

SEASONS

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



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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

The Rev. Matthew Douglas Peters [pictured above with wife, Heather, and children, Catherine and Harvey] has been led by the Holy Spirit to accept the Divine Call extended to him by Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church. Pastor Peters will begin his ministry here at EGL in early January. Please mark your calendars for a service of Installation on Sunday, Jan 8, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. In addition, a reception is being planned in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the service.

(His letter of acceptance to EGL is on page 3 of *Seasons*.)

From the Pastor...

The announcement on Sunday morning, Nov 27, before the services that Pastor Peters had accepted EGL's call to be our new associate pastor was met with applause and the spontaneous singing of the Common Doxology! Truly, God has answered our prayer to give "this congregation the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable pastor according to [His] will for the blessing of [His] church in this place."

With this answer to prayer, it's a good time to remember and reflect on why the Church has pastors in the first place. The Pastoral Office is known variously as the Office of the Holy Ministry or the Office of Public Ministry, depending on what's being emphasized. Is the emphasis on the administration of holy things, ie the Word and Sacraments, or on that which is done publicly on behalf of the baptized? In either case the Office is of Divine institution, meaning it's not the creation of the Church simply for the sake of good order. Pastor and congregation belong together.

Both titles for the Pastoral Office hint at the reason for God's institution of the Office. The pastor is not a "lord" of the Church; nor is he a cheer leader. The Pastor is called to preach, teach, and administer the sacraments. Augsburg Confession V provides a quick summary when we read: "To obtain such faith [that is reckoned as righteousness] God instituted the office of the ministry, that is, provided the Gospel and the sacraments. Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who works faith, when and where he pleases, in those who hear the Gospel" (Tappert).

Thus, at the center of the pastor's call is using the means of grace, the Word and the Sacraments, as instruments of the Holy Spirit in creating and sustaining faith. Jesus gave the Great Commission in Matthew 28: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the

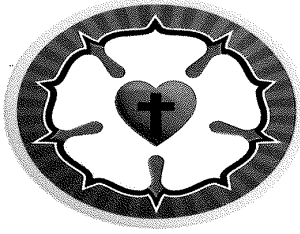
age." So, we know that the Church is built upon and sustained by the Gospel preached purely and the Sacraments rightly administered, and Christ has tied the Office to those 'tools' for the sake of the Great Commission.

This is why we call pastors to serve in our midst. The personality of a given pastor, while of some interest, is not the most important thing. The most important aspect in calling a pastor is his commitment to serve God and His people by faithfully proclaiming the Word of God at every opportunity and by administering the Sacraments according to the Gospel. The congregation responds to such pastors by "pledging our wholehearted and continuing cooperation and support in word and deed and in our prayers to God in [his] behalf." [Diploma of Vocation]

St Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 4:1, "This is how one should regard us [those in the Office], as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church has been blessed through its 76 years of existence with many faithful pastors, from Tesch and Bartelt, through Egloff and Senkbeil, and down to the present day with Myers and Skovgaard. As Matthew "Doug" Peters begins his ministry in our midst in January, he does so in a chain of men God has placed here to preach and teach for the glory of God and the building up of the Church.



Eric C. Skovgaard
Administrative Pastor



Luther Memorial Ev.

LUTHERAN CHURCH, U.A.C

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Rev. Matthew D. Peters, *Pastor*

"Where the gifts of Christ Jesus are freely received."

November 29, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Elm Grove Lutheran,

I thank the Lord Jesus for each of you and I thank you for your prayers and support during these last four weeks in my consideration of the three calls I have had to Luther Memorial here in Sheboygan, Trinity in Nashville, Illinois and Elm Grove Lutheran.

Throughout this time, there have been several texts of Scripture, which have frequented my mind, influencing my thoughts and prayers in my search for determining where I may serve our Lord's Bride best. The following words from St. Paul have consumed my prayers; "Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God." Rm 1:1.


This verse reveals the dominant reality and rule in which I must do all things as a servant of Christ, called to be a pastor, set aside for the gospel of God. Despite my own emotional concerns and fears, God sees fit for me to serve Him as He wills. This leaves me no room to second guess the Solemn Call He has issued through Elm Grove Lutheran. I trust in Him to provide for my family and me, wherever our Lord has called me to serve.

