

SEASONS

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



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Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Special Worship Services Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m., Evening Prayer, “Savior of the Nations, Come!”

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m., Evening Prayer, “Savior of the Nations, Come!”

Sunday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m., EGL Advent-Christmas Carol Fest

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m., Children-Led Christmas Service, “Savior of the Nations, Come!”

Friday, Dec. 18, 1:00 p.m., Children-Led Christmas Service, “Savior of the Nations, Come!”

Thursday, Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m., Christmas Eve, “Service of Lessons & Carols”

Thursday, Dec. 24, 11:00 p.m., Christmas Eve, “Candlelight Service”

Friday, Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.-C, Christmas Day, “Festival of Christmas”

Thursday, Dec. 31, 6:30 p.m.-C, New Year’s Eve, “Eve of Name of Jesus”

Wednesday, January 6, 6:30 p.m., Festival of the Epiphany

From the Pastor

Christ and the Culture

Should the culture influence Christ's Church, or should Christ's Church influence the culture? In reality, which way is it? Perhaps the truth lies somewhere in between. However, it surely seems as if the culture has been deciding the answer for the past 20-30 years.

Let's apply our question to Christmas. Does the culture primarily influence the observance of Christmas in the Church, or does Christ's Church primarily influence the observance of Christmas in the culture? The answer is fairly obvious as tree lightings, decorations, and Christmas music began earlier this year than ever before—all of it designed to motivate purchasing.

The account of the designation of December 25 as Christmas Day may assist us in getting some perspective on the issue.

Flavius Valerius Aurelius Constantinus, better known as Constantine I or Constantine the Great, was born around A.D. 275. He worshipped the pantheon of Roman gods, as all his predecessors had done, especially the Roman sun god, Sol. However, as he was traveling to battle his most powerful rival in Italy, Maxentius, at the Tiber River in A.D. 312, he had a vision. In that vision, he reported seeing the cross of Christ superimposed on the sun with the words, *in hoc signo vinces* – “in this sign you shall conquer.” After winning the battle, he became a strong champion of Christianity. The very next year, he met with Emperor Licinius, the ruler of the eastern provinces, to sign the Edict of Milan, giving equal rights to all religious groups within the Roman Empire. He returned property seized from Christians, built a great number of churches, donated land, and convened the first Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325 to deal with false teaching within the church. Although he didn't completely leave his pagan roots and wasn't baptized until A.D. 337 on his deathbed, he did much to further the growth of Christ's Church.

Either as a means to unify his empire, or to make converting to Christianity easier, Constantine sought to blend Christian and pagan traditions. At that time, two prominent pagan winter festivals were celebrated. The first, starting on December 17 and lasting seven days, honored Saturn, the Roman god of agriculture. The second, starting on December 25 and lasting through January 1, commemorated the birth of Mithras, the

Persian god of light. Constantine merged many of the traditions from these festivals with the Nativity story in the Bible, and Christmas was born. From its beginning, Christmas was a holiday (or holy day). Gifts were exchanged, families and friends gathered to feast, and a birth was celebrated, just as in the Roman and Persian festivities. The first mention of December 25 as the date of Jesus' birth is found in a Roman calendar from A.D. 336, a year before Constantine's death.

Constantine clearly saw to it that Christ's Church would influence the culture. There are some Christians today who refuse to celebrate the birth of Christ on December 25 because of its supposedly pagan origins. The truth, however, is that no one knows for certain when Jesus was born (except those who witnessed His birth). What Constantine did was to take the content of the Christian faith (specifically, the birth of God in human flesh) and make it possible for it to overcome the surrounding culture.

Today it seems, does it not, that the opposite is happening? The culture seems to be overpowering the Church, and the Christ is being ripped from Christmas.

How do we reverse the trend? My suggestion is that Christians truly keep the Festival of Christmas, as established by Constantine, on December 25. That means that we allow the penitential season of Advent to inform us, guide us, and prepare us, for a meaningful celebration. And then, let's enjoy and celebrate the full eight days of Christmas rather than laying it to bed on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Finally, let's permit our Christmas joy to continue right into the season of Epiphany as we learn again what God in human flesh did for us human beings.

A blessed Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany!



