
ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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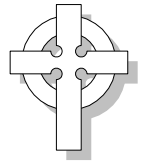
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**Opportunities for Worship and Service at
Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church**

S- 8:00 **SERVICE** (Serv. of Prayer & Preaching)
9:30 Sunday School/Bible Class (joint) CN
10:45 **SERVICE-C** (LSB DS3)
6:30 CIA YC
M- 2:30 Bible Class BAAC
T- 9:15 Bible Class BAAC
W- 1:00 Sr. Card Players BAAC
Th- Offices Closed
6:30 **SERVICE-C**
F- New Year's Day
Offices Closed

S- 4:00 Ind. Conf./Absolution
5:00 Chinese Fellowship
5:30 **SERVICE-C** (LSB DS3)

CLC/GYM

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

HOSPITALIZED: Janette Farchmin (Elmbrook).

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: Attendance at the worship services last week was 395 at the weekend worship services and approximately 170 at the Children-Led Christmas Service on Friday afternoon. *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"*

GROWING IN CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL: There are no separate Sunday School classes on Sunday, Dec. 27. All ages and all classes are invited to the church nave for a special session on "Islam vs. Christianity." The Sunday School Committee thanks you for sharing your children with us in 2009, we pray that your families have a blessed Christmas, and we encourage faithful attendance in 2010.

SCRIP: The Scrip table is closed on Sunday, Dec. 27. It will be open again next week.

GIFT CARD ANGEL PROJECT: A tremendous thank you to all who donated to the Gift Card Angel Project this year. Once again, the loving generosity of EGL was demonstrated, and a variety of gift cards (\$650 total) were delivered to needy families. Thank you!

MEN'S CLUB: The EGL Men's Club is back by popular demand. (Not kidding. A lot of guys have been demanding it!) So mark your calendars for Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, 8:00 p.m., at Panos, 20290 W Bluemound Rd., Brookfield. For more information contact Ron Harmeyer.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the hallway opposite the church library. Please retrieve your set to prevent personal delivery by an EGL Elder.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet on Jan. 21, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the Bartelt Adult Activities Center to discuss *The Name Sake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. All are welcome.

SOLICITATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR

PRINCIPAL: The Board of Christian Education solicits nominations for the position of Teacher/Principal at Elm Grove Lutheran School. Deadline for nominations is Jan. 8. Every nominee must be a rostered, professional church worker of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Other criteria also exist. Note especially #6: "Has currently taught in a classroom for a minimum of 5 years with the capability of teaching middle school math." Copies of all criteria are available on the credenza in the back of the nave.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES: With heartfelt thanks to Ron Wegner and his hours of volunteer assembly help, we have a new updated church directory. They are available for pick-up in the tract rack area.

2010 FLOWER CALENDAR: There are many available dates on our 2010 Altar Flower Calendar. If you are interested in providing flowers for a particular weekend, please call the church office (262-797-2970). Cost is \$35.

TALK RADIO FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...

You can listen to programs about The Birth of Christ According to Luke, The Christmas Hymn *A Great and Mighty Wonder*, Messianic Prophecy, Martin Luther on the Incarnation, the Circumcision of Jesus, and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

SPECIAL STOCK DONATIONS: From time to time members of our congregation have made stock donations to EGLC. If this is something that you plan on doing, please contact Carol Gray so that the proper procedures can be followed and your designation preferences discussed.

UNEMPLOYED SEMINAR: Have you recently become unemployed due to “downscaling or the economy”? Lutheran Counseling and Family Services, located at 3800 N. Mayfair Rd in Wauwatosa, offers a free group to interested individuals that will focus on how to cope and/or how to proceed towards the future. Call 414-536-8333 to reserve a space in the group. Group sessions will begin soon on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.

LWML Meeting: Our EGL LWML will meet in the Bartelt Adult Activities Center on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010 at 10:00 am. The Bible study is *Heart” Matters: A Look at Mary*, found on pages 16-17 of the Winter *Quarterly*. We extend a warm welcome to all women of our congregation. Start the new year off by coming to our LWML meeting.