So my beloved brothers and sisters, the Lord has called and convicted me to go with Him to serve the saints at EGL. I have therefore accepted the Lord's call to serve Elm Grove Lutheran Church, Elm Grove Wisconsin as an associate pastor. Due to my responsibilities here, it is my tentative plan to conclude my service at Luther Memorial on December 25th, 2016. I'll discuss possible installation dates with you in the days ahead.

As we begin our life together, let us do so together trusting in the words of St. Paul in Acts 17, "He determines the times set for us and the exact places where we should live. God did this so that men would seek and find Him. . . . For in Him, we live and move and have our being."

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. May our Triune God bless you and love you and bless our coming together in His mission and ministry at Elm Grove Lutheran.

In Christ Jesus,



Rev. Matthew D. Peters

Cc: Rev. Bryan Osladil-circuit visitor
President John Willie,
Mr. Craig Larson, President Luther Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church U.A.C.

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Email: pastor@luthermemorialsheboygan.com

Please join us for
Carol Fest
Sunday, December 11,
1:30 p.m.



Make plans now to attend the 8th annual Carol Fest on Sunday, Dec 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join the Exultate Singers, Middle School Choir, Cherub Choir, Exultate Ringers, Jubilate Ringers, the EGLS Band, and other musicians for an hour of singing and listening to many favorite Christmas carols and learning a little bit about each of them. The Fest has music for all ages, so, parents, bring your children and, children, bring your parents and grandparents!



Children-led Christmas Service

"Savior of the Nations Come"

The students of Elm Grove Lutheran School will lead us in worship at the final Advent service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec 21. The service is entitled *Savior of the Nations Come*. A Christmas carol-sing will precede the service, beginning at 6:15 p.m. Congregation members are invited to attend this service or the dress rehearsal on Wednesday, Dec 21, at 9:00 a.m.



This year's program will unpack the miracle of the two natures of Christ (human and divine). We rejoice that Jesus, both God and man, has come to rescue us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. The consequences of sin find brother fighting against brother. The lines of division, including national borders, are drawn to separate and claim what once was God's gracious gift to all mankind. Yet despite our sinful divisions, the Christ comes to make us whole. He comes for all the nations of the world to reveal Himself as the long-expected Jesus. At this service, you will hear different languages and see many different countries represented, signifying that we are all one in Christ.

Year-End Contributions

Charitable contributions to Elm Grove Lutheran are tabulated from January 1 through December 31 each year for your tax purposes. This year we will have regular weekend worship services that fall on New Year's Eve [Saturday, December 31], and New Year's Day [Sunday, January 1]. On Monday, January 2, 2017, we will separate the weekend's offerings into two deposits. Checks dated in 2016 will be applied to our December 2016 financial statements as well as to your 2016 year-end charitable contribution statements. Checks dated in 2017 will be applied to EGL's 2017 financials as well as to your 2017 charita-

ble contribution statement. All monies received after January 1, 2017, will be applied accordingly to both EGL's 2017 financials and to your 2017 charitable contribution statements. For questions please contact the members of the Board of Finance: Rob Hipke, Emily Krueger, Layton Gehrke, and Jim Huebschen.





Women in Mission

The LWML morning group will host its Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 7th in the Bartelt Adult Activity Center at **10:30 a.m.** Instead of a Bible study, we will have a Christmas program of singing Christmas carols, reading Bible verses, and reading a narration of the Christmas story. For our luncheon, each lady is asked to bring ½ sandwich and 6 cookies. Plan to attend. What a wonderful way to start your Christmas celebration!

The LWML evening group sent Christmas cards to wounded soldiers and veterans with inspirational notes and Bible verses written in the cards. Our hope is that these cards will brighten the lives of these soldiers and veterans and also be a witness to the real meaning of Christmas. Jesus Christ, the Son of God was born as our Savior.

