

September 3, 2023 • 10:30am
14th 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, September 3	Next Sunday, September 10
Greeters	Zoey and Mandy Day	Michelle Hagberg and Vicki Sackmeister
Ushers	Viv and Jim Ayres	Rick and Nancy Bock
Scripture Reader	Justin Howland	Adrienne Rotz
Communion Servers	Kerry, Joe and Grace Livingston	Tom and Luann Wingard
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Gail Palmer	Debby Pouliot
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Christine Hansen	Jodi Rosati
PowerPoint Operator	Asher Johnson	Krista Schrock
Soundboard Operator	Bennett Johnson	Jeff Schrock
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

"Blue Collar Praise"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Bible Stories

"Who is the Greatest"

Spark Story Bible, pg 324

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

Matthew 16:21-28

Pastor Anne Schaefer

"Oh How Good It Is"

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

"You Say"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"Take to the World"

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Pastor Nathan returns from his 3-month sabbatical September 5th.

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Tom Lund who lost his battle to cancer. Nephew of Deb and Greg Pouliot, son of Marge and Don Lund

For Support



Health concerns

- John Danner, in hospice
- Elvi Peterson, melanoma
- Erik Natwick, ankle surgery
- Aunt Verna, Lung Cancer (Aunt of Steve Bucholz)
- Russ Overbye
- Al Werk, new diagnosis of lung cancer. Brother to Tom Werk
- Donn Granros
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Diane Harding. new ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding
- Garnet Novotny, breast cancer
- Ron Stricker: Cancer treatments ongoing.
- 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



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 elkriverlutheran.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@elkriverlutheran.org.

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

Forms can be sent to linda@elkriverlutheran.org



GRACE SEPT 17 CYF SUNDAY

This will be a Sunday that marks the start of ERLC Children, Youth and Family program year.

Featuring Family Musicians...

8:30

- Asher, Bennett and Noellé Johnson
- Grace & Kerry Livingston
- Levi & Libby Ethen

10:30

- The Howland/Granros Family
- Rotz Family Jam Band
- Nevaeh Katzner & the Katzner Family
- The Horners

BACK TO ELK RIVER LUTHERAN



Blessing of the BACKPACKS

and the
SCHOOL YEAR!

Sunday,
Sept 17th
8:30 and 10:30



Students, Teachers and School Staff
Bring your backpack and school bags



CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY SEPT 13 @ 6:30PM

Students in Grades 7-9 should also attend

Music at Elk River Lutheran



TAYLOR

Summer's almost over.
The music ministry is starting this Fall.
Join the fun and make music with us.



Contact Taylor if you're interested



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.



Our Meals on Wheels Volunteer Schedule for September is FULL.

Thank You Volunteers!!



Meals on Wheels Program delivers nutritious noon-hour meals to the homes of at-risk, homebound, ill, and vulnerable persons age 60 and over in 44 communities across Central Minnesota.

Take Up Your Cross

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:22-28 (NIV)



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GIVE	EXCHANGE	GOOD	WHOLE
FIND	SAVE	CROSS	GAIN
SELF	SOUL	FOLLOW	LOSE
DENY	WORLD	FORFEIT	LIFE

I Will Follow Jesus, Our Leader

Coloring Page



WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Labor Day – Church Office Closed

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)
10:00am Text Study – Optional Fellowship Time
starting at 9:30am (*Lower Level Community Room*)
6:00pm Riverside Ringers Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00am Genealogy Group
(*Conference Room, 2nd Floor*)
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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 Nathan returns from Sabbatical

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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