

# SEASONS

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

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## His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

to him who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

to him who by understanding made the  
heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

to him who spread out the earth above  
the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

to him who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

It is he who remembered us in our  
low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
he who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalms 136: 1–9, 23–26



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## From Your Pastor

St Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:14, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." The resurrection of the body is the center of our Christian hope. And not just the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, but our own physical resurrections on that great day when Christ returns to gather His elect. Jaroslav Pelikan once famously said that "if Christ is risen from the dead, then nothing else matters; if Christ is NOT risen from the dead, nothing else matters." So, it's no surprise that the 69<sup>th</sup> regular convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod met in Phoenix July 18-23 under the theme of "Jesus Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia." The truth that Christ is risen changes everything.

Gathered together under that truth, the convention – composed of nearly 1,000 voting pastoral and lay delegates, as well as 100's of advisory delegates and foreign dignitaries – elected Synod officers and passed resolutions, sometimes after vigorous debate. This was my third convention as an ordained pastor, and it was easily the most efficient, productive, and meaningful convention that I've attended. I attended as part of the Synod's Praesidium, composed of Synod President Matthew Harrison and the regional vice presidents. Last fall I had been appointed as the Great Lakes Regional Vice President after the retirement of John Wohlrabe. Now I am the regional Vice President by election.

In no particular order, below are some of the highlights for me coming out of the convention:

- Meeting a young pastor who took a chance encounter to share with me that he had remembered me telling him as a little boy in Vacaville, California, that he should become pastor some day. 20 years later he was one!
- Being interviewed on KFYO's "Coffee Hour" program about my own journey into the ministry.
- Catching up with Tyler McMiller, a son of EGL, who is now a missionary in Italy.
- Hearing a presentation by the retiring head of chaplains in the US Navy, Rev Dr Gregory Todd, on chaplains in the military as missionaries.
- Working on Floor Committee 2, International Witness, and celebrating the many opportunities God is placing in front of The LCMS to expand true Gospel proclamation. These opportunities include declaring altar and pulpit fellowship with the Lutheran Mission in Australia and the Lutheran Church in Bolivia.
- Chairing the convention, even just long enough to see

John Sias reelected as Synod Secretary. Sias is a truly remarkable man, encyclopedic in memory and understanding, a great gift to the Church.



*Pastor Skougaard*

- Watching the security detail do its work of protecting the President Harrison inside and out of the convention, all the while blending in.
- Serving as a Communion assistant at the opening worship service with 1,500 in attendance.
- Having dinner with dozens of international Lutheran church leaders as we rejoiced in our fellowship around a common confession of the faith once for all delivered to the saints. Later in the week I met one-on-one for dinner with Bishop Thor With of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in order to better understand the history of the Church my ancestors emigrated from.
- Seeing resolutions passed that stressed the residential seminary programs as the norm for future pastors; another urging us to ponder and repent of political violence of all sorts and the martyrdom of Charlie Kirk; another encouraging more Districts and congregations to participate in the various FORO's around the world, including the one in Germany that EGL has participated in; another reestablishing the Commission on Worship for the sake of eventually publishing a new hymnal and other worship resources; and another rejecting a motion to return the vote for Synod President to the convention.
- Worshipping three times a day with godly sermons and beautiful music, accompanied with a children's choir and a variety of instrumentation.
- Hearing the President of the Wisconsin Synod, Mark Schroeder, bring greetings to the convention and celebrate the annual conversations that he and President Harrison have had for years as they seek to overcome the divisions that divided the Synodical Conference decades ago.

I went to Phoenix thinking primarily about the money the Synod was saving by meeting in Phoenix in July. Surely we had gotten a great deal on the convention location? However, seeing how the Synod conducts her business, from several new angles, was truly a blessing to me. We have much to give thanks for, even in very trying times. In fact, the Synod hired an outside parliamentarian to advise us. At the end of the convention he remarked privately to me that this was the best convention he's ever worked. Bear in mind that he's not Lutheran and working conventions as a parliamentarian is what he does for a living! Three years from now the Synod will gather again, next time in St Louis. Perhaps EGL will be represented again, if with a different delegate.

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

#### TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

**By Death:** Chuck Ewert  
Arnie Will  
Louis Scheer

#### Cover art:

Stained glass depicting baptismal font on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at Heavenly Host Lutheran Church, Cookeville, Tenn.

LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford



# Trinity Lutheran Classical School Update

August 2026

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—  
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.*

*Ephesians 2:8-10*



## Strong Minds, Strong Bodies, Strong Spirit

Hello! My name is Melvin Beversdorf. I'm the 4th child of Rev. James and Bonnie Beversdorf (from Shawano, WI and Huntley, IL respectively). I was born in Ormoc City, Philippines during my dad's 3rd missionary term in the Philippines. I lived in Texas, Indiana, and Pennsylvania (12th Grade in Herrnhut, Germany) before attending Concordia, River Forest where I majored in Elementary Education with a minor in Psychology. I met my beautiful wife, Jaclyn Brook at CURF, and we were married in 2003. God has blessed us with 8 children ranging in ages from 4 to 20. Lutheran teaching experience began with math and science at St. James in Chicago (Lincoln Park neighborhood) with middle school math and science.

I taught American Civics and World History at Atlas Preparatory in Milwaukee before God led me to work in the marketing communications department for an insurance company headquartered in Sun Prairie. Called back to Lutheran ministry to my wife's home congregation in 2010, I taught 13 years at Our Father's - mostly in 3rd and 4th grade, directing drama, and coaching cross country, basketball and soccer. After teaching 1 year of middle school science (Earth Science, Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry) at St. John's in Racine, I have worked for 2 years as the Preschool Director at St. Peter's Lutheran (Waterford). I pray God continues to open doors to those who He calls to be part of the Trinity Lutheran Classical School community.



These last 2 years, I've enjoyed seeing my two high schoolers challenged and grow through meaningful content and thoughtful teaching. I've been involved in assistant coaching soccer and basketball with our co-op sports team school, Grace Christian Academy. Having earned my Master's degree from Concordia - Mequon in School Administration and Curriculum Instruction, I look forward eagerly to work with you. I'm asking God to give me wisdom to make positive enhancements to our schedule and to set in place our 4 year plan as we look forward to graduating our first seniors in May 2027. I'm just getting started and I'm so excited to be working in your midsts. Thank you so much for hosting us here on your beautiful campus and for being so welcoming to me as I get started. Please come down and visit. You are especially welcome to check us out on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 19: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Back to School Night

Monday, August 24: 8:00 a.m. Opening Chapel with Pastor Skovgaard

If there is anything that you have questions about, please don't hesitate to ask. I'm willing to sit down and listen and hear your ideas. Please tell your family and friends about the opportunities that God is providing at Trinity Lutheran Classical School. I'd love for them to visit. May God bless you this August and in the year to come! Thank you for your prayers and support!

### *Trinity Lutheran Classical Update: 4 year plan - additions / electives*

As I've reviewed our curriculum and state graduation requirements, I'm proposing that we add some practical classes (some of which are required by WI DPI). These include Technology Skills, Financial Literacy, Interpersonal Skills (includes job interviews and college applications), in addition to our Senior Capstone Project and presentation. I've been reminded that even as a small start-up school, students grow immensely in their oral communication, confidence, and social skills through our opportunities to discuss, debate and present ideas related to this world, history, and our faith. Additionally, we are adding some electives for upperclassmen such as German and off-campus Early College Credit Program courses at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Based on my devotion to Lutheran beliefs, I'm adding a few more readings in the Bible, the Book of Concord, and from Walter and Koehler to the Omnibus (History, Literature, and Theology) class. I look forward to students diving deeper and discussing the basis for our firmly rooted faith in Christ Jesus.

*Don't despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin... Zechariah 4:10*

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

| Day & Time                                         | Location                                           | Topic                     | Open To | Pastor Leader       |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Sundays 10:30 -11:30 a.m.                          | Sanctuary                                          | Pastoral Epistles         | All     | Skovgaard & Teggatz |
| Sundays 10:45-11:30 a.m. (Youth study begins 8/9)  | Youth Room                                         | The Gospel in Seven Words | Youth   | Teggatz             |
| Tuesdays 7 - 8 a.m.                                | Room 228                                           | Revelation                | Men     | Skovgaard           |
| Tuesdays 10 - 11 a.m.                              | BAAC                                               | Psalms                    | Women   | Teggatz             |
| Wednesdays 10 - 11 a.m. (except 1st Wed. of month) | BAAC (on hiatus until after the Labor Day weekend) | Book of Romans            | All     | Skovgaard           |



During the LWML-SWD Convention in June, delegates voted for the new Mission Grants for the 2026-2028 Biennium.

