

***March 10, 2024 • 10:30am***

***Fourth Sunday of Lent***



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 **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, March 10</b>	<b>Sunday, March 17</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Lisa Bossany and Pat Kyro	Tyler Carlson and Shari Howland
<b>Ushers</b>	Paula and Pat Donnelly	Joe and Kerry Livingston
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Sarah Chur	Cathy Dalnes
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Kari Hennig, Tom and LuAnn Wingard	Martha Hippe and Sarah Chur
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Martha Hippe	Nancy Bock
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Martha Hippe	Nancy Bock
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Jodi Rosati	Jana Lundquist
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Katherine Horner	Kevin Jenkins
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	John Auel	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

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song

***"How Great Thou Art"***

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

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

John 2:13-22

*Pastor Anne Schaefer*

***"Impossible Things"***

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

Bible Presentation

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion Blessing & Prayer

***"In Christ Alone"***

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

***"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"***

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## Prayer Requests

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

- Baptism of Elliot Michal and Emmet Peter Pruchnik.  
Parents: Michal Pruchnik & Jenny Stanley, Shannon Theis  
Sponsors: Scott & Jeanine Johnson
- Prayers of Thanksgiving to the sheriff and passersby who helped when I had truck issues on Saturday

### ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of Gary Gibbons
- Family and Friends of Lindsey Dunn, niece of Pat and Paula Donnelly
- Burnsville Police, Fire and Ambulance Depts and their Families and Community

### ***For Support***

- Ron and Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen's parents
- Kyle Nielsen, Pete and Linda Nielsen's son
- Robin Skeie, cousin of Diana Schansberg
- Carol Secrist, shingles in eyes, sister of Donna Mathison
- Niece of Pam and Ron Black struggling with marital and mental health challenges

### ***Health concerns***

- A dear friend of Linda Niemeyer's has 3 little ones who have been running fevers and now the youngest needs to be put under to have his esophagus checked.
- Mary Brown, Pr Anne and Chris Brown's mother
- Friend of Jim and Vicki Simpson with recently found cancer
- Sharee Kampa, serious back and neck problems (surgery last May failed).  
Daughter of Carol Black
- Kathy, recovery from shoulder surgery, daughter of Elsie Provencher
- Fonda Whalen, dementia
- Carol Roden, right knee replacement 3/5
- Rollie Boll
- Sara Anderson, cancer/chemo, sister of Lorie Schulstad-Werk
- Dan Ludden, terminal pancreatic cancer. Lifelong friend of Chris Brown's family
- John Severson
- 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](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*



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# News & Opportunities

## *Dinner Church Wednesdays at 6pm During Lent*

This Wednesday's Menu: Taco Bar and Dessert

Wednesdays in Lent are a time when we gather together for Dinner Church. An event that combines a meal, fellowship, and worship into one shared experience. Dinner Church begins at 6:00 PM in the Community Room. 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** if you can bring dessert for March 13 or 20<sup>th</sup> [bit.ly/2024LentMeals](http://bit.ly/2024LentMeals)

## *1st Communion. March 20<sup>th</sup> during Dinner Church*

First Communion Service will be Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>

## *Club 456 on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8pm*

Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 come join us for a night of games, food and fun! All friends are welcome too. Pizza dinner provided. Need 2-3 parents to help chaperone. Please let Pastor Anne know if you can help or if your student can attend.



## HOLY WEEK



## *This Week at Elk River Lutheran*

### SUNDAY

 **Daylight Savings Time (*Spring Forward*)**

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
9:30am Fellowship Hour  
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect  
1:00pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

### MONDAY

6:30pm Grief Group: A Journey Through Loss  
7:30pm 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*  
6:00pm Riverside Ringers Rehearsal  
7:00pm AA Meeting (*Community Room*)

### WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Dinner Church  
7:00pm First Communion Instruction

### THURSDAY

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
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

***Easter Flower Orders Due***

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
9:30am Fellowship Hour  
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect  
11:30am First Communion Instruction  
1:00pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal



## *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.

## *Worship Volunteers Needed*

**1st Communion Dinner Church 3/20; Maundy Thurs 3/28; Good Fri 3/29**

Please visit [elkriverlutheran.org](http://elkriverlutheran.org) for available slots for weekday Lenten Worship services such as First Communion during Dinner Church, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Thank you!



**VOLUNTEER**

## Meet the Staff

### **Pastor Nathan Mugaas**

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### **Nursery Attendants:**

Clara Anderson, Emma Anderson  
and Amy Brown

## Meet the Church Council

**President:**

Kent Larson

**Vice President:**

Tom Werk

**Treasurer:**

Julie Marie Haugen

**Secretary:**

Matt Glasoe

Amy Anderson

Zoey Day

Sue Hales

Kelli Horner

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## **Elk River Lutheran Church**

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am – 4 pm; Fri Closed