

*June 11, 2023 • 10:30am*  
*2nd Sunday after Pentecost*

Stories and Teachings  
from the

# Gospel of Matthew

SUMMER 2023



# **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](http://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**

	<b>Sunday, June 11</b>	<b>Next Sunday, June 18</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Pat Kyro	
<b>Ushers</b>	Pat and Paula Donnelly	Dan Nelson
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Kara Hennig	Martha Hippe
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Greg and Debby Pouliot	
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Martha Hippe	Debby Pouliot
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Jodi Rosati	Paula Rose
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Mason Wagner	
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Bennett Johnson	
<b>Switcher Operator</b>	Jeff Schrock	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](mailto:taylor@elkriverlutheran.org)*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## ***The Gathering of God's People***

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

***"Oh How Good It Is"***

## ***The Word of God Proclaimed***

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Bible Stories

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

*"Dinner with Sinners", The Action Bible  
Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26*

*Aubrey Thonvold, Reconciling Works*

***"Great is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)"***

## ***Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God***

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion Blessing & Prayer

***"Honey in the Rock"***

## ***The Sending of God's People***

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

***"Firm Foundation"***

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## **Aubrey Thonvold, Executive Director of ReconcilingWorks**

(she/her) is a lifelong Lutheran who is committed to work centered in justice and equity for LGBTQIA+ people and their families within religious and faith communities. With a master's degree in Transforming Spirituality from The School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University, she strives to bring people in and invite all to the table. She leads this work at ReconcilingWorks with a sense of call to this holy ministry. Aubrey has worked on marriage campaigns in Washington, Hawaii, and Oregon, organizing outreach, education,

and advocacy and encouraging faith communities to support the freedom to marry for LGBTQIA+ couples. Aubrey and her spouse Heather both have a call to ministry, a love of adventures, and enjoy time with family and friends.



## **OUR VISION**

*To keep expanding the welcome, liberating those who are forced to live in the margins.  
To keep dismantling barriers and building bridges.  
To keep working until all of God's beloved have equity.*

## **OUR MISSION**

*ReconcilingWorks advocates for the acceptance, full participation, and liberation of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within the Lutheran Church.*

## **OUR VALUES**

*We believe that God values and embraces each person as a beloved child, that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and that Jesus Christ calls us to work for justice.*

All are Welcome Here

# HAPPY PRIDE!

Elk River Lutheran Church

## *Elk River Lutheran Affirmation Statement*

Here at Elk River Lutheran Church—ELCA—we are committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith, centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, in faithfulness to the Gospel and consistent with our Mission Statement, to the best of our ability, we promise to provide worship opportunities, programs, ministries, leadership opportunities and pastoral care to all who seek God in this place. We all belong to the Priesthood of All Believers.

As a community striving to serve God and neighbor and to be open to all people, we at Elk River Lutheran Church welcome all to join us as we struggle to better understand the mysteries of God's teachings. We are challenged by Christ to care for, to love, to understand and to listen to each other, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or economic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people. ERLC is a place where all are welcomed to participate fully in the life of this congregation and each person is invited to share his or her own unique gifts.

To this end Elk River Lutheran Church is officially now a Reconciling in Christ congregation and affirms our position of Welcome and Ministry with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.



**Can't make it to church...  
No Problem!**

**SUBSCRIBE**

**Elk River  
LUTHERAN  
C H U R C H**

 **YouTube Channel** 

**Participate in church services live or on demand!**



## Camp Dates

**High School Camp**  
July 9-12

**Middle School Camp**  
July 16-19

**Cost**  
\$290 (Scholarship available)

**Location**  
Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

**Questions?**  
Contact Pastor Anne  
Email: [pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org)  
Cell: 952-250-6974

