

October 24, 2021 • 8:30am

What is Your Purpose in Life?



What's
Next?



 **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.*

Each Sunday, we have two vibrant Sunday morning worship services. The first, at 8:30 am, is a traditional Lutheran service that follows liturgical settings from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal. Our 10:30 am contemporary service has music led by an acoustic worship band and maintains many key elements of Lutheran worship.

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.

We hope and pray you have a wonderful worship experience here today and invite you to join us again. There are many opportunities to participate and volunteer with the ministries of ERLC. Visit our website: <https://www.elkriverlutheran.org>.

Worship Volunteers

Thank you for serving

	Sunday, October 24	Next Sunday, October 31
Greeters	Chuck and Jane Cazett	Sharon Emerick
Ushers	Jim and Mary Ernhart	Jerry and Marianne Jackson
Scripture Reader		Linda Nielsen
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Barb Burandt	
Mid-Week Communion Fill:	Shirley Schmidt	Ryan Wolcneski
PowerPoint Operator	Henry Boese	Cale Stanley-Wornson
Soundboard Operator	Steve Boese	Jennifer Stanley

*If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday,
please contact Taylor Quinn @ taylor@elkriverlutheran.org*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

(#314) "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

Confession and Forgiveness (p. 94)

Song of Praise (p. 139)

"Lord, God Heavenly King"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:11-12

Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon

Pastor Joanne Sorenson

Hymn of the Day

(#722) "O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate" v1, 2 & 3

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Blessing of Quilts and School Kits

Apostles Creed (p. 105)

Bidding Prayers

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy (p. 144)

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (p. 145)

Communion Hymns (p. 146)

"Lamb of God"

(#574) "Here I Am, Lord"

(#712) "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Offering

Offertory Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Blessing of Congregation

Sending Hymn

(#583) "Take My Life, That I May Be"

Sending Dialog

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

What's Next? Week 3
Discover Purpose



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?