Larry W. Myers

Administrative Pastor



EGL SAYS THANKS to the 10 members of EGL (Tom Alles, Dennis Braun, Red Corder, Dick & Jean Kruse, Jim Huebschen, Don Malnar, Steve Nelson, Jim Olson and Ron Wegner), who came out to JOIN HANDS in repairing, stripping, scraping, sanding and painting the Bartelt Adult Activities Center windows & garage area.



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Harder Funeral Home was founded in 1934 on the belief that every family they serve deserves the highest quality of service and care at a fair and reasonable cost. Now in the third generation they are still following these guiding principles and are dedicated to bringing everyone they serve the highest degree of care.

Harder Funeral Home has maintained this tradition by providing both quality service with cost options to fit the needs of every family they serve. Harder Funeral Home also provides the same high degree of service and planning to help meet any of your preplanning needs.

Don't forget to pick up a complimentary 2010 calendar, provided by Harder Funeral Home, before or after worship at Elm Grove Lutheran.

COMPTROLLER'S CORNER

This month I discuss with you the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.

The Good—We have successfully completed the receipt and deposit of funds from the sale of \$300,000 of Promissory Notes. Thank you, and thank God!

The Bad—Envelope giving is behind the anticipated amounts for the first four months of the year by \$12,000. While this is not a huge amount, it is not a good omen. If we continue at this pace, we will be behind for the fiscal year by \$36,000. In passing this year's budget, we were very realistic in budgeting for envelope receipts. The budget for the year was approximately equal to last year's giving without considering the "Four in Four" program.

The Ugly—The Giving Plus matching program of Thrivent is being discontinued as of December 31, 2009. We had planned on receiving roughly \$60,000 (same as last year) from this program (beyond the budget). To date, we have received \$8,000. Obviously this will leave a large hole in our financial resources.

What to do?—It is imperative that we each examine our stewardship responsibilities and performance to date. Are you behind in your giving? Have you made your matching gifts to the school this year? What are you going to do after December with regard to matching gifts?

If you would normally make a matching gift in the months of January through June, you should do one of two things. First, if your employer has a matching program, please continue to make matching gifts to the school. Second, if you do not have a matching program available, either continue to make gifts to the school or increase your envelope giving by a like amount.

As we enter the "giving" time of the year (Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons), let us all prayerfully consider the gifts with which God has blessed us and then respond by giving back to Him.

Ralph Ganswindt
Comptroller

Christmas Carol Fest

Here is your opportunity to join fellow members in a Christmas Carol Celebration

Our first annual **CHRISTMAS CAROL FEST** will be:

Sunday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.

Congregation Will Sing

14 Favorite Christmas Carols

accompanied by a variety of instruments and musicians, including:

Organ – Rick Ewert

Lutheran Brass of Milwaukee

EGL School Band

Tom and Lynn Crowell, Cindy Hartz, &

Carol Jagusch – EGL instrumentalists

EGL Children singing – Away in a Manger

EGL Exultate Choir singing – The Holly and The Ivy

Lutheran Brass of Milwaukee will also perform pre-fest music

Please plan on attending and bring family and friends.

More planning is taking place and will be announced as the day approaches.

Please check the newsletters and watch for new updates.



ORGAN DEDICATION CD's MAKE EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The professional recording of our organ dedication service / concert from last December became available early this spring and were sold out. A new supply has just been received and is available at our book store and in the church office. The recording features a combination of organ solos of the season and congregation singing of these great Christmas Carols: *O Come All Ye Faithful; Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; Joy to the World;* and more. The music is timeless and would make an excellent Christmas gift for friends and family as they hear our updated and expanded organ, as performed by EGL Head Organist, Richard Ewert. This is a worthwhile gift for a \$10 donation that is suitable for playing year after year.

**"Silent Night,
Holy Night"**

**THE CONCEPT OF
TOTAL COMMITMENT
(BEING GOD'S STEWARDS)**

We recently were asked to make our yearly commitments to the Lord. At that time we were all given a three-fold brochure titled, "Total Commitment Principles of Biblical Stewardship." From this flyer in the months to come, we will look at each of the eight principles listed and explained.

The first principle is, "God's Stewards are God's Stewards." This may seem like a strange statement, so let's look at Scripture and see if perhaps it will become clearer.

