

August 20, 2023 • 10:30am

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, August 20	Next Sunday, August 27
Greeters	Shari and Justin Howland	Jean and Anne Popvich
Ushers	Joe Livingston and Jeff Schrock	Martha Hippe and Dan Nelson
Scripture Reader	Audrey Horner	Amanda Tschakert
Communion Servers	Martha Hippe and Kerry Livingston	Sarah Chur and David Katzner
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Christine Hansen	
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jana Lundquist	Shirley Schmidt
PowerPoint Operator	Grace Livingston	Shari Howland
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz	Justin Howland
Switcher Operator	Nick Campbell	Adam Horner

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
Baptism

"Living Waters"
Iris Genevieve Guertin

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Suckers and Bible Stories

"Share God's Love"
Spark Story Bible, pg 326

Scripture Readings
Sermon
Song of the Day

Matthew 15:21-28
Pastor Mark Hanson
"Goodness of God"

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

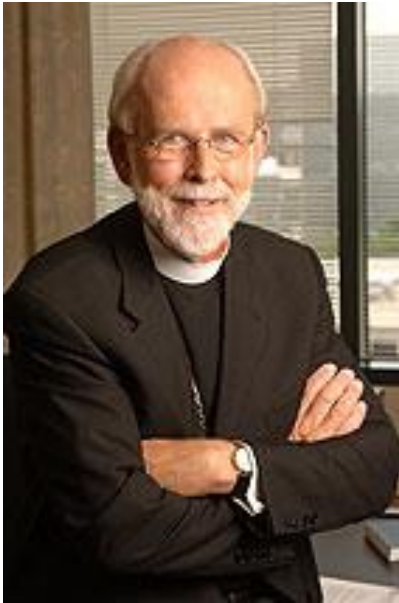
"Great is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song
Sending Dialog

"My Lighthouse"

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PASTOR MARK HANSON

ELCA presiding bishop emeritus

Pastor Hanson presided over the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly that voted to allow the ELCA to ordain LGBTQ clergy and congregations to call them. We are thrilled to welcome Bishop Hanson to Elk River Lutheran Church to witness this joyful, accepting community that was born out of the conflict from that controversial vote.

Before being elected presiding bishop, he served as bishop of the Saint Paul Area Synod (3H). Prior to being elected synod bishop, he served as pastor of three Minnesota congregations: Prince of Glory Lutheran Church, Minneapolis; Edina Community Lutheran Church, Edina, Minn., and University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis.

From 2003 until 2010, he was president of the Lutheran World Federation, a position he held concurrently with his position as presiding bishop of the ELCA. Serving with this global communion of Lutheran churches, Bishop Hanson has traveled widely throughout the world, sharing a confident hope in God's promises and a vision of the joyful freedom in Christian community and mission.

Married to lone (Agrimson), they are the parents of Aaron, Alyssa, Rachel, Ezra, Isaac and Elizabeth, and grandparents to Naomi, Kingston, Sam, Danielle, Sophia and Remi. Before moving to Chicago, lone was the director of social work at Minneapolis and St. Paul Children's Hospitals.

Pastor Hanson's primary vocation is to accompany lone on their shared journey as lone lives with advanced memory loss. He also is serving as a Fellow at the Augsburg University Interfaith Institute.



ARE YOU OUR NEXT **NEW MEMBER?**

Join Our Church!

To do so, we ask that you attend a **New Member Orientation class** and complete our new member forms found at the top of elkrivlutheran.org/forms.

At the **New Member Class**, you'll learn more about the vision, history and ministries of Elk River Lutheran Church, and ways that you can find your place here.

To sign up, let us know on the connection form with your bulletin or send an email to linda@elkrivlutheran.org.

Sunday, Nov 12, 9:30am **New Member Orientation**
Sunday, Nov 19 **New Member Sunday with Fellowship**

Forms can be sent to linda@elkrivlutheran.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Baptism today at 10:30 service of Iris Genevieve Guertin, child of Greg and Avery Guertin. Sponsors Nicole Retter and Tony Guertin
- Brian and Ellen Hansen-Jenkins on their August 5th wedding. Brian is the son of Rita and Kevin Jenkins.
- Halie and Josh Majerus on their August 11th wedding. Halie is the daughter of Janelle and Darin Dalzell and granddaughter to Marlyne Dalzell.
- Yvonne Frandsen is now officially cancer free, aunt of Jennifer Stanley

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Terry Belland, friend of Michal Pruchnik and Jenny Stanley. He passed away from cancer
- Family and Friends of Shirley Johnson, Dan Nelson's cousin

For Support

- Barb Dahlquist, husband died April 25, 2022
- Jeanette Belland
- Dale Overson, Alzheimers Disease. Daughter of Amanda Tschakert. It has been a year since diagnosis



Health concerns

- Russ Overbye
- Al Werk, new diagnosis of lung cancer. Brother to Tom Werk
- Diane Harding. new ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding, new prostate cancer diagnosis
- Patty Sonneman, breast cancer. Aunt of Jennifer Stanley. Prayers for healing and recovery and best treatment for her
- Donn Granros
- John Natwick
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Garnet Novotny, breast cancer
- 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, getting chemo every other week for pancreatic cancer
- 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



Meals on Wheels

SEPTEMBER

Elk River Lutheran will be delivering meals for Meals on Wheels weekdays throughout the month of September. Pickup Meals daily at 10:30 am, and delivery is about an hour. If you are interested in helping out for a day, or a week, don't hesitate to get in touch with:

Barb Overbye: 612-799-5929, boverbye@gmail.com

Linda Felska: 763-242-5319, thefelskas@aol.com

Thank you for helping fill our schedule!



