

*April 23, 2023 • 10:30am*

*Be The Church*

**STOP**

**GOING TO**

**CHURCH.**

**BE THE CHURCH.**



# **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](http://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**

	<b>Sunday, April 23</b>	<b>Next Sunday, April 30</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Lee and Peg Davies	
<b>Ushers</b>	Martha Hippe	Rick and Nancy Bock
<b>Scripture Reader</b>		
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Greg Pouliot	
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Pat and Paula Donnelly	Grace Livingston
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Debby Pouliot	
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Nancy Bock	Lorie Schulstad-Werk
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Emma Anderson	
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>		
<b>Switcher Operator</b>	Nick Campbell	Nick Campbell

*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](mailto:taylor@elkriverlutheran.org)*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## ***The Gathering of God's People***

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

***"Blue Collar Praise"***

## ***The Word of God Proclaimed***

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

*Kara Barkman, LSSMN Refugee Services*

Song of the Day

***"Who You Say I Am"***

## ***Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God***

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

***"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"***

Communion Blessing

## ***The Sending of God's People***

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

***"Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed"***

Sending Dialog

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# Kara Barkman

is one of the Refugee Services Volunteer Facilitators, focusing on small group and individual volunteer opportunities as well as in-kind donations. She also has a passion for presenting to community groups and hosting

conversations about immigration justice and the intersectionality of this work. Originally from Washington State, she moved to Minnesota last summer specifically to work with LSSMN Refugee Services. She is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University, an alum of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission Program (Mexico 2019-2020), and a recent staff member at Holden Village, a retreat center in the Northern Cascade mountains of Washington State that is rooted in the Lutheran tradition. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, knitting, and exploring all that the Twin Cities has to offer!



**Lutheran  
Social Service**  
of Minnesota



## Matching Gift Challenge

Easter - May 21

6 week appeal to collect funds to support LSSMN's work with refugees. Thanks to the generous commitment of one of our members, all gifts up to \$5000 will be matched dollar for dollar. We have a great opportunity to help some of our newest neighbors. **Be the Church!**



**Lutheran  
Social Service**  
of Minnesota  
Refugee Services

**How to Give:** In Memo or Give To Field: Lutheran Social Services – Refugee Services

## 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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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### ***Praise the Lord*** (joys and answered prayers):

- Heartfelt Thanks to God and the congregation for healing prayers and support following my auto accident one year ago, April 17, 2022. I have been blessed. Karen Acers

### ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of James Potvin, Dare Funeral Luncheon here Thursday, April 20
- Family and Friends of Buddy Parker, Martha Hippe's brother
- Friends and Family of Cheryl Branch, friend of Heather Amsbaugh

### ***For Support***

- Ryan

### ***Health concerns***

- Dale Kazeck, cancer, brother of Ruth Traaseth
- David Burandt
- Tracy Herrlinger's Dad
- Julie Hendricks, daughter of Cedric and Marlys Olson, breast cancer
- Tom Anderson, brother-in-law of Tom and Lorie Werk, Lori's sister, shingles
- Sara Anderson, sister to Lorie Werk, Stage 1 lung cancer
- Janelle Hahn, breast cancer & surgery, daughter-in-law of Stan and Diane Hahn
- Curt Bergemann, in hospice
- Judy Sloan
- Jerry Belland, entered hospice, pray for peace
- Ron Stricker, has completed his third chemo treatment and continues his fight with cancer.
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Tom Lund, nephew of Deb Pouliot, stage 4 brain cancer
- Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
- Anne S. friend of Mike and Linda Quam (Anne's cancer has returned and spread, also pray for her husband and 3 teens)
- Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie and her partner Richard who was diagnosed with cancer and receiving treatments for next 4-6 months
- Renee Anderson, bone cancer, Vicki Sackmeister's sister
- Art Johnson, pulmonary fibrosis
- Nancy Naig
- Yvonne Frandsen, cancer, aunt of Jennifer Stanley
- Conni Natwick, complete healing from cancer, successful surgery and radiation therapy
- Steve Lindberg
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde

### **SHARE YOUR PRAYER CONCERNS:**

- Email [linda@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto: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](http://elkriverlutheran.org)

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

# MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

2023, January – March

	March Actual	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Income (General Offering)	\$45,819.23	\$115,499.32	\$129,112.95
Expenses	\$61,121.36	\$157,588.94	\$129,114.12
Profit/Loss	(\$15,302.13)	(\$42,089.62)	(\$1.17)

- March had \$16,600 in unusual expenses:  
Extra snow removal (\$4,700), and 1 extra payday (\$11,900)
- February had \$9,100 in one-time expenses:  
Utility double billing (\$2,100) and filing fee for federal covid relief funding, which will arrive later in the year (\$7,000)
- This report, only through the end of March, shows we are also behind in giving, but does not reflect the increased offerings received at Easter (in April). Thank you for your continued generous financial support of this congregation.



