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Who Was Mister Fred Rogers?

**WON'T YOU
BE MY
NEIGHBOR?**



 **Elk River** ELCA
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WELCOME

to Elk River Lutheran Church

Welcome to Elk River Lutheran Church! Whether you are joining us in-person or online, we're glad you're here. Elk River Lutheran Church is a forward-thinking congregation made up of people of all ages. We are a pretty new church (formed in 2009), located in a remodeled bank building on the Mississippi River in downtown Elk River. Our mission is: *Trusting in God's grace, an accepting, joyful community, serving God and neighbor.*

We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and celebrate the work we're able to do together as a denomination (to learn more about the ELCA visit www.elca.org). We welcome all people and as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation that welcome extends to the LGBTQ+ community.

Please fill out the enclosed Connection Form slip and drop it in an offering plate to receive more information about Elk River Lutheran or share prayer concerns.

Things to know for the service today:

- **Bathrooms**, complete with changing tables for little ones, are located in the Fellowship Hall in the corner opposite of the main entrance.
- We welcome **kids** with their wiggles and noises in worship. We are also aware that as a parent, time away from wiggles and noises can be a blessing too. You will find our staffed nursery (For children 5 and under) by the entrance in the far corner of the fellowship hall.

We hope and pray you have a wonderful worship experience here today. To learn more about the many opportunities to participate and volunteer with the ministries of ERLC, visit our website:

<https://www.elkriverlutheran.org>

Worship Volunteers

	Sunday, April 14	Sunday, April 21
Greeters	Fran Johnson	Lorie and Tom Werk
Ushers	Jane and Chuck Cazett	Christine Hansen and Herm Weidner
Scripture Reader	Christine Hansen	Dale Ziner
Communion Servers	Lorie and Tom Werk	John Campbell and Milo Christianson
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Dixie Rud	Julie Marie Haugen
Communion Steward	Julie Marie Haugen	Debbie Campbell
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Nancy Bock	Paula Rose
PowerPoint Operator	Levi Ethen	
Soundboard Operator	Henry Boese	Emily Rotz
Switcher Operator	Nick Campbell	Adam Horner

If you would like to serve, Great! Please contact Taylor Quinn so we can get you filled in. If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday, please contact Taylor @ taylor@elkriverlutheran.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

(#556) "Morning has Broken"

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise (p. 167)

"Glory to God"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Galatians 5:13-25

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

(#800) "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy (p. 173)

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God (p. 174)

"Lamb of God"

Communion Hymns

(#803) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(#808) "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Installation of Church Council

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#543) "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Sending Dialog

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Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- ERLC people attending the Civil Rights Tour in Alabama through Sunday April 7
- Friend of Jim and Vicki Simpson, 3rd bout of cancer, had surgery on 4/3 and all cancer was removed!

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Curt Finkelson, Sheila Larson's father.
- Family and Friends of Carol Voight, John Severson's sister. Service at ERLC on Wed 4/17 at 1pm
- Family and Friends of Irene Peck. Grandmother of Jeff Schrock
- Family and Friends of Nancy Naig
- Family and Friends of Cynthia Day, mother of Justin Day
- Family and Friends of Jenny Stanley's Uncle Don who passed away from Covid Pneumonia
- Family and Friends of Tony Guimont, Patrick Guimont's younger brother
- Family and Friends of Dan Ward
- Family and friends of Family and Friends of Vello John Maegi. ERLC hosted the Dare Funeral Luncheon on Fri. March 22

For Support

- Ruth Ann Cook
- Jenny Stanley's Aunt Patty whose husband passed, and is still dealing with brain tumors
- Belair-Johnson Family from Zimmerman that lost their home and all possessions in a fire the morning of March 25. (Matt & Katie, Chris, Nate, Lucas, Nicole, & Michael)

Health concerns

- Steve Dollar, broken ankle. Brother-in-law to Vicki Sackmeister
- John Ayres, brain cancer & surgery
- Carol Black
- Sharee Kampa
- Julie Marie Haugen
- Gary Chouinard, brother of Paul, fell and broke hip.
- Shelly Huffman, friend of Karen Acers
- Richard Reiman, brother-in-law of Phyllis Scroggins and Barbara Burandt
- Sherrill Dale, hospice from pancreatic cancer. Niece of Nancy Etter
- Brian Anderson
- Mother and Brother of Jared Stevens
- Bill Cordell, kidney cancer, friend of Mark and Fran Johnson
- Mary Wells, in hospice
- John Severson
- Garnet Novotny - cancer
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Fonda Whalen, dementia
- Bonnie Swedal
- Marie Abrahamsson, cancer, Pauline Kuhn's cousin
- Linda Retel, ongoing treatment for inoperable brain cancer (friend of Pauline Kuhn)
- Diane Harding, ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde

Share Your Prayer Concerns:

- Email linda@elkriverlutheran.org
- Fill out on your connection form
- Contact the church office at (763) 595-1216
- Fill out form on church website at elkriverlutheran.org

Generally, prayer requests will run for 3 weeks. If more time is needed, please call the church office



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Apr 14 - *Who was Mister Fred Rogers?*

CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

GROW

- What kind of TV shows do you watch now and what have you watched in the past?
- How have you experienced Mister Fred Rogers? What did you already know about him and what new information did you learn about him from the sermon?
- Martin Luther said, "God doesn't need your good works, but your neighbor does." What does this tell us about God and what it means to live in our neighborhoods?
- Galatians 5:14-15 says, "14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another." What does this mean?

