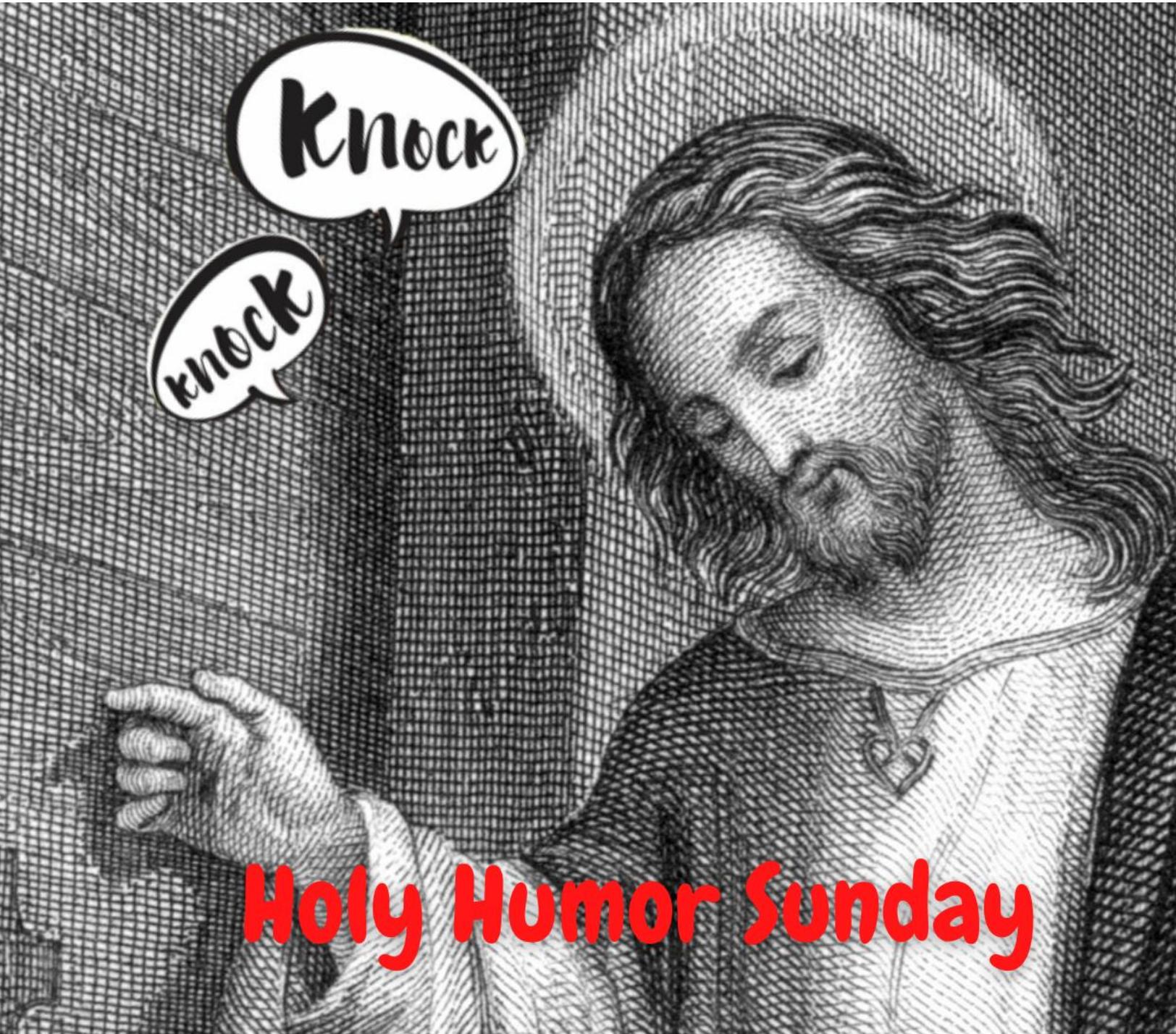
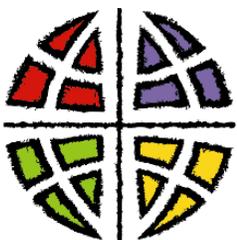


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Holy Humor Sunday*



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Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
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Starting April 18

4 Ways to Attend Worship

Sundays at 9:30 am

ONLINE OPTIONS



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Sunday Worship @ 9:30 AM on Public Facebook Page



Sunday 9:30am Worship



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING SONG:

“This is the Day”

This is the day,
(This is the day)
That the Lord has made,
(That the Lord has made);

We will rejoice,
(We will rejoice)
And be glad in it,
(And be glad in it);

This is the day
That the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be
glad in it.

