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Elk River Lutheran Church

Newsletter

President's Message

With the Lenten season behind us I would like to take this time to THANK everyone involved. This includes all the cheerful people who put on the weekly Soup Suppers, the many folks who make the Wednesday service happen and all who contribute to Easter Sunday Service. It is ALWAYS such a meaningful season.

I would also like to thank Taylor Quinn, our Music Director, for all the wonderful music that all the choirs have been putting out. The mixing of the young and not so young is really delightful. It seems he keeps finding new ways to cultivate and pull talent from our congregation, and we are truly blessed to have him!

Just a reminder that on May 7th there will be a Vitality survey during both services. This is a really important tool for us to tell the leadership just how you think things are going and which direction we should be headed. It's hard to steer a boat if you don't know where you're going. So please come and participate and make your feeling known.

In the coming months you may see some new signage around the building and outside. It's been brought to our attention that although most of the veteran members know their way around it can be very confusing to new member and visitors.

Once again I would like to invite all members to come and watch your council at work. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month. We like input from everyone and you could see all the REALLY neat graphs and charts that Adam Horner, our Treasurer, puts together to show exactly how we are doing financially. You are also invited to visit any committee meeting and see how they operate and if maybe you would like to join. It doesn't obligate you and you could come away thinking, gee I would like to be a part of that. Please check out the Church Calendar on our website to find out when the different teams meet.

Sincerely,
Greg Pouliot

Save the Date!

Vitality Survey
May 7, 2017
During both services we will take a little time to complete the survey.

Varty's Fundraiser
May 7, 2017
Please join the youth at Varty's Greenhouse from 5-7pm, as they sell flowers and plants for Summer Camps.

Memorial Day
May 29, 2017
Elk River Lutheran Church Office Closed

Pastor's Message

I invite you all to join us in worship on May 7th to take the Congregational Vitality Survey. Now I know what you might be thinking, "A survey? That doesn't sound very exciting." While I admit that taking the survey might not be the most exciting thing you do in 2017, the information we as a congregation can garner from having you participate and how that information can shape our vision forward… that is exciting! At least I'm excited about it!

The Congregational Vitality Survey is a tool put together by the ELCA to help "take the temperature" of the congregation and help us determine what things we are doing well and what areas we could improve. But this isn't just about "strengths and weaknesses." It is about discovering how God has uniquely gifted Elk River Lutheran and it's people to be a positive force in this community. In this survey you'll be asked to share your perspective on and experience with Elk River Lutheran Church.

After we complete the surveys on May 7th, they will be mailed in to be tabulated, once we have the results a representative from the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA (our synod), will meet with our church council to help us interpret the results. Then we'll share the information with the congregation as a whole.

This survey is an exciting step toward determining a long-range vision for Elk River Lutheran Church's future. So please, be here May 7th and complete a survey.

Peace,
Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Treasurer's Report

With the first quarter of 2017 in the books, I want to give an update on the finances of the church. Thank you to everyone for your generous gifts to the church and to everyone one on our ministry teams and staff who are continuing to do a great job controlling expenses. As a result we have a budget surplus of $12,668 as of the end of March.

The congregation approved a 2017 budget of $425,500 at the annual meeting, which required a $17,000 increase in giving over our 2016 income. As of the end of March, giving is tracking to very close to 2016 and has exceeded expenses so far this year, as indicated by the current budget surplus. However, the budget forecast includes an increase in expenses over the rest of 2017 as we grow our programs and our staff with a CYF leader and a nursery attendant.

Assuming income continues to track similarly to 2016 and expenses follow the budget, projections show a deficit range of $15,000 to $21,000. Please prayerfully consider additional financial contributions to support our mission of trusting in God's grace, an accepting, joyful community, serving God and neighbor.

Respectfully, Adam Horner

March 2017 Financials
March Expenses: $29,913.92
March Income: $31,969.13
Building Fund Balance: $97,317.47
Dedicated Fund Balance: $37,160.08
YTD Expenses: $90,945.80
YTD Income: $103,614.57

Thanks from the Music Ministry!

This month I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the music ministry from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. There was a lot of hard work and time put in, and everyone did a fantastic job sharing their musical talents: Bea, Sunday School kids, Choir, Worship Band, Kara Hennig, Patty Herbert, JaneAnn Settergren, Kate Kremer, the Instrumental Ensemble, and the Handbell Ensemble. With your participation we understand more fully the journey our Savior endured and conquered. Thank you!

