

Trusting in God's grace,
An accepting, joyful community,
Calling and growing followers of Jesus
Who live in the Spirit,
serving God and neighbor.

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

We are in a season of recreation, new life and excitement at Elk River Lutheran Church. With Spring and Easter there is a new excitement in God's world.

- Flowers are about to bloom
- The sun is shining with warmth and inviting new life
- Children are again playing outside
- Everywhere I go there are walkers, joggers and people excited they can soon drive with the top down
- And even here at the church there is expectation
 - New members will be received this month
 - The congregation is taking over the mortgage from the Mission Investment Fund is in its initial steps ... you're all grown up now
 - The call committee is faithfully working towards providing the church with a new pastor who will lead the congregation into a new future
 - Worship is full ... as the snowbirds have returned
 - Ministries continue to grow

Jesus offered all that he had to offer us new life. The disciples had to figure out how to become the new leaders of an emerging faith community without Jesus. The world was blessed in a new way ... new life and eternal life was offered to all. Elk River Lutheran is part of that faith journey.

Now you trust in God as you prepare for a new pastor and that God will continue to bless you. This faith community has already been blessed beyond imagination. When you needed God gave the leadership that led you into this day – both pastoral and lay leadership that shared giftedness, energy and faith. You have never been alone in this journey to be a congregation and a blessing to Elk River.

*Trust, Believe, Hope, Expect the Miraculous ...
Walk as God's children knowing God is leading you!*

To God be the Glory!
Pastor Heidi

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President's Message

Spring is knocking and so is Easter. As we move thru Holy Week we experience the bitter sweetness of the Last Supper, the pain of the crucifixion of Jesus and then the joy of the Resurrection on Easter. It occurs to me that this Holy Week is not unlike our journey here at Elk River Lutheran. On Easter we will experience Jesus raising up and then during the month of April returning to challenge the disciples to trust him and spread his word. With that thought in mind -

From JESUS Calling:

REJOICE AND BE THANKFUL! As you walk with me through this day, practice trusting and thanking Me all along the way. Trust is the channel through which My Peace flows into you. Thankfulness lifts you up above your circumstances. I do My greatest works through people with grateful, trusting hearts. Rather than planning and evaluating, practice trusting and thanking Me continually. This is a paradigm shift that will revolutionize your life.

Philippians 4:4 Psalm 95: 1-2, Psalm 9:10

It is my prayer for us all at Elk River Lutheran Church that we be thankful for what we have and trust that the Spirit is guiding us and taking us to levels that we have not yet imagined.

Kim Hauger

Elk River Lutheran Church Council President

The Call Committee has received from the Synod profiles of five candidates for the position of a new, permanent pastor. Each of the candidates look good in their respective profile. We discussed them in our last meeting, and interviews are scheduled for the latter part of April. The Committee continues to ask for prayers that we select the correct person.

Treasurer's Report

3 YEAR MONTHLY GENERAL OFFERING INCOME COMPARISON

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>
2014 – 2015	\$35,961.51	\$41,867.35	\$25,167.05	\$29,780.31
2013 – 2014	\$28,652.25	\$47,448.52	\$26,593.51	\$25,022.51
2012 – 2013	\$31,773.72	\$48,645.40	\$23,615.83	\$27,498.50

2014 July-February general giving total: \$249,633.28

2013 July-February general giving total: \$242,063.91

2012 July-February general giving total: \$249,595.69

*** If you have any questions regarding giving, please contact Diane Harding (763-428-4876) or Loren at the Church office.

Thank you for your generosity – we are truly blessed ☺

Diane Harding

Elk River Lutheran Church Council Treasurer

Children, Youth & Family

Thanks to all who said “yes” to being a Mentor for our young people! I’ve heard fabulous comments from both youth and adults, and it was a joy to watch the interactions. You’ve built vital, life-long relationships that are a wonderful example for the entire ERLC community.

Confirmation resumes Wed., April 8, 6:30pm

Youth in grades 7-12: We have reserved spaces for a YouthWorks trip to the Quad Cities (IA/IL) the week of June 21-26. Cost is \$350, and we have a number of fundraising opportunities and scholarships available. If you have not signed up and are interested, do so NOW or Kari will release the open spots! Thanks.

Detroit ELCA Youth Gathering participants planning meetings: Sunday, April 19 at 9:45am.
Meet in Kari’s office.

