

# January 25, 2026 – Light vs. Dark

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](http://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

**(#526) "God is Here" 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

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Sermon

*Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Hymn of the Day

**(#843) "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"**

### ***Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God***

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

*Featuring the Riverside Ringers*

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

**(#785) "When Peace Like a River"**

**(#770) "Give Me Jesus"**

Communion Blessing & Prayer

### ***The Sending of God's People***

Community Announcements

Temple Talk

*Women's Book Club*

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

**(#721) "Goodness is Stronger than Evil"**

Sending Dialog

## 10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

### ***The Gathering of God's People***

Welcome

Temple Talk

*Women's Book Club*

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

***"The Kingdom of the Lord is Here"***

### ***The Word of God Proclaimed***

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Sermon

*Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Song of the Day

***(#843) "Praise the One Who Breaks the Dawn"***

### ***Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God***

Offering

***"Be Thou My Vision"***

*Featuring the Riverside Ringers*

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

***"So Will I (100 Billion X)"***

Communion Blessing

### ***The Sending of God's People***

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

***"Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love"***

Sending Dialog

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# Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	January 25	February 1	January 25	February 1
<b>Greeters</b>	Angela & Brooke Raveling	Jenny Pruchnik Ken Wells	Chris & Amy Brown	Jess & Ann Pelzel
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob & Sandy Krumwiede	Kristina Erickson Mike Pruchnik	Tom & LuAnn Wingard	Dan Nelson Anthony Schaefer
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	John Natwick	Larry Cook	Cathy Dalnes	Amy Anderson
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Tom & Lorie Werk	John & Conni Natwick	Vicki Sackmeister Melania Larson	Tom Wingard
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Debbie Campbell	Dale Ziner	Brad Tesdahl	Lisa Bossany
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Paula Rose	Julie Marie Haugen	Paula Rose	Julie Marie Haugen
<b>Powerpoint Operator</b>	John Barthel	Elliot Pruchnik	Shari Howland	Samantha Tiemens-Anderson
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Kevin Jenkins	Bennett Johnson	Justin Howland	Jeff Schrock
<b>Switcher Operator</b>	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Sue Sass	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](mailto:erlcvolunteers@gmail.com)

## News & Opportunities



RECONCILING IN CHRIST



### *Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Celebration Sunday*

Join us on **Sunday, February 1, 2026**, at **8:30 AM & 10:30 AM** - Celebrating Diversity as God's Children.

We are excited to 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.

Come and celebrate with us as we rejoice in God's inclusive love!



### *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

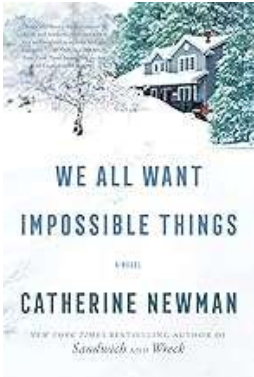
• SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

• 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>



### *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>

### *Meals on Wheels - February*

Elk River Lutheran will be delivering meals for *Meals on Wheels* weekdays throughout the month of **February**.

- Meals picked up daily at 10:30 AM
- Delivery takes about an hour

Interested in helping out for a day or a week? Contact:

**Barb Overbye** – 612-799-5929 – boverbye@gmail.com

**Linda Felska** – 763-242-5319 – thefelskas@aol.com

*Thank you for helping fill our schedule!*

### *Third Grade Bible Milestone - Sunday, February 15*

Third graders will receive their very own Bible during the **8:30 am** or **10:30 am service**. After the **10:30 am service**, students and a parent are invited to a **Lunch 'n Learn** with Pastor Anne to explore their new Bibles.

Please RSVP to Pastor Anne by **Sunday, February 8** to ensure we have enough Bibles and food.



# Prayer Requests

## ***Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):***

- Harry Maher is at home – surgery went well
- Ron Sass – doing well after surgery

## ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of Rick Scholbrock, Family Friend of ShaVon and Kristina Erickson

## ***For Support***

- I would like to ask for my school community to be lifted up in prayer by our church. I am a 2nd grade teacher in Minneapolis at Twin Cities International School. We are a school community made up of 95% east African students. We also have a staff that is made up of 65% people of color. Many of my students, friends, and colleagues are scared right now. Looking for love and support sent their way. Thank you! ~ Amanda Tschakert

## ***Health concerns***

- Cedric Olson, recovery from broke hip
- Mother of Jared Stevens, broken ribs
- Pastor Jeff Giles
- Lyle, Linda Niemeyer's grandson. Concussion recovery from a wrestling injury
- Alex, 35 year old niece of Barb and Russ Overbye, as she battles stage 4 metastatic melanoma
- Rick 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
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Les Johnson, heart issues, 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](mailto: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](http://elkriverlutheran.org)

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

# Light vs. Dark

K E E S U B L P U E Z O D M Y J S  
I J O L S Y N M R P C D U J H Y H  
I A M O E B I I V A R A O U C U E  
B O S F S C R Z N O I Q E R H I L  
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H T I A F A X A Q L W M E N Y T E  
C L E J E Z L R R D W U M S T R R  
Q F C N U W B V C E F E U P R O N  
B Z A X V E G X A P V I V O Q N M  
T R F K P G K K N T U I C U F G B  
D R A G V U O A S B I K L Z Z H X  
R Q U G X F X V P H D O Y E I O N  
L A N S F E T X T M G O N O D L T  
B G E W T R E U B J A F H M J D W  
G Q M P O O R K G T H G I L T J T  
J O N Z O T G N G T E M P L E L F  
Q P T F I H A F J O Y I T F E A R

Light

Stronghold

Hope

Temple

Peace

Salvation

Fear

Trust

Joy

Truth

Lord

Shelter

Seek

Praise

Faith

Refuge

Rock

Face

Mercy

Deliverance