

*October 1, 2023 • 10:30am*

*Welcoming*



 **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](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, October 1</b>	<b>Next Sunday, October 8</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Chris and Amy Brown	Viv Ayres and Pat Kyro
<b>Ushers</b>	John Auel and Jim Ayres	Mark and Amelia Schwarze
<b>Scripture Reader</b>		Kara Hennig
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Katherine and Audrey Horner	Michelle Hagberg and Kara Hennig
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Gail Palmer	Martha Hippe
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Vicki Simpson	
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Sarah Auel	Katherine Horner
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Emily Rotz	Jeff Schrock
<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

Opening Music

*"God Welcomes All"*  
Featuring ERLC Choir

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

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

**"O God of Life"**

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

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Song

Sermon

**"This is the Day"**

**"For Everyone Born"**  
featuring ERLC Choir

Song of the Day

**"Vagabonds"**

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

Offering

**"My Name is Love"**  
featuring Chuck Anderson and the Worship Band

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion Blessing & Prayer

**"The Lord's Prayer"**

**"All Belong Here"**

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

Community Announcements

Temple Talk

Sending Blessing

*David Katzner and Kent Larson*  
**"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"**  
featuring ERLC Choir

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

**"I Belong"**

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Sarah Livingston and Hunter Gulbranson will be married Saturday, October 7
- Donn Granros's cardio version was a success. Heart pumping regularly now. He's sleeping better and has more energy and can breathe.
- Richard's treatment for cancer was successful. He greatly appreciated all the prayers. Thank You!, (partner to Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie)

### ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of Ron Stricker
- Family and Friends of Jerri Schulz
- Family and Friends of Art Johnson
- Family and Friends of John Danner
- Family and Friends of Jim Acers

### ***For Support***

- Jerry Bird, GA Riverview Landing resident

### ***Health concerns***

- Dean Jorgenson, Liver Cancer Sara, Lorie Schulstad-Werk's sister, cancer
- Flo Bird, GA Riverview Landing resident (hospice)
- 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 Maher)
- Aunt Verna, Lung Cancer (Aunt of Steve Bucholz)
- Al Werk, lung cancer. Brother to Tom Werk
- 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
- Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
- 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](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*



### **Memorial Service**

**Arthur "Art" Leonard Johnson**

Monday October 9, 2023 @ 12:00 pm  
(Visitation one hour prior)



### **Memorial Service**

**James "Jim" Acers**

Saturday October 14, 2023 @ 11:30 am



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!



Confirmation Worship Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer Form

High School

# YOUTH GROUP

9-12th Graders  
Wednesdays @ 6:30  
In the Youth Room

Bible Study,  
Service Projects  
Fun Events  
Friends  
Always Welcome!



## Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th Graders!

Join us on Friday, October 6th  
from 6:00- 9:30 pm  
for Dinner, Games, and Fun!

This Event is Free! Bring your friends for a fun night of running around the church, playing games, and having a great time.

Parents, please let Pastor Anne know if you plan to come for this event as it will help with ordering food for the night! ([pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org))



# CHRIST IN OUR HOME 2024

a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer.

RESERVE YOUR 2024 ISSUES BY OCTOBER 22

- \$6.00 FOR 1 YEAR (4 ISSUES), OR
- Large Print: \$14.50 for 1 Year (4 issues)

You may

- mail a check to the church
- drop it off in the outside mailbox or offering plate
  - made out to ERLC but put CIOH in the memo
- use Tithe.ly - the "GIVE button on the church website."
  - There is a Giving Type for "Christ in Our Home"



**LIFE** LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY  
**Groups**

## Join a Small Group!

We will be forming **LIFE Groups** (small groups that **meet weekly for five weeks**) to discuss each week's sermon topic) to meet **starting the week of October 15th**. LIFE Groups provide a great opportunity to get to know people at the church, while having some good intentional conversation.

### SIGN UP

Please sign up and express your interest using our online form. Groups will be organized based on sign ups.



or visit  
[elkriverlutheran.org/  
life-groups](http://elkriverlutheran.org/life-groups)

\*\*\*If you are already a part of a group, please still sign up and tell us about your group and who is in it.

## Grief Group Announcement!

Due to illness, the presenters of the Grief Group curriculum originally scheduled for this fall have to postpone our group until the winter. We are so sad about this, but we look forward to when we can meet in the future.



We offer many prayers for our presenters as well.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:linda@elkriverlutheran.org)

## CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

ATLANTA  
MONTGOMERY  
SELMA  
BIRMINGHAM

YOU can walk in the steps of history!!

### Informational Meeting:

October 8 at 9:30am

Pastor Joanne Sorenson of *In Our Hands* will discuss dates, costs, payment schedule, itinerary, photos



# Friday, October 27

**Downtown  
Trick  
or  
Treat**

2pm - 6pm

**ERLC  
Trunk  
or  
Treat**

5pm - 6pm

**Candy Donations being accepted in the Church Office**

# *Coloring Page*



I can make others feel welcome by being friendly.



