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 **Elk River** ELCA
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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, November 19	Next Sunday, November 26
Greeters	Lee and Peg Davies	Jean and Anne Popovich
Ushers	Jeff Schrock and Mark Schwarze	Marha Hippe and Shari Howland
Scripture Reader	Kerry Livingston	Jim Ayres
Communion Servers	Zoey Day	
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Debby Pouliot	Zoey Day
Communion Steward		Greg Pouliot
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jana Lundquist	
PowerPoint Operator	Adrienne Rotz	Emma Anderson
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

"The Table"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Pastor Nathan Mugaas
"Goodness of God"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

New Member Welcome

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

All Saints Sunday Candle Lighting

Communion Blessing

"O Give Thanks"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"Impossible Things"

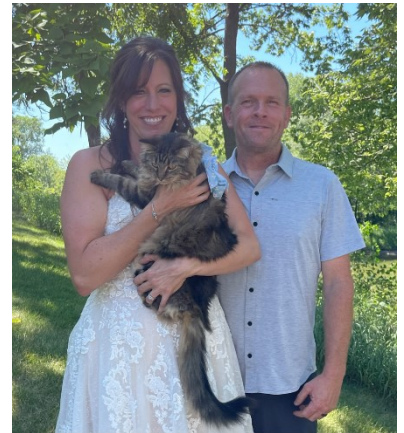
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Heather Amsbaugh

I live in Rogers, Minnesota with my husband Kyle and our cat, Maisy. I love to travel and have lived on the East Coast, West Coast, Midwest and Alaska. I am currently a GIS Specialist for Metropolitan Council and my husband is a Highway Maintenance Operator for Hennepin County Road and Bridge department. My hobbies include reading, spending time in the outdoors, running, and spending time with family.



Mike and Samantha Anderson, Jonny and Charlotte



Hello everyone, we are the Anderson family: Mike, Samantha, Jonny, and Charlotte. Mike and Samantha both work at the University of Minnesota. Mike grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota and loves all sports (Go Vikings and Gophers!) and the outdoors. Samantha is from Becker, Minnesota. She enjoys playing board games and spending time with family. Mike and Samantha met in college and have lived in many different locations, including Minneapolis, MN; Columbia, MO; and Chicago, IL before moving to Elk River. Jonny is 6 years old and a 1st grader at Parker Elementary. He is in karate and soccer. Charlotte is 3 years old and in preschool at New Creations. We have two dogs, Abby and Marley. We are excited to join Elk River Lutheran and meet all of you!

Jane Domeier



Hello ~ I'm Jane Domeier. I have lived in the Elk River area for the past 29+ years. I am married to Phil. We have 4 adult children spread across the country - none married - no grandchildren. I am retired with most of my career spent in IT. My hobbies and interests include sewing, music and just about anything outdoors. I have already joined the Quilters, Handbell Choir and a Life Group. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome here at ERLC.

Pat Ferguson

I currently live on Lake Miltona (north of Alexandria) and attend church online. I have three adult age children (Stacy Ebner, KellyAnn Lockrem and Bryan Ebner) and two wonderful grandsons. I love to bike, hike and travel. I grew up in Elk River and lived in Rapid City SD and Homer AK before moving back to my lake place about seven years ago. My parents (Lester and Phyllis Ferguson) are Charter members of the church.



Pat and Laura Guimont



We are Patrick and Laura Guimont. We are both retired, Pat from Building, Estimating and Design, Laura as a Special Education Paraprofessional. We enjoy spending time with our children, grandchildren, and "extra" kids. We have three biological children, all grown. Our oldest son Brad is a Paramedic and his wife Amy is a Registered Nurse. They have one daughter, Charlotte. Our daughter Becky is an English teacher, now working in management at FedEx. Our youngest son Michael is in Marketing and Sales and his wife Cami is a Registered Nurse. They have one daughter, Susie.

We opened our home to foster children for many, many years, so we have several extra kids to love and share in their now grown up lives, and that gives us extra grandkids too! We have six grandchildren in all!

We are so blessed!

We spend our free time with projects and critters (bunnies for the grandkids and chickens so far) on the hobby farm we live on, activities with the grandkids, camping when we can, fishing, reading, jigsaw puzzles, and riding our motorcycle. We like taking mini trips, and hope to do more traveling. We have enjoyed coming to Elk River Lutheran. The pastors and people have been so welcoming, and the music is wonderful! We look forward to getting more involved here and getting to know more people!

