

*February 18, 2024 • 8:30am*

*First Sunday of Lent - Altered In the Margins*



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# **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, February 18</b>	<b>Sunday, February 25</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Sharon Emerick and Chuck Hulse	Jane and Chuck Cazett
<b>Ushers</b>	Michal Pruchnik and Cale Stanley-Wornson	Bev and Herm Weidner
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Carol Black	
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Vicki Simpson	Julie Marie Haugen and Paul Hovde
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Cale Stanley-Wornson	Barb Burandt
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Dale Ziner	Babs Armagost
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Paula Rose	Shirley Schmidt
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Christine Hansen	Emma Anderson
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Emily Rotz	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)*



## Prayer Requests

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

- 🥳🍰 Join us in wishing Ron Westrum a Happy 80th Birthday 🏠🎂 (Feb 22nd)

### **In Sympathy**

- Family and Friends of Bernadine Seitz, grandmother of Austin Batula
- Family and Friends of Renee DuLuney Nevison, niece of Deb and Greg Pouliot

### **For Support**

- Ruth Ann Cook



### **Health concerns**

- Dan Ludden, terminal pancreatic cancer. Lifelong friend of Chris Brown's family
- Robin Skeie, cousin of Diana Schansberg
- Crystal Taylor
- Judee Snell, friend of Marianne Jackson. Major back surgery, Feb 6
- Linda Cheney
- John Severson
- Pat Guimont, surgery 2/19
- 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](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*



## The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



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CLOTHING	SINS	JESUS	WILD
LOCUSTS	WATER	RIVER	BAPTIZED
SPIRIT	CONFESS	HONEY	JOHN

JESUS' BAPTISM

# News & Opportunities



## *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.



## *Women's Monthly Bible Study - Feb 19 @ 6:30pm*

This group follows the Women's ELCA magazine "GATHER". This month's study is entitled "Creatures: Our siblings in Praise and Trust" is by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. The group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month at 6:30pm in the Lower Level Quilting Room. All are welcome.

## *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 event 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 **Sign up today** to bring part of the meal at [bit.ly/2024LentMeals](https://bit.ly/2024LentMeals)

## *Third Graders receive Bibles, Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**(Either Service, Class after 2nd service)**

All 3rd graders are invited to come to church on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to receive a new Bible. Students are welcome at either service. **Immediately following the 2nd service, we'll have a Bible Instruction Class with Pastor Anne.** This class will spend time talking about the Bible, its purpose, and how to use it. We strongly request that each student and at least one parent attend this class. **Please RSVP to Pastor Anne by Sunday, February 25th** so we have enough bibles for all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

## *1st Communion. March 20<sup>th</sup> during Dinner Church*

First Communion Service will be Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> during Dinner Church. Each child (with at least one parent) participating in First Communion must attend the education and instruction class. 2 options to attend: (a) 3/13 7pm-8pm; or (b) 3/17 11:30pm-12:30pm. RSVP to Pastor Anne by March 10th



## *This Week at Elk River Lutheran*

### SUNDAY

8:30am Traditional Worship (No Kids Connect)  
9:30am Fellowship Hour  
10:30am Contemporary Worship (No Kids Connect)

### MONDAY

6:30pm Grief Group: A Journey Through Loss  
(First Floor Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 Women's Monthly Bible Study (Lower Level Quilting Room)

### 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  
6:30pm Church Council  
7:00pm AA Meeting (Community Room)

### WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY  
6:00pm Dinner Church

### THURSDAY

4:30pm Generosity Team Meeting  
6:30pm Financial Peace University Class

### FRIDAY

**Middle School Retreat Leaves**  
9:00am Women's Coffee (Panera, Elk River)  
9:00am Men's Breakfast (Coborns, Elk River)

### SATURDAY

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Middle School Retreat Returns**  
**Kari Christianson**  
**Concordia College Called To Serve Award**  
8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect  
9:30am Fellowship Hour  
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

## *Worship Volunteers Needed*

1st Communion Dinner Church 3/20; Maundy Thurs 3/28; Good Fri 3/29

Please visit [elkriverlutheran.org](http://elkriverlutheran.org) for available slots for weekday Lenten Worship services such as Ash Wednesday, First Communion during Dinner Church, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Thank you!



## Meet the Staff

### **Pastor Nathan Mugaas**

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### **Nursery Attendants:**

Clara Anderson, Emma Anderson  
and Amy Brown

## Meet the Church Council

**President:**

Kent Larson

**Vice President:**

Tom Werk

**Treasurer:**

Julie Marie Haugen

**Secretary:**

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## **Elk River Lutheran Church**

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am – 4 pm; Fri Closed