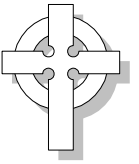

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Opportunities for Worship and Service at
Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church**

S-	8:00 SERVICE-C (Hymnic Setting)		Th-	9:30 Bread & Fish Folding	FH
	9:30 Special Voters' Assembly	CN		9:30 Library Circle	FL
	9:30 Sunday School/Bible Classes			6:00 Exultate Ringers	BR
	10:45 SERVICE-C (Hymnic Setting)			7:00 Exultate Singers	MC
	1:00 CIA/Discovery Snowtubing		F-	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Class	Rm. 228
M-	10:00 Arts & Crafts	WFH		3:30 Discovery	GYM/YC
	5:30 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation Class	Rm. 228	S-	4:00 Ind. Conf./Absolution	
	6:30 Bd. of Christian Education	Rm. 270		5:00 Chinese Fellowship	CLC/GYM
	7:00 Bd. of Finance	Rm. 252		5:30 SERVICE-C (LSB DS2)	
T-	9:15 Bible Class	BAAC			
	11:30 Golden Friends	CLC			
	6:15 Intrada Ringers	BR			
	6:30 Call Committee	Rm. 252			
W-	8:40 CHAPEL				
	10:00 LWML/Women's Bible Study	FL			
	1:00 Sr. Card Players	BAAC			
	6:30 RiF Task Force	Rm. 252			

Location Symbols:

BAAC – Bartelt Adult Activities Center

FH – Fellowship Hall CLC – Christian Life Center

CL – Church Lounge CN – Church Nave

FL – Friendship Library MC – Music Center

WFH – West Fellowship Hall YC – Youth Center

BR – Bell Room

SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: A Special Voters' Assembly occurs this Sunday, January 31, 9:30 a.m., in the church nave. Purpose is to allow the addition of other names to the Principal/Teacher call list. No candidates can be nominated from the floor because "synodically qualified" (i.e., rostered) candidates cannot be determined on the floor. The deadline for submission of names was set for January 29; no additional names may be submitted.

HOSPITALIZED: Betty Trubshaw (Froedtert).

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: Attendance at the worship services last week was 392 at the weekend services. *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"*

GROWING IN CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week the lesson is about Jesus healing many people (Luke 4:31-44). Through many miracles, Jesus shows us His power over sin. Ask your children to tell you whom Jesus healed. What were some of the sicknesses the people had? Talk about sin—yours, theirs, the world's, and how Satan holds the world in bondage, causing sickness and death. Assure them that Jesus is the Holy One of God, who defeats Satan and frees us from his hold, granting us eternal life in paradise. Emphasize that Jesus has power over sin and sickness, saving the lost by His death and resurrection.

EGLS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, May 14, 2010: Mark your calendars for the annual Elm Grove Lutheran School Golf Outing and Auction. The date is May 14; location, Ironwood Golf Course; 12 noon shot-gun start with dinner to follow. Money raised is for improvements to our school.

SERVICE LEAGUE: Join us for a fun afternoon of games on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m. Bring a sandwich; dessert and beverages will be served. All are welcome!

LWML INGATHERING TO BENEFIT EGLS: A mission project right here at EGL School will help teachers receive items for their classrooms that go beyond the regular curriculum needs. Thanks go to the congregation members who have already contributed to our LWML Ingathering! You may still place items in the LWML boxes near the LWML bulletin board in the lower lobby by Feb. 2. Check off the items on the poster. A list of the items needed is in the January *Seasons* and on the LWML bulletin board. Thank you!

LWML MEETING: Women are invited to the LWML meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 10 a.m. in the Bartelt Adult Activities Center. The Bible study is *"What Would Joseph Say?"* (pp. 20-23 of the *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*). Extra copies will be available. Children from Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd Grades will join us for a short time to sing some songs. Refreshments of tea, coffee, and cookies will be served. You may also bring your Ingathering of school items to this meeting.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: The CIA youth group plans to attend one of two Higher Things youth gatherings this summer, either at Utah State University in Logan, Utah (June 29-July 2), or at the University of Memphis, Tennessee (July 6-9). Some financial assistance will be available. We must have commitments very soon. Please remember to inform Pastor Skovgaard or Ms. Karen Clark about your intentions.

CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS!! Alumni of EGLS and parents and relatives of current students are invited to play in the pep band for the **35th Annual Spirit Tournament**. The band will play at the EGL girls' and boys' games on Thursday, Feb. 11, and on Friday, Feb. 12, respectively. Both games begin at 6:30 p.m. SO...dig out those instruments, brush off the dust and get in shape to join the band for one or both of the games! Plan to meet in the Music Center at 5:30 p.m. on both evenings. Please let Mrs. Bessert know if you plan to participate and what instrument you will be playing so that we have enough music ready (kbessert@egl.org). And spread the word – if you know of alumni in the area, please invite them!!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT: Dr. Richard Eyer leads a five-session marriage enrichment course, beginning Sunday evening, Feb. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Couples are invited to discover the ways God has given to bring marriage to a deeper level of fulfillment. Cost is \$25 per couple (payable to “Our Savior Lutheran Church,” Whitefish Bay). See the flyers throughout our EGL facility.

ITALIAN DINNER – SAVE THE DATE! This annual youth fundraising dinner will be Sunday, April 18, 2010, 4:45-7:30 p.m. The Jazz Ensemble from Martin Luther High School will again provide musical entertainment. Dinner price will be \$11.00 per person. See you there!

ISSUES, ETC. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. tune into interviews on Why Does God Allow Suffering?, The Complaint Psalms, The Conversion of Paul, Genesis 1, Simultaneously Saint & Sinner and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

MARKET DAY: Don't forget to place your order for February's Market Day. The on-line order deadline is Friday, Feb. 12. This month's profits will help fund the 7th Grade trip to Physics Day at Six Flags Great America and will also help cover the costs of some classroom supplies. This month is also cookie dough month. Our school receives extra profits for every box sold!

FANTASTIC NEWS Re: THRIVENT GivingPlus PHASE-OUT PROGRAM—We have already received \$14,880 in contributions for our elementary school, which Thrivent will match with \$7,440. If we collect an additional \$3,480 for our pre-school, Thrivent will provide an additional \$1,740. No Thrivent connection is required to participate. Thus, we are asking all of our members to give to our pre-school instead of giving to the congregation budget during the next week (checks need to be written out to “Elm Grove Lutheran Pre-School”). The program ends on June 30, 2010.

EGL BLOOD DRIVE - THANK YOU VERY MUCH to the 30 of you who came out and gave 29 pints of blood that may have saved someone's life. You made our blood drive a success. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 5, 2010**, 8:00 a.m. to noon for our next Blood Drive.

Financial Update January 31, 2010

Please read last week's information and the letter of Jan. 10, received via surface mail this week. To date our total giving is well below the amount projected; however, we have not incurred short term debt (i.e. line of credit). The projections in the Jan 10th letter are based on our giving in this fiscal year – which highlights the economic times as well. We need to seriously consider these challenges and come to our Lord with our own financial situation and change these trends. We can make a difference!

Good data: [PRAISE THE LORD!]

1. Short term indebtedness (line of credit) is **\$0.00**.
2. We have available non budgeted cash of **\$15,658**.
3. See the Thrivent “good news” in adjacent column.

This box is going to be updated on a weekly basis to better inform the congregation. We are asking everyone to pray daily for God's guidance and direction for our church and schools.

Weekly Prayer: “Dear Father, We thank you for all of your mercy and grace. We are in awe of your abundant powers, even though we only get glimpses of you in our daily lives. We, as your children, are seeking direction and guidance, especially as we consider the financial struggles of this life. Help us to bring these and all our concerns to you daily. In Jesus name, we pray.”

Special verse of the week: Colossians 3:15 & 16; [NIV]

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.”

“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone...” [1Timothy 2:1]

PLEASE PRAY FOR and remember these members of Elm Grove Lutheran who are confined to bed or to their homes. They would surely also appreciate a visit from friends. Addresses and telephone numbers are in the church directory.

Gwendolyn Mueller Don Ploetz
Roland Steinmann Ed Haeger

Also remember those serving in the US Armed Forces:

Tom Erdmann – Stateside
Kevin Zavadil – Hawaii
Joshua Tesch – Afghanistan

Weekly Worship Services Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.-C (LSB DS2)

Sunday, Feb. 7, 8:00 a.m.-C (LSB DS2) & 10:45 a.m. (Matins)

“Called to Fish” (Luke 5:1-11) Pastor Myers, Preacher