

May 7, 2023 • 10:30am

Just A Phase

STOP

GOING TO

CHURCH.

BE THE CHURCH.



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:

- **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.

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 7	Next Sunday, May 14
Greeters	Pat and Paula Donnelly	
Ushers	Jim and Viv Ayres	Dan Nelson
Scripture Reader	Jim Ayres	Audrey Horner
Communion Steward	Greg Pouliot	Martha Hippe
Communion Servers	Debby Pouliot	Martha Hippe
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp		
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Fran Johnson	
PowerPoint Operator		
Soundboard Operator	Jeff Schrock	Grace Livingston
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

Gathering Song

"Blue Collar Praise"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Song of the Day

"Great is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

New Member Welcome

Offering

"Joyful, Joyful"
featuring the Riverside Ringers

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

"Oh, Give Thanks to the Lord"

Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

"Grateful"

Sending Dialog

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Our New Members joining Elk River Lutheran

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Curt, brother of Rita Jenkins
- Family and Friends of Dave Burandt, husband of Barbara Burandt
- Family and Friends of James Potvin, Dare Funeral Luncheon here Thursday, April 20

For Support

- Ron and Kathie Nielsen, parents of Pete Nielsen



Health concerns

- Blair, Cancer
- Joey, son of Martha Hippe's friend, brain surgery on 4/28
- Kevin Nelson, recovering from open-heart surgery, brother of Karen Froelich
- Kevin Nelson's daughter (niece of Karen Froelich) battling cancer for years and has enlarged liver
- Dale Kazeck, cancer, brother of Ruth Traaseth
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Ron Stricker, has completed 4 rounds of Chemo Therapy. CT scan is scheduled for May 1.
- Tom Lund, nephew of Deb Pouliot, stage 4 brain cancer
- Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
- Anne S. friend of Mike and Linda Quam , completed radiation, ongoing chemo for spread of brain & bone cancer
- Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie and her partner Richard who was diagnosed with cancer and receiving treatments for next 4-6 months
- Renee Anderson, bone cancer, Vicki Sackmeister's sister
- Art Johnson, pulmonary fibrosis
- Nancy Naig
- Yvonne Frandsen, cancer, aunt of Jennifer Stanley
- Conni Natwick, complete healing from cancer, successful surgery and radiation therapy
- Steve Lindberg
- 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

Hymn-Sing
With Taylor and Friends

Elk River Lutheran
Church at Varty's Greenhouse



Sunday, May 7th 5:00pm-7:00pm

13192 192nd Ave NW

Elk River, MN 55330

Join your church friends to shop at Varty's Greenhouse for spring flowers and a portion of the proceeds will go to support the church.



Matching Gift Challenge

Easter - May 21

6 week appeal to collect funds to support LSSMN's work with refugees. Thanks to the generous commitment of one of our members, all gifts up to \$5000 will be matched dollar for dollar. We have a great opportunity to help some of our newest neighbors. **Be the Church!**



**Lutheran
Social Service**
of Minnesota
Refugee Services

NO 8:30 AM OR 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MAY 21 AT 9:30 AM

SPECIAL JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

@ "The Drive-Thru"
Bring a lawn chair!



Followed by
Downtown
Block Party
11AM - 1 PM



Downtown Block Party

Sunday, May 21 11:00am-1:00pm

Elk River Lutheran Church - 729 Main Street - Elk River



Free Food
Carnival Games
Live Music
Bounce House
Rad Zoo Animal Show
on stage at 12:30

Joint Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30am
to start the Celebration



Use QR Code to get to the Block Party Sign Up

Many Hands Make Light Work and a Successful Celebration!