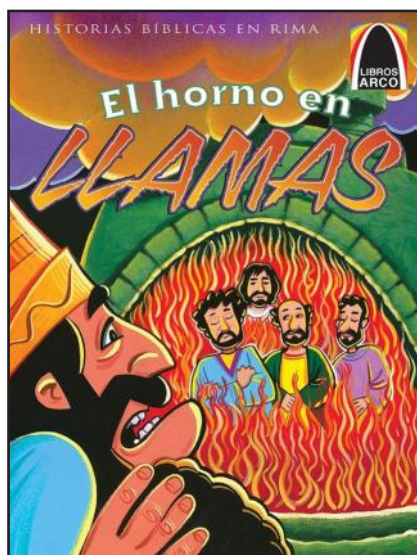
*Here are the results:*

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| 1. Orphan Grain Train – Wisconsin          | \$15,000 |
| 2. SWD Church Workers Student Grant        | \$30,000 |
| 3. LSFS of Wisconsin – Help Children       | \$25,000 |
| 4. Journeys Lutheran School                | \$25,000 |
| 5. A Place of Refuge Advocacy Ministry     | \$15,000 |
| 6. Seminary – Fort Wayne Co-Op Food        | \$15,000 |
| 7. Bethany Lutheran Ministry Outreach      | \$20,000 |
| 8. LERT Trailer Project for Disasters      | \$17,500 |
| 9. Chaplains' Wives Wellness Ministry      | \$5,000  |
| 10. Seminary – Fort Wayne Purchase Freezer | \$2,500  |

Giving of your mites will be used to fund the 10 Mission Grants. Grant #10 will be partially funded for \$2,500 to be used to purchase a walk-in freezer for the seminary Food Co-Op.

National LWML has 40 districts in our country and has a National Mites Goal for the biennium 2025-2027 of \$2,622,270.00. You may wonder where all this money comes from. Each of the 40 districts sends 25% of its mites offering to the National LWML and uses 75% for its District's Mites goal.

National Grant #15 is **Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA** for \$125,000. Concordia Publishing House publishes the Arch books which contain stories from the Old Testament and the New Testament including colorful illustrations geared for children of all ages. Now, these books are being published in Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Farsi, and Telugu. LWML wants to distribute these books to immigrant children to spread the Word of God in these ethnic languages.



The book title, *El horno en llamas* translates to *The Fiery Furnace*.

This book retells the story of Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego (Daniel 3). The series is scripturally sound, enjoyable and easy to remember.

To God be the glory!

Thank you to members of our congregation that faithfully contribute their mites to the spreading of the Gospel message.

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

*Barbara Kurth*



## Calling all Mission-Minded Women

The LWML "evening" group extends an invitation to women of all ages to explore hands-on projects that can be done at home or in a group setting.

Join us September 14 at 6:30 in the Friendship Library to learn about past activities, suggest new ones and assist in planning our calendar for the next year. You don't need any special talent or time commitment—participate in as many or few projects as you like. In past years, we have packed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, made cookie jars that are sold in the fall, cut crosses from old greeting cards that are used by LCMS missionaries, made eyeglass cases to go with donated glasses, wrote encouraging notes to service members and others, assembled "birthday" bags for those in need, cut plastic bags to be crocheted into sleeping mats for the homeless and many others. In addition to projects that are done during group meetings, we will be offering "kits" that our knitters and sewers can take home to complete and return.

If you can't make it on September 14 but would like to learn more about participating in a project, contact Susan Schmalzer 414-313-3888, Luanne Schaefer 262-617-0561 or Linda Hoffmann 262-844-0175.



