

July 21, 2024 • 8:30am

Nicodemus

Taking Risks and Learning at Any Age

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 21	Sunday, July 28
Greeters	Fran Johnson and Bob Krumwiede	Orlyn and Lucy Boeshans
Ushers	Mark Johnson and Cedric Olson	Herm Weidner and Tom Werk
Scripture Reader	Larry Cook	Fran Johnson
Communion Servers	Patsy and Don Anundsen	Jenny Pruchnik and Cale Stanley-Wornson
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Mary Barthel	John Barthel
Communion Steward	Dale Ziner	Babs Armagost
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jana Lundquist	Jenny Pruchnik
PowerPoint Operator	John Barthel	Sarah Auel
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz	John Auel
Switcher Operator	Noelle Kuitunen-Johnson	Nick Campbell

If you would like to serve, Great! Please contact the Worship Volunteer Coordinating Team so we can get you filled in. If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday, also contact the Team at erlcvolunteers@gmail.com

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

(#673) "God, Whose Almighty Word"

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

"The Light of the World"

Scripture Readings

John 3:1-10

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Hymn of the Day

(#671) "Build Us Up, Lord"

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"

Chicago Folk Service

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns

"Christ, O Lamb of God"

Chicago Folk Service

(#793) "Be Thou My Vision"

(#838) "Beautiful Savior"

Communion Blessing and Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

God's Work Our Hands

Worship Volunteers

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#456) "Baptized in Water"

Sending Dialog

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Thanks to the Elk River Police and Fire Departments for a quick response Sunday, July 14

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Diane Harding
- 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

- Jon Krizek
- John Severson, recovering from a procedure.
- Justin Holtzbauer, Michelle Hagberg's friend
- Amy Anderson
- 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

Thank you to the faithful prayer warriors of Elk River Lutheran who supported all of the family of sister Sara Anderson through her long battle with cancer. She now rests in the arms of the Lord.

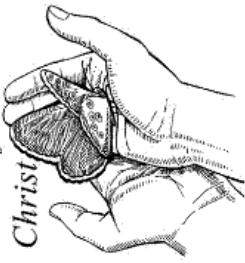
~ Lorie Schulstad-Werk and Tom Werk

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

New Life in
Christ



Born Again!

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

Based on John 3:1-17 (NIV)

U J O W H I D P E K A V N D Z
G K U T D L O V E D S N I T D
E N R I B V A T C A A C E Z
T I F N S A G R A H Y O A G
B D T L K H D A U B T L D C M
V H J G E I D I T V V G P M E H
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J P H A R I S E E J S T I M I
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BIRTH	TRUTH	SPIRIT	NIGHT	JEWISH
PHARISEE	AGAIN	ETERNAL	MAN	RABBI
BORN	WORLD	KINGDOM	NICODEMUS	FLESH
JESUS	LOVED	TEACHER	LIFE	WATER

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



Lutheran Night with the Twins

Deadline TODAY – Sunday, 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



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

This Week at Elk River Lutheran

SUNDAY

Last Day to Purchase Twins Ticket (8/12 game)

8:30am Traditional Worship

9:30am Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

MONDAY

9:30am Maintenance Mondays

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*

6:30pm Church Council

7:00pm AA Meeting (Community Room)

THURSDAY

3pm-7pm Bounce House Day at Farmers Market

5pm-9pm

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>

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30am Traditional Worship

9:30am Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

Our NEW Worship Volunteer Coordinating Team



Babs Armagost, Chris Hansen and Jenny Pruchnik

This brand new team to ERLC will recruit, schedule, train, and support our worship volunteers. You'll be seeing them at our worship services and hearing from them throughout the summer as they transition fully into their role by Sept 1st. Please say hi to them when you see them. They can also be reached through email:

erlcvolunteers@gmail.com.

Carnegie Hall Trip Update



Thank you to everyone who attended our first information meeting for our June 2025 performance at Carnegie Hall. For those who couldn't attend or didn't sign up yet, we have another meeting in August to finalize decisions. If you're interested, it's important to contact Taylor at taylor@elkriverlutheran.org before the August meeting. A survey to determine the meeting time has been sent to those who signed up. We look forward to this incredible experience together!