

**December 3, 2023 • 8:30am**

***Second Sunday of Advent – Beginning 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, December 3</b>	<b>Next Sunday, December 10</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Stan and Diane Hahn	Elliot Pruchnik and Jenny Stanley
<b>Ushers</b>	John and Debbie Campbell	Jane and Chuck Cazett
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Linda Campbell	Mary Barthel
<b>Communion Servers</b>	John and Conni Natwick	Tom and Lorie Werk
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Jenny Stanley	Christine Hansen
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Julie Marie Haugen	Vicki Simpson
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Vicki Simpson	Jodi Rosati
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Levi Ethen	Hannah Boese
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Bennett Johnson	John Auel
<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 (#264) ***"Prepare the Royal Highway"*** <sup>v1, 3 & 4</sup>

Lighting the Second 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

Mark 1:1-8

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

(#249) ***"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"***  
<sup>v1, 3, 4, & 5</sup>

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

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

***"Holy, Holy"***

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

***"The Lord's Prayer"***

Lamb of God

***"Lamb of God"***

Communion Hymns

***"Child of the Poor" / "What Child is This"***  
( #257) ***"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"***

Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#290) ***"Go Tell It On the Mountain"***

Sending Dialog

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## LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

### PREPARE

There is no going back  
to the way things were,  
but rather a call to notice

which tools can be  
set down for awhile  
distributed again  
given freely  
or left to rust in piles  
of what is now finished.

Do not be rushed back  
into old systems that  
cannot begin to contain  
what is still coming.

*Ordinary Blessings for the Christmas Season*, by Meta Herrick Carlson, pg103



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

- 11/26 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
- 11/26 Baptism of Vylette, Aubrey and Myles Schneider.  
Parent: Megan Rinerson.  
Sponsors: Roger and Sharon Rinerson

### ***In Sympathy***

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

### ***For Support***

- Jared Stevens, had a friend pass away
- Those with mental health concerns and those who care for them.
- Jeanne Caswell, sister of Kevin Jenkins, needs a place to live

### **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*

### ***Health concerns***

- Norma Madsen, chemo cancer treatments
- Darrell Madsen, throat cancer treatment
- Garnet Novotny - cancer treatments
- Pat Kyro health concerns and recovery from surgery
- Kim Miller - cancer treatments (daughter of Tom and Marilyn Miller)
- Patty Sonneman, hospitalized and mass on brain. Aunt of Jenny Stanley
- Sara Anderson, Lorie Schulstad-Werk's sister
- Jared Stevens Mom's knee
- Jack Burris
- Jeanne Caswell, sister of Kevin Jenkins, mental health
- Elsie Provencher, back muscle spasms
- Tom Werk's brother Al Werk, recovering from cancer
- Dale Ziner, Achilles tendon repair
- Robin Skeie, cousin of Diana Schansberg, in bad car accident and in ICU
- Krista Schrock: recovery from hip surgery
- 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



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!





## 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!



THE PROGRAM THAT TEACHES YOU HOW TO  
*Take Control*  
**OF YOUR MONEY**  
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Sign up now at:



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# A Messenger Sent from God

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way."

Mark 1:2 (NIV)

Based on Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)



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

LOCUSTS	PATH	GOSPEL	VOICE	PROPHET
CALLING	HONEY	STRAIGHT	CHRIST	JOHN
REPENTANCE	PREACHING	RIVER	JESUS	DESERT
JORDAN	SANDALS	BAPTIZE	MESSENGER	CONFESS



*Color Me!*



**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

*Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4*

## WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY

#### Second Sunday of Advent

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

### MONDAY

- 10:00am** Hospitality Meeting  
**7:30pm** 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

- 3:00pm** Worship/Music Team Meeting  
**4:30pm** Generosity Team  
**6:00pm** Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal  
**6:30pm** Confirmation  
**6:30pm** High School Youth Group

### THURSDAY

- 10:00am** Genealogy Group (*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room*)  
**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*)  
**9:00am** Christmas Program Rehearsal

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### *Kids Christmas Program Festive Sweater Sunday*

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

## 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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**President:**

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Kent Larson

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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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