

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Candle Lighter (8:15) Kiernan & Aleigha Johnson **(9:30)** Josie Love and Mary Gaga-Hels
Coffee Servers – The United Methodist Women **Nursery Worker (9:30)** – Melissa Barringer
Last Sundays Worship Attendance – 256

Today 8:15 & 9:30 a.m. Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. LUX

Monday, February 22 7:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 23 7:00 p.m. Ad Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 24 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper
5:45 p.m. Youth Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Sunshine Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:15 p.m. SPARK
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, February 25 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Sunday, February 28 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
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ELK RIVER UNITED
METHODIST



**Live Like Jesus: Love God!
Love Others! Reach Out!**

8:15 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Phil Strom, Pastor

Doreen Borntreger, Organist

Dianna Merriman, Chancel Choir Director
And Music Coordinator

Judy Gleiter, Joyful Noise Choir Director

We have come to offer honor and praise to the sovereign Lord. It is God who said to his followers of old, "Gather to me my faithful ones" (Psalm 50:5, NRSV). This is our Creator's house and all are warmly welcomed.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“O Thou my Creator, I lift up my heart in gratitude to Thee for this day’s happiness, for the mere joy of living; for all the sights and sounds around me; for friendship and good company for work to perform and the skill and strength to perform it; for a time to play when the day’s work is done and for health and a glad heart to enjoy it... yet, let me never think, O eternal Father, that I am here to stay. Let me still remember that I am a stranger and a pilgrim on the earth. Forbid, O Lord, that I might so lose myself in the joys of earth that I may have no longing left for the purer joys of heaven. I thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast so set eternity within my heart that no earthly thing can ever satisfy me wholly, I thank Thee that every present joy is so mixed with sadness and unrest as to lead my mind upwards to the contemplation of a more perfect blessedness, a loving reminder that this is not my home. This I pray through Christ Jesus my Lord. Amen.” Adapted from John Baillie, A Diary of Private Prayer

QUIET MEDITATION

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC “When You Can’t See the Forest for the Trees” Joyful Noise Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP “Lead Me Lord” No. 473, Red Hymnal
“Lead me, Lord, Lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.”

INVOCATION

HYMN “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” No. 269, Red Hymnal

GREETING

GOD’S HOLY WORD SPEAKS TO US Luke 4:1-13 New Testament, Pg. 61
Readers: (8:15) – Carol Rudy (9:30) – Donna Peterson

PRAYER TIME

Preparation “Hear Us O Father” The Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer, The Lord’s Prayer
Chancel Choir Prayer Response
**Help us O Father to see all that you want us to be.
We will be strong, steadfast and true. Father we give our lives to you**

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS Offertory, Doxology (95), Prayer of Dedication

HYMN “Are Ye Able” No. 530, Red Hymnal

MESSAGE “Beyond Comfort” Pastor Phil Strom

SPECIAL MUSIC “What Faith Can Do” Mark Amborn

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Announcements

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given by June Fenstra to honor Tom and Doris Moorhouse on their 56th Wedding Anniversary.

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THANK YOU to everyone who has responded so generously so far to help the homeless in our community. Our main need now is for people willing to serve as hosts and/or provide a meal. The sign-up board is in the Fellowship Hall by the windows. If you have any questions, please call Barb Wisniewski at (763) 566-4991.

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URGENT NEED! 2 LITER CLEAR POP/SODA BOTTLES! (RINSED)
Please leave them in Stacy’s office. Thank you!

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THE READER’S GROUP will meet on Tuesday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please read Stones From the River, by Ursula Hegi. Copies are available from Lavina Hoselton.

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SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held on Sunday, March 14th at 10:45 a.m., to approved the proposal from the Finance Team to refinance our present loan with United Methodist First Choice Federal Credit Union at an interest rate of 5.5% APR, amortized over 30 years, balloon in 5 years. Amount of loan will be approximately \$300,000 which includes payoff and closing costs. There will be no penalty for early payments. A date for this meeting will be announced next week upon Pastor Phil’s return from vacation. Note: This special Charge Conference and 4 weeks worth of notices is a requirement of the State of Minnesota and the legal office which will be handling the closing of the refinance of the present loan.