

SEASONS

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

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"Good nutrition creates health in all areas of our existence. All parts are interconnected."

- T. Colin Campbell, American Biochemist

From Your Pastor



As we enter into the school year and fall season, everything gets crazy. Classes and homework, sports and clubs, projects and conferences, trips and family gatherings, and, let's not forget, hours upon hours in the car. Amid all the craziness, it's easy to forget those whose schedules are quite different. While the world around them goes full throttle 24/7, they face loneliness, isolation, and purposelessness. For many of our homebound members, this is a daily reality. This was the original impetus for forming a Visitation Committee here at Elm Grove Lutheran. Back in March, we installed members of the Visitation Committee during our Sunday service. Soon, we'll have a Visitation Committee Sunday, where members of the team will share their experiences during the Bible study hour. Here's some more information about the team:

What is the Visitation Committee?

The Visitation Committee is an official committee of Elm Grove Lutheran and an opportunity to come alongside and routinely visit suffering, lonely and isolated members of the body of Christ, connecting them more tangibly to that body. Members of this committee are paired with care receivers in need of visitation and engage with them in regular visitation (at least once a month) for an hour at a time. These visits are completely confidential in order to ensure trust and privacy in the caring relationship. These visits occur in addition to (not replacement of) our regular pastoral care, as well as the ongoing spiritual care done by our Committee of Elders.

While the majority of caring relationships are longer-term with homebound members, the Visitation Committee is also adaptable to short-term caring relationships that are needed. It's easy to feel isolated and cut off from others when you're grieving the loss of a loved one, reeling from a divorce or loss of a job, or facing any other major change, transition, or crisis in life. These too are opportunities for our Visitation Committee members to

step in, listen, and care for hurting members of the body of Christ.

Why are we doing this?

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul gives us a beautiful picture of the Church as a singular body (and every member as a part of that singular body): "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Cor 12:12). One outcome of that reality is that the body of Christ ought to care for each of her members, as they are all connected: "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (1 Cor 12:26). The point? No one should have to suffer alone or be neglected, especially in the Church. This is why the Visitation Committee exists: to connect suffering, isolated members to the body of Christ and to the hope they have.

How can you help?

First of all, pray. Pray for the team, its members, and the caring relationships happening right now. Pray for our homebound members and all others disconnected from the body of Christ, that God would draw them unto Himself more and more every day. Secondly, refer. Do you think you could benefit from someone visiting you on a regular basis? Do you know of someone, either directly a member of EGL or not, who could benefit from someone visiting them on a regular basis? If so, let either Pastor Skovgaard or myself know and we will follow up. While most of our committee members are actively engaged in relationships, some are "on the bench." The more referrals we get, the more we are able to engage with and cultivate caring relationships. If you refer someone and they aren't open to something like this, we will not pressure them to participate. And, lastly, learn more! Please join us on Sunday, October 4 during the Bible study hour to learn more about this committee and hear from fellow members who are actively involved.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

By Transfer:
Ireland Smith

By Profession of Faith:
Todd Nitschke
Madelene Nitschke

By Confirmation:
Lea Soderland

Cover: Eat with the seasons for better health and flavor

Seasonal produce isn't just more nutritious, tastier and cost-effective. It's also more sustainably accessible. Check our region's peak produce season and discover a new seasonal favorite! Shop at your local Farmer's Market or Farm Stand.

Avoid cooking — try veggies raw

Going raw saves time and can boost nutritional value since heat can break down key nutrients like vitamin C, allicin and antioxidants. A 2018 study even showed eating raw vegetables is linked to reduced depression compared to cooked.

Follow these tips for raw vegetables:

Wash well before eating. Even if the veggies have been peeled, wash thoroughly before eating. Add a little fat. Nutrients like betacarotene and vitamin K absorb better with fats like olive oil, nuts or hummus.

Source: Concordia Plans Better Health Summer 2026

Family Bible Study



For engaged and married couples, as well as parents of preschool and elementary-aged children, join us for time in fellowship and study!

