

February 4, 2024 • 8:30am

Faith with Room For ALL

TRIC CELEBRATION SUNDAY

**REKINDLING
FAITH
IN THE NEW YEAR**



Elk River ELCA
LUTHERAN

Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.



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, February 4 | Sunday, February 11 |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Greeters | Michal Pruchnik and Cale Stanley-Wornson | Herm and Bev Weidner |
| Ushers | Annika Gottschalk and Renee Thurmer | Tom and Lorie Werk |
| Scripture Reader | Lorie Schulstad-Werk | Kari Christianson |
| Communion Servers | John and Conni Natwick | Babs Armagost and Mary Barthel |
| Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp | Vicki Simpson | Dixie Rud |
| Communion Steward | Larry Cook | Julie Marie Haugen |
| Mid-Week Communion Fill | Julie Marie Haugen | Jenny Stanley |
| PowerPoint Operator | Christine Hansen | 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

Reading of the ERLC RIC Statement

Gathering Hymn

(#641) "All Are Welcome"

With ERLC Choir, Kerry Livingston and Noelle Kuitunen-Johnson

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Glory and Praise to Our God"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Luke 10:25-37

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Andrea Bonneville-DeNaples

Hymn of the Day

(#726) "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

"Welcome to God's Love"

featuring the ERLC Choir with Lisa Griffin

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

"Holy, Holy, Holy One"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

"Lamb of God"

Communion Hymns

(#715) "Christ Be Our Light"

(ACS #1041) "God is Love"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#841) "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Sending Dialog

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Prayer Requests

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

- ERLC adopted an updated RIC statement at the January 28th annual meeting.
- The backlighting of the cross on the altar has been fixed!

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

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
- 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

Elk River Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and is committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith, centered in the good news of Jesus Christ. Therefore, in faithfulness to the Gospel and consistent with our Mission Statement, to the best of our ability, we promise to provide worship opportunities, programs, ministries, leadership opportunities and pastoral care to all who seek God in this place.

As a safe community striving to serve God and neighbor, we welcome and affirm people of any race, ethnicity, age, gender identity and expression, marital status, family structure, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, national origin, immigration status, and/or socioeconomic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people.

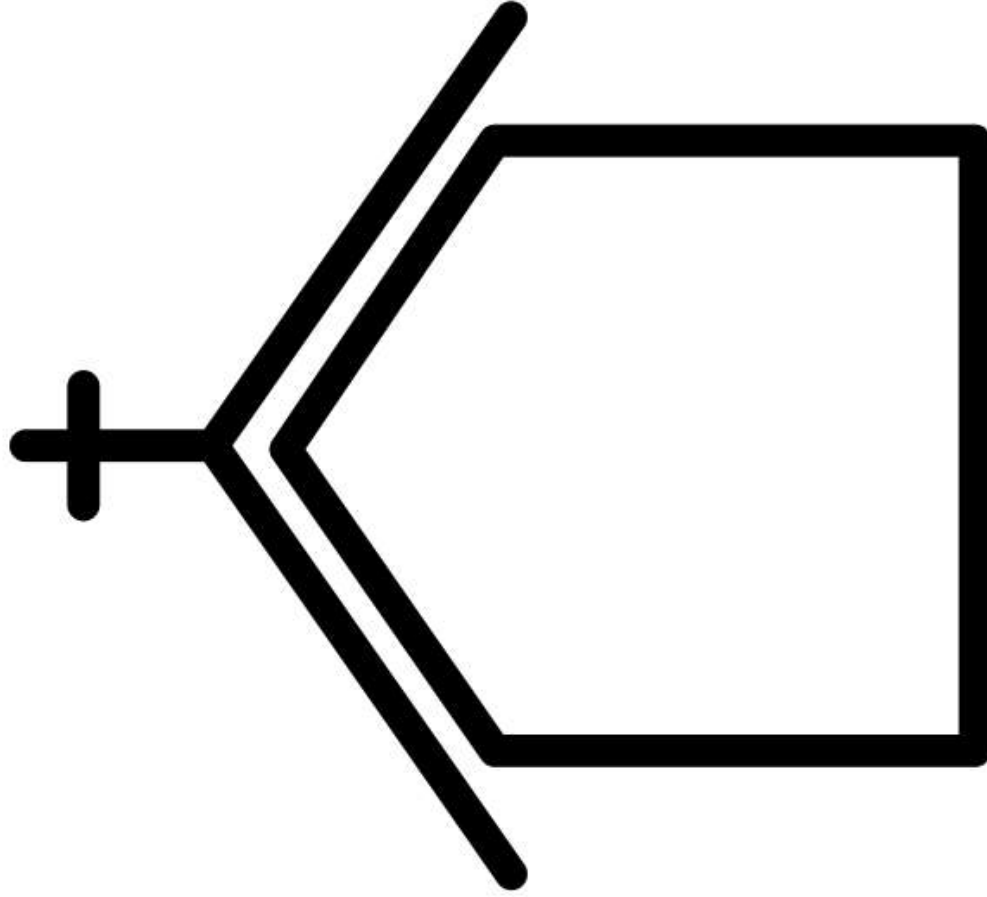
We are committed to racial equity, working towards racial justice, and being inclusive in what we do and who we are. As we strive to better appreciate the mysteries of God's teachings, we are challenged by Christ to care for, love, understand, and listen to each other.

