

**September 10, 2023 • 8:30am**

*Joyful*



 **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, September 10</b>	<b>Next Sunday, September 17</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Marianne and Jerry Jackson	John and Debbie Campbell
<b>Ushers</b>	Amanda Lemire and Vicki Simpson	Jane and Chuck Cazett
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Dixie Rud	Christine Hansen
<b>Communion Steward</b>		
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Mary and John Barthel	John Campbell and Vicki Simpson
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Dixie Rud	Julie Marie Haugen
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Jodi Rosati	Paula Rose
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Hannah Boese	Chase Glasoe
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	John Auel	Emily Rotz
<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

Gathering Hymn

**(#535) "Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"**

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise p.139

**"Lord God, Heavenly King"**

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

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Psalm 100

John 15:1-11

Sermon

*Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Hymn of the Day

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

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

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 144

**"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God p. 146

**"Lamb of God"**

Communion Hymns

**(#477) "I Received the Living God"**

**(#631) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

**"I've Got the Joy (Down in My Heart)"**

Sending Dialog

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Pastor Nathan returns from his 3-month sabbatical September 5th.
- Yvonne Frandsen, considered cancer-free, aunt of Jennifer Stanley
- Conni Natwick, cancer-free

### ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of Jim Acers
- Family and Friends of Delores Markfort, Linda Cheney's mother.
- Family and Friends of Tom Lund who lost his battle to cancer. Nephew of Deb and Greg Pouliot, son of Marge and Don Lund

### ***For Support***



### ***Health concerns***

- Gert Harwood, hospice (sister of Wayne Traaseth)
- Sue Hecker, heart problems
- John Danner, in hospice
- Elvi Peterson, melanoma
- Erik Natwick, ankle surgery
- Aunt Verna, Lung Cancer (Aunt of Steve Bucholz)
- Russ Overbye
- Al Werk, new diagnosis of lung cancer. Brother to Tom Werk
- Donn Granros
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Diane Harding. new ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding
- Garnet Novotny, breast cancer
- Ron Stricker: Cancer treatments ongoing.
- Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
- Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie and her partner Richard who was diagnosed with cancer
- Art Johnson, pulmonary fibrosis
- Nancy Naig
- Steve Lindberg, getting chemo every other week for pancreatic cancer
- 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*



# GRACE SEPT 17 CYF SUNDAY

This will be a Sunday that marks the start of ERLC Children, Youth and Family program year.

## Featuring Family Musicians...

8:30

- Asher, Bennett and Noellé Johnson
- Grace & Kerry Livingston
- Levi & Libby Ethen

10:30

- The Howland/Granros Family
- Rotz Family Jam Band
- Nevaeh Katzner & the Katzner Family
- The Horners

**BACK**   
**TO ELK RIVER**  
LUTHERAN



## Blessing of the BACKPACKS and the SCHOOL YEAR!

Sunday,  
Sept 17th  
8:30 and 10:30



Students, Teachers and School Staff  
Bring your backpack and school bags



## CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY SEPT 13 @ 6:30PM

*Students in Grades 7-9 should also attend*

## Music at Elk River Lutheran



Summer's over.

The music ministry is starting this Fall.  
Join the fun and make music with us.

Choir

Instrumental  
Ensemble

Riverside Ringers  
handbell choir

Worship  
Band

Solos

Duets

Trios

Vocalists

Instrumentalists

Contact Taylor if you're interested



## 🎵 Music Sunday, Oct 1st! 🎵

Music Sunday features the music ministry of ERLC and showcases every musician in our faith community. Music is played, rung, and sung throughout the whole service, including the sermon.





## 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).

At the New Member Class, you'll learn more about the vision, history and ministries of Elk River Lutheran Church, and ways that you can find your place here.

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, Nov 12, 9:30am**    **New Member Orientation**  
**Sunday, Nov 19**            **New Member Sunday with Fellowship**

Forms can be sent to [linda@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:linda@elkriverlutheran.org)



**Our Meals on Wheels Volunteer  
Schedule for September is FULL.**

# Thank You Volunteers!!



**Meals on Wheels Program delivers nutritious noon-hour meals to the homes of at-risk, homebound, ill, and vulnerable persons age 60 and over in 44 communities across Central Minnesota.**

# A Heart Full of Joy

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11 (NKJV)

The puzzle is based on John 15:9-17



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COMMAND	MASTER	LIFE	DOWN	SERVANT
JOY	REMAIN	GREATER	LAY	FRIENDS
LOVE	OBEY	CHOSE	FRUIT	FATHER