Saturday, September 5

9:00-10:30am

EGL Church Library



9/11. Like many of you I distinctly remember where I was and what I was doing when I first learned that the World Trade Center towers in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. had been attacked by Muslim terrorists using commercial airplanes as the weapon. My sister had joined us for a week of vacation in California, but it was time for her to return home. We were driving to the airport that morning and didn't have the radio on. So, when we arrived at the Sacramento airport and discovered vacant parking lots and no travelers, I asked a janitor what happened. That was the first time I heard about the greatest attack on American soil since Pearl Harbor.

Here we are this month 25 years later, observing another somber anniversary. Hard to believe that a quarter century has passed. Americans are a forgiving people. We like to move on, but it's important not to forget the Americans who died in those towers, at the Pentagon, and in that Pennsylvania field where a few brave Americans gave new meaning to the phrase "let's roll" and likely prevented a plane attack on the White House or Congress. There were hundreds of firefighters and policemen who died that day seeking to help others. Then there were the 1000's killed in war in Afghanistan fighting the Taliban as a direct consequence of the 9/11 attacks, fulfilling what President George W. Bush promised when he stood upon the rubble in NYC. "I can hear you! The rest of the world hears you ... and the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon."

Although we long to pursue our own lives, liberty, and happiness, it's equally important for us not to forget the cause of 9/11. Forewarned is forearmed. America didn't deserve the terrorist attack. We had nothing as a nation to apologize for. Whatever faults we have, we have the constitutional mechanisms to correct

EGL YOUTH SERVANT EVENT

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26
1:00-4:00PM**

One more opportunity this fall to serve a local thrift store; all proceeds go to A Place of Refuge! Please join us!

**BLESSED AGAIN RESALE
7624 W HAMPTON AVE.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53218**



them, and have repeatedly made use of those tools. We were attacked because America was then in 2001 and still is now the object of an ongoing war of worldviews. The radical Muslim world is intent on overcoming the West precisely because we represent in their minds the very opposite of what they believe and teach – freedom and human flourishing rooted in a Christian worldview that values human dignity, religious freedom, and equality under the law.

9/11 was a horrendous day but, in reality, it was just another battle in a centuries-long war between the Christian West and Islam. This doesn't mean that our Muslim neighbors are out to get us, but it does mean that Islam's worldview has always stood in opposition to Christianity and the liberal values of the West. Within a hundred years of Muhammad's death in 632, Muslim armies had conquered formerly Christian lands in the Middle East, North Africa, Spain, and had even arrived in the suburbs of Paris, France, before Charles Martel drove them back over the Pyrenes. That rapid conquest led either to death, dhimmitude, slavery, or ongoing war for millions of Christians for centuries.

Is it any wonder that when the Lutherans appeared in Augsburg to give their great confession of the faith before the Holy Roman Emperor on June 25, 1530, the princes appealed to the Emperor by declaring that they would gladly join forces with the Emperor against the Turks who were then beating on the doors of Vienna, if only the Emperor would let them hold onto their understanding of the pure Gospel. The preface to the Augsburg Confession even calls Islam "the most atrocious and ancient hereditary enemy of the Christian name and religion."

Over the centuries many in the West have stood their ground and even fought back at times. We can look to them for inspiration as we fight the good fight in our day also. The first step in that direction is remembering -- remembering who we are by God's grace in Jesus Christ, but also remembering and preserving the freedoms God has given us in this good land we call America.

Pastor Skovgaard



The morning group of LWML is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. The Bible Study, "How Long Lord?" is found on page 18 of the Summer issue of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. We will have a Biblical study of the words How Long Lord?, Wait, and Patience.

The evening group of LWML will meet on Monday evening September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Library and discuss mission projects. All are welcomed.

The LWML-SWD Fall Retreat is scheduled for September 25-26 at the Holiday Inn located at 4601 Calumet Avenue in Manitowoc, WI. The theme for this retreat is **Enough for Now** based on Hebrews 13:5b "Be content with what you have for He has said, 'I will never leave'." The keynote speaker is author Shara Fritz. The registration is \$70 and includes Saturday breakfast and lunch. The deadline for registration is September 11.

