

December 21, 2025

8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services



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>



Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	December 21	December 28	December 21	December 28
Greeters	Wayne & Ruth Traaseth	John Barthel Bev Weidner	Dan & Val Nelson	Lee & Peg Davies
Ushers	Paul & Sue Hovde	Renee Thurmer Herm Weidner	Kristina Erickson Julie Parks	Tom & LuAnn Wingard
Scripture Reader		Mary Barthel Larry Cook Fran Johnson Amanda Lemire Conni Natwick Linda Nielsen Cedric Olson Dixie Rud Diana Schansberg		Kari Christianson Jen Clements Mandy Day Paula Donnelly Chris Hansen Rod Hansen Julie Parks Vicki Sackmeister Chloe Sandvig Nathaniel Sandvig
Communion Servers	John & Debbie Campbell		John & Conni Natwick	
Communion Steward	John Barthel		Greg Pouliot	
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Amy Cox		Amy Cox	
Powerpoint Operator	Mary Barthel	Sarah Auel	Krista Schrock	Chris Hansen
Soundboard Operator	Kevin Jenkins	John Auel	Jeff Schrock	Justin Howland
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Chris Hansen	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

Join us in a safe space to sit, breathe & reflect
on whatever you might be feeling, or just not feeling, this holiday season.

Blue Christmas Service

The Longest Night

A SERVICE FOR GRIEF, HEALING & HOPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 – 6:00 PM

Elk River Lutheran Church
729 Main St, Elk River MN

A COLLABORATION OF





ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Join us this
Christmas
Worship**

Wednesday, December 24

10:30AM Family Service

2:30PM Candlelight Service

4:30PM Candlelight Service

10:00PM Candlelight Service ★



Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:30AM & 10:30AM

Elk River Lutheran Church



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 Donna Mathison
- Family and Friends of Ron Schlelp, brother-in-law of Tom Werk. Funeral on Wednesday, Dec 2, 2025

For Support

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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

Health concerns

- Diane L. (Friend of Mike & Linda Quam). Hip replacement Surgery, Friday, Dec 19
- Jeff Davey, cancer diagnosis, friend of Tyler Carlson
- Rosemary Rotz, chemotherapy for leukemia
- Dale Ziner, bruised cartilage on sternum.
- Barb Thirnton, sister of Sharry Becklin. Suffering from a brain bleed complicated by leukemia. She now has internal bleeding from an unknown source and has been placed on a ventilator.
- Orlyn Boeshans, recovering from a heart attack
- Shannon Helfrich, sister of Debbie Campbell. Back in hospice due to cirrhosis of the liver – getting comfort care.
- John Sackmeister, Vicki's husband. Lung cancer with surgery scheduled Nov 24
- Les Johnson – Friend of Don & Val Nelson
- Rick Hines
- Shawn McElmory - recent Stage 4 pancreatic cancer diagnosis
- Ron Sass, prostate cancer diagnosis
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- 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

Swingin' Into Christmas

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F V B S L E G N A O H J Y V B R W
Q X T U N C Q E Y Z U E B Z V I G
U B R O O K L Y N G H N S H M G H
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Brooklyn	BigBand	Christmas	Worship	Music
Angels	Noel	Midnight	Clear	Mountain
Kings	Trumpet	Saxophone	Trombone	Swing
Holiday	Joy	Gloria	Carol	Advent