



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

JUNE 2026

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Greetings, Elim –

A cousin's funeral prompted me to drive country roads in Clay County this morning. I'm not sure I have ever driven these particular roads before and I was smitten. The golden wheat waved at me gently as the sun shined down gloriously through beautiful puffs of clouds. I found myself singing hymns about the beauty of the earth as I made my way.

One of the things I love about getting to serve a Lutheran church of the ELCA are the eloquent Prayers of Intercession that denominational leaders offer each week. Clergy can choose to use their prayers, tweak them a touch or flat out ignore them. I do all three depending on what feels right at Elim any given week, but I always appreciate the well thought out words.

There is a pattern to the Prayers of Intercession each week. The second stanza always centers on the environment. Generally speaking, we give thanks and pray for all of creation while asking God to help us be agents of care. We don't sit back and pray that the Holy Spirit kicks in to make the environment healthy. We pray that we, as Psalm 8 suggests, live into our responsibility to care for God's creation.

As I drove through the gorgeous countryside this morning, I knew my car was not helping things. I know when I get to ride in an airplane next I'm *really* not caring for the environment. I use plastic bags for my trash... the list goes on and on. Sometimes it feels like no matter how much I reduce, reuse and recycle, I'm still on the losing side of the care quotient. I wonder if you've ever felt similar twinges. If so, read on, friend.

Falling short/missing the mark/sinners is exactly why we continue to pray! We pray because we need to come along and we can. It's not hopeless. We are not hopeless. Any time we think about our actions and do something helpful is positive as we try to 'rule over the work of God's hands' mindfully.

I'm grateful for the scientists, park professionals and politicians who work at a grander scale to care for our environment. I'll keep trying to use fewer single use items and will recycle everything possible. I know it isn't much, but it is what I am capable of doing. May we all do what we are able to do so that many more generations of folks can marvel at the beauty of the land and spontaneously sing hymns of thanksgiving.

w/gratitude – Pastor Amy Kay

Pastor Amy Kay is taking a trip to Japan for a few weeks in June. During her absence, Chaplain Melissa Woepfel from Bethany College will serve Elim on Sunday June 14. Chaplain Ethan Feist from Bethany Home will serve Elim on Sunday, June 21 and will be on call for anyone needing pastoral assistance. Both of them have conducted worship service at Elim in the past.



Please keep in prayer: David Ferguson, Patsy Krause, Connie Davis (sister of JoAn Lindfors and Betty Amos Nelson), Karleen Salazar (Rita Brown's friend), Kaylin Church (Rita Brown's granddaughter), Amanda Luttig, Mary Peterson, Glenn Spoon, Rhonda Lindstedt, Max Buffington, Art Mayfield, Duane Becker, Glenda Julian, Deb Rush, EMS, and the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities.

Dear Lord, thank you for the rain we've received. Please continue to bring us rain to fill our ponds, lakes, and rivers – for our people, our crops and our livestock. THANK YOU!

Elim strives to extend the power of prayer to those who feel they would benefit from it. New prayer requests will be taken at any time. Contact Pastor Amy Kay at 573-808-1980, or email elimmarquette@gmail.com or elimsec@gmail.com. **[Please notify Pastor Amy Kay or the secretary if you or those you know wish to be taken off the prayer list. This is a welcome way to let us know that prayers were answered and you are feeling better. Thank you.]**

WELCA NEWS

Even though there are no longer WELCA officers in place (except Donna Patrick as treasurer), the women of Elim will continue to serve in the following ways, and welcome any suggestions for projects or outreach.

COMMITTEES:

WELCA Treasurer: Donna Patrick (785-212-1752)

Funeral Luncheon: Carylee Nelson (785-820-1838), Nancy Hopp (620-242-9102)

Riverview Songfest: Jackie Larson (785-376-1931), Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich (573-808-1980)

Riverview Birthday Party – May through August: Cindy Bunk (629-755-6185)

Lion's Club Meals: Linda Johnson (785-826-5544), Carol Jones (785-577-5926)

LWR Quilts: Donna Patrick (785-212-1752)

Kitchen Committee: Linda Johnson (785-826-5544)

WELCA Women's Bible Study: Kelly Larson (785-212-0323)



ALL Elim members: don't forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **Sunday, June 21.** Everyone is welcome to join in.