Paul and Susan Hovde

We have recently moved to Big Lake. Our only other home was in Golden Valley - for 50 years. We have 2 adult children, daughter Kris Pearson lives on a farm in Dassel with husband Paul, and daughters Karin (7), Hannah (5). Son John lives in Golden Valley with his wife Heidi and their son Colby (13). We both love to share our time with our grandkiddos and their parents!

Sue Hovde: retired-mostly...still spending 12-15 hrs/week with family business

Hobbies: Love to cook, love to garden (landscape & plants), love to read...

Paul: retired-mostly...still bidding work for family business

Hobbies include hunting and fishing, gardening (Vegetables!), ongoing projects related to making our 100 yr+ "cabin" into our home.



Olga Jackson



I am a retired teacher (South Africa) and a Registered Nurse (USA)

I was born in the Netherlands and grew up in South Africa. My grown children are Andrew (San Diego, CA) and Bob (St Michael MN). I came to Elk River Lutheran through friends at Guardian Angels, Riverview Landing.

Julie Parks

My name is Julie Parks. I moved to Elk River a year and a half ago and started looking for a church. Since I was looking for an ELCA church with a quilting group and a choir I found Elk River Lutheran. I have 3 adult children and 2 grandsons. During the summer months I go up north to my parents' cabin (so you don't see me here as often). I thoroughly enjoy reading, quilting, embroidering funny quips on dish towels, baking and I love being a financial advisor with Edward Jones. However, my true joy is spending time with family & friends.



Jared Stevens



My name is Jared and I mow peoples lawns. I came to Elk River Lutheran through Julie Parks who invited me and whose lawn I mow. I am hoping to meet new people and make new friends. I like to play video games and I like my food. I also work at a daycare.



If you are interested in membership at Elk River Lutheran Church, please make note of it on the connection form which you can find in your bulletin or on our website (elkriverlutheran.org), or let the church office know (linda@elkriverlutheran.org).

Our next New Member Class will be in the spring after Easter, but we can always get you started now by getting the paperwork out of the way. Welcome to Elk River Lutheran Church!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- For those that are joining Elk River Lutheran Church.
Praise the Lord!

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Jim Weidner, brother of Herm Weidner

For Support

- Jeanne Caswell, sister of Kevin Jenkins, needs a place to live
- All of the spouses and family that serve as caregivers to their loved ones with long term health issues.

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

Health concerns

- Jeanne Caswell, sister of Kevin Jenkins, mental health
- Pat Kyro
- 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: recovery from 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

 **Elk River** ELCA
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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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www.InOurHandsAdventures.com

REGISTER TODAY



bit.ly/ERLCTrip2024

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?

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

Volunteers Needed

Children Youth and Family Ministry

Variety of Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Find Link on CYF page of 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

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



Bells and Carols Carolers Wanted

Sing carols with the Riverside Ringers
at this Festive Event for the residents
of Guardian Angels - Riverview Landing

Date: Tuesday, December 19

Time: 5:45pm

**Location: Guardian Angels,
Riverview Landing
9200 Quantrelle Ave NE,
Otsego MN**

Sign up at:
bit.ly/4766ByZ



POINSETTIA



Poinsettias may be ordered "in honor" or
"in memory" of friends, family and loved
ones whose names will appear in the
Early Christmas/Christmas Eve bulletin.
Ordered plants will be used as
decoration in the Sanctuary and may be
taken home after the December 31st
service. Poinsettias are \$8 per plant.
Checks can be made out to ERLC.

Deadline to order is:

