

*August 20, 2023 • 8:30am*  
*12th 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, August 20</b>	<b>Next Sunday, August 27</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Herm and Bev Weidner	Christy Boese
<b>Ushers</b>	Vicki Simpson and Cedric Olson	Roger and Sharon Rinerson
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Cale Stanley-Wornson	Larry Cook
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Milo and Kari Christianson	Julie Marie Haugen and Vicki Simpson
<b>Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp</b>	Julie Marie Haugen	Barb Burandt
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Jana Lundquist	Shirley Schmidt
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Hannah Boese	
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Emily Rotz	Bennett Johnson
<b>Switcher Operator</b>	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](mailto:taylor@elkriverlutheran.org)*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

**(#641) "All are Welcome" v1, 2 & 3**

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

**"Share God's Love"**

*Spark Story Bible, pg 326*

Scripture Readings

Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon

*Pastor Mark Hanson*

Hymn of the Day

**(ACS #1036) "Commonwealth is God's Commandment"**

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

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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

**(#496) "One Bread, One Body"**

**(#759) "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

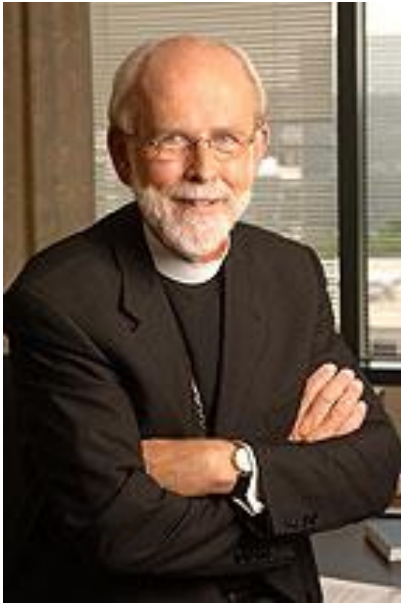
Sending Hymn

**(#886) "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" v1, 3, & 6**

Sending Dialog

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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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*



# 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.





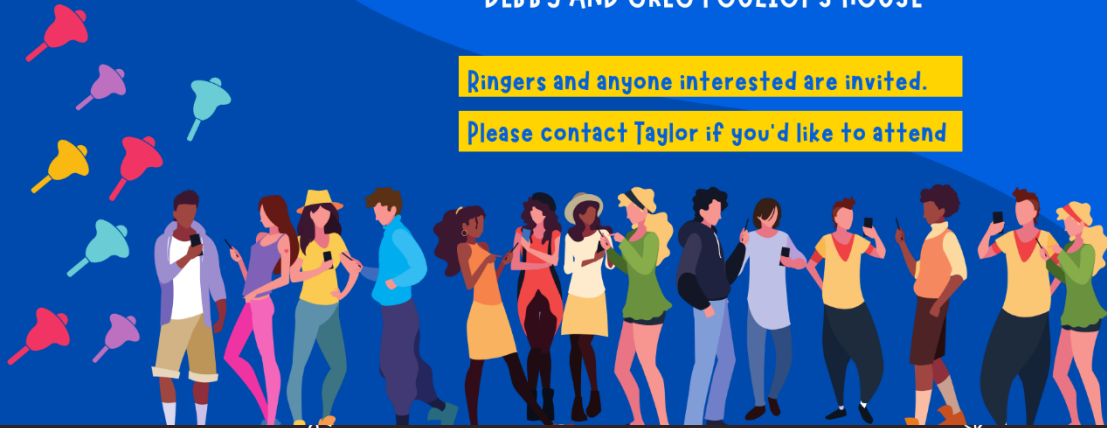
# Riverside Ringers Get-Together

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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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

*(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

**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

*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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**Treasurer:**

Mark Johnson

Sue Hales  
Julie Marie Haugen  
Conni Natwick  
Jeff Schrock  
Jennifer Stanley  
Tom Werk



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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.

## Elk River Lutheran Church

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# 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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