

May 19, 2024 • 9:30am

The Spirit's Alive In Our Neighborhood

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



 **Elk River** ELCA
LUTHERAN
Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
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 19 9:30am Service	Sunday, May 26 8:30am	Sunday May 26 10:30am
Greeters		Christy Boese and Sandy Krumweide	
Ushers	Lisa Bossany, Cedric Olson, Jeff Schrock, Sharon Rinerson	Don and Patsy Anundsen	Michelle Hagberg
Scripture Reader	Christine Hansen	Dale Ziner	Mandy Day
Communion Servers		Marianne Jackson and Marlys Olson	Paula Donnelly and Nancy Bock
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp		John Barthel	Zoey Day
Communion Steward		Babs Armagost	Greg Pouliot
Mid-Week Communion Fill		Jodi Rosati	
PowerPoint Operator	Kevin Jenkins		Shari Howland
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz		Justin Howland
Switcher Operator	Nick Campbell	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

OPENING MUSIC

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

It's a beautiful day in this
neighborhood,
A beautiful day for a neighbor.
Would you be mine? Could you be
mine?

So, let's make the most of this beautiful
day,
Since we're together, we might as well
say:

It's a neighborly day in this beauty
wood,
A neighborly day for a beauty.
Would you be mine? Could you be
mine?

Would you be mine? Could you be
mine?
Won't you be my neighbor?

I have always wanted to
have a neighbor just like you!
I've always wanted to
live in a neighborhood with you.

Won't you please, won't you please?
Please, won't you be my neighbor?

(REPEAT)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

"The Table"

I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore
at His table.

Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy; His burden light.
He is able; He will restore
At the table of the Lord.

I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore
at His table.

There is peace
at the table of the Lord.
There is peace
at the table of the Lord.
I won't worry anymore at His table.

There is healing
at the table of the Lord.

There is healing
at the table of the Lord.

Oh, and I won't suffer anymore
at His table.

Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy; His burden light.
He is able; He will restore
At the table of the Lord.

I know He has a place for me.
Oh, what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around
the mercy seat of God.

Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy; His burden light.
He is able; He will restore
At the table of the Lord.

I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
He says come just as you are
to His table.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“How Great Thou Art”

CHORUS

Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

VERSE 1

O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hands have made,

I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed. CHORUS

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place.

²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit

upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “*The Spirit’s Alive In Our Neighborhood*”

Pastor Anne Schaefer

SONG OF THE DAY

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

VERSE 1

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breath new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart
and make me whole.**

**Cause Your word to come
alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

VERSE 2

**Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev’ry sin,
In each thought and deed
and attitude.**

**Kindness to the greatest
and the least,
Gentleness that sows
the path of peace.
Turn my strivings
into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

VERSE 3

**Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power
once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger
for Your ways.**

**Let the fragrance of our pray’rs arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.**

SHARING & RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BIDDING PRAYERS

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

"This Little Light of Mine"
arr. by Neil A. Johnson,
featuring ERLC Choir with Lisa Griffin

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

NEIGHBOR LITANY

The Apostle Paul writes: "Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor."
(1 Cor 10:24)

May we seek the good of our neighbors.

The old maple trees along the boulevard
have burley roots that rise up,
causing my sidewalk to buckle.
But I can't stay mad
about the concrete cracks for long,
their leaves like a rough apology each autumn.
So fierce and sincere.

Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

May we love our neighbors as ourselves!

I can tell you the names of dogs
who promenade like clockwork,
dragging their humans toward squirrels
or looking smug while poop is collected
from the lawn.

The Psalmist encourages us to worship with creation saying, "Praise God, hills and mountains, fruit trees and forests; all animals, tame and wild, reptiles and birds."
(Psalm 148:9-10)

May we honor creation and worship alongside the whole world!

Sometimes the widow next door plays hopscotch.
Kids giggle and hold her cane,
then help carry her groceries to the door.
We are losing our battle to her crabgrass,
but I'd rather lose together
than win without her.

