

May 3, 2026
Compare & Despair
8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services



PAY ATTENTION

Turning from digital distractions and a loud world toward faith, connection, and real life.

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

ELW #879 "For the Beauty of the Earth" v1, 4, & 5

Baptism

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–16, 23–24

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Hymn of the Day

ELW #732 "Borning Cry" v1, 3 & 4

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

"Processional Alleluia"

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy p 153

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God p 154

"Lamb of God"

Communion Hymns

ELW #685 "Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW #592 "Just As I Am"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Temple Talk

Terebinth Refuge

Sending Blessing

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Sending Hymn

"Lead with Love" led by Choir and Taylor

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Temple Talk

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

Terebinth Refuge

"May the Peoples Praise You"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–16, 23–24

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

"ProceSSIONAL Alleluia"

"Just As I Am (I Come Broken)"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

"Lead with Love"

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Worship Volunteers

Roles	8:30am		10:30am	
	May 3	May 10	May 3	May 10
Greeter	Olson, Marlys Olson, Cedric	Jackson, Marianne Jackson, Jerry	Day, Lucy Day, Mandy	Palmer, Gail Livingston, Joe
Usher	Shellum, Ed Shellum, Deb	Thurmer, Renee Gottschalk, Annika	Schaefer, Anthony	Hels, Tom Hels, Joyce
Scripture Reader	Rud, Dixie	Ziner, Dale	Donnelly, Paula	Livingston, Kerry
Communion Servers	Schansberg, Diana Christianson, Milo Christianson, Kari	Olson, Marlys Olson, Cedric	Pouliot, Greg Guimont, Laura Bock, Rick	Pouliot, Greg Pouliot, Debby
Communion Steward	Barthel, John	Cox, Amy	Bossany, Lisa	Bossany, Lisa
Mid-Week Communion Filler	Haugen, Julie Marie	Hansen, Chris		
Powerpoint Operator	Barthel, Mary		Schrock, Krista	
Soundboard Operator	Rotz, Emily		Schrock, Jeff	Rotz, Emily
Switcher Operator	Clements, Tom	Clements, Tom	Clements, Tom	Clements, Tom
Worship Volunteer Coordinator	Pruchnik, Jenny	Simpson, Vicki Pruchnik, Jenny	Hansen, Chris	Hansen, Chris

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



Varty's Greenhouse Fundraiser: May 3rd 5-8pm

Fundraiser for the 2026 Youth Mission Trip to Jamaica

We 'll gather at the greenhouse, and sing our hearts out while purchasing beautiful plants! A huge THANK YOU to Varty's for hosting us and making a generous donation to ERLC youth as they prepare for the summer mission trip.



ERLC Block Party - Sunday May 17

Joint Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30am followed by

Block Party from 11am-1pm

Once again we will kick off the season by worshipping outdoors and throwing a party for our community. Food, Games, Live Music, Bounce House, Fire Show and Entertainment for All. Volunteer using the QR Code to access the Sign Up.



Luther Crest Summer Camp - Grades 3-8

Registration is now open for Luther Crest Bible Camp!

Students finishing grades 3-5 (Leapers) and 6-8 (Witnesses) can attend either June 28-July 1 or July 19-24. Thanks to our Endowment Team, **half the cost of camp is covered for ERLC youth.**

Registration: <https://luthercrest.org/summer-camps>



Summer Festival Camp - High School Youth

July 12-15 • Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter

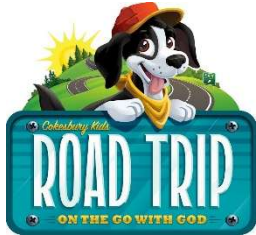
High school youth are invited to experience Summer Festival Camp—a powerful few days of worship, music, speakers, and faith-building community with youth from across the region.



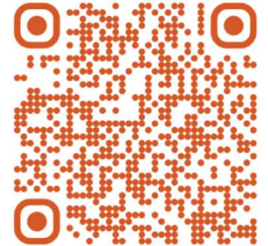
Vacation Bible School - Save the Date!

