

June 25, 2023 • 10:30am
4th 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). 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, June 25	Next Sunday, July 2
Greeters		
Ushers	Joe Livingston	
Scripture Reader		
Communion Servers	Greg and Debby Pouliot	
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp		
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Shirley Schmidt	Vicki Simpson
PowerPoint Operator		
Soundboard Operator		
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

"Grateful"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Bible Stories

"Two Masters", Spark Story Bible, page 384

Scripture Readings

Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon

Pastor Joanne Sorenson

Song of the Day

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

"You Say"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

"All the People Said Amen"

Sending Dialog

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Guest Pastor - Pastor Joanne Sorenson

Joanne has served as pastor at churches in Cannon Falls, Minnesota, and also Hudson and Fall Creek, Wisconsin. Over the past 20 years, she enjoyed leading groups on service trips to Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana, Jamaica, and Africa.

She left her position in 2017 to create a non-profit called "[IN OUR HANDS](#)".

Joanne lives in St Paul, and her two "adulting" children, Katherine and Christopher, live in Eau Claire, WI.

Favorite verse: Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart - do not rely on your own insight...God will direct your path."

If you are interested in what Joanne is doing now, take a look at her website: www.inourhandsadventures.com



WILD WEDNESDAYS*

4-6TH GRADE STUDENTS*

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28TH,

6:30-8PM

AT ERLC

Games,
Friendship
& Snacks

* Friends Always Welcome!*



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

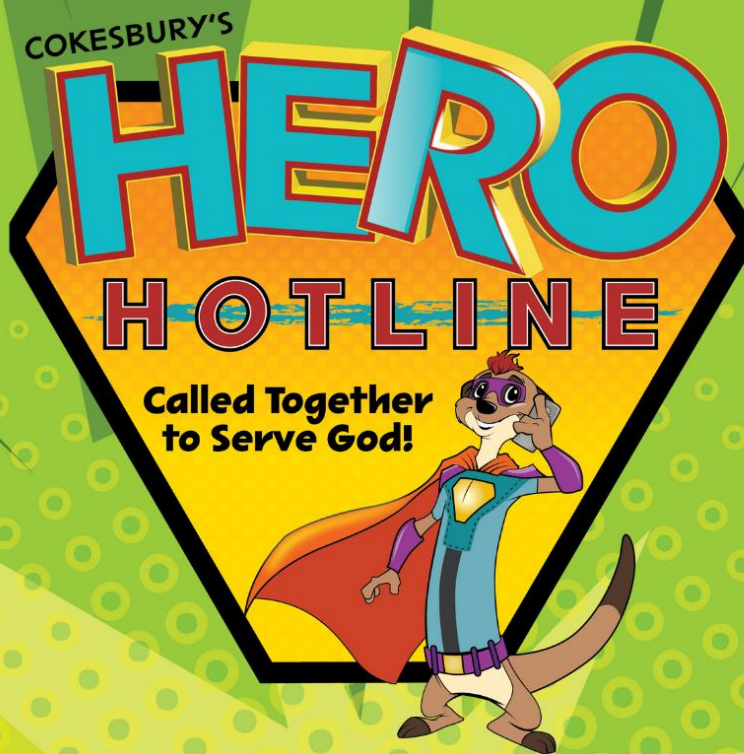
Email: pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org

Cell: 952-250-6974

Register Online:

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

Perhaps Too Much Fun



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Baptism of Emerson and Malone Gerber on June 18 at 10:30am.
Parents: Justin and Cassandra Gerber.
Sponsors: Katie Wrobel and Nick Gerber(Emerson); Jody Vorder bruggen and Jordan Gerber(Malone)
- Conni Natwick: Thanks and praise to God for the treatment and healing received so far. And thank you to everyone who has been praying for me.