## LifeWalk 2026



**Register and print sponsorship forms at**  
**[aplaceofrefuge.org](http://aplaceofrefuge.org) or simply scan the QR code.**

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| • Health Fair     | • 3k Life Walk |
| • Silent Auction  | • Lunch        |
| • Light Breakfast | • T-Shirt      |



**A Place of Refuge Ministries Annual LifeWalk**  
**Hosted By: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Mequon, WI**

**When: September 12, 2026**

**Where: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**

For more information, call Susan Schmalzer 414-313-3888.  
11313 N. Riverland Rd. Mequon, WI 53092



All sponsorship contributions are tax-deductible under our 501(c)(3) status and aid pregnant women and their children who are served by A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc.

Young Lea Soderland took her confirmation vows on June 28. She had received her instruction at St Paul's Lutheran School in West Allis, where she had attended 7th and 8th grades, but after examination by Pastor Skovgaard really wanted to be confirmed in her home congregation of Elm Grove Lutheran Church. We thank God for such young people and rejoice that the torch of faith has been handed to another generation.



"Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally."  
(LSB 664:1)



## DONATE BLOOD

### Elm Grove Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Wednesday  
**August 12th**  
2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**Helpful tip:**  
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

945 Terrace Drive., Elm Grove. AAL Room 170

\*<https://tinyurl.com/ElmGroveLuthAugust> to make your appointment via this link or QR code

\*Questions please call 877.232.4376 or visit [versiti.org/WI](https://www.versiti.org/WI)

Donate blood, and enjoy a \$50 off coupon to Wilderness Resort, while supplies last.

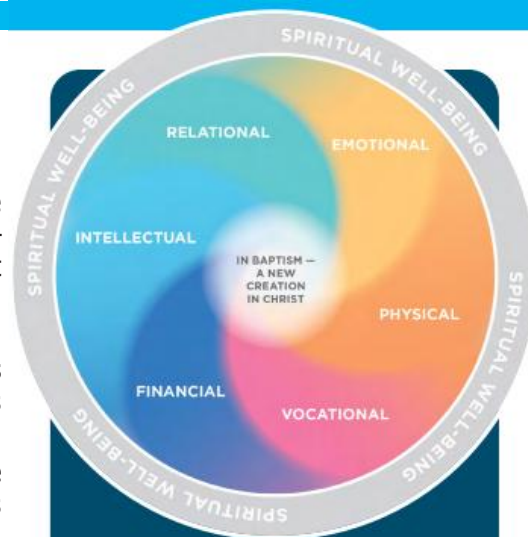
## Emotional Intelligence: The skill that changes everything

Mental health shapes how we feel, think, communicate and connect with others. The LCMS Wellness Wheel describes emotional wellness as the ability to experience, understand and express our God-given emotions — and to recognize the feelings of those around us. These are the skills at the heart of your emotional intelligence (EI).

Unlike IQ, EI can grow. Practicing self-awareness, active listening and feedback builds a stronger foundation for resilience. A higher EI helps us handle stress, build meaningful relationships and navigate tough times with grace — making a positive difference for ourselves and others.

Emotional wellness also means cultivating gratitude — pausing to praise and thank God for His daily gifts. Stewarding our emotional health means managing feelings healthily, sometimes with pastoral or counseling support, so we can share hope in Jesus with others.

Sources: Lutheran Witness; LCMS Stewardship Ministry; LCMS.org; PubMed; Harvard



### Whole-person wellness, grounded in Christ

The LCMS Wellness Wheel illustrates our multifaceted well-being, with Baptism in Christ at the core and spiritual wellness encompassing all aspects. Each facet reflects God's order and His promise to bear fruit in our lives.



## SAVE the DATE

June 22-25, 2027

Higher Things Conference - CUW

"Higher Things is many things, all of which seek to keep young people focused on Christ and His gifts as they grow and mature in their faith. It is parents teaching their children the catechism. It is youth workers and volunteers reinforcing what is preached from their congregations' pulpits and confessed in their pews. And it is pastors keeping their young sheep Lutheran as they grow up."

[higherthings.org/torah](http://higherthings.org/torah)



"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

Matthew 5:17

SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT YOUTH EVENT

## RESTART

### End of Summer Party

AT SLICK CITY ACTION PARK  
IN WAUWATOSA



SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026 | 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

PLAY • SERVE • WORSHIP

Questions about the event? Contact Nicole Dollevoet  
nicoled@stpaulfalls.com 920.540.1761

## District Youth Event for all Middle School and High School Youth of the South Wisconsin District

Sunday, August 9 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Slick City in Wauwatosa

### Restart Schedule of Events

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. Check-in, venue open, service project opportunity, concessions open for purchase.
- 7:00-7:30 p.m. Park activities and service project close and worship begins
- 7:30 p.m. Event concludes

### Registration Fee

- 1-10 participating youth & adults—\$100
- 11-20 participating youth & adults—\$200
- 21-30 participating youth & adults—\$300

Registration is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Register - <https://swd.lcms.org/restart>

Registration opens May 1 and deadline is August 1.

