

October 17, 2021 • 10:30am

What is True Freedom?

**What's
Next?**



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.*

Each Sunday, we have two vibrant Sunday morning worship services. The first, at 8:30 am, is a traditional Lutheran service that follows liturgical settings from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal. Our 10:30 am contemporary service has music led by an acoustic worship band and maintains many key elements of Lutheran worship.

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.

We hope and pray you have a wonderful worship experience here today and invite you to join us again. There are many opportunities to participate and volunteer with the ministries of ERLC. Visit our website: <https://www.elkriverlutheran.org>.

Worship Volunteers

Thank you for serving

	Sunday, October 17	Next Sunday, October 24
Ushers		Pat and Paula Donnelly
Scripture Reader	Sarah Chur	Paula Donnelly
PowerPoint Operator	Adrienne Rotz	Katherine Horner
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz	Justin Howland
Switcher Video Operator	Jeff Schrock	Matt Rotz
SetUp/TearDown	Greg Pouliot, Matt Rotz, Jeff Schrock	Adam and Kelly Horner

*If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday,
please contact Taylor Quinn @ taylor@elkriverlutheran.org*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Available in ERLC Parking Lot on 88.3FM

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism of
Anders Mugaas
Parent: Bobbi Mugaas
Sponsors: Jill Prinsen and Derek Hagen

Baptism of
August Mugaas
Parent: Bobbi Mugaas
Sponsors: Eliot Kohan and Dee McLellen

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world...

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME:

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

OPENING SONG: “Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love”

CHORUS

**How great, how sure,
God’s love endures forevermore.
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.**

VERSE 1

**Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love
Too vast and astounding to tell,
Forever existing in worlds above,
Now offered and given to all.
Oh, fountain of beauty eternal,
The Father, the Spirit, the Son,
Sufficient and endlessly generous,
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.**

VERSE 2

**Creation is brimming with thankfulness,
The mountains, exultant they stand,
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness,
All life is sustained by Your hand.
You crown every meadow with color;
You paint every shade in the sky.
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,
God of grace, we know you guide us and lead us in all that we do. Help us to discover what's next in our faith journey; to lead us closer to you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 8:31-36

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

34 Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

SONG OF THE DAY: "Who You Say I Am"

CHORUS 1

**Who the Son sets free,
Oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God,
Yes, I am.**

CHORUS 1

**CHORUS 2
In my Maker's house
There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am.**

VERSE 1

**Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me.
I was lost but you brought me in.
Oh, your love for me.
Oh, your love for me.**

BRIDGE

**I am chosen, not forsaken.
I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who You say I am.**

CHORUS 1

VERSE 2

**Free at last,
You have rescued me,
your grace runs deep.
Life abundant, you give to me,
Oh, your love for me.
Oh, your love for me.**

CHORUS 1

CHORUS 2 (2X)

PET BLESSING

Hold onto your pet or place a hand on them and now as a part of this blessing I invite you to begin by speaking their name:

(Pet name) may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you and your owner(s) enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you. **Amen!**

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

As we prepare our hearts for Holy Communion, we confess our shortcomings and celebrate God's grace.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG: "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

VERSE 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.**

VERSE 3

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.**

VERSE 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

CHORUS

CHORUS
**My chains are gone.
I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.**

VERSE 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forebear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.**

CHORUS

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen

OFFERING

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: "Impossible Things"

CHORUS

There is no healer
like the Lord our Maker.
There is no equal to the King of kings.
Our God is with us; we will fear no evil,
'Cause You do impossible things.
You do impossible things.

VERSE 2

Though I walk through the valley,
Darkness surrounding me,
There You prepare a table,
In the presence of my enemies.

CHORUS

VERSE 1B

You heal the broken-hearted.
You set the captive free.
You lift the heavy burden,
And even now You are lifting me.

ENDING

Yes, even now you are lifting me.
Oh, even now you are lifting me.

CHORUS

SENDING

"Go in peace, share the good news"
"We will, thanks be to God!"

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

What's Next? Week 2 - Find Freedom



What's
Next?

