

January 4, 2026 - Looking for Wonder

8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services

LIGHT

Of the World In the World

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). 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:

- **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.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** are available. Please contact the Media Booth

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>



8:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Gathering Hymn (**#275**) ***"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*** v1, 3, & 4

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Glory and Praise to our God"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Matthew 2:1–12

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

(#300) *"The First Noel"* v1, 2, & 4

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

"We Three Kings"

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

"Holy, Holy"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

"The Lord's Prayer"

Lamb of God

"Jesus, Life Giving Lamb of God"

Communion Hymns

(#292) *"Love Has Come"*

(#282) *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#267) *"Joy to the World"* v1 & 4

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

"Angels from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Matthew 2:1–12

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Song of the Day

(#300) *"The First Noel"* v1, 2, & 4

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

"We Three Kings"

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

"Midnight Clear"

Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

(#267) *"Joy to the World"* v1 & 4

Sending Dialog

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	January 4	January 11	January 4	January 11
Greeters	Milo & Kari Christianson	John & Karen Froelich	Val Nelson Gail Palmer	Sue Hales Betty Zehringer
Ushers	Bob & Sandy Krumwiede	Amy Cox Chuck Hulse	Joe Livingston Dan Nelson	Lisa Bossany Julie Parks
Scripture Reader	Debbie Campbell	Annika Gottschalk	Nevaeh Katzner	Matt Rotz
Communion Servers	John Barthel Amy Cox Diana Schansberg		Tom & LuAnn Wingard	Jodie Dahlheimer Paula Donnelly
Communion Steward	Julie Marie Haugen		Zoey Day	Brad Tesdahl
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jenny Pruchnik	Joyce Hels	Jenny Pruchnik	Joyce Hels
Powerpoint Operator	Dale Ziner	John Barthel	Mike Anderson	Krista Schrock
Soundboard Operator	Bennett Johnson		Kevin Jenkins	Jeff Schrock
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Vicki Simpson	Kerry Livingston	Chris Hansen

If you would like to serve, Great! Please get in touch with the Worship Volunteer Coordinating Team so we can get you filled in. If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday, also contact the Team at erlcvolunteers@gmail.com

News & Opportunities



Help Put Away Christmas Decorations

Help is needed to take down the Christmas decorations and tree in the Sanctuary **Today (Sunday, January 4)** immediately following the **10:30am service**. Many hands make light work—thank you for helping us wrap up the Christmas season!



Join Us for CVF Night - Wednesday the 14th!

Kick off the new year with a night of fellowship, learning, and fun for all ages. The evening includes:

- **Dinner:** Enjoy a delicious meal together.
- **Large Group Gathering:** Start the night with an engaging and interactive session.
- **Small Groups:** Dive deeper into the theme of the night in age-specific groups.

 **Wednesday, January 14**

 **6:00 pm – 7:45 pm**

Everyone is welcome—bring the whole family!



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Purchase *Mission Trip Stock* for **\$10 per share** to support our youth's 2026 Mission Trip to Jamaica. Available **after worship on Jan 11, 18, and 25**

New Year, New Opportunities, Join a Group!

*Explore the existing ministries within the Elk River Lutheran Community.
Find a group that fits your interests and join in!*

<p>ERLC Quilting Group Tuesdays @ 9AM Lower Level at Church</p> <p>Mission Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief. <i>All skill levels welcome</i></p>	<p>Text Study Tuesdays @ 10AM (Optional Fellowship @9:30AM) Meeting in the Lower Level Community Room</p> <p>Studying the bible text for the upcoming Sunday Worship along with the preaching pastor. <i>All are welcome . Come once or come every week</i></p>
<p>Men's Breakfast Fridays @ 9AM Coborns, Elk River Food – Fellowship</p>	<p>Women's Coffee Fridays @ 9AM Panera, Elk River Coffee – Food – Fellowship</p>
<p>Men's Bible Study Saturdays @ 8AM On Zoom</p> <p>Find a link at https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html</p>	<p>Genealogy Group 1st Thursday of the Month 10AM – 12 Noon 2nd Floor Conference Room</p> <p>All are welcome even if you haven't joined before. Meeting begins by sharing what each are working on, discoveries, questions, roadblocks and family stories.</p>
<p>Women's Monthly Bible Study These groups follows the Bible Studies of the Women's ELCA magazine <i>Gather</i>.</p> <p><u>3rd Monday of the Month</u> 6:30PM Lower Level at the Church</p> <p><u>4th Wednesday of the Month</u> 10:00AM Guardian Angels Riverview Landing</p>	<p>Women's Monthly Book Club 1st Monday of the Month 6:30PM Meeting in the Lower Level Community Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 3 Book: "Hello Beautiful", by Ann Napolitano • March 3 Book: "From Here to the Great Unknown", by Lisa Marie Presley and Riley Keough
<p>Prayer Shawl Ministry Handmade shawls, pocket prayers, and chemo caps created with love and prayer. Take one for someone who needs comfort – or join us to help make them!</p> <p><i>Meeting: First Thursday Every Other Month 1:00PM (Lower Level)</i></p> <p>2026: Feb 5, Apr 2, Jun 4, Aug 6, Oct 1, Dec 3</p> <p>Contact Jane Domeier for more info: domej06@aol.com</p>	

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- John MacIntye, friend of Dale Ziner, is now home and recovering.
- Wayne N (Friend of Mike & Linda Quam). Had a successful heart bypass and heart valve surgery and is now home.

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Shawn McElmury, Uncle of Kristina Erickson
- Family and Friends of Shannon Helfrich, sister of Debbie Campbell. Passed away Dec 13 after a long battle with liver failure.

For Support

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Health concerns

- Betty Youngner (Sister of Vicki Simson) is in hospice and her son Warren finished chemo
- Ron Sass, upcoming surgery on Jan. 13th
- Diane L. (Friend of Mike & Linda Quam). Hip replacement Surgery, Friday, Dec 19
- Jeff Davey, cancer diagnosis, friend of Tyler Carlson
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Les Johnson – Friend of Don & Val Nelson
- Nancy Bock as she battles breast cancer
- Hartley Dahl
- Loretta Mae Roden, Mike Roden's mom, in hospice care.
- Babs Armagost, cancer treatment and the effects of chemo
- Kay Foss, Karen Froelich's cousin, esophageal and stomach cancer
- Fonda Whalen, dementia
- Brian Harding
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen

Share Your Prayer Concerns:

- Email 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

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

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