

**April 07, 2024 • 8:30am**  
*Holy Humor Sunday*



 **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](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, April 7</b>	<b>Next Sunday, April 14</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Babs and Alec Armagost	
<b>Ushers</b>	Annika Gottschalk and Renee Thurmer	Jane and Chuck Cazett
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Hannah Boese	Christine Hansen
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Larry Cook	Julie Marie Haugen
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Don Anundsen, John and Debbie Campbell	Tom and Lorie Werk
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Jenny Stanley	Dixie Rud
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Julie Marie Haugen	Nancy Bock
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Dale Ziner	Levi Ethen
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>		Henry Boese
<b>Switcher Operator</b>	Bennett Johnson	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)*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## ***The Gathering of God's People***

Welcome

Sharing of Jokes

Gathering Hymn

***(#836) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"***

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

***"I've Got the Joy...Down in My Heart"***

## ***The Word of God Proclaimed***

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Sharing of Jokes

Scripture Readings

John 21:1-14

Sermon

*Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Hymn of the Day

***"Take Time to Be Funny"***

## ***Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God***

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering of Jokes

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Songs

***"Give to Us Laughter"***

***"Beautiful Day"***

*to the tune of "Silent Night"*

Communion Blessing & Prayer

## ***The Sending of God's People***

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

***"Go Tell It on the Mountain"***

*Easter version with kazoos*

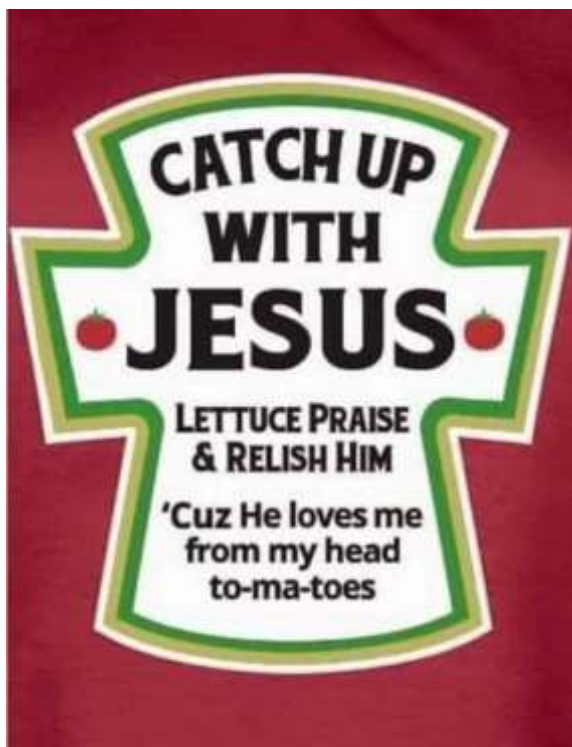
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Holy Humor Sunday is a tradition that goes way back. The early Greek Christians started this Easter custom as a way of celebrating Christ's resurrection. The Bible tells us "for every-thing there is a season... a time to weep and a time to laugh." (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4) Easter is a time of joy when we can even laugh in the face of death, because of Jesus's victory over death.

History tells us that churches in 15th century Bavaria celebrated the Sunday after Easter as Risus Paschalis ("God's Joke" or "the Easter Laugh"). Priests would tell jokes and funny stories to highlight the joy of the resurrection. Following worship churchgoers and priests would play practical jokes on each other, drench each other with water, tell more jokes, sing and dance. The celebration of Risus Paschalis was officially outlawed by Pope Clement X (also known as Pope Party-poofer) in the 17th century. There wasn't a theological problem with the tradition, it seems that revilers were just having a little too much fun. We hope today's worship is a fun and reverent celebration of Easter. God raised Jesus from the dead, this is a cause to celebrate and laugh.



So technically Moses was the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.





## Prayer Requests

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

- Jesus Christ is Risen!! Alleluia 🌸🦋
- ERLC people attending the Civil Rights Tour in Alabama through Sunday April 7
- Friend of Jim and Vicki Simpson, 3<sup>rd</sup> bout of cancer, had surgery on 4/3 and all cancer was removed!

### **In Sympathy**

- Family and Friends of John Severson's sister
- Family and Friends of Irene Peck. Grandmother of Jeff Schrock
- Family and Friends of Nancy Naig
- Family and Friends of Cynthia Day, mother of Justin Day
- Family and Friends of Jenny Stanley's Uncle Don who passed away from Covid Pneumonia
- Family and Friends of Tony Guimont, Patrick Guimont's younger brother
- Family and Friends of Dan Ward
- Family and friends of Family and Friends of Vello John Maegi. ERLC hosted the Dare Funeral Luncheon on Fri. March 22
- Family and Friends of Richard, Linda Campbell's brother-in-law

### **For Support**

- Ruth Ann Cook
- Jenny Stanley's Aunt Patty whose husband passed, and is still dealing with brain tumors
- Belair-Johnson Family from Zimmerman that lost their home and all possessions in a fire the morning of March 25. (Matt & Katie, Chris, Nate, Lucas, Nicole, & Michael)

