The special visit to share Easter

blessings was appreciated. We have heard heartwarming stories of homemade baked goods, thoughtful cards and devotionals, favorite treats, and stories shared. Many blessings were given and received. Barbara Thompson and Carole Braun

COFFEE DONATIONS: The money that is donated during the time of fellowship after Church on Sundays is being donated to the signage project.

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. Thank you so much, currently we have already reached \$33,000 and will be able to begin this project starting with the sign in the front of the church. Graphic boards showing the proposed signs and locations are in the back of the church. "Let your light shine before others..." (Matthew 5:16)

GREEN TEAM: Spring has arrived. Flowers are blooming and grass is growing. The Green Team here at EGL is always looking for helpers to cut grass, or assist with trimming and landscaping the campus of our church. Please consider volunteering, even if it's just acting as a fill in or back up for our cutting crew, or possibly assisting our gardening ladies with their planting areas. If interested, please contact Jim Olson at 262-501-2818 or email at jolson830@gmail.com. Thank you!

THE LUTHERAN A CAPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents "Coming Home" featuring John Leavitt's "Missa Festiva" plus music by Brahms, Haydn, Craig Courtney, Stephen Paulus and more! There are two performances: Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m., Saint Monica Parish, 5681 North Santa Monica Boulevard, Whitefish Bay and Sunday, April 26, at 3:00 p.m., Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W Center St., Milwaukee, WI 53222. Tickets are \$20 and students are FREE

with student ID. Tickets are available for purchase in advance or at the door. <https://lutheranacappella.org/>

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, May 6, 2:00 p.m.- 06:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. One blood donation can save up to 3 lives! Every donation creates a ripple of hope. Make a lifesaving difference today—schedule your appointment:

<https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/11621257> or contact Rick Ewert: BloodDrive@egl.org/262-289-9333. All attempting donors receive a coupon for free cheese curds from participating local restaurants.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thursday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is the next meeting of our group. The book to be discussed is *The Frozen River* written by Ariel Lawhon, a historical mystery taking place in Maine in 1789. It is about a midwife Martha Ballard who investigates the murder of a man frozen to death in the Kennebec River. The author used the diary of Martha Ballard to create this suspenseful mystery. If you like to read, please join us. We welcome new members. Remember to bring suggestions for the 2026-2027 voting to take place in our June meeting. One suggestion for a fiction book and one suggestion for a non-fiction/historical fiction book.

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!

LIVESTREAM HELP NEEDED: Are you interested in helping our livestream ministry advancing the slides or being the producer/camera operator? Please contact Mark Ewert or Pam Ganswindt for more information. Knowing our service flow is a plus.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: A blessed Easter to you! On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), tune in as we pick up the account of Joseph in our study of Genesis! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we wrap up our study in Numbers. This week, we'll be continuing with chapter 33. Don't forget to join us for The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT)! We'll be checking in with the folks over at Lutheran Bible Translators, as well as continuing our new series, "Getting to Know the Council of Presidents." Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

