

July 23, 2023 • 10:30am
8th 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, July 23	Next Sunday, July 30
Greeters	Martha Hippe and Krista Schrock	Tyler and Sarah Carlson
Ushers	Dan Nelson and Zoey Day	Rick and Nancy Bock
Assisting Minister	Cedric Olson	
Scripture Reader	Chris Brown	Audrey Horner
Communion Servers	David Katzner, Pat and Paula Donnelly	Cathy Dalnes, Katherine Horner and Tom Wingard
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Zoey Day	Nancy Bock
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Nancy Bock	Paula Rose
PowerPoint Operator	Chloe Sandvig	Emma Anderson
Soundboard Operator	Justin Howland	Emily Rotz
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

"Come People of the Risen King"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Bible Stories

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

Matthew 13:24-30

Pastor Anne Schaefer

"Everlasting Love"

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

"For All That You Have Done"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"God of Science"

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SUMMER WORSHIP

Sunday, July 30

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**Pastor Joanne
Sorenson**
Matthew 13:
31-33, 44-52

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- 2 successful weeks at Summer Festival Camp were experienced by our high school and middle school youth

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Chuck Hatfield, uncle of Pastor Anne Schaefer
- Family and Friends of Crystal Brown (her family is husband Rob, Sons Cody (22), Ethan (17) and Zane (8)). Cousin of Pastor Anne Schaefer
- Family and Friends of Dorothy "Dodo" Kjeldahl Johnson of Belgrade MN. Maternal Aunt of Dale Ziner

For Support

- Ed and Linda Retel, neighbor-friend of Pauline Kuhn

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

Health concerns

- Kathy Sandeen, major surgery July 14.
- Linda Retel, inoperable brain mass, starting radiation and chemo week of 7/17.
- Larry Koppel, bone marrow cancer, friend of Gail Palmer
- Sandy Fisker, Parkinson's Disease, cousin of Gail Palmer
- Norma Madsen, cancer
- Jeanne Jenkins
- Donn Granros
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Ron Stricker: Cancer treatments ongoing.
- 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
- Art Johnson, pulmonary fibrosis
- Nancy Naig
- Yvonne Frandsen, cancer, aunt of Jennifer Stanley
- Conni Natwick, complete healing from cancer
- Steve Lindberg
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde

What's the Difference?

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about deciding between good and bad. He uses plants as symbols for his story.

Solve the math problems to find out which plants Jesus calls good and which plants he calls bad.

GOOD:

3 + 3 6 - 5 5 x 2 2 + 3 8 - 4

BAD:

10 - 4 9 + 1 12 - 2 4 ÷ 2



KEY:

A = 5

D = 2

E = 10

H = 1

T = 4

W = 6

The Parable of the Weeds

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Mathew 28:26 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 13:24-29

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

SOW	FIELD	GOOD	UPROOT	HARVEST
WHEAT	ENEMY	PULL	KINGDOM	SEED
PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN	GROW	WEEDS

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Night with the Twins

TICKETS
\$21

TUESDAY
15
AUGUST

DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, JULY 23



TIGERS VS TWINS

TARGET FIELD
FIRST PITCH 6:40PM

Sign up at elkriverlutheran.org
Questions, reach out to Pastor Anne

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

COKESBURY'S



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



 **Elk River**
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YOU'RE INVITED

VBS DECORATING PARTY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 @ 11AM - 3PM
LUNCH PROVIDED



WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Pastor Anne Schaefer preaching

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

Pastor Joanne Sorenson, Guest Preacher

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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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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