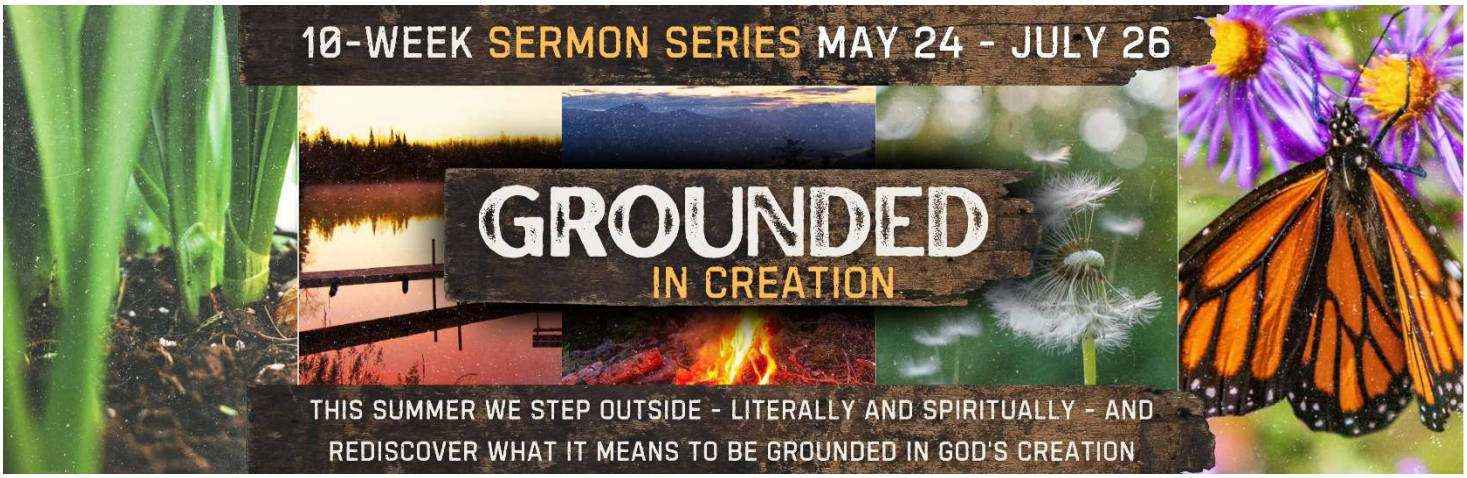
June 7, 2026

Earth 2: Good Soil

8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services



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:

- **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.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** are available. Please contact the Media Booth

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

Elk River LUTHERAN ELCA
Trusting in God's grace, an accepting, joyful community, serving God & neighbor.

8:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Gathering Hymn — ***ELW #533 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" v1, 3, & 5***

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise — ***"Above the Hills"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Stories — *Salt & Light*

Scripture Readings — *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*

Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Hymn of the Day — ***ELW #512 "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"***

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"***

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God — ***"O Lamb of God"***

Communion Hymns — ***ELW #465 "As the Grains of Wheat"***

ELW #803 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Temple Talk — *Open Doors for Youth*

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn — ***ACS #1000 "God's Work, Our Hands" v1-3***

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome
Temple Talk — *Open Doors for Youth*
Sharing of the Peace
Gathering Song — ***"Living Waters"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Suckers and Stories — *Salt & Light*
Scripture Readings — *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*
Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*
Song of the Day — ***"The Kingdom of the Lord is Here"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering
Offertory Prayer
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Song — ***"Speak, O God"***
Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song — ***"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"***
Sending Dialog

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TODAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 10:30 SERVICE

Special Congregation Meeting, June 7th, 11:30am Sanctuary to Discuss Outdoor Space Improvement Project

For the last decade, our asphalt drive-through lot has served as a barrier between our sanctuary and our neighbors. Today, we have the opportunity to transform that pavement into a living bridge.

By creating the largest greenspace in the downtown core, we aren't just planting grass and trees; we are building a "front porch" for the city. This space will offer a sanctuary of rest for neighbors at midday, a playground for families, and a vibrant outdoor stage for worship under the open sky.

This isn't merely a landscaping project—it is a mission of radical hospitality. We are replacing a cold, empty lot with a lush, inviting garden that says to every passerby: "There is a place for you here." Let's trade the concrete for a community hub that reflects our commitment to stewardship and connection.

Come and vote to turn our parking lot into a garden for the soul of our city.

The following motion will be discussed and voted on by the ERLC Congregation:

Motion to approve up to $225,000 for the exterior improvements project in 2026. Broken down into two components:

1. *$200,000 for the general contractor, Intent Built for the construction of the exterior project*
2. *$25,000 for Elk River Lutheran procured items – ex: Benches, patio tables and signage.*

The project will be funded through Building Fund dollars designated for capital improvements through the "LOVE Inside Out" campaign.

