

January 7, 2024 • 8:30am

The Fire Within

**REKINDLING
FAITH
IN THE NEW YEAR**

*Rekindle the gift of God that is within you.
2 Timothy 1:6*



 **Elk River** ELCA
LUTHERAN
Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.



OF THE LAND AND SEASONS



A Quarterly Observance of Prayer and Holy Communion Drawn from Life on the Farm and Orchard

Based upon the ancient church tradition of quarterly observances known as the Ember Days, which celebrate the cycle of agricultural seasons, the themes and images developed in this service are those of life on the land tending, shepherding, planting, nurturing, protecting, reaping, training. These observances affirm the sacredness of the farm, orchard, and ranch, and the holiness of the calling to tend God's garden and produce food for the world. At the same time, those whose callings lie elsewhere are reminded of the commission shared by all Christians to be diligent in the preparation of soil and training of branches to plant the word, to nurture growth in grace, and to be good stewards of the gifts of the Spirit, as well as of the land.

The themes of the seasonal observances are not necessarily those immediately suggested by the season of the year. Rather, the themes are rooted in and derived from the life and work that are part of the agricultural vocation during each season, particularly in the Appalachian region from which this liturgy is derived.

Winter: pruning, discipline, training, maintenance and repair of equipment

Spring: soil fertilization and preparation, waiting in hope, the struggle of new birth, planting, germination, and pollination

Summer: nurture and protection of new growth

Fall: thanksgiving at the end of the year's harvesting, faithful stewardship, planning, preparation, planting for next year.

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, January 7 | Sunday, January 14 |
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| Greeters | John and Conni Natwick | Sean and Annika Gottschalk |
| Ushers | John Campbell and Herm Weidner | Vicki Simpson and Debbie Campbell |
| Scripture Reader | John Natwick | Babs Armagost |
| Communion Servers | Babs Armagost and Christine Hansen | John Barthel and Diana Schansberg |
| Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp | Jenny Stanley and Cale Stanley-Wornson | Michal Pruchnik |
| Communion Steward | Julie Marie Haugen | Larry Cook |
| Mid-Week Communion Fill | Vicki Simpson | Jenny Stanley |
| PowerPoint Operator | Hannah Boese | Levi Ethen |
| Soundboard Operator | Bennett Johnson | Henry Boese |
| 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

(#532) "Gather Us In" v1, 2 & 4

Litany of Warming

Song of Praise

"Above the Hills"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Matthew 5: 13-16

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Hymn of the Day

(#751) "Christ, Be Our Light"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

"The Lord's Prayer"

Lamb of God

"O Lamb of God"

Communion Hymns

"We Praise You for the Life"

"O Lord of the Blossom"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#677) "This Little Light of Mine"

Sending Dialog

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- So grateful for our Daughter Kim's recovery from surgery and all of the prayers. Marilyn and Tom Miller
- Baptism of Bjorn Shellum (Sponsors: Lindsey Rettmann and Carl Sandusky) and Jari Shellum (Sponsors: Charisa Flaherty and Joe Rohrer). Parents Thor and Heidi Shellum

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Shirley Hary
- Family and Friends of Robert Stricker, brother of the late Ronald Stricker
- Family and Friends of Al and Michelle Werk, brother and sister-in-law to Tom and Lorie Werk
- Family and Friends of Darrell Madsen
- Family and Friends of Stephen Lindberg
- Family and Friends of Carole White (Susan and Paul Hovde's sister-in-law and Doug White's wife).
- Family and Friends of Jack Burris

For Support

- Laura and Dan Kendall
- Melissa Muecke
- Harriet Eckland, sever dementia, difficulty communicating
- Those with mental health concerns and those who care for them.

Health concerns

- Jerry McCann, friend of Hartley and Kathy Dalhl
- Bev Burtness, stroke in December. Now in hospice.
- Al Kopp, foot infection and surgery
- Amy Schultz, surgery for breast cancer
- Shari Howland, lots of pain
- Kiley, husband to niece of Carol Roden needs a liver transplant
- Bill Brown, father to Pastor Anne Schaefer (recovery from hip replacement and fall)
- Nellie Taylor, foot surgery
- Steve Bucholz, at Courage Kenney Rehab
- Robin Skeie, cousin of Diana Schansberg, in bad car accident
- Norma Madsen, Cancer Scan
- Garnet Novotny - cancer
- 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
- 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



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:



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featuring
Brooklyn Big Band

ERLC YOUTH PRESENT
+ A FUNDRAISER EVENT

benefitting the
Youth Mission Trip

DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT,
DESSERT, SILENT AUCTION

20TH JANUARY, 2024



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TICKETS \$30
Use QR-Code or Bit.ly
to purchase tickets

Roaring 20s Theme

1920'S ATTIRE
ENCOURAGED
BUT NOT REQUIRED



Darrell A. Madsen

Friday, January 12th

Elk River Lutheran Church

- 11am: Celebration of Life
- Luncheon to follow Service

CALENDAR CHANGE

NO CONFIRMATION

*Wednesday,
January 10th*





Kids attend worship with their parents or other caring adults and then leave during the sermon for their own lesson, bible reading and prayer.

A great time to learn about God and make new friends!



Let Your Light Shine

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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2. 21-2-22-24-14 _____

3. 11-14-14-11-24 _____

4. 13-25-18-21-8 _____

5. 10-2-9-13 _____

6. 13-20-15-12 _____

7. 9-2-19-13-11 _____

8. 24-21-25-3-14 _____

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| LAMP | LIGHT | BOWL | GOOD | DEEDS |
| WORLD | CITY | MEN | HIDDEN | SHINE |
| PRAISE | HOUSE | FATHER | HILL | STAND |

Let Your Light Shine



WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

10:00am Hospitality Meeting
6:30pm Worship Band

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
6:30pm Mission Endowment Team Meeting
7:00pm AA Meeting (*Community Room*)

WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble Winter Party
6:15pm High School Youth to *Feed My Starving Children*
NO Confirmation

THURSDAY

Annual Reports Due at Noon

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

9:00am Women's Coffee (*Panera, Elk River*)
9:00am Men's Breakfast (*Coborns, Elk River*)
11:00am Darrel Madsen Celebration of Life

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

NEXT MONDAY

Martin Luther King Jr Day
Church Office is Closed

6:30pm Women's Monthly Bible Study (*Lower Level Quilting 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

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