

***February 14, 2018 • Ash Wednesday***

***What’s Love Got to do With It?***

Welcome to all.

We are so glad you have chosen to join us for worship.

Elk River Lutheran Church is a forward-thinking congregation, striving to create community that brings joy and hope. Worshipping together since December 2009, we believe that all people are welcome in the Lord’s house, to hear the Word, share the Sacraments, and be strengthened for the life of faith.

We are a child friendly congregation and 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) in the far corner of the fellowship hall.

Please take a moment to sign the worship registration slip and place it in the offering plate. We hope and pray you have a wonderful worship experience here today and invite you to join us again.

**Parent Night Out**

**Feb. 16th @ 5pm**

**Adult Faith Formation is offering a 7week Bible Study on the Apostles Creed and Small Catechism. Sunday, Feb 18th between services. (Held upstairs at ERLC)**

**Club 56 (5th & 6th graders) Gathering**

 **Feb. 23rd**

**6:30pm-11pm**

**1st Communion Class, Sunday, Feb. 25th @ 11:30am**

***The Gathering of God’s People***

Welcome & Community Announcements

Gathering Hymn (*#188) “Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

Love Litany

Lenten Hymn (*#631) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

***The Word of God Proclaimed***

Reading Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Gospel Acclamation *(p. 142b)*Gospel Mark 12:28-31

Children’s Message

Sermon **Pastor Nathan Mugaas**

Lenten Hymn (*#666) “What Wondrous Love is This”*

Reading Psalm 51:1-17

Offering

Offertory *“What’s Love Got to Do With It”*

Invitation to Lent *(p. 252)*

Confession of Sin *(p. 252)*

Imposition of Ashes *(p. 254)*

Bidding Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

***The Sending of God’s People***

Blessing of Congregation

Sending Hymn  *(#325)* *“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”*

Sending Dialogue

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**Office Hours**

Church Office Hours: M-Th 9am–4pm, F Closed

Sermons and Bulletins posted online at

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Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday on February 14th** (Valentine’s Day).  We’ve chosen to lean into this rare pairing of Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day with the theme

“What’s Love Got to Do with It?”

 Scripture readings, music, and the message will explore God’s love for us and how that shapes our mortal and eternal lives.

The subsequent Wednesdays will have a different schedule and flow.  We’ll be embracing a new “**Dinner Church**” model for **Wednesday night worship in Lent (2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21)**.  We will gather in the community room at 5:30pm and the next hour will be filled with a meal, music, scripture, and conversation.  Since this is a new program for us we’ll be learning as we go, so please come and share your thoughts as we embrace this way of experiencing life and faith together.



**Serving Us Today**

**Soup Dinner: Kathy Hanning, Laura Wolcenski, Larry & Jean Cook, Chris & Jennifer Wornson, Conni Natwick, Kelli Horner, Kerry Livingston, Karen & David Rogers, Brian & Cathy McFarlane, Toby Moe, Donna Mathieson, Sondra Dickman, Dorothy Westrum, Vicki Simpson, Pam Johnson, Tom & Lorie Werk, Carol Vikstrom, Diana Schansberg, John & Erin Pelletier, Cassidy Wolcenski, Jacob Walberg, Vaughn & Michele Smith, and Mike Roden**

**Greeters……………………………...Milo & Kari Christianson**

**Ushers……………………………………Joe & Gabe Livingston**

 **Ashlyn Ditschler & Kassandra Angrimson**

**Lector…………………………………………… Phyllis Scroggins**

**Musicians………………………………………..Chuck Anderson,**

 **Kara Hennig & Ron Sass**

**We are praying for…**

**Health concerns:**

Alexander Otey-Wold, grandson of Cyndi & Steve Ganzkow-Wold

Carol Sindelir

Ray Daniels

Hazel Norris, a baby that suffers from seizures

Gary Ristau

Joan Campbell

Brad Hansen

Kaye & Larry Vaske

Pastor Cyndi Ganzkow-Wold

Christy Boese’s father, Harry Roninson, Jr. who recently suffered a stroke

Harv Torkelson, who has cancer

**In Sorrow:**

Daniels family in the passing of Marge Daniels

John Severson in the passing of Margaret Severson

Chris Wornson and family in the passing of his grandmother, Nancy Ann Knudson

**For Support:**

Melissa Coon’s Mother as she is struggling with memory loss

**Supporting members & families of armed forces...**

**Thursday, February 15th**

6:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

7:00 pm The Way Out

**Friday, February 16th**

5:00pm Parent Night Out

 **Saturday, February 17th**

8:00 am Men’s Bible Study

9:30 am LOLCB Rehearsal

**Sunday, February 18th**

8:15 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am LIFT!

9:45 am Worship Band Rehearsal

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

**Monday, February 19th**

6:30pm LOLCB

**Tuesday, February 20th**

7:00am BNI

9:30am Bible Study

9:30am Quilting

5:30pm LOLCB

6:30 pm Council Meeting

**Wednesday, February 21st**

7:30 am Opportunity

5:30pm Dinner Church

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

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**Prayer Concerns:** can be shared by writing it on your registration slip, contacting the church office at ***(763) 595-1216*** or by visiting the church website at [www.elkriverlutheran.org/prayer-concerns](http://www.elkriverlutheran.org/prayer-concerns)

*Generally, names will run for 3 weeks.*

 *If more time is needed, please call the church office.*