### NOTE:

- Signed parental waivers must be completed online prior to entry: <https://slickcity.com/wi-wauwatosa/waiver/>
- Long pants and long sleeves are to be worn as slides can be fast.
- Special socks (sponsored by Concordia University Wisconsin) will be given out when entering the location and must be worn at all times.



### Remembering the Early Days of Brookfield

Ten ladies from EGL enjoyed a private lunchtime tea at the Dousman Stagecoach Inn. Most were members of the Book Club, but we welcomed some new faces as well! Each woman learned the history of the calling card as well as that of the Historic Inn with a tour. Tea in the dining room was a great time for fellowship with many stories being shared by those that have lived in this area. Plus, the delicious menu including fruits, sandwiches, veggies and dessert was much more than "just tea". We did discuss the book "Little House in Brookfield" which is a young teen novel telling the story of Caroline Quiner (Mother of Laura Ingalls Wilder) when she grew up in Brookfield, WI. The Dousman Inn was built in 1843, so it was an actual building in Brookfield when Caroline was here. It served as the local Post Office as well as the Stagecoach stop so it could be that Caroline as a child visited this very building. It was a great afternoon spent immersing ourselves in the history of our community and getting a real feeling of what life was like for the characters in our book.



## SAVE the DATE for BINGO

EGL is having a Bingo Night on Saturday, August 15 in the Fellowship Hall

### Food Fun Prizes

Bingo cards sold for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.  
Dinner (Pulled Pork) starts at 5:30 with games to follow.  
50/50 Grand Prize!

Watch for Signup Genius online or a sign-up sheet in the back of church.



All are welcome to join the **LUNCH BUNCH** ladies.

A group of EGL members meet for lunch on the third Thursday of every month. Each month a member "hostess" chooses the local restaurant.



To learn the specific plans for each lunch refer to the weekly newsletter.

PICKLEBALL



+ JESUS

Thank you to everyone who has come out to play, connect, and grow in faith together! Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious, there's a place for you on the court. Games are held in the school gym. Look for our schedule of games in the weekly newsletter or the monthly calendar in *Seasons*.

# SUMMER READING

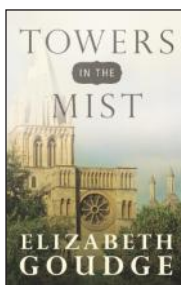
A few favorite books  
from LCMS staff writers.

(*The Lutheran Witness*,  
June 25, 2026)



**'Towers in the Mist'** Elizabeth Goudge (Henrickson, 2015)

It's now been more than 25 years since my (then) future mother-in-law first shared with me her deep love for the works of Elizabeth Goudge (1900–1984). To my shame, I never read any of Goudge's novels until after Brenda's funeral in 2021. Brenda was right, though. Goudge is exactly my kind of author: lyrical and luminous, with a warm affection for history and humanity and a soul forever open to moments of divine transcendence. Although a bestseller in her time, Goudge has now largely been forgotten — which is regrettable, since her wise-eyed wonder offers a refreshing antidote to the cynical malaise of our time. I now read at least one Goudge novel a year, often saving them for my vacations.



This summer, I'm enjoying *Towers in the Mist*, which tells the intertwining stories of orphaned prodigy Faithful Crocker and the large, motherless family of Canon Gervas Leigh in Elizabethan Oxford. Featuring moonlight serenades, an uproarious town-and-gown riot and colorful cameos by Philip Sydney, Walter Raleigh and Queen Elizabeth I, Goudge's paean to her former hometown (her father was an Oxford professor of divinity) shines on every page.