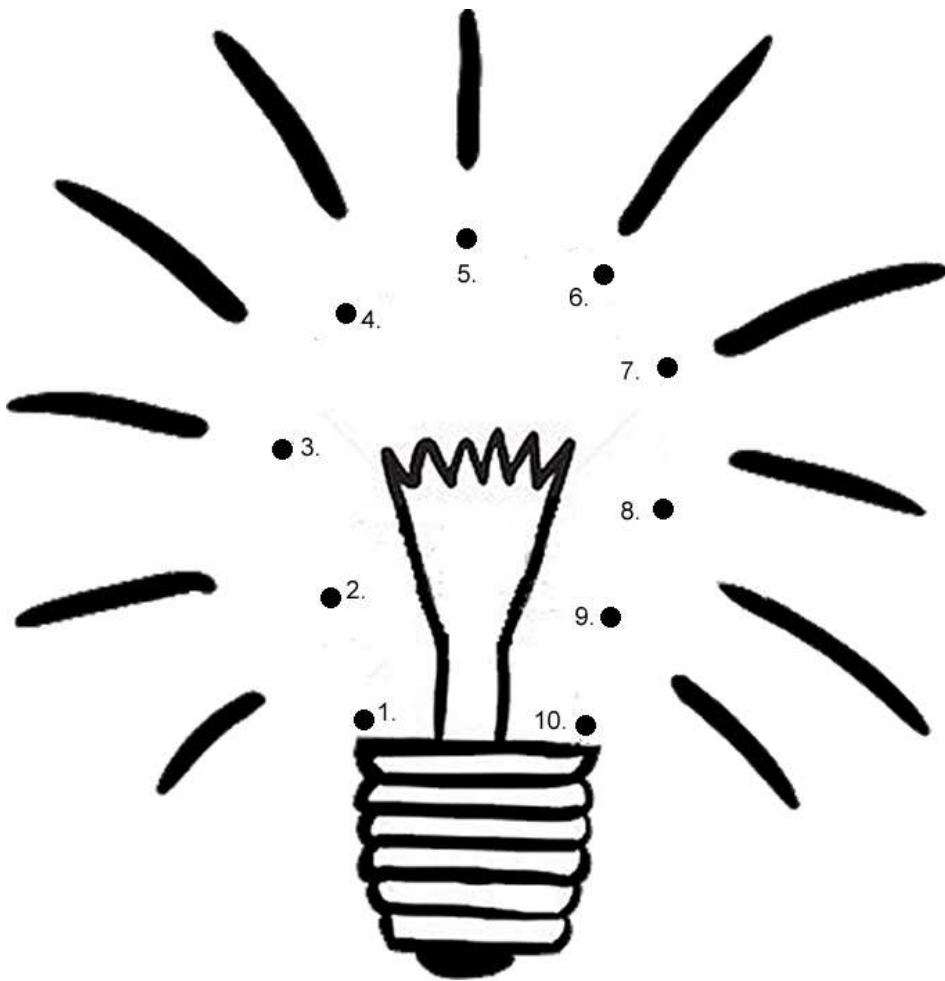
GROW

- Throughout your life, when have you worked to discover purpose, and what motivated you to do so?
- When you consider *surrender over strategy*, what goes through your mind? Why is it difficult to let go of control sometimes?
- Several Bible stories (Luke 1:26-28, Matthew 4:18-20, and Psalm 46:10) remind us that God doesn't send people out to find their own purpose, but rather to surrender and trust God. What do you hear in those stories?
- Sometimes letting go of control means taking a risk. When have you taken a risk and experienced something negative? What about something positive?
- What would it mean for you to look to the outside (to God) instead of the inside (to yourself) to find purpose?

PRAY

God of grace, we know you guide us and lead us in all that we do. Help us to discover what's next in our faith journey; to lead us closer to you. In your son's name, Amen.





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2. 21-2-22-24-14 _____
3. 11-14-14-11-24 _____
4. 13-25-18-21-8 _____
5. 10-2-9-13 _____
6. 13-20-15-12 _____
7. 9-2-19-13-11 _____
8. 24-21-25-3-14 _____

LAMP LIGHT	SHINE HOUSE	DEEDS GOOD	BOWL WORLD
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Plugged In and Turned On

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)



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LAMP
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HOUSE

BOWL
MEN
FATHER

GOOD
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DEEDS
SHINE
STAND

Prayer Requests

Thanks for lifting these up in prayer!

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- 104 Quilts and 61 School Kits/Backpacks made this past year for Lutheran World Relief from ERLC.

Health concerns:

- Colette Horne, mother of Bruce Bourdeaux
- Bob Werk
- Jean Holt
- Phyllis Scroggins, upcoming thyroid surgery
- Rose Cloud, grandmother of Vicki Granros' friend
- Steve Lindberg
- Elvi Peterson
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Patty Paulus, sister of Sue Hecker
- Kyle Quam, son of Mike and Linda Quam
- Bob Johnson
- Margaret Blahosky, friend of Donn and Vicki Granros (cancer) .
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Mike Cheney, healing from 7/8 hip surgery & previous stroke
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde

For Support:

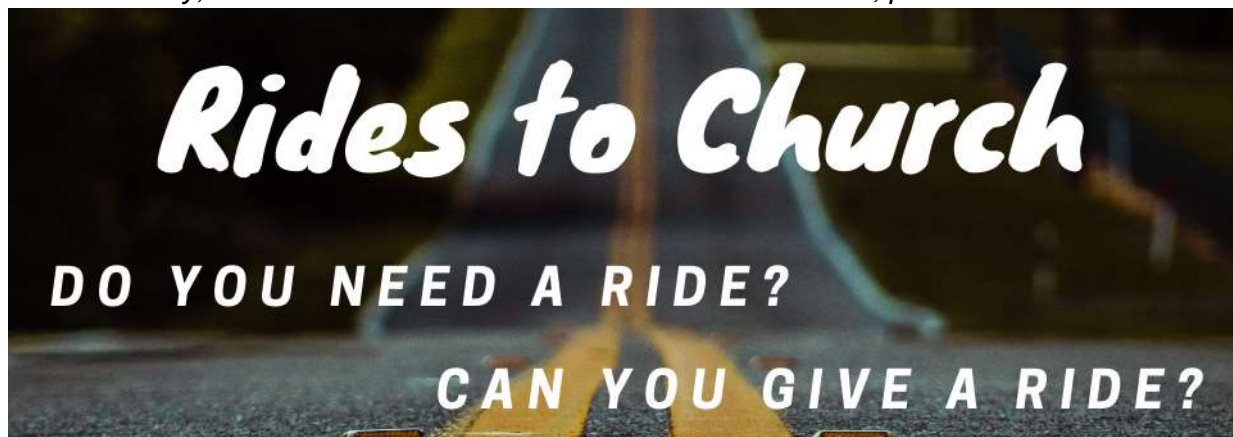
- The Family of Daryl and Jean Holt
- Steve Lindberg
- Lee Johnson
- Rachel Secrist, niece of Doug and Donna Mathison
- John Ernst and Carol Black
- Linda and Mike Cheney
- Jan Bucher
- All military personnel and their families