This is the day
(This is the day)
That the Lord has made.

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“Acme Excavating. Faith speaking.”

“I’ve Got the Joy (Down in my Heart)”

VERSE 1

I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart.
I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

CHORUS

And I'm so happy, so very happy.
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!
And I'm so happy, so very happy.
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

VERSE 2

I've got the peace that passes
understanding
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart.
I've got the peace that passes
understanding
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

I've got the wonderful love
of my Blessed Redeemer
Way down in the depths of my heart,
Down in the depths of my heart,
Down in the depths of my heart.
I've got the wonderful love
of my Blessed Redeemer
Way down in the depths of my heart,
Down in the depths of my heart to stay

CHORUS



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

None of us likes to look foolish, but which is sillier? Chasing after the world and all its gaudy trinkets which flatter our souls, or being a 'fool for Christ', imitating him in service to others, offering ourselves in love and joy to the world? Let us confess to God the foolish choices we make each and every day,

You know better than we do, Amused God, what important people we believe we are. Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to the despair which is our best friend, we ignore Jesus.

The Gospels tell us over and over again of the joy which comes to us through Christ. Through Jesus lives are changed, sins are forgiven, the sick are healed, the sorrowful begin to laugh with joy. The dead are raised to life. The good news is that this joy is now given to us.

**Ha, ha, ha! We are loved by God!
We are forgiven by God!
Death will not have the last laugh with us!
Amen!**

JOKE TIME

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."



²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

REFLECTION:

SONG OF THE DAY: "Sing a Happy Alleluia"

VERSE 1

Sing a happy alleluia,
sing it out with heart and style—
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.

REFRAIN

Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!

VERSE 2

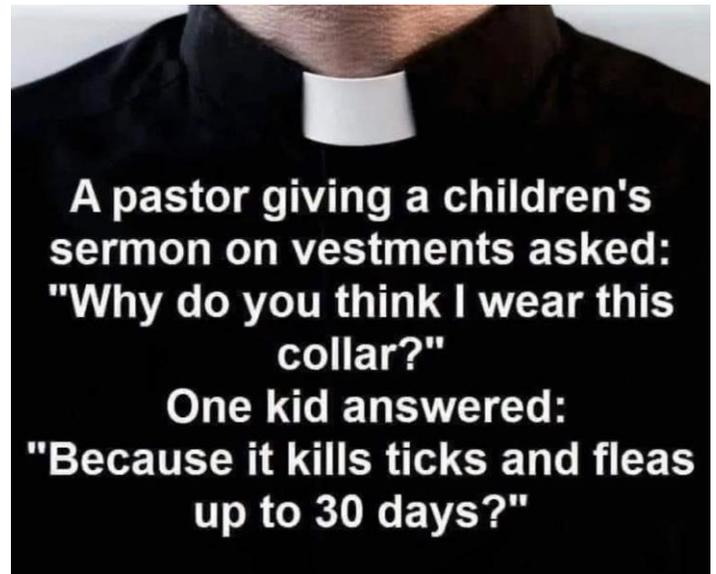
We're the proof of God's good humor,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light an dspace to fly.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

et us give thanks to the Lord our God.