This month we will continue to celebrate Easter, all the way to Memorial Day weekend. The choir will be preparing pieces throughout the month, and the Worship Band will be leading some new songs for you to sing. ANF will be leading the 1st Sunday of May at the 10:30 service. Mother's Day Sunday will be special for both services as the Sunday School sings, and our musical men sing something special for their loved ladies.

Enjoy your spring!

Music Ministry Thought for the Month…"Bach gave us God's word. Mozart gave us God's laughter. Beethoven gave us God's fire. God gave us music that we might pray without words."

See you Sunday,
Taylor

Genealogy Group

Interested in your ancestry? Where you come from? Then this is the group for you! The Genealogy Group has recently changed the day we meet to Thursdays. We will meet once a month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 4th from10:00am-noon in the conference room. The purpose of this group is to help people get started on researching your own genealogy. The group is open to anyone. Please join us!
Diana

Dare's Pre-planning Info Meeting

We can never be fully prepared for the death of a loved one. Taking the time now to make advance funeral directives, while we have the time to consider every option, can remove a significant amount of emotional, even financial stress that every family must eventually face.

To learn more about the spiritual, emotional and financial considerations in connection with funeral planning, please join us at the End-of Life Informational Workshop.

Thursday, May 11, 2017
10am or 6pm
Elk River Lutheran Church
Pre-register by calling the church 763-595-1216 or email at elkriverlutheran.info@gmail.com

Trailer Use for Members

Elk River Lutheran owns an enclosed trailer (6'x12') that is available to members for moving or secure hauling. It has a rear ramp door and side door for easy loading. If you would like to reserve the trailer, please contact Ron Westrum at: 763 441-4297. There is a donation suggestion of $10 for use of trailer.

Children, Youth and Families

Varty's Youth Fundraiser

Join us Sunday, May 7th from 5:00-7:00pm at Varty's Greenhouse for a fun fundraiser to help fill your flower pots and gardens. Jill Varty, a member of ERLC, opens her greenhouse to all ERLC members and friends for special hours. Children and youth from ERLC will assist you in carrying and loading flowers and plants you purchase, and a portion of the proceeds go to helping pay for summer camps and trips.

Children, youth, and parents attending summer camps or trips should plan to arrive at 4:00pm, and the event begins at 5:00pm.

Year End Sunday School Celebration and Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14

Sunday School kids will sing at both services and need to arrive by 9:00am. Between services Sunday School families will be invited to enjoy the regular coffee hour goodies and then head down to the Community Room and participate in a rotation of three activities (including creating a gift for mothers!). Then kids sing again at the beginning of the 10:30am service. This will be a fun morning. Thanks for a great year of Sunday School!

Senior Sunday- June 4

We will celebrate with our graduating high school seniors Sunday morning, June 4th. We're inviting seniors to be present and recognized at the end of the first service (arrive by 8:50am) and the beginning of second service, as well as a reception during the coffee hour. Graduating seniors will receive a letter in the mail explaining these details. If you didn't or you know a graduating senior from ERLC that didn't, please contact the church office.

CYF Staff Update

Following a time of review and study, including the two congregational forums and input from the CYF Team, Pastor Nathan and the Council Officers are in the process of creating a new job description for CYF staff. Please watch for future updates (hopefully in the next month) and if you know of anyone who you think would be a good fit in the position pass their name on to Pastor Nathan.

8:15 SERVICE	5/7/17	5/14/17	5/21/17	5/28/17
GREETERS				
	Chuck Cazett	Mike Malinoski	Jerry Jackson	Kari Christianson
	Jane Cazett	Diane Malinoski	Marianne Jackson	Milo Christianson
USHERS				
	Julie Haugen	Ruth Traaseth	Ed Shellum	Bill Mealio
	Jerry Jackson	Wayne Traaseth	Deb Shellum	Shirley Mealio
	Barb Overbye	Dave Stadden	Chuck Naig	Jim Ernhart
	Russ Overbye	Vance Zehringer	Cedric Olson	Mary Ernhart
LECTOR				
	Dale Ziner	Rich Swanson	Conni Natwick	Vicki Granros
STEWARD				
	Pam Blacl	Don Wille	Jim Acers	Pam Black
COMMUNION				
SERVERS	Jim Hecker	Liz Kremer	Julie Haugen	Cedric Olson
	Kelli Horner	Conni Natwick	Vicki Simpson	Marlys Olson
	Marianne Jackson	John Natwick	Kelly Otto	Diane Malinoski
BASKETS				
	Grant Lundquist	Audrey Horner		Vailet Ktemer
	Vailet Kremer	Katherine Horner		Katherine Horner
COMMUNION				
FILL	Barb Burandt		Delphine Dietz	Adam/Kelli Horner
TREATS COORD.	**Sandy Krumwiede**	**Charee Wagonfeil-Cain**	**Toby Moe**	Jennifer Tesdahl