**'The Quiet Ambition: Scripture's Surprising Antidote to Our Restless Lives'**

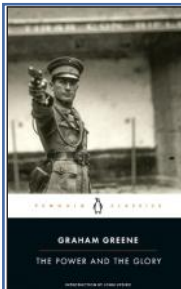
Ryan P. Tinetti  
(IVP Formatio, 2025)



I first meandered through this book late last year and will soon be experiencing it again with members of the Lutheran Ladies' Book Club. I use the verb "experience" rather than "read" here, because the Rev. Dr. Ryan Tinetti's book is one to be pondered and lived, rather than merely consumed.

In this volume, Tinetti (a professor of practical theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis) explores one of the most subtly paradoxical mandates in Scripture: "Make it your ambition to live quietly" (1 Thess. 4:11 NIV). Tinetti builds his little book around the ironic tension in this verse. People with ambition, after all, seek to do great things. They make a name for themselves. They go out boldly and change the world. They do *not* aspire to "downward mobility" or nameless obscurity. "What kind of ambition is quiet living?" Tinetti rightly asks. In his Gospel-soaked answer to this question, I find comfort for my weary heart and peace for my restless soul. I'm looking forward to my second experience even more than I did my first.

Rachel Bomberger  
Managing editor, *The Lutheran Witness*



**'The Power and the Glory'**

Graham Greene  
(Penguin Classics, 2015)

Under an unforgiving sun, in unbearable heat and humidity, a river of sweat dripping slowly down your back: these are the ideal conditions for reading *The Power and the Glory*, so it's a great summer read. Set in southern Mexico during the persecution of the Catholic church in the 1930s, this novel tells the story of the "whiskey priest," a very imperfect servant of God, who seeks to minister to his people while running from those who seek his death.

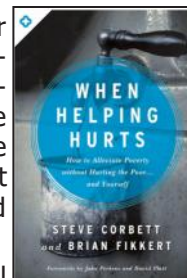
Greene's prose, shot through with searing similes and striking imagery, provokes reflection on the figure of Judas Iscariot, the nature of martyrs, the free gift of Baptism, the problem of suffering and the utopian impulse which seeks to dethrone God and put man in His place. It's a fascinating read and an excellent testimony to our weakness and God's power.

*'The Power and the Glory' is recommended for mature readers.*

**'When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor ... and Yourself'**

Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert  
(Moody Publishers, 2014)

One of the many things I love about our LCMS is that both nationally and internationally, our mercy work is done in close proximity to Word and Sacrament. When we serve our neighbors, we don't only serve their temporary, physical needs — we point them to Jesus, who fulfills our every need eternally.



This summer, I traveled to Kenya for several stories that will appear in future issues of *Lutherans Engage the World*. We spent several days visiting the refugee camps in Kakuma and Kalobeyei, where over 300,000 people are living in heartrending conditions. Coming away from that trip, I added this book to my summer reading list as a means to deepen my understanding of how I can better love those who are living in poverty.

Mary Henrichs  
Staff writer, LCMS Communications

## Book Discussion Group

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC.

The book to be discussed is ***The Miracle Among Us – How God's Grace Plays a Role in Healing*** written by Dr. Marc Siegel. Cases of patients that have recovered and survived are explored where science as the medical teams cannot explain. Dr. Marc Siegel points to God who is healing, as faithful believers pray to Him. We look forward to an interesting discussion.

We welcome new members.





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

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



### Aug 2

Gene Wilbur  
A-Doug & Margaret Grell  
A-Andrew & Angela Holmes

### Aug 3

Joan Knight  
A-Anthony & Amanda D'Agostino

### Aug 4

Casey Carney  
A-Linda & Terry Hoffmann

### Aug 5

Todd Baumgardt  
Sandra Hahn

### Aug 6

Pam Ganswindt  
Pat Ganswindt  
Beverly Hipenbecker  
Carol Schaefer

### Aug 7

Natalie Carstedt  
Mark Kennedy  
A-Daniel & Stephanie Garcia

### Aug 9

Christine Wilcox  
A-Paul & Linda Haut  
A-Eric & Shelly Skovgaard

### Aug 10

Lindsay Mitchell

### Aug 11

Barb Alles

### Aug 12

Tyler Beckley  
Heidi Wegner  
A-Peter & Terry Holzward

### Aug 13

Alex Ohde

### Aug 14

Rob Hipke

### Aug 15

Patrick Gerber

### Aug 16

Ethan Kritzer  
Manfred Moritz  
Broderick Setzer

### Aug 18

Donald Anderson  
Thomas Paasch  
Alexander Setzer  
A-Jeffery & Laurie Mueller  
A-William & Anna Myatt

