

# SEASONS

*Be prepared in season and out of season*  
2 Timothy 4:2



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## Johann Sebastian Bach

1685-1750

*“The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.”*



### **B-A-C-H.**

These four letters changed the course of music history. A hundred volumes or more could and probably have been written on the famously musical Bach family. In particular, thirty or more could be devoted to Johann Sebastian alone! Never has there been or likely ever will be a performing or composing talent such as this most notable son who devoted nearly his entire professional musical life to service in the Lutheran Church. The life and work of Bach is sandwiched between the Reformation and the current day. In fact, if you were to determine the years spanning from the birth of Martin Luther (1483) to the death of Bach (1750) and the death of Bach to the current year, an equal split of 267 years is discovered. This positioning allowed for Luther to have a profound impact on Bach and for

the influence of Bach to continue to carry forward beyond our present day.

Bach's connection and admiration of Luther stems from his childhood; in particular, his early education. Born in 1685 in Eisenach in Thuringia, Bach spent three years at the Latin school that Luther had attended two centuries prior. Due in part to Luther's efforts, Bach was able to experience firsthand the fruits of Luther's emphasis on the importance of a sound Christian education and sturdy theological foundation. Bach was known to have several theological books and the Luther translation of the Bible that he owned contains many notes as written by the musical genius himself.

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# From Your Pastor

Back in my college days I remember seeking the advice of a college professor whose opinion I respected. My hopes were on applying to that three-letter agency whose name has been tarnished in recent administrations. The advice the professor gave me was that I shouldn't consider joining unless my heart stirred when I watched the US flag flutter in the wind. If only more Americans who worked there had that same attitude and sense of identity.

In recent years we've heard a lot about identity – identity politics and sexual identity, for instance. The Christian, however, doesn't ask, what do I identify as, but rather, who has God made me to be? The answer to that question has implications for all of our relationships and the work He has placed in our hands to do.

Consider the rich identity the Small Catechism teaches us to treasure. We are taught to believe and trust that the Father has made me and all creatures, that He has given me my body and soul, my eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. The Son has bought and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, not with gold and silver but with His holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death, so that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified me in the one, true faith. In this Church He daily and richly forgives



*The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified me in the one, true faith.*

me all my sins.

With such a glorious identity – created in the image of God, adopted into the family of God through the blood of the Lamb, and sanctified by the Word of God to be a temple of the Holy Spirit – why would we ever want to go looking for a different identity crafted by our fallen human imagination?



Pastor Skovgaard

That's our core identity – rooted in the Holy Trinity – but it's not the only identity God has given us. For almost all of us reading this, we also carry an identity as American citizens. We're not subjects but citizens of a grand republic with a rich history, one worth knowing and remembering. As a nation we have our warts, for sure, but in this 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of our nation's birth, we ought to celebrate the gifts God has given us as an American people. Our freedoms ought to be cherished, taught to the next generation, and defended. They were given to us by God, not by the government, and therefore, we should not take them for granted but thank the One from whom every good and perfect gift flows.

Just as gratitude for our identity in Christ leads us to treasure the "receiving and sharing of His gifts," so also gratitude for our freedoms here in the USA lead us to exercise and promote those secular freedoms for the benefit of all. In this way generations of Americans yet to come will have their hearts stirred by the flag and give thanks for a godly heritage. There is more for us to celebrate this year than we can get our heads around!

## The Best Thing in the World



By Elizabeth Barrett Browning

What's the best thing in the world?  
 June-rose, by May-dew impearled;  
 Sweet south-wind, that means no rain;  
 Truth, not cruel to a friend;  
 Pleasure, not in haste to end;  
 Beauty, not self-decked and curled  
 Till its pride is over-plain;  
 Light, that never makes you wink;  
 Memory, that gives no pain;  
 Love, when, so, you're loved again.  
 What's the best thing in the world?  
 —Something out of it, I think.