10:30 SERVICE	5/7/17	5/14/17	5/21/17	5/28/17
GREETERS	Debby Pouliot	Emily Spaniol	Mary Hansen	Lee Davies
	Greg Pouliot	Michelle Spaniol	Judy Lipka	Peg Davies
USHERS	Judy Lipka	John Auel	Don McRae	Matt Spaniol
	Becca Weber	Sarah Auel	Paul Chouinard	Michelle Spaniol
	Tom Wingard	Carolyn Mitzuk	Darin Dalzell	Paul Baumgarten
	luAnn Wingard	Madison Mitzuk	Keith Quammen	Rick Bock
LECTOR	Grace Livingston	Amelia Weber	Betty Zehringer	Martha Hippe
STEWARD	Brad Tesdahl	Darin Dalzell	Rich Swanson	Toby Moe
COMMUNION	Nancy Bock	Jackie Anderson	Jackie Anderson	Rich Swanson
SERVERS	Kerry Livingston	Sue Sass	Greg Pouliot	Betty Zehringer
	Joe Livingston	Janelle Dalzell	Debby Pouliot	Vance Zehringer
BASKET	Amelia Schwarze	Isaiah Budish	Erin Auel	Matthew Katner
HOLDERS	Abigail Schwatze	Ariah Budish	Faith Dahlheimer	Nevaeh Katzner
COMMUNION	Nancy Bock	Debby Pouliot	Mary Forster	Toby Moe
CLEAN-UP			Donna Varty	Marilyn Miller
COMM. PREP	**May 1- May 6**	**May 8- May 13**	**May 15- May 20**	**May 22- May 27**
(MID-WEEK)	**Vicki Simpson**	**Pat Clear**	**Jana Lundquist**	**Shirley Schmidt**

Elk River Lutheran Church, CYF Events, Holidays in United States

May 2017 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 10am - Hospitality 6:30pm - Facilities	2 7am - BNI 9:30am - Bible 9:30am - Quilting 1:30pm - Staff 6pm - LOL CB	3 7:30am - Opportunit 6:30pm - Choir 6:30pm - Rehearsal -	4 10am - Genealogy 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Worship 7pm - The Way Out	5	6 8am - Men's Bible 9am - LOL CB
7 Congregational 8:15am - Traditional 9:20am - New 9:30am - Rehearsal - 9:30am - Sunday 10:30am - Contempo 1pm - Umbrella	8	9 7am - BNI 9:30am - Bible 9:30am - Quilting 1:30pm - Staff 6pm - LOL CB 7pm - Women's 7pm - Women's	10 7:30am - Opportunit 5:30pm - Worship 6:30pm - Choir	11 10am - DARE Pre- 6:30pm - Worship 7pm - The Way Out	12	13 8am - Men's Bible 9am - LOL CB
14 Mother's Day 8:15am - Traditional 9:30am - Rehearsal - 9:30am - Sunday 10:30am - Contempo	15 6:30pm - Council	16 7am - BNI 9:30am - Bible 9:30am - Quilting 1:30pm - Staff 6pm - LOL CB 6:30pm - Church 6:30pm - Council	17 7:30am - Opportunit 6:30pm - Choir	18 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Worship 7pm - The Way Out	19	20 8am - Men's Bible 9am - LOL CB
21 8:15am - Traditional 9:30am - Rehearsal - 10:30am - Contempo	22 6:30pm - CYF Team	23 7am - BNI 8:30am - Word of 9:30am - Bible 9:30am - Quilting 1:30pm - Staff 6pm - LOL CB	24 7:30am - Opportunit 8:30am - Word of 6:30pm - Choir	25 6:30pm - Worship 7pm - The Way Out	26 8am - Educational	27 8am - Men's Bible 9am - LOL CB
28 8:15am - Traditional 9:30am - Rehearsal - 10:30am - Contempo	29 Memorial Day	30 7am - BNI 9:30am - Bible 9:30am - Quilting 1:30pm - Staff 6pm - LOL CB	31 7:30am - Opportunit	1	2	3

Mothers Day Word Search

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