August 3-6 • 9:00am-12:00pm

Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, inspired by Joshua 1:9: "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Kids will explore new places, build friendships, and discover God's presence through engaging Bible stories, games, and hands-on activities. Led by the Navigator and Scout the pup, this fun-filled adventure helps children grow in faith while making lasting memories. Join us for excitement,



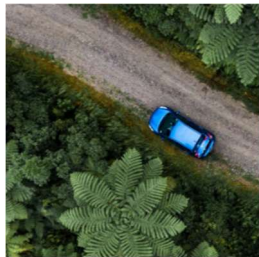
connection, and discovering God's goodness together!



ERLC's Social Justice Action Team (SJAT) meets monthly to discuss happenings in our greater Elk River community to find ways for ERLC to love God and love all our neighbors by advocating for the least of these. We focus on educating ourselves as well as the ERLC community, and helping to provide opportunities for involvement and support of local organizations. For more information or if you want to be a part of SJAT, contact Kevin Jenkins FRMagnum@gmail.com.



Understanding Estate Planning, Elder Law, and Legacy Giving Luncheon Thursday May 14th 11:30am – 1pm - Guest Speaker: Riley A. Sullivan (Estate Planning Attorney from Bolt Law Firm in Anoka) - In this presentation, Riley will cover the basics of wills, trusts, health care directives, powers of attorney, probate, and elder law. With elder law, Riley helps people understand what elder law is and when you should call an elder law attorney. This can be a very valuable presentation for those later in life, making sure they have the right plan in place when



leaving a legacy to their loved ones, charities or organizations. It can also be a great opportunity for people with aging parents to learn what they need to know.



Hey KIDS! If you are 3 years old through 5th grade, we have a new fun BINGO game with prizes just for you! Grab a bingo card off the cool poster in the Fellowship Hall. Follow the directions on the back to win a bingo! You'll win a sucker every time you play, and you'll be entered to win an even bigger prize in a few weeks! This new program is thanks to the Age to Age initiative that we are part of! See Pastor Anne with questions!

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Celebrating Sharon Finkelson 80th Birthday on 4/23/2026, Shela Larson's Mother
- New cancer treatment for Alex Hinson showing promise
- For our skills and creativity allowing us to make quilts for those in need
- Cailean Popper

In Sympathy

For Support

Health Concerns

- Bryana Mayer prayers for healing autoimmune diseases, daughter of Sharyn Mayer
- Sue Anderson fighting metastatic breast cancer, friend of Debby Pouliot
- Wanda, Deb Shellum's mom, broken hip at 94 years old.
- Please pray for Marianne Jackson as she is home recovering from her stroke which happened April 10th.
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's Sister
- Lori Hines has a knee replacement. Friends of Tom and Joyce Hels.
- Phylis W. friend in Iowa has heart condition and been in hospital for 1 week
- Alex, 35 year old niece of Barb and Russ Overbye, as she battles stage 4 metastatic melanoma
- Harvest Chapin as she deals with medical issues
- Jeff Davey received news of cancer progressing, asking for prayers of healing, friend of Tyler Carlson
- John MacIntyre needing kidney
- Linda Nielsen, recovering from total ankle replacement; prayers for continued healing during this long recovery journey are appreciated. Thank you for all the prayers and support.
- Lyle, recently diagnosed with terminal cancer
- Pat Miller, sister of Mary Hansen Sue Anderson fighting metastatic breast cancer, friend of Debby Pouliot
- Brian Harding
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Cheryl, advanced cancer. Sister-in-law of Ron & Sue Sass
- Fonda Whalen, dementia
- Hartley Dahl
- Heidi Houghtaling
- Kay Foss, Karen Froelich's cousin, esophageal and stomach cancer
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Les Johnson, friend of Don & Val Nelson
- Loretta Mae Roden, Mike Roden's mom, in hospice care.
- Pat Miller, sister of Mary Hansen

Share Your Prayer Concerns:

- Email chuck@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

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16, 23-24

Discern	Everlasting	Fearfully	Formed	Frame	Heart
Hem	Inward	Knit	Knowledge	Known	Lead
Lord	Path	Praise	Searched	Substance	Test
Thoughts	Ways	Wicked	Womb	Wonderful	Woven

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