

April 23, 2023 • 8:30am

Be The Church

STOP

GOING TO

CHURCH.

BE THE CHURCH.



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 23	Next Sunday, April 30
Greeters	Chuck and Jane Cazett	Jim Simpson
Ushers	Roger and Sharon Rinerson	John and Debbie Campbell
Scripture Reader	Paula Rose	
Communion Steward	Vicki Simpson	Julie Marie Haugen
Communion Servers	Julie Marie Haugen and Marlys Olson	Babs Armagost
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Paula Rose	
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Nancy Bock	Lorie Schulstad-Werk
PowerPoint Operator		
Soundboard Operator	Bennett Johnson	
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

Gathering Hymn

(#377) "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!" v1, 2 & 4

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise p. 167

"Glory to God in the Highest"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Kara Barkman, LSSMN Refugee Services

Hymn of the Day

(#655) "Son of God, Eternal Savior" v1, 2 & 4

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 173

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God p. 174

"Lamb of God"

Communion Hymns

(#592) "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

(#333) "Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#374) "Day of Arising" v1, 2 & 4

to the tune of "Morning Has Broken"

Sending Dialog

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Kara Barkman

is one of the Refugee Services Volunteer Facilitators, focusing on small group and individual volunteer opportunities as well as in-kind donations. She also has a passion for presenting to community groups and hosting conversations about immigration justice and the intersectionality of this work. Originally from Washington State, she moved to Minnesota last summer specifically to work with LSSMN Refugee Services. She is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University, an alum of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission Program (Mexico 2019-2020), and a recent staff member at Holden Village, a retreat center in the Northern Cascade mountains of Washington State that is rooted in the Lutheran tradition. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, knitting, and exploring all that the Twin Cities has to offer!



**Lutheran
Social Service**
of Minnesota



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

How to Give: In Memo or Give To Field: Lutheran Social Services – Refugee Services

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Heartfelt Thanks to God and the congregation for healing prayers and support following my auto accident one year ago, April 17, 2022. I have been blessed. Karen Acers

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of James Potvin, Dare Funeral Luncheon here Thursday, April 20
- Family and Friends of Buddy Parker, Martha Hippe's brother
- Friends and Family of Cheryl Branch, friend of Heather Amsbaugh

For Support

- Ryan

Health concerns

- Dale Kazeck, cancer, brother of Ruth Traaseth
- 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
- 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

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

2023, January – March

	March Actual	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Income (General Offering)	\$45,819.23	\$115,499.32	\$129,112.95
Expenses	\$61,121.36	\$157,588.94	\$129,114.12
Profit/Loss	(\$15,302.13)	(\$42,089.62)	(\$1.17)

- March had \$16,600 in unusual expenses:
Extra snow removal (\$4,700), and 1 extra payday (\$11,900)
- February had \$9,100 in one-time expenses:
Utility double billing (\$2,100) and filing fee for federal covid relief funding, which will arrive later in the year (\$7,000)
- This report, only through the end of March, shows we are also behind in giving, but does not reflect the increased offerings received at Easter (in April). Thank you for your continued generous financial support of this congregation.



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

The poster features several photos: a group of people sitting on the floor, a group of people standing and talking, and a group of people sitting in a room. A yellow starburst graphic is also present.

HELP – CYF Night Sandwich Making Supplies Needed!

Please help us reach our goal of making 500 sandwiches for Waite House Food Shelf. If you could provide a few of the items listed, we would be most grateful!

Donations need to be brought to Elk River Lutheran Church and placed in the downstairs kitchen refrigerator by 4pm Monday 4/24.

