

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

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:30 a.m. Glimpse into TLCHS/Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 2:00 p.m. AGO Board Meeting (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym) 6:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting (228) 6:30 p.m. TLCHA Board (229)
M	11:00 a.m. New Berlin PD Training 6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W 9:30 a.m. Garden Ladies Meeting (WFH) 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Versiti Blood Drive (FH) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study	T 6:30 p.m. Divine Service 7:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **151** people that attended services last week in person and **88** households streamed the services for a total of **239**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT:

budgeted offerings for April 2026: \$54,444
 actual for April 2026: \$84,670.65

fiscal year budgeted offering: \$735,000
 actual year through April 26: \$643,119.65

PICKLEBALL: Our next pickleball open gym is **Sunday, May 17, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** Please stay tuned for future dates as we revise the schedule a bit!

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.

CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S BIRTHDAY: In July we have a great opportunity to invite friends, coworkers, and neighbors to visit our church for a special musical event scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon, June 20. Our own Rick Ewert and former EGLer Prof. Aaron Wunsch from the Julliard School will team up for a program of music celebrating our nation's independence. We hope to welcome many visitors from our community and the region to a concert of organ and piano favorites plus some hymn singing. Open up this code below on your smartphone and copy it into emails or social media posts, together with your personal invitation.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: How wonderful it has been to share the Good News with all our Sunday School friends. We encourage all families to read the word

at home as Sunday School ends May 10. Praising God for all the learning hearts! – Sunday School Staff

CONFRONTING DEATH AS A CHRISTIAN:

The TV program 60 Minutes broadcast an interview last Sunday (April 26) with former Nebraska Sentaor Ben Sasse (R). What makes this interview unique among the regular parade of talking heads on TV is that Sasse is a conservative, confessing Christian who is in the final stages (apparently) of metastatic pancreatic cancer. He addresses his upcoming death with a level of honesty rarely seen in public life, balancing his regrets of not being there for his daughters as they get married and his teenage son as he grows up with a recognition that his cancer is not an accident (because "there are no maverick molecules in the universe"). In fact he articulates the point that his cancer is actually an opportunity to think about ultimate things. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcT9O5Sjmd0>

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.

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!

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.



USHER HELP NEEDED: We are in need of help with ushering during our worship services. If you are interested in joining an usher team please contact the Church office.

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.

LWML: The evening group will meet on Monday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Friendship Library for the mission project of putting together health kits for The Attic. The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, May 6 in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. Instead of a Bible study we will participate in the LWML Prayer Service for 2026 titled PRAYER, an inspiring prayer service.

EGL STAMMTISCH: Happy May, Guys! Spring is in full swing (if we don't get flooded away!), with all the usual activities (i.e. outside chores!), so take a break from your yard work and join your friends at May's EGL Stammtisch for our monthly "Guys Night Out!" We again will meet in the Bartelt Center (N side of the EGL facilities) for great conversation and great libation... 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! Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!! Thursday May 21 from 7:30 – 9:00 (ish)... for more info, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430.

ROCK OF AGES CLASSIC CAR AND BIKE SHOW on Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Blessed Savior Lutheran Church (15250 West Cleveland Avenue, New Berlin, WI 53151) Food and refreshments will be available. Proceeds are donated to the New Berlin Food Pantry.

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!