We read in 1 Corinthians 4:7, "What do you have that you did not first receive?" We have received our very lives from God. You see, God created us to be God's Stewards. We are not our own but God's to do with as He pleases.

Since we are His, let us change just one word slightly in the first principle so that it reads, "God's Stewards are Good Stewards". Now we can all understand that statement. Or we can change it to read, "Good Stewards are God's Stewards," and we can understand that statement also. But the bottom line is the realization that our very being belongs to God. When we accept that, it is the start of total commitment that allows God to come into our lives to guide us in our actions toward Him and toward others.

We pray that each of us can look into his or her heart and confidently say that he/she is God's Steward, created by Him to be God's Steward. To God be the glory, for it is only because of God's grace that we can humbly but boldly say, "God's Stewards are God's Stewards, and that includes us."

Red Corder
Board of Stewardship

Lutherland & Oberammergau 2010 Study Tour

**Tour Dates:
August 13-28, 2010
\$3,150 Land Only**

Includes: Transfer to/from O'Hare IAP; land transportation and accommodations in Germany; 29 meals (14 breakfasts, 2 lunches, & 13 dinners); and all tipping for guides & drivers. Also includes a \$950 HK III package (in Oberammergau) w/ Category 1 ticket for the Passion Play.

Because of increasing air costs, this tour has been changed to land-only pricing.

Hurry to save your seat with a \$950 deposit, and make your airline reservation via credit card.

Delaying will only increase the total cost of your trip.



More Information & Registration:

Download a complete color brochure and registration form at: www.egl.org

Brochure and registration form also available on the tract rack near mailboxes.

Speak with Pr. Myers if you have unanswered questions or need more information



Gifts of Stock

Donors may take advantage of substantial tax savings by donation of appreciated stock to EGLC. You may receive a deduction at the fair market value on the date of transfer to EGLC if you have held the stock or security longer than a year. In addition to receiving a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of such a gift, you may also completely avoid capital gains tax and any sales commission that would be payable upon the sale of the security.

When gifting stock to the church, please follow the procedures outlined below to assure the prompt and efficient transfer of the securities and proper credit to your pledge account.

1. Call Carol Gray in the church office and indicate that you will be making a stock transfer. Give her the name of the security and the number of shares to be transferred. There is no audit trail from the broker – all that the church brokerage account reflects are the shares coming into the account with no indication of the donor. Please, be sure to let the church office know what you are doing so we can track the transfer and properly credit your account.

2. If the stock you wish to contribute is held in “Street Name”, i.e., held in your brokerage account in the name of the brokerage firm, tell your broker to transfer the stock by “DTC.” This is an electronic procedure for transferring stock, which immediately credits the shares to the church’s account at Richmond Financial.

To transfer stock by DTC:

- Indicate to your broker that you wish to make a DTC stock transfer to Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church.
- Provide the broker with: DTC Number 0075 (Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church’s Account Number 1931-8417)
- Remember to let the Church office know so they can track the transfer.

3. If you are donating stock by delivering the actual certificates, the church must have a signed Stock Power form to complete the transfer. A Stock Power authorizes the deposit of the shares into the church’s account. Once the deposit is completed, the stock will be immediately sold. A Stock Power form can be obtained from your broker or any bank. Please deliver the Stock Power form and the stock certificate to Carol Gray in the church office.

Remember, do not sign the back of the stock certificate if you execute a Stock Power. Endorsing the stock to the church (naming the church on the back of the certificate) will significantly slow the transfer process, because the stock must be registered through the transfer agent in the church’s name before it can be sold. During this process, which takes about three weeks, you will continue to assume the market risk until the stock is sold and your pledge account is credited with the sale proceeds.

Finally, if you have any questions at all about gifting stock to the church, contact Carol Gray in the church office (262-797-2970) or via email (cgray@egl.org).

K.I.D.S Stamp Program

Participation in the Kids into Discipleship and Stewardship (K.I.D.S.) savings stamp program continues each Friday morning before school. The next Free Stamp Day will be December 4.

Anyone buying at least one stamp will receive one stamp of equal value. Do take advantage of this special deal on that day. Remember, as a child builds his or her savings account, he or she is helping to build a church somewhere.

