

January 18, 2026 – A Great Light

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 (**#859**) ***"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"*** 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

Isaiah 9:1-4

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Hymn of the Day

(**#834**) ***"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"*** v1-3

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

"Holy, Holy"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

"Jesus, Life Giving Lamb of God"

Communion Hymns

(**#838**) ***"Beautiful Savior"***

(**#760**) ***"O Christ the Same"***

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Temple Talk

Men's Breakfast & Women's Coffee

(Friday Fellowship)

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(**#688**) ***"Lord of Light"*** v1, 3 & 4

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Temple Talk

Men's Breakfast & Women's Coffee
(Friday Fellowship)

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

"Vagabonds"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

Isaiah 9:1–4
Pastor Anne Schaefer
"Who You Say I Am"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion Blessing

"You Say"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"Lovingkindness"

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	January 18	January 25	January 18	January 25
Greeters	Doug Mathison Kristina Erickson	Angela & Brooke Raveling	Dan & Val Nelson	Chris & Amy Brown
Ushers	John Barthel Jane Domeier	John Froelich	Jim & Viv Ayres	Tom & LuAnn Wingard
Scripture Reader	Levi Ethen	John Natwick	Matt Rotz	Cathy Dalnes
Communion Servers	Julie Marie Haugen Jenny Pruchnik	Tom & Lorie Werk	Sarah & Genevieve Chur	Vicki Sackmeister Melania Larson
Communion Steward	Vicki Simpson	Debbie Campbell	Lisa Bossany	Brad Tesdahl
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Bev Weidner	Paula Rose	Bev Weidner	Paula Rose
Powerpoint Operator	Mary Barthel	John Barthel	Tyler Carlson	Shari Howland
Soundboard Operator	Bennett Johnson	Kevin Jenkins	Emily Rotz	Justin Howland
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Chris Hansen	Sue Sass

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

ERLC Storytelling Workshop

Join Pastor Nathan for a 90-minute workshop on discovering, shaping, and sharing personal stories of faith, life, and meaning. Learn why stories matter in worship and explore a simple storytelling framework.

Sunday, January 18 | 11:45 AM–1:15 PM

Community Room • Lunch provided

Register online: erlc.breezechms.com/form/df76d1



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**. See the youth at a table in the fellowship hall.

ANNUAL MEETING

• SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

• 9:30 AM

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

• SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024, 9:30 AM

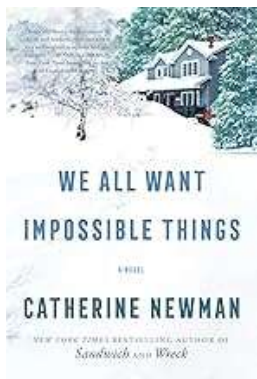
ANNUAL REPORTS available Sunday January 18
BOTH can be attended *In Person* in Sanctuary or *Virtually* via
Zoom using the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/733768254>



Welcome Back, RingOut!

Special Music for RIC Sunday

On *Sunday, February 1*, we welcome back **RingOut!**, a Twin Cities–based handbell ensemble, as our special musical guest for our **RIC Celebration worship services**. RingOut! is known for musical excellence and for fostering a welcoming, inclusive handbell community that celebrates LGBTQIA+ ringers. Join us as we celebrate RIC Sunday and experience this meaningful musical offering together.



Women's Book Club - All are welcome!

Join us for enriching literature and fellowship.

When: *Once a Month on Mondays*

Time: **6:30pm**

Location: *Lower Level* of Elk River Lutheran Church

- **Feb 2** Book: "We All Want Impossible Things" by *Catherine Newman*
- **March 2** Book: "The Secret Life of Sunflowers" by *Dana Marton & Marta Molnar*
- **Apr 5** Book: "This Tender Land" by *William Kent Krueger*

See all the books for 2026 at <https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/womens-ministries.html>

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

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In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Rick Scholbrock, Family Friend of ShaVon and Kristina Erickson
- Family and Friends of Shawn McElmury, Uncle of Kristina Erickson and brother-in-law of ShaVon 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

- Lyle, Linda Niemeyer's grandson. Concussion recovery from a wrestling injury
- Harry Maher, surgery on Jan. 14
- Ron Sass, surgery on Jan. 13th
- Alex, 35 year old niece of Barb and Russ Overbye, as she battles stage 4 metastatic melanoma
- Rich Hines, friend of Joyce and Tom Hels
- John MacIntye, friend of Dale Ziner, needs a kidney transplant.
- Cindy Novotny, daughter in law of Garnet Novotny. Flu Complications
- Betty Youngner (Sister of Vicki Simson) is in hospice and her son Warren finished chemo
- 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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LIGHT

DARKNESS

DAWN

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PROMISE

GLORY

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HARVEST

FREEDOM

HEALING

PEACE

MIDIAN

SHADOWS

REJOICE

CELEBRATE

COMFORT

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RESTORE

FAITH

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