

January 28, 2024 • 8:30am

Renewing Relationships and Community

REKINDLING FAITH IN THE NEW YEAR

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



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 28	Sunday, February 4
Greeters	Doug and Donna Mathison	Michal Pruchnik and Cale Stanley-Wornson
Ushers	Paul Hovde and Herm Weidner	Annika Gottschalk and Renee Thurmer
Scripture Reader	Paula Rose	Lorie Schulstad-Werk
Communion Servers	Jenny Stanley and Cale Stanley-Wornson	John and Conni Natwick
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Paula Rose	Vicki Simpson
Communion Steward	Vicki Simpson	Larry Cook
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Nancy Bock	Julie Marie Haugen
PowerPoint Operator	Mary Barthel	Christine Hansen
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

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

Litany of Warming

Song of Praise

"Glory and Praise to Our God"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Hymn of the Day

(#670) "Build Us Up, Lord"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

featuring the Riverside Ringers

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

"Holy, Holy, Holy One"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

"Jesus, Life-Giving Lamb of God"

Communion Hymns

(#374) "Day of Arising"

to the tune of "Morning Has Broken"

(#722) "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#774) "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

Sending Dialog

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Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Steve Bucholz, now home recovering

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Norma Madsen
- Family and Friends of Donald Olson, cousin of Linda Nielsen
- Family and Friends of Christopher Dronen, cousin of Kari Christianson
- Family and Friends of Jerry McCann, friend of Hartley and Kathy Dalhl
- Family and Friends of Beverly Burtness
- Family and Friends of Joann Walstad, Julie Marie Haugen's aunt

For Support

- There is a young mother and her children who have been living in an unhealthy and abusive situation. Please pray for their safety, guidance and help for the father to find his way to getting help.

Health concerns

- Linda Cheney
- John Severson
- Anne Stoltman, cancer
- Bonnie Swedal, cancer
- Pat Guimont
- Donn Granros
- Shari Howland, lots of pain
- Kiley, husband to niece of Carol Roden needs a liver transplant
- Robin Skeie, cousin of Diana Schansberg, now at Wellstead working to go home.
- Garnet Novotny - cancer
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Marie Abrahamsson, cancer, Pauline Kuhn's cousin
- 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

ANNUAL MEETING

• SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

• 9:30AM

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

• SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024, 9:30 AM

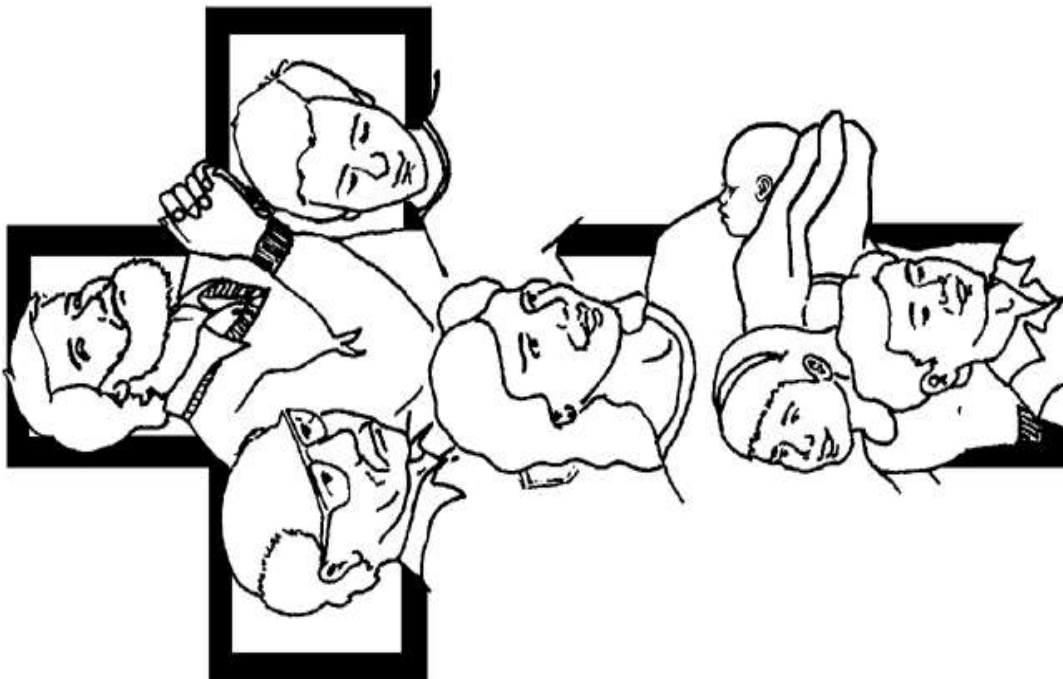
ANNUAL REPORTS available Sunday January 21
BOTH can be attended *In Person* in Sanctuary or *Virtually* via
Zoom using the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/733768254>



