

October 1, 2023 • 8:30am

Welcoming



Elk River ELCA
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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, October 1	Next Sunday, October 8
Greeters	Jim and Vicki Simpson	Cedric and Marlys Olson
Ushers	Chuck and Jane Cazett	Tom and Lorie Werk
Scripture Reader		Vicki Granros
Communion Servers	Christine Hansen and Conni Natwick	Babs Armagost and Diana Schansberg
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Vicki Simpson	Paula Rose
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Vicki Simpson	
PowerPoint Operator	Elliot Pruchnik	Levi Ethen
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz	John Auel
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

(#731) "Earth and All Stars"

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
featuring Ingrid Scheff and Becca Weber

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Song

Sermon

"This is the Day"

"They Will Know We are Christians By Our Love"
featuring the Riverside Ringers

"Nettleton"

featuring ERLC Instrumental Ensemble

Hymn of the Day

(#641) "All Are Welcome" v1, 4 & 5

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

"Oh, When the Saints"
featuring Vicki Granros and Lisa Griffin

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn

Communion Song

(#413) "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" v1

"The Lord's Prayer"

(#793) "Be Thou My Vision"

"Amazing Grace"

Featuring Laura Scheff, Becca Weber and Catie Weber

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Temple Talk

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

Sending Dialog

David Katzner and Kent Larson

(#774) "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Sarah Livingston and Hunter Gulbranson will be married Saturday, October 7
- Donn Granros's cardio version was a success. Heart pumping regularly now. He's sleeping better and has more energy and can breathe.
- Richard's treatment for cancer was successful. He greatly appreciated all the prayers. Thank You!, (partner to Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie)

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Ron Stricker
- Family and Friends of Jerri Schulz
- Family and Friends of Art Johnson
- Family and Friends of John Danner
- Family and Friends of Jim Acers

For Support

- Jerry Bird, GA Riverview Landing resident

Health concerns

- Dean Jorgenson, liver cancer
- Sara, Lorie Schulstad-Werk's sister, cancer
- Flo Bird, GA Riverview Landing resident (hospice)
- Jeanne (Jenkins) Cantwell, depression
- Blair Wilson, pancreatic cancer and stroke (friend of Rita and Kevin Jenkins)
- Reid Olson, diabetic foot ulcers/infection (son of Karen and Harry Maher)
- Aunt Verna, Lung Cancer (Aunt of Steve Bucholz)
- Al Werk, lung cancer. Brother to Tom Werk
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Linda Retel, ongoing treatment for inoperable brain cancer (friend of Pauline Kuhn)
- Diane Harding. new ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding
- Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
- 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@elkrivertlutheran.org
- Fill out on your connection form
- Contact the church office at (763) 595-1216
- Fill out form on church website at elkrivertlutheran.org

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



Memorial Service

Arthur "Art" Leonard Johnson

Monday October 9, 2023 @ 12:00 pm
(Visitation one hour prior)



Memorial Service

James "Jim" Acers

Saturday October 14, 2023 @ 11:30 am



Kids attend worship with their parents or other caring adults and then leave during the sermon for their own lesson, bible reading and prayer.

A great time to learn about God and make new friends!



Confirmation Worship Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer Form

High School
YOUTH GROUP

9-12th Graders
Wednesdays @ 6:30
In the Youth Room

Bible Study,
Service Projects
Fun Events
Friends
Always Welcome!

Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th Graders!

Join us on Friday, October 6th
from 6:00- 9:30 pm
for Dinner, Games, and Fun!

This Event is Free! Bring your friends for a fun night of running around the church, playing games, and having a great time.

Parents, please let Pastor Anne know if you plan to come for this event as it will help with ordering food for the night! (pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org)

CHRIST IN OUR HOME 2024

a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer.

RESERVE YOUR 2024 ISSUES BY OCTOBER 22

- \$6.00 FOR 1 YEAR (4 ISSUES), OR
- Large Print: \$14.50 for 1 Year (4 issues)

You may

- mail a check to the church
- drop it off in the outside mailbox or offering plate
 - made out to ERLC but put CIOH in the memo
- use Tithe.ly - the "GIVE button on the church website."
 - There is a Giving Type for "Christ in Our Home"



LIFE LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY
Groups

Join a Small Group!

We will be forming **LIFE Groups** (small groups that **meet weekly for five weeks**) to discuss each week's sermon topic) to meet **starting the week of October 15th**. LIFE Groups provide a great opportunity to get to know people at the church, while having some good intentional conversation.

SIGN UP

Please sign up and express your interest using our online form. Groups will be organized based on sign ups.



or visit

[elkriverlutheran.org/
life-groups](http://elkriverlutheran.org/life-groups)

***If you are already a part of a group, please still sign up and tell us about your group and who is in it.

Grief Group Announcement!

Due to illness, the presenters of the Grief Group curriculum originally scheduled for this fall have to postpone our group until the winter. We are so sad about this, but we look forward to when we can meet in the future.



We offer many prayers for our presenters as well.



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.

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.