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### ADMISSION INTO MEMBERSHIP:

#### Confirmed: By Transfer

Thomas Mertins  
 Bryan Neils  
 CLIFF  
 OWEN  
 (DAWSYN)

### Valerie Pentler TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

#### By Release:

Jeffory and Jennifer Burke  
 Released to Mt. Olive  
 Lutheran Church in  
 Mukwonago (ELCA)

## GROW IN GOD'S WORD THIS SPRING - Join an EGL Bible Study!

Day & Time	Location	Topic	Open To	Pastor Leader
Sundays 10:30 -11:30 a.m.	Sanctuary	Old Testament Prophets	All	Skovgaard & Teggatz
Tuesdays 7 - 8 a.m.	Room 228	Matthew, commentary led	Men	Skovgaard
Tuesdays 10 - 11 a.m.	BAAC	Psalms	Women	Teggatz
Wednesdays 10 - 11 a.m. (except 1st Wed. of month)	BAAC	Book of Romans	All	Skovgaard

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Col. 3:16)

## Luther and Musicians of the Reformation



Martin Luther famously stated that "next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise" (AE 53:323). An accomplished amateur musician himself, Luther

led the charge of putting music into the mouths of the people. He wrote several hymns that married Christian doctrine to singable tunes of the era like "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" (*LSB* 556), "These Are the Holy Ten Commands" (*LSB* 581), and, of course, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (*LSB* 656) among others. These hymns and others like them enabled the rapid spread of Reformation theology as they were sung around Germany. It was clear from the early sixteenth century that music—hymns in particular—would play an important role in the Lutheran Church, especially as the role of congregational singing grew.

Some of the most theologically rich and musically exquisite hymns came from Lutheran German hymnwriters in the years during and following the Reformation. Writers and composers such as Paul Speratus, Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, and Paul Gerhardt contributed hymns such as "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (*LSB* 555), "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (*LSB* 395), "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (*LSB* 516), and numerous others that continued to uphold the role of music and hymns in the Lutheran Church. These hymns were meant to be sung by the congregation so that the words were in their ears, minds, and mouths. It was clear that Lutherans took their music seriously and strove to build on the rich musical tradition of the Church at large, not limiting music's role as other reformers did.

### From Bach to *Lutheran Service Book*

Indeed, one of the world's greatest composers, Johann Sebastian Bach, was a Lutheran who composed much of his music for the Church. His works are greatly studied and admired at large today. In my music theory classes at my nonreligiously-affiliated college, we extensively studied Bach chorales to learn the rules of part-writing and harmony in music. Bach's compositions certainly upheld

the incredible Lutheran musical tradition, composing many chorale harmonizations and including hymns as part of his larger works to musically remind congregations of their involvement in properly responding to hearing God's Word. The musical works of all of these great men are compiled in our modern hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*. Our hymnal's combination of scholarly work, careful attention to detail, historical insight, and the appropriate wedding of texts and tunes sets it apart as one of the best hymnals in the Christian Church. Although not always used to its fullest extent, *Lutheran Service Book* offers Lutheran congregations a serious and impressive feast of music of all eras, from early Latin chant to twenty-first-century hymn tunes and texts. It is a true gift to watch the strong Lutheran musical tradition continue today through the use of our hymnal.

### Music for Us

The Christian Church celebrates music and boasts a rich musical heritage. The Lutheran Church, though, has taken that musical heritage, greatly expanded it, offered it to the common people, upholds it today, and most importantly, continues that musical heritage as an essential way to hear and proclaim the Word of God. As Lutherans, we see great sacred music not only as a relic of the past—perhaps brought to life in concert halls and great cathedrals as primarily wonderful music with some pretty words—but as preaching *the* Word. Our music possesses life and strength as we recognize that it offers us more than pleasant noise best suited for choirs, professional musicians, and music connoisseurs. Our music speaks words of life and salvation.

### And our music is for us.

Sing to the Lord a new song, certainly. And then hear and sing, "Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours emaineth" (*LSB* 656). Our Reformation heritage is not that we offer a sacrifice to God but that He has sacrificed His Son for us. And *that* gives us reason to sing and make music.

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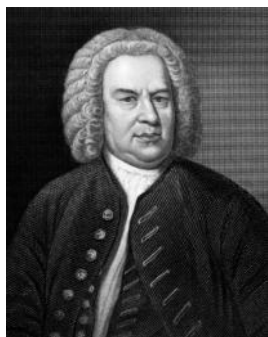
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By Marie Greenway, October 18, 2022

[blog.cph.org/worship/the-musical-heritage-of-the-lutheran-church](http://blog.cph.org/worship/the-musical-heritage-of-the-lutheran-church)

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Although also a trained violinist and singer, Bach focused his professional career on playing the organ. He served as organist at Arnstadt (1703-7) and Mühlhausen (1707-8); as court organist and later concertmaster in the chapel of the duke of Weimar (1708-17); and as music director at the court of a prince in Cöthen (1717-23). The vast majority of his sacred and choral compositional output, including his well-known Cantatas and Passions, came during the years he served in Leipzig at the churches of St. Nicholas and St. Thomas (1723-50).