The Zone 3 Rally will be held at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration.

Thank you for donating your mites. They are going for the new Mission Grants for 2026-2028. The first grant is for Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin.

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

Barbara Kurth



Shara Fritz is the keynote speaker for the Fall Retreat September 25-26.



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LWML ZONE 3 FALL RALLY Saturday, October 24

9:00 a.m. - Registration

**9:30 a.m. - Bible Study, Speaker, Meeting
11 - Luncheon**

**Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church
9741 W Beloit Rd. Milwaukee**

Speaker: Lisa Heller

Ministry Advancement Counselor, Lutheran Hour Ministries
Their worldwide outreach is far beyond the radio programs of the past.

Gifts from the Heart: Bridge to Brighter Ministry

B2B is a ministry that takes in boys who age out of the Milwaukee County foster care system and "provides vital services to support and strengthen" these youths.

- Cleaning products: Clothes Soap, Fabuloso
- Soft Scrub, Windex, Chlorox wipes, dish soap, Lysol Comet, Murphy's Oil soap, garbage bags, Glade Plug-ins
- Hygiene items: Lotion, Deodorant, Cologne, Bath Soap
- Personal Items: Sport socks, Underwear
- Medicine Cabinet items: Tylenol, Aleve, thermometers, allergy medicine, cough drops, cold medicine
- Grocery store gift cards: Aldi, Pick N Save, Trader Joe's



LifeWalk 2026

**Register and print sponsorship forms at
aplaceofrefuge.org or simply scan the QR code.**

• 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
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.

For more information, call Susan Schmalzer 414-313-3888.

Operation Christmas Child

Our EGL LWML evening group will pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child on October 12. Bring your donations to the LWML Mite Box near the bulletin board in the lower church entrance.

Suggested items include:

- Hygiene: combs, toothbrushes, washcloths.
- School: pencils, sharpeners, colored pencils, crayons, markers, pens, notebooks, watercolor sets, glue sticks, stickers, and spiral notebooks.
- Toys: foam balls, tennis balls, finger puppets, Slinkys, small cars/trucks, play animals, stuffed animals, dolls, jump ropes, and air pumps for deflated balls.

Thank you for your generosity in bringing joy to needy children who also will receive a Christmas booklet in their ethnic language telling of Jesus' birth!



37TH ANNUAL MILWAUKEE AREA LIFECHAIN

Sunday, October 6 2-3:30 p.m.

Please join your fellow EGL members as we prayerfully stand in support of the unborn.

Young and old alike can participate by standing or sitting and holding the now familiar signs -

Abortion Kills Children

Abortion Hurts Women

Jesus Forgives and Heals

Adoption: The Loving Option

Our location is the northwest corner of Bluemound and Pilgrim. Meet in the North Shore Bank parking lot at 1:50 p.m. Signs will be provided. Please pray for unborn babies and their families, the LifeChain organizers, all who stand in the LifeChain and those who will witness it. And finally, please pray God's will be done as our legislators and jurists contemplate abortion laws at the state level. Please contact Sue Schmalzer at 414-313-3888 with questions.



Pay It Forward

A church full of members, friends, and neighbors enjoyed a stellar performance of organ and piano classics at Elm Grove Lutheran's public gift to the greater Milwaukee community in celebration of our nation's 250th birthday on June 20.

It was an afternoon to be remembered, with our own Mr. Richard Ewert presiding at the console of our 1970 Casavant pipe organ and Dr. Aaron Wunsch of New York's Julliard School returning to the church where he grew up to play our rebuilt 1891 Steinway baby grand piano.

Perhaps you were among the many who had hoped to attend, but were unable. Never fear! The concert was professionally recorded. Crystal clear video and high-resolution digital audio of the entire event is instantly available here: <https://egl.org/america-250-organ-piano-concert/#watch>

This music is too good to be locked up "in the cloud;" let's pay it forward! People around the world can long enjoy the sights and sounds of that stirring music over and over again on our church website. Be sure to listen to the two closing hymns and the rousing sound of hundreds of voices lifted to God in thanksgiving and prayer for our nation.