Elim's women are responsible for the Riverview Birthday Parties through August. We still need someone for JUNE. Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and consider teaming up with one or more women to provide treats and conversation with the residents. They truly enjoy this, and it's great that the other two churches in town participate in this as well.

THANK YOU to Lois Johnson and Cindy Bunk for providing treats for the residents in May.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's Bible Study will be **Wednesday, June 10 at 9:30 AM in Elim's Parish Hall.**

There will be a breakfast served by Kitchen 64. Please contact Carol Jones at 785-577-5926 or Kelly Larson at 785-212-0323 if you plan to attend. The cost is \$15 per person.

We continue to invite women from our community, including our sisters at Marquette United Methodist Church, to join us. Come for fellowship and a better understanding of faith in our daily lives.



SUMMER MUSIC



Please consider sharing your musical talents for worship service this summer. Traditionally the choirs take a break for the summer, and different individuals or groups are asked to provide special music. Contact Allan Lindfors at 785-227-5694 or Jackie Larson at 785-376-1931 if you would be willing to perform for one or more Sundays this summer. THANK YOU!

Special music in June:

June 14	Carly Patrick
June 21	Michele Von Strohe
June 28	Kayley Fleming



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Elim is again hosting the Summer Lunch Program sponsored and funded by KSDE. This program provides free lunch to all children in the community under the age of 18, and all meals are served at Elim Lutheran Church **beginning May 26** until the start of school in August. Meals will be served on-site in the Parish Hall starting at 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM. The Marquette United Methodist Church and Elim work together to provide staffing on alternate weeks. We will need volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM during the weeks Elim is responsible. Please call Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544 if you are interested in helping for one or more days during the summer. There is also a Google calendar where you can sign up, but you will need to notify Linda if you are a new volunteer in order to access the calendar. ***A sign-up sheet will also be on the bulletin board for the weeks Elim will be serving.*** THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT.

SUMMER LAWN-MOWING

Elim needs volunteers to mow the church lawns this summer starting April 17 through October 10. Please plan to mow on Friday or Saturday to ensure a freshly-cut lawn for Sunday service. The dates are indicated on the sign-up sheet available on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please call Scott Johnson at 785-577-4058.



THANK YOU TO LINDA JOHNSON, ALLAN LINDFORS, DARREN ABLE, DARRYL TALBOTT, GRIFF HAWKINSON, AND RIX SAMORD FOR MOWING IN APRIL AND MAY.



Thank you to the Jr. Choir parents, kiddos, and supporters of the Junior Choir. Thank you to our talented pianist for spreading the Goodness of God every Sunday! Our God has blessed Elim in many ways with the gift of music.

Brooke Olson, Jr. Choir Director

AND THANK YOU TOO, BROOKE! - GN

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY

Allan Lindfors directed the Senior Choir (numbering 20 with visiting participants!) along with ensembles and soloists in the traditional Patriotic service on Sunday, May 24. The Junior Choir also performed a patriotic song, directed by Brooke Olson. Only 4 children were able to attend, but they sang their heart out. Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich was the narrator for the patriotic musical entitled "Of Faith and Freedom: Celebrating Our Legacy of Liberty" by Joseph M. Martin. Members of the choir presented a musical salute to the various branches of our armed forces followed by taps in honor of their service. Accompanists were Jackie Larson and Betty Amos Nelson, with a prelude by Betty. Instrumentalists were Chris Johnson (timpani) and Brooke Olson (trumpet). Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich conducted a brief worship service before the patriotic music and tribute to our servicemen. There were approximately 107 in attendance for the Patriotic service.