Noon on December 4th

Order online at bit.ly/2023ChristmasPlant



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His righteousness

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great generosity

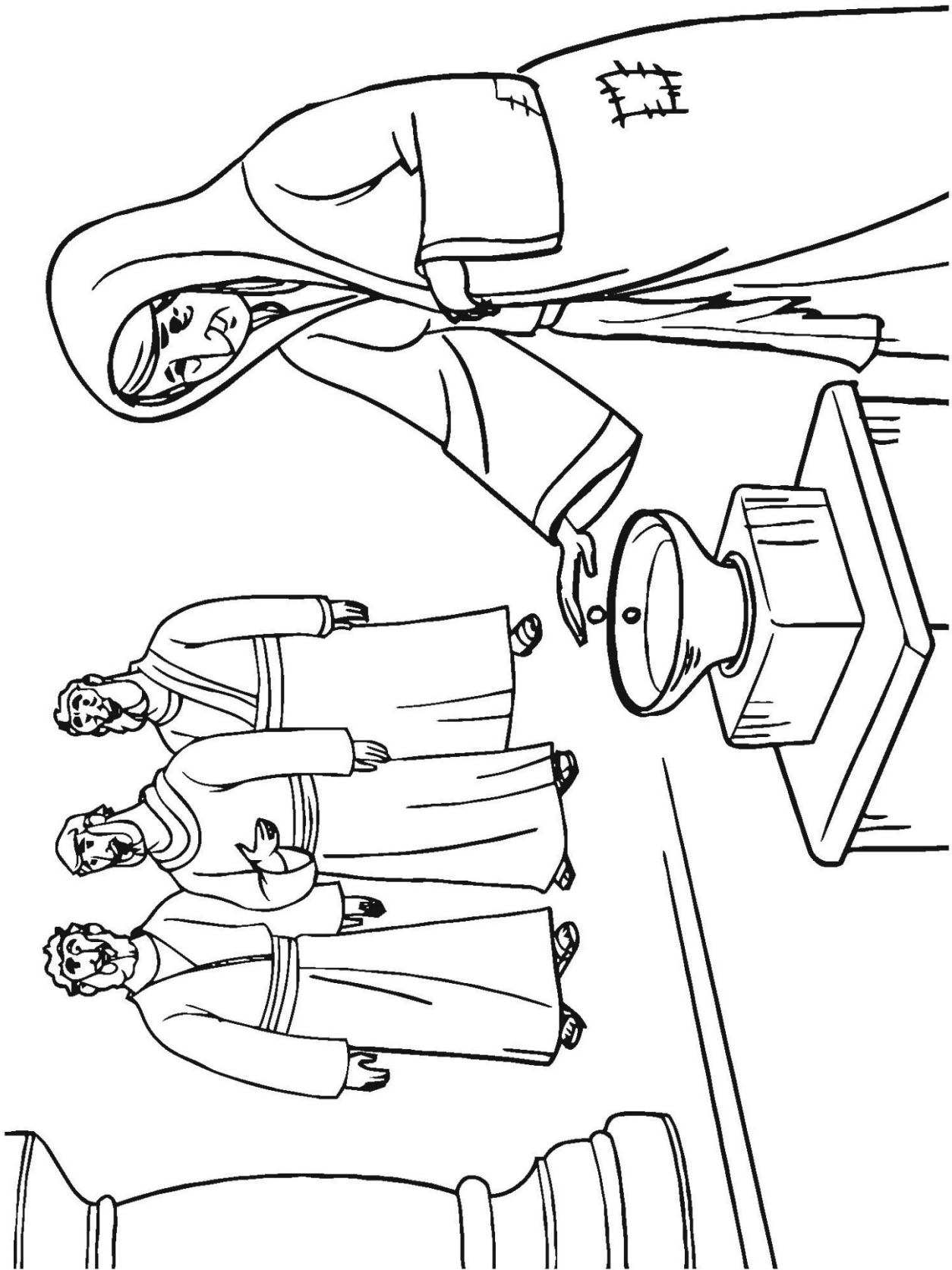
thanksgiving to God

supply the needs of saints

glorify God

grace of God

Thanks be to God



God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. 9:7)

WEEK AHEAD

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

MONDAY

6:30pm Women's Monthly Bible Study (*Lower Level 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
7:00pm AA Meeting (*Community Room*)

WEDNESDAY

NO Confirmation or Youth Group

THURSDAY

Thanksgiving Day
Church Offices are Closed

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

New Member Sunday
Generosity Sunday

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

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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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

Why Wait?

MEETING JESUS
RIGHT NOW

ADVENT SCHEDULE 2023

The church season of Advent, made up of the four weeks prior to Christmas, has long been considered a season of waiting to celebrate the joyous incarnation of God in our world in the birth of Jesus. This year, as we explore traditional Advent scripture readings, we ask “Why Wait?” God, Emmanuel, is already loose in this world and so as the rest of culture celebrates the joy, togetherness, generosity, and hope of Christmas, so will we!

Nov 26 - Hope Now - Advent 1

Dec 3 - Beginning Now - Advent 2

Dec 10 - Kids' Christmas Program - Advent 3

Dec 17 - Comfort Now - Advent 4

Dec 20 - Early Christmas Service

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

Dec 31 - Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Dec 20 - Early Candlelight Service - 6:30pm

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Family Service - 10:30am

Dec 24 - Candlelight Service - 2:30pm

Dec 24 - Candlelight Service - 4:30pm

Dec 24 - Candlelight Service - 10:00pm

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