

November 12, 2023 • 8:30am

Generous with Time

Thank You Sunday

THE GENEROUS LIFE



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, November 12	Next Sunday, November 19
Greeters	Larry and Jean Cook	Ed and Deb Shellum
Ushers	Dale Ziner and Dixie Rud	Mark and Fran Johnson
Scripture Reader	Conni Natwick	Larry Cook
Communion Servers	Mary and John Barthel	John Campbell and Cedric Olson
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Dixie Rud	Juli Marie Haugen
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jenny Stanley	Jana Lundquist
PowerPoint Operator		Emma Anderson
Soundboard Operator	Jeff Schrock	Emily Rotz
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 (**#693**) "***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***" v1, 2 & 4

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise p 204

"Glory Be to God in Heaven" v1

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Hymn of the Day

(#688) "*Lord of Light*" v1, 3 & 4

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Thank You Litany

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

(#674) "*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*"

(#707) "*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#708) "*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*"

Sending Dialog

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Completion of the harvest for our growers
- 11 ninth graders that confirmed their faith.

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Jim Weidner, brother of Herm Weidner
- 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

For Support

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

Health concerns

- Sondra
- Elsie Provencher, back muscle spasms
- Tom Werk's brother Al Werk, recovering from cancer
- Dale Ziner, Achilles tendon repair
- Kim Miller, daughter of Marilyn Miller, invasive cancer treatment
- Robin Skeie, cousin of Diana Schansberg, in bad car accident and in ICU
- Krista Schrock, upcoming hip surgery
- Shelley Anderson, friend of Pam Black. (bypass valve surgery 11/14)
- Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen's mom (breast cancer)
- Donn Granros
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Linda Retel, ongoing treatment for inoperable brain cancer (friend of Pauline Kuhn)
- Diane Harding, ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding
- Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
- Nancy Naig
- Steve Lindberg
- 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



Sunday, Nov 19 at 11:30am

Christmas Decorating

At Elk River Lutheran Church

This year we would like to start a new tradition of decorating Elk River Lutheran together for Advent and Christmas. If you can join us, please sign up to let us know you're coming to help and join in the holiday preparations! Sign Up at : bit.ly/ERLCDecorating2023



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Generous Life
Nov 12 - Generosity with Time



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

- God is calling all of us into the joy of spending the resources that God has entrusted to us. This week we're focusing on the resource of time. We have been given the gift of time, though none of us can know just how much we get. In light of All Saints Day, we understand the value of using our time to care for, encourage, or fight for others as part of our own legacy. This text challenges us to use our gifts to be the instruments of God's mission in the world.
- Read: Matthew 25:14-15, 19
"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away... After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them."
- What's your favorite way to waste time?
- How do you know where God is already using you?
- Could God be calling you to rearrange your priorities?
- How can you glorify God with your time?

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.



 **Elk River** ELCA
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Presents...



Civil Rights Pilgrimage

April 3 - 7, 2024

YOU can walk in the steps of history!!
We will be visiting Birmingham,
Selma and Atlanta.

What you will experience:

- Get the BIG PICTURE at EJI Legacy Museum and Memorial
- Take a walking tour of downtown Montgomery and see MLK's "Dexter Church" - Freedom Rides Museum - Rosa Parks Museum - slave market square
- Walk the bridge in Selma and learn about Jim Crow south from a Foot Soldier!
- See Birmingham 16th St Church, Ingram Park, Jail where King stayed, "dynamite" hill, and much more

Trip Cost:

**\$2,100 based on double occupancy,
\$2,500 for single rooms***



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bit.ly/ERLCTrip2024

Knowing history is more than just learning....it means understanding how OUR work NOW can make a difference. What can WE as white people do to help others understand how our behavior affects our neighbors?



Volunteers Needed

Children Youth and Family Ministry

Variety of Events and Volunteer Opportunities



Find Link on CYF page of Elkriverlutheran.org



CALLING ALL LITTLE ACTORS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Looking for all PreK - 6th graders who would like to be actors for this year's Christmas Program!

Program: Sunday, Dec 10, both services
Dress rehearsal: Dec 9, 9-10:30 am

Speaking and non-speaking parts are available. Songs will be emailed for students to practice at home.

Reach out to Pastor Anne with questions

Family Musicians!

You are invited to participate in the music on Christmas Eve. Reach out to Taylor if your family would like to lead a song at our 10:30 am family service





Caroling at the Downtown Tree Lighting

WEDNESDAY, NOV 15 AT 5PM

This year Elk River will be lighting the downtown Christmas Tree on Wednesday, November 15th and they have asked if Elk River Lutheran will carol at this event. Please sign up to let us know that you can attend. We will meet at the Elk River Lutheran Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm and walk down to the Downtown Park to Carol at their Tree Lighting Event.



Scan QR Code to Sign Up

Santa in the Park

<https://bit.ly/3MdrNeu>

CAROLING SIGN UP



Saturday, December 2, 2023



Time to carol again

The whole church is invited to sing carols at the Downtown Elk River Santa in the Park event.

Sign up for a one-hour time block between 2pm-5pm

Join the ERLC Choir this Christmas!

If you're interested, please reach out to Taylor.

We're looking for low voices to round out the bass section for our Christmas project on **December 20th.**

Rehearsals start November 16th and are on Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.



The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



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MASTER
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WEEPING
ENTRUSTED



Parable of the Talents

(Matthew 25:14-30)

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Thank You Sunday

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
9:30am New Member Orientation (*Community Room*)
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect
11:45am Worship/Music Team Meeting (*Community Room*)

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 AA Meeting (*Community Room*)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30pm** Confirmation
6:30pm High School Youth
7:30pm Youth Mission Trip Parent Meeting
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 10:00am** 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*)
10:00am Decorate the Sanctuary for Harvest Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY

New Member Sunday *Generosity Sunday*

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am *Pie Sunday* Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect
11:30am Christmas Decorating of ERLC

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