# Music Sunday

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Choir

Handbells

Oboe

Postlude

Singers

Flute

Hymns

Opening Music

Prelude

Songs

Guitar

Instrumental Ensemble

Piano

Riverside Ringers

Worship Band

## WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY

#### *Welcoming – Music Sunday*

**8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

### MONDAY

**10:00am** Hospitality Team (*Quilting Room*)  
**2:00pm** Hymn Sing (*Guardian Angels – Riverview Landing*)

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

**5:00pm** Generosity Team (*Conference Room*)  
**6:30pm** Confirmation  
**6:30pm** High School Youth Group

### THURSDAY

**10:00am** Genealogy Group (*Conference Room*)  
**6:00pm** Choir Rehearsal  
**7:00pm** DEI-Social Justice Task Force (*Conference Room*)

### FRIDAY

**9:00am** Women's Coffee (*Panera, Elk River*)  
**9:00am** Men's Breakfast (*Coborns, Elk River*)  
**6:00pm** Club 4-5-6

### SATURDAY

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### *Accepting*

**8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**9:30am** Civil Rights Tour Informational Meeting  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect  
**11:45am** Worship/Music Team Meeting

## 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.

## STAFF

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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**President:** David Katzner

**Vice President:** Kent Larson

**Secretary:** Matt Glasoe

**Treasurer:** Mark Johnson

Sue Hales, Julie Marie Haugen, Conni Natwick,  
Jeff Schrock, Jennifer Stanley, and Tom Werk

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

2023, January – August

	August Actual	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
<i>Income (General Offering)</i>	\$29,169.37	\$307,293.07	\$344,300.20
<i>Expenses</i>	\$41,585.28	\$375,408.07	\$344,300.72
<i>Profit/Loss</i>	(\$12,416.41)	(\$68,115.00)	(\$ 0.52)

Our general offering rate is 11% lower while expenses have been 8% higher than budget projections as of the end of August. Significant cost increases for items like utilities, insurance, fire/security monitoring and snow removal are responsible for higher than anticipated expenses. We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial support of the ERLC general fund to help us close out 2023 on a higher note. Thank you!

## 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.

## Elk River Lutheran 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

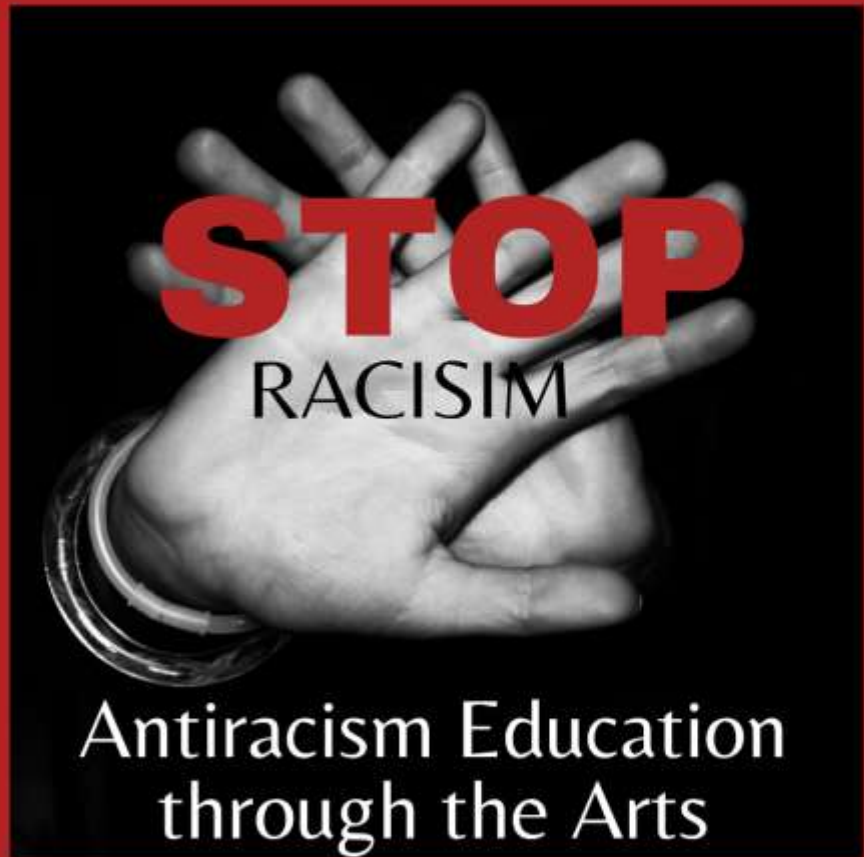
If we can't talk about racism in our churches, where can we talk about it?



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

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