

*April 21, 2024 • 10:30am*

*Who is my Neighbor?*

**WON'T YOU  
BE MY  
NEIGHBOR?**



 **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, April 21</b>	<b>Sunday, April 28</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	John and Sarah Auel	Jean and Anne Popovich
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom and LuAnn Wingard	Zoey Day and Tracie Klemenhagen
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Kerry Livingston	Nevaeh Katzner
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Caty Dalnes and Zoey Day	Rick and Nancy Bock
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Christine Hansen	
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Dan Nelson	Greg Pouliot
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Paula Rose	Nancy Bock
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Grace Livingston	Shari Howland
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Emily Rotz	Justin Howland
<b>Switcher Operator</b>	Adam Horner	

*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

***"Blue Collar Praise"***

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

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

*Pastor Anne Schaefer and the Civil Rights Pilgrims*

Song of the Day

***"God of Justice, Love, and Mercy"***

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

Offering

***"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"***

*Featuring Levi and Libby Ethen*

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

***"God of Justice"***

Communion Blessing

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

Community Announcements

Quilt Blessing

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

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

Sending Dialog

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## Prayer Requests

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

- Quilts going to LWR, Seniors and LSS
- Those who participated in the Civil Rights Pilgrimage:
  - Bill & Mary Brown
  - Steve Bucholz & Diana Schansberg
  - Barbara Burandt
  - Pat & Paula Donnelly
  - Hans & Nettie DuBois
  - Mark & Christine Ellison
  - Stan & Diane Hahn
  - Christine Hansen
  - Mark & Fran Johnson
  - Tom & Lorie Werk
  - Pastor Anne Schaefer
  - Pastor Joanne Sorenson

### **In Sympathy**

- Family and Friends of Gary Chouinard, brother of Paul.
- Family and Friends of Curt Finkelson, Sheila Larson's father.
- Family and Friends of Carol Voight, John Severson's sister. Service at ERLC on Wed 4/17 at 1pm
- Family and Friends of Irene Peck. Grandmother of Jeff Schrock
- Family and Friends of Nancy Naig
- Family and Friends of Cynthia Day, mother of Justin Day
- Family and Friends of Jenny Stanley's Uncle Don who passed away from Covid Pneumonia
- Family and Friends of Tony Guimont, Patrick Guimont's younger brother

### **For Support**

- Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen's mother
- Ruth Ann Cook
- Jenny Stanley's Aunt Patty whose husband passed, and is still dealing with brain tumors

### **Health concerns**

- Rev. Ron Nielsen, hospice. Pete Nielsen's father
- Steve Dollar, broken ankle. Brother-in-law to Vicki Sackmeister
- John Ayres, brain cancer & surgery
- Carol Black
- Sharee Kampa
- Shelly Huffman, friend of Karen Acers
- Richard Reiman, brother-in-law of Phyllis Scroggins and Barbara Burandt
- Sherrill Dale, hospice from pancreatic cancer. Niece of Nancy Etter
- Brian Anderson
- Mother and Brother of Jared Stevens
- Bill Cordell, kidney cancer, friend of Mark and Fran Johnson
- Mary Wells, in hospice
- John Severson
- Garnet Novotny - cancer
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Fonda Whalen, dementia
- Bonnie Swedal
- 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
- 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*



## **LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Won't You Be My Neighbor?**  
**Apr 21 - *Who is my Neighbor?***

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### **CONNECT**

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

### **GROW**

- What did you like or not like about the stories you heard from the Civil Rights Tour Group? Did you learn anything new?
- How do people get their information today? How is news distributed?
- The struggle for people of color in the deep south is part of all of our histories, yet so many of us did/do not know the full extent of African American's history in the United States. How does it make you feel that many Americans (just like you) have experienced horrific abuse based on their race?
- In Luke 10, Jesus tells the story of a man who was in need of help, and two religious people went out of their way to not help the man. When someone else - an unlikely servant - helped the man, Jesus says that this man was "a neighbor" to the injured man. What are ways that we can be good neighbors to people in need?

