

May 12, 2024 • 10:30am

Our Neighborhoods Are Full of Characters

**WON'T YOU
BE MY
NEIGHBOR?**



 **Elk River** ELCA
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joyful community, serving God & neighbor.



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 today:

- J **Bathrooms**, complete with changing tables for little ones, are located in the Fellowship Hall in the corner opposite of the main entrance.
- J 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.

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

	Sunday, May 12	Sunday, May 19 9:30am Joint Outdoor Service
Greeters	Lisa Bossany and Pat Kyro	
Ushers	Anthony and Jeremiah Schaefer	Lisa Bossany, Cedric Olson, Jeff Schrock, Sharon Rinerson
Scripture Reader	Asher Johnson	Christine Hansen
Communion Servers	Michelle Hagberg and Kara Hennig	
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Debby Pouliot	
Communion Steward	Debby Pouliot	
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jenny Pruchnik	
PowerPoint Operator	Katherine Horner	Kevin Jenkins
Soundboard Operator	Jeff Schrock	Emily Rotz
Switcher Operator	Nick Campbell	Nick Campbell

If you would like to serve, Great! Please contact Taylor Quinn so we can get you filled in. If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday, please contact Taylor @ taylor@elkriverlutheran.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song

"Vagabonds"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Mothers Day Litany

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

Mark 2:1-12

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

"All God's Critters"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Blessings of the Class of 2024

Offering

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

featuring Levi and Libby Ethen

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion Blessing

"No Outsiders"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

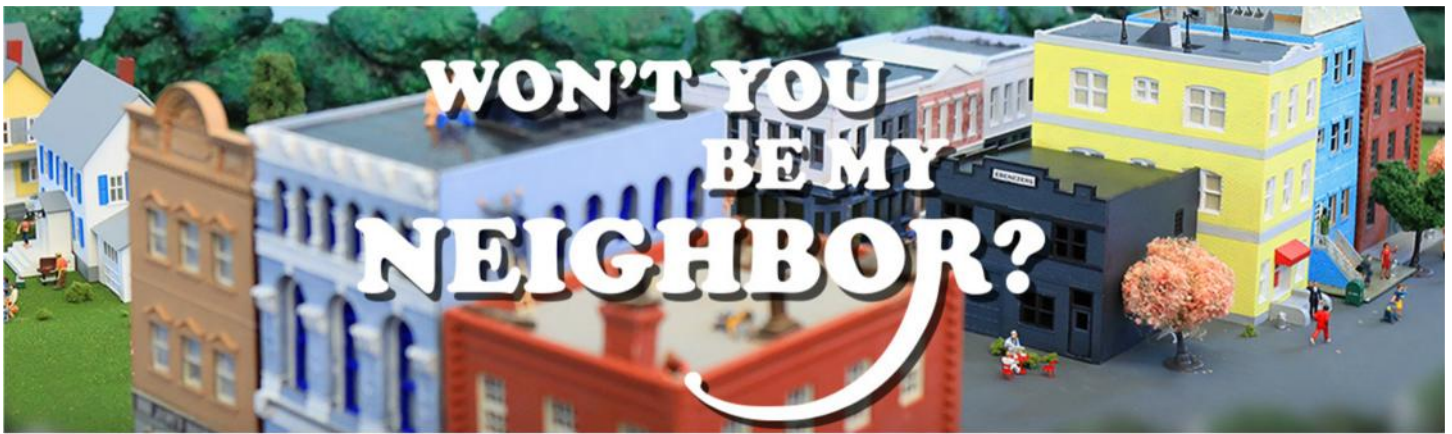
Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"People in Your Neighborhood"

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LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

May 12 - Our Neighborhoods Are Full of Characters

CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

GROW

- What are your relationships like with your actual neighbors (the people you live near)?
- What have you learned (or remembered) about Mister Rogers during this sermon series? If you watched the show, are there specific characters you remember?
- What does this quote make you think about? "Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like struggle." -Fred Rogers
- Read Mark 2:1-12 -- What might you learn from the characters in this story? What does it tell us about Jesus?

