

Pastor's Message

Summertime, with its warm temperatures, long sunny days, home-grown berries and veggies, trips to the lake or a trip to the garden, family unions and vacations, is a time to slow down and see God's presence.

Holy Ground, written by Veronica Koperski, reminds us that when we see and experience God, it is of God's doing.

Holy Ground

I shall seek no longer for the burning bush; all bushes are ablaze.

And I will not hasten to depart from daily grief and gladness to climb a holy mountain; every mountain now is sacred.

Each market place and every home, all, all are blessed since God has pitched a tent among us.

—continued on page 2.

Pastor's Message	1-2
From the President	2
Treasurer's Report	2
Council Highlights	3
Lessons	3
Announcements	4
Children, Youth & FamilyPullout Ir	sert
Call Committee Update	9
Worship Volunteers	. 10
Calendar	. 11
Birthdays/Anniversaries	. 12

Contact Information

Pastor Michelene Verlautz (612) 810-5923

mkverlautz@yahoo.com

Children, Youth & Family Laura Babneau (763) 232-4274 Laura.babneau@gmail.com

Director of Music Ministry
Taylor Quinn...... (816) 519-2719
directorofmusicministry09@gmail.com

Church Office (763) 595-1216 elkriverlutheran.info@gmail.com Summer Hours: M–Th 9am-4pm

Bookkeeper
Patti Howard.......(763) 438-0069
Bkkpr.erlc@hotmail.com

Pastor's Message Continued . . .

Now on our earth path are we to be found the footprints of Word made flesh who walked with us in wind and rain and under sun and stars. in joy and sorrow, born of Mary, watched over by Joseph eating and drinking, living and loving, dving vet living, the Word made flesh. All, all the earth and each of us is holy ground where we must slip our sandals off and walk softly filled with wonder.

May you experience God's presence and be in awe and wonder this summer.

Pastor Michelene Verlautz

But who are we, Lord,...
that we should be able
to make this freewill offering?

For all things come from You,
and of your own have we given You.

—1 Chronicles 29:14



From the ERLC President

ERLC Council Guiding Principles

We Serve
We Care
We Listen & Communicate
We Cooperate & Collaborate
We Respect
We are the Hands and Feet of GOD
We up-hold the ERLC Constitution

Are you an ERLC **Voting Member** in "good standing"? In order to vote at ERLC congregational meetings (regular and/or special), there are specific qualifications set forth by the ERLC Constitution.

Please read the ERLC Constitution's definition of a Voting Member:

"Voting Members are confirmed members. Such Confirmed Members, during the current or preceding calendar year, have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation."

Brad Tesdahl ERLC Council President

Treasurer's Report

The 2016 Approved Budget total is Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$388,911.00 \$7,480.00
May Total Expenses: May Total Income:	\$27,882.20 \$30,662.47 +\$2,780.27
YTD Operating Surplus: Building Fund Balance:	\$2,005.77 \$85,393.67
Dedicated Fund Balance:	\$20,903.32

Adam Horner ERLC Council Treasurer Counciltreasurer.erlc@gmail.com

Highlights from the ERLC Council:

June 21, 2016 Meeting

- Reviewed and approved Finance report for May 2016
- From a list of Candidates provided by the ERLC Nominating Committee, elected John Natwick as At-Large Council Member with a 6-month term.
- Tasked a small group to research and develop By-Laws to the ERLC Constitution for approval by Congregation at Congregation Meeting January 2017
- Call committee update and overview of next steps
- Next meeting: July 26 at 7:00 pm

June 5, 2016 Retreat

The ERLC Council held a retreat on June 5, 2016, to review, study and develop knowledge in the understanding of the ERLC Constitution. One result of this study was that the current Council Membership is short one member.

After receiving a list of candidates from the ERLC Nominating Committee, the ERLC Council elected John Natwick for an At-Large, Six-Month Term Council position.

Another topic of discussion was the need to extend the guidance of the Constitution by developing By-Laws.

Scripture Readings for July

Sunday, July 3

Isaiah 66:10-14

Jerusalem, like a nursing mother

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Do what is right now to reap harvest

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus sends out seventy disciples

Sunday, July 10

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The LORD delights in your fruitfulness

Colossians 1:1-14

The gospel is growing, bearing fruit in the whole world

Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the merciful Samaritan

Sunday, July 17

Genesis 18:1-10a

The hospitality of Abraham and Sarah

Colossians 1:15-28

Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus says: Mary has chosen better part

Sunday, July 24

Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham bargains with God

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Buried with Christ, raised with him

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

Sunday, July 31

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Search out wisdom, for all is vanity

Colossians 3:1-11

Clothed in Christ, your life is hidden with

him in God

Luke 12:13-21

Jesus says: Be on guard against greed;

be rich toward God, your treasure

We Love a Parade

Help wanted for the ERLC float in the Sherburne County Fair Parade: in particular, planners and participants for the ERLC Sherburne County Fair Float. Garnett Novotny has donated the truck and flatbed. The next step is for ERLC Members to plan the theme, decorate and then ride in the parade. Please contact the church at elkriverlutheran.info@gmail.com if you are interested in planning, decorating or riding the ERLC Parade Float.



