

October 8, 2023 • 10:30am

Accepting



 **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, October 8	Next Sunday, October 15
Greeters	Viv Ayres and Pat Kyro	Lee Davies
Ushers	Mark and Amelia Schwarze	Joe Livingston
Scripture Reader	Kara Hennig	Kerry Livingston
Communion Servers	Michelle Hagberg and Kara Hennig	Lisa Bossany and Peg Davis
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Martha Hippe	Debby Pouliot
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Julie Marie Haugen	Vicki Simpson
PowerPoint Operator	Katherine Horner	Grace Livingston
Soundboard Operator	Jeff Schrock	Bennett Johnson
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

Blessing of the DEI/Social Justice Task Force

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

Baptism

"May the Peoples Praise You

Charlotte May Anderson

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

Matthew 25:31-45

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

"The Church Song (We are the Church)"

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

"Just As I Am (I Come Broken)"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"O God of Life"

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Baptism of Charlotte May Anderson. Parents: Mychal and Samantha Anderson. Sponsors: Zak and Megan Prpich, Lukas and Sabrina Schmitz
- Sue Hecker is recovering well from her double bypass open heart surgery and is progressing in cardiac rehab. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and support from such a caring congregation.
- Sarah Livingston and Hunter Gulbranson married Saturday, October 7

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Gert Harwood, sister of Wayne Traaseth
- 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

- Marge Andersen, pneumonia (sister of Kathy Dahl)
- Dean Jorgenson, hospice (cousin of Chuck Cazett and family friend of Linda Nielsen)
- Sara Anderson, Lorie Schulstad-Werk's sister, cancer
- Al Werk, lung cancer. Brother to Tom Werk
- 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)
- 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
- 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



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

Wed, Oct 11 @ 6pm

CYF NIGHT

Fellowship - Learning - Fun For All Ages

JUSTmove



David Scherer



Joe Davis

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

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



Interculturality Education through the Arts

Supper | Large Group Time | Small Groups



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!

Autumn Hymn Fest

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH DRIVE THRU

OCTOBER 18TH

6 TO 7: 30 PM



An outdoor fall-themed hymn-sing

Enjoy singing your favorite hymns around warm campfires with your friends and family.

Taylor and other musicians will also introduce music from a new liturgy "Of the Land and Seasons".

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"



LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY

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.



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

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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



Candy Donations Needed

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ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH
TRUNK OR TREAT EVENTS OCTOBER 27

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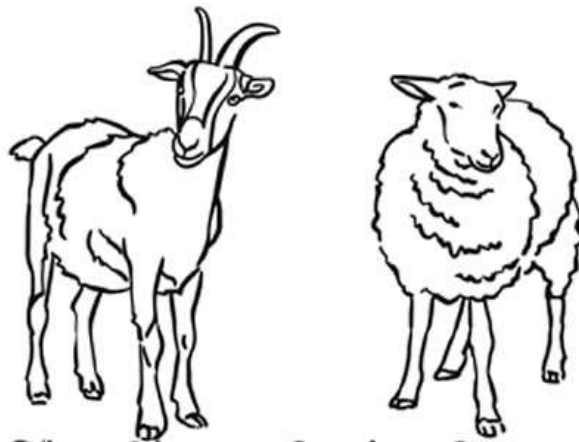
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He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."
Matthew 25:33 (NIV)



The Sheep & the Goats

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY *Accepting*

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

MONDAY

- 12:00pm** Art Johnson Memorial Service (Visitation 1 hour prior to service)

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
7:00pm Mission Endowment Meeting (*Conference Room*)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00pm** CYF Night

THURSDAY

- 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*)
11:30am Jim Acers Memorial Service

NEXT SUNDAY *Life Groups Start*

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect
4:00pm Book Launch: Eye on the Magi (*Edina Community Lutheran Church*)

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.

Elk River Lutheran Church

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



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

2:00 - 6:00 P.M.

PLUS

TRUNK OR TREAT

AT ELK RIVER BOOTHERAN

STARTS AT 5 PM - 6PM

Join the Fun!

- Donate Candy - Drop off in the Church Office
 - Volunteer to Hand Out Candy During the Event
 - Volunteer to provide a Decorated Trunk and Participate
- Contact Pastor Anne to Volunteer, pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org