The second Mission Grant of the South Wisconsin District LWML is the **Church Work Student Grant** of \$30,000. This grant will be given to full time church worker students from the South Wisconsin District who are enrolled in one of our synodical universities or seminaries. This includes pastors, teachers, deaconesses, lay ministers, and directors of Christian education. These funds are to be used towards tuition and board. Looking at the National LWML "Mites in Action," it

has been reported that another Mission Grant has been totally funded. \$72,000 was given to "Outreach in Refugee Camps in Lebanon." This is being used in correlation with the Lutheran Hour Ministries goal to reach 15,000 women and children with the message of faith and trust in God, along with food and humanitarian supplies to break the cycle of poverty for themselves and their families. The hope and prayer is that this outreach will help to change the lives of these women and children living in the Lebanon refugee camps.

Sponsored by the young women of the LWML of our South Wisconsin District is the Winter Getaway at the Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells on January 27 and 28, 2017. This is a time to relax, renew, and reconnect with our LWML Sisters in Christ. Be inspired with a Bible study led by the Senior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Dale Blanchard. Learn about the work of POBLO – People of the Book Lutheran Organization. Find more information and the registration form on the LWML Website, which is lwml-swd.org.

"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15

Barbara Kurth



Membership Changes:

We welcome:

Jane Heup
785 S. Calhoun Rd.
Brookfield, WI 53005

We will miss:

Dorothy Horrell, by death †
Neva Irelan, Transferred to Our Savior LC, Greendale
Harry & Tina Roberts, Transferred to Our Savior LC, Greendale

Name Change:

Mrs. Laura (Struve) Szeleczyk

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Waukesha, WI 53188

Sarah Huber
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Katy, TX 77494

Kathy Matschull
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Verona, WI 53593





The Joy of Stewardship



The Stewardship board would like to thank all who filled out & turned in pledge cards in November. You're able to do so through the first weekend in December. Please ask an usher for a card. We pray for a robust response to the annual EGL Pledge Drive because it serves the effective planning and management of our church and school home, which is focused on our Christ-centered community.

Elm Grove Lutheran Church and School could not do His work and proclaim His Word without all those among us who contribute their time, talent, & treasures. The Stewardship board would like to highlight a few of those we've profiled as Faces of Stewardship in *Seasons*. To Him be the glory. May He continue to bless our life together!

<i>In all my years teaching Sunday School my favorite lesson is the Easter story! It seems everything ties back to it; Jesus died to save us from our sins and for our life in Christ, each day is lived in the power of His resurrection and the love of his forgiveness.</i>	<i>We've been members for 50+ years and enjoy lifetime friendships. We find inspiration to be faithful stewards by the words of this hymn, "We give thee but thy own, whatever the gift might be, All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, oh Lord, from Thee."</i>
Jami Hedke	Hazel & Chuck Ewert
<i>Our advice to someone who may be thinking, "Should I get involved?" would be, remember, give because God first gave to us.</i>	<i>My philosophy is that God wants us to always be growing our faith and acting on it. Finding ways to serve and really be a part of the church body is very important.</i>
Jean and Dick Kruse	Karen Clark
<i>Honestly, it is really the Lord's work. I cannot teach. I do not have that ability, but I can help in other ways. I try to use my electrical engineering and computer skills when I can, but otherwise, I just try to help where I can.</i>	<i>I like the idea of the original Christian church and its sense of community. The Bible verses about not worrying and focusing on one's talents are favorites. I do my best to serve the Lord with my talents and gifts.</i>
Dennis Braun	Bob Gunerman
<i>A lot of our members have special needs, especially the elderly. Keeping them up to date with what is available to them & making myself available, is important to me.</i>	<i>I have been blessed at EGL, working with a wonderful staff and great families, but mostly a gracious God who through His plan made me one of His adopted children.</i>
JoAnn Randall	Linda Hoffmann
<i>My brother gave me some sound advice; stewardship is not about worrying what someone else is doing or giving. It is about being thankful for what God has given you. God has given each of us gifts that we can gratefully share with others.</i>	<i>We enjoy serving and being part of the EGL family. It can be work at times but it is also rewarding to be involved for our kids, for the continued success of the school, and for the growth of our congregation.</i>
Cathy Tuttrup	Heather & Rob Hipke
<i>I feel I am an advocate for the lost. I have a sense of urgency or need to tell Christ's story to the lost.</i>	<i>My motivation to serve the Church stems from my love for the Lord, my desire to please and serve Him.</i>
Tom Alles	Paul Haut
What it means to be part of the Christian community from one of our 2016 Confirmands:	
<i>I will lead a Christian life and faithfully attend the Divine services. It also means that I will submit to the church for the sake of love and peace and that I will truly take the Lord's Supper faithfully to receive all the blessings.</i>	<i>I should continue going to Church and communing often. This also means that I should continue to learn more about Jesus and stay strong in the faith forever.</i>

Do you know how the SCRIP card program works?