LOLCB Homecoming Concert June 30, 2016 @ 7:30 PM

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church Maple Grove, MN

Announcements

The Many Faces in the Church Office: God's Work, Our Hands

What a blessing it has been to have volunteers in the office helping with various tasks, such as folding the bulletins, answering the phone, and greeting people. As I am only part-time it has enabled me to stay on in my role as Communications Specialist. My primary focus is the communications areas for our congregation (information flow, projections, newsletter, advertisements, website, etc.) and I will continue working in those areas for the immediate future.

If you drop into the office, here are some of the faces you might see: Lorie Schulstad-Werk, Shirley Schmidt, Linnae McRae, Sharon Emerick, Kelly Otto, Kim Hauger, Jodi Rosati, Emily Rosati, Jackson Rosati, Diana Schansberg, Diane Harding, Karen Froelich, Marjorie Zacharda and Phyllis Lehrke. A very special thank you to each of these people for their assistance and willingness to help.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office (763 595-1216). Hours that need to be covered are Mondays (9noon & 1-4 pm), Tuesdays (1-3 pm) and Thursdays (9-noon & 1-4 pm). Bulletin folding is on Thursday mornings at 10am; a crew of five or six people can finish the task in about half an hour. We are hoping to rotate volunteers, so it is not too much for anyone.



Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

—JaneAnn Settergren

Food Gathered from **ERLC** Members

We sent 130 pounds of food to CAER Food Shelf on Sunday, June 26. Thank you for the support.

CYF Summer Programs

July 2016

Children Youth and Family



Mission Works

Intergenerational Events scheduled for:

July 27 August 8

Forms to sign up are on-line.



August 1-4

6:30 -8:30 pm

for

4 year olds-5th grade

Registration forms are on-line.



Life 101

Musical Drama Camp

August 15-19 • 9 am-2 pm

Performances

August 20, 21

More on website.



Laura Babneau, CYF
• (763) 232-4274 •
Laura.babneau@gmail.com



Confirmation Camp

What a great experience it is to be at camp with the confirmation youth and Pastor Michelene! Watching the kids sing and celebrate God, nature and all things related to camp was amazing. I was reminded of this Bible verse while I have been at camp. Don't be afraid for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you. up with my victorious right hand. —Isaiah 41:10

The confirmation youth had a wonderful time at camp, and all of them want to come back next year. The focus of Camp Onomia this summer is *love like Jesus*. They heard stories about Jesus helping others, and seeing that He is with us always, and we are to be helpers for Christ. Here are some quotes from the Pioneers and Explorer campers: Samantha "I like swimming and everything else about camp!" Anika "I like the games."

Audrey "Making new friends is what I like about camp."

Alana "Meeting new friends!"

Hunter "Making a lot of new friends!"

Oliver "I like swimming at camp!"

Hannah "Everything about camp is great!"

Alissa "I like staying at the cabins!"

Jagger "I like the canteen and the games."

Henry "My favorite part of camp is having Laura here with me!"

Grace "Meeting new friends and celebrating my birthday at camp!"



Mission Works

We were very busy with our first Mission Works event, partnering up with Elk River Park and Rec and cleaning up Orono Beach. It was great to watch all of the youth pitching in cleaning to make a difference in our local parks. We were also blessed to have Home Depot with our youth and teach them about tools. Each person made their own individual project to take home. We have one event in the books and two more to go.

To register for these events, you can stop by church or download a registration form from the ERLC children, youth and family page on our web site. Our next event is scheduled for July 27. We will be playing bingo at Guardian Angels and working at CAER. All are invited to attend, but you must be registered ahead of time. The registration deadline for that event is July 17.

Camp = Friends and Smiles



Colorado Trip

Please pray for us as we depart for Sky Ranch Camp in Colorado to see what God has planned for us up on the mountain top. We will be leaving on July 9 and returning on July 16.

Leaders: Laura Babneau

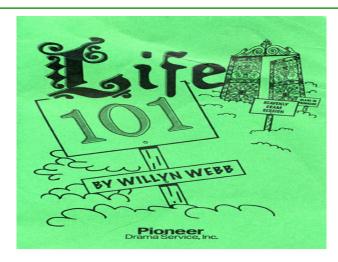
Ryan Wolcenski.