We want to be a sanctuary where all are welcome to participate fully in the life of Elk River Lutheran sharing their own unique gifts, whatever identity you claim or claims you. We are committed to learning and growing together.

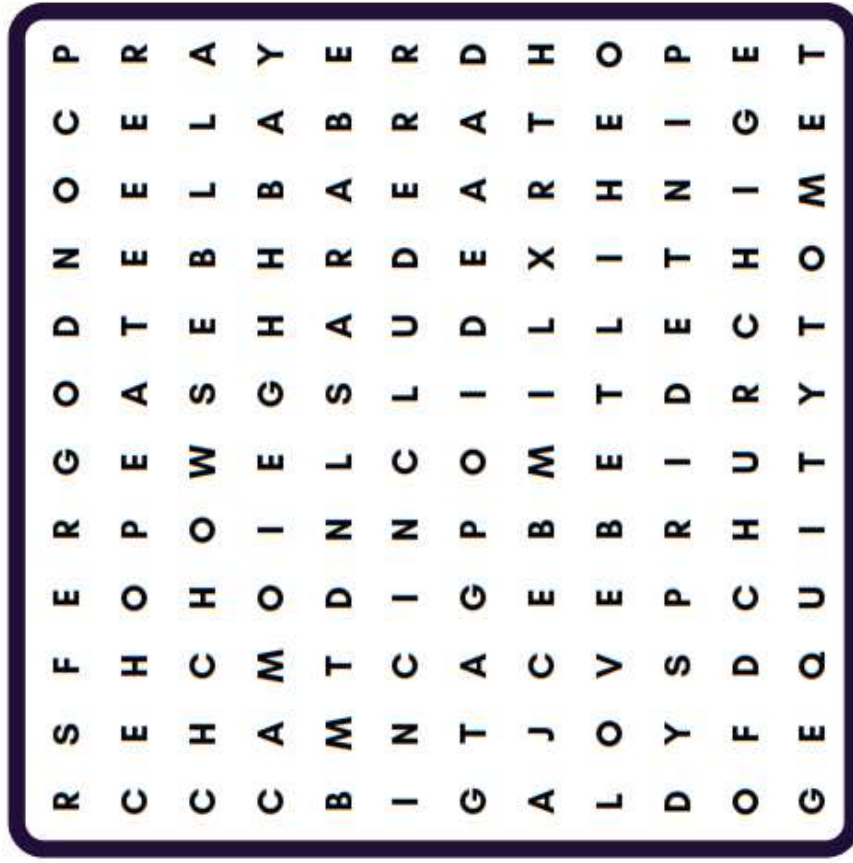
RIC Sunday Word Search



WHAT MAKES YOUR CHURCH SPECIAL?



DRAW AND COLOR YOUR FAVORITE THING
ABOUT YOUR CHURCH.



JOY EQUITY INCULDE PRAYER
 GOD HOPE PRIDE CHURCH
 LOVE CELABRATE RECONCILING WELCOME

News & Opportunities



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.



Hospitality Team meets this Monday

Meeting at 10 am the First Monday of the Month in the Lower Level Quilting Room. This Team's mission is to create an atmosphere of fellowship and community. Team serves all areas of food related events and provides seasonal decorating in those areas of the church where fellowship occurs. New team members are welcome. Feel free to contact Linda in the Office, Barb Overbye or Gwen Krizek.



Worship Volunteers for Weekday Services

Feb 14-March 29

Please visit elkriverlutheran.org for available slots for weekday Lent Worship services such as Ash Wednesday, First Communion during Dinner Church, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Thank you!



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 6, 13 & 20), 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



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 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.

This Week at Elk River Lutheran

SUNDAY



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

MONDAY

10:00am Hospitality Team (Lower Level Quilting Room)
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*
6:00pm Riverside Ringers Rehearsal
7:00pm AA Meeting (Community Room)

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm High School Youth
6:30pm Confirmation

THURSDAY

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Financial Peace University Class
7:00pm DEI/SJ Task Force

FRIDAY

High School Winter Retreat Leaves

9:00am Women's Coffee (Panera, Elk River)
9:00am Men's Breakfast (Coborns, Elk River)
1pm Memorial Service for Norma Madsen

SATURDAY

8:00am Men's Bible Study (Zoom Bible Study)
Find a link at:
<https://www.elkrivertlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>

NEXT SUNDAY

High School Winter Retreat Returns

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



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!



Middle School Retreat: Last day to register Mon 2/19

This Middle School Retreat will be at Camp Onamia. . We will leave Elk River on Friday, February 23rd and return Sunday, February 25th. This retreat will spice up your life a bit with an awesome weekend filled with fun, friends and outside play in the winter wonderland.

Meet the Staff

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Matt Glasoe

Amy Anderson

Zoey Day

Sue Hales

Kelli Horner

Conni Natwick

Jeff Schrock

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