### Aug 22

Michael Huber  
A-Kirk & Cynthia Midtbo

### Aug 23

Barbara Thompson

### Aug 24

Jeffrey Netzel

### Aug 26

Ian Klein  
Raymond Lester

### Aug 27

Kent Baumgardt  
Aislyn Wegner

### Aug 29

Richard Kruse  
A-Deanna Beltran & Matthew Beltran  
A-Allen & Sandra Krueger

### Aug 30

William Dennis  
Richard Rahardt

### Aug 31

Lydia Ohde  
Rachel Teggatz  
A-Mattias & Catherine Goldenstein  
A-Kevin & Andrea Kysely  
A-Thomas & Jane Neill  
A-Brad & Victoria Ohde



# August

## Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar - 2026

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| 2<br>9:00 a.m. Worship C<br>10:30 a.m. Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)                                                                                                  | 3<br>8a.m. – 5p.m.<br>Camp Scikidz                                                                             | 4<br>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)<br>8a.m.-5p.m. Scikidz<br>10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)<br>6:30pm TLCHS Board (228)                       | 5<br>8a.m. – 5 p.m.<br>Camp Scikidz<br>1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)                                                   | 6<br>8a.m. – 5 p.m.<br>Camp Scikidz<br>6:30 p.m. Worship C   | 7<br>Office Closed<br>8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Camp Scikidz | 8<br>2 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.<br>Classical Conversations Orientation |
| 9<br>9:00 a.m. Worship C<br>10:30 a.m. Bible Study<br>10:45 am Youth Bible Study (Youth room)<br>7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)                                                       | 10<br>8 a.m. – 5 p.m.<br>Camp Scikidz<br>7:00 p.m. Board of Directors (228)<br>7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH) | 11<br>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)<br>8a.m. – 5p.m. Camp Scikidz<br>10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)<br>6:30 pm Visitation Team Meeting (BAAC) | 12<br>8 a.m. – 5 p.m.<br>Camp Scikidz<br>2:00 pm – 6:30 p.m. Versiti Blood Drive (FH)<br>1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) | 13<br>8 a.m. – 5 p.m.<br>Camp Scikidz<br>6:30 p.m. Worship   | 14<br>Office Closed                                | 15<br>5:30 p.m.<br>Pulled Pork Dinner & Bingo, FH              |
| 16<br>9:00 a.m. Worship C<br>10:30 a.m. Bible Study<br>10:45 a.m. Youth Bible Study (Youth room)<br>7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)<br>3:30 pm Pickleball (gym)<br>7pm AA Meeting (FH) | 17<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Barbershop Group (FH)                                                                       | 18<br>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)<br>8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Classical Conversations<br>10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)                         | 19<br>1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)<br>4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Trinity H.S. Back to School Night                              | 20<br>9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group<br>6:30 p.m. Worship C | 21<br>Office Closed                                | 22                                                             |
| 23<br>9:00 a.m. Worship C<br>10:30 a.m. Bible Study<br>10:45 am Youth Bible Study (Youth room)<br>7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)                                                      | 24<br>8:00 a.m. Trinity H.S. Opening Chapel with Pastor Skovgaard<br>7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)           | 25<br>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)<br>8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Classical Conversations<br>10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)                        | 26<br>1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)                                                                                    | 27<br>6:30 p.m. Worship                                      | 28                                                 | 29                                                             |
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### Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

### Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

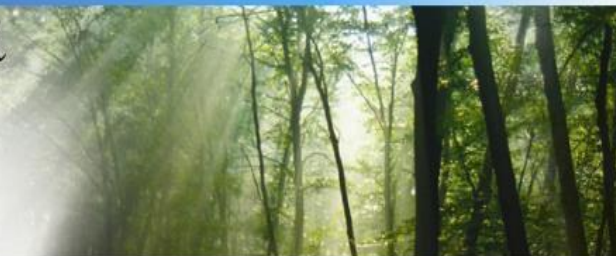
Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Matthew 16:21-28



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### **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**

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Thomas Jefferson