

September 10, 2023 • 10:30am

Joyful



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



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, September 10	Next Sunday, September 17
Greeters	Michelle Hagberg and Vicki Sackmeister	
Ushers	Rick and Nancy Bock	
Scripture Reader		Harry Maher
Communion Steward		
Communion Servers	Tom and Luann Wingard	Zoey Day and Martha Hippe
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Debby Pouliot	Martha Hippe
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jodi Rosati	Paula Rose
PowerPoint Operator	Krista Schrock	Adrienne Rotz
Soundboard Operator	Jeff Schrock	Emily Rotz
Switcher Operator	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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

"Grateful"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Psalm 100

John 15:1-11

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Sermon

Song of the Day

"God is For Us"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion Blessing & Prayer

"O God of Life"

"Oh Give Thanks to the Lord"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"I've Got the Joy (Down in My Heart)"

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Pastor Nathan returns from his 3-month sabbatical September 5th.
- Yvonne Frandsen, considered cancer-free, aunt of Jennifer Stanley
- Conni Natwick, cancer-free

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Jim Acers
- Family and Friends of Delores Markfort, Linda Cheney's mother.
- Family and Friends of Tom Lund who lost his battle to cancer. Nephew of Deb and Greg Pouliot, son of Marge and Don Lund

For Support



Health concerns

- Gert Harwood, hospice (sister of Wayne Traaseth)
- Sue Hecker, heart problems
- John Danner, in hospice
- Elvi Peterson, melanoma
- Erik Natwick, ankle surgery
- Aunt Verna, Lung Cancer (Aunt of Steve Bucholz)
- Russ Overbye
- Al Werk, new diagnosis of lung cancer. Brother to Tom Werk
- Donn Granros
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Diane Harding. new ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding
- Garnet Novotny, breast cancer
- Ron Stricker: Cancer treatments ongoing.
- Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
- Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie and her partner Richard who was diagnosed with cancer
- Art Johnson, pulmonary fibrosis
- Nancy Naig
- Steve Lindberg, getting chemo every other week for pancreatic cancer
- 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



GRACE SEPT 17 CYF SUNDAY

This will be a Sunday that marks the start of ERLC Children, Youth and Family program year.

Featuring Family Musicians...

8:30

- Asher, Bennett and Noellé Johnson
- Grace & Kerry Livingston
- Levi & Libby Ethen

10:30

- The Howland/Granros Family
- Rotz Family Jam Band
- Nevaeh Katzner & the Katzner Family
- The Horners

BACK 
TO ELK RIVER
LUTHERAN



Blessing of the BACKPACKS and the SCHOOL YEAR!

Sunday,
Sept 17th
8:30 and 10:30



Students, Teachers and School Staff
Bring your backpack and school bags



CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY SEPT 13 @ 6:30PM

Students in Grades 7-9 should also attend

Music at Elk River Lutheran



Summer's over.

The music ministry is starting this Fall.
Join the fun and make music with us.

Choir

Instrumental
Ensemble

Riverside Ringers
handbell choir

Worship
Band

Solos

Duets

Trios

Vocalists

Instrumentalists

Contact Taylor if you're interested



🎵 Music Sunday, Oct 1st! 🎵

Music Sunday features the music ministry of ERLC and showcases every musician in our faith community. Music is played, rung, and sung throughout the whole service, including the sermon.





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.

At the New Member Class, you'll learn more about the vision, history and ministries of Elk River Lutheran Church, and ways that you can find your place here.

To sign up, let us know on the connection form with your bulletin or send an email to linda@elkriverlutheran.org.

Sunday, Nov 12, 9:30am **New Member Orientation**
Sunday, Nov 19 **New Member Sunday with Fellowship**

Forms can be sent to linda@elkriverlutheran.org



**Our Meals on Wheels Volunteer
Schedule for September is FULL.**

Thank You Volunteers!!



Meals on Wheels Program delivers nutritious noon-hour meals to the homes of at-risk, homebound, ill, and vulnerable persons age 60 and over in 44 communities across Central Minnesota.