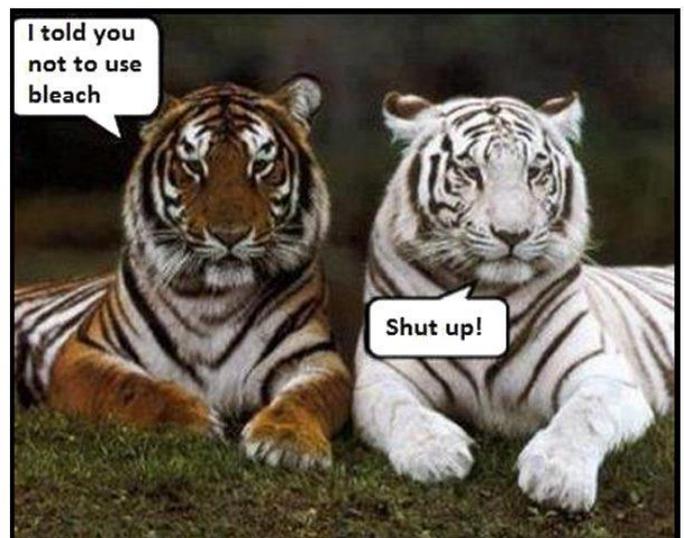


REFRAIN

VERSE 3

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children—
so is life for us enhanced.

REFRAIN



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our
sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the
witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

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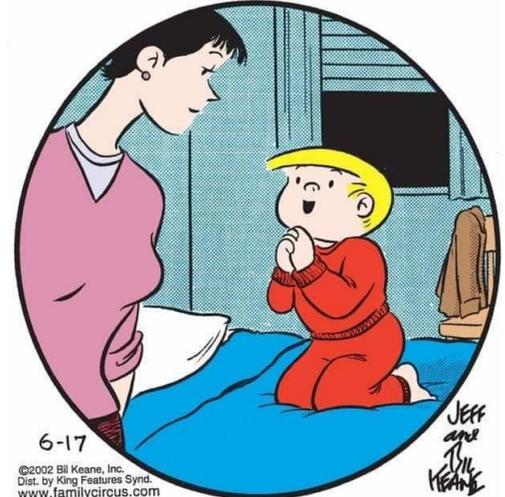
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



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“Sayin’ ‘Amen’ is like pressing the
‘SEND’ button for your prayers.”

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

As our prayers rise up, may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Strengthen
you and keep you in God’s grace.
Amen.

OFFERING



Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (Easter Version)

CHORUS

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus is alive.

VERSE 1

While soldiers watched the
gravesite
that quiet Sunday dawn
there came a big commotion
and then the storm was gone.

CHORUS

VERSE 2

The women found no body
their spices to anoint;
instead they found an angel,
God's message to appoint.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Go from where He isn't
to where He said He'd be.
An Easter-time reunion:
the hills of Galilee.

CHORUS



SENDING

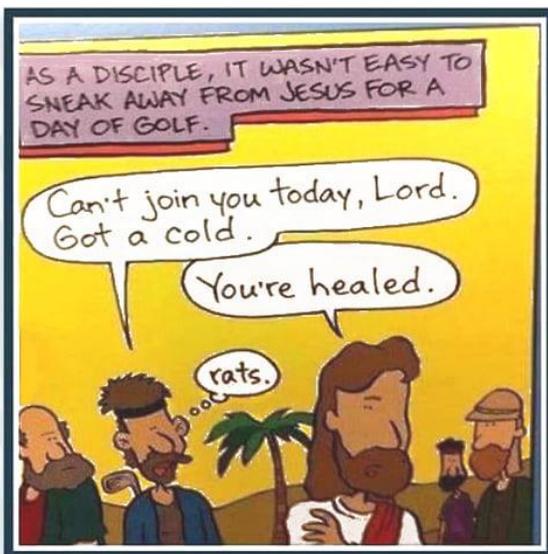
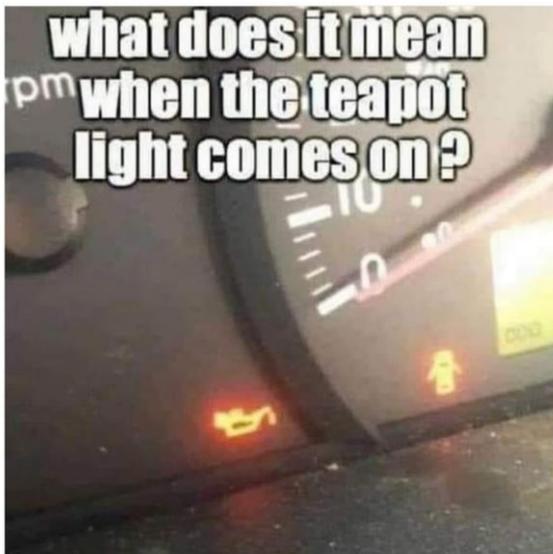
"Go in peace, share the good news
"We will, thanks be to God!"

