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Let me **Google** that for you...
What is the future of the Church?



 **Elk River** ELCA
LUTHERAN
Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.



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. If this is your **first time visiting** us, please let an usher know as we have **a special gift for you!***

Please feel free to take home your worship bulletin for people and families to keep in your prayers.

PARENTS

We welcome kids with their wiggles and noises in worship. If your children are feeling a little squiggly in worship, you are welcome to accompany them to the playground in the middle of the sanctuary by the north wall where soft toys are available for their use. 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.

Serving Us Today

Greeters:	Lynette and Glen Geving
Ushers:	Heidi and Eric Becker, Rick Bock, Judy Lipka
Lector:	Carol Vikstrom
Musicians:	Aziley Smith and Kara Hennig
A/V:	Justin Howland
Communion Steward:	Darin Dalzell
Communion Servers:	Paula and Pat Donnelly, Jeremy Hallquist
Basket Holders:	Weston and Clayton Hallquist
Communion Clean-Up:	Toby Moe and Marilyn Miller
Mid-Week Communion Set-Up:	Shirley Schmidt
Hospitality Coordinator:	Barb Burandt

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

"All are Welcome"

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

REFRAIN

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

REFRAIN

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 5 Let us build a house where all are named,

**their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

REFRAIN

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Thanks Be to Our God”

CHORUS

Hallelujah.

Everlasting songs will rise for all You've done.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Thanks be to our God!

VERSE 1

**For the road that leads from darkness into light,
For the hope that rescues us from endless night,**

For the grace that covers sin,

At the door where life begins,

For salvation reaching in to guide us through,

Thanks be to our God.

CHORUS

Hallelujah.

Everlasting songs will rise for all You've done.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Thanks be to our God!

VERSE 2

**For the healing that no mortal can explain,
For deliverance that breaks the sinner's chains,**

**For the strength to carry on,
And forgiveness great and strong,
And the promise of Your mercies ever new,
Thanks be to our God.**

CHORUS

Hallelujah.

Everlasting songs will rise for all You've done.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Thanks be to our God!

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Holy God, as we ponder life's big questions, lead us to true and wise answers, wherever we can find them: on the internet, in scripture, or through the wisdom of those around us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 31: 6-8

⁶ Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."

⁷ Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel: "Be strong and bold, for you are the one who will go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their ancestors to give them; and you will put them in possession of it. ⁸ It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

SONG OF THE DAY

"My Lighthouse"

CHORUS

**My Lighthouse, X X
my Lighthouse X X
Shining in the darkness,
I will follow You! Oh,**

**My Lighthouse, X X
My Lighthouse X X
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.**

VERSE 1

**In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
In my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

CHORUS

**My Lighthouse, X X
my Lighthouse X X
Shining in the darkness,
I will follow You! Oh,**

**My Lighthouse, X X
My Lighthouse X X
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.**

VERSE 3

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.**

**My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

CHORUS

**My Lighthouse, X X
my Lighthouse X X
Shining in the darkness,
I will follow You! Oh,**

**My Lighthouse, X X
My Lighthouse X X
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.**

SHARING & RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

INSTALLATION OF LISA SAMPSON

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

~John 20:21

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Elk River Lutheran Church, have appointed Lisa Sampson to serve in the position of Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry.

Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

Lisa, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

Lisa: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Lisa: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

Lisa: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

Lisa: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Lisa: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Amen.

People of God, will you receive Lisa into this ministry as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Lisa, I now declare you installed as Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – BIDDING PRAYERS

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

“Goodness of God”

Featuring Aziley Smith and Kara Hennig

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE 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.**

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“Come to the Water”

VERSE 1

**O let all who thirst,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
Except for the Lord?**

VERSE 2

**And let all who seek,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the Lord:**

**Without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
Except for the Lord?**

VERSE 3

**And let all who toil,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
Let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
Except for the Lord?**

VERSE 4

**And let all the poor,
Let them come to the water.
And let the ones who are laden,
Let them come to the Lord:
Bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
Come to the Lord, come to the Lord,
Come to the Lord, come to the Lord.
O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING OF CONGREGATION