We hope that K.I.D.S. is an encouragement for all families to continue to save each week toward their savings certificate. It is possible that families do not yet understand what this means. Your questions can be answered by calling the school office (262-797-2970). Let us pray that this will help us to assist other schools and churches to build the buildings that they need to carry on the work of God’s Kingdom.

This is a win, win program.

Pray and save.



Lutheran Women In Mission

Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 10:00 a.m. are the date and time of our LWML Christmas Celebration in the Bartelt Adult Activities Center. We will have a Christmas devotion with Bible readings and singing of Christmas songs. This will be followed with our luncheon. Each lady is asked to bring one sandwich and 6 cookies. We welcome all ladies of our congregation to join us in Christian fellowship. What a great way to start our Christmas celebration! What a wonderful opportunity for Christian fellowship!

As this year comes to an end, we thank the Lord for all of His blessings. Each one of us has been blessed so much. One way that we share the blessings with others is by giving our "mites" to do the Lord's Work in funding the Mission Grants of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The good news is that Mission Grant #6 of \$20,000 for the recruiting of Native Alaskan church workers has been paid. Now, we will be working towards funding Mission Grant #7, which is \$5,000 for purchasing Bibles to be used in the ministry of the inner city in Milwaukee. These Bibles will be distributed by members of Mission of Christ Lutheran Church to people in the inner city for them to read the Scriptures. It is our hope and prayer that the Holy Spirit will lead them to faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We thank all congregation members that participate in filling of the mite boxes. It is much appreciated. You may pick up a mite box from the church library, fill it and then bring it to the church library or put it in the big mite box near the LWML bulletin board in the lower entrance of the church.

There is a South Wisconsin District Young Women's Retreat scheduled for February 6-7, 2010, at the Lodge at Geneva Ridge in Lake Geneva. Theme for this retreat is "Enjoying the Chocolate Life." Bible study, music, mission, friends, fellowship and fun are in store for you. This retreat is for all women who are "young in heart." For more information and for the registration, please check the Web site (www.swd-lwml.org) or the *Mission Lamp*. Theme verse for this Young Women's Retreat is "And the God of grace, who called you to eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." (1 Peter 5:10)

Barbara Kurth

Klaus Announces Impending Retirement as Lutheran Hour Speaker

St. Louis, MO, Nov. 16, 2009 — Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour, has announced his intention to retire from the position in January 2011. Pastor Klaus has been Speaker of the flagship program for Lutheran Hour Ministries since 2002 and serves as the media spokesperson, spiritual leader, and evangelist for the organization, as well as ministry emissary with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church—Canada.

"In answer to many questions you may have: I am feeling fine, I love the International Lutheran Laymen's League and Lutheran Hour Ministries, I love the direction of the LHM Men's NetWork as a way to ignite and challenge the faith lives of men, and I have a great respect for our new executive director Bruce Wurdeman," says Pastor Klaus. "Still, I believe that January 2011 is the right time for someone else to fill the Speakership and I want to provide enough time for selecting a replacement to ensure a smooth transition."

"Pastor Klaus has been and continues to be a blessing to our ministry," says Wurdeman. "We are pleased it is the Lord's will to allow us to continue using his talents beyond January 2011."

The Lutheran Hour, which first aired in 1930 and is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program, boldly proclaims the Gospel to more than 600,000 listeners over 961 stations throughout North America. The Board of Governors for the International Lutheran Laymen's League has begun a nationwide search for a new Speaker. Please keep Pastor Klaus and the search for a new Speaker in your prayers.

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*. LHM produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 30 countries.



Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran School News

Preparing for Christmas

“For the last few days I have been thinking about my 11-month old granddaughter celebrating her first Christmas this year. We can only imagine what she might be thinking with the tree, gifts, decorations, Christmas music. She’s a very alert little one, and I don’t think that she is likely to take these things for granted.

“By the time kids come to school they’ve “seen it all” as far as celebrating Christmas is concerned. Not that they don’t look forward to it, because they do. Parents, grandparents, and other adults also may celebrate in a way in which it is all quite expected. New children’s Christmas services are produced each year to make a fresh presentation. Certainly, there are often some unique results.

“I’m taking a cue from my granddaughter. I’m praying that as we prepare for the celebration of the Savior’s birth, we may try to look at this as if it was **our** first Christmas. As we re-visit the scene of **the** first Christmas, it may be as meaningful as if we are celebrating for the first time. May God richly bless you as you prepare to observe this very special occasion.”