PRAY

Holy God, you have uniquely created each of us, you love us, and you have blessed us with a beautiful day in the neighborhood. Open us to hear your word, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

News & Opportunities

Life Groups begin this week



Starting this week on April 14th, our LIFE Groups are back! These small gatherings meet weekly for six weeks, discussing the sermon topics of the week. It's a fantastic chance to connect with fellow church members and engage in meaningful conversations. Haven't signed up yet? Head to elkriverlutheran.org and register at the bottom of the page. Even if you're already in a group, please sign up again and let us know who's with you. Don't miss out on this opportunity for growth and community!

Are you our next New Member?..Join Our Church!



To do so, we ask that you attend a New Member Orientation Class and complete our new member forms found at the top of elkriverlutheran.org/forms. To sign up, let us know on the connection form with your bulletin or send an email to linda@elkriverlutheran.org. Sunday, **April 21st** at 9:30am: *New Member Orientation*; Sunday, **April 28th** *New Member Sunday with Fellowship (choose the worship service that works for you)*

CYF Night: Call to Care For God's Creation

Wednesday, April 24: 6pm – 7:45PM

Join us to welcome a special speaker, Heidi Ferris, as she shares stories through a Lutheran lens. We will then participate in activities around Native Prairie Plants, connecting with Minnesota's history and the beauty of God's Creation. Join us for a night of inspiration and connection!

Cup of Cheer: A "Churchy" Comedy Show & Sing-along

Monday April 29 at 6pm at Pour Wine Bar & Bistro

Pastor Nathan combines his favorite parts of church and comedy to create a night of laughter and community. **Cup of Cheer** will include singing (ala Beer & Hymns), engaging storytelling, crowd interaction, funny skits, and stand-up comedy, featuring local comedian Trever Anderson as headliner.

Join us at Pour Wine Bar & Bistro for this wonderful night of fun and togetherness.

Tickets are \$15, with proceeds from the event going to support CAER, our local food shelf.

Door open at 5:15PM with the show going from 6:00PM-8:00PM, including an intermission.

Capacity is limited, so get your tickets here today: bit.ly/cupofcheer24

Varty's Greenhouse Fundraiser: May 5th 5-8pm

Fundraiser for the 2024 High School Youth Mission Trip

We 'll gather at the greenhouse, and sing our hearts out while purchasing beautiful plants! A huge THANK YOU to Varty's for hosting us and making a generous donation to ERLC youth as they prepare for the summer mission trip.

Save the Date: ERLC Block Party - Sunday May 19

Joint Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30am followed by Block Party from 11am-1pm

Once again we will kick off the season by worshipping outdoors and throwing a party for our community. Food, Games, Live Music, Bounce House and Entertainment for All



This Week at Elk River Lutheran

SUNDAY

LIFE Groups Start

Installation of Church Council

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect

9:30am Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

MONDAY

6:00pm Worship Band Rehearsal

6:30pm Women's Monthly Bible Study (Lower Level) *Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month. This group follows the Bible Studies of the Women's ELCA magazine Gather.*

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting *(Lower Level Quilting Room)*

Mission Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief. All skill levels welcome.

10:00am Text Study *(Lower Level Community Room)* *Studying the bible text for the upcoming Sunday Worship along with the preaching pastor. All are welcome. Come once or come every week*

6:00pm Church Council with Jim LaDoux

6:00pm Riverside Ringers Rehearsal

7:00pm AA Meeting *(Community Room)*

WEDNESDAY

1:00pm Memorial Service for Carol Voight, John Severson's sister

6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

6:30pm Confirmation

6:30pm High School Youth

THURSDAY

10:00am Worship at Guardian Angels Riverview Landing

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

9:00am Women's Coffee *(Panera, Elk River)*

9:00am Men's Breakfast *(Coborns, Elk River)*

SATURDAY

8:00am Men's Bible Study *(Zoom Bible Study)*

Find a link at:

<https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect

9:30am New Member Orientation (Lower Level)

9:30am Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

1:00pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal



Understanding Estate Planning and Elder Law: Presentation and Dinner

Wednesday, May 15 | 6:30pm

Guest Speaker: Steve Helseth (Estate Planning Attorney from Bolt Law Firm in Anoka)

In this presentation, Steve will cover the basics of wills, trusts, health care directives, powers of attorney, probate, and elder law. With elder law, Steve helps people understand what elder law is and when you should call an elder law attorney. This can be a very valuable presentation for those later in life, making sure they have the right plan in place when leaving a legacy to their loved ones, charities or organizations. It can also be a great opportunity for people with aging parents to learn what they need to know. This is a free event sponsored by the ERLC Mission Endowment Fund, but spaces are limited, so please register today at bit.ly/3PvyBFA

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Confirmation Links



Confirmation Worship
Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer
Form

Ways to Give



Cash / Check

Offering plate is
by the entrances
to the sanctuary



Mobile Giving QR Code



Text to Give

Text Give to
(612) 324-8257

Additional Ways to Give:

- **Automated Recurring Giving:** Set up online via website give button, via the Tithe.ly phone app or by contacting the church office
- **Stocks:** consider donating stocks through a conversation with your financial advisor and the church.

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