

July 30, 2023 • 8:30am
9th 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>



Guest Pastor - Pastor Joanne Sorenson

Joanne has served as pastor at churches in Cannon Falls, Minnesota, and also Hudson and Fall Creek, Wisconsin. Over the past 20 years, she enjoyed leading groups on service trips to Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana, Jamaica, and Africa.

She left her position in 2017 to create a non-profit called "[IN OUR HANDS](http://www.inourhands.com)".

Joanne lives in St Paul, and her two "adulting" children, Katherine and Christopher, live in Eau Claire, WI.

Favorite verse: Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart - do not rely on your own insight...God will direct your path."

If you are interested in what Joanne is doing now, take a look at her website: www.inourhandsadventures.com

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

(#532) "Gather Us In"

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Glory Be to God on High"

Chicago Folk Service

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Bible Stories

"Parable of the Mustard Seed"

Spark Story Bible, pg 320

Scripture Readings

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

Pastor Joanne Sorenson

Hymn of the Day

(#793) "Be Thou My Vision"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

"Just As I Am"

featuring Mary Barthel, John Natwick, Vicki Simpson and Dale Ziner with Lisa Griffin

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Chicago Folk Service

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

"Christ, O Lamb of God"

Chicago Folk Service

Communion Hymns

(#705) "God of Grace and God of Glory"

(#707) "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#547) "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Sending Dialog

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Sunday, July 30	Next Sunday, August 6
Greeters	Vicki Granros and Christine Hansen	Wayne and Ruth Traaseth
Ushers	Roger Rinerson and Renee Thurmer	Renee Thurmer and Herm Weidner
Scripture Reader	Paula Rose	John Natwick
Communion Servers	John Barthel, John and Debbie Campbell	Christine Hansen, John and Conni Natwick
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Mary Barthel	Julie Marie Haugen
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Paula Rose	Julie Marie Haugen
PowerPoint Operator	Levi Ethen	Katherine Horner
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz	Bennett Johnson
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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Annika Hein (daughter of Renee Thurmer) and Sean Gottschalk were joined in marriage at Silverdale Lutheran Church in Washington on July 22nd!
- Conni Natwick, 74th Birthday

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Dale Kazeck, brother of Ruth Traaseth
- 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

For Support

- Ed and Linda Retel, neighbor-friend of Pauline Kuhn

Health concerns

- Sarah Smith, breast cancer, sister of Lisa Bossany
- Jane, friend of Lisa Bossany
- 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 Stanley
- Conni Natwick, complete healing from cancer
- Steve Lindberg, in Maple Grove hospital with infection
- 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

M K E J O Y A G A I N E V A D
 H B Z G M H D P G N U V S R H
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GREAT	AGAIN	SOLD	TREASURE	BOUGHT
KINGDOM	FIELD	JOY	FOUND	HIDDEN
VALUE	ALL	HEAVEN	MAN	PEARLS



The Treasure in the Field

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Pastor Joanne Sorenson, Guest Preacher

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 VBS Volunteer Training

THURSDAY

10:00am Genealogy Group

FRIDAY

9:00am Women's Coffee (*Panera, Elk River*)

9:00am Men's Breakfast (*Coborns, Elk River*)

11:00am VBS Decorating Party

SATURDAY

8:00am Men's Bible Study (*Zoom Bible Study*)

NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Anne Schaefer preaching

8:30am Traditional Worship

9:30am Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

10:30am VBS

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

COKEBURY'S
HERO HOTLINE
Called Together to Serve God!

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

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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



YOU'RE INVITED

VBS DECORATING PARTY

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



EAT • SING • LAUGH

CHOIR GET-TOGETHER!

THE EVENING OF
AUGUST 17TH

Carol & Mike Roden's

All singers and interested parties are welcome
Let Taylor know if you can make it: taylor@elkriverlutheran.org

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