James Zuehlsdorf

Children-Led Christmas Service is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. and on Friday, December 18, at 1:00 p.m. The service is based on the great hymn “Savior of the Nations, Come” and unpacks the miracle of the two natures of Christ (human and divine). The simple truth that God is man is both a profound mystery and a simple confession.

Instrumental Christmas Service is scheduled for December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Advent-Christmas Carol Fest: Mark your calendars now for the EGL Advent-Christmas Carol Fest on Sunday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone in attendance will be invited to join in singing favorite Christmas carols during the hour-long program. Our EGLS

band will be playing one of the carols, and we plan to have the K-5 children sing one of the carols with some very special accompaniment.



Perhaps you saw one of our students on TV recently. Noah Polzin is the designer of the 2009 *Today's TMJ4 MACC Star*. Noah was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in September 2007. The *Star* which Noah designed is on sale for \$10, with all proceeds from the sale to benefit the MACC Fund's support of childhood cancer research and related blood disorders. We have a quantity of signed *stars* in the school office that can be purchased. We understand that there will be TV ads run during these weeks. If there are any questions, please contact Ryan or Katsuko Polzin (262-617-7331). If you would like to view the WTMJ interview, please go to Today's TMJ4 Web site and search for "MACC Star."

Paws (Positive Active Wildcat Students) On Friday, November 20, 2009, the PAWS group held a Thanksgiving Scavenger hunt for the students of EGLS. It was planned to be an opportunity for fun as well as an occasion for the Chapel Families to work together on a holiday theme activity.

Each year a number of students apply to be on the PAWS group to practice planning and carrying out activities for the school. They meet weekly with a faculty advisor to develop the plans that they make. It can be a very rewarding learning experience for the group as well as the rest of the student body.



Miss Friedrich's 5th Grade Students with teepee project

Winter Quarter Sunday Morning

Bible Classes & Studies

The following study/learning opportunities occur on Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in the designated locations. Do participate!

Sunday, December 6:

“God’s Stewards in Estate Planning” is a one-Sunday special presentation by Richmond Financial, the investment company that manages funds for our Elm Grove Lutheran Foundation. Two representatives from the firm will emphasize how being a good steward includes good estate planning. Take advantage of this free opportunity to hear and apply worthwhile information.

Beginning on December 13

Room 228/Conference Room (Adults):

How do some marriages keep getting stronger, regardless of the circumstance? It’s the power of “WE”! It’s being “one flesh” in attitude and action. This uplifting study offers couples of all ages and anniversaries a scriptural understanding of “WE” and practical, day-to-day wisdom to protect the marriage relationship and keep it alive and growing.

Leader: Pr. Eric Skovgaard

Church Nave (Adults):

“Comparative Analysis of Islam and Christianity.”

What causes radical adherents of Islam to kill others? What does Islam actually teach? How does it differ from the Christian faith?

These questions and many others will be tackled in this special study that will make use of video presentations by Dr. Alvin Schmidt, author of *The Great Divide: The Failure of Islam and the Triumph of the West* and *How Christianity Changed the World*.

Leader: Pr. Larry Myers

Youth Center:

High school youth will explore a number of topical studies from the new “Pulse” series produced by Concordia Publishing House. Each “Pulse” study links a complete Bible study with a current song, video, movie,

or other media. Because young people have many questions about life and how God fits into it, each lesson will explore some of the questions young people are asking. Students will reflect on how God reveals Himself and how He provides the answers to our questions in His Word.