LAST SUNDAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL will be May 17 with a special congregational celebration, “Growing in Grace.” The Sunday School children will also be singing in worship on that Sunday (at the end of first service and the beginning of second).

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Team meeting, Monday, April 13, 6:30pm.
Interested? We laugh more than ANY other ministry team!!! We’d love to have you join us.

Seuss on the Loose VBS!”

Vacation Bible School dates:
Joint Elk River VBS, Aug. 3-6, 9am-noon
Evening ERLC family VBS, Sunday nights in August

“Once Upon a Parable” final rehearsals:

Easter Sunday, April 5
No rehearsal

** OFF BOOKS from this point on!

Sundays, 11:45-1:00pm
April 12, 19, 26

The final stretch—off books, full props:

Sunday, May 3, 11:45-1:00pm
Wednesday, May 6, 6:30-8:00pm
Full dress rehearsal, closed

Friday, May 8, 7:00pm
Full dress rehearsal, open

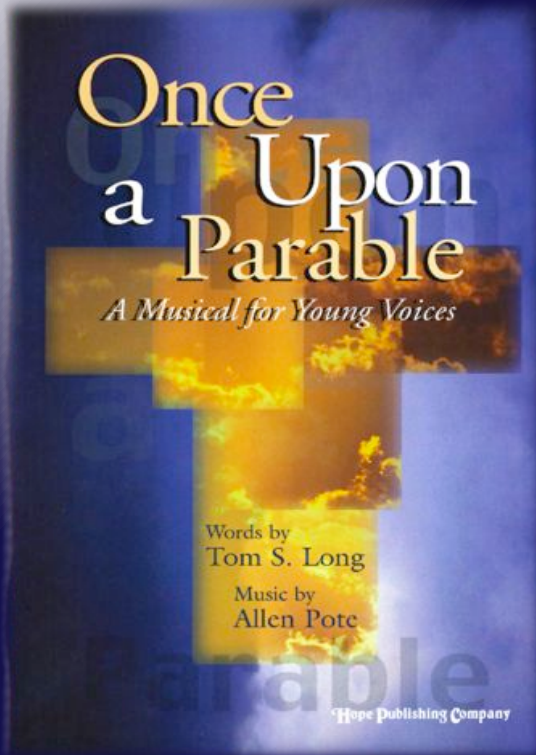
Saturday, May 9, 7:00pm
Public performance

Sunday, May 10, 8:15am and 10:30am (Mother’s Day) ERLC worship



First Communion Students

- * Jason Frederick Wingard
- * Lindsay Adlai McAuley
- * Abigail Grace Schwarze
- * Hunter James Wolcenski
- * Carter Matthew Lessard
- * Ian Aaron Lessard
- * Matthew James Hanrahan
- * Miles Joseph Anderson
- * Anika Lynn Austvold



YOUTH MUSICAL

- Dessert performance
Saturday, May 9
7:00pm
- Worship experiences
Sunday, May 10
8:15am and 10:30am

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Maunday Thursday

April 2, 7:00 p.m.

April 3, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday

April 5, 2015

Easter

7:00 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

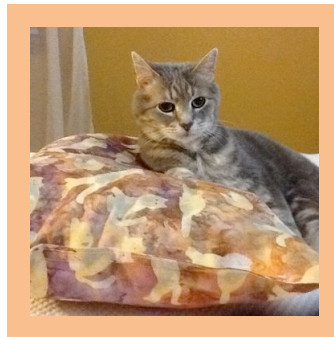
Announcements

Quilters

Thank you – This is our stash!

The quilters of Elk River Lutheran would like to thank the congregation for their donations of fabric. Since October 5, 2013, we have produced 75 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Along with other countries, we have been notified that Syria has been a recipient of our quilts.

Looking for a way to give back to our church, family “pet pillows” will be available for free. Just tell Phyllis Scroggins if you would like one. They have been “tested and approved” by Gracie the cat.



Matching Funds

An anonymous donor has offered to match funds donated towards the youth trip to Quad City. All funds will be matched up to \$500, through the end of May.

