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Generous in Relationships

THE GENEROUS LIFE



 **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 29 | Next Sunday, November 5 |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Greeters | Sharon Emerick and Chuck Hulse | Dave and Deb Fasanello |
| Ushers | Roger and Sharon Rinerson | Michal Pruchnik and Herm Weidner |
| Scripture Reader | Larry Cook | Cale Stanley-Wornson |
| Communion Servers | Ed and Deb Shellum | Cale and Jenny Stanley |
| Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp | Vicki Simpson | Vicki Simpson |
| Mid-Week Communion Fill | Jana Lundquist | Julie Marie Haugen |
| PowerPoint Operator | Hannah Boese | Dale Ziner |
| Soundboard Operator | Bennett Johnson | Bennett Johnson |
| 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

(#504) "A Mighty Fortress"

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

Luke 6:37-45

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

(#813) "Faith of Our Fathers"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

"Amazing Grace/Pachelbel's Canon"
featuring ERLC Choir and Lisa Griffin

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

(#623) "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

(#595) "Jesus Loves Me!"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#517) "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Sending Dialog

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CONFIRMATION



Zoey Day

Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you; I will help you;
I will uphold you with my victorious
right hand.

Chase Glasoe

Bible Verse: Proverbs 11:14

Where there is no guidance, a nation
falls, but in an abundance of counselors
there is safety.

Grace Hagberg

Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:15

She is more precious than rubies: and all
the things thou canst desire are not to be
compared unto her.

Katherine Horner

Bible Verse: Psalm 103:8

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.

Asher Johnson

Bible Verse: Genesis 30:13

And Leah said, "Happy am I! For the
women will call me happy," so she
named him Asher.

Clara Johnson

Bible Verse: Luke 9:35

Then from the cloud came a voice that
said, "This is my Son, my Chosen;
listen to him!"

Adrienne Rotz

Bible Verse: Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Chloe Sandvig

Bible Verse: Psalm 147:3-5

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in
power; his understanding is beyond
measure.

Cale Stanley-Wornson

Bible Verse: Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved
through faith, and this is not your own
doing; it is the gift of God.