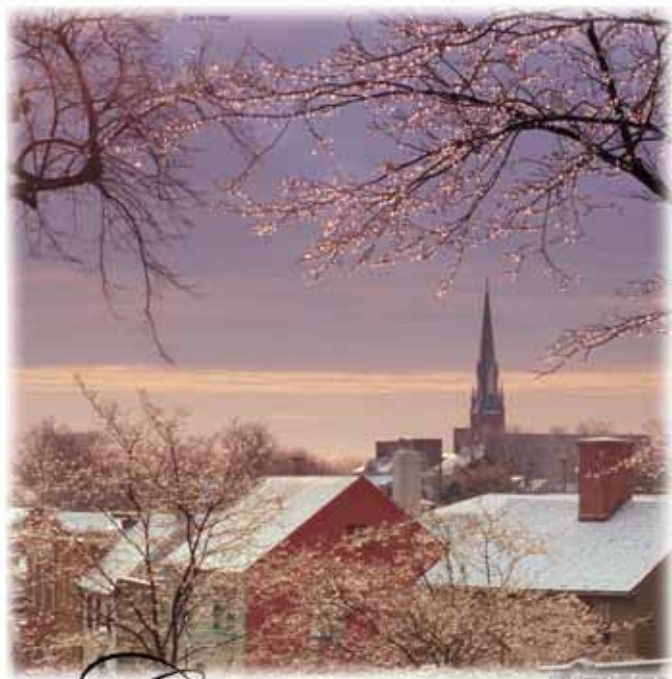
Leader: Karen Clark



It’s that time of year when the EGL youth committee starts planning for next summer’s youth conferences. The Lutheran youth organization, Higher Things, is hosting two conferences next summer, one at Utah State University in Logan, Utah (June 29-July 2) and one at the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee (July 6-9). At both locations the conference theme will focus on the Sacrament of the Altar, “given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” You may read more about Higher Things and the conferences they host at www.higherthings.org. The target age-group for either conference are ‘confirmed’ high school students.

The registration fee ranges between \$300-350 per individual, depending on when we register and which conference we attend. That fee covers everything once we are there on site: conference planning, three nights of housing, ten meals, conference handbook, daily worship service book, and a conference T-Shirt. In order to make this work financially and logistically, commitments need to come early. The sooner, the better. When you notify Pastor Skovgaard or Karen Clark of your interest, please also indicate which date works better for you and your family. Once we have a core group of committed youth, we will make more concrete plans.

If you desire a peer review of the Higher Things conference style, ask Jenna and Tyler McMiller, Rebecca Burhop, Hunter Bennett, or Bekah Kohlmeier. Three summers ago they made the road trip to Minneapolis with Pastor Skovgaard for a conference, and they lived to tell the story!



Christmas blessings and peace

Friendship Library

Your library committee today pays tribute to Edna Moldenhauer, friend and longtime colleague, who passed away on November 16. She worked in the library for many years until failing eyesight made the task impossible. We will miss her and her dedication, not only to the Friendship Library, but to Elm Grove Lutheran Church.

We are now in the season of Advent, anticipating the Christmas celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. While this is indeed a very busy time of the year, we cannot neglect our Scripture study. We must prepare not only our personal devotion time but also our Bible study groups. Books are on display for upcoming study groups on marriage enrichment, Islam, and others. Take note of the Martin Luther bookends, a gift to our congregation from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne.

Meanwhile . . .

“Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word.
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.”

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EGL Teen Wins Quartet Competition

Jeremy Ganswindt, along with his dad, Scott Ganswindt have been members of the Midwest Vocal Express (Wisconsin’s premier men’s a cappella chorus) for a number of years. This award winning chorus travels all over the country performing and competing, both nationally and internationally.

For the past couple of years Jeremy has also been involved in quartet singing and competing. Recently, his quartet won the collegiate championship at a competition in Minnesota. Competitors came from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Upper Michigan, Manitoba, North Dakota, and Ontario. Jeremy was the only high school student in the entire competition.

Jeremy, who is a senior at Milwaukee Lutheran High School, sings tenor in his quartet. He is the son of Scott & Ilana Ganswindt and sister of Taylor. Jeremy comes from a long list of gifted “Ganswindt” singers, including his grandparents, Ralph & Carla Ganswindt, as well as his aunts and uncle.

Congratulations, Jeremy! We’re all very proud of you and wish you God’s continued blessings!



Jeremy Ganswindt (back row, left) and his quartet won a competition recently in Minnesota. Congratulations!