Worship Volunteers

	June 7		June 14	
Roles	**8:30am**	**10:30am**	**8:30am**	**10:30am**
Greeter	Shellum, Ed Shellum, Deb	Donnelly, Paula Donnelly, Megg	Traaseth, Wayne Traaseth, Ruth	Zehringer, Betty Hales, Sue
Usher	Ziner, Dale Domeier, Jane	Schaefer, Anthony Bock, Rick	Krumwiede, Sandy Krumwiede, Bob	Ayres, Viv Ayres, Jim
Scripture Reader		Armagost, Babs	Olson, Cedric	Donnelly, Megg
Communion Servers	Stanley-Wornson, Cale Pruchnik, Jenny	Pouliot, Greg Pouliot, Debby	Ziner, Dale Schansberg, Diana Haugen, Julie Marie	Pouliot, Greg Christianson, Milo Christianson, Kari
Communion Steward	Cox, Amy	Bock, Nancy	Barthel, John	Tesdahl, Brad
Mid-Week Communion Filler	Lundquist, Jana		Cox, Amy	
Powerpoint Operator	Pruchnik, Elliot	Parks, Julie	Barthel, Mary	Howland, Shari
Soundboard Operator	Pruchnik, Mike	Evert, Brad	Evert, Brad	Howland, Justin
Switcher Operator	Clements, Tom	Clements, Tom	Clements, Tom	Clements, Tom
Worship Volunteer Coordinator	Simpson, Vicki Pruchnik, Jenny	Hansen, Chris	Simpson, Vicki Pruchnik, Jenny	Hansen, Chris

If you would like to serve, Great! Please get in touch with 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

News & Opportunities

Summer Festival Camp – High School Youth

July 12–15 • Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter
High school youth are invited to experience Summer Festival Camp—a powerful few days of worship, music, speakers, and faith-building community with youth from across the region.

Luther Crest Summer Camp – Grades 3-8

Registration is now open for Luther Crest Bible Camp!
Students finishing grades 3–5 (Leapers) and 6–8 (Witnesses) can attend either **June 28–July 1** or **July 19–24**. Thanks to our Endowment Team, **half the cost of camp is covered for ERLC youth**.
Registration: https://luthercrest.org/summer-camps

Vacation Bible School – Save the Date!

August 3–6 • 9:00am–12:00pm
Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, inspired by Joshua 1:9: "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Kids will explore new places, build friendships, and discover God's presence through engaging Bible stories, games, and hands-on activities. Led by the Navigator and Scout the pup, this fun-filled adventure helps children grow in faith while making lasting memories. Join us for excitement, connection, and discovering God's goodness together!

ERLC's Social Justice Action Team (SJAT)

meets monthly to discuss happenings in our greater Elk River community to find ways for ERLC to love God and love all our neighbors by advocating for the least of these. We focus on educating ourselves as well as the ERLC community, and helping to provide opportunities for involvement and support of local organizations. For more information or if you want to be a part of SJAT, contact Kevin Jenkins FRMagnum@gmail.com.

Hey KIDS! If you are 3 years old through 5th grade, we have a new fun BINGO game with prizes just for you! Grab a bingo card off the cool poster in the Fellowship Hall. Follow the directions on the back to win a bingo! You'll win a sucker every time you play, and you'll be entered to win an even bigger prize in a few weeks! This new program is thanks to the Age to Age initiative that we are part of! See Pastor Anne with questions!

Prayer Requests

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

- I'm Kristina Erickson and would like to share my heartfelt thanks and praise for the incredible support I have received from our congregation throughout my discernment and application process for seminary school. I am excited and grateful to share that I have officially been accepted to Luther Seminary's Master of Arts program, where I plan to focus on Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. Thank you all for the many prayers, encouragement, and kind words shared with me throughout this process. I am looking forward to all that the Lord has planned in the path ahead.
- Thomas Gottschalk, son of Annika & Sean, baptized May 24th, 2026
- Harper & Madelynn Kendall, daughters of Laura & Daniel, baptized May 31st, 2026

In Sympathy

- Family and friends of Arvid Mugaas, Pastor Nathan's father, whose service will be June 1st.

For Support

- Jamie Liestman injured in large dog attack, daughter-in-law of Bob & Shirely Schmidt

Health Concerns

- Alex Hensen cancer treatment
- Brian Harding
- Bryana Mayer prayers for healing autoimmune diseases, daughter of Sharyn Mayer
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Cheryl advanced cancer, sister-in-law of Ron & Sue Sass
- End stage Alzheimers, friend of Deb & Greg Pouliot
- Fonda Whalen dementia
- Hartley Dahl
- Kay Foss esophageal and stomach cancer, Karen Froelich's cousin
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Les Johnson, friend of Don & Val Nelson
- Linda Nielsen, recovering from total ankle replacement
- Loretta Mae Roden in hospice care, Mike Roden's mom
- Marianne Jackson home recovering from her stroke which happened April 10th.
- Pat Miller, sister of Mary Hansen
- Sue Anderson fighting metastatic breast cancer, friend of Debby Pouliot

Share Your Prayer Concerns:

- Email chuck@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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

BEARS	BIRDS	CHOKED	CROWDS	DEPTH	EARS
EVIL	FRUIT	GOOD	GRAIN	HEAR	HEART
JOY	KINGDOM	PARABLE	PATH	ROOT	SCORCHED
SEEDS	SOIL	SOW	SOWER	THORNS	UNDERSTAND

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