The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a

Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



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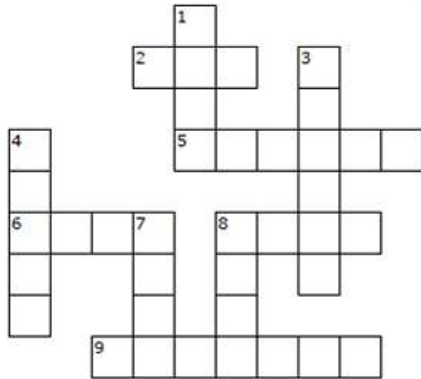
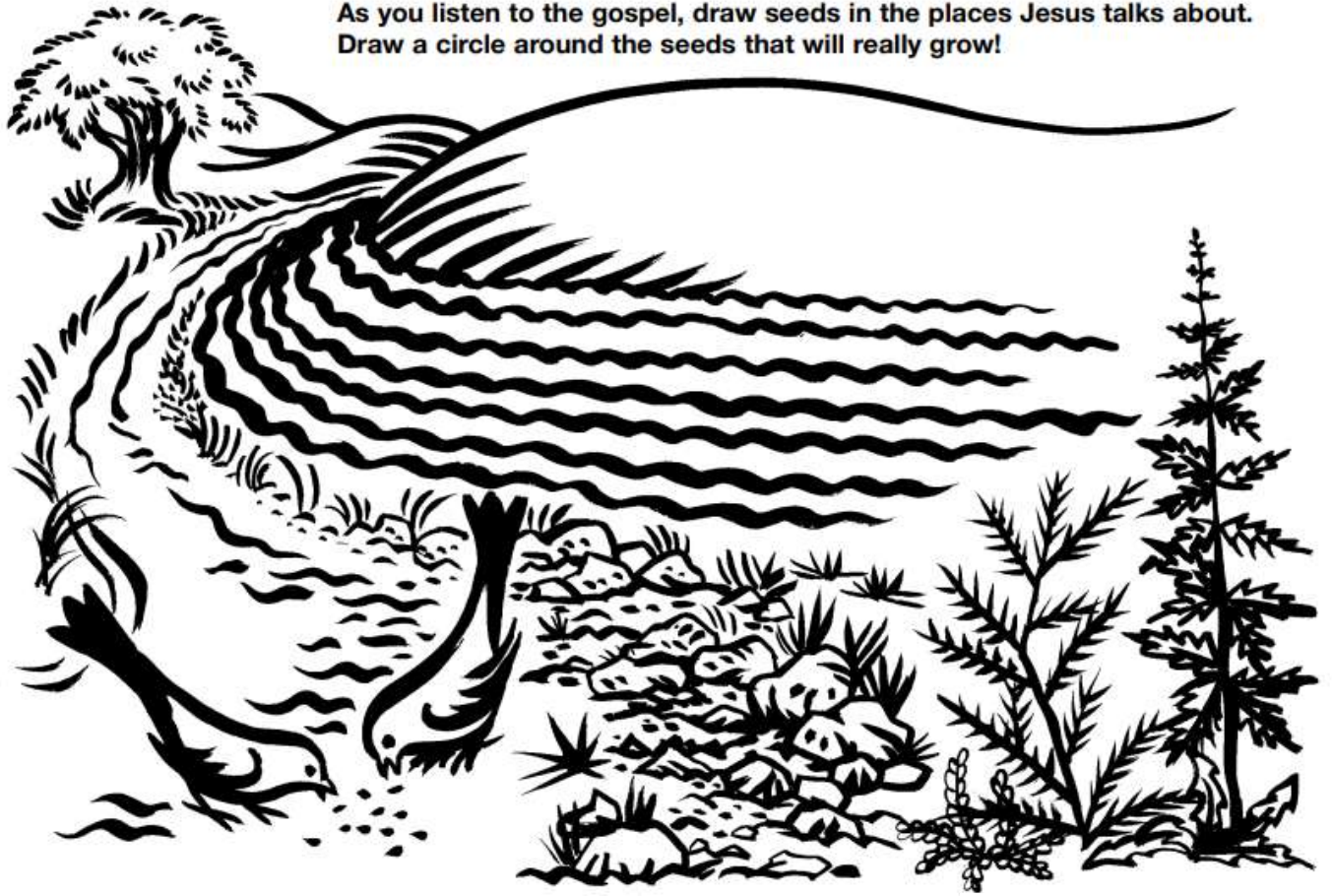
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WITHER	BIRDS	ROOT	CHOKES	SOIL
FELL	PARABLE	SCATTER	SEED	GREW
ROCKY	SHALLOW	GOOD	SOW	PATH

Finding good soil

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus told a story about seeds growing into grain.

As you listen to the gospel, draw seeds in the places Jesus talks about.
Draw a circle around the seeds that will really grow!



ACROSS

2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
5. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
6. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
8. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
9. Not deep

DOWN

1. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
4. Covered with stones
7. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
8. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow



PATH
SHALLOW

CROP
FARMER

SOIL
SEED

THORNS
SOW

ROOT
ROCKY

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

New Member Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect
11:45am Umbrella Meeting
5:00pm Special ERLC Hours at Varty's Greenhouse

MONDAY

6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)
10:00am Text Study – Optional Fellowship Time starting at 9:30am (*Lower Level Community Room*)
10:00am Mom's Club of Otsego/Elk River

WEDNESDAY

3:00pm Worship/Music Team Meeting
6:30pm Confirmation and High School Youth End of Year Party
7:00pm Special Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

12:00pm Pastor's Conference Group Gathering
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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*)

NEXT SUNDAY

Senior Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

SMALL GROUPS

ERLC Quilting Group

Tuesdays @ 9AM
Lower Level at Church

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

Text Study

Tuesdays @ 10AM
(Optional Fellowship @9:30AM)
Meeting in the 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

Men's Breakfast

Fridays @ 9AM
Coborns, Elk River
Food – Fellowship

Women's Coffee

Fridays @ 9AM
Panera, Elk River
Coffee – Food – Fellowship

Men's Bible Study

Saturdays @ 8AM
On Zoom

Find a link at
<https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>

Genealogy Group

1st Thursday of the Month
10AM – 12 Noon
2nd Floor Conference Room

All are welcome even if you haven't joined before.
Meeting begins by sharing what each are working on, discoveries, questions, roadblocks and family stories.

Women's Monthly Bible Study

3rd Monday of the Month
6:30PM

Lower Level at the Church

This group follows the Bible Studies of the Women's ELCA magazine Gather.

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Tom Werk



Please Recycle Me!



Confirmation Worship
Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer
Form

Ways to Give



Cash / Check

Offering plate is
by the entrances
to the sanctuary



Mobile Giving QR Code



Text to Give

Text Give to
(612) 324-8257

Additional Ways to Give:

- **Automated Recurring Giving:** Set up online via website give button, via the Tithe.ly phone app or by contacting the church office
- **Stocks:** consider donating stocks through a conversation with your financial advisor and the church.

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SERIES OVERVIEW

In these weeks after Easter we're going to encourage you to **Stop Going To Church...** and instead **Be the Church!**

We usually talk about "church" as a destination. *"I'm going to church."* *"I missed church this weekend."* *"You better behave in church!"* (hopefully that last one is to a child and not an adult) But church is way more than just a place. Church is a people living out the faith together.

*Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God and neighbor.*

This shared mission never mentions a building or a location, it describes our shared life and faith together.

April 23 - Be The Church

April 30 - Church For ALL

May 7 - Just A Phase

May 14 - Bring the Church

May 21 - In The Neighborhood

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am – 4 pm; Fri Closed