

**March 17, 2024 • 10:30am**

*Fifth 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 17</b>	<b>Sunday, March 24</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Shari Howland and Mike Anderson	Jean and Anne Popovich
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe and Kerry Livingston	Michelle Hagberg and Anthony Schaefer
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Cathy Dalnes	
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Martha Hippe and Sarah Chur	Milo and Kari Christianson And Paula Donnelly
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Nancy Bock	Zoey Day
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Nancy Bock	Cathy Dalnes
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Jana Lundquist	Schirley Schmidt
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Kevin Jenkins	Chloe Sandvig
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Emily Rotz	Jahn Auel
<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

***"Vagabonds"***

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

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

John 3:14-21

Sermon

*Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Song of the Day

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

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

Offering

***"Write Your Own Story"***

*Featuring Carley Sorenson and the Worship Band*

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

***"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"***

Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

***"God of Science"***

Sending Dialog

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## Prayer Requests

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

- Carol Roden's knee replacement surgery went great on 3/5. Discharged the same day and up walking! Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers. God is so very good!
- Prayers of Thanksgiving to the sheriff and passersby who helped when I had truck issues on Saturday

### ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of Carol L Naig, sister-in-law of Chuck and Nancy Naig
- Family and Friends of Gary Gibbons

### ***For Support***

- Ron and Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen's parents
- Robin Skeie, cousin of Diana Schansberg
- Carol Secrist, shingles in eyes, sister of Donna Mathison

### ***Health concerns***

- Mary Wells, in hospice
- Denita Lemmon, bone cancer. (daughter of Betty Lemmon)
- Doug Stam, friend of Tom & Marilyn Miller, 3/15 heart surgery
- 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
- Rollie Boll
- 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
- 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)

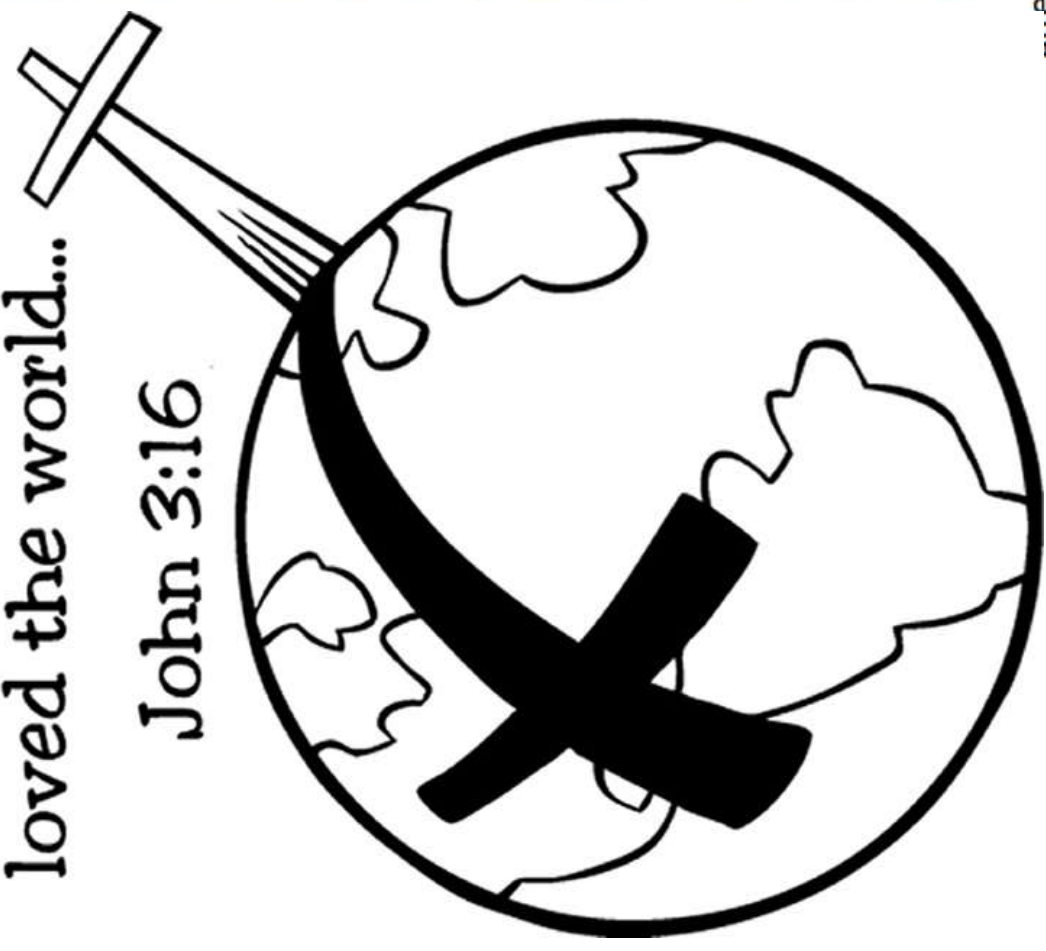
*Generally, prayer requests will run for 3 weeks. If more time is needed, please call the church office*



For God so

loved the world...

John 3:16



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- Joseph
- Abraham
- Pentecost
- God's Text
- Arc
- Forgiveness
- Sarah
- Spirit
- Creativity
- Lens
- World
- Brothers
- Vision
- Gospel
- John Plan
- Creation
- Commitment
- Blessing

# News & Opportunities



## *Women's Monthly Bible Study - March 18 @ 6:30pm*

This group follows the Women's ELCA magazine "GATHER". This month's study is entitled "Rivers: Springs of Life and Hope" and is by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. The group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month at 6:30pm in the Lower Level Quilting Room. All are welcome.



## *Last Dinner Church This Wednesday at 6pm*

Join us for our last Dinner Church of the season. You'll probably want to arrive ten to fifteen minutes early and find some people to sit with.

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

First Communion Service will be Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> during Dinner Church



## *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!

## HOLY WEEK



## *This Week at Elk River Lutheran*

### 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  
12:30pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

### MONDAY

6:30pm Grief Group: A Journey Through Loss  
*(Community Room, Lower Level)*  
6:30pm Women's Monthly Bible Study *(Quilting Room)*

### 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  
6:30pm Church Council  
7:00pm AA Meeting *(Community Room)*

### WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Dinner Church with First Communion

### THURSDAY

10:00am Worship at GA Riverview Landing  
4:30pm Generosity Team  
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY

9:00am Women's Coffee *(Panera, Elk River)*  
9:00am Men's Breakfast *(Coborns, Elk River)*  
6:00pm Club 4-5-6

### SATURDAY

8:00am Men's Bible Study *(Zoom Bible Study)*  
*Find a link at:*  
<https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>  
9:00am Dress/Tech Rehearsal for Palm Sunday Program

### NEXT SUNDAY

***Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion***

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



### *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.



### *Are you our next New Member?..Join Our Church!*

To do so, we ask that you attend a New Member Orientation Class and complete our new member forms found at the top of [elkriverlutheran.org/forms](http://elkriverlutheran.org/forms). To sign up, let us know on the connection form with your bulletin or send an email to [linda@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:linda@elkriverlutheran.org). Sunday, **April 21<sup>st</sup>** at 9:30am: *New Member Orientation*; Sunday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>** *New Member Sunday with Fellowship (choose the worship service that works for you)*



## 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