(The photo on the front cover shows a Bach

Memorial at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, an important Protestant-Lutheran church. Place of work and burial of Johann Sebastian Bach.)

Bach's known compositions number over 1,100 and cover all musical genres of his day with the exception of opera. Writing primarily to fulfill the needs of the various positions he held, he not only incorporated all the styles and forms available, but developed unsuspected potentialities of each with technical perfection of every detail. Little of Bach's music was published during his lifetime while the rest remained in handwritten copies. The temporal neglect of his music can be attributed to a new style emanating from the opera houses in Italy rendering Bach's style 'old-fashioned.' A rediscovery of his music in the early nineteenth century cemented his place in the history of western music for good.

By Mr. Jonathan Swett LCMS July 28, 2017



The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. The Bible study is found in the spring issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* on pages 18-19 titled "Who Is My Neighbor and What Does This Mean?" centered around the

parable of the Good Samaritan. Other Bible verses will be studied to broaden our concept of who our neighbor is.

The evening group of LWML will not meet in the month of June, but will meet on Monday, July 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the Friendship Library. The mission project will be cutting and sewing of fabric to make eye glass cases to be used on MOST mission trips. It is interesting to note that for the May meeting, our group assembled 28 health kits for the Attic to be given to people in need. Another project to be started after the July meeting will be the knitting of baby cap sets.

Our LWML big event in June is the upcoming 80<sup>th</sup> LWML-SWD Convention to be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield, WI on June 19-20. Theme of the convention is "Radiating Christ's Light" based on Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Keynote speaker is Deb Burma, author of



Christian books published by Concordia Publishing House. Her articles have been published in several Lutheran magazines: led workshops for the Concordia University System; married to Rev. Cory Burma who is pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Columbus, Nebraska. Above all, Deb is a grace filled woman of God.

Gifts from the Heart are designated for Lord's Lambs and Lord's Cupboard located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc, WI. Items needed are baby wipes; diapers sizes 4,5,6; pull-up sizes; and cereal; soup, peanut butter. Also part of the Gifts from the Heart will be layette kits for Orphan Grain Train. Included for this charity are the following: cloth diapers; diaper pins; rubber or reusable swimmer pants (not diapers); wash-cloths; sleepers; onesies; receiving blankets; and blankets. Congregation members who would like to donate any items may put them in the big LWML Mite Box near the LWML bulletin board. Thank you.

Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19 and also on Saturday, June 20 after 7:15 a.m. with the convention called to order at 9:00 a.m. The convention will adjourn at 4:00 p.m. Voting for elected officers and mission grants will take place in the morning session.

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

*Barbara Kurth*

## St. Martini Celebrates Women Created in God's Image

St. Martini, Milwaukee



We thank God for the beautiful celebration of International Women's Day held at St. Martini Lutheran Church this year. It was a meaningful time where we honored and reflected on the incredible value that every woman has in the eyes of God.

We are reminded that each woman is created with purpose, dignity, and love. At St. Martini, we strive to teach this truth to everyone—children, youth, and adults alike—that they are deeply loved by God. At the same time, we are committed to sharing this love with others

who may not yet know Him.

We also give thanks to God for allowing us to serve people from many different cultures. Though we come from diverse backgrounds, we are united by one faith and one love in Christ.

At this time, we humbly ask for your prayers, as we are facing serious financial challenges. We trust that God, who has guided us thus far, will continue to provide.

(Source: Mission and Mercy Moments, South Wisconsin District, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, May 2026)

## 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.





## ~ A Concert for America ~

Piano and Organ Music Celebrating  
Independence Day 2026

Saturday, June 20, 3 p.m.  
Elm Grove Lutheran Church

Plan to attend this very special music event on Saturday, June 20, at 3:00 p.m., hosted at our church and featuring two exceptionally talented musicians.