PRAY

Holy God, you have uniquely created each of us, you love us, and you have blessed us with a beautiful day in the neighborhood. Open us to hear your word, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Requests

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

- Let us give thanks for the upcoming graduation of our 12th-grade students, celebrating their achievements and blessings as they embark on new journeys.
 - Clara Anderson
 - Emma Anderson
 - Isabella Hegvik
 - Audrey Horner
 - Alex Howland
 - Amanda Murphy
 - Bennett Overbye
 - Jackson Rosati
 - Abigail Schwarze
 - Grace Weber

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Agnes Marie Spake, Dare Funeral Luncheon at ERLC on Saturday May 11
- Family and Friends of Rev. Ronald Nielsen, father to Pete Nielsen

For Support

- Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen's mother
- Ruth Ann Cook

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

- Burnette Domier
- Mike Muecke, surgery on May 10. Nephew-in-law of Larry and Jean Cook.
- John Wagner, grandfather of Mason and Myles Wagner is going into hospice care
- Evelyn Patterson, (Aunt Evie to Christine Hansen). Had a full hip replacement after a fall.
- Wally and Rose, brother and sister of Pat Donnelly (cancer)
- Rick, brother-in-law of Pat Donnelly (heart issues)
- Samantha's husband Tony's grandmother. Please pray for peace and comfort
- Rick Hansen, fractured collar bone healing
- Dariusz Pruchnik, Mike's Dad. Recovering from heart attack, emergency appendectomy and navigating recent cancer diagnosis
- Mary Wells, in hospice
- John Severson
- Garnet Novotny - cancer
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Fonda Whalen, dementia
- Bonnie Swedal
- Marie Abrahamsson, cancer, Pauline Kuhn's cousin
- Linda Retel, ongoing treatment for inoperable brain cancer (friend of Pauline Kuhn)
- Diane Harding, ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde

News & Opportunities



Understanding Estate Planning and Elder Law: Presentation and Dinner

Wednesday, May 15 | 6:30pm

Guest Speaker: Steve Helseth (Estate Planning Attorney from Bolt Law Firm in Anoka)

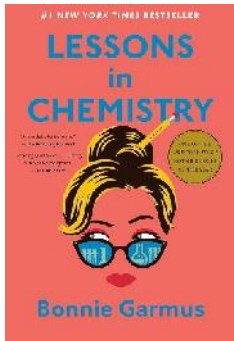
This is a free event sponsored by the ERLC Mission Endowment Fund, but spaces are limited, so please register today at bit.ly/3PvyBFA



ERLC Block Party - Sunday May 19 - Volunteer Sign Up Now!

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 and Entertainment for All. Sign up to help at bit.ly/2024BlockPartyHelp



“Lessons in Chemistry” selected as the June Book

Women’s Book Club

Join us for enriching literature and fellowship! This month we are reading “**Lessons in Chemistry**” by Bonnie Garmus. We meet the 1st Monday from May thru August at 6:30pm in the Lower Level Community Room at the church. July & August books will be selected at the June meeting.

Summer Festival Camp: Registration Now Open

Join us for 3 nights of fun, worship, and inspiration at Gustavus Adolphus College. Only \$275!

High School: July 7-10

Middle School: July 14-17

Registration: <https://erlc.breezechms.com/form/1c91049>



This Week at Elk River Lutheran

SUNDAY

🎓 **Graduating Senior Sunday** 🎓

Mother' Day

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect

9:30am Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

MONDAY

6:00pm Worship Band Rehearsal

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting (Lower Level Quilting Room)

Mission Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief. All skill levels welcome.

10:00am Text Study (Lower Level Community Room) *Studying the bible text for the upcoming Sunday Worship along with the preaching pastor. All are welcome . Come once or come every week*

7:00pm AA Meeting (Community Room)

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm Estate Planning Dinner - Sponsored by Mission Endowment Team

THURSDAY

10:00pm Worship at Guardian Angels Riverview Landing

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

9:00am Women's Coffee (Panera, Elk River)

9:00am Men's Breakfast (Coborns, Elk River)

SATURDAY

Minneapolis Synod Assembly

8:00am Men's Bible Study (Zoom Bible Study)

Find a link at:

<https://www.elkrivertlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>

11:00am Dare Funeral Luncheon for Agnes Marie Spake

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30am NO SERVICE

9:30am Joint Outdoor Worship Service

10:30am NO SERVICE

11am-1pm Downtown Block Party

(Volunteer today)

Please sign the cards thanking Brian Harding for his service



Join us in extending our heartfelt thanks to Brian Harding, our esteemed custodian who retired a few months ago. Your signature and personal message on the card will convey our deep appreciation for his dedicated service to our community. Let's show Brian how much his hard work and commitment have meant to us over the years. Cards can be found in the fellowship hall.