

September 17, 2023 • 10:30am

Grace – CYF Sunday



Elk River ELCA
LUTHERAN

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 17	Next Sunday, September 24
Greeters	Pat and Paula Donnelly	Lee and Peg Davies
Ushers	Dan Nelson and Krista Schrock	Zoey Day and Tracie Klemenhagen
Scripture Reader	Harry Maher	Conni Natwick
Communion Steward		
Communion Servers	Zoey Day and Martha Hippe	Sarah Chur and David Katzner
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Martha Hippe	Zoey Day
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Paula Rose	Nancy Bock
PowerPoint Operator	Adrienne Rotz	Shari Howland
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz	Justin Howland
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

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

led by the Granros/Howland, Horner, Katzner & Rotz families

The Word of God Proclaimed

Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 20:30-31, 21:24-25

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Sermon

Song of the Day

"Everlasting Love"

led by the Rotz Family Jam Band and Katzner Family

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

"I Am Not Alone"

featuring Nevaeh Katzner

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

"Beautiful Things"

led by Howland/Granros Family

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

"Love Round"

led by the Horner Family

Sending Dialog

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Over 60 School Kits to go to Lutheran World Relief
- Richard's treatment for cancer was successful. He greatly appreciated all the prayers. Thank You!, (partner to Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie)
- Ruth Ann
- Pastor Nathan is back from his 3-month sabbatical.
- Yvonne Frandsen, considered cancer-free, aunt of Jennifer Stanley
- Conni Natwick, cancer-free

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of John Danner
- 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

- Ed Retel, husband of Linda Retel (friend of Pauline Kuhn)



Health concerns

- Jeanne (Jenkins) Cantwell, depression
- Blair Wilson, pancreatic cancer and stroke (friend of Rita and Kevin Jenkins)
- Reid Olson, diabetic foot ulcers/infection (son of Karen and Harry Maker)
- Gert Harwood, hospice (sister of Wayne Traaseth)
- Sue Hecker, heart problems
- 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
- Linda Retel, ongoing treatment for inoperable brain cancer (friend of Pauline Kuhn)
- Diane Harding. new ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding
- Garnet Novotny, breast cancer
- Ron Stricker: in hospice at Guardian Angels
- Mary Wells, pancreatic 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...

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| <p><u>8:30</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asher, Bennett and Noelle Johnson • Grace & Kerry Livingston • Levi & Libby Ethen | <p><u>10:30</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Howland/Granros Family • Rotz Family Jam Band • Nevaeh Katzner & the Katzner Family • The Horners |
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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

STARTS SUNDAY SEPT 24



Kids attend worship with their parents or other caring adults and then leave during the sermon for their own lesson, bible reading and prayer.

A great time to learn about God and make new friends!





SERVING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Marking 10 Years of the Quilting Ministry

Quilts have been shipped around the world:

Over 700 to Lutheran World Relief

25 to Graduating Seniors

10 to LSS-MN Refugee Services (started in 2023)

A **Quilt Blessing** will also take place for a new shipment to go to Lutheran World Relief

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Music at Elk River Lutheran



TAYLOR

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

WELCOMING

 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.



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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.

GRACE

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Rich in Mercy

Great Love

Alive with Christ

Saved

Immeasurable Riches

Kindness

Gift of God

The Messiah

Son of God

Not Works

Believing

Life

Coloring Page



Jesus and the Children

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Grace – CYF Sunday – Backpack Blessing

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship

MONDAY

- 6:30pm** Worship Band Rehearsals
6:30pm Women's Monthly Bible Study
(*Quilting Room*)

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 Rehearsal
6:30pm Church Council

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00pm** Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal
6:30pm Confirmation
6:30pm High School Youth Group

THURSDAY

- 10:00am** Worship at Guardian Angels Riverview
Landing
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

- Serving - 10th Anniversary of Quilting Ministry**
8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
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

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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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

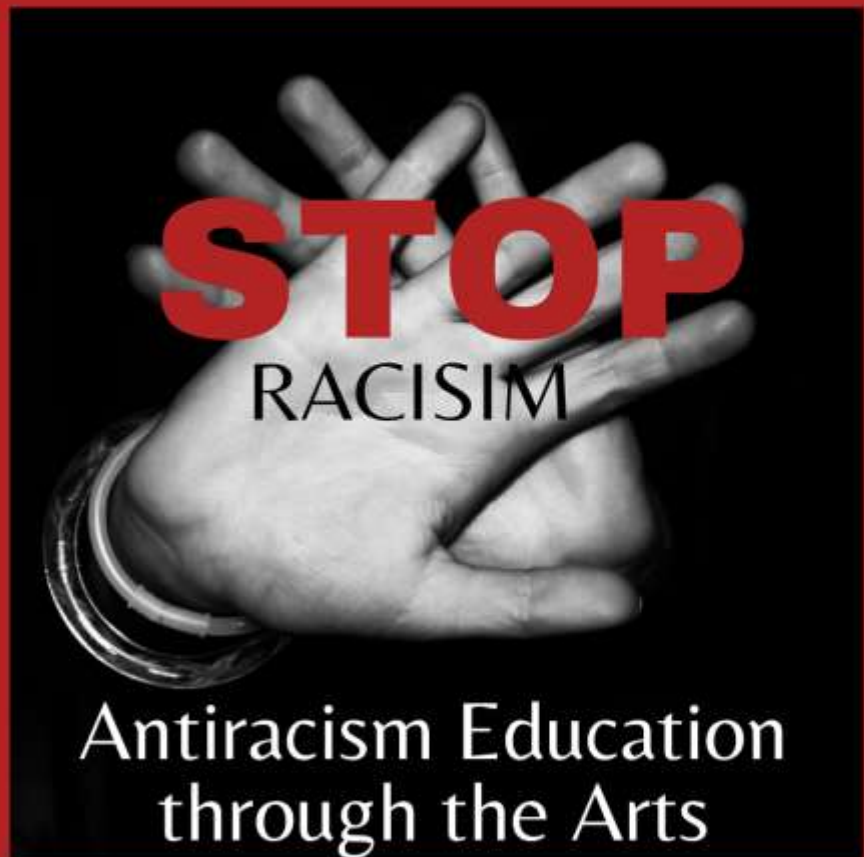
If we can't talk about racism in our churches, where can we talk about it?



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