The concert celebrating our country's 250th features our own Richard C. Ewert at the console of our digitally enhanced Casavant Pipe organ and Dr. Aaron Wunsch, Professor of Keyboard Studies at the renowned Juilliard School in New York City, playing our classic Steinway Piano. Beloved organ and piano favorites are featured.



Rick grew up in our congregation and began playing organ in his youth. He earned a bachelor's degree in organ performance from Carroll University plus advanced studies leading to the Master of Church Music degree from Concordia University Wisconsin. He is a leader in the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists. His skills in organ performance and hymn accompaniment have been recognized widely at home and abroad, serving as organist at several LCMS District and Synod conventions and as a dedicated recitalist and hymn festival accompanist locally and in Kenya.



Aaron is the son of EGL member Duane Wunsch and his late wife Ann. He was confirmed at EGL in 1991. He earned the Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* at Yale University; his graduate studies were at the Mozarteum in Salzburg and the Juilliard School. Presently he teaches master classes in piano and other music classes at Juilliard and performs as a concert soloist and with ensembles around the world. He is artistic director of the Music Mondays concert series in New York City and co-artistic director of the Skaneateles Festival in the Finger Lakes region of New York.

Musical selections will include piano and organ favorites and feature a rare live performance of the Concerto for Organ and Piano (Op. 74) composed by the Belgian organist Flor Peeters in 1951. Peeters taught famed American organist Paul Manz, whose musical influence in turn shaped our own Rick Ewert and the way he masterfully supports our hymn singing almost every Sunday.

Familiar solo pieces for both organ and piano will round out the program, which will include George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Charles Ives' "Variations on 'America'" in honor of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 4, Independence Day. The concert includes the singing of two hymns appropriate to the occasion: "God of our Fathers" and "God Bless our Native Land."

A reception will be held afterward in Fellowship Hall. Admission is free and open to the public; freewill donations will be accepted. Contact the church office for more information: 262-797-2970 or [info@egl.org](mailto:info@egl.org).



Invite others! Open the QR code on your smartphone & copy into emails & social media.



On May 17, church members gathered for the annual Voters Assembly.

The agenda included:

- Comments from church President, Ron Harmeyer
- Comments from Elders Committee Chairman, Paul Haut
- Executive's Report from Pastor Skovgaard  
Membership & Attendance, Financial, Building and Grounds, Committees
- Approval of annual budget
- Elections: EGL and Trinity Board of Directors, Elders



## To God be the Glory!!

As we close the school year at Trinity Lutheran Classical High School, we give thanks to God for an incredible first year together with Elm Grove Lutheran Church. This year has been filled with growth, partnership, and many blessings as our students, families, faculty, and church community came together to build a strong foundation for the future of our school.

On May 21, students completed their final exams and gathered for our closing chapel service, ending the year in worship and thanksgiving. It was a meaningful way to reflect on all that God has accomplished through this school year.

As we look ahead, we are excited for several new developments coming next year. Trinity Lutheran Classical High School will welcome a new Headmaster as well as a new science teacher, both of whom will help continue our mission of providing a Christ-centered classical education. We are also especially excited that next year will mark another important milestone for our school — the graduation of our very first senior class.

Current Headmaster and science teacher Jason Eggold shared these reflections as the year comes to a close: “It has truly been a pleasure and a blessing to serve Trinity Lutheran Classical High School during this important first year at Elm Grove Lutheran. I am deeply thankful for the support of our students, families, faculty, and church members who have helped make this year such a success. I wish the school God’s richest blessings in the years ahead as it continues to grow and shape the lives of Lutheran students for generations to come.”

Thank you to the members of Elm Grove Lutheran Church for your prayers, encouragement, and support throughout this first year. We look forward with excitement and confidence to all that God has planned for Trinity Lutheran Classical High School in the coming years.

## Closing Service in May 21st



Thank you for your support through the EGL Golf outing in May.

We will take the month of July off and return with updates on the school in August.

Have a blessed summer!





The Elm Grove Lutheran Foundation's Drive to Thrive Golf Outing, Dinner and Raffle was held on Friday, May 8th at Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex. The weather was very nice for the golfers, and a fun time was had by all. Trinity Lutheran Classical High School had teachers, students, and their family members volunteering at the event, and the proceeds raised for the school totaled \$7,981.39!