POSTLUDE

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"Good morning, everyone. I brought doughnuts."





PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- COVID-19 vaccines are becoming available.

For Support:

- Nick and Rachel Brisson, friends of Taylor Quinn
- John Ernst and Carol Black
- Linda and Mike Cheney
- Jan Bucher
- All military personnel and their families

In Sympathy:

- Family and friends of Nancy Scott, sister of Bonnie Swedal
- Family and friends of James Powell, husband of Lael Powell

Health concerns:

- Jim Jones, father-in-law of Taylor Quinn
- Carol Sindelir
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Mike Cheney, continued healing from stroke
- Larry Wokson, severe burns (cousin of Karen Froelich)
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde
- Erich VanRyn

Prayer Concerns: can be shared by contacting
Linda in the church office at linda@elkriverlutherna.org
or by visiting the church website at www.elkriverlutheran.org/prayer-requests.html

Generally, names will run for 3 weeks. If more time is needed, please call the church office

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY April 11

9:30am – Worship Service (Online)
10:30am Third Sacrament: Fellowship
Time (*Zoom Worship*)

TUESDAY April 13

9am – Quilting

WEDNESDAY April 14

3pm – Worship/Music Team Meeting
6:30pm – Confirmation
7:30pm – High School Youth Group

THURSDAY April 15

10am – Thursdays with Taylor
(*Facebook Live*)
4pm – Musicians' Happy Hour (*Zoom*)

SATURDAY April 17

8am - Men's Bible Study
(*Zoom Bible Study*)

NEXT SUNDAY April 18

9:30am – Worship Service
(*Drive-In and Online*)
6:30pm – Gen to Rev Bible Study
(*Zoom*)

NEXT MONDAY April 19

6:30pm – Women's Monthly Bible
Study (*ERLC Community Room*)



The Third Sacrament:

40 Minutes of Fellowship

- **Where:** On Zoom Worship Channel
- **When:** After Worship (when there isn't Drive-In service)
- **What:** informal check-ins, question of the day, and of course, coffee!



Third Grade BIBLES

presented Sunday April 25 @ 9:30 Drive-In Worship

Photo and fun short lesson following worship.
Registration form found on elkrivelutheran.org
under Children, Youth and Family Ministries

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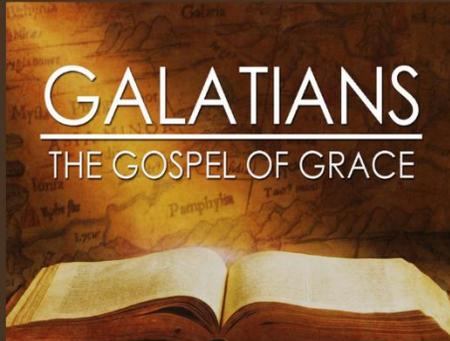
Pre-Work at Home
May 23rd: In person experience with Pr. Nathan
June 6th: 1st Communion
(June 13th - rain date if needed)

Visit elkrivelutheran.org,
Children, Youth and Family Ministries page.



Genesis to Revelation

APRIL 18TH, 6:30PM



Paul's letter to the Galatians wrestles with law and gospel. One convicts and the other sets free. Join us as we explore how the ministry of Jesus liberates us from sin and frees us to live in community together.

Join us at <https://zoom.us/j/733768254>



Women's Bible Study

3rd Monday of the Month at 6:30pm



Winter 2021:

"Journey with angels" by Christa von Zychlin

SESSION TOPICS:

January 18: Looking up—New beginnings, awe full, awesome angels

February 15: Repentance and route-changing angels

March 15: Loneliness, abandonment and holy comfort

April 19: Feasting angels

Meeting in the lower level community room



**Thursdays
with Taylor**

Thursday mornings @ 10
Facebook LIVE
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THURSDAYS ON ZOOM @ 4PM

MUSICIANS' HAPPY HOUR

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IF YOU'RE A MUSICIAN AT ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH, JOIN US FOR AN HOUR
OF CATCHING UP AND CONNECTING