### **Health concerns**

- Julie Marie Haugen
- Gary Chouinard, brother of Paul, fell and broke hip.
- Shelly Huffman, friend of Karen Acers
- Richard Reiman, brother-in-law of Phyllis Scroggins and Barbara Burandt
- Sherrill Dale, hospice from pancreatic cancer. Niece of Nancy Etter
- Brian Anderson
- Mother and Brother of Jared Stevens
- Bill Cordell, kidney cancer, friend of Mark and Fran Johnson
- Mary Wells, in hospice
- John Severson
- Garnet Novotny - cancer
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Fonda Whalen, dementia
- Bonnie Swedal
- 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
- 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*



## *Life Groups begin the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>*

We are forming Life Groups (small groups that meet weekly for 6 weeks) to discuss each week's sermon topic. LIFE Groups provide a great opportunity to get to know people at the church, while having some good intentional conversation. Go to [elkriverlutheran.org](http://elkriverlutheran.org) and scroll down to the bottom of the page to register if you are interested in being part of a group. If you are already part of a group, please also sign up and tell us about your group and who is in it.

## *Are you our next New Member?..Join Our Church!*



To do so, we ask that you attend a New Member Orientation Class and complete our new member forms found at the top of [elkriverlutheran.org/forms](http://elkriverlutheran.org/forms). To sign up, let us know on the connection form with your bulletin or send an email to [linda@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:linda@elkriverlutheran.org). Sunday, **April 21<sup>st</sup>** at 9:30am: *New Member Orientation*; Sunday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>** *New Member Sunday with Fellowship (choose the worship service that works for you)*

## *CYF Night: Call to Care For God's Creation*

**Wednesday, April 24: 6pm – 7:45PM**

Join us to welcome a special speaker, Heidi Ferris, as she shares stories through a Lutheran lens. We will then participate in activities around Native Prairie Plants, connecting with Minnesota's history and the beauty of God's Creation. Join us for a night of inspiration and connection!

## *Cup of Cheer: A "Churchy" Comedy Show & Sing-along*

**Monday April 29 at 6pm at Pour Wine Bar & Bistro**

Pastor Nathan combines his favorite parts of church and comedy to create a night of laughter and community. *Cup of Cheer* will include singing (ala Beer & Hymns), engaging storytelling, crowd interaction, funny skits, and stand-up comedy, featuring local comedian Trever Anderson as headliner.

Join us at Pour Wine Bar & Bistro for this wonderful night of fun and togetherness.

Tickets are \$15, with proceeds from the event going to support CAER, our local food shelf. Door open at 5:15PM with the show going from 6:00PM-8:00PM, including an intermission. Capacity is limited, so get your tickets here today: [bit.ly/cupofcheer24](http://bit.ly/cupofcheer24)

## *Varty's Greenhouse Fundraiser: May 5<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm*

### **Fundraiser for the 2024 High School Youth Mission Trip**

We'll gather at the greenhouse, and sing our hearts out while purchasing beautiful plants! A huge THANK YOU to Varty's for hosting us and making a generous donation to ERLC youth as they prepare for the summer mission trip.

## *Save the Date: ERLC Block Party - Sunday May 19*

**Joint Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30am followed by Block Party from 11am-1pm**

Once again we will kick off the season by worshipping outdoors and throwing a party for our community. Food, Games, Live Music, Bounce House and Entertainment for All



## *This Week at Elk River Lutheran*

### SUNDAY

 **Holy Humor Sunday** 

*Civil Rights Trip Returns*

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

### MONDAY

10:00am Hospitality Meeting (*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*

7:00pm AA Meeting (*Community Room*)

### WEDNESDAY

2:00pm Mission Endowment Team Meeting  
6:30pm Confirmation  
6:30pm High School Youth

### THURSDAY

10:00am Choir Rehearsal

### 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>

12:00pm Nancy Naig Memorial Service  
(Visitation 2 hours prior)

### NEXT SUNDAY

**LIFE Groups Start**

**Installation of Church Council**

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



## *Understanding Estate Planning and Elder Law: Presentation and Dinner*

**Wednesday, May 15 | 6:30pm**

**Guest Speaker: Steve Helseth** (Estate Planning Attorney from Bolt Law Firm in Anoka)

In this presentation, Steve will cover the basics of wills, trusts, health care directives, powers of attorney, probate, and elder law. With elder law, Steve helps people understand what elder law is and when you should call an elder law attorney. This can be a very valuable presentation for those later in life, making sure they have the right plan in place when leaving a legacy to their loved ones, charities or organizations. It can also be a great opportunity for people with aging parents to learn what they need to know.

This is a free event sponsored by the ERLC Mission Endowment Fund, but spaces are limited, so please register today at [bit.ly/3PvyBFA](http://bit.ly/3PvyBFA)

## Meet the Staff

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**Secretary:**

Matt Glasoe

Amy Anderson

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Conni Natwick

Jeff Schrock

## Confirmation Links



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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