

**November 26, 2023 • 8:30am**  
*First Sunday of Advent – Hope Now*

# Why Wait?

MEETING JESUS  
RIGHT NOW



# **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, November 26</b>	<b>Next Sunday, December 3</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Sandy and Bob Krumweide	Stan and Diane Hahn
<b>Ushers</b>	Sharon and Roger Rinerson	John and Debbie Campbell
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Christy Boese	Linda Campbell
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Jenny Stanley and Vicki Simpson	John and Conni Natwick
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Paula Rose	Jenny Stanley
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Larry Cook	Julie Marie Haugen
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Nancy Bock	
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Emma Anderson	Levi Ethen
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Nick Campbell	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

**(#244) "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" v1, 2 & 4**

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Advent Candle Lighting Song

**"Kindle This Flame of Peace"**

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

**"Glory to God"**

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

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

*Pastor Anne Schaefer*

Hymn of the Day

**(#251) "My Soul Proclaims Your Goodness"**

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

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

**"I Wonder As I Wander"**  
*featuring the Riverside Ringers and Val Behling*

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

**"Holy, Holy"**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

**"Lamb of God"**

Communion Hymns

**(#276) "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

**(#265) "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"**

Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

**(#267) "Joy to the World"**

Sending Dialog

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## **LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

### **FOR MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS**

Every year folks with the,  
“Mary Did You Know?”

Yeah, she knew. An angel told her.

She opted in without asking  
for permission from her father  
or quietly convincing her fiancé.

She sang an earth-shaking prophecy  
and had (stretch marked) skin in the game

She knew. She super knew!

Her youth and virginity paint  
our telling of Mary as vulnerable and mild.

But do not forget God’s favor  
for her power and good courage.  
It has been there all along.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

- Baptism of Mavin and Eevie Herian. Parents: Jenna and Corey Herian. Mavin’s Sponsors: Jackie Oakden and Tanner Christle. Eevie’s Sponsors: Mitch and Hannah Herian
- Those who joined Elk River Lutheran as members Sunday, November 19

### ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of Allan Lehne, Dare Funeral Luncheon at ERLC on Monday, November 20th

### ***For Support***

- Friend of Jared Stevens
- Jeanne Caswell, sister of Kevin Jenkins, needs a place to live
- All of the spouses and family that serve as caregivers to their loved ones with long term health issues.

### ***Health concerns***

- Jared Stevens Mom’s knee
- Jack Burris
- Jeanne Caswell, sister of Kevin Jenkins, mental health
- Pat Kyro
- 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: recovery from hip surgery
- Shelley Anderson, friend of Pam Black. Recovery from bypass valve surgery
- Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen’s mom. Recovery from mastectomy
- 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](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*



November  
19th -  
December 8th



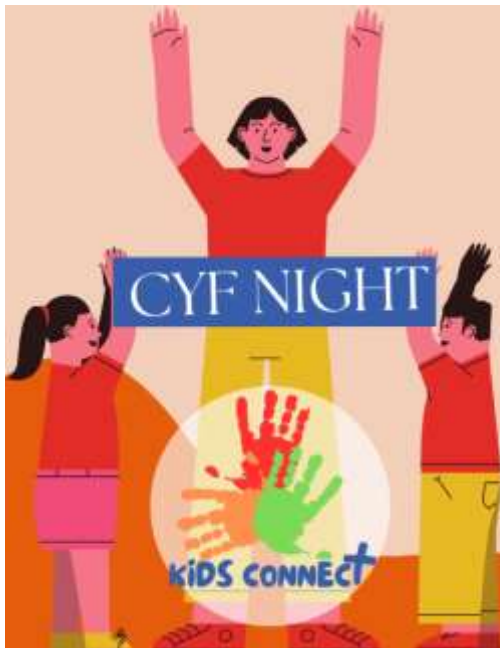
ELK RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
**ANNUAL  
FILL A FIRE TRUCK  
EVENT**