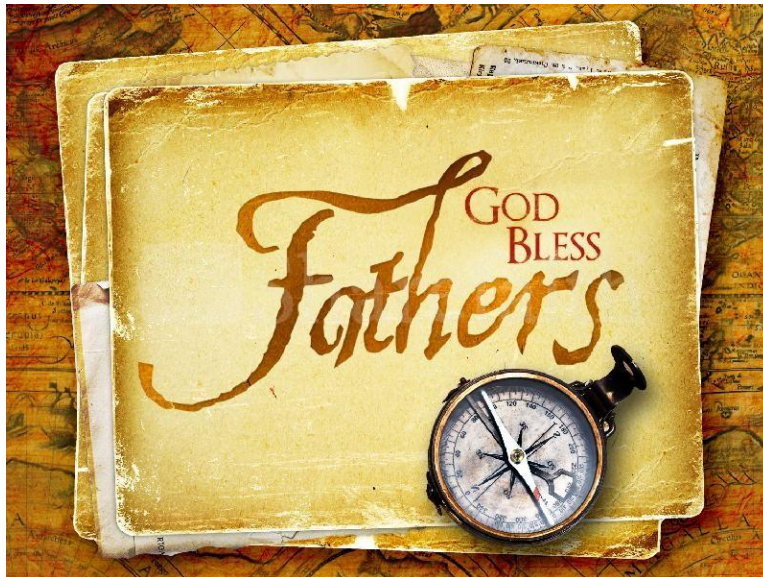


Added note: Allan Lindfors shared some church history during the service. Pastor August Homburg's son Randy attended the service May 24, which sparked a memory of when Pastor Homburg served Elim in 1970-1976. The church roof was replaced in 1976 and the original wooden cross was removed. Pastor Homburg, with the help of Willard Larson, welded the 8-sided cross that now sits on top of the bell tower. Thank you to Allan for sharing that memory.

And oh yes... Allan Lindfors also served as acolyte May 24.

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## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



### DID YOU KNOW?

Father's Day is a holiday in honor of fathers that is celebrated in many countries around the world. It originated in the United States, and credit for the holiday is generally given to Sonora Smart Dodd. Dodd's father, a Civil War veteran, raised her and her five siblings after their mother died in childbirth. The first Father's Day was held on June 19, 1910, the month of the birthday of Dodd's father. It became a U.S. national holiday in 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed legislation designating the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

## SERVING THE LORD IN JUNE

### NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 2026

#### LECTORS

June 7 Allan Lindfors  
June 14 Ava Tolle  
June 21 Carly Peterson  
June 28 Jackie Larson

#### GREETERS

June 7 Nancy Hopp  
June 14 Barry and Carylee Nelson  
June 21 Justin and Lindy Thacker  
June 28 Zach and Sarah Able

#### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

June 7 Carly Peterson

#### COMMUNION SET-UP & CLEAN-UP/BREAD

Set-up: Mike and Cynthia Hulse  
Bread: Cindy Bunk

USHER FOR MAY: Scott Johnson

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#### Offerings and Attendance last month:

|          |           |     |
|----------|-----------|-----|
| May 3    | \$8085.00 | 70  |
| May 10*  | \$1242.00 | 90  |
| May 17   | \$889.00  | 60  |
| May 24** | \$1994.75 | 107 |

\*Noise offering: \$71.05

\*\*Patriotic Sunday

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#### Monthly Financial Report

[As Presented to council 05/04//26]

|                                   |    |            |
|-----------------------------------|----|------------|
| Beginning Balance as of 04/01/26: | \$ | 35,088.29  |
| Revenue:                          | \$ | 9,564.64   |
| Expenses:                         | \$ | --9,571.15 |
| Ending Balance as of 04/30/26:    | \$ | 35,081.78  |

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*Editor's note: Summer is a time to kick back and relax, enjoy the outdoors, and go on vacations. It too gets very busy. We expect the attendance at church to be lower in the summer because everyone has plans. Just don't forget you can find some comfort and peace – and good fellowship – right here at Elim on any given Sunday. GN*

*Council discussed reinstating the nursery during worship service. Pending further discussion and information on requirements. Battery backup for computers in sanