April 28, 2019 • 10:30am

Holy Humor Sunday
WELCOME TO ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are a forward-thinking congregation, striving to create community that brings joy and hope. Worshipping together since December 2009, we believe that all people are welcome in the Lord’s house, to hear the Word, share the Sacraments, and become strengthened for the life of faith.

We encourage everyone to take a moment to sign the worship registration slip and place it in the offering plate.

We hope and pray you have a wonderful worship experience here today and invite you to join us again.

PARENTS

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) in the far corner of the fellowship hall.

Whether you have been coming for years or this is your first time, our LiFT! Family Sunday School is open to all families. Focus is for kids preschool to 6th grade. Grandparents with their grandkids are also encouraged to join us at LiFT! It meets between services downstairs in the community room.
ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God’s People
Welcome
Community Announcements
Sharing of Jokes (and peace)
Call to Worship
Gathering Song
"Joy to the World (We Will Sing Joy)" Easter Lyrics
Confession and Forgiveness
Song of Praise

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

to the tune of “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Prayer of the Day
Joke sharing time

The Word of God Proclaimed
Readings
Psalm 118:14-29
Psalm 150
Gospel
John 20:19-31
Children’s Message
Sermon
Pastor Nathan Mugaas
"When We Are Tempted"

to the tune of “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Song of the Day

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God
Apostles’ Creed
Bidding Prayers
Offering
"Offering of Jokes"
Offertory Prayer
Words of Institution
The Lord’s Prayer
Communion Distribution
Communion Song

"Give to Us Laughter"

to the tune of "Be Thou My Vision"
Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God’s People
Blessing of Congregation
Sending Song
"Go Tell It on the Mountain" Easter Lyrics
Sending Dialog
About Holy Humor Sunday.…

Holy Humor Sunday is a tradition that goes way back. The early Greek Christians started this Easter custom as a way of celebrating Christ’s resurrection. The Bible tells us “for every-thing there is a season… a time to weep and a time to laugh.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4) Easter is a time of joy when we can even laugh in the face of death, because of Jesus’s victory over death.

History tells us that churches in 15th century Bavaria celebrated the Sunday after Easter as Risus Paschalis (“God’s Joke” or “the Easter Laugh”). Priests would tell jokes and funny stories to highlight the joy of the resurrection. Following worship churchgoers and priests would play practical jokes on each other, drench each other with water, tell more jokes, sing and dance. The celebration of Risus Paschalis was officially outlawed by Pope Clement X (also known as Pope Party-pooper) in the 17th century. There wasn’t a theological problem with the tradition, it seems that revilers were just having a little too much fun. We hope today’s worship is a fun and reverent celebration of Easter. God raised Jesus from the dead, this is a cause to celebrate and laugh.

Serving Us Today

**Greeters:** Peg and Lee Davies  
**Ushers:** Nathan Hegvik, Al Kopp, Keith Quammen  
**Lector:** Harry Maher  
**Musicians:** Taylor Quinn  
**Audio Visual:** Heidi Halverson and Eric Becker  
**Communion Steward:** Toby Moe  
**Communion Servers:** Kim Vernon, Jackie and Mark Anderson  
**Basket Holders:** Weston and Clayton Hallquist  
**Communion Clean-Up:** Toby Moe and Marilyn Miller  
**Mid-Week Communion Fill:** Shirley Schmidt  
**Hospitality Coordinator:** Peg Davies

### Powered by Love Sermon Series

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**Praise the Lord** (joys and answered prayers):
- Thank you for welcoming my daughter and her family (Lizette Goddard)

**In Sorrow:**
- Bernard & Joy Wilkinson in the death of Mother
- Family and friends of Joe Demars who lost his battle with cancer. Joe is uncle to Jeremy and Jodie.
- Family of Douglas Brown, grandpa of Gabby Klinkenborg
- Family of Ron Stricker in the death of his mother Mary Stricker

**For Support:**
- All Military Personnel and their families
- Jonas Maher has navy boot camp graduation April 26th then reports to Nuclear Tech School in Charleston SC
- Get Adam Giddings to Bethel University

**Health concerns:**
- Carol Sindelir
- Steve Lindberg, continued recovery
- LeRoy Wegscheid
- Gary Ristau, battling cancer
- Hazel Norris
- Erich VanRyn
- John Ernst
- Joan Campbell
- Sharyn Mayer, Knee replacement on 3/27 followed by hip and back therapy
- Pat Hansen
- Gigi, daughter of Marsha Emmons home from the hospital, still in need of healing prayer.
- Janet Slam, CA Treatment
- Beverly Burtness
- David Preston, grandson of Sue Hales
- Jack Hales, brother-in-law of Sue Hales
- Pat Hansen
- Ruth Lemke, cardiac
- Gene Conley
- Kyle Tonsager
- Kathy Dahl, knee replacement
- Jessica Finseth, healing in treatment
- Neal Gilb
- Nancy Pennington, healing from shoulder surgery

**Prayer Concerns:** can be shared by writing it on your registration slip, contacting the church office at (763) 595-1216 or by visiting the church website at [www.elkriverlutheran.org/prayer-concerns](http://www.elkriverlutheran.org/prayer-concerns)

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY
Holy Humor Sunday
8:15am – Traditional Service
9:20am – LiFT! Family Sunday School (Community Room)
9:20am – Special Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
10:30am – Contemporary Worship
11:30am – Prayground Team Meeting

MONDAY
6:30pm – Riverside Ringers (Handbell) Rehearsal

TUESDAY
9:30am – Quilting
9:30am – Bible Study with Pastor on Next Week’s Readings
3:30pm – VBS Meeting

WEDNESDAY
6:00pm ANF Rehearsal
6:30pm – Confirmation
6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm – Youth Group

THURSDAY
6:30pm – Worship Band Rehearsal
7:00pm – The Way Out (AA)

SATURDAY
8:00am – Men’s Bible Study
9:00am – Feed My Starving Children Packing Event

NEXT SUNDAY
8:15am – Traditional Service
9:20am – “Love without Limits” Book Study (2nd Floor)
9:20am – LiFT! Family Sunday School
9:20am – Worship Band Rehearsal
10:30am – Contemporary Worship
11:45am – Special Events Team Meeting
5:00pm – Varty’s Annual Greenhouse Youth Fundraiser

VARTY’S ANNUAL YOUTH FUNDRAISER
Sunday, May 5 – 5-7PM
Varty’s Greenhouse
13192 192nd Ave NW
Elk River

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN PACKING EVENT
Saturday May 4
9 AM – 11 AM
70 Spots Available

Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday April 28 at 9:30 AM

The Elk River Lutheran Church Council is excited to be taking initial steps toward launching a capital appeal later this year. We want to share with you the steps that have already been taken, and we want to invite you to get involved in this exciting process.

“Love without Limits” Book Study
By Jacqueline A. Bussie
Sunday mornings May 5 & 12 and June 2 & 9
Meeting during the coffee hour: 9:20 am to 10:20 am

FAMILY VBS
June 24 – 27 6pm – 8pm
5:30-6:00pm Dinner
$10 per child

Register at bit.ly/erlvbs

SENIOR SUNDAY
June 2nd – Both Services
A chance for us to recognize and bless our senior graduates
Combined Outdoor Worship Service
Sunday, May 19 @ 9:30 AM*

Bring your own chair or blanket and join us for a worship service on the front lawn as we celebrate our 10th anniversary. This service will include great music, message celebrating ERLC's past and future, Holy Communion, and a dedication of our new "Powered by Love" mural.

*Please Note: There will be no 8:15 & 10:30 AM services this day

Downtown Block Party
May 19
11AM-1PM

Free Food
Kids' Activities
Live Music
Bounce House
Prize Giveaways
Exotic Animal Show
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Sonja Tesdahl & David McFarlane

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL
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Vice President: Mark Schwarze
Secretary: Kari Christianson
Treasurer: Jennifer Stanley
John Auel Sarah Chur
Jodie Dahlheimer Ryan Herbert
Brian McFarlane Michele Smith

LAST WEEK UPDATE
Avg Weekly Giving Needed:$ 9,200
Received Last Week: $21,822
Monthly Total: $35,505

Online giving: bit.ly/erlcgive

Worship Attendance:
Maundy Thursday: 133
Good Friday: 127
Easter 8:15am: 234
Easter 10:30am: 297

Please Recycle Me!

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Office Hours
Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am – 4 pm; Fri Closed