SCRIP cards are gift cards that are bought at face value. The Scrip distributor pays EGL a rebate for every card sold. These rebates vary from 1.5% to 15% with most of them being around 3%-9%.

You can give the cards as gifts, but also know that you can shop with SCRIP for yourself. You can buy your gas and groceries using SCRIP cards. Every time you shop for food or fill your tank, you are giving to EGL.

Do you go to local restaurants? Whether you're eating on-the-go or casual dining, there are many eating places to choose from. There are even a few fine dining establishments offered in the SCRIP program.

Card values vary from \$10 (usually for on-the-go food places) and \$25- \$100 and even higher for retailers and restaurants. Will you be **shopping** at Target or Walmart (for example) **for Christmas**? We have these cards available every Sunday (first come-first serve basis) There are many other department stores and specialty stores to choose from on the order form, too, such as Toys R Us, home improvement stores, sporting goods stores...and many, many more.

All your shopping dollars could be giving a payback to Elm Grove Lutheran. We have a variety of "cash and carry" cards available at the SCRIP table on Sunday mornings.

If the "cash and carry" box doesn't have cards for where you shop, order forms are available. Orders are sent on Monday and the cards come to EGL by Wednesday. They can be picked up at the table the next week, from the office on Thursday or given to your child to bring home if you have a student at EGL. Just let us know how you want to have them "delivered".

Create an account at shopwithscrip.com and become one of our SCRIP "families". You can then get a report of your rebates given to EGL to use for your tax deduction purposes. After creating an account, you can also shop on-line and either order cards and pay with your check at the SCRIP table or pay on-line with your credit card. (Depending on your credit card reward program you might be able to get your credit card reward and give a rebate to EGL!)

Make sure to designate Elm Grove Lutheran as the one to receive the rebates. Our access code is AEE648179715. Many of the cards can be reloaded on-line, too.



With thanksgiving to God!

\$289,900 has been received through Nov 27. The following money has been allocated to:

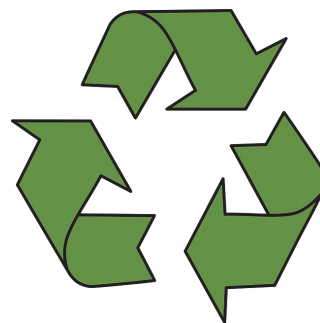
\$58,980 to the LHSA of Greater Milwaukee

\$230,920 into 3 LCEF accounts:

- 1) \$117,960 for maintenance
- 2) \$68,725 for debt reduction
- 3) \$44,235 for future needs

Cans for Kids:

Thank you to all who have been collecting and donating your aluminum cans. Please keep collecting them and depositing them in the wooden bin next to our dumpster area. The cans are moved to a secure location daily and are recycled to raise money for a variety of supplies and activities for the PK program. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Margrett at [262-894-3446](tel:262-894-3446).





EGL is proud to congratulate our newest National Honor Society's inductees.

Hannah Weymier and Cate Heup are both juniors at Milwaukee

Lutheran High School. Hannah is the daughter of Jay & Amy Weymier. Cate is the daughter of Jon & Carol Heup.

Zachary (Zack) Skovgaard is a senior at Brookfield East High School. Zack is the son of Pastor Eric & Shelly Skovgaard.

All three are graduates of EGLS.
Congratulations to all!



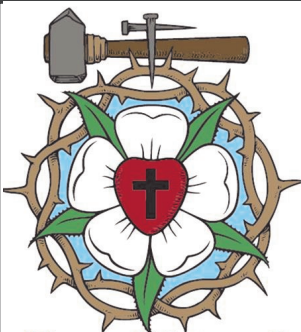
Race For Education



The students of Elm Grove Lutheran just finished their fall fundraiser, Race for Education. Many of you may already be familiar with this fundraiser as you have been amazing supporters through your generous donations and notes of encouragement and/or your participation/observation of our students on race day. Thank you to all of you who participated! The faculty, parents, and students all appreciate your participation more than you know!

