

*October 8, 2023 • 8:30am*

*Accepting*



 **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, October 8</b>	<b>Next Sunday, October 15</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Cedric and Marlys Olson	Tom and Lorie Werk
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom and Lorie Werk	John and Debbie Campbell
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Vicki Granros	Larry Cook
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Babs Armagost and Diana Schansberg	Milo and Kari Christianson
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Paula Rose	Mary Barthel
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Julie Marie Haugen	Vicki Simpson
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Levi Ethen	Nick Campbell
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	John Auel	Bennett Johnson
<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

***"All God's Critters"***

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise p.139

***"Lord God, Heavenly King"***

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

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Matthew 25:31-45

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

***(#523) "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"***

### ***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

***( #592) "Just As I Am"***

***(#656) "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"***

Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

Community Announcements

Blessing of the DEI/Social Justice Task Force (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

***(#543) "Go My Children With My Blessing"***

Sending Dialog

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Baptism of Charlotte May Anderson. Parents: Mychal and Samantha Anderson. Sponsors: Zak and Megan Prpich, Lukas and Sabrina Schmitz
- Sue Hecker is recovering well from her double bypass open heart surgery and is progressing in cardiac rehab. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and support from such a caring congregation.
- Sarah Livingston and Hunter Gulbranson married Saturday, October 7

### ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of Gert Harwood, sister of Wayne Traaseth
- 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***

- Marge Andersen, pneumonia (sister of Kathy Dahl)
- Dean Jorgenson, hospice (cousin of Chuck Cazett and family friend of Linda Nielsen)
- Sara Anderson, Lorie Schulstad-Werk's sister, cancer
- Al Werk, lung cancer. Brother to Tom Werk
- 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)
- 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@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*



### **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



Wed, Oct 11 @ 6pm

# CYF NIGHT

Fellowship - Learning - Fun For All Ages

## JUSTmove



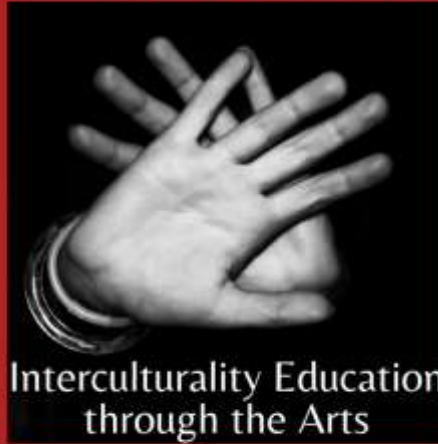
David Scherer



Joe Davis

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

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



Interculturality Education through the Arts

Supper | Large Group Time | Small Groups



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!

# Autumn Hymn Fest

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH DRIVE THRU

OCTOBER 18TH

6 TO 7: 30 PM



## An outdoor fall-themed hymn-sing

Enjoy singing your favorite hymns around warm campfires with your friends and family.

Taylor and other musicians will also introduce music from a new liturgy "Of the Land and Seasons".

## 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"



LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY

### 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.





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)

## CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

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



## Candy Donations Needed

DROP OFF AT OFFICE  
ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TRUNK OR TREAT EVENTS OCTOBER 27

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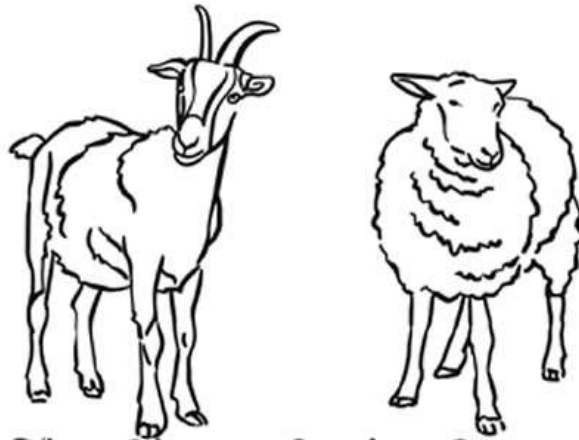
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# Coloring Page



He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."  
Matthew 25:33 (NIV)



The Sheep & the Goats

## WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY *Accepting*

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

### MONDAY

**12:00pm** Art Johnson Memorial Service (Visitation 1 hour prior to service)

### 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 Rehearsal  
**7:00pm** Mission Endowment Meeting (*Conference Room*)

### WEDNESDAY

**6:00pm** CYF Night

### THURSDAY

**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*)  
**11:30am** Jim Acers Memorial Service

### NEXT SUNDAY *Life Groups Start*

**8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect  
**4:00pm** Book Launch: Eye on the Magi (*Edina Community Lutheran Church*)

## 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

**President:**

David Katzner

**Vice President:**

Kent Larson

**Secretary:**

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





**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**

**2:00 - 6:00 P.M.**

**PLUS**

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**AT ELK RIVER BOOTHERAN**

**STARTS AT 5 PM - 6PM**

**Join the Fun!**

- Donate Candy - Drop off in the Church Office
  - Volunteer to Hand Out Candy During the Event
  - Volunteer to provide a Decorated Trunk and Participate
- Contact Pastor Anne to Volunteer, [pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org)