

November 26, 2023 • 10:30am
First Sunday of Advent – Hope Now

Why Wait?

MEETING JESUS
RIGHT NOW



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 26	Next Sunday, December 3
Greeters	Jean and Anne Popovich	Michelle Hagberg and Gail Palmer
Ushers	Marha Hippe and Shari Howland	John Auel and Anthony Schaefer
Scripture Reader	Jim Ayres	Chloe Sandvig
Communion Servers	Sarah Chur and Sam Youngs	Jodie Dahlheimer and Grace Livingston
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Zoey Day	Nancy Bock
Communion Steward	Greg Pouliot	Amanda Tschakert
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Nancy Bock	
PowerPoint Operator	Emma Anderson	Sarah Auel
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

Baptism

Mavin Michael and Eevie Marie Herian

Gathering Song

"Emmanuel"

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Advent Candle Lighting Song

"Light of the World"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Song of the Day

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

"I Wonder As I Wander"

featuring the Riverside Ringers with Val Behling

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

"Child of the Poor" with "What Child is This"

Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

Sending Dialog

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LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

FOR MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

Every year folks with the,
“Mary Did You Know?”

Yeah, she knew. An angel told her.

She opted in without asking
for permission from her father
or quietly convincing her fiance.

She sang an earth-shaking prophecy
and had (stretch marked) skin in the game

She knew. She super knew!

Her youth and virginity paint
our telling of Mary as vulnerable and mild.

But do not forget God’s favor
for her power and good courage.
It has been there all along.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Baptism of Mavin and Eevie Herian. Parents: Jenna and Corey Herian. Mavin’s Sponsors: Jackie Oakden and Tanner Christle. Eevie’s Sponsors: Mitch and Hannah Herian
- Those who joined Elk River Lutheran as members Sunday, November 19

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Allan Lehne, Dare Funeral Luncheon at ERLC on Monday, November 20th

For Support

- Friend of Jared Stevens
- 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.

Health concerns

- Jared Stevens Mom’s knee
- Jack Burris
- 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. Recovery from bypass valve surgery
- Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen’s mom. Recovery from mastectomy
- 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
- 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



November
19th -
December 8th



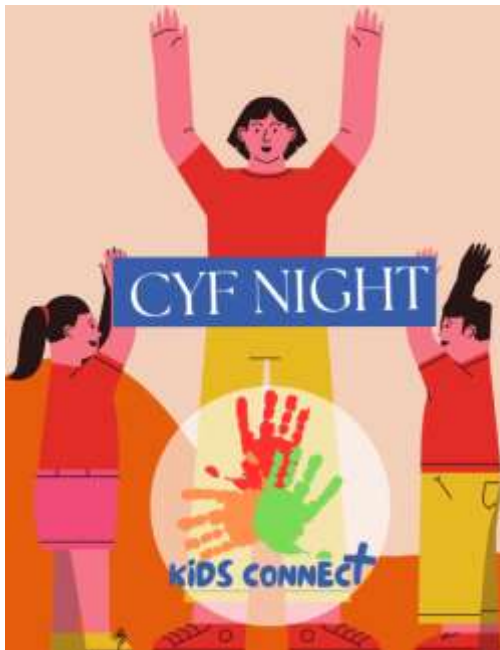
ELK RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT
**ANNUAL
FILL A FIRE TRUCK
EVENT**

HELPING COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Drop Off
Gifts at
Elk River
Lutheran
Church
Fellowship
Hall



Donation List



Volunteers Needed

Children Youth and Family Ministry
Variety of Events and Volunteer
Opportunities



Find Link on CYF page of
Elkriverlutheran.org

We're all in this together!
We literally cannot do
ministry without you! You
do not need to have any
specific qualifications to
volunteer, and all
materials are provided.
Most volunteer
opportunities are between
15-30 minutes in length.
Please sign up to help
before we have to
CANCEL Kids Connect or
CYF Night activities.
THANK YOU!



Christmas CYF NIGHT

Fellowship - Learning - Fun For All Ages

Wednesday, December 13 - 6pm-7:45pm

- Pizza Dinner
- Christmas Stations
(games, activities, crafts,
cookie decorating)
- Large Group

Everyone is Welcome!



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



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



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





Starting January 18th 2024

CLASS DETAILS

- Classes will take place on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm, beginning January 18th and continuing for nine weeks. (Jan 18 - Mar 14)
- *\$60 Registration Fee Includes:
 - Nine Week Financial University Class and Course Workbook
 - One year Financial Peace University Online Access
 - Three Months of Premium Version of EveryDollar Budgeting App
 - Live Group Financial Coaching

*If you attend all 9 weeks of class, the Elk River Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund will refund your original \$60 registration fee!



Sign up now at:



bit.ly/FPU2024ERLC



Presents...

Civil Rights Pilgrimage

April 3 - 7, 2024

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

Trip Cost:
\$2,100 based on double occupancy,
\$2,500 for single rooms



REGISTER TODAY



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CREATING A BETTER WORLD

www.InOurHandsAdventures.com



bit.ly/ERLCTrip2024

An Angel Visits Mary

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. Luke 1:31 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 1:26-38



K V G J E U J H T U Z G T J N
 X I Y K V V V Z S H N U B K J
 P D N W U E J N F O R M O O B
 C J K G L L I O W N N O R S D
 H B E E D G X E S N R O N Z B
 I C G S R O F V B E M W D E I
 H N L I U P M I I B P A V Q B
 A Q V B I S H L R M W H R L A
 Z Z J P J P L X T C D Q W Y G
 D F H H D P F P H N A C I K A
 A D A F R A I D W N V X K N B
 E B W Q K U P O V X I J X Y R
 Q G P L T C T L R X D L F H I
 E L I Z A B E T H Q B O C Y E
 Y K C N P O S T D N F E E O L

ELIZABETH	JESUS	JOSEPH	BORN	AFRAID
SON	KINGDOM	DAVID	GABRIEL	BIRTH
MARY	TOWN	ANGEL	THRONE	VIRGIN

An Angel Appears to Mary



WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Baptism

MONDAY

- 6:00pm** Worship Band Rehearsal

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 Group

THURSDAY

- 6:00pm** Choir

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*)
2:00-5:00pm Santa in the Park (*ERLC Caroling*)

NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect
11:45am Umbrella Meeting (Community Room)

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

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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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