Save the Date

ERLC will be sponsoring a hole during the 8th Annual CAER Classic Golf Tournament on June 17, 12:00 shotgun start. If you are interested in participating, please contact Joe Livingston or Loren Green



New Members Class

will be held on April 19
11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
(lunch included)

New Members will be received the following Sunday, April 26 at both the 8:15 and the 10:30 services

Please let us know if you are interested in becoming a new member!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <p>8:15am - Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Improving Your Serve</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am - Praise Band Worship</p> <p>11:45am - CYF Rehearsals</p> <p>7pm - Fellowship Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30pm - CYF Meeting</p> <p>7pm - Men's Bible Study @</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting Group</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Bible Study @</p> <p>1:30pm - Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm - Finance meeting @</p> <p>7pm - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir/Praise Team</p> <p>6pm - Worship Committee</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm - Confirmation</p> <p>6:30pm - Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm - Highschool Youth</p> <p>8pm - Adult Faith Formation</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7pm - 1st Communion</p> <p>7pm - Maundy Thursday</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Meeting @</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7pm - Good Friday Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8am - Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>7am - Sunrise Service</p> <p>8:15am - Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am - Praise Band Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Roden Baptism</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Church Office CLOSED</p> <p>5:30pm - Hospitality Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Facilities Meeting -</p> <p>7pm - Men's Bible Study @</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting Group</p> <p>10am - Caring Faith Meeting</p> <p>1:30pm - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - New Members Team</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6pm - AA Meeting @</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Meeting @</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Meeting @</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8am - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>1pm - Hove - Community</p> <p>7pm - LOLCB Event</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:15am - Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Improving Your Serve</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am - Praise Band Worship</p> <p>11:45am - CYF Rehearsals</p> <p>7pm - Fellowship Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Thomas Jefferson's Birthday</p> <p>6:30pm - CYF Meeting</p> <p>7pm - Men's Bible Study @</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting Group</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Bible Study @</p> <p>1:30pm - Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm - Finance meeting @</p> <p>7pm - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm - Confirmation</p> <p>6:30pm - Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Executive Council</p> <p>7:30pm - Highschool Youth</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Meeting @</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8am - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Kim Vernon - Community</p> <p>8am - Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:15am - Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:45am - CYF Detroit</p> <p>10:30am - Praise Band Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Young Baptism</p> <p>11:45am - CYF Rehearsals</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7pm - Men's Bible Study @</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting Group</p> <p>1:30pm - Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm - Council Meeting @ Room</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm - Confirmation</p> <p>6:30pm - Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm - Highschool Youth</p>	<p>23</p> <p>2:30pm - Thrivent</p> <p>6:30pm - Thrivent @</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Meeting @</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8am - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:15am - Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am - Praise Band Worship</p> <p>11:45am - CYF Rehearsals</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7pm - Men's Bible Study @</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting Group</p> <p>1:30pm - Staff Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm - Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Meeting @</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>

Easter Flowers

In Celebration Of:

- * Extended Hary Family – Shirley Hary
- * Faith – Carla & Murray McNair
- * Our loved ones – Hans & Nettie DuBois
- * Our grandkids – Duane & Pat Clear
- * Our children and grandchildren – Russ & Barb Overbye
- * Family – Donna Varty
- * Children & grandchildren – Liz Kremer & Gary Ristau

In Memory Of:

- * Our parents – Rick & Mary Hansen
- * Our parents – Don & Linnea McRae
- * Our grandson Michael – Les & Phyllis Ferguson
- * James & Lois Conrath – Mike & Laura Babneau & family
- * All loved ones – Pat Baysinger
- * Tom – Carla & Murray McNair
- * Loved ones – Howard & Marlyne Dalzell
- * Loved ones – Wayne & Ruth Traaseth
- * Mom, dad, and brother – Brian & Linda Felska
- * Neil Dietz – Delphine Dietz
- * Our parents and brothers & sisters – Win & Audrey Causby
- * Our parents – Robert & Virginia Nelson
- * Our loved ones – Hans & Nettie DuBois
- * Tom & Katie Klein, and Raddie Clear - Duane & Pat Clear
- * Our parents – Russ & Barb Overbye
- * Peter Okali & Wayne Ende – Mike Ende
- * Loved Ones – Liz Kremer & Gary Ristau
- * Jane Carlson (grandmother) and Iona Omnaas (great-grandmother) – Abby Fritschel
- * My parents and my son and daughter – Shirley Hary
- * Loved ones lost – Wolcenski family
- * Loved ones – Donna Varty



