

July 7, 2024 • 8:30am
Jesus: Growing Into God

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 7	Sunday, July 14
Greeters	John and Conni Natwick	Annika Gottschalk and Renee Thurmer
Ushers	John Campbell and Renee Thurmer	Chuck Cazett and Dale Ziner
Scripture Reader	Debbie Campbell	Mary Barthel
Communion Servers	Paul Hovde and Vicki Simpson	Lorie and Tom Werk
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Vicki Simpson	Paula Rose
Communion Steward	Debbie Campbell	Julie Marie Haugen
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Julie Marie Haugen	Jodi Rosati
PowerPoint Operator	Dale Ziner	Hannah Boese
Soundboard Operator	Bennett Johnson	
Switcher Operator	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 @ taylor@elkriverlutheran.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

(#893) "Before You, Lord, We Bow"^{v1 & 2}

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 Boy at the Temple"

Scripture Readings

Luke 2:41-52

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Hymn of the Day

(#655) "Son of God, Eternal Savior"^{v1 & 2}

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

"The Lord's Prayer"

Communion Hymns

"Christ, O Lamb of God"

Chicago Folk Service

(#722) "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

(#697) "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Communion Blessing and Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#887) "This is My Song"^{v1 & 2}

Sending Dialog

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Prayer Requests

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

- Hartley and Kathy Dahl are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary! Join us for cake, provided by the Dahls, during fellowship hour on July 14th.
- Dariusz Pruchnik, Mike Pruchnik's dad. Surgery was successful and test show no more cancer! Thank you for the prayers. Continued prayers for recovery from surgery welcome.

In Sympathy

- 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

- Diane Harding, starting hospice
- 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.
- Kate Nowtzelman, Cancer
- Fran Hansen, friend of Mark and Fran Johnson. Open heart surgery
- Calvin, great-grandson of Wayne and Ruth Traaseth. One years old and dealing with epileptic seizures
- 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

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

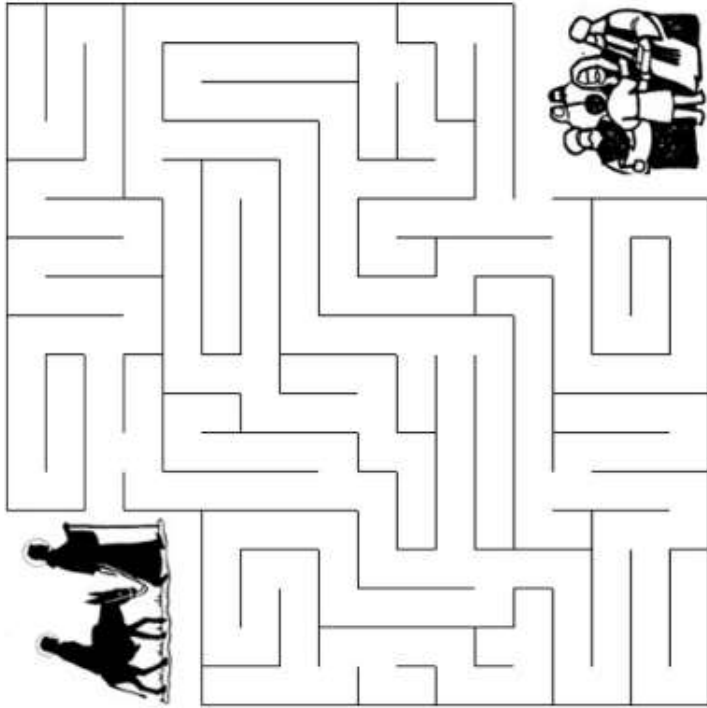
Generally, prayer requests will run for 3 weeks. If more time is needed, please call the church office

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 2:41-52

Can you help Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple?



Q L U T E M P L E R V Q I E D M
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FRIENDS	ANSWERS	FOUND	AMAZED	TEACHERS
MOTHER	FEAST	SEARCHING	FATHER	RELATIVES
PARENTS	RETURN	TEMPLE	HOME	TRAVELED

News & Opportunities

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

Join Us for an Exciting Meeting About Our Trip to Carnegie Hall!

We are thrilled to announce that our church choir has been invited to perform at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in June 2025! To learn more about this incredible opportunity, please join us for an **information meeting** on **Sunday, July 14th at 9:30 am** in the Community Room. We will discuss travel plans, costs, and more. Don't miss out on this exciting adventure!

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!

Volunteer for 2024 Vacation Bible School!

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

Thank you for your support!

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



This Week at Elk River Lutheran

SUNDAY

High School Summer Festival Camp Begins

8:30am Traditional Worship

9:30am Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

MONDAY

10:00am Hospitality Meeting

TUESDAY

NO Text Study

9:00am Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)

Mission Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief. All skill levels welcome.

11:00am Celebration of Life for Sara Anderson
(Visitation 1 hour prior and Luncheon to follow)

4:30pm Generosity Team Meeting

7:00pm AA Meeting (*Community Room*)

WEDNESDAY

High School Summer Festival Camp Ends

THURSDAY

10:00am Genealogy Group

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

Middle School Summer Festival Camp Begins

8:30am Traditional Worship

9:30am Cake during Fellowship Hour for Hartley and Kathy Dah's 65th Anniversary

9:30am Info Meeting on Carnegie Hall Trip
(*Community Room*)

10:30am Contemporary Worship



Lutheran Night with the Twins

Deadline 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



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 – Jul 25 and August 22.

Volunteer Online: bit.ly/2024BounceHouse