Thank you to those who attended the outing, either as a golfer, a diner, or both. And thank you to all the volunteers, those who helped with prep beforehand, and at the event. Our sincere appreciation for the businesses and individuals who donated money and raffle items. And of course, a special thank you to our 2026 sponsors!

Thank You to Our Sponsors!



Kantor Andrew Hopfensperger, faculty member at Trinity, and his wife, Christal, attended to enjoy the day and support the effort. Students and their families were also there to help.



Volunteers Diane and Jim Olson helped to make the event a success. They sold raffle tickets, helped with the drawings and manned the wine pull table.



Thanks to the EGL Foundation for sponsoring this winning event. Special thanks to Ann Wilcox who managed many of the details. Some attendees had a fun day of golf and many enjoyed fellowship and a delicious buffet dinner before the raffle.



**Calling all  
Brewers fans!**

**Everyone is invited to a cook-out dinner and a fun evening of cheering for our team. Make sure to wear your Brewers attire!**

There will be plenty of burgers, brats, hot dogs, and of course other snacks as well. Viewing on several large screens will guarantee that you won't miss any home runs and close plays.

**DETAILS:** Brewers vs. the Philadelphia Phillies

**DATE:** Saturday, June 13

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** EGL - Fellowship Hall

**RSVP:** Please let us know how many fans will be joining us.

You may use the sign-up sheet in the back of church or contact the church office: 262-797-2970.



## EGL Stammtisch!

**Welcome to Summer, Guys!**

Warmer temps, nice weather (hopefully!) and certainly appropriate for great conversation and fellowship over a "cold one", so join your friends at the **June EGL Stammtisch** on **Thursday, June 18** for our monthly "Guys Night Out!"

We'll be taking our standard break for July and August and will be back again in September!



### From the EGL Archives:

EGL member, Pastor Hal Senkbeil, submitted this special memory. The photo shows a page from a recipe book that his financial advisory firm compiles and prints of treasured recipes from their clients. He credits his late wife, Jane.

*35 years ago and more, the ladies service league would serve this casserole upon request at funeral luncheons; hence we called it the funeral casserole at our house. Jane frequently served this down-sized recipe at extended family gatherings. Note the recipe card in her handwriting in the upper corner of the picture.*



### Funeral Casserole

*Shared by: Harold E. (client since 2002)*

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp. butter/shortening
- 1/2 lb. American or Velveeta cheese, cubed
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1 to 1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
- 1/2 cup sliced pimento olives
- 1 - 8 oz. package Chow Mein noodles, cooked
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup, thinned with 1+ cup milk
- 1 - 4 oz. can sliced mushrooms, drained
- (optional) 1/2 cup salted peanuts (Planters Old Fashioned Peanuts or Cocktail Peanuts are best)

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Grease 9x13 dish. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
  2. Brown onions and beef; mix all ingredients and pour soup mixture over all.
  3. Bake 25 minutes then sprinkle with 1 cup chow main noodles plus 1/2 cup salted peanuts.
  4. Bake additional 15 minutes.
- \*Note: Putting cubed cheese into soup will prevent it from clumping.*

*"Though Jane, my late wife, labeled it 'Elm Grove Ladies Service League' casserole, we always called it the 'Funeral Casserole'. The ladies of our church, in that era, frequently served it at the request of families of loved ones' luncheons after funerals at Elm Grove Lutheran Church."*

## BREAD & FISH



Pictured are Kris Nitschke, Linda Hoffman, Claire Schuppner, Carole Braun and Diane Olson (Not pictured, Meg Grelk)



The Bread and Fish group met on May 1. Carole Braun, Linda Hoffman, Kris Nitschke, Claire Schuppner and Diane Olson sorted and packed 24 boxes of donated clothing. On May 6, Diane and Jim Olson delivered the boxes to Hope Lutheran in Milwaukee.



### June Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

If your birth date or wedding anniversary is not included, please be sure to contact the church office.  
Thanks!