Wed, Apr 26 @ 6pm

# CYF NIGHT

Fellowship - Learning - Fun For All Ages

JOIN US as we do a SERVICE PROJECT for our community

Supper | Large Group Time | Small Groups

The graphic features several photos: a group of people sitting on the floor, a man in a grey hoodie standing in a room, a group of people clapping, and a group of people sitting in a room.

## HELP – CYF Night Sandwich Making Supplies Needed!

Please help us reach our goal of making 500 sandwiches for Waite House Food Shelf. If you could provide a few of the items listed, we would be most grateful!

Donations need to be brought to Elk River Lutheran Church and placed in the downstairs kitchen refrigerator by 4pm Monday 4/24.

We'd welcome any help in making the sandwiches during our CYF night on April 26th, 6pm.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3NeAXbZ>

## Special Elk River Lutheran Hours at Varty's Greenhouse



Sunday, May 7th 5:00pm-7:00pm

13192 192nd Ave NW

Elk River, MN 55330

Join your church friends to shop at Varty's Greenhouse for spring flowers and a portion of the proceeds will go to support the church

## Downtown Block Party

Sunday, May 21 11:00am-1:00pm

Elk River Lutheran Church - 729 Main Street - Elk River



Free Food  
Carnival Games  
Live Music  
Bounce House  
Rad Zoo Animal Show  
*on stage at 12:30*

**Joint Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30am  
to start the Celebration**

# Lutheran Social Services of MN: Refugee Services

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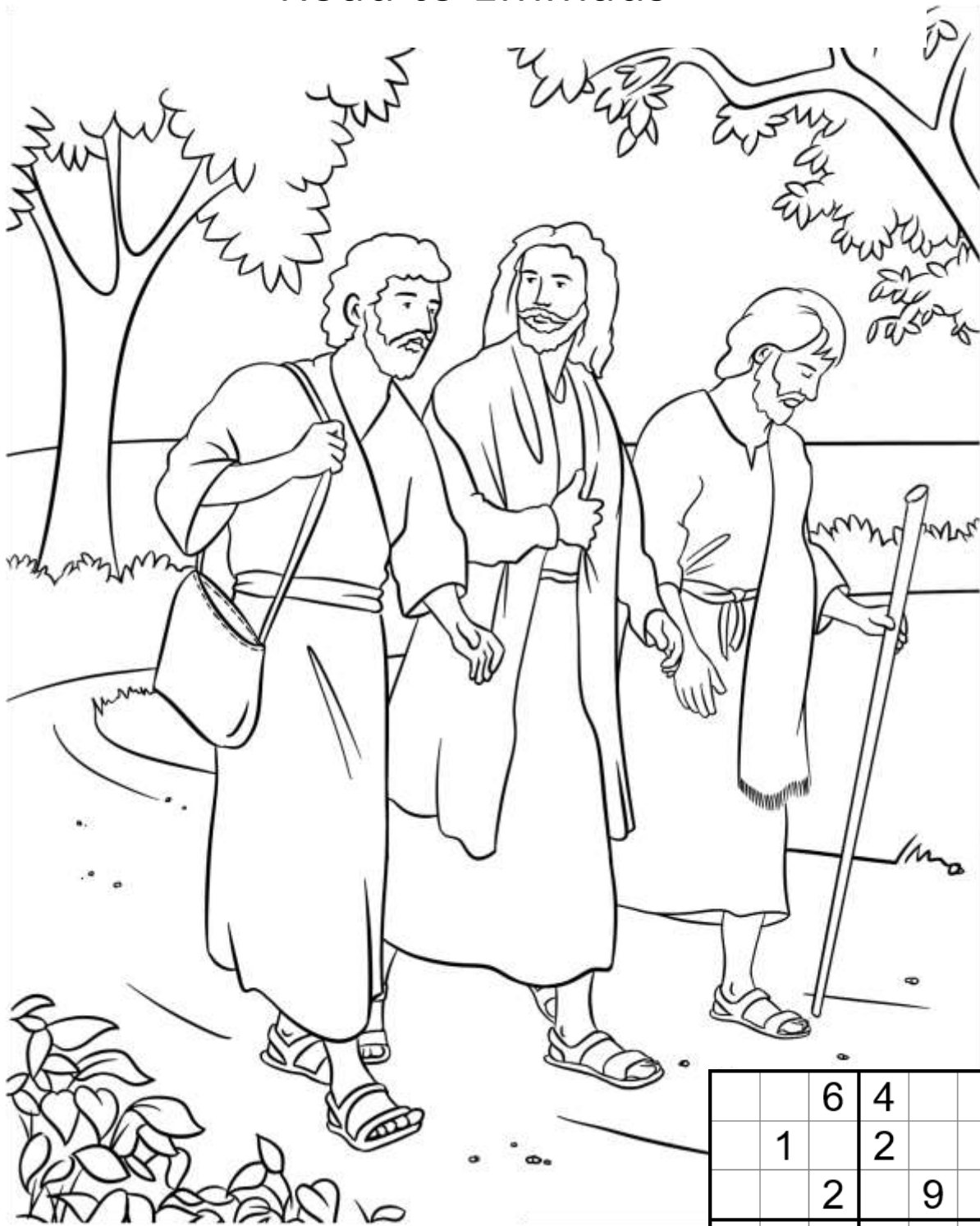
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Medical Care  
Resettlement  
Self-Sufficiency