The Apostle Paul writes, "I thank my God every time I remember you." (Phil 1:3)
Thank you for our church, our neighbors, and our neighborhood! Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Downtown Block Party

Sunday, May 19 11:00am-1:00pm

Elk River Lutheran Church
729 Main Street - Elk River

*Event is Free &
Open to the Public*

- Free Food•
- Bounce House•
- Carnival Games
w/ Prizes•
- Live Music•
- Magic Show•



THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF CONGREGATION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"My Lighthouse"

CHORUS

**My Lighthouse,
My Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness,
I will follow You! Oh,**

**My Lighthouse,
My Lighthouse
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore,
safe to shore.**

VERSE 1

**In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
In my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea,
whoa You are the peace in my
troubled sea.**

CHORUS

VERSE 3

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea,
whoa You are the peace in my
troubled sea.**

CHORUS

SENDING DIALOG

"Go in peace. Share the good news."

"We will, thanks be to God!"



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

May 19 - The Spirit's Alive in Our Neighborhood

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 languages do you speak (both official languages of linguistics and culture, as well as industries, activities, skills and interests)?
- "Amazed," "perplexed", "witness to deeds of power" are words to describe people's experience of the Holy Spirit. When have you had a Pentecost experience?
- What would your neighborhood be like if we followed Mr. Rogers' advice to offer "just one kind word to another person." -Fred Rogers. How would the neighborhood be different; how would YOU be different?

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):

- Elk River Lutheran Annual Downtown Block Party
- Outdoor Combined Worship on May 19 at 9:30am

In Sympathy

- Samantha's husband Tony's grandmother
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For Support

- Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen's mother. Moving to memory care May 17th

Health concerns

- Carley Sorensen, Foot/Ankle Injury
- Nellie Taylor, seizures, EEG
- 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)
- 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
- 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

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

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHERAN

Night with the Twins

TICKETS
\$20

MONDAY
12
AUGUST



DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, JULY 21

TWINS

VS

ROYALS



Seats together in Home Run Porch View
(Left Field Outfield)
Food & Beverages @ Your Own Expense

TARGET FIELD
FIRST PITCH 6:40PM

Sign up at elkriverlutheran.org
Questions, reach out to Pastor Anne



Camp Dates

High School Camp

July 7-10

Middle School Camp

July 14-17

Student Leadership Track

July 14-17*

*Must go to both weeks and pay both weeks



Cost

\$275 (Scholarship available)

Location

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

Questions?

Contact Pastor Anne

Email: pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org

Cell: 952-250-6974

Register Online:

<https://erlc.breezechms.com/form/1c9104>

Perhaps Too Much Fun



This Week at Elk River Lutheran

SUNDAY

8:30am NO SERVICE

9:30am Joint Outdoor Worship Service

10:30am NO SERVICE

11am-1pm Downtown Block Party

MONDAY

6:30pm Women's Monthly Bible Study (*Quilting Room*)

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*

6:00 Riverside Ringers Potluck and Forum (*Debby Pouliot's Home*)

7:00pm AA Meeting (*Community Room*)

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

Find a link at:

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

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30am Traditional Worship

9:30am Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

NEXT MONDAY

MEMORIAL DAY

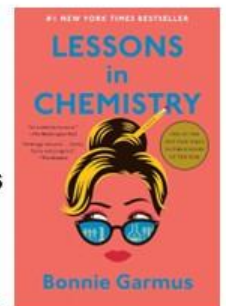
Church Office is Closed



Women's Book Club

All are welcome!

- Join us for enriching literature and fellowship!
 - When: 1st Mondays from May through August
 - Time: 6:30 PM
 - Location: Elk River Lutheran Church
- June Book: "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus
- July & August Books will be selected at the June meeting
- Contact amyanderson75@gmail.com for more details.





Vacation Bible School
August 5-8
9:00am - 12:00pm
at Elk River Lutheran Church



\$15 per kid/
\$45 max per Family

Register Online
elkriverlutheran.org/vbs.html

Questions? contact Pastor Anne at
pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org or 763-595-1216 x1204