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

**Perhaps Too Much Fun**

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

COKESBURY'S

# HERO HOTLINE

**Called Together  
to Serve God!**



**August 6 - 9**

**Sunday: 10:30am - 1:00pm**

**Monday-Wednesday: 5:30pm - 8pm**

**\*\*includes meal each day**

**Register  
by July 30th at  
[elkriverlutheran.org/vbs](http://elkriverlutheran.org/vbs)**



 **Elk River  
LUTHERAN**

# WILD WEDNESDAYS\*

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS\*

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14TH,

7-8:30PM

AT ERLC



*\* Friends Always Welcome!*

# WILD WEDNESDAYS\*

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS\*

WEDNESDAY JUNE 21ST,

7-8:30PM

AT ERLC



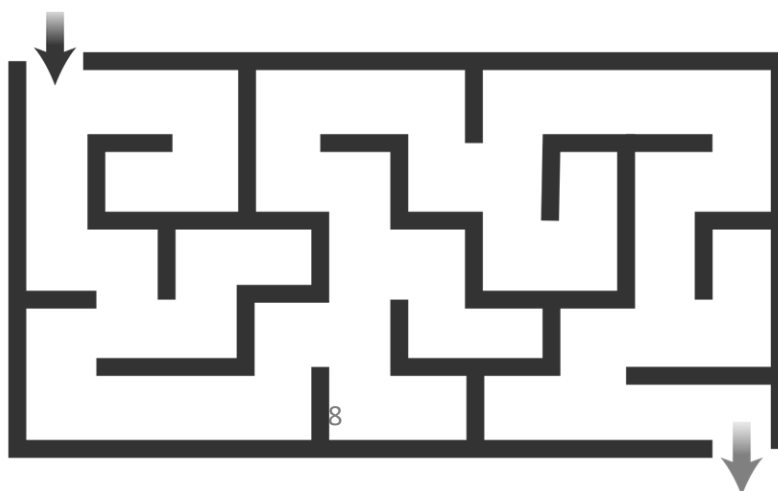
*\* Friends Always Welcome!*

Matthew 9:12-13

# Word Search

Z G U C Q R R B H Z V X S C R  
F J U S E C G I S X T K U N E  
N Q B N A N O E G U H O T O N  
R I N I I C L L D H K S P J U  
C I T T Q P R F L P T W I D P  
D M T E I Y S I A E R E U C D  
D I A C A Q E H F K C L O M K  
S H S T S C V B E I G T W U Y  
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Q E X T S P E W R L T T L K S  
H N C S C E A W O H S H H A  
P O B T N W G F K W C B U Y W  
D V T H Q A S I N N E R S G A  
M E R C Y D M U R T O K R G R

DISCIPLES	MATTHEW	DOCTOR	COLLECTORS
SACRIFICE	DINNER	HEALTHY	TEACHER
MERCY	SITTING	BOOTH	SINNERS
RIGHTEOUS	FOLLOW	HOUSE	SICK







I can help sick people learn about Jesus.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Thank you for the prayers and all the cards. And a special thanks to Pastor Anne who called. ~ Donna Mathison
- Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie's partner Richard has successfully completed 6 rounds of chemotherapy.

### ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of JoAnne Peterson, sister of Jerry Jackson (Joanne is from Dallas TX)
- Family and Friends of Judy Sloan
- Family and Friends of Chad Lundquist

### ***For Support***

- Ruth Ann
- Ron and Kathie Nielsen, parents of Pete Nielsen



### ***Health concerns***

- Emily, sister of Nellie Taylor, car accident with many injuries
- Blair, cancer (prayer request by Rita and Kevin Jenkins)
- Donna Mathison, surgery on May 23 for a blockage to the brain
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Ron Stricker: 6th chemo treatment completed. CT scan shows cancer is stable
- 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](mailto: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](http://elkriverlutheran.org)

*Generally, prayer requests will run for 3 weeks. If more time is needed, please call the church office*

## WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY

*Aubrey Thonvold, Reconciling Works*  
**Guest Speaker**

**8:30am** Traditional Worship  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship

### TUESDAY

**9:00am** Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)  
**10:00am** Text Study – Optional Fellowship Time  
 starting at 9:30am (*Lower Level Community Room*)

### WEDNESDAY

**5:00pm** Generosity Team Meeting  
**7:00pm** Wild Wednesday (9-12 graders)

### THURSDAY

**10:00am** Worship at Guardian Angels Riverview  
 Landing

### 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

**8:30am** Traditional Worship  
**9:30am** Fellowship Hour  
**10:30am** Contemporary Worship with Baptism

## 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

*1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month*  
*10AM – 12 Noon*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

*3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month*  
*6:30PM*  
 Lower Level at the Church

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

**SUMMER WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, June 25**

Stories and Teachings  
 from the  
**Gospel of  
 Matthew**

**Pastor Joanne  
 Sorenson**  
 Matthew 10:24-39

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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**President:** David Katzner  
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**Secretary:** Matt Glasoe  
**Treasurer:** Mark Johnson

Sue Hales  
Julie Marie Haugen  
Conni Natwick  
Jeff Schrock  
Jennifer Stanley  
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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