

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 17, 2026 – Volume 78, Number 5.3
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:30 a.m. Annual Voters' Assembly 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
M	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T	9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Divine Service
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)		7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (BAAC)

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 **87** households streamed the services for a total of **238**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to the family and friends of Arnie Will. Arnie's memorial service will be on May 20 at 5:00 p.m. here at Elm Grove Lutheran. "I know that My Redeemer lives..."

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.



CONFRONTING DEATH AS A CHRISTIAN: The TV program 60 Minutes broadcast an interview on 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>

LUTHERAN WITNESS: It is that time of year again where Lutheran Witness is looking for new subscribers and current subscribers to renew. If you currently are receiving Lutheran Witness at your home please let Amy Stroh (astroh@egl.org) know you would like to continue receiving or would like to start receiving this no later than May 18. Please also give a check (made payable to Elm Grove Lutheran) or cash in the amount of \$23.50 to the church office. Please contact the Church office with any questions.

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

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!

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.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, at Bravo restaurant in Brookfield Square. Please call JoAnn Randall at 262-782-6085 for reservations.

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: Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations Event is scheduled on May 30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 10729 Freistadt Road, Mequon, WI 53097. The speaker is Rev Dr Tom Park, LCMS Missionary in Taiwan. This event will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Ethnic foods will be served for the luncheon. Plan to attend.

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.

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.

MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL: //

- » **HELP SUPPORT THE RECRUITING, TRAINING AND ENDORSING** of our LCMS military chaplains. We have numerous chaplains who serve on active duty, the Reserve component, the National Guard, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard auxiliary. Your gift will ensure they receive valuable Lutheran resources, training and support.
- » **HELP PROTECT THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY** – of our chaplains and LCMS military members. We have always been — and will continue to be — a strong advocate and defender for chaplains to preach and teach in accordance with the tenets of their faith. We work tirelessly to ensure that all military members retain their God-given right and constitutionally protected freedom of religion.
- » **HELP SUSTAIN OPERATION BARNABAS** – a network of care that trains and equips LCMS congregations and individuals to assist all military-connected people in our congregations and communities in getting the support and assistance they need. Learn how you can get involved by visiting lcms.org/operationbarnabas.
- » **HELP ENABLE THE MINISTRY-BY-MAIL PROGRAM TO CONTINUE** as we send Lutheran devotional materials and resources (including Portals of Prayer) to all Lutheran military personnel and their families stationed around the world. Please send military contact information to lcmschaps@lcms.org.
- » **HELP FACILITATE CHAPLAIN AND FAMILY WELLNESS** by funding the travel and expenses for chaplains and their wives to attend our annual training seminars. These seminars allow them to reconnect, network and receive pastoral care and support from their church — things they need and deserve.
- » **HELP GROW A CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND** that enables our chaplains to complete a Doctor of Ministry degree to sharpen their skills.



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