### **PRAY**

Holy God, you have uniquely created each of us, you love us, and you have blessed us with a beautiful day in the neighborhood. Open us to hear your word, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# News & Opportunities



## *CYF Night: Call to Care For God's Creation*

**Wednesday, April 24: 6pm – 7:45PM**

Join us to welcome a special speaker, Heidi Ferris, as she shares stories through a Lutheran lens. We will then participate in activities around Native Prairie Plants, connecting with Minnesota's history and the beauty of God's Creation. Join us for a night of inspiration and connection!



## *New Member Sunday - both services on Apr. 28*

Mark your calendars! New Member Sunday is just around the corner on April 28th, during both services. Let's extend a warm welcome to our newest members and take this opportunity to connect and get to know them better during the services.



## *Varty's Greenhouse Fundraiser: May 5<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm*

### **Fundraiser for the 2024 High School Youth Mission Trip**

We'll gather at the greenhouse, and sing our hearts out while purchasing beautiful plants! A huge THANK YOU to Varty's for hosting us and making a generous donation to ERLC youth as they prepare for the summer mission trip.



## *Women's Book Club starting May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm*

Join us for enriching literature and fellowship!

When: 1st Mondays from May thru August at 6:30 PM at Elk River Lutheran.

The First Meeting will be May 6th at 6:30pm and will be a chance to get to know each other and discuss what books to read during the summer months. *All are Welcome!*

Contact [amyanderson75@gmail.com](mailto:amyanderson75@gmail.com) for more details



## *Save the Date: ERLC Block Party - Sunday May 19*

**Joint Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30am followed by Block Party from 11am-1pm**

Once again we will kick off the season by worshipping outdoors and throwing a party for our community. Food, Games, Live Music, Bounce House and Entertainment for All



## *Understanding Estate Planning and Elder Law: Presentation and Dinner*

**Wednesday, May 15 | 6:30pm**

**Guest Speaker: Steve Helseth** (Estate Planning Attorney from Bolt Law Firm in Anoka)

In this presentation, Steve will cover the basics of wills, trusts, health care directives, powers of attorney, probate, and elder law. With elder law, Steve helps people understand what elder law is and when you should call an elder law attorney. This can be a very valuable presentation for those later in life, making sure they have the right plan in place when leaving a legacy to their loved ones, charities or organizations. It can also be a great opportunity for people with aging parents to learn what they need to know. This is a free event sponsored by the ERLC Mission Endowment Fund, but spaces are limited, so please register today at [bit.ly/3PvyBFA](https://bit.ly/3PvyBFA)

## *This Week at Elk River Lutheran*

### SUNDAY

#### *Quilt Blessing*

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
 9:30am New Member Orientation (Lower Level)  
 9:30am Fellowship Hour  
 10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect  
 1:00pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

### MONDAY

6:00pm 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 CYF Night  
 7:00pm DEI & Social Justice Taskforce Mtg (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room)

### THURSDAY

12:00pm Funeral for Richard Nichols (Dare Funeral Home),  
 Funeral Luncheon for Richard Nichols *following service* (ERLC Community Room)  
 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### 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

#### *New Member Sunday*

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT			
2024, January-March			
	March Actual	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
<i>Income (General Offering)</i>	\$45,505.76	\$138,821.77	\$137,225.51
<i>Expenses</i>	\$55,338.51	\$140,367.30	\$137,247.96
<i>Profit/Loss</i>	-\$9,832.75	-\$1,545.53	-\$22.45

In March we concluded a successful season of Dinner Church services and celebrated Easter with hundreds of people attending worship on Easter Sunday and other Holy Week Services. Financially, March is one of two months throughout the year when there are three payroll days instead of two, so that was the majority of the overage expense this month. It's also worth mentioning that the deposit from Easter given on March 31, was deposited in April and is not reflected in this statement. Giving continues to be strong and we thank you for your generosity!

## Meet the Staff

### **Pastor Nathan Mugaas**

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### **Nursery Attendants:**

Clara Anderson, Emma Anderson  
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## Meet the Church Council

**President:**

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Tom Werk

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Julie Marie Haugen

**Secretary:**

Matt Glasoe

Amy Anderson

Zoey Day

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Kelli Horner

Conni Natwick

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## Confirmation Links



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