

October 22, 2023 • 10:30am

Quietly Generous

THE GENEROUS LIFE



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 22	Next Sunday, October 29
Greeters	Martha Hippe and Tracie Klemenhagen	Pat and Paula Donnelly
Ushers	Shari Howland and Michelle Hagberg	Lisa Bossany and Dan Nelson
Scripture Reader	Cathy Dalnes	Paula Donnelly
Communion Servers	Pat and Paula Donnelly	Kerry and Joe Livingston
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Zoey Day	
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Shirley Schmidt	Jana Lundquist
PowerPoint Operator	Chloe Sandvig	
Soundboard Operator	Justin Howland	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

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

"O God of Life"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Pastor Anne Schaefer

"You Are My Vision"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

featuring Ingrid Scheff and Becca Weber

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion Blessing & Prayer

"Great is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

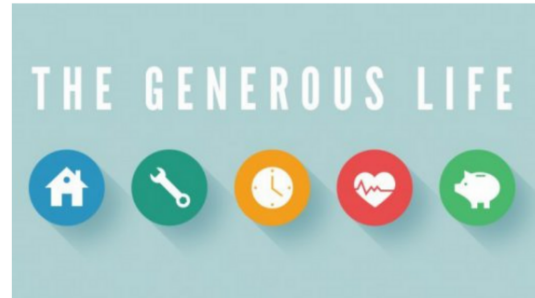
Sending Dialog

"How Great Thou Art"

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LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Generous Life
Oct 22 - *Quietly Generous*



CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

GROW

- What's better - watching someone at their party open a gift you have given them or hearing from them after they've opened it? In your opinion, what's the difference?
- If someone's credit card and checking account transaction histories were public, how could that affect the way they spend their money?
- Read Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18. It talks about almsgiving (financial offerings), prayer, and fasting in ways that don't draw attention to the person. Now read Matthew 5:16 which talks about the importance of our actions being on display. How can these both be true?
- Read Matthew 6:19-21. What are treasures on earth, and what are treasures in heaven? How can we know if we are valuing the right treasures?
- Why do we give money away, pray or do any other spiritual discipline? What is the reward for these things?

PRAY

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- For autumn: for falling temperatures and morning chill, trees turned gold and red, brown and orange, falling leaves and blowing leaves, the smell of burning leaves, the joy of leaf-pile jumping.
- For autumn: the interplay of outside temperatures and inside warmth, the promise of cider and pumpkin bread, the blessing of blankets and sweaters.
- For autumn: the beauty and hope in the change of season, the promise that the coming of autumn heralds another ending, a new beginning, and the wonder of another winter, another spring, another summer, yet to come.

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Dean Jorgenson (cousin of Chuck Cazett and family friend of Linda Nielsen)
- Family and Friends of Gert Harwood, sister of Wayne Traaseth
- Family and Friends of Art Johnson

For Support

- All of the spouses and family that serve as caregivers to their loved ones with long term health issues

Health concerns

- Renee DeLuney-Nevison, niece of Greg and Deb Pouliot. (mother of 5 with liver and kidney failure)
- Rose Anna Bradford, colon cancer (friend of Mariann Jackson)
- Richard, partner of Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie. New cancer and additional treatments
- Norm Esch, healing so he can return to his home
- Marge Andersen, pneumonia (sister of Kathy Dahl)
- 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@elkrivlutheran.org
- Fill out on your connection form
- Contact the church office at (763) 595-1216
- Fill out form on church website at elkrivlutheran.org

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



Volunteers Needed

Children Youth and Family Ministry

Variety of Events and Volunteer Opportunities



Find Link on CYF page of 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"



High School
**YOUTH
GROUP**

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

Bible Study,
Service Projects
Fun Events
Friends
Always Welcome!

Save the Date

**CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

OCTOBER 29, 2023 • 10:30 AM
ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

for where

your

TREASURE

is

there

so your

will be

HEART

also



Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

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Reward

Heaven

Alms

Hypocrites

In Secret

Pray

Fast

Treasures on Earth

Treasures in Heaven

Heart

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)
10:00am Text Study – Optional Fellowship Time starting at 9:30am (*Lower Level Community Room*)
5:30pm Riverside Ringers Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
6:30pm Primary Purpose AA Group (*Lower Level Community Room*)
6:30pm Minnesota Freedom Fund - Sanctuary and Resistance to Injustice (*Fellowship Hall*)

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Confirmation
6:30pm High School Youth Group (*Lower Level Youth Room*)

THURSDAY

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

FRIDAY

9:00am Women's Coffee (*Panera, Elk River*)
9:00am Men's Breakfast (*Coborns, Elk River*)
2pm-6pm Downtown Trick Or Treat
5pm -6pm Trunk or Treat at ERLC

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect
10:30am Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism

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



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



**TRICK
OR TREAT**
DOWNTOWN

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