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

- There are many words to describe feeling *trapped*: stuck, captive, detained, imprisoned, enslaved, confined. What emotions do those words bring up for you? What situations in your life do they make you think about?
- When you think of *freedom*, what comes to mind? Does your definition of freedom vary now from the way you would have defined it earlier in your life?
- What do you hear about freedom in these passages: Luke 4:16-21, John 8:36, and Galatians 5:1,13
- How does it feel to know that you are set free through Jesus? You are: *Free to fail. Free to be silly. Free to laugh. Free from stress. Free to be yourself. Free to rest. Free to be wrong. Free to let go of other people's judgment and expectations. Free to let go of your own judgment and expectations of yourself.* What resonates with you this week?

PRAY

God of grace, we know you guide us and lead us in all that we do. Help us to discover what's next in our faith journey; to lead us closer to you. In your son's name, Amen.



Finding the Way

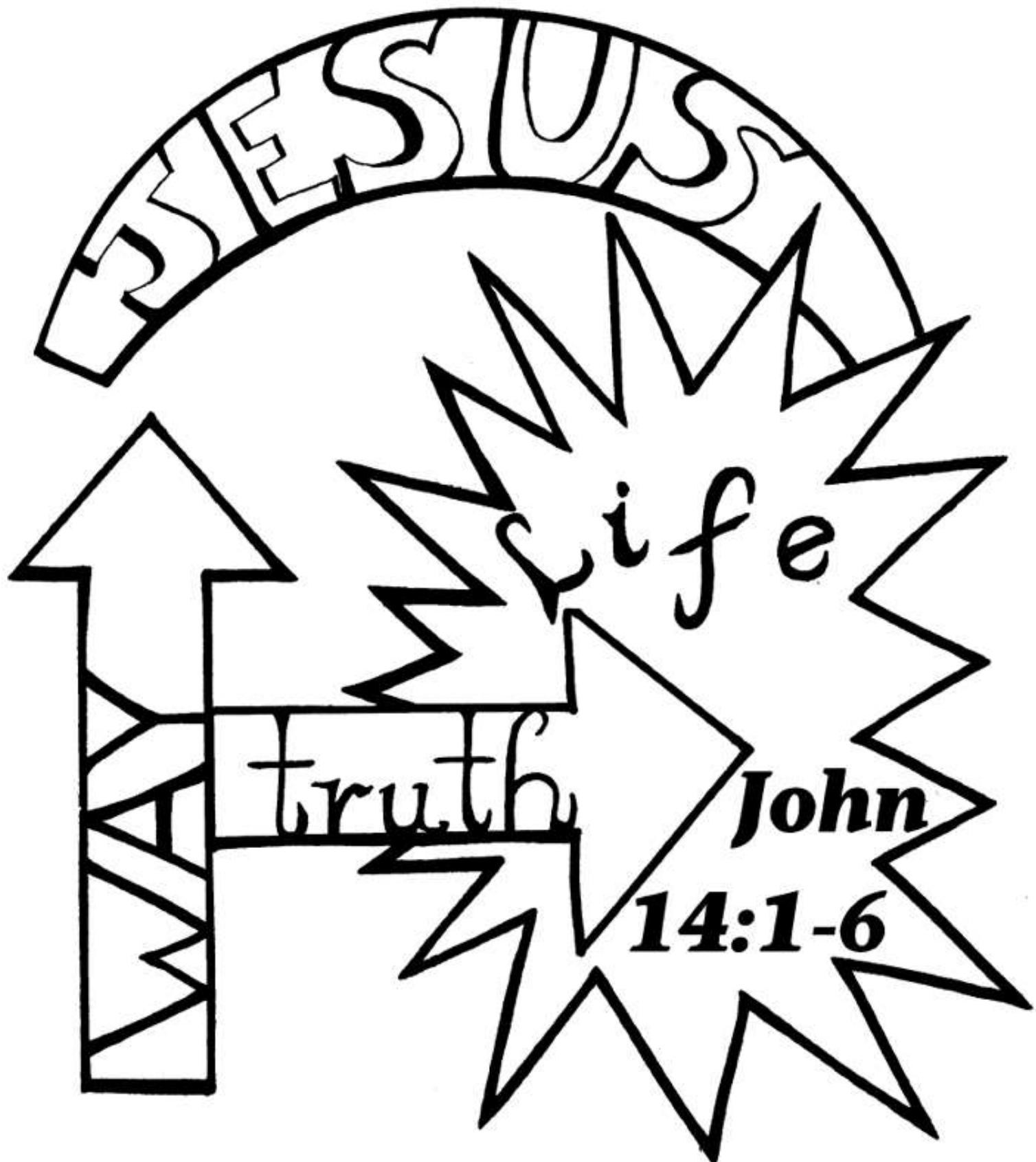
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

The puzzle is based on John 14:1-14 (NIV).



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THOMAS	LIFE	MIRACLES	HOUSE	SEEN
SHOW	BELIEVE	KNOW	ROOMS	LIVING
FATHER	FAITH	PLACE	PREPARE	TRUTH



Prayer Requests

Thanks for lifting these up in prayer!

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Baptism on Anders and August Mugaas, sons of Bobbi Mugaas. Anders' Sponsors: Jill Prinsen and Derek Hagen. August's Sponsors: Eliot Kohan and Dee McLellen

Health concerns:

- Phyllis Scroggins, upcoming thyroid surgery
- Rose Cloud, grandmother of Vicki Granros' friend
- Steve Lindberg
- Elvi Peterson
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Kyle Quam, son of Mike and Linda Quam
- Bob Johnson
- Margaret Blahosky, friend of Donn and Vicki Granros (cancer) .
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Mike Cheney, healing from 7/8 hip surgery & previous stroke
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde

For Support:

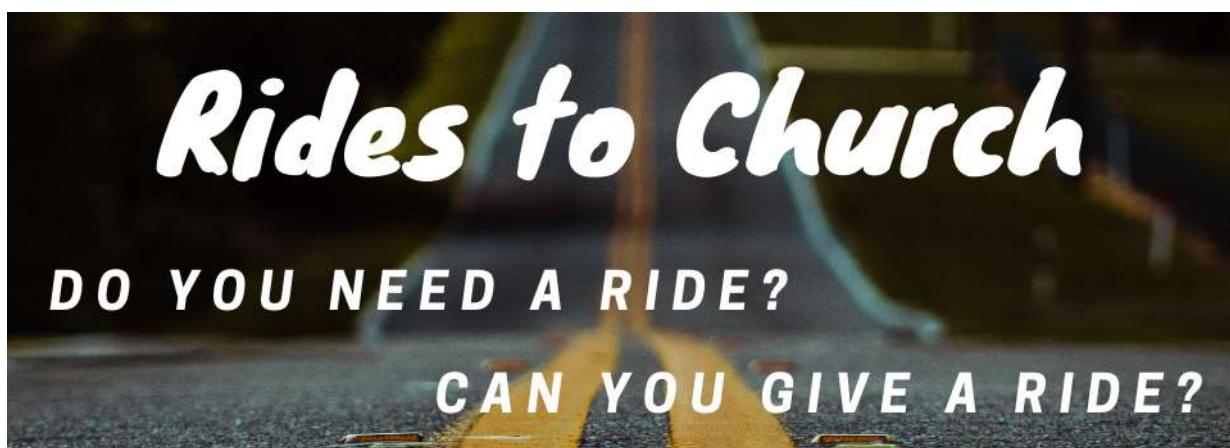
- Steve Lindberg
- Lee Johnson
- Rachel Secrist, niece of Doug and Donna Mathison
- John Ernst and Carol Black
- Linda and Mike Cheney
- Jan Bucher
- All military personnel and their families

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Mark Sundman, husband of Lori Sundman, ERLC bookkeeper
- Family and Friends of Jim Jones, father-in-law to Taylor Quinn
- Family and friends of Steve Nordhausen
- Family and Friends of Tony Hallquist, cousin of Jeremy Hallquist
- Family of Richard Nelson, cousin of Barb Overbye (killed in a car accident)

Prayer Concerns: can be shared by emailing linda@elkriverlutheran.org or by contacting the church office at (763) 595-1216, or by visiting the church website at elkriverlutheran.org

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



Do you need a ride to worship on Sunday mornings? Are you willing to provide a lift to members? We would love to identify those in our congregation who have felt challenged getting to worship on Sunday mornings and connect them to those who would be willing to offer rides to those in our community.