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Harold Hultberg, Sandy Krumwiede's father
- Family and Friends of Mark Sundman, husband of Lori Sundman, ERLC bookkeeper
- Family and Friends of Jim Jones, father-in-law to Taylor Quinn
- Family and friends of Steve Nordhausen
- Family and Friends of Tony Hallquist, cousin of Jeremy Hallquist
- Family of Richard Nelson, cousin of Barb Overbye (killed in a car accident)

Prayer Concerns: can be shared by emailing linda@elkriverlutheran.org or by contacting the church office at (763) 595-1216, or by visiting the church website at elkriverlutheran.org

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



Do you need a ride to worship on Sunday mornings? Are you willing to provide a lift to members? We would love to identify those in our congregation who have felt challenged getting to worship on Sunday mornings and connect them to those who would be willing to offer rides to those in our community.

Forms are available on the homepage of our website elkriverlutheran.org (scroll about 2/3 the way down to find them with the service links) If you have questions, please reach out to Jeremy Hallquist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY October 24

Flannel Sunday and Quilt Blessing

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service

9:30am – Fellowship Hour

10:30am – Contemporary Worship Service

2pm – Pokemon League
(Community Room)

MONDAY October 25

10am – Worship at Guardian Angels
Riverview Landing

TUESDAY October 26

9am – Quilting (ERLC Basement)

6pm – Riverside Ringers Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY October 27

6:30pm – Confirmation/HS Youth Group

7pm – Worship Band (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY October 28

6pm – Reformation Choir Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)

FRIDAY October 29

2-7pm – Downtown Trick or Treat

6-7pm – Trunk or Treat

SATURDAY October 30

8am - Men's Bible Study
(Zoom Bible Study)

NEXT SUNDAY October 31

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service

9:30am – Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship
9th Grade Confirmation

Camp Fire and S'mores

2pm – Pokemon League
(Community Room)

Guest Pastor - Pastor Joanne Sorenson

Joanne has served as pastor at churches in Cannon Falls, Minnesota, and also Hudson and Fall Creek, Wisconsin. Over the past 20 years, she enjoyed leading groups on service trips to Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana, Jamaica, and Africa.

She left her position in 2017 to create a non-profit called "IN OUR HANDS".

Joanne lives in St Paul, and her two "adulting" children, Katherine and Christopher, live in Eau Claire, WI.

Favorite verse: Proverbs 3:5 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart - do not rely on your own insight... God will direct your path."*

If you are interested in what Joanne is doing now, take a look at her website: www.inourhandsadventures.com

Elk River United Methodist and Elk River Lutheran
YOUTH GROUP

It's F.R.E.E. Time

FAITH. RELATIONSHIPS. EXPLORE. ENCOURAGE.
**Middle School and High School
7-8 pm 1st and 3rd Sundays**

The Quilt & Kit Ministry:

Lutheran World Relief's longest running program

LWR distributed its first quilts in 1945 to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War.

Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world's attention.

Today, an average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year.

If you have some sheets that need a home, please think of donating them to the ERLC Quilting Ministry



JOIN US FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Halloween

AT
ELK RIVER BOOtheran

TRICK OR TREAT	2PM - 7PM	DOWNTOWN ELK RIVER
LIVE MUSIC	3PM - 6PM	RIVER'S EDGE COMMONS PARK
TRUNK OR TREAT	6PM - 7PM	ELK RIVER LUTHERAN

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

October 31st at 10:30 am



OCTOBER 31 @ 10:30 WORSHIP
Campfire and S'more Sunday

Ring for All Saints Sunday

The Riverside Ringers, ERLC's handbell choir, is looking for more ringers to play with them on All Saints Sunday, Nov 7th.

Rehearsals are 6pm to 7pm on:

- Wednesday, Oct 20th
- Tuesdays, Oct 26th
- Tuesday Nov 2nd

They're playing "Bound for Glory", a creative, fun-filled setting of two traditional spirituals, "This Train is Bound for Glory" & "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

If you're interested, contact Taylor.

No previous experience needed.



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STAFF

If you have specific questions or needs, please feel free to contact any of the church staff:

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5 Ways to Give

Mobile Giving Online Giving Text Giving Cash / Check Stock Donation

Find out more at www.elkriverlutheran.org/give

The graphic features five icons representing different giving methods: a smartphone for mobile giving, a laptop for online giving, a speech bubble for text giving, a check for cash/check, and a bar chart with a dollar sign for stock donation.



Confirmation Worship
Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer
Form

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