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

"The Church Song (We are the Church)"

CHORUS

**We are the church,
the body of our Lord;
we are all God's children.
We have been restored.**

VERSE 1

**The church is not a building
where people go to pray;
it's not made out of sticks and stones,
it's not made out of clay.**

CHORUS

**We are the church,
the body of our Lord;**

**we are all God's children.
We have been restored.**

VERSE 4

**The church, it is the people
living out their lives,
CALLED, ENLIGHTENED, SANCTIFIED
for the work of Jesus Christ.**

CHORUS

**We are the church,
the body of our Lord;
we are all God's children.
We have been restored.**

CHORUS

**We are the church,
the body of our Lord;
we are all God's children.
We have been restored.**

SENDING DIALOG

*Go in peace. Share the Good News!
We will! Thanks be to God.*

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- We give you thanks, O God, for your church and its future.

For Support:

- All Military Personnel and their families
- Shari Howland, recovering from neck fusion surgery
- Linda and Mike Cheney
- Meals on Wheels program and the ERLC volunteers for February
- Patrick Kehoe, friend of Kyle Nielsen

In Sorrow:

- Family and friends of Evelyn Duffy (Susan Moe's mother). Dare Funeral Luncheon here, Wednesday January 22nd.
- Family and friends of John Lund

Health concerns:

- Marlene Anderson-Woods, cousin of Pauline Kuhn
- Jack Hales, having surgery (Sue Hales brother in law)
- Arlon Fuchs, stroke
- David Clough
- Sandy Fjeld, friend of Michele Smith
- Patty Hansen, Mother of Dawn Neinin battling pancreatic cancer
- Shawn Guy, Hans and Nettie DuBois son-in-law recovering from auto accident.
- Barb Stanley, cousin of Jennifer Stanley
- Megan Arnt, Michele Smith's 21-year-old cousin
- Richard Boyer, Linda Nielsen's dad (mucous membrane pemphigoid)
- Chad Harding, son of Brian and Diane Harding
- Jim Jones and family, father-in-law of Taylor Quinn
- Carol Sindelir
- Carol Vikstrom
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Nancy Scott, sister of Bonnie Swedal (chemo treatments)
- Mike Cheney
- Duane Jerde
- Steve Lindberg, cancer treatment
- Gary Ristau, battling cancer
- Erich VanRyn

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Installation of Lisa Sampson, Director of CYF Ministries

- 8:15am – Traditional Worship
- 9:20am – Fellowship Hour
- 9:20am – LiFT! “Parable of the Farmer and the Seed”
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship
- 11:45am – Annual Meeting
- 2pm: Two Rivers Pokemon League
- 4:30pm – From Genesis to Revelations Bible Study

MONDAY

- 9:30am – ERLC – CAER Volunteer
- 6:30pm – Riverside Ringers Handbell Rehearsal

TUESDAY

- 9am – Quilting
- 9:30am – Bible Study
- 7pm – Gather

WEDNESDAY

- 9:30am – ERLC – CAER Volunteer
- 5:30pm – Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm – Confirmation
- 6:30pm - T⁵ High School Youth Group
- 7:30pm – Worship Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 7pm – The Way Out (AA Group)

FRIDAY

- 9:30am – ERLC – CAER Volunteer
- 3:30pm – RIC Team prep of Sanctuary

SATURDAY

- Meals on Wheels begins (ERLC delivers for February)
- 8am – Men’s Group
- 2pm – RIC Celebration Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY

RIC Sunday

- 8:15am – Traditional Worship
- 9:20am – Fellowship Hour
- 9:20am – LiFT! “Parable of the Farmer and the Seed”
- 9:20am – Catching Up with Jia
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship
- 2pm: Two Rivers Pokemon League

From Genesis to Revelation Bible Study

Next Session: Sunday, January 26 @ 4:30pm

Will be held every other week.

Join us as we journey from Genesis to Revelation, a new adult faith formation Bible study.

Come once or as often as you’d like.

