

July 14, 2024 • 10:30am

Abraham & Sarah:

Waiting on God, Waiting for Good

The Good Book

**Stories of Some Real
Characters in the Bible**



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 14	Sunday, July 21
Greeters	Michelle Hagberg and Vicki Sackmeister	Nathan and Jessica Sandvig
Ushers	Mike Anderson and Joe Livingston	Jeff Schrock and Tom Wingard
Scripture Reader	Vicki Sackmeister	Matt Rotz
Communion Servers	Kara Hennig	Kari Christianson and John Natwick
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Martha Hippe	Greg Pouliot
Communion Steward	Debby Pouliot	Cathy Dalnes
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jodi Rosati	Jana Lundquist
PowerPoint Operator	Katherine Horner	Chloe Sandvig
Soundboard Operator	Big Tom	Emily Rotz
Switcher Operator	Nick Campbell	Noelle Kuitunen-Johnson

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

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Bible Stories

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

"Abraham and Sarah's Visitors"

Genesis 12:1-3 & 15:1-6

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

"Impossible Things"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion Blessing

"All Belong Here"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"How Great Thou Art"

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Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Hartley and Kathy Dahl are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary! Join us for cake, provided by the Dahls, during fellowship hour today.
- Dariusz Pruchnik, Mike Pruchnik's dad. Surgery was successful and test show no more cancer! Thank you for the prayers. Continued prayers for recovery from surgery welcome.

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Burnette Domier
- Family and Friends of Sara Anderson, sister of Lorie Schulstad-Werk (Funeral at ERLC on 7/9 at 11am)
- Family and Friends of Amy Jo Campbell. (Dare Funeral Luncheon at ERLC on June 28)
- Family and Friends of John Ayres, brother of Jim Ayres.
- Family and Friends of Chuck Hitchcock. Gail Palmer's brother/Kerry Livingston's uncle. Service on June 25

For Support

- Nancy Etter

Health concerns

- Justin Holtzbauer, Michelle Hagberg's friend
- Amy Anderson
- Diane Harding, starting hospice
- Sharry Becklin is in Guardian Angels Transitional care with health issues
- Judy Zirngible, cancer diagnosis
- Mary Hansen, recovery from back surgery- now in rehab. Mother of Rod Hansen.
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Fonda Whalen, dementia
- Marie Abrahamsson, cancer, Pauline Kuhn's cousin
- Linda Retel, ongoing treatment for inoperable brain cancer (friend of Pauline Kuhn)
- Brian Harding
- 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



Faith for the Journey

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." Genesis 12:1 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 12:1-4 (NIV).

Word Search

I L F C X O P E O P L E S E E S E
 W F A S T P S Z E S O T W H U L X
 E K X N Y L E V G M O H O U A P
 N Z T D D E V G M O H O U A P
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CURSE	NATION	SEVENTY	EARTH	LEAVE
GREAT	FIVE	ABRAM	WHOEVER	PEOPLE
BLESS	SHOW	LORD	COUNTRY	YEARS
LAND	HARAN	LOT	FATHER	NAME

VBS

Register Now for Vacation Bible School

August 5 – 8 | 9:00am – 12:00pm

\$15 per kid/ \$45 max per family

We are really excited for Camp Firelight VBS. This camping adventure will function like a daycamp for our preschool and elementary age students (age 4 thru 5th grade, all students must be potty trained) Find out more and Register Online at elkriverlutheran.org/vbs.html



Help Us Gear Up for VBS!

We need your **donations for VBS decorating!** Tents (no stakes), sleeping bags, coolers, lanterns, camp chairs, flashlights, and other camping supplies. Please label all items clearly and bring them to the church by **July 28th**. Items will be ready for pickup on **August 11th**.

Thank you!

Volunteers Needed!

Join us for a summer camp adventure with God. We need volunteers to help make this event a success! **Volunteer Opportunities:** **Set-Up:** The week before; **Clean-Up:** The week after; **During VBS Week:** Various roles to help it all happen. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Anne: **Email:** pastoranne@elkriverlutheran.org; **Phone:** 763-595-1216 x1204



News & Opportunities



****Join Us for an Exciting Meeting About Our Trip to Carnegie Hall!****

We are thrilled to announce that our church choir has been invited to perform at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in June 2025! To learn more about this incredible opportunity, please join us for an **information meeting on Sunday, July 14th at 9:30 am** in the Community Room. We will discuss travel plans, costs, and more. Don't miss out on this exciting adventure!



Join Us at the Wright Sherburne Pride Festival!

Elk River Lutheran invites you to join us at the Wright Sherburne Pride Festival on **Saturday, July 20th, from 11am to 4pm at Ellison Park in Monticello, MN.** As a Reconciling in Christ Church, we are committed to supporting and celebrating the LGBTQ+ community. Visit our booth and enjoy vendors, food trucks, games, and more. This free event is open to all ages. Let's show our support and have a fantastic time together!



Lutheran Night with the Twins

Deadline July 21st

August 12 | First Pitch 6:40pm

\$20 Tickets – seats together in Home Run Porch View (Left Field Outfield)

Food & Beverages at your own expense

Join us for a fun-filled night at the Twins. PLUS All invited to join in singing the National Anthem. Those interested, be there ready to sing at 5:30pm



Join Us - Maintenance Mondays

Monday, July 22 9:30-11:30AM (Fourth Monday of the Month)

Would you enjoy collaborating with people from the church on some regular maintenance and fix-it projects at the church? Then Maintenance Mondays are for you!

On the fourth Monday of the month we'll gather for coffee and conversation starting at 9:30am to discuss a list of prioritized projects for the day, then divide up to get some work done. Some months there will also be projects that can't be worked on or completed that day, so we'll strategize who might be able to complete the job and when. This is a great way to help out at the church enjoy some time together with other church folks.



Bounce House Days are back this Summer

Join us as we set up our bounce house, hand out water and snacks and invite kids to bounce while parents enjoy a break in the shade. 3pm – 7pm on **Thursdays – July 25 and August 22.**

Volunteer Online: bit.ly/2024BounceHouse



This Week at Elk River Lutheran

SUNDAY

Middle School Summer Festival Camp Begins

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Fellowship Hour Celebrate Hartley and
Kathy Dah's 65th Anniversary *(Cake provided)*
9:30am Info Meeting on Carnegie Hall Trip
(Community Room)
10:30am Contemporary Worship

MONDAY

6:00pm Women's Monthly Bible Study *(Quilting
Room)*

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting *(Lower Level Quilting Room)*
*Mission Quilts are made for Lutheran World
Relief. All skill levels welcome.*
10:00am Text Study *(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*
7:00pm AA Meeting *(Community Room)*

WEDNESDAY

Middle School Summer Festival Camp Ends

THURSDAY

10:00am Worship at Guardian Angels Riverview
Landing
1:00pm Burnette Domier Celebration of Life

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)*
Find a link at:
[https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-
ministries.html](https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html)
11am-4pm Wright Sherburne Pride Festival
(Ellison Park, Monticello)

NEXT SUNDAY

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



Women's Book Club - All are Welcome!

Join us for enriching literature and fellowship! We meet once a month on Mondays @
6:30pm in the Lower Level of Elk River Lutheran Church

August 5th: "The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers" by Amy Hollingsworth

September 9th: "The Women" by Kristen Hannah

Donate Supplies for LWR School Kits

Partner with the Quilters and Women's Bible study and donate supplies for Lutheran World
Relief School Kits. Shopping list can be found on the tall black round table in the fellowship
hall or online at elkriverlutheran.org/caring-faith

Deadline: Sunday, August 18