In Sympathy

- Pray for Conni Natwick's Aunt Sandi and family on the loss of Conni's Uncle
- Family and Friends of JoAnne Peterson, sister of Jerry Jackson (Joanne is from Dallas TX)

For Support

- Ruth Ann



Health concerns

- Elwood Chouinard, oldest brother of Paul is nervous about a triple by-pass surgery on he will have on Monday, June 19 – Paul's birthday.
- Emily, sister of Nellie Taylor, car accident with many injuries
- Blair, cancer (prayer request by Rita and Kevin Jenkins)
- 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
- 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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

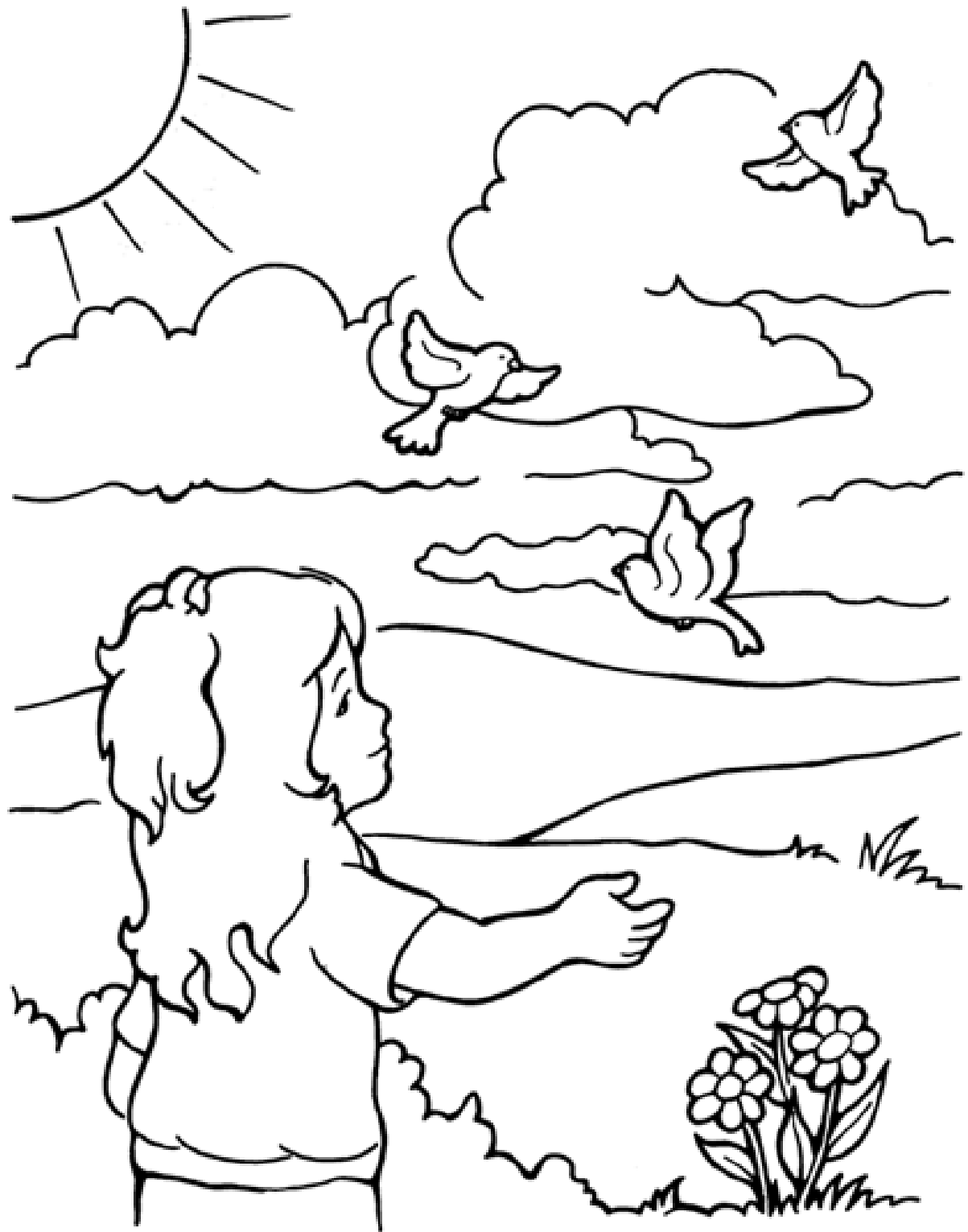
Mathew 10:28-31

Word Search Puzzle

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STUDENT	GROUND	FOLLOW	PENNY	HAIRS
SPARROWS	FALL	TEACHER	WORTHY	SOUL
WORTH	LIFE	HEAD	MASTER	CROSS
NUMBERED	ABOVE	SERVANT	BODY	AFRAID

Coloring Page



"What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin?
But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground
without your Father knowing it.

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Pastor Joanne Sorenson, guest preacher

- 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

- 6:30pm** Wild Wednesday: Grade 4-6

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

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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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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