Forms are available on the homepage of our website elkriverlutheran.org (scroll about 2/3 the way down to find them with the service links) If you have questions, please reach out to Jeremy Hallquist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY October 17

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service
9:30am – Fellowship Hour
10:30am – *Blessing of the Animals* and Contemporary Worship Service
2pm – Pokemon League
(Community Room)
7pm – Youth Group (Middle and High School)
Elk River United Methodist

MONDAY October 18

6:30pm - Women's Monthly Bible Study (*Community Room*)

TUESDAY October 19

9am – Quilting (*ERLC Basement*)
6:30pm – Beer & Hymns (*Lower Parking Lot*)
6:30pm - Church Council

WEDNESDAY October 20

NO Confirmation/HS Youth Group
6pm – Ring for All Saints Sunday (*Sanctuary*)
7pm – Worship Band (*Sanctuary*)

THURSDAY October 21

10am – Genealogy Group (*Community Room*)
4pm to 6pm – Sherburne County Vaccination Clinic (*ERLC*)
6pm – Reformation Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

SATURDAY October 23

8am - Men's Bible Study (*Zoom Bible Study*)

NEXT SUNDAY October 24

Flannel Sunday and Quilt Blessing
8:30am – Traditional Worship Service
9:30am – Fellowship Hour
10:30am –Contemporary Worship Service
2pm –Pokemon League (*Community Room*)

**GET VACCINATED.
GET A \$50 GIFT CARD*!**
*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



Thursday, October 21, 2021

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Elk River Lutheran Church
729 Main St NW, Elk River

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Elk River United Methodist and Elk River Lutheran

YOUTH GROUP



It's F.R.E.E. Time

FAITH. RELATIONSHIPS. EXPLORE. ENCOURAGE.

Middle School and High School
7-8 pm 1st and 3rd Sundays



Wear your favorite flannel to church, and join us as we pray a blessing over the quilts and school kits as they get sent overseas by Lutheran World Relief



Trick or Treat!

AT **ELK RIVER BOO**theran

Friday, October 29th, 2pm- 7pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Candy
- 2 pm - 3 pm Candy Hand Out (2 people)
- 4 pm - 5 pm Candy Hand Out (2 people)
- 5 pm - 6 pm Candy Hand Out (2 people)

** Trunks from 6 pm -7 pm are always welcome.

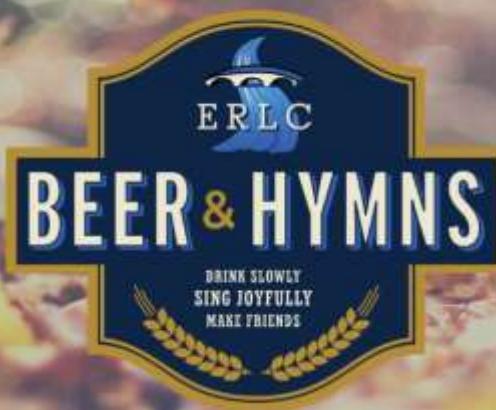
If you can't find your email for signing up, just email Jeremy at jeremy@elkriverlutheran.org or mark on your registration slip how you can help

LOCATION UPDATE!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 PM

ERLC LOWER PARKING LOT



** ALSO AVAILABLE
ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Ring for All Saints Sunday

The Riverside Ringers, ERLC's handbell choir, is looking for more ringers to play with them on All Saints Sunday, Nov 7th.

Rehearsals are 6pm to 7pm on:

- Wednesday, Oct 20th
- Tuesdays, Oct 26th
- Tuesday Nov 2nd

They're playing "Bound for Glory", a creative, fun-filled setting of two traditional spirituals, "This Train is Bound for Glory" & "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

If you're interested, contact Taylor.

No previous experience needed.



Come Join Us Reformation Choir

Sing in the Reformation Choir at our 8:30 service on Oct. 31st for this special Reformation Sunday Project.

We'll be singing Larry Shackley's arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress" for choir and piano four hands.

Check out this youtube link to hear it:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7CawFZJQSc>

Rehearsals are Thursdays Oct 14, 21, and 28
from 6pm - 7pm in the sanctuary



Contact Taylor Quinn for information about joining.

STAFF

If you have specific questions or needs, please feel free to contact any of the church staff:

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Treasurer: John Auel

Jennifer Stanley

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Stock Donation

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Confirmation Worship
Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer
Form

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