

*October 22, 2023 • 8:30am*

*Quietly Generous*

# THE GENEROUS LIFE



 **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 22</b>	<b>Next Sunday, October 29</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Donna and Doug Mathison	Sharon Emerick and Chuck Hulse
<b>Ushers</b>	Renee Thurmer, Jerry Jackson	Roger and Sharon Rinerson
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Dale Ziner	Larry Cook
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Cedric and Marlys Olson	Ed and Deb Shellum
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Barb Burandt	Vicki Simpson
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Shirley Schmidt	Jana Lundquist
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Nick Campbell	Chloe Sandvig
<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

**(#689) "Praise and Thanksgiving"** v1-3

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

**"Above the Hills"**

*Of the Land and Seasons*

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

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon

*Pastor Anne Schaefer*

Hymn of the Day

**(#793) "Be Thou My Vision"** v1, 3 & 4

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

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

**"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

*featuring Ingrid Scheff and Becca Weber*

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

*Of the Land and Seasons*

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God p. 208

**"O Lamb of God"**

*Of the Land and Seasons*

Communion Hymns

**"We Praise You for the Life"**

*Of the Land and Seasons*

**(#733) "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

**"O Lord of the Blossom"**

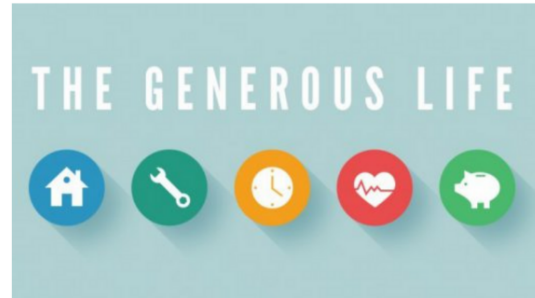
*Of the Land and Seasons*

Sending Dialog

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# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Generous Life  
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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's better - watching someone at their party open a gift you have given them or hearing from them after they've opened it? In your opinion, what's the difference?
- If someone's credit card and checking account transaction histories were public, how could that affect the way they spend their money?
- Read Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18. It talks about almsgiving (financial offerings), prayer, and fasting in ways that don't draw attention to the person. Now read Matthew 5:16 which talks about the importance of our actions being on display. How can these both be true?
- Read Matthew 6:19-21. What are treasures on earth, and what are treasures in heaven? How can we know if we are valuing the right treasures?
- Why do we give money away, pray or do any other spiritual discipline? What is the reward for these things?

## 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**

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

- For autumn: for falling temperatures and morning chill, trees turned gold and red, brown and orange, falling leaves and blowing leaves, the smell of burning leaves, the joy of leaf-pile jumping.
- For autumn: the interplay of outside temperatures and inside warmth, the promise of cider and pumpkin bread, the blessing of blankets and sweaters.
- For autumn: the beauty and hope in the change of season, the promise that the coming of autumn heralds another ending, a new beginning, and the wonder of another winter, another spring, another summer, yet to come.

### ***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 Art Johnson

### ***For Support***

- All of the spouses and family that serve as caregivers to their loved ones with long term health issues

### ***Health concerns***

- Renee DeLuney-Nevison, niece of Greg and Deb Pouliot. (mother of 5 with liver and kidney failure)
- Rose Anna Bradford, colon cancer (friend of Mariann Jackson)
- Richard, partner of Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie. New cancer and additional treatments
- Norm Esch, healing so he can return to his home
- Marge Andersen, pneumonia (sister of Kathy Dahl)
- 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:**

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- Email [linda@elkrivelutheran.org](mailto:linda@elkrivelutheran.org)
- Fill out on your connection form
- Contact the church office at (763) 595-1216
- Fill out form on church website at [elkrivelutheran.org](http://elkrivelutheran.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](http://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"



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**

for where

your

TREASURE

is

there

so your

will be

HEART

also





# Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

T R E A S U R E S I N H E A V E N  
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Reward

Heaven

Alms

Hypocrites

In Secret

Pray

Fast

Treasures on Earth

Treasures in Heaven

Heart

## WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

**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*)  
**5:30pm** Riverside Ringers Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)  
**6:30pm** Primary Purpose AA Group (*Lower Level Community Room*)  
**6:30pm** Minnesota Freedom Fund - Sanctuary and Resistance to Injustice (*Fellowship Hall*)

### WEDNESDAY

**6:30pm** Confirmation  
**6:30pm** High School Youth Group (*Lower Level Youth Room*)

### THURSDAY

**6:00pm** Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

### FRIDAY

**9:00am** Women's Coffee (*Panera, Elk River*)  
**9:00am** Men's Breakfast (*Coborns, Elk River*)  
**2pm-6pm** Downtown Trick Or Treat  
**5pm -6pm** Trunk or Treat at ERLC

### 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  
**10:30am** Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism

## 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:**

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**Vice President:**

Kent Larson

**Secretary:**

Matt Glasoe

**Treasurer:**

Mark Johnson

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



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



**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](mailto:pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org)