We are preparing some professional business cards you can give your friends, colleagues, and neighbors to access the concert recording on a smart phone QR code link. But in the meantime, share the link above by email, text message, and on your social media accounts. Be sure to include the link to the printed program notes that includes biographies of our two keyboard artists, composer information, and a special information page on our church and its ministry:

https://egl.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/A-Concert-Celebrating-the-250th_v7.pdf

This concert truly is one of those "once in a lifetime" experiences that can be relived over and over again, thanks to modern technology. God willing, it will continue to point to Elm Grove Lutheran Church's ministry in Jesus' name for generations to come.

Use your creativity as you share the link and encourage others to avail themselves of these wonderful sights and sounds. Here's what I wrote on my Twitter and Substack accounts:

A month ago our church hosted a concert in honor of America's 250th Anniversary featuring piano and organ classics plus some representative American secular music. The concert closes with the robust singing of two appropriate hymns; be sure to listen and sing along!

Check out the link to the concert program, which gives bio information on the artists as well as information on our church and its ministry in suburban Milwaukee.

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Trinity Lutheran Classical School - September 2026

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you, I will help you,

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

The school year begins... All the wonder and planning get to meet in the dynamic dichotomy of students wanting to stay in summer mode and teachers yearning to lead in discovery of deep and marvelous mysteries of God, His created universe, numbers, history, literature, art and more. What a magnificent time...



**TRINITY
LUTHERAN**
CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

It is my privilege to lead Trinity 3.0 and bring its first graduating class to their entrance into adulthood and learning beyond the required walls of school. I'm so excited to add some life skills courses such as financial literacy and job application skills, see the student dive into colonial and modern history, literature, and philosophy, and be a part of the everyday culture here at the Elm Grove Lutheran Church campus. This wonderful, welcoming community is up for the challenge. I want to thank everyone who I've had a chance to meet and who has volunteered ideas, resources, and time. Your interactions and enthusiasm show the awesome character of this church community and witness to God's love in your hearts.

I'm looking forward to a great year with the students. I ask you to pray for myself and my family as I go on the promotion tour in addition to teaching and administration. I urge you to consider if you'd be able to be a marketing partner to deliver flyers or brochures to places that you visit or frequent. (If you see a stack around the church building - please take and share. I have more in the school office.) Other ways to connect are on a flyer that looks like bookmarks at the back of church.

School is hard but good. The perseverance through each day and week and month leads the students to confidence. Confidence in Christ - that for all their and the teachers' shortcomings, we have a God who loves us and was willing to give Himself for us. He knows us by name, He listens to our prayers, and He rejoices over us.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:1-5

May God bless you this month and may He help all of us to continue to grow deeper in knowledge and appreciation of His grace and His gifts that He loves to pour out on us in Jesus Christ, our Savior!

Strong Minds, Strong Bodies, Strong Spirit

How to Instill Faith Habits in Your Home

The start of the new school year can bring opportunities for new routines, patterns, and habits. But too often, our best intentions become unrealized goals when, three weeks after school has started, the healthy meal choices you were going to include in lunches or the exercise routine that you were going to do every morning or the thankful attitude you were going to embody this year gets lost in our normal patterns and rhythms. New habits are difficult to establish and can be harder to maintain. The same is true with faith practices.

To find success in instilling faith habits (or any habit for that matter) in your home, you need specificity, simplicity, strategy, and support.

Why Good Intentions Aren't Enough

Several years ago, my family wanted to be more intentional about devotions. We had consistently developed a habit of prayer together. We had done devotions for short periods of time during Advent or Lent using Advent calendars or Lenten devotions, but those practices had not developed into a consistent habit. So, my wife and I decided we were going to do devotions every day for a year. It was a great goal. It's what we needed to do to stay grounded in faith and God's Word. It was also what we needed to do to connect better with each other and our kids. But, because it lacked specificity, it didn't last.

Start with Specificity

For faith activities in the home to become faith habits, they need specificity. They can't be vague like "we will pray together as a family" or "do family devotions." They require specifics. To get to the needed specificity, use the following questions. The answers were ones that our family developed to get specific about our morning devotion time.

