

April 16, 2023 • 8:30am
Holy Humor Sunday



 **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). 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, April 16	Next Sunday, April 23
Greeters		Chuck and Jane Cazett
Ushers	Mark and Fran Johnson	
Scripture Reader	Levi Ethen	Paula Rose
Communion Steward	Jim Acers	Vicki Simpson
Communion Servers	Milo and Kari Christianson	Julie Marie Haugen and Marlys Olson
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Julie Marie Haugen	Paula Rose
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Paula Rose	Nancy Bock
PowerPoint Operator	Hannah Boese	
Soundboard Operator		
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 Jokes

Gathering Hymn

(#836) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"I've Got the Joy...Down in My Heart"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Sharing of Jokes

Scripture Readings

John 20: 19-31

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

"Joy to the World"

Easter version

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

"All God's Critters"

Offering of Jokes

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Songs

"It Came Upon a Sunrise Bright"

to the tune of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

"Beautiful Day"

to the tune of "Silent Night"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Easter version

Sending Dialog

Holy Humor Sunday is a tradition that goes way back. The early Greek Christians started this Easter custom as a way of celebrating Christ's resurrection. The Bible tells us "for every-thing there is a season... a time to weep and a time to laugh." (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4) Easter is a time of joy when we can even laugh in the face of death, because of Jesus's victory over death.

History tells us that churches in 15th century Bavaria celebrated the Sunday after Easter as Risus Paschalis ("God's Joke" or "the Easter Laugh"). Priests would tell jokes and funny stories to highlight the joy of the resurrection. Following worship churchgoers and priests would play practical jokes on each other, drench each other with water, tell more jokes, sing and dance. The celebration of Risus Paschalis was officially outlawed by Pope Clement X (also known as Pope Party-pooper) in the 17th century. There wasn't a theological problem with the tradition, it seems that revilers were just having a little too much fun. We hope today's worship is a fun and reverent celebration of Easter. God raised Jesus from the dead, this is a cause to celebrate and laugh.

**I KNOW I'M SMILING DAD, BUT IT'S
A PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP...**



**STOP TELLING THE CLIENTS
I'M BEING POTTY TRAINED**



The woodpecker might have to go.



**Me checking if that salad I ate last
week has worked its magic yet**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Marv Ziner turned 85 on Easter Sunday!
Happy Birthday Marv!

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Buddy Parker, Martha Hippe's brother
- Friends and Family of Cheryl Branch, friend of Heather Amsbaugh

For Support

- Jim and Karen Acers
- Ryan

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

Health concerns

- David Burandt
- Tracy Herrlinger's Dad
- Julie Hendricks, daughter of Cedric and Marlys Olson, breast cancer
- Tom Anderson, brother-in-law of Tom and Lorie Werk, Lori's sister, shingles
- Sara Anderson, sister to Lorie Werk, Stage 1 lung cancer
- Janelle Hahn, breast cancer & surgery, daughter-in-law of Stan and Diane Hahn
- Curt Bergemann, in hospice
- Judy Sloan
- Jerry Belland, entered hospice, pray for peace
- John Campbell, pneumonia
- Ron Stricker, has completed his third chemo treatment and continues his fight with cancer.
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Tom Lund, nephew of Deb Pouliot, stage 4 brain cancer
- Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
- Anne S. friend of Mike and Linda Quam (Anne's cancer has returned and spread, also pray for her husband and 3 teens)
- Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie and her partner Richard who was diagnosed with cancer and receiving treatments for next 4-6 months
- Renee Anderson, bone cancer, Vicki Sackmeister's sister
- Art Johnson, pulmonary fibrosis
- Nancy Naig
- Yvonne Frandsen, cancer, aunt of Jennifer Stanley
- Conni Natwick, complete healing from cancer, successful surgery and radiation therapy
- Steve Lindberg
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Partnering people together to build a community that cares for each other!

We have many people within our ERLC Community that could use a listening ear, a caring heart, or someone to reach the lightbulb, bring a meal, or sweep a sidewalk. We will partner people together to share God's grace with each other.



Talk Team

People gifted at listening and showing empathy.



Task Team

People who want to help out with small household duties

Training will be provided over a light lunch on Sunday, April 16 starting at 11:45am.

If you or someone you know would benefit from having someone come over to visit or help out with a household job, we'd love to include you in this ministry.
Contact Pastor Anne : pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org or 763-595-1216

STOP

GOING TO

CHURCH.

BE THE CHURCH.

SERIES OVERVIEW

In these weeks after Easter we're going to encourage you to **Stop Going To Church...** and instead **Be the Church!**

We usually talk about "church" as a destination. *"I'm going to church."* *"I missed church this weekend."* *"You better behave in church!"* (hopefully that last one is to a child and not an adult) But church is way more than just a place. Church is a people living out the faith together.

*Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God and neighbor.*

This shared mission never mentions a building or a location, it describes our shared life and faith together.