Many Parts, One Body

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

Baptism	Body	Brain
Ears	Eyes	Feet
Hands	Head	Knees
Nose	Spirit	Toes



Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.
1 Corinthians 12:27

News & Opportunities



Meals on Wheels this February

Elk River Lutheran will be delivering meals for Meals on Wheels weekdays throughout the month of February. Pickup Meals daily at 10:30am, and delivery is about an hour. If you are interested in helping out for a day, or a week, **volunteer by reaching out to:** Barb Overbye: 612-799-5929, boverbye@gmail.com; or Linda Felska: 763-242-5319, thefelskas@aol.com



Kid's Connect This Sunday

This is a great time to learn about God and make new friends! Kids attend worship with their parents or other caring adults and then leave during the sermon for their own lesson, bible reading and prayer.

Volunteers Needed. Sign up at bit.ly/35cEYQb



RIC Celebration - Sunday, Feb. 4th at Both Services

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday is an annual worship celebration created to share in the commitment our organization and partnering faith communities have in the ongoing work of welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy of LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church. Guest preacher: Pastor Andrea Bonneville-DeNaples



Ash Wednesday and Soup Supper, February 14th

Wednesday February 14th starts the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm. Before this is our annual Soup Supper at 5:30pm. **Sign up today** to bring soup for this meal at bit.ly/2024LentMeals

Dinner Church Returns Wed. February 21st

Wednesdays in Lent are a time when we gather together for worship and fellowship. During the Lenten season you are invited to join us for Dinner Church (February 21, 28, March 3, 10 & 17), an experience that combines a meal, fellowship, and worship into one shared experience. Dinner Church begins at 6:00 PM in the Community Room. You'll probably want to arrive ten to fifteen minutes early and find some people to sit with. Each week volunteers help get things set up, bring portions of the meal, and clean up afterward. We work together to make these gatherings happen and experience great fellowship together. I hope you'll join us! **Sign up today** to bring part of the meal at bit.ly/2024LentMeals



Genealogy Group meets this Thursday, Feb 1st

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.

This Week at Elk River Lutheran

SUNDAY

RIC Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Annual Meeting
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

MONDAY

7:30pm Worship Band

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)
Mission Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief. All skill levels welcome.
10:00am Text Study (*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*
7:00pm AA Meeting (*Community Room*)

WEDNESDAY

4:30pm Generosity Team
6:30pm High School Youth
6:30pm Confirmation

THURSDAY

10:00am Genealogy Group
(2nd Floor Conference Room)
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Financial Peace University Class

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*)
Find a link at:
<https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>

NEXT SUNDAY



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



New Grief Group: Journey Through Loss

Loss of any kind can be difficult, but you don't have to go through it alone. Death, divorce, job changes, empty nesting, impaired physical abilities...whatever you are experiencing, come meet with others on the journey through grief and study the book of Ruth together. Led by Pastor Anne and other experienced Grief Ministers, this study will happen for 5 weeks on Mondays from 6:30-8pm, Feb 19th - March 18th. All are welcome, no cost.



High School Retreat: Last Day to Register Mon. 2/5

This High School Retreat will be at Luther Crest Bible Camp. We will leave Elk River on Friday February 9th and return Sunday, February 11th. We'll lodge in cabins, play outside, drink hot cocoa around a fire and more! Don't miss this chance to get to camp!

Meet the Staff

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Meet the Church Council

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Mark Johnson

Sue Hales

Julie Marie Haugen

Conni Natwick

Jeff Schrock

Jennifer Stanley

Tom Werk

Confirmation Links



Confirmation Worship
Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer
Form

2023 Year End Giving Statements were emailed out to 2023 Givers on Thursday January 18th in the afternoon. It was only emailed to one member of the household. Check your spam/junk folder if you cannot find it. It came from linda@elkriverlutheran.org

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