- **What will we do?** We will read the next Bible story out of The Story Bible at breakfast.
- **When will we do this?** Monday through Thursday mornings.
- **How will we do this?** Some of us will get up earlier so that we can all be at the breakfast table at 6:45 a.m. We will read the Bible story and answer questions. We will close with prayer.
- **Who will do this?** Mom, Dad, and kids. As Dad, I led until we had a routine established, then we began taking turns reading and asking the questions.
- **Why are we doing it?** To more regularly hear God's Word, review Bible stories, and connect as a family.

To have success, we needed specificity. There was no question about the specifics when we started. We didn't have a vague or moving target, so our goal was well defined.

Keep It Simple and Sustainable

But we needed more than a well-defined goal. We needed our habit to be simple and repeatable. We had to be able to develop the routine quickly. We needed to know what was next without complicated steps. It was going to be hard enough to start a new routine; the activity itself needed to not be difficult. That didn't mean we couldn't add elements later. We've added hymns and prayers and other activities to our established routines. But, at the beginning, we started very simply.

Build a Strategy for Success

To start a new faith habit in your home, you do need specificity and simplicity, but you also need strategy. You need strategy to get it started and to keep it going.

When starting something new, people find most success in establishing habits when they can connect the new habit to an existing habit. What habits does your family already have? Do you eat a meal together? Is there an evening routine for the kids? Do you have morning routines or car rides that you share? Consider adding a faith habit as part of this existing habit. You could add a Bible story and prayers after bath time. During breakfast you could ask the same questions to help frame the day in Christ. After dinner you could lead daily prayer from the hymnal. In your car on the way to school, instead of listening to a specific morning show, you could listen to a devotion together. The reality is that it is easier to replace or add on to an existing habit than it is to create a new habit.

Another strategy when establishing habits is to celebrate small wins. Find some way to incorporate a reward. It could be that dessert doesn't happen until we finish family devotions at dinner. Or we don't get on our phones until after we have prayed at breakfast. It could be that we do family hugs as soon as we finish our hymn before bed. Or we take a deep, cleansing breath and share a smile when we finish our faith conversations at dinner. It does not need to be elaborate, but it should be something that positively reinforces the faith habit. Every night, I get to bless my boys after we pray together, and they receive a simple blessing reminding them of my love and the love of Jesus. This action after prayers brings me great joy, and it gives my boys a sense of peace.

It will take work to keep your faith habits going. Because you are connecting to Christ and His Word, the devil will try to distract you. Part of your strategy is to be ready for the distractions. Identify potential pitfalls and make a plan for overcoming them. What do we do when we have something scheduled over our faith practice time? When we are on vacation? When one of our family members is sick or has a bad attitude? When we have friends or extended family around? When we miss a day? Plan for all these things because they will happen. Know what you will do and follow through. You can include others in your faith habits; you can take your faith habits with you on vacation. You can have an attitude adjustment for yourself or help a child through one. You can do all these things, but if you aren't prepared with a strategy, they can easily derail your faith habit.

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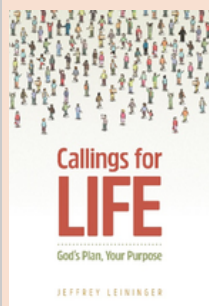
Don't Try to Do It Alone

Finally, to instill faith habits in your home, you will need support. Begin by talking to your family, beginning with your spouse. Explain what the desired faith habit is and why you want to implement it. Then share the plan with the rest of your household. If kids are older, then they, too, will need explanation, and even their input can be helpful not only in coming up with specificity and strategy but also in gaining their buy-in for the new habit.

You will also need support from outside of your family. Enlist the help of your pastor or another church worker. Ask them for resources, encouragement, and accountability. You can also connect with other families in your church. Share what you are doing and why, and ask them to join you. It can be easier to begin a new habit when you aren't the only one doing it and when you know others will ask you how that habit is going.