CHANGES IN THE CONGREGATION

Membership Changes:

We welcome:

JACKSON Poppe, by baptism
KYLEE Pederson, by baptism
ABIGAIL Pederson, by baptism

We will miss:

Mark & Joan Angell
Transferred to Immanuel LC,
Albuquerque, NM

Cynthia Dusel,
Transferred to Our Redeemer
LC

Cheryl Hoffren & SOPHIA
Transferred to Blessed Savior
LC, New Berlin

Timothy & Carol O'Leary
SARAH
Transferred to Zion LC, Meno-
monee Falls

Steven Olenchek
Transferred to Brookfield LC

Michael & Lindsay Schmidt
Transferred to King of Glory LC
Sylvania, OH

Deanna Sowlles
Transferred to Divine Redeemer
LC, Hartland

Gene Behr
Jason Behr
Released to East Troy Bible
Church

Lisa Wilke
Released to Elmbrook

By self-exclusion
Autumn Ahnert
Christine Albiter
CHRISTOFER Albiter

Scott Alexander
Michael & Vivian Bartz
Christina Bass
Alaine Baumgart
Daniel Baumgart
Rick Becker
Kristin Becker
MATTHEW Becker

Nathan Beirs
Stephen Beirs
PARKER Beirs

Dwight Bergner
Ashley Bergner
CHELSEA Bergner

James Berry

Michael Bietz
Karl Blischke
Stephen Blischke
James & Sheryl Bray
Ryan Bray
Ashley Bray
Karen Breunig
Robert & Dettie Brockman
Jody Brown
Mark & Amy Cain
BRIAN & JOSEPH Cain

Amy Chowhan
Richard Cowell
Jessica Creel
Kathleen Creel
Karin Dahlke
Steven Dahlke
Roxanne Derni
Ryan Derni
Yolande Derni
Timothy Erdmann
Megan Fischer
Thomas Fischer
Bette Forbes
Laura Glaessner
OLIVIA Glaessner
Kristine Golz
JASON & REBECCA Golz

Charlotte Gottsacker
Kasey Hampton
Damian Hilgendorf
Patricia Holzbauer
Timothy Hug
Erica Hughes
James & Cheryl Imig
Matthew Imig
MARK, MICHAEL, &
MITCHELL Imig

James Jaeschke
Peter Jaeschke
Kelly Jennings
BRIENA Dolce

Danielle Jerschefske
Brittany Kluever
Julia Kluever
Sally Kluever
Angela Kowalski
Aaron Kumlien
April Kumlien
Ashley Kumlien
Dawn Kumlien
Mark Lester
Richard & Jill Letizia
Jason Letizia
Megan Letizia
Justin Letizia
Melissa Lien

Meredith Lillie
Norman Ludtke
Laura Ludtke
Rebecca Martin
Bradley Martin
Jesse Martin
Jonathan Matte
Melissa Matte
DOMINIC Matte

James Matthews
Shelley Matthews
Stephanie Matthews
Stephen Matthews
Dannielle Maxson
BRANDON Maxson
JERROD Walton

Arlene Merritt
Micah Middendorf
Ryan Middendorf
Paul & Mary Milaeger
Jenna Milaeger
Mark Milaeger
Casey Moths
Paul Mueller
Douglas Myers
John Nicholson
Mark O'Brien
Jorie Olenchek
David & Helen Peplinski
Jordan Peplinski
Rachel Peplinski
Roman Peplinski
JACOB Peplinski

Michael Pergande
Krista Perugini
Mark Perugini
Michael Perugini
Martin J. Petroviak
Martin E. Petroviak
Charlene Pfeifer
David Pfeifer
Angela Pitt
Karen Poulos
Christel Prade
Kristina Prade
Dan Radovich
Jason Radovich
Jordan Radovich
Gregory Randall
Erin Reddick
Jason Rick
Dean Ritter
David & Linda Rosenbaum
Breanne Rosenbaum
Westley Rosenbaum
Robert Rutley
Janet Schirripa

Steven Schlaack
Anthony Schnacke
Renata Schreiber
DOMINIC Schreiber

Jamon Schroeder
Randall Schwager
William Schwager
Robert Sills
Denise Simerl
DARIUS White

Karen Spatola
Kimberly Springer
MORGAN Springer

Karen Sturino
Richard & Donna Sumner
Steven Sumner
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Discovery Junior Youth



Nikolas Weller shows that he's ready to leap into the fun at Six Flags on October 30. The 7th and 8th Grades youth group, Discovery, embarked on an evening of roller coaster rides at the annual Halloween-themed "Fright Fest" event hosted by Six Flags. A big thank-you to two dads, Greg Margrett and Rob Schilz, who made the trip possible by chaperoning the 11 junior high youth.