High school youth:

Hannah Monet Babneau

Mikayla Brooking Kali Follmer David McFarland Cassidy Wolcenski Kristina Erickson Michael Livingston Jake Walberg

Life 101 Registration Form



Drama/musical camp 2016 at ERLC 8/15 - 8/19 From 9:00am to 2:00pm. All you need is a bag lunch and a love for stage drama!

Household Information

Parent/Guardian Name	
Address	
City	Zip
Cell phoneHo	ome phone
Email	
Emergency Information/Contact	
Name	
Phone	
Relationship to child	
People authorized to pick up this child othe	er than parents:
Name	
Phone	
I am willing to help with music cam	np
Set design	Help entertain kids during camp
Open to help anywhere	

Child(ren) Information

DOBGender
Grade Completed
Allergies
2. Child's First and Last name
DOBGender
Grade Completed
Allergies
3. Child's First and last name
DOBGender
Grade Completed
Allergies
I give permission for my child(ren) to be photographed and to participate in off site activities.



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee recently concluded a second successful interview with a candidate for the solo permanent Pastor position of Elk River Lutheran Church. The questions, answers, insights and even a little humor from both sides helped both the candidate and this Committee agree to continue moving forward. As our Committee is entrusted with recommending a call to our Congregation, we felt it important to brief the Church Council next, which our liaison, Greg Pouilot, did on June 21.

We understand you are curious and want to know more about this candidate. We too want to share more specifics about this outstanding individual; however, we again ask for your patience in that there are clear rules and guidelines that we must follow. Until we have completed each of the required steps, we can only share what the Synod allows.

One of the next steps includes an upcoming "Meet and Greet" visit with the candidate and family with the Call Committee, Church Council and staff. Other necessary and required confidential steps in the selection process continue. The Call Committee is optimistic that the Church Council will approve a recommendation of extending a call to this candidate. Assuming Council approval and candidate agreement to be formally called, the process will include a three consecutive week notification of a Special Called Congregational Meeting. At this Special Meeting, our congregation will have the opportunity to vote on the candidate as the first called Pastor of Elk River Lutheran Church.

We will continue to do our best to ensure we keep you updated on a timely basis and as always if you have any questions feel free to ask any of us on the Call Committee.

Kerry Livingston, Chair Jana Lundquist Halie Dalzell Mark Schwarze Rich Swanson Casey Mahon

Carol Vikstrom Shanti Austvold Greg Pouilot, Council Liaison

Keeping in Touch

Sending a letter is the next best thing to showing up personally at someone's door. Ink from your pen touches the stationary, your fingers touch the paper, your saliva seals the envelope. Something tangible from your world travels through machines and hands, and deposits itself in another's mailbox.

Your letter is then carried inside as an invited guest. The paper that was sitting on your desk, now sits on another's. The recipient handles the paper that you handled. Letters create a connection that modern, impersonal forms of communication will never approach. —Brett and Kate McKay, "The Art of Letter Writing"

Is there someone you know who might like to receive a letter?