Mason Wagner

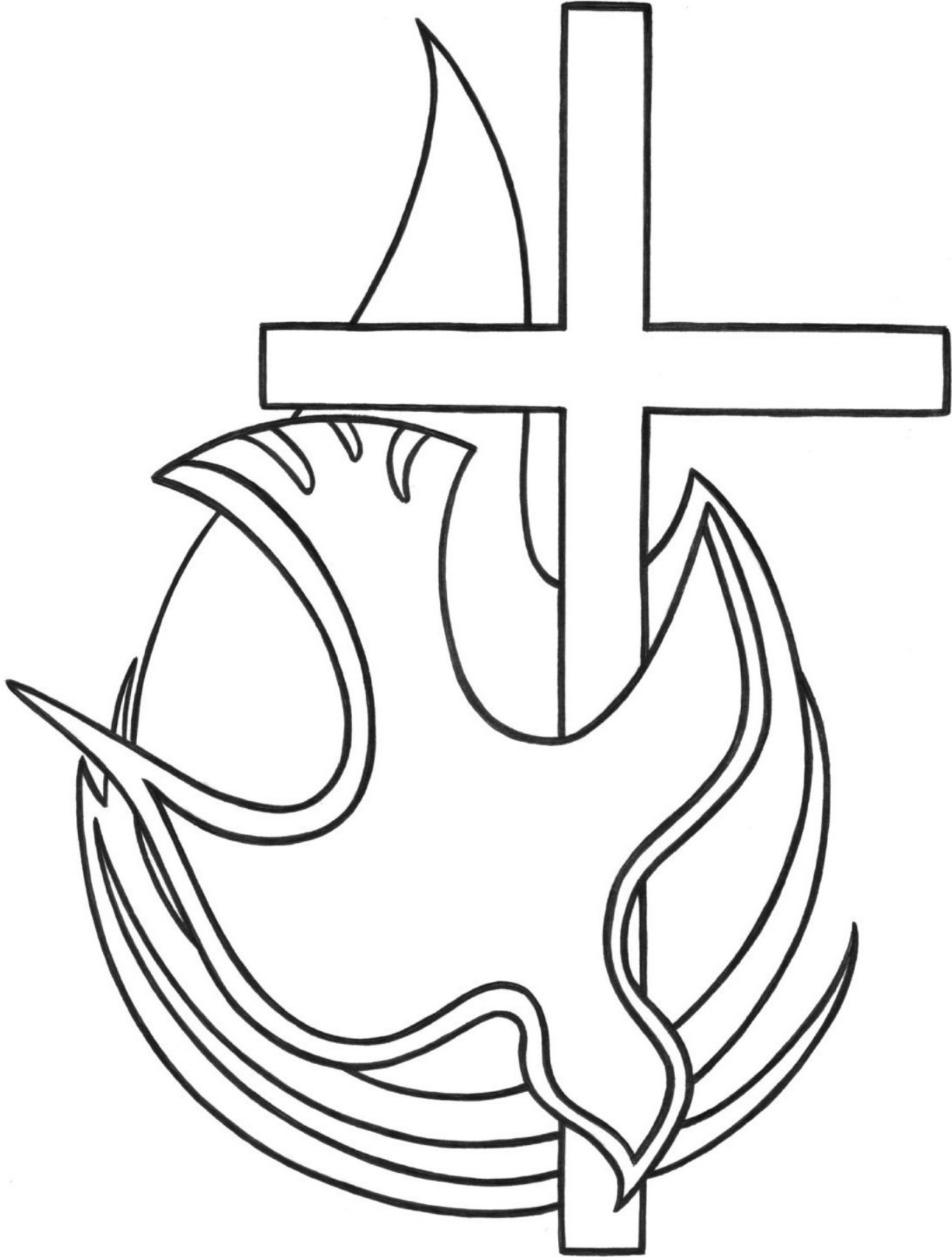
Bible Verse: Luke 1:46-47

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the
Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my
Savior."

Samantha Youngs

Bible Verse: Psalm 147:4

He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.



CONFIRMATION

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Bible

The Law

Prophecy

Luther's Small Catechism

Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Altar

Evening Blessing

Old Testament

History

Gospels

Ten Commandments

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Holy Communion

Table Blessing

New Testament

Poetry

Epistles

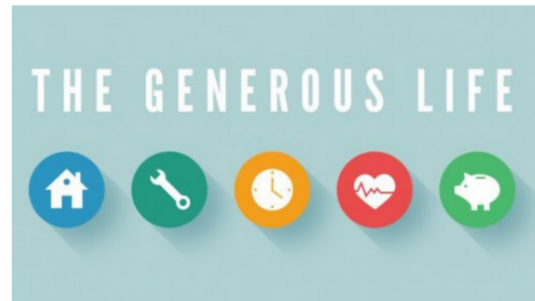
Apostles' Creed

Confession

Morning Blessing

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Generous Life
Oct 29 - Generous in Relationships



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

- Did you go through Confirmation classes and get Confirmed? What do you remember from that experience?
- How well do you think people really “see” you? How well do they know the real you and what’s stirring inside you?
- Read Luke 6:41-42
[Jesus said,] “41 Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? 42 Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.”
- How have you experienced what Jesus describes above in yourself or others?
- What tangible things can you do to “see” others more and live generously in relationships?

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):

- For our Confirmation Students who are affirming their baptism.

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Vance Zehringer
- Family and Friends of Douglas Mueller, Dare funeral luncheon at ERLC on Wednesday, October 25
- Family and Friends of Blair Wilson
- 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
- 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
- Fill out on your connection form
- Contact the church office at (763) 595-1216
- Fill out form on church website at elkriverlutheran.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!



Confirmation Worship
Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer
Form

WEEK AHEAD

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

4:30pm Generosity Team (*Conference Room*)
6:00pm Riverside Ringers
6:30pm Confirmation
6:30pm High School Youth Group (*Youth Room*)

THURSDAY

10am Genealogy Group (*Conference 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

All Saints Day

Daylight Savings Time Ends

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH



SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT

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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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

2023, January – September

| | September Actual | Year to Date Actual | Year to Date Budget |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income (General Offering) | \$32,720 | \$340,013 | \$387,338 |
| Expenses | \$53,851 | \$436,259 | \$387,338 |
| Profit/Loss | (\$21,131) | (\$96,246) | \$ 0.0 |

Expenses were higher partially due to 3 pay periods in September.

Thank you for your support for the Mission of this Vibrant Community!

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