Together we raised \$14,591.00! We will be using those funds to replace the carpeted rooms in middle school with tile floors, make updates to the playground, fund the 7th & 8th grade Spanish program, and contribute to teacher development funds.

Our goal was to raise \$12,000.00 and together we met and exceeded that goal. As a reward for this, the students of EGL earned a trip to the movies to see the new Troll movie! Congratulations kiddos! Allison Gronitz (1st Grade) brought in the highest amount of funds through her written flyers (\$385.00)! Allison has been awarded to be Principal for the day! Congratulations Allison!



Here I Stand

Luther at our 2017 summer conferences.

High School Students Dare To Be Lutheran
Decide NOW to attend!

That's daring to be Lutheran! What words! What a theme! So on this 500th anniversary of Dr. Luther's firing of the Gospel shot heard around the Church, Higher Things is excited to continue to stand and confess the Gospel with Dr.

Registration starts now for 2017

Conference Date:

July 25-28, 2017

Location:

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN (Approx. 3 hours from EGL. We will travel as a group.)

Registration Cost:

\$142.00 per person by 1/15/17 (includes meals and rooms on campus)

Other Costs:

Meals/snacks along the way. Anything you might buy on campus. No hotel costs.

Contact Karen Clark at 262-366-5920 (call/text) or kaclark96@yahoo.com to get a registration form or ask questions about this awesome conference.



This logo takes many elements from Luther's seal, which is the most easily recognized symbol for Lutheranism. It was common in Luther's day for people to create a seal or coat of arms for their families, and that seal told the world what the family cared about or did for a living. It's no surprise, then, that Luther's seal was all about Jesus! At the center of Luther's seal, and at the center of the Reformation 2017 logo, is a red heart in the middle of a white rose. (The heart and rose together are commonly referred to as Luther's rose.) As Luther explained in one of his writings, "The heart in the middle of white rose shows that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. It immediately sets [the believer] into the midst of a white, joyful rose, not like the peace and joy the world offers. That is why the rose should be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and all angels." At the center of that rose is Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Jesus is the center and Rock of our faith. He has been since He came to Earth in the flesh, and He still is today. The word "still" bears witness to the ever and ongoing relevance of this one, saving truth for sinners. (<http://lutheranreformation.org/resources/reformation-logo/>)

At last summer's Synod Convention held in Milwaukee, Resolution 3-15 was adopted by voice vote. What it recommends is a good way to remember the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, which is still all about Jesus! Stay tuned for additional ways Elm Grove Lutheran will observe the anniversary year. You may also check out this blog for regular information: <http://lutheranreformation.org/blog/>.

Whereas, The 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther will be observed in 2017; and

Whereas, It is most appropriate that members of the LCMS join in the celebration of that anniversary, and that this celebration include the study of the writings contained in the Book of Concord of 1580 (i.e., the Lutheran Confessions); therefore be it

Resolved, That resources be prepared under the auspices of the Office of the President in collaboration with the Commission on Theology and Church Relations and Concordia Publishing House for the study of the Lutheran Confessions; and be it further

Resolved, That every congregation of the Synod be encouraged to hold regular, ongoing studies of all writings contained within the Book of Concord of 1580 and to encourage all of their members to attend those studies regularly.

LWML—Soup Jars

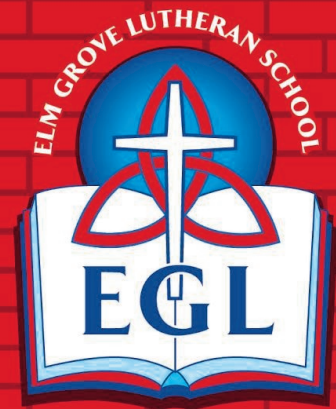
On November 21, the ladies of the morning LWML group put together 100 jars of their Friendship Soup which were then purchased by the congregation. This project has become an EGL favorite. Pictured (top, from the left—Bev Hipenbecker, Jean Kruse, Hazel Ewert, Sherri Bond, Nancy Roozen, Barbara Kurth. (Lower picture, from the left—Carole Braun, Linda Hoffmann, Ruth Smith, Carmen Nieting, Vicky Ohde.