A Heart Full of Joy

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11 (NKJV)

The puzzle is based on John 15:9-17



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COMMAND	MASTER	LIFE	DOWN	SERVANT
JOY	REMAIN	GREATER	LAY	FRIENDS
LOVE	OBEY	CHOSE	FRUIT	FATHER

Color Me!



That Your Joy May Be Full

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:45am Worship/Music Team Meeting

MONDAY

10:00am Hospitality Team Meeting
10:30am Guardian Angels by the Lake Hymn Sing
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)
9:30am Moms Club of Otsego/Elk River
10:00am Text Study – Optional Fellowship Time starting at 9:30am (*Lower Level Community Room*)
6:00pm Riverside Ringers Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

5:00pm Generosity Team Meeting (*2nd Floor Conference Room*)
5:00pm Mission Endowment Team Meeting (*2nd Floor Small Conference Room*)
6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal
6:30pm Parent Meeting for Confirmation (Students in grades 7-9 also attend) (*Lower Level Community Room*)

THURSDAY

5:30pm Scheff/Weber Rehearsal (*Lower Level Community Room*)
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

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*)

NEXT SUNDAY

Grace – CYF Sunday – Backpack Blessing
8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship

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

1st Thursday of the Month
10AM – 12 Noon
2nd 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

3rd Monday of the Month
6:30PM
Lower Level at the Church

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

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Tom Werk



Please Recycle Me!



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

Wed, Oct 11 @ 6pm

CYF NIGHT

Fellowship - Learning - Fun For All Ages

JUSTmove

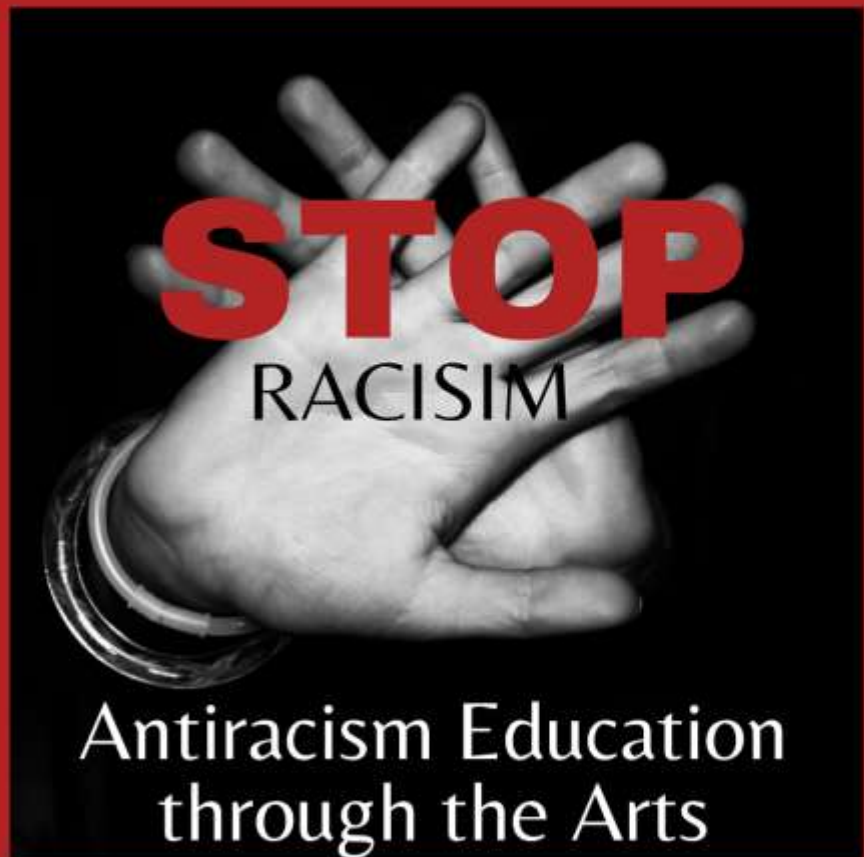
If we can't talk about racism in our churches, where can we talk about it?



David Scherer



Joe Davis



Joe and Dave use music, poetry and storytelling to inspire people into deeper conversations about race and culture

Supper | Large Group Time | Small Groups

Elk River Lutheran Church - 729 Main St - Elk River