Instilling spiritual habits in your home takes specificity, simplicity, strategy, and support. But it is worth doing. Not because we are saved by our faith habits—we are only saved by Christ—but we strive to instill these habits in our homes, in our lives and the lives of our kids, because through these practices we experience God's grace and His Word, which help us to live faithfully even in the midst of the struggles and difficulties of life.

Written by Andy Becker. Rev. Andy Becker serves as the director of family discipleship for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He served three years as a DCE before going to seminary. He served for 15 years as a parish pastor before joining the team at the Office of National Mission. Learn more about LCMS Family Ministry at lcms.org/family.



LADIES PM STUDY: What is God calling me to do? What is the one thing I was born to do? Am I truly living out my calling? The truth is that there isn't just one thing you are meant to do. God calls you to many things throughout the ages and stages of life. Whether you are a recent graduate, settled into a stable job, or retired, all of us can experience seasons of feeling stuck. God's Word speaks truth about how we are meant to live and what we are called to do.

Please join the Ladies PM Bible Study as we take up the five part study of "Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose" by Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger starting on Wednesday September 23, 2026 and meeting every other week through November 18, 2026, 5:30-6:45pm, in the BAAC. The book is available from several sources including Concordia Publishing House. Contact Laura Traas with questions.



EGL's Bingo Night offered fellowship, fun and good food to 50 members and guests - and to some lucky winners, also prizes!



Thanks to the Events Committee who planned and hosted the event; Diane and Jim Olson, Shelly Skovgaard, Meg Grell, Karen Spors and Sharon Boudro.



EGL Stammtisch has returned!

Guys! Fall's almost here! Please don't forget to include EGL Stammtisch in your monthly schedule! Take a break and kick back with us on Thursday, Sept 17, from 7:30-9:00 p.m (ish) for great libation and lively conversation that runs the gamut, but always in a fun, informal atmosphere of Christian fellowship. Perhaps a few new things to enjoy this fall?

Come and find out!

(Hint: stay tuned for details for our Fall Brewing Social, Saturday, October 3)

Join us in the Bartelt Adult Activities Center (BAAC) at EGL, bring your favorite brew and some snacks to share and a friend!

Any questions? Contact Bruce Bessert by phone/text at 414-526-8430, or by email at bruce.bessert@gmail.com



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: MEET IN THE BAAC AT 9:30 A.M. ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

to discuss the book **The Maid** written by Nita Prose. This novel is a mystery about Molly Gray, a hotel maid at the Regency Grand Hotel who loves to clean rooms and takes pride in her work. She finds Mr. Black, a wealthy tycoon dead in his room. She becomes the first suspect in the murder investigation. Molly gets support from friends and staff of the hotel. Ladies, if you like to read and discuss books, please join us. We welcome new members.





September Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries ("A")

If your birth date or wedding anniversary is not included,
please contact the church office.



September 1

Brian Behr
Dustin Stiloski
A-Casey & Alanna Carney
A-Steve & Karen Handrich

September 2

Linda Hoffmann
Thomas Knuteson
Michael Marble
A-Jeffrey & Linda Timm

September 3

Damien Langner
Anthony Sibley
Brian Zavadil

September 5

Deborah Beber
Emily Ewert
Jamie Krueger

September 6

Avis Browne
Kitty Tice
A-Judith & Jerrold Pritchard

September 8

Michele Bellante
Allison Cebulla
Karen Clark
Alfred Colucci
Fred Witzke

September 10

Harry Knight
Kieran Wagner
A-Sabrina & Cedric Dennis

September 11

Gayle Berry
A-Lisa & Daniel Burant

September 12

Sabrina Dennis
Patricia Schober
A-Linda & James Beckley

September 13

Richard Cruz

September 14

Daniel Pautz
A-David & Yvonne Bangle

September 15

Tyler Schmid
A-Jill & Craig Coogle

September 16

Dennis Hipenbecker
Morgan Matthews
A-Andrew & Amber Alles

September 17

Gabrielle Harner

September 18

Alice Chen
Zoe Schneider

September 19

Robert Radewahn
Forrest Schumacher
A-Julie & Ryan Luetzow
A-Robert & Laurie Radewahn