Homework for the 26th: Genesis Chapters 6-9, and 11

If you have questions, please connect with Jeremy.

ERLC Annual Meeting and Information Meeting

1/26, Sunday – 11:45
Congregational Annual Meeting



Friday February 7:

6pm – 10 pm

This group is for youth in grades 4th, 5th and 6th. We are here to have fun, fellowship and grow together in Christ.

If you want to make some good friends and draw closer to our Lord, then come be a part of us! There may be a few times during the year when we will do a service project or enjoy a field trip.

Volunteer @ CAER Food Shelf



Sign up throughout the year to help!

Elk River Lutheran Church rotates with other local churches. We have the opportunity to send volunteers to CAER one week per month on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

5 volunteers needed each shift

Sign up on our website
www.elkriverlutheran.com > Contact Us > Volunteer Opportunities



Next Shifts from 9:30am – 12:15 am on:

1/27; 1/29, 1/31

2/24, 2/26, 228



Family Camp Weekend

Join us for a family weekend of making memories that will last a lifetime! Enjoy Luther Crest Bible Camp accommodations, eat (and do no dishes!) in their newly renovated Dining Hall, play games, worship together, meet new friends, and engage in Christ-Centered conversations during Bible study. All the fun of Family Camp packed into one great weekend!



PRICING:

By Feb 14th: \$325

By Apr 25th: \$400

On or after Apr 26th: \$475

July 10-12 (Fri-Sun)

DRINK SLOWLY • SING LOUDLY • MAKE FRIENDS

BEER & HYMNS

February 4th, 6:30 pm
Pour Wine Bar & Bistro



Donations collected for Elk River Lutheran's
Children, Youth, & Family ministry





Guest Speaker:
Jia Starr Brown

RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) SUNDAY

FEB 2, 2020

Join us on Feb 2nd for our RIC celebration services. We welcome back our long-time friend *Jia Starr Brown* as our guest preacher.

Special features that morning will be the Shower of Stoles Project and the RIC Celebration Choir.



LGBTQ+ people and allies!

Join the RIC Celebration Choir on Feb 2nd!

Taylor's creating a mass choir for our RIC Sunday on Feb 2nd, and you are invited to sing in it.

Members of our own choir and community with supporters from around the Twin Cities will join us for both services to sing the song "Let Us Not Become Weary".

See the weekly email to hear recordings of each of these songs.

Rehearsals options are Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm or Thursdays @ 7:00 pm.

Final rehearsal Saturday, Feb 1 at 2pm.

If you'd like to participate, call or email Taylor: (763)595-1216 ext 1202, taylor@elkriverlutheran.org



catching up!

with Jia

Sunday February 2nd

**9:20 am – between
services**

2nd floor of ERLC

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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	Jodie Dahlheimer
	Ryan Herbert
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	Michele Smith



Please Recycle Me!

Worship Attendance:

	<u>Last Week</u>	
8:15am	Traditional	96
10:30am	Contemporary	104

Online giving: bit.ly/erlcgive

Baptism

Are you expecting a new addition to your family or has your baby already arrived? If you are considering being baptized or having your child baptized, please reach out and talk with Pastor Nathan or fill out a Baptism Form on our website.

www.elkriverlutheran.org >
Welcome > Baptism

Contact Us

763-595-1216
Mon-Thurs 9AM – 4PM

Visit us at

www.elkriverlutheran.org

New Members

Would you like to make Elk River Lutheran Church your faith community? Join us as we connect with other new members and current members to learn about the vision, history and ministries of Elk River Lutheran Church. Find your place within this faith community. The following events are scheduled this spring for our new member orientation. To sign up, let us know on the registration sheet during worship or send an email to linda@elkriverlutheran.org

Sunday Apr 26, 9:20am

Wednesday Apr 29, 6pm

Sunday May 3

New Member Orientation

Christmas Dinner Church with New Members

New Member Sunday with Fellowship

Worship With Us!

Sunday

8:15am Traditional

10:30am Contemporary

Nursery Care 8am – 11:30am on Sunday mornings