



February 1, 2026

RIC Celebration Sunday



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

Opening Music

"Papillon"

Welcome

Reading of the ERLC RIC Statement

Gathering Hymn

(#726) "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Dandelion Wine"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

Rev. Keats Miles-Wallace

Hymn of the Day

"All the Colors of the Rainbow" v.1, 2 & 4

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Art Dedication

Statement of Faith

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

"Transitions of the Heart"

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

(#715) "Christ, Be Our Light"

(#708) "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Music

"Festivamente"

"The Rainbow Connection"

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Opening Music

"Papillon"

Welcome

Reading of the ERLC RIC Statement

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

"The House That Love is Building"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

Keats Miles-Wallace

Song of the Day

"All Belong Here"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Art Dedication

Statement of Faith

Offering

"Transitions of the Heart"

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

"So Will I"

Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

"Festivamente"

"The Rainbow Connection"

Sending Dialog

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Elk River Lutheran Church-ELCA is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and is committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith, centered in the good news of Jesus Christ. Therefore, in faithfulness to the Gospel and consistent with our Mission Statement, to the best of our ability, we promise to provide worship opportunities, programs, ministries, leadership opportunities and pastoral care to all who seek God in this place.

As a safe community striving to serve God and neighbor, we welcome and affirm people of any race, ethnicity, age, gender identity and expression, marital status, family structure, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, national origin, immigration status, and/or socioeconomic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people.

We are committed to racial equity, working towards racial justice, and being inclusive in what we do and who we are. As we strive to better appreciate the mysteries of God's teachings, we are challenged by Christ to care for, love, understand, and listen to each other.

We want to be a sanctuary where all are welcome to participate fully in the life of Elk River Lutheran Church-ELCA sharing their own unique gifts, whatever identity you claim or claims you. We are committed to learning and growing together.

Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	February 1	February 8	February 1	February 8
Greeters	Jenny Pruchnik Ken Wells	Amy Cox Jane Domeier	Ann & Jess Pelzel	Paula Donnelly Carolyn Mitzuk
Ushers	Kristina Erickson Micke Pruchnik	Mark Johnson Dale Ziner	Dan Nelson Anthony Schaefer	Tom & LuAnn Wingard
Scripture Reader	Larry Cook	Kari Christianson	Amy Anderson	Kara Hennig
Communion Servers	John & Conni Natwick	John & Mary Barthel Milo Christianson	Milo & Kari Christianson	Sarah Carlson Laura Guimont Vicki Sackmeister
Communion Steward	Dale Ziner	Julie Marie Haugen	Lisa Bossany	Brad Tesdahl
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Julie Marie Haugen	Lisa Bossany	Julie Marie Haugen	Lisa Bossany
Powerpoint Operator	Elliot Pruchnik	Sarah Auel	Samantha Tiemens-Anderson	Tyler Carlson
Soundboard Operator	Bennett Johnson	John Auel	Jeff Schrock	Brad Evert
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

News & Opportunities



Welcome Back RingOUT!

We are excited to welcome back **RingOUT!**, a Twin Cities–based handbell ensemble, as our special musical guest for our **RIC Celebration worship services**.

About RingOUT!: RingOut! is known for musical excellence and for fostering a welcoming, inclusive handbell community. Their mission celebrates the identity of LGBTQIA+ handbell ringers and affirms the value of building community through collaboration, musicianship, and shared ministry.

Join Us for CYF Night - Wednesday Feb 11th!

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, February 11**

 **6:00 pm – 7:45 pm**

Everyone is welcome—bring the whole family!



Dinner Church & Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - Sign Up Today!

Join us for Dinner Church on Wednesdays during Lent (Feb 25 – March 25), where we share a meal, fellowship, and worship together at 6:00 PM. We also invite you to our **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper on February 18 at 5:30 PM** before the 6:30 PM service. Volunteers are needed to provide food for both events. Sign up to bring a dish and help make these gatherings special!



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.



Kaleidoscope Quartet in Concert

Four voices. Harmony in every hue.

Kaleidoscope Quartet returns to ERLC on **Sunday, February 22** with expressive four-part a cappella music. The Quartet will sing during worship at **8:30 & 10:30 am** and present a **4:00 pm concert** in the **sanctuary**. Tickets are **\$20 presale** and **\$25 at the door**; **kids 17 and under are free**.

Tickets at kquartet.ticketspice.com/elk-river-feb2026.



2025 Year End Giving Statements

were **emailed** out to 2025 Givers on **Wednesday January 28th**. It was only emailed to one member of the household. Check your spam/junk folder if you cannot find it. It came from linda@elkriverlutheran.org

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

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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

Blessing

May God's grace and love fill the earth and also our hearts.

May justice flow like a roaring, mighty river.

May peace descend like a dove upon quiet waters.

And may we be mindful always, that in God's kingdom

All are loved to overflowing.

Amen.

Health concerns

- Rick Hines, friend of Joyce and Tom Hels
- 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
- 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@elkrivlutheran.org
- Fill out on your connection form
- Contact the church office at (763) 595-1216
- Fill out form on church website at elkrivlutheran.org

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

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Reconciling
Faith
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Diversity
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Gospel
Pastoral
Equity
Listen

Welcoming
Mission
Safe
Justice
Sanctuary

Community
Worship
Affirm
Inclusive
Gifts