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 **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 15	Next Sunday, October 22
Greeters	Tom and Lorie Werk	Donna and Doug Mathison
Ushers	John and Debbie Campbell	Renee Thurmer, Jerry Jackson
Scripture Reader	Larry Cook	Dale Ziner
Communion Servers	Milo and Kari Christianson	Cedric and Marlys Olson
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Mary Barthel	Barb Burandt
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Vicki Simpson	Shirley Schmidt
PowerPoint Operator	Nick Campbell	Sarah Auel
Soundboard Operator	Bennett Johnson	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

(#689) "Praise and Thanksgiving" v1 & 2

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise p 204

"Glory Be to God in Heaven"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

(#589) "All Depends on Our Possessing" 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. 207

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God p. 208

"O Lamb of God"

Communion Hymns

(#465) "As the Grains of Wheat"

(#685) "Take My Life, That I May Be"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

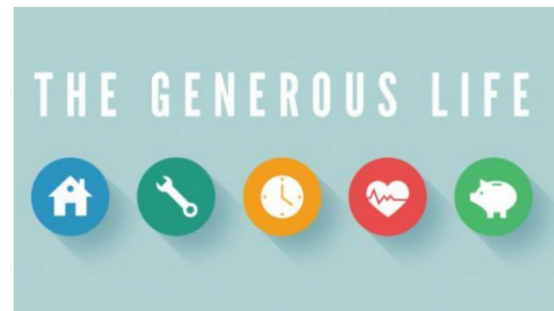
(#689) "Praise and Thanksgiving" v3 & 4

Sending Dialog

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LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

GROW

- What is your favorite thing about the season of fall?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19 and consider these questions:
 - The scripture reading warns against the "uncertainty of riches." How have you experienced or seen the "uncertainty of riches" in your own life or the life of someone else?
 - What elements of life would you name as "life that really is life"?
- Remember a loved one who has died. What were some ways they were generous (maybe financially, but certainly not limited to financial generosity)?
- What are three small (or big) ways you could be generous this week?

PRAY

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Baptism of Bjorn Shellum (Sponsors: Lindsey Rettmann and Carl Sandusky) and Jari Shellum (Sponsors: Charisa Flaherty and Joe Rohrer). Parents Thor and Heidi Shellum
- 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 Dean Jorgenson (cousin of Chuck Cazett and family friend of Linda Nielsen)
- 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 Jim Acers

For Support

- Jerry Bird, GA Riverview Landing resident

Health concerns

- Norm Esch, healing so he can return to his home
- Marge Andersen, pneumonia (sister of Kathy Dahl)
- Sara Anderson, Lorie Schulstad-Werk's sister, cancer
- Al Werk, lung cancer. Brother to Tom Werk
- Flo Bird, GA Riverview Landing resident (hospice)
- 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@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



Volunteers Needed

Children Youth and Family Ministry

Variety of Events and Volunteer Opportunities



Find Link on CYF page of Elkriverlutheran.org



High School YOUTH GROUP

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

Bible Study,
Service Projects
Fun Events
Friends
Always Welcome!

Save the Date

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

OCTOBER 29, 2023 • 10:30 AM
ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"



LIFE
Groups

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.



I can follow Jesus by sharing.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

G H X U V B N T G D S U G U D Q K
M F K E K Q F L Q D O R U R F T M
N O I T A D N U O F D O O G N I R
A N P R O V I D E S U S G E R I F
E R A H S O T Y D A E R M O C Z A
E Q T K G N G K F I B Y W H D M C
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S M S T X H I T S H D I Q T L E S

Riches

God

Provides Us

Everything

Our Enjoyment

Do Good

Rich in Good Works

Generous

Ready to Share

Good Foundation

WEEK AHEAD

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*)

MONDAY

- 6:30pm** Women's Monthly Bible Study (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

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 (*Sanctuary*)
6:30pm Primary Purpose AA Group (*Lower Level Community Room*)
6:30pm Church Council (*2nd Floor Conference Room*)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00pm** Autumn HymnFest
NO Confirmation or High School Youth Group

THURSDAY

- 10am** Worship at Guardian Angels Riverview Landing
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

- 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.

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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



**TRICK
OR TREAT**

DOWNTOWN

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