	J	uly Volunteers f	or Worship Serv	vices .	
8:15 Service	7/3/16	7/10/16	7/17/16	7/24/16	7/31/16
GREETERS	Carol Black	Audrey Horner	Chuck Cazett	Bob Nelson	Donna Mathison
	Joan Campbell	Kelli Horner	Jane Cazett	Virginia Nelson	Doug Mathison
USHERS	Julie Haugen	Paul Baumgarten	Jim Nord	Glenn Johnson	Vicki Simpson
	Chuck Naig	Jerry Jackson	Barb Overbye	Pam Johnson	Chuck Cazett
	Cedric Olson	Bill Mealio	Russ Overbye	Erin Roppe	Jane Cazett
	Wayne Traaseth	Shirley Mealio	Doug Mathison	Herm Weidner	Tom Werk
LECTOR	Bob Burtness	Carol Black	Vicki Granros	Kelly Otto	Cedric Olson
STEWARD	Pam Black	Don Wille	Jim Acers	Brad Tesdahl	Rich Swanson
COMMUNION	Shirley Peterson	Jane Cazett	Bill Mealio	Carol Black	Betty Zehringer
SERVERS	Kaye Vaske	Ruth Traaseth	Shirley Mealio	Tom Werk	Vance Zehringer
	Carol Vikstrom	Wayne Traaseth	Sue Hagen	Lori Schulstad-Werk	Phyllis Scroggins
BASKETS	Stewards: Please re	ecruit each Sunday	,		
COMMUNION	Barb Burandt	Shanti Austvold	Delphine Dietz	Adam/Kelli Horner	Adam/Kelli Horner
COORDINATOR	Jennifer Tesdahl	Toby Moe	Karen Acers	Charee Wagenfeil-Cain	Sue Hecker
& TREATS	Diane Hahn	Delphine Dietz	Shirley Hary	Donna Mathison	Kaye Vaske
	Janelle Dalzell	Burnette Domier	Martha Hippe	Carla McNair	Joan Campbell
	Kathy Dahl	Sharon Emerick	Jean Holt	Virginia Nelson	Carol Abell
		Florence Grams	Gwen Krizek	Joyce Olsen	Kristi Baumgarten
	DONUT SUNDAY	Marlyne Dalzell	Pam Johnson	Bonnie Swedal	Sue Hagen
		Betty Zehringer	Diane Malinoski	Ruth Traaseth	Carol Black
10:30 SERVICE	7/3/16	7/10/16	7/17/16	7/24/16	7/31/16
GREETERS	Anne Follmer	Deb Pouliot	Emily Spaniol	Alan Abell	Martha Hippe
	Brian Follmer	Greg Pouliot	Michelle Spaniol	Carol Abell	Brian McFarlane
USHERS	Rick Hansen	Brian McFarlane	Amy Harth	Keith Quammen	Alan Abell
	Dennis Hove	Taylor McFarlane	Darin Dalzell	Judy Lipka	Carol Abell
	Don McRae	Madison Mitzuk	Rich Swanson	Matt Spaniol	Paul Baumgarten
		Carolyn Mitzuk	Becca Weber	Michelle Spaniol	Paul Chouinard
LECTOR	Kerry Livingston	Martha Hippe	Betty Zehringer	Grace Livingston	Becca Weber
STEWARD	Toby Moe	Darin Dalzell	Martha Hippe	Carrie Chouinard	Brad Tesdahl
COMMUNION	Jackie Anderson	Nancy Bock	Greg Pouliot	Janelle Dalzell	Joe Livingston
SERVERS	Jodi Dahlheimer	Anne Follmer	Debby Pouliot	Kim Vernon	Kerry Livingston
	Sue Sass	Brian Follmer	Peg Davies	Jean Westermann	ShaVon Erickson
BASKETS	Stewards: Please re	ecruit each Sunday	,		
COMMUNION	Nancy Bock	Debby Pouliot	Mary Forster	Toby Moe	Garnet Novotny
CLEANUP			Donna Varty	Marilyn Miller	j
COMMUNION	June 27- July 2	July 5- July 9	July 11- July 16	July 18- July 23	July 25- July 30
FILL-mid week	Vicki Simpson	Anne Follmer	Jana Lundquist	Anne Follmer	Pam Black

S
ţ
<u>m</u>
S
ਰ
Φ
Ξ
7
Ξ.
ທ
>
<u>a</u>
.=
7
\mathbf{I}
<u></u>
Ξ,
0
ő
ä
2
(8)
0
\equiv
2
O
Ĺ
r.
3
_
0
\Box
ē
ō
theran Church
Ľ
_
9
River
ä
품
Ш

