

*July 2, 2023 • 8:30am*  
*5th 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](http://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**

	<b>Sunday, July 2</b>	<b>Next Sunday, July 9</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Ruth and Wayne Traaseth	Renee Thurmer
<b>Ushers</b>	Herm Weidner	Tom and Lorie Werk
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Cedric Olson	
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Lorie Schulstad-Werk	Kari Christianson
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Cedric Olson	
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Vicki Simpson	
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Shirley Schmidt	
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Nick Campbell	Levi Ethen
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Bennett Johnson	
<b>Switcher Operator</b>	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 at [taylor@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:taylor@elkriverlutheran.org)*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## ***The Gathering of God's People***

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

**(#835) "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"**  
v1, 4 & 6

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

**"Glory Be to God on High"**

## ***The Word of God Proclaimed***

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Bible Stories

"Love Your Enemies", Spark Story Bible, page 274

Scripture Readings

Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Hymn of the Day

**(#641) "All are Welcome"**

## ***Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God***

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

**(#891) God Bless Our Native Land"**

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

**"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts"**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

**"Christ, O Lamb of God"**

Communion Hymns

**(#708) "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

**(#712) "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"**

Communion Blessing & Prayer

## ***The Sending of God's People***

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

**(#721) "Goodness is Stronger Than Evil"**

Sending Dialog

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### ***Praise the Lord*** (joys and answered prayers):

- Elwood Chouinard, oldest brother of Paul had a successful triple by-pass surgery and doesn't have much pain and is doing good. He will just have some rehab to do. Thanks for praying!
- Baptism of Emerson and Malone Gerber on June 18 at 10:30am.  
Parents: Justin and Cassandra Gerber.  
Sponsors: Katie Wrobel and Nick Gerber(Emerson); Jody Vorder bruggen and Jordan Gerber(Malone)

### ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of Keith Naig, older brother of Chuck Naig
- Family and Friends of Carla McNair
- Pray for Conni Natwick's Aunt Sandi and family on the loss of Conni's Uncle

### ***For Support***



### ***Health concerns***

- Garnet Novotny
- John Wagner, Grandpa of Myles and Mason Wagner has liver cancer
- Roger Bentz
- Joanne, recovery from knee replacement surgery on 6/16
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Ron Stricker: 6th chemo treatment completed. CT scan shows cancer is stable
- 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 and receiving treatments for next 4-6 months
- Renee Anderson, bone cancer, Vicki Sackmeister's sister
- Art Johnson, pulmonary fibrosis
- Nancy Naig
- Yvonne Frandsen, cancer, aunt of Jennifer Stanley
- Conni Natwick, complete healing from cancer, successful surgery and radiation therapy
- Steve Lindberg
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde

## SHARE YOUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Email [linda@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto: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](http://elkriverlutheran.org)

Generally, prayer requests will run for 3 weeks. If more time is needed, please call the church office

COKESBURY'S

# HERO HOTLINE

Called Together  
to Serve God!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**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](http://elkriverlutheran.org/vbs)**





**Kaleidoscope  
Quartet**



# An Afternoon with Kaleidoscope Quartet

**Sunday, July 9th - 3pm**

Join us at Elk River Lutheran Church and hear a wide array of musical selections from Disney, Palestrina, Seal, and Queen! There will be a reception following the performance, hosted by ERLC Music Ministry.

**Tickets: \$25\***  
**kquartet.com**



\*Senior and child discounts are available.

**60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY\*\***

## **Wayne and Ruth Traaseth**

**Join in the celebration  
with some cake during Fellowship Hour  
Sunday, July 9th**

**Actual Wedding Anniversary Date is July 13th \*\***



**SUMMER WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, July 9**

Stories and Teachings  
from the

**Gospel of  
Matthew**



**Pastor Linda  
Campbell**  
Matthew 11:  
16-19, 25-30

**SUMMER WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, July 16**

Stories and Teachings  
from the

**Gospel of  
Matthew**



**Katie  
Hendrikson**  
Matthew 13:  
1-9, 18-23

# "Welcome!"

"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:40-42



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

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WATER	PROPHET	ONES	WHO
RECEIVES	DISCIPLE	COLD	GIVES
REWARD	TELL	CUP	LITTLE





## WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY

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

### TUESDAY



Church Office Closed for Holiday

### THURSDAY

10:00am Genealogy Group  
(2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Pr. Linda Campbell, Guest Preacher

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:30am Fellowship Hour  
 *Cake during fellowship in celebration of Wayne and Ruth Traaseth's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 7/13*  
10:30am Contemporary Worship  
Summer Festival Camp Grades 9-12 departs  
3pm Kaleidoscope Quartet Concert

## 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

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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**President:** David Katzner  
**Vice President:** Kent Larson  
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**Treasurer:** Mark Johnson

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

**ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# LUTHERAN

*Night with the Twins*



TICKETS  
**\$21**

TUESDAY  
**15**  
AUGUST

**TIGERS**

**VS**

**TWINS**

**TARGET FIELD**

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.

**FIRST PITCH 6:40PM**

**SEATS TOGETHER IN SECTION 324 • INCLUDES HOTDOG AND POP**

Sign up at [elkriverlutheran.org](http://elkriverlutheran.org), Deadline Sunday July 23  
Questions, reach out to Pastor Anne