🎵 Music Sunday, Oct 1st! 🎵

Music Sunday features the music ministry of ERLC and showcases every musician in our faith community. Music is played, rung, and sung throughout the whole service, including the sermon.

If you would like to participate in Music Sunday in any way you'd like, let Taylor know. There are plenty of opportunities to share your musical gifts on Music Sunday.





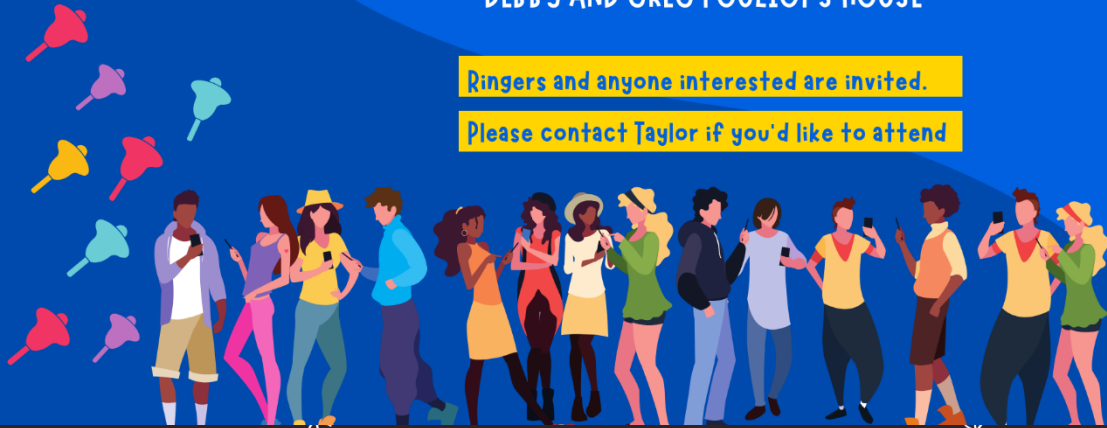
Riverside Ringers Get-Together

AUGUST 22ND, 5:30PM

DEBBY AND GREG POULIOT'S HOUSE

Ringers and anyone interested are invited.

Please contact Taylor if you'd like to attend



WILD WEDNESDAYS
 MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23RD,
 7-8:30PM
 AT ERLC
 Games, Friendship & Snacks
 * Friends Always Welcome!

WILD WEDNESDAYS
 4-6TH GRADE STUDENTS
 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30TH,
 6:30-8PM
 AT ERLC
 Games, Friendship & Snacks
 * Friends Always Welcome!



Jesus said, "You have great faith! I will heal your daughter."



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HEALED
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DAUGHTER
 CRYING
 HELP
 FAITH

SHEEP
 DOGS
 TABLE
 CRUMBS

FALL
 LOST
 ISRAEL
 SUFFERING

MERCY
 JESUS
 WOMAN
 KNELT

Unscramble the shaded words to complete this week's memory verse.

Memory Verse

Jesus answered her, "Woman, **tegar**
 is your **afhit** ! Let it be done for you
 as you **swih** ." Matthew 15:28a

Jesus answered her, "Woman, _____ is
 your _____ ! Let it be done for you
 _____ ."

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Pastor Mark Hanson, Guest Preacher

ELCA Former Presiding Bishop Emeritus

8:30am Traditional Worship

9:30am Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship with Baptism of Iris Guertin

MONDAY

6:00pm Worship Band Dinner

(Lower Level Community Room)

6:30pm Women's Monthly Bible Study

(Lower Level Quilting Room)

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting *(Lower Level Quilting Room)*

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

5:30pm Riverside Ringers Get-Together

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Wild Wednesday: Grade 7-8

THURSDAY

10:00am ERLC Current Assembly

(2nd Floor Conference Room)

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



BACK TO ELK RIVER LUTHERAN

FALL 2023

SERIES OVERVIEW

We're inviting everyone to come **Back To Elk River Lutheran** this fall as we kick off a new program year here at the church. Whether you came to worship every Sunday all summer or haven't been here in years, we hope you'll come back this fall. If it has been a while, don't worry, you're in good company, because even Pastor Nathan hasn't been here in three months! What a great time to reconnect with this joyful, accepting community as we serve God and our neighbors.

For the next 5 weeks, we will be living into and celebrating our Elk River Lutheran mission statement

September 10 - Joyful
September 17 - Grace
September 24 - Accepting
October 1 - Welcoming
October 8 - Serving

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