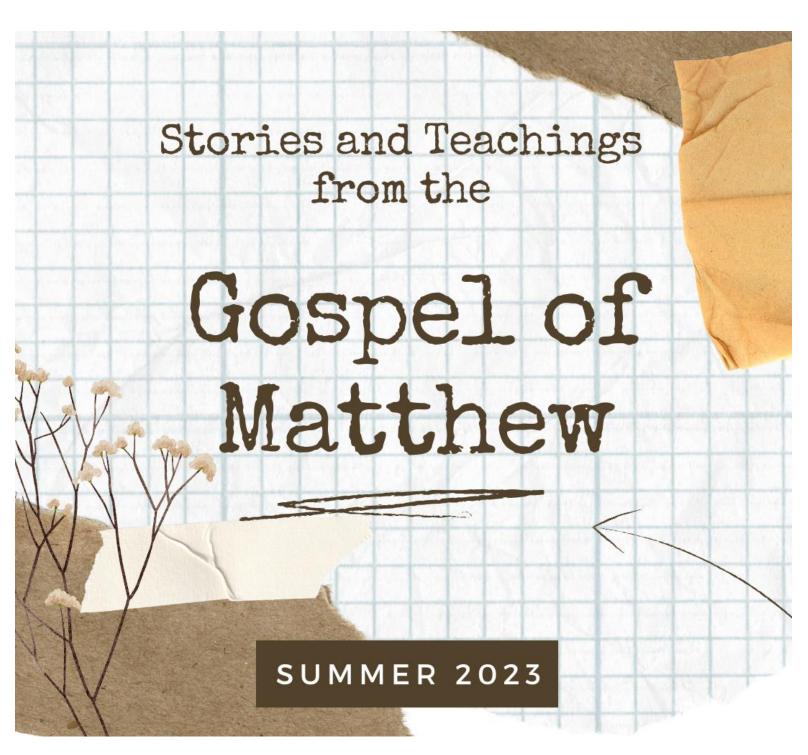
# July 23, 2023 • 10:30am 8th Sunday after Pentecost









# 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 <a href="www.elca.org">www.elca.org</a>). 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,	Cathy Dalnes, Katherine Horner				
	Pat and Paula Donnelly	and Tom Wingard				
Sunday Morning Communion	Zoey Day	Nancy Bock				
Setup/ CleanUp	Zocy Day	Ivalicy Book				
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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### 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 <u>linda@elkriverlutheran.org</u>
- 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 Stanlev
- 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 5x2 2+3 8-4

### BAD:

10-4 9+1 12-2 4÷2

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### KEY:

A = 5 E = 10 D = 2 H = 1 T = 4 W = 6

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SOWJBDTSEAGLZRK

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

# 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



# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**











YOU'RE INVITED

VBS DECORATING PARTY

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







### **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**

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.

### STAFF

### **Pastor Nathan Mugaas**

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### **Pastor Anne Schaefer**

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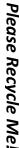
Clara Anderson, Emma Anderson and Amy Brown

### CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

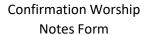
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Jennifer Stanley
Tom Werk









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