HELPING COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Drop Off  
Gifts at  
Elk River  
Lutheran  
Church  
Fellowship  
Hall



Donation List



# Volunteers Needed

Children Youth and Family Ministry  
Variety of Events and Volunteer  
Opportunities



Find Link on CYF page of  
[Elkriverlutheran.org](http://Elkriverlutheran.org)

We're all in this together!  
We literally cannot do  
ministry without you! You  
do not need to have any  
specific qualifications to  
volunteer, and all  
materials are provided.  
Most volunteer  
opportunities are between  
15-30 minutes in length.  
Please sign up to help  
before we have to  
CANCEL Kids Connect or  
CYF Night activities.  
THANK YOU!



# Christmas CYF NIGHT

Fellowship - Learning - Fun For All Ages

Wednesday, December 13 - 6pm-7:45pm

- Pizza Dinner
- Christmas Stations  
(games, activities, crafts,  
cookie decorating)
- Large Group

Everyone is Welcome!



*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



## 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



## Bells and Carols

Carolers Wanted

Sing carols with the Riverside Ringers  
at this Festive Event for the residents  
of Guardian Angels - Riverview Landing

Date: Tuesday, December 19

Time: 5:45pm

Location: Guardian Angels,  
Riverview Landing  
9200 Quantrelle Ave NE,  
Otsego MN

Sign up at:  
[bit.ly/4766ByZ](https://bit.ly/4766ByZ)





# Starting January 18th 2024

## CLASS DETAILS

- Classes will take place on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm, beginning January 18th and continuing for nine weeks. (Jan 18 - Mar 14)
- \*\$60 Registration Fee Includes:
  - Nine Week Financial University Class and Course Workbook
  - One year Financial Peace University Online Access
  - Three Months of Premium Version of EveryDollar Budgeting App
  - Live Group Financial Coaching

\*If you attend all 9 weeks of class, the Elk River Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund will refund your original \$60 registration fee!



Sign up now at:



[bit.ly/FPU2024ERLC](https://bit.ly/FPU2024ERLC)



Presents...

## Civil Rights Pilgrimage

### April 3 - 7, 2024

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

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



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# An Angel Visits Mary

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. Luke 1:31 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 1:26-38



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

ELIZABETH  
SON  
MARY

JESUS  
KINGDOM  
TOWN

JOSEPH  
DAVID  
ANGEL

BORN  
GABRIEL  
THRONE

AFRAID  
BIRTH  
VIRGIN



# An Angel Appears to Mary



## WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY

#### First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship with Baptism

### MONDAY

- 6:00pm** Worship Band Rehearsal

### 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 Group

### THURSDAY

- 6:00pm** Choir

### 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*)  
**2:00-5:00pm** Santa in the Park (*ERLC Caroling*)

### NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect  
**11:45am** Umbrella Meeting (Community Room)

## 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.

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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

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## ADVENT SCHEDULE 2023

The church season of Advent, made up of the four weeks prior to Christmas, has long been considered a season of waiting to celebrate the joyous incarnation of God in our world in the birth of Jesus. This year, as we explore traditional Advent scripture readings, we ask "Why Wait?" God, Emmanuel, is already loose in this world and so as the rest of culture celebrates the joy, togetherness, generosity, and hope of Christmas, so will we!

*Nov 26* - Hope Now - Advent 1

*Dec 3* - Beginning Now - Advent 2

*Dec 10* - Kids' Christmas Program - Advent 3

*Dec 17* - Comfort Now - Advent 4

*Dec 20* - Early Christmas Service

*Dec 24* - Christmas Eve

*Dec 31* - Lessons and Carols

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

*Dec 20* - Early Candlelight Service - 6:30pm

*Dec 24* - Christmas Eve Family Service - 10:30am

*Dec 24* - Candlelight Service - 2:30pm

*Dec 24* - Candlelight Service - 4:30pm

*Dec 24* - Candlelight Service - 10:00pm

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