September 20

Rick Wegner

September 21

Ryan Browne
Jill Coogle

September 22

Gary Will

September 23

Matthew Boudro
Kevin Kysely
Emily Rohde

September 24

JoAnne Peterson
Kelsey Wegner
A-Daniel & Gayle Berry
A-Richard & Jean Kruse

September 25

Chase Hipke
Miriam Soderland
A-Samuel & Rose Lee

September 26

Joanne Carstens
Amy Stiloski

September 27

Michael Rohde
Carol & John Schaefer

September 28

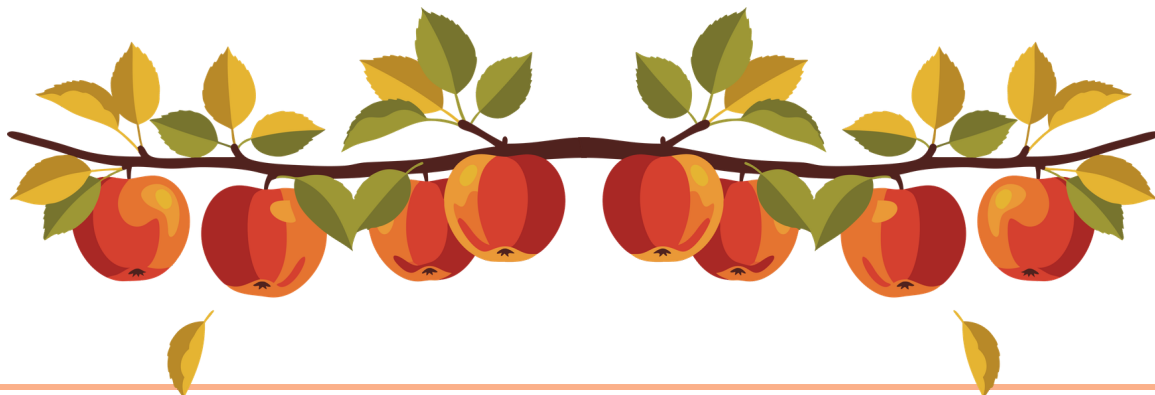
John Schaefer

September 29

Inge Klammer

September 30

Benjamin Ewert
A-Mark & Carol Ewert



September

Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar - 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m. Classical Conversations 10:00a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC) 6:30pm TLCHS Board (228)	2 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	3 6:30 p.m. Worship - C	4	5 9 - 10:30 a.m. Family Bible Study, Friendship Library
6 9:00 a.m. Worship C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Youth Bible Study (YR) 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	7 Office Closed - Holiday 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	8 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m. Classical Conversations 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Visitation Team Meeting (BAAC)	9 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	10 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Brookfield Civic Band practice (FH)	11	12
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Do Not Pass Judgment on One Another

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

(Romans 14:1-12)



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Except on Sunday, September 13
the service (in the Nave)
will be at 10 a.m.

with the
Church-wide End of Summer BBQ
to follow in Fellowship Hall.

**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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**Please join EGL Members
and Guests**

for the

CHURCH-WIDE

END OF SUMMER BBQ

on Sunday, September 13

Plan to worship at 10 a.m. and
then stay for an indoor picnic
lunch and fellowship at 11:30.

The main dish will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share.

Sign-up will be available soon.

Stay tuned for more details!



BREAD & FISH



The Bread and Fish group met on July 10. Carole Braun, Claire Schuppner, Linda Hoffman, Kris Nitschke and Diane Olson sorted and packed 24 boxes of clothing. On July 22, Diane and Jim Olson delivered the clothing, as well as 5 boxes of food to our sister congregation, Holy Ghost in Milwaukee. There were also a large number of items donated to the Economy Center for their resale shop. A big thank you to all the ladies for their time and efforts!



Thank You Coffee Servers! We all greatly appreciate those members who volunteer to bring treats and serve coffee on Sunday morning after the 9 a.m. worship service. Please continue to volunteer. **Your donations go to the signage project.**

The deadline for articles and photos to be submitted for the next Seasons is: Tuesday, September 15.

Submissions can be sent to seasons@egl.org