We'd welcome any help in making the sandwiches during our CYF night on April 26th, 6pm.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3NeAXbZ>

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

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
Rad Zoo Animal Show
on stage at 12:30

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

Lutheran Social Services of MN: Refugee Services

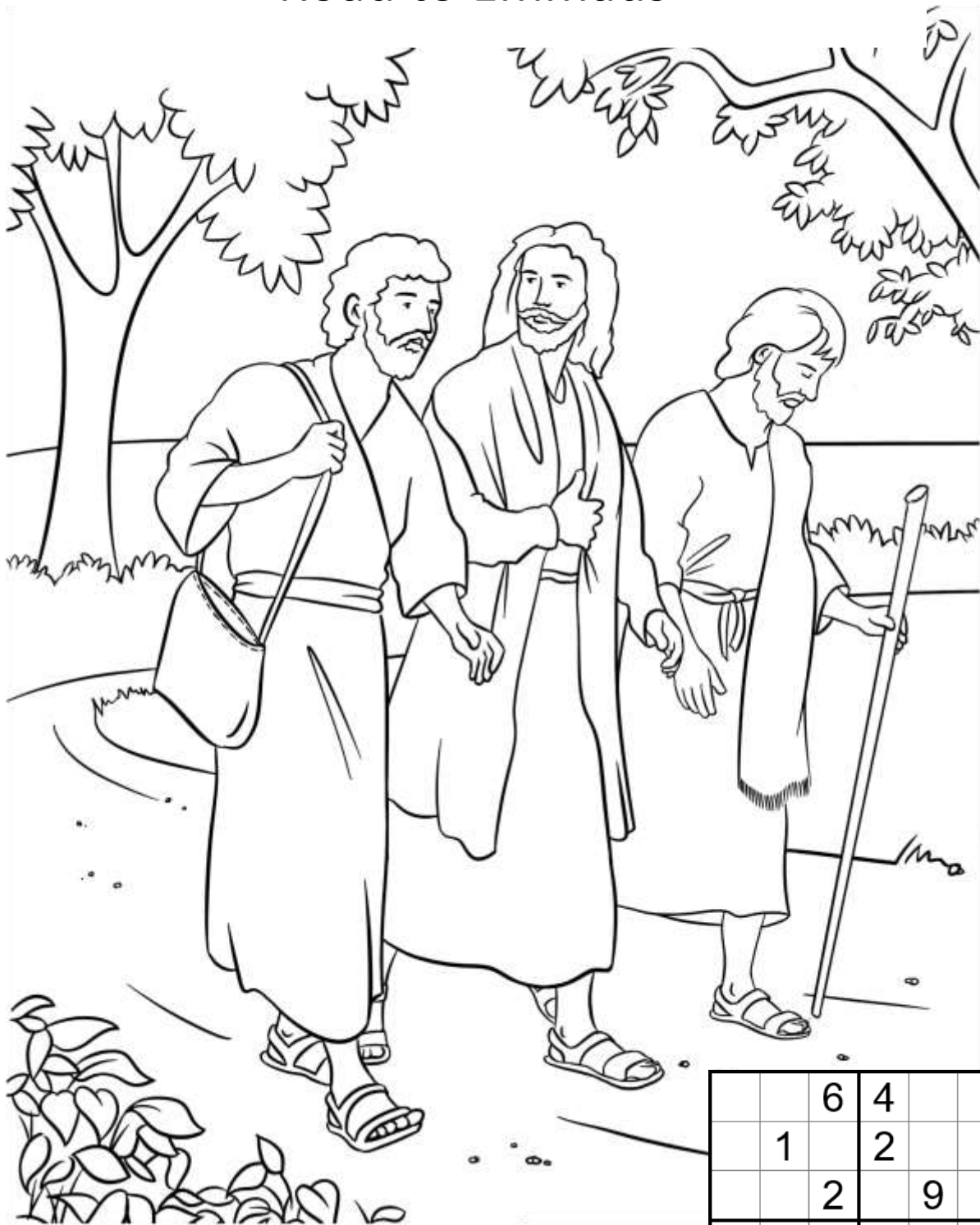
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WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
9:45am Adult Forum: Refugee Resettlement 101 and How to Get Involved
(Community Room)
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

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

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00pm** CYF Night

FRIDAY

Minneapolis Area Synod

- 9:00am** Women's Coffee *(Panera, Elk River)*
9:00am Men's Breakfast *(Coborns, Elk River)*

SATURDAY

Minneapolis Area Synod

- 8:00am** Men's Bible Study *(Zoom Bible Study)*

NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
9:30am New Member Orientation
(Community Room)
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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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

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