# Color Me!



**That Your Joy May Be Full**

## WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY

**8:30am** Traditional Worship  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship  
**11:45am** Worship/Music Team Meeting

### MONDAY

**10:00am** Hospitality Team Meeting  
**10:30am** Guardian Angels by the Lake Hymn Sing  
**7:30pm** Worship Band Rehearsal

### TUESDAY

**9:00am** Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)  
**9:30am** Moms Club of Otsego/Elk River  
**10:00am** Text Study – Optional Fellowship Time starting at 9:30am (*Lower Level Community Room*)  
**6:00pm** Riverside Ringers Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY

**5:00pm** Generosity Team Meeting (*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room*)  
**5:00pm** Mission Endowment Team Meeting (*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Small Conference Room*)  
**6:00pm** Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal  
**6:30pm** Parent Meeting for Confirmation (Students in grades 7-9 also attend) (*Lower Level Community Room*)

### THURSDAY

**5:30pm** Scheff/Weber Rehearsal (*Lower Level Community Room*)  
**6:00pm** Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

### 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

**Grace – CYF Sunday – Backpack Blessing**  
**8:30am** Traditional Worship  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship

## 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

*1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month*  
*10AM – 12 Noon*  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

*3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month*  
*6:30PM*  
Lower Level at the Church

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

## STAFF

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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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Matt Glasoe

**Treasurer:**

Mark Johnson

Sue Hales  
Julie Marie Haugen  
Conni Natwick  
Jeff Schrock  
Jennifer Stanley  
Tom Werk



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.

## Elk River Lutheran Church

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

Wed, Oct 11 @ 6pm

# CYF NIGHT

Fellowship - Learning - Fun For All Ages

## JUSTmove

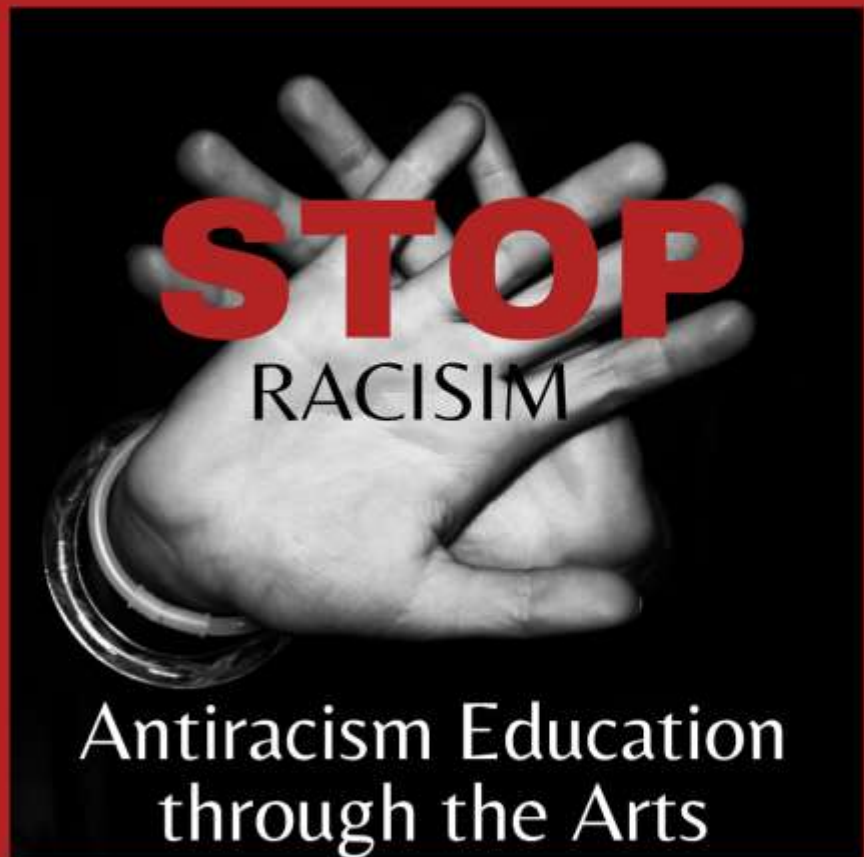
If we can't talk about racism in our churches, where can we talk about it?



David Scherer



Joe Davis



Joe and Dave use music, poetry and storytelling to inspire people into deeper conversations about race and culture

Supper | Large Group Time | Small Groups

Elk River Lutheran Church - 729 Main St - Elk River