# Road to Emmaus



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## WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**9:45am** Adult Forum: Refugee Resettlement 101 and How to Get Involved  
*(Community Room)*  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

### TUESDAY

- 9:00am** Quilting *(Lower Level Quilting Room)*  
**10:00am** Text Study – Optional Fellowship Time starting at 9:30am *(Lower Level Community Room)*  
**6:00pm** Riverside Ringers

### WEDNESDAY

- 6:00pm** CYF Night

### FRIDAY

#### **Minneapolis Area Synod**

- 9:00am** Women's Coffee *(Panera, Elk River)*  
**9:00am** Men's Breakfast *(Coborns, Elk River)*

### SATURDAY

#### **Minneapolis Area Synod**

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**9:30am** New Member Orientation  
*(Community Room)*  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

## SMALL GROUPS

### ERLC Quilting Group

*Tuesdays @ 9AM*  
 Lower Level at Church

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

### Text Study

*Tuesdays @ 10AM*  
*(Optional Fellowship @9:30AM)*  
 Meeting in the 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*

### Men's Breakfast

*Fridays @ 9AM*  
 Coborns, Elk River  
 Food – Fellowship

### Women's Coffee

*Fridays @ 9AM*  
 Panera, Elk River  
 Coffee – Food – Fellowship

### Men's Bible Study

*Saturdays @ 8AM*  
 On Zoom

Find a link at  
<https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>

### Genealogy Group

*1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month*  
*10AM – 12 Noon*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

All are welcome even if you haven't joined before.  
 Meeting begins by sharing what each are working on, discoveries, questions, roadblocks and family stories.

### Women's Monthly Bible Study

*3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month*  
*6:30PM*

Lower Level at the Church

This group follows the Bible Studies of the Women's ELCA magazine Gather.



## New Members

Sunday, April 30, 9:30 AM

New Member Orientation

Sunday, May 7

New Member Sunday  
 with Fellowship

Would you like to make Elk River Lutheran Church your faith community? We invite you to join us to learn more about the vision, history and ministries of Elk River Lutheran Church, and ways that you can find your place here. Join us this Spring for our new member orientation. To sign up, let us know on the connection form with your bulletin or send an email to [linda@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:linda@elkriverlutheran.org)

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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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**Secretary:**

Matt Glasoe

**Treasurer:**

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Sue Hales  
Julie Marie Haugen  
Conni Natwick  
Jeff Schrock  
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Confirmation Worship  
Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer  
Form

## Ways to Give



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### 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.

**STOP**

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**SERIES OVERVIEW**

In these weeks after Easter we're going to encourage you to **Stop Going To Church...** and instead **Be the Church!**

We usually talk about "church" as a destination. *"I'm going to church."* *"I missed church this weekend."* *"You better behave in church!"* (hopefully that last one is to a child and not an adult) But church is way more than just a place. Church is a people living out the faith together.

*Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,  
joyful community, serving God and neighbor.*

This shared mission never mentions a building or a location, it describes our shared life and faith together.

**April 23 - Be The Church**

**April 30 - Church For ALL**

**May 7 - Just A Phase**

**May 14 - Bring the Church**

**May 21 - In The Neighborhood**

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