CIA High School Youth

If you've been in the Youth Room over the last two months, you know how much time has been spent repainting the room. The project is nearing completion but is not there yet. The congregation's generosity in saving, bagging, and giving the youth used aluminum cans has paid for all the paint used so far, which includes multiple coats of primer and paint on each of the walls. Below are a few candid shots of the youth at work. This is only a sampling because many more youth have been involved.



Aaron Huber, Eric Weller, Laura Huber, and friend Sam express themselves in blue.



Hunter Bennett discovers the special joys of painting concrete blocks.



Pastor Skovgaard and Alyssa Krueger strike an American Gothic look.



Anthony "Don't-Even-Think-About-It" D'Agostino

December Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

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

December 1

Duane Reusch
Ryan Schmid

December 2

A-John & Lenore Baker
Kathy Rutley

December 4

Nancy Borchardt
Jim Luecke
Ben Mueller
Tom Nichols
Rachael Tischer

December 5

Michael Franz
Ruth Huwiler
Paula Ky

December 6

A-Karl & Irma Koch
Red Corder
Sue Mickol

December 7

Barb Anger
Dorothy Schnacke
Jeff Whittaker

December 8

Jim Erdmann
Kristen Funk
Steve Handrich
Greg Margrett

December 9

Cathy Tuttrup

December 10

A-Bob & Nancy
Genack

December 11

Glenn Ehlers

December 12

Kristopher Baumann
Lynn Crowell
Michael Gibbons
Aaron Wunsch
Audrey Zarder

December 13

A.J. Mueller

December 14

Meg Baumgardt
Jessica Franz
Ewald Timm

December 15

Jean Bennett
Rose Brojanac
Nancy Ewert
Sarah Huber
Joan Knuteson
Jenny Stamm

December 16

Karen Bourdo

December 18

Judy Hogan

December 19

Linda Diven
Don Nitschke
Peggy Schomann
Vicki Widule

December 20

A-Albert & Shirley Wartchow
Barb Albers

December 21

Karlie Bellante
Lorraine Kari
Mary Luecke
Mindy Schaefer

December 22

Chuck Ewert
Janette Farchmin
Linda Stiloski

December 23

A-John & Luanne Schaefer
Marie Herzberg
Delores Rische
Dylan Romero

December 24

Kim Brown
Sandra Nick
Dana Vilar

December 25

Hannah Margrett
Anne Tuttrup

December 26

Beth Baros
Debra Bykowski
Susie Radke

December 27

A-Jeff & Carol Jagusch
A-Woody & E'lem Lindblom
A-Robert & Carmen Nieting
Nancy Bernier
Pr. Ed Eggert
Carol Ewert
Kristen Grow-Bauer
Christopher Hughes
Erwin Komschlies
Eleanor Kosmatka
Joanne Kowach

December 28

A-Randy & JoAnn Randall
A-Forrest & Barb Schumacher
Lanita Beck
Paul Haut
Carol Jagusch

December 29

A-Alfred & Waltraud Zealy
Joy Klotz

December 30

A-Jim & Lynn
Burhop
Jack Powers

December 31

Richie Bernier
Anthony D'Agostino
Benjamin Krueger
Debra Pederson
Robert Tesch
Ginny Wilke



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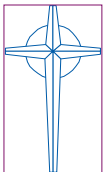
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Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church Calendar

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Christmas Cookie Jars for Sale

Defying the odds (and those who said it couldn't be done!), four high school youth assembled the ingredients for three different types of cookies in 48 jars in under an hour on Sunday, October 22. The youth who have now rightly earned the honorific title of "Speedy Gonzalez" include Eric Weller, Nathan Margrett, Alyssa Krueger, and one of their friends from Martin Luther H.S. Those cookie jar mixes will be available for purchase (\$10 each) on Sunday, December 6, between the services, and on Sunday, December 13, between the morning services and before the Advent-Christmas Carol Fest at 6:30 p.m. The three options are chocolate chip, oatmeal, and M&M cookies. All proceeds will be applied to the costs involved in attending one of the Higher Things youth conferences next summer. The sale of jars is on a first-come, first-served basis; so don't wait!



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