

February 11, 2024 • 10:30am

Spark of Hope

REKINDLING FAITH IN THE NEW YEAR

Rekindle the gift of God that is within you.
2 Timothy 1:6



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, February 11 | Sunday, February 18 |
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| Greeters | Viv Ayres and Grace Hagberg | Shari Howland and Jim Ayres |
| Ushers | Pat and Paula Donnelly | Tom and LuAnn Wingard |
| Scripture Reader | Vicki Sackmeister | Harry Maher |
| Communion Servers | Michelle Hagberg and Kara Hennig | Lisa Bossany and Zoey Day |
| Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp | Christine Hansen | Gail Palmer |
| Communion Steward | Christine Hansen | Dan Nelson |
| Mid-Week Communion Fill | Jenny Stanley | Paula Rose |
| PowerPoint Operator | Krista Schrock | Chloe Sandvig |
| Soundboard Operator | Jeff Schrock | Emily Rotz |
| 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

Litany of Warming

Gathering Song

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

Song of Praise

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 11:1-7

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Song of the Day

"In Christ Alone"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

"The Lord's Prayer"

Communion Song

"Beautiful Things"

Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

"Grateful"

Sending Dialog

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Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- All volunteer slots are filled for Soup Supper on February 14th. Great way to start off the Lenten Season!

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Renee DuLuney Nevison, niece of Deb and Greg Pouliot
- Family and Friends of Norma Madsen
- Family and Friends of Donald Olson, cousin of Linda Nielsen
- Family and Friends of Christopher Dronen, cousin of Kari Christianson

For Support

- Ruth Ann Cook
- There is a young mother and her children who have been living in an unhealthy and abusive situation. Please pray for their safety, guidance and help for the father to find his way to getting help.

Health concerns

- Crystal Taylor
- Judee Snell, friend of Marianne Jackson. Major back surgery, Feb 6
- Linda Cheney
- John Severson
- Anne Stoltman, cancer
- Bonnie Swedal, cancer
- Pat Guimont
- Donn Granros
- Robin Skeie, cousin of Diana Schansberg, now at Wellstead working to go home.
- Garnet Novotny - cancer
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Marie Abrahamsson, cancer, Pauline Kuhn's cousin
- Linda Retel, ongoing treatment for inoperable brain cancer (friend of Pauline Kuhn)
- Diane Harding, ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding
- Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
- Nancy Naig
- 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

Hebrews 11:1-7

T E S T I M O N Y T O E H C N F H
 S E N S U O E T H G I R Z W T T
 K L J N D E Q O F D N C G E A D I
 F Z X S O Z Y D O A O O P I J Q A
 P H O U S C S B C K W Z T E M I F
 Y B R B P R H E C N A R U S A F F
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| Faith | Assurance | Substance | Evidence |
| Things | Hoped | Not Seen | Elders |
| Testimony | Abel | Sacrifice | Enoch |
| Translated | Pleased | Diligently | Seeker |
| Rewarder | Noah | Ark | Righteousness |

“Now faith is the assurance
 of things hoped for,
 the conviction of
 things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:1



News & Opportunities

Worship Volunteers Needed

Ash Wed 2/14; 1st Communion Dinner Church 3/20; Maundy Thurs 3/28; Good Fri 3/29
Please visit elkriverlutheran.org for available slots for weekday Lenten Worship services such as Ash Wednesday, First Communion during Dinner Church, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday and Soup Supper, February 14th

Wednesday February 14th starts the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm. Before this is our annual Soup Supper at 5:30pm. **Sign up today** to bring soup for this meal at bit.ly/2024LentMeals

Middle School Retreat: Last day to register 2/19

This Middle School Retreat will be at Camp Onamia. We will leave Elk River on Friday, February 23rd and return Sunday, February 25th. This retreat will spice up your life a bit with an awesome weekend filled with fun, friends and outside play in the winter wonderland.

New Grief Group: Journey Through Loss

Loss of any kind can be difficult, but you don't have to go through it alone. Death, divorce, job changes, empty nesting, impaired physical abilities...whatever you are experiencing, come meet with others on the journey through grief and study the study the book of Ruth together. Led by Pastor Anne and other experienced Grief Ministers, this study will happen for 5 weeks on Mondays from 6:30-8pm, Feb 19th - March 18th. All are welcome, no cost.

Women's Monthly Bible Study - Feb 19 @ 6:30pm

This group follows the Women's ELCA magazine "GATHER". This month's study is entitled "Creatures: Our siblings in Praise and Trust" is by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. The group meets the 3rd Monday of the Month at 6:30pm in the Lower Level Quilting Room. All are welcome.

Dinner Church Returns Wed. February 21st

Wednesdays in Lent are a time when we gather together for worship and fellowship. During the Lenten season you are invited to join us for Dinner Church (February 21, 28, March 6, 13 & 20), an event that combines a meal, fellowship, and worship into one shared experience. Dinner Church begins at 6:00 PM in the Community Room. You'll probably want to arrive ten to fifteen minutes early and find some people to sit with. Each week volunteers help get things set up, bring portions of the meal, and clean up afterward. We work together to make these gatherings happen and experience great fellowship together **Sign up today** to bring part of the meal at bit.ly/2024LentMeals



This Week at Elk River Lutheran

SUNDAY

High School Winter Retreat Returns

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

MONDAY

7:00pm Choir/Worship Band Rehearsal

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)
Mission Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief. All skill levels welcome.
10:00am Text Study (*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*
5:55pm Hospitality pick up Diamond City Bread for Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
6:00pm Riverside Ringers Rehearsal
7:00pm AA Meeting (*Community Room*)

WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY

5:30pm Soup Supper
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY

10:00am Worship at GA Riverview Landing
6:30pm Financial Peace University Class

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*)
Find a link at:
<https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>

NEXT SUNDAY

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



Third Graders receive Bibles, Sunday March 3rd

(Either Service, Class after 2nd service)

All 3rd graders are invited to come to church on Sunday, March 3rd to receive a new Bible. Students are welcome at either service. **Immediately following the 2nd service, we'll have a Bible Instruction Class with Pastor Anne.** This class will spend time talking about the Bible, its purpose, and how to use it. We strongly request that each student and at least one parent attend this class. **Please RSVP to Pastor Anne by Sunday, February 25th** so we have enough bibles for all 3rd graders.

1st Communion. March 20th during Dinner Church

First Communion Service will be Wednesday, March 20th during Dinner Church. Each child (with at least one parent) participating in First Communion must attend the education and instruction class. 2 options to attend: (a) 3/13 7pm-8pm; or (b) 3/17 11:30pm-12:30pm. RSVP to Pastor Anne by March 10th



Meet the Staff

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Amy Anderson

Zoey Day

Sue Hales

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Conni Natwick

Jeff Schrock

Confirmation Links



Confirmation Worship
Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer
Form

2023 Year End Giving Statements were emailed out to 2023 Givers on Thursday January 18th in the afternoon. It was only emailed to one member of the household. Check your spam/junk folder if you cannot find it. It came from linda@elkriverlutheran.org

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