

February 25, 2024 • 8:30am
Second Sunday of Lent



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of belonging



 **Elk River** ELCA
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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 25	Sunday, March 3
Greeters		Christine Hansen and Sue Hovde
Ushers	Annika Gottschalk and Herm Weidner	Amanda Lemire and Tom Werk
Scripture Reader	John Barthel	Babs Armagost
Communion Servers	Karen Acers, Julie Marie Haugen and Paul Hovde	Christine Hansen and Dale Ziner
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Barb Burandt	Jenny Stanley
Communion Steward	Babs Armagost	Larry Cook
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Shirley Schmidt	Christine Hansen
PowerPoint Operator	Emma Anderson	Audrey Horner
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

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise (p 139)

"Lord God, Heavenly King"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Acts 8:26-40

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

(#644) ***"Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

"The Water is Wide"

featuring the Riverside Ringers

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy (p 144)

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns

(#334) ***"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"***

(#656) ***"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"***

(#327) ***"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"***

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#670) ***"Build Us Up, Lord"***

Sending Dialog

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Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Kari Christianson has received the Called to Serve Award from Concordia College, Moorhead. The Called to Serve Award is conferred upon alumni who have demonstrated notable commitment to the mission of the college through lifelong service to their faith communities, education, arts or other not-for-profit activities.

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Delphine Ode, sister of Kathy Dahl
- Family and Friends of Lindsey Dunn, niece of Pat and Paula Donnelly
- Burnsville Police, Fire and Ambulance Depts and their Families and Community

For Support

- Niece of Pam and Ron Black struggling with marital and mental health challenges
- Ruth Ann Cook

Health concerns

- Sara Anderson, cancer/chemo, sister of Lorie Schulstad-Werk
- Jared Steven's mom, in hospital
- 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
- 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

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Ethiopian	Insider	Outsider	Powerful
Wealthy	Religious	Temple	Exclusion
Belonging	Philip	Scriptures	Question
Baptized	Jesus	Call	World
Suffering	Work	God	Locus
Vocation			



Philip told about Jesus. Acts 8:35

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.

Dinner Church Wednesdays at 6pm During Lent

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

Third Graders receive Bibles, Sunday March 3rd

(Either Service, Class after 2nd service)

All 3rd graders are invited to come to church on Sunday, March 3rd 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 3rd graders.

1st Communion. March 20th during Dinner Church

First Communion Service will be Wednesday, March 20th 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

Worship Volunteers Needed

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

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



This Week at Elk River Lutheran

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**

MONDAY

6:00pm Worship Band Rehearsal

6:30pm Grief Group: A Journey Through Loss
(First Floor Fellowship Hall)

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

6:00pm Dinner Church

THURSDAY

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

Middle School Retreat

8:00am Men's Bible Study (*Zoom Bible Study*)

Find a link at:

<https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>

8:00am BellFest for Riverside Ringers (*North Heights Church, Arden Hills*)

NEXT SUNDAY

3rd Grade Bible Milestone (Both Services)

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect

9:30am Fellowship Hour

**10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids
Connect**

11:30am 3rd Grade Bible Instruction Class

Meet the Staff

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Amy Anderson

Zoey Day

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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