

*November 12, 2023 • 10:30am*

*Generous with Time*

**Thank You Sunday**

# THE GENEROUS LIFE



 **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, November 12</b>	<b>Next Sunday, November 19</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Lisa Bossany and Kerry Livingston	Lee and Peg Davies
<b>Ushers</b>	Anthony Schaefer	Jeff Schrock and Mark Schwarze
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Emily Rotz	Kerry Livingston
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Greg and Debby Pouliot	Zoey Day and Martha Hippe
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Nancy Bock	Debby Pouliot
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Jenny Stanley	Jana Lundquist
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Katherine Horner	Adrienne Rotz
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Jeff Schrock	Emily Rotz
<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

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

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

***"Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love"***

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

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

Matthew 25:14-30

*Pastor Anne Schaefer*

***"Grateful"***

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

Thank You Litany

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

*All Saints Sunday Candle Lighting*

Communion Blessing

***"Remembrance"***

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

***"Simple Living"***

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Completion of the harvest for our growers
- 11 ninth graders that confirmed their faith.

### ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of Jim Weidner, brother of Herm Weidner
- Family and Friends of Vance Zehringer
- Family and Friends of Douglas Mueller, Dare funeral luncheon at ERLC on Wednesday, October 25
- Family and Friends of Blair Wilson

### ***For Support***

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

### ***Health concerns***

- Sondra
- Elsie Provencher, back muscle spasms
- Tom Werk's brother Al Werk, recovering from cancer
- Dale Ziner, Achilles tendon repair
- Kim Miller, daughter of Marilyn Miller, invasive cancer treatment
- Robin Skeie, cousin of Diana Schansberg, in bad car accident and in ICU
- Krista Schrock, upcoming hip surgery
- Shelley Anderson, friend of Pam Black. (bypass valve surgery 11/14)
- Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen's mom (breast cancer)
- Donn Granros
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Linda Retel, ongoing treatment for inoperable brain cancer (friend of Pauline Kuhn)
- Diane Harding, ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding
- Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
- Nancy Naig
- Steve Lindberg
- 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*



Sunday, Nov 19 at 11:30am

# Christmas Decorating

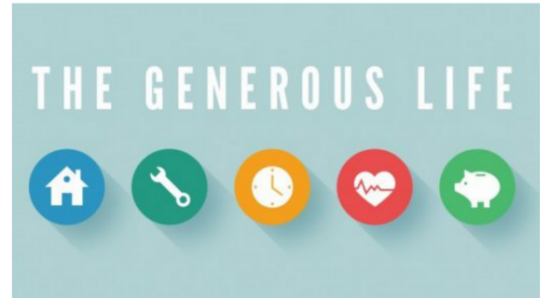
At Elk River Lutheran Church

This year we would like to start a new tradition of decorating Elk River Lutheran together for Advent and Christmas. If you can join us, please sign up to let us know you're coming to help and join in the holiday preparations! Sign Up at : [bit.ly/ERLCCDecorating2023](https://bit.ly/ERLCCDecorating2023)



# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Generous Life  
Nov 12 - Generosity with Time



## 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

- God is calling all of us into the joy of spending the resources that God has entrusted to us. This week we're focusing on the resource of time. We have been given the gift of time, though none of us can know just how much we get. In light of All Saints Day, we understand the value of using our time to care for, encourage, or fight for others as part of our own legacy. This text challenges us to use our gifts to be the instruments of God's mission in the world.
- Read: Matthew 25:14-15, 19  
"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away... After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them."
- What's your favorite way to waste time?
- How do you know where God is already using you?
- Could God be calling you to rearrange your priorities?
- How can you glorify God with your time?

## 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.



 **Elk River** LUTHERAN ELCA  
Presents...



# Civil Rights Pilgrimage

**April 3 - 7, 2024**

YOU can walk in the steps of history!!  
We will be visiting Birmingham,  
Selma and Atlanta.

What you will experience:

- Get the BIG PICTURE at EJI Legacy Museum and Memorial
- Take a walking tour of downtown Montgomery and see MLK's "Dexter Church" - Freedom Rides Museum - Rosa Parks Museum - slave market square
- Walk the bridge in Selma and learn about Jim Crow south from a Foot Soldier!
- See Birmingham 16th St Church, Ingram Park, Jail where King stayed, "dynamite" hill, and much more

**Trip Cost:**

**\$2,100 based on double occupancy,  
\$2,500 for single rooms\***



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**Knowing history is more than just learning....it means understanding how OUR work NOW can make a difference. What can WE as white people do to help others understand how our behavior affects our neighbors?**



# Volunteers Needed

Children Youth and Family Ministry

Variety of Events and Volunteer Opportunities



Find Link on CYF page of [Elkriverlutheran.org](http://Elkriverlutheran.org)



## CALLING ALL LITTLE ACTORS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Looking for all PreK - 6th graders who would like to be actors for this year's Christmas Program!

**Program:** Sunday, Dec 10, both services  
**Dress rehearsal:** Dec 9, 9-10:30 am

Speaking and non-speaking parts are available. Songs will be emailed for students to practice at home.

Reach out to Pastor Anne with questions

## Family Musicians!

You are invited to participate in the music on Christmas Eve. Reach out to Taylor if your family would like to lead a song at our 10:30 am family service





# Caroling at the Downtown Tree Lighting

WEDNESDAY, NOV 15 AT 5PM

This year Elk River will be lighting the downtown Christmas Tree on Wednesday, November 15th and they have asked if Elk River Lutheran will carol at this event. Please sign up to let us know that you can attend. We will meet at the Elk River Lutheran Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm and walk down to the Downtown Park to Carol at their Tree Lighting Event.



Scan QR Code to Sign Up

*Santa in the Park*

<https://bit.ly/3MdrNeu>

# CAROLING SIGN UP



Saturday, December 2, 2023



Time to carol again  
The whole church is invited to sing  
carols at the Downtown Elk River  
Santa in the Park event.  
Sign up for a one-hour time block  
between 2pm-5pm

# Join the ERLC Choir this Christmas!

We're looking for low voices to  
round out the bass section for  
our Christmas project on  
**December 20th.**

Rehearsals start November 16th  
and are on Thursdays  
from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

If you're interested,  
please reach out to  
Taylor.





# The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



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## Parable of the Talents

(Matthew 25:14-30)

## WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY

#### *Thank You Sunday*

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**9:30am** New Member Orientation (*Community Room*)  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect  
**11:45am** Worship/Music Team Meeting (*Community 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  
**7:00pm** AA Meeting (*Community Room*)

### WEDNESDAY

- 6:30pm** Confirmation  
**6:30pm** High School Youth  
**7:30pm** Youth Mission Trip Parent Meeting  
**7:30pm** Worship Band Rehearsal

### THURSDAY

- 10:00am** Worship at Guardian Angels Riverview Landing  
**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*)  
**10:00am** Decorate the Sanctuary for Harvest Sunday

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### *New Member Sunday* *Generosity Sunday*

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
**9:30am** *Pie Sunday* Fellowship Hour  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect  
**11:30am** Christmas Decorating of ERLC

## 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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Kent Larson

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Matt Glasoe

**Treasurer:**

Mark Johnson

Sue Hales  
Julie Marie Haugen  
Conni Natwick  
Jeff Schrock  
Jennifer Stanley  
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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