#### June 1

A-Jim & Janine Netzel  
Samantha Ruhnau-Gee

#### June 2

Kris Nitschke

#### June 3

A-Dick & Sue Knutson

#### June 4

Anthony Bagwell  
Chloe Handrich

#### June 5

Lisa Savaglio  
Diane Zavadil

#### June 6

Steve Hipenbecker

#### June 7

Lamont Colucci  
Kate Lind

#### June 9

A-Bill & Paula Keefer  
A-Joan & Tom Knuteson  
A-John & Nancy Wolck  
Tirzah Cook

#### June 10

Julie Luetzow  
Katie Radewahn

#### June 11

A-Tom & Sue Paasch  
David Bennett

#### June 12

Jason Seals  
Teresa Stritesky

#### June 13

A-Megan & Don Dougherty  
Grace Dennis  
Tyler Hipke  
Karen Kennedy  
Will Myatt

#### June 14

A-Mike & Carrie Marble

#### June 15

Andrew Holmes  
Lynn Radovich

#### June 16

Elijah Thompson

#### June 18

Marnie Klein  
Sarah Stroh

#### June 19

A-Tim & Cheryl Albers  
Karla Bessert  
Louis Fohr  
Molly Stritesky

#### June 20

A-Gene & Laura Traas

#### June 21

A-Rob & Heather Hipke

#### June 22

A-David & Cindy Busse  
Anne Schmadl

#### June 23

A-Rev. Dennis & Beverly  
Hipenbecker  
A-Cynthia & Stephan Regenfuss  
Ron Harmeyer

#### June 24

A-Dennis & Carole Braun  
A-Lindsay & Brian Mitchell  
A-Linda & Patrick Seroka  
Marissa Kritzer

#### June 25

Tara Anderson  
Debra Weller

#### June 26

A-Dick & Chris Rahardt  
A-Steve & Anne Schmadl  
Pat Mueller

#### June 28

Octavia Bagwell  
Sharon Boudro  
Isabella Colucci

#### June 29

A-Harry & Joan Knight  
A-Mark & Eva Midtbo  
Kelly Niggemann

#### June 30

Sharon Gehrke



# June

## Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar - 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 6:30 p.m. Worship C	5 PALS (Multiple Locations in the Building)	6 PALS (Multiple Locations in the Building)
7 9:00 a.m. Worship C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Confirmation 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	8 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors (228) 7:00 p.m. Barber-shop Group (FH)	9 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	10 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	11 6:30 p.m. Worship		13 6 p.m. Brewers Game Cookout (Fellowship Hall)
14 9:00 a.m. Worship C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Confirmation 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	15 7:00 p.m. Barber-shop Group (FH)	16 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	17 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	18 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Worship C 7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (BAAC)	19	20 3 p.m. EGL Concert for America — Organ and Piano featuring Richard Ewert and Aaron Wunsch
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### The Promise Realized Through Faith

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he

believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Romans 4:13-25



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The deadline for articles and photos to be submitted for the next *Seasons* is:

**Monday, June 15**

Submissions can be sent to [seasons@egl.org](mailto:seasons@egl.org)



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**Prayer Warriors at Elm Grove Lutheran Church are ready to pray for you.**

If you have a prayer request or wish to become a part of this great mission, please contact:

Linda Hoffmann – [LindaHoffmann@yahoo.com](mailto:LindaHoffmann@yahoo.com) or call 262-786-1203, or email Meg Grelk, [mgrelk55@gmail.com](mailto:mgrelk55@gmail.com)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

**The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday**

(Unless there is a fifth Sunday in the month, when Matins is sung)

Bible Study will follow the service  
10:30-11:30

**Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

**The Lord's Supper is celebrated 1st, 3rd, 5th Thursday**

### **The Beauty of Altar Flowers**

Celebrate an anniversary or birthday, remember and honor a loved one, or give thanks for blessings received by sponsoring Altar flowers. Take the beautiful arrangement home to enjoy after the Sunday worship service. The cost is \$35.

Please call or email Amy Stroh in the church office to request a date and to provide a message for the bulletin; 262-797-2970 or [astroh@egl.org](mailto:astroh@egl.org).



### **Memorial Day Commemoration at historic Oak Hill Cemetery**

Pastor Skovgaard gave the Invocation for the day's solemn remembrance honoring all those in the U.S. Military who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

Pictured above is Shelly & Pastor Skovgaard, Helen Moore and the Sons of the Revolution. At left is Pastor Skovgaard with historian, Dr. Stephen Hauser, at the grave of Nathan Hatch, Revolutionary War hero.