April 23 - Be The Church

April 30 - Church For ALL

May 7 - Just A Phase

May 14 - Bring the Church

May 21 - In The Neighborhood

www.elkriverlutheran.org

Thank You

**Thank you to all the volunteers who served ERLC
from Palm Sunday to Easter!**

*We are deeply grateful for you and your service to the church.
May you be blessed as you have blessed us!*

~ ERLC Staff



Wed, Apr 26 @ 6pm

CYF NIGHT

Fellowship - Learning - Fun For All Ages



JOIN US
as we do a
SERVICE
PROJECT
for our
community



Supper | Large Group Time | Small Groups

Downtown Block Party

Sunday, May 21 11:00am-1:00pm

Elk River Lutheran Church - 729 Main Street - Elk River



Free Food
Carnival Games
Live Music
Bounce House
Entertainment

**Joint Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30am
to start the Celebration**

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Text Study

Studying the bible text for the upcoming Sunday Worship

TUESDAY MORNINGS | 10 AM TO 11 AM

LOWER LEVEL COMMUNITY ROOM

Be ready to start discussion with the preaching pastor at 10 am

Feel free to come at 9:30 am for fellowship time



Matching Gift Challenge

Easter - May 21

6 week appeal to collect funds to support LSSMN's work with refugees. Thanks to the generous commitment of one of our members, all gifts up to \$5000 will be matched dollar for dollar. We have a great opportunity to help some of our newest neighbors. **Be the Church!**



**Lutheran
Social Service**
of Minnesota
Refugee Services

Special Elk River Lutheran Hours at Varty's Greenhouse



Sunday, May 7th 5:00pm-7:00pm

13192 192nd Ave NW

Elk River, MN 55330

Join your church friends to shop at Varty's Greenhouse for spring flowers and a portion of the proceeds will go to support the church

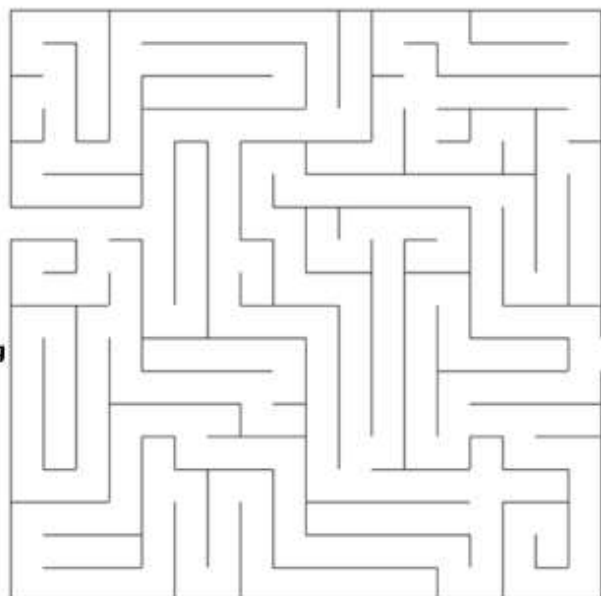
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Stop doubting and believe!



WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Holy Humor Sunday

- 8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:45am Neighbor to Neighbor Training

MONDAY

- 6:30pm Women's Monthly Bible Study

TUESDAY

- 9:00am Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)
10:00am Text Study – Optional Fellowship Time starting at 9:30am (*Lower Level Community Room*)
6:00pm Riverside Ringers
6:30pm Church Council

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30pm Confirmation
6:30pm High School Youth

THURSDAY

- 10:00am Worship (*Guardian Angels Riverview Landing*)

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*)

NEXT SUNDAY

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

SMALL GROUPS

ERLC Quilting Group

Tuesdays @ 9AM
Lower Level at Church

Mission Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief.
All skill levels welcome.

Text Study

Tuesdays @ 10AM
(Optional Fellowship @9:30AM)
Meeting in the 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

Men's Breakfast

Fridays @ 9AM
Coborns, Elk River
Food – Fellowship

Women's Coffee

Fridays @ 9AM
Panera, Elk River
Coffee – Food – Fellowship

Men's Bible Study

Saturdays @ 8AM
On Zoom

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

Genealogy Group

1st Thursday of the Month
10AM – 12 Noon
2nd Floor Conference Room

All are welcome even if you haven't joined before.
Meeting begins by sharing what each are working on, discoveries, questions, roadblocks and family stories.

Women's Monthly Bible Study

3rd Monday of the Month
6:30PM

Lower Level at the Church

This group follows the Bible Studies of the Women's ELCA magazine Gather.

New Members

Sunday, April 30, 9:30 AM

New Member Orientation

Sunday, May 7

New Member Sunday
with Fellowship

Would you like to make Elk River Lutheran Church your faith community? We invite you to join us to learn more about the vision, history and ministries of Elk River Lutheran Church, and ways that you can find your place here. Join us this Spring for our new member orientation. To sign up, let us know on the connection form with your bulletin or send an email to linda@elkriverlutheran.org

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Please Recycle Me!



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