LWML Young Women’s Retreat: Check out the LWML bulletin board in the lower lobby for details for this retreat on Feb. 5-6, 2010, at The Lodge at Geneva Ridge in Lake Geneva. This is primarily for young women, but also for women “young at heart.” You are in for a real treat. Theme is “Living a Chocolate Life.” Note that the deadline for registration is Dec. 31, 2009.

PART-TIME ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED: Faith LC, Germantown, seeks someone who is skilled in playing the organ as well as choral direction. This is a part-time position for 15-20 hours a week. More specific details about the position will be discussed with the candidates/applicants. If you have this set of skills and are curious to hear more about the position, please call Pastor Thomas Kaul (262-251-8250).

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOLS STATUS REPORT: How are Milwaukee Lutheran, Martin Luther and Lake Country Lutheran doing? What is the future of the High School Association? Are the rumors true about financial struggles? How can I learn more information to consider sending my child? How can I get my questions answered as a parent? If you love our excellent Christian Lutheran education system and want to see it thrive, please join CEO Todd Moritz and other staff on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. at Hales Corners Lutheran Church. You will receive a candid update on how the association is doing and where they are going. Parents, prospective parents, grandparents, students, alumni or lovers of our great schools - you are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit www.lhsagm.org and click on the CEO tab.

CIA IS COLLECTING ALUMINUM CANS: Thank you so very much for your generous donations of aluminum cans. The \$’s earned through the recycling of the cans help with various CIA events and projects. The cans can be dropped off at any time by the glass doors on the south side of the building.

2010 LUTHERLAND TOUR & OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY: Scheduled for Aug. 13-28, 2010, this study tour includes major Luther sites in eastern Germany and the once-every-decade Passion Play in Oberammergau, Bavaria. Brochures are available on the tract rack and in the church office. The study tour is now being offer only on a land-only basis. The cost is \$3,150 per person (includes \$950 HK III package of a Category 1 ticket & accommodations in Oberammergau for the Passion Play). A nonrefundable deposit of \$950 will secure your seat and guarantee your participation. Airfares for 2010 keep going up, and time is running out. The sooner you book your flight (by credit card), the more you’ll save. Don’t delay.

Goals and Gifts	
In an effort to keep our members better informed, the following statistics are provided that give a brief overview of our financial commitments and balances. We thank and praise our Lord for His many blessings and pray for faithfulness from each steward for His gifts.	
Regular Offerings received thru Dec. 20	\$427,109
Thrivent <i>Giving Plus</i> Gifts received thru Dec. 20	\$48,062
Total received thru Dec. 20	<u>\$475,171</u>
Regular Offerings anticipated thru Dec. 20	\$499,875
Thrivent <i>Giving Plus</i> anticipated thru Dec. 20	\$52,900
Total anticipated thru Dec. 20	<u>\$552,775</u>

“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.

Jeanne Kainz	Harry Kelley
Elmer & Marion Schleif	Dorothy Zyniecki

Also remember those serving in the US Armed Forces:

Tom Erdmann – Stateside
Kevin Zavadil – Hawaii
Joshua Tesch – South Carolina

<p align="center">New Year’s Eve Special/Weekly Worship Services Schedule</p> <p align="center">Thursday, Dec. 31, 6:30 p.m., New Year’s Eve—Eve of Name of Jesus-C (<i>LSB DS 3</i>) <i>“Staying Ready”</i> (Luke 12:35-40) Pr. Myers, Preacher</p> <p align="center">Saturday, Jan. 2, 5:30 p.m. –C (<i>LSB DS3</i>) & Sunday, Jan. 3, 8:00 a.m.-C (<i>LSB DS3</i>) & 10:45 a.m. (Matins) <i>“Jesus Grew in Wisdom”</i> (Luke 2:40-52) Pastor Skovgaard, Preacher</p> <p align="center">Wednesday, Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m.—Epiphany Service of Lessons & Carols</p>
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