O. I.	a o M	dil.	Wed	- HP	ü	+ n
26	27	28	59	30		2
Concert Choir Tour	Concert Choir Tour	Concert Choir Tour	Concert Choir Tour	Concert Choir Tour		8am - Men's Bible Study
8:15am - Traditional	9am - Mission Works	7:30am - BNI	7:30am - Opportunity	8 am - Educational		12:15pm - Officer Meeting
10:30am - Contemporary		9:30am - Bible Study	6:30pm - BMI	7 pm - The Way Out (AA)		
6pm - Movie Night:		9:30am - Quilting				
		1:30pm - Staff Meeting				
8	4	ıc	9	2	8	5
8:15am - Traditional	Independence Day	7:30am - BNI	7:30am - Opportunity	7 pm - The Way Out (AA)		Colorado Mission Trip
10:30am - Contemporary		9:30am - Bible Study	6:30pm - Adult Ed Mtg			8 am - Men's Bible Study
		1:30pm - Staff Meeting	6:30pm - BMI			
			6:30pm - CYF Mtg			
10	-	12	13	14	15	16
Colorado Mission Trip with Laura @ Colorado, USA	Laura @ Colorado, USA					
8:15am - Traditional	10am - Genealogy Group	7:30am - BNI	7:30am - Opportunity	7pm - The Way Out (AA)		8am - Men's Bible Study
10:30am - Contemporary	6pm - Executive Council	9:30am - Bible Study	6:30pm - BMI			12:30pm - LOLCB Staff
	7pm - Quartet Rehearsal	1:30pm - Staff Meeting				
		6:30pm - CSO Meeting @				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:15am - Traditional		7:30am - BNI	7:30am - Opportunity	7pm - The Way Out (AA)		8 am - Men's Bible Study
10:30am - Contemporary		9:30am - Bible Study	6:30pm - BMI			
		1:30pm - Staff Meeting				
24	25	26	27	28	59	30
8:15am - Traditional		7:30am - BNI	7:30am - Opportunity	Summer Social (All Choirs)	10:30am - LOLCB Golf	8am - Men's Bible Study
10:30am - Contemporary		8am - Educational	9am - Mission Works	7pm - The Way Out (AA)		
		9:30am - Bible Study	6:30pm - BMI			
		1:30pm - Staff Meeting				
		7 pm - Church Council				
31	-	2	8	4	3	9
8:15am - Traditional	6:30pm - Vacation Bible Schoo	10			9am - Summer Music Day	8 am - Men's Bible Study
10:30am - Contemporary	9am - Summer Music Day	7:30am - BNI	7:30am - Opportunity	9am - Summer Music Day		12:15pm - Officer Meeting
12pm - VBS Setup	6:30pm - Facilities Mtg	9am - Summer Music Day	9 am - Summer Music Day	7 pm - The Way Out (AA)		
		9:30am - Bible Study	6:30pm - BMI			
		9:30am - Quilting				
		1:30pm - Staff Meeting				

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Ken Nathe
- 2 Glenn Johnson
- 2 Jocie Schwartz
- 3 Howard Dalzell
- 3 John Ivers
- 3 Lorie Schulstad-Werk
- 3 Cooper Swenson
- 5 Kayla Conrad
- 6 Michelle Hughes
- 6 JaneAnn Settergren
- 7 Kathryn Sandeen
- 8 Heather Ditschler
- 8 Grace Livingston
- 8 Hudson Schmidt
- 9 Keith Goggins

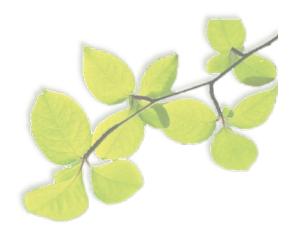


- 11 Sammie Angrimson
- 11 Sarah Chur
- 11 Danielle Goggins
- 12 Raymond Daniels
- 12 Wayne Traaseth
- 13 Shirley Mealio
- 14 LeoBardo Gonzalez
- 14 Deb Johnson
- 14 Steph Schmidt
- 14 Matt Spaniol
- 15 Beckett Chur
- 17 Charlie Conrad
- 18 John Finch
- 18 Sue Hecker
- 18 Casev Mahon
- 18 Vicki Sackmeister
- 19 Rick Bock
- 20 David Konopa
- 20 Delaney Lundquist
- 20 Paul Peterson
- 20 Aaron Yankowiak
- 21 Jenni Herzog

- 21 Darrell Madsen
- 21 Angela Schwarze
- 21 Gina Stevens
- 22 Hannah Fossum
- 23 Stacey Davies
- 23 Jean Holt
- 23 Nicholas Stevens
- 24 Toby Moe
- 24 Conni Natwick
- 26 Cindy Bungert
- 26 Margaret Daniels
- 27 Leola Dare
- 29 Alex Finch
- 29 Camille Monson
- 29 Gary Ristau
- 29 Helen Swanson
- 30 Tom McAuley

Congratulations on your Anniversary!

- 1 Dennis & Ann Hove
- 1 Ron & Dorothy Westrum
- 1 Jim & Mary Nord
- 2 Jim & Sue Hecker (50)
- 5 Eric & Kristin Fritschel
- 8 Tom & Luann Wingard
- 8 Brian & Anne Follmer
- 10 Doug & JoAnn Stillwell (40)
- 11 Larry & Jean Cook
- 12 Hartley & Kathleen Dahl
- 13 Wayne & Ruth Traaseth
- 19 Chuck & Jane Cazett
- 21 Vicki & John Sackmeister
- 23 Doug & Donna Mathison
- 24 Ric & Karla Lange (45)
- 25 Jim & Pat Graber
- 25 Greg & Deborah Pouliot
- 25 Casey & Karen Mahon (35)
- 25 Mark & Jodi Conrath
- 26 Nate & Cathryn Weber
- 29 Nick & Joyce Olsen (55)
- 29 Jeremy & Jodi Dahlheimer
- 30 Dave & Pat Hugget



Elk River, MN 55330 Elk River, MN 55330