BUILDING FAITH... ONE CHILD AT A TIME

**"I HAVE NO GREATER JOY THAN TO
HEAR THAT MY CHILDREN ARE
WALKING IN THE TRUTH"**

3 JOHN 4



FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Mark 1:4 says, "And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

Judea, first century. Excitement in the air. A new stirring of life and hope. A rugged wilderness man appearing to proclaim that Jesus, the Messiah will come.

We, in the middle of a difficult world, pause to remember the beginning of the Gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We look ahead to Christmas in its true meaning: Jesus has come as the Babe in Bethlehem, the Man from Galilee, and the Lamb of Calvary. He has come for us.

John's message starts with repentance. Great crowds came to hear John as the excitement grew. John, a stern preacher, exposed their sins, broke through their façade of self-righteousness and religiosity. Confessing their sins, they repented and humbled themselves in a Jordan River baptism. Forgiven, they awaited the appearance of "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Christmas often provides a superficial joy of the tinsel, glitter, and wrapping paper. We sometimes come to Christ wearing masks, desiring sin and heaven, too. John's message pierces the façade, sweeps away the superficial, and penetrates our hearts. Confessing, we humbly turn to the cross of Jesus for forgiveness and live daily in the humbling but joy-giving waters of our baptism. There is true excitement in the air, new life and hope, from the forerunner's message of repentance. Jesus has come for us!!

MS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for October:

The following students were nominated for the category of Christian Leadership: Sophie Handrich (5), Taylor Owen(5), Cooper Wintheiser (5), Luke Wilinski(6), Thomas Hipke(6), Hannah Daws(7), Clara Strelow(7), and Chloe Handrich(8). **Our Middle School SOTM for Christian Leadership is Clara Strelow(7).**

The following students were nominated for the category of Academic Achievement: Amalia Ward(5), Sophie Handrich(5), Brandon Scepaniski(5), Nick Daws(6), Luke Wilinski(6), Isabela Kurazowa(6), Parker Marriott(6), Steve Akpojisheri(7), Sophia Akpojisheri (7), Hannah Daws(7), and Matt Diven(8). **Our Middle School SOTM for Academic Achievement is Matt Diven(8).**

ACADEMIC AWARDS 1ST QUARTER

Honor Roll (3.60 – 3.68)

5 th Grade Oliver Bitunjac
6 th Grade Thomas Hipke, Brady Stamm
7th Grade Julia Elvers, Olivia Rosenberg
8 th Grade Matt Diven, Tyler Ky, Taylor Luser

High Honor Roll (3.69 – 3.84)

5 th Grade Sophia Handrich, Elizabeth Ky, Jacob Rentmaster, Brandon Scepaniski, Amalia Ward, Cooper Wintheiser
6 th Grade Nicolas Daws, Parker Marriott, Matthew Stoll, Luke Wilinski
7 th Grade Clara Strelow
8 th Grade Megan Hedtke, Cristiana Words

Principal's Honor Roll (3.85 – 4.00)

5 th Grade Taylor Owen
6 th Grade Madeline Hedtke, Ben Krueger
7 th Grade Hannah Daws, Danielle Scepaniski
8 th Grade Chloe Handrich, Jamie Krueger

OPEN HOUSE: Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to learn more about Elm Grove Lutheran School and Childcare at the open house, January 27 from 4 – 6:00 p.m. Let them know we offer * A dedicated staff of Christian teachers, administrators, and office personnel * a low student – to – teacher ratio * A curriculum that exceeds state guidelines in all areas that goes beyond Common Core * Interscholastic athletics for students in grades 5 – 8 * Extensive music program, computer education, fine arts, physical education, foreign language * Affordable tuition * and a participant in the Milwaukee Choice Program. Family Carnival Night begins at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. All are invited to attend.

Support EGL every time you shop. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Elm Grove Lutheran Church & School. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0908369>

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.