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

Forms can be sent to linda@elkriverlutheran.org

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ATLANTA
MONTGOMERY
SELMA
BIRMINGHAM

YOU can walk in the steps of history!!

Informational Meeting:

October 8 at 9:30am

Pastor Joanne Sorenson of *In Our Hands* will discuss dates, costs, payment schedule, itinerary, photos



Friday, October 27

**Downtown
Trick
or
Treat**

2pm - 6pm

**ERLC
Trunk
or
Treat**

5pm - 6pm

Candy Donations being accepted in the Church Office

Coloring Page



I can make others feel welcome by being friendly.

Music Sunday

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Choir

Handbells

Oboe

Postlude

Singers

Flute

Hymns

Opening Music

Prelude

Songs

Guitar

Instrumental Ensemble

Piano

Riverside Ringers

Worship Band

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Welcoming – Music Sunday

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

MONDAY

- 10:00am** Hospitality Team (*Quilting Room*)
2:00pm Hymn Sing (*Guardian Angels – Riverview Landing*)

TUESDAY

- 9:00am** Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)
10:00am Text Study – Optional Fellowship Time starting at 9:30am (*Lower Level Community Room*)

WEDNESDAY

- 5:00pm** Generosity Team (*Conference Room*)
6:30pm Confirmation
6:30pm High School Youth Group

THURSDAY

- 10:00am** Genealogy Group (*Conference Room*)
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm DEI-Social Justice Task Force (*Conference Room*)

FRIDAY

- 9:00am** Women's Coffee (*Panera, Elk River*)
9:00am Men's Breakfast (*Coborns, Elk River*)
6:00pm Club 4-5-6

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Accepting

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
9:30am Civil Rights Tour Informational Meeting
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect
11:45am Worship/Music Team Meeting

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.

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Mark Johnson

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

2023, January – August

	August Actual	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Income (General Offering)	\$29,169.37	\$307,293.07	\$344,300.20
Expenses	\$41,585.28	\$375,408.07	\$344,300.72
Profit/Loss	(\$12,416.41)	(\$68,115.00)	(\$ 0.52)

Our general offering rate is 11% lower while expenses have been 8% higher than budget projections as of the end of August. Significant cost increases for items like utilities, insurance, fire/security monitoring and snow removal are responsible for higher than anticipated expenses. We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial support of the ERLC general fund to help us close out 2023 on a higher note. Thank you!

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

Wed, Oct 11 @ 6pm

CYF NIGHT

Fellowship - Learning - Fun For All Ages

JUSTmove

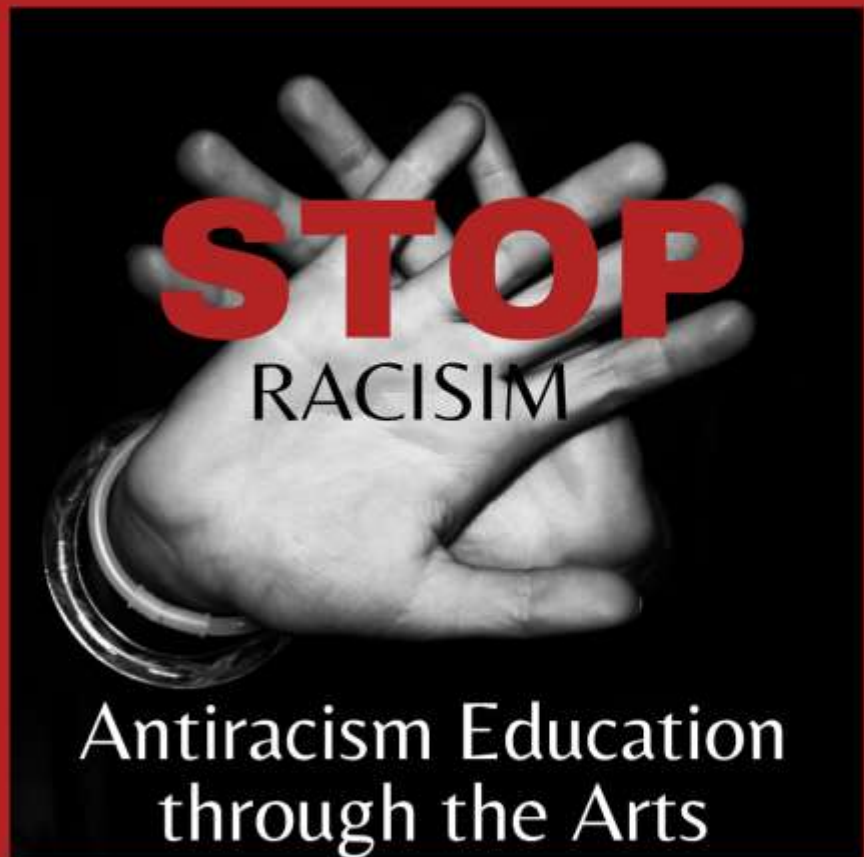
If we can't talk about racism in our churches, where can we talk about it?



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