

**ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**The Day of Pentecost/Memorial Day Weekend**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2026 – Volume 78, Number 5.4**  
**The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study/Confirmation	6:30 p.m. Committee of Elders (228)	
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	T	9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC)
M	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)		6:30 p.m. Prayer Office
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)		7:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	S	Rental (BAAC)
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study		
	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)		
W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)		

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Call first)**

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **148** people that attended services last week in person and **61** households streamed the services for a total of **209**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**GUEST PREACHER:** This Sunday, as we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we also welcome to the pulpit the Rev Dr Tobias Schuetze. Schuetze is a professor of Systematics at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa. He is here in the States, bringing visibility to the work of the Seminary while also fundraising. EGL's Foundation has stepped up generously to support that effort and a check will be presented to Schuetze during the Bible study hour.

**CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S BIRTHDAY:** In June 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 Senator 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>

**BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION:** We are thankful for those who have stepped forward to help cover the administrative needs of the Church Office; however, their efforts are temporary, so if you are interested in hearing more about the Business Manager position, please contact Pr Skovgaard (262-797-2970 or [Executive@eql.org](mailto:Executive@eql.org)).

**LET'S GO BREWERS!:** On Saturday, June 13, everyone is invited to a cook-out dinner and a fun evening of cheering for our team! There will be several large screens for viewing in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us. Our Brewers evening begins at 6:00 p.m. Please let us know how many fans will be attending. There is an RSVP sign up in the back of the church or you may call the church office: 262-797-2970.

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

**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:** We will meet on Thursday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m. to vote on the suggested books for 2026-2027. No discussion on a book will take place. On Thursday June 25 we are scheduled to enjoy a Tea at 11:45 a.m. at the Dousman House. A brief history of the Dousman House will be given. During our enjoyment of this special Tea, we will discuss the book *Little House in Brookfield*, written by Maria D. Wilkes. This tells the story of Caroline Quinner who was born and lived in Brookfield, Wisconsin. She grew up to

become the mother of Laura Ingalls Wilder, the author of the Little House books. Cost of the tea is \$25 to be given to Paula Keefer.

**PICKLEBALL:** Our next pickleball open gym is **Sunday, May 31, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** in the school gym (enter in through the external youth room door). Come join us for fun and fellowship!

**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.

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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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