UPCOMING CHURCH BUDDY EVENTS

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| 12/11 | 1:30pm | Carol Fest |
| 12/21 | 9:00am | Children-led Christmas Service |
| | | <i>Dress Rehearsal</i> |
| 12/21 | 2:30pm | Classroom Christmas Parties |
| 12/21 | 6:30pm | Children-led Christmas Service |

COME ONE, COME ALL

Bring your friends, Bring your neighbors, Bring your family

Elm Grove Lutheran Family Carnival Night

**Concessions for
sale**

Friday, January 27

6:00—8:00 p.m.

**\$1 Admission
per child**

Penny Toss ~ Photo Booth ~ Bowling Game

Basketball Shoot Out ~ Hole in One

Prizes ~ Concessions ~ Fellowship ~ Fun

For more information contact egl@egl.org or 262-797-2970.

Organized by the EGL Board of Evangelism

Merry Christmas



REJOICE... *for our Saviour is born!*

Pastor
Sharon
Linda

Debbie Parker
Pam Hanswandt

Calin
Cowan
Deb Mangett

Heather
Cox

My A. F. D.

Arny
Wigman

Larry W. Myers

Katie Scepanski

Terri Ewers

Meg
Hreck

Karla Bessert
Jim Olson

Deb Tesch

Scott Parker
Laura Patterson

Jayne Rosenthal

LaBree
Parker

Shannon
Krueger

May you rejoice in His glory and be blessed with His grace!

The Faculty and Staff



December Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

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

December 1

Duane Reusch
Ryan Schmid
John Seals

December 2

A-John & Lenore Baker (71)
Sarah McNeely
Kathy Rutley

December 4

Ben Mueller
Pat O'Donnell
Rachael Tischer

December 5

Ruth Huwiler (95)
Paula Ky

December 6

A-Jeff & Tirzah Gresley
A-Karl & Irma Koch
Sue Mickol

December 7

Barb Anger
Benjamin Nelson
Jeff Whittaker

December 8

Kristen Funk
Steve Handrich
Greg Margrett
Michael Rentmaster

December 9

Cathy Tuttrup
Emma Wollak

December 10

A-Bob & Nancy Genack
James Drabiszczak

December 11

A-Arik & Becky Ruhnau-Gee
Cate Heup

December 12

Lynn Crowell
Benjamin Garcia
Maren Gehrke
Michael Gibbons
Christian Gleisner
Audrey Zarder

December 15

Jean Bennett
Rose Brojanac (92)
Nancy Ewert
Sarah Huber
Joan Knuteson

December 16

Karen Bourdo

December 17

Makayla McCarville
Jennifer Rentmaster
Ariana Strommen

December 18

A-Joe & Cindy VanderMeer
Judy Hogan

December 19

Linda Diven
Don Nitschke

December 20

A-Lisa & Al Savaglio
A-Albert & Shirley Wartchow (64)
Barb Albers
Emily Grelk

December 21

Mindy Aldinger
Karlie Bellante
Kathleen Matschull
Kaethe Ward

December 22

Chuck Ewert
Mason Hornburg
Linda Stiloski
Delaney Ward

December 23

A-John & Luanne Schaefer
Marie Herzberg
Delores Rische

December 24

Kim Brown-LeBoef

December 25

Hannah Margrett
Anne Tuttrup

December 26

A-Matt & Terri Elvers
Beth Baros
Susie Radke

December 27

A-Bill & Andrea Bitunjac
A-Jeff & Carol Jagusch
A-Woody & E'lem Lindblom
Carol Ewert
Joanne Kowach
Jene' Kramer

December 28

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

December 30

A-Jim & Lynn Burhop

December 31

A-Terry & Laurie Eichelberger
A-David & Christa Neill
Anthony D'Agostino
Benjamin Krueger
Robert Tesch



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Christmas-Epiphany Schedule



Advent Services

Wednesdays, December 7 & 14 - 6:30 p.m.

Carol Fest

Sunday, December 11 - 1:30 p.m.

Children-led Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 21 - 6:30 p.m.

(Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday, December 21 - 9:00 a.m.)

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service - 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.-C

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31 - 5:30 p.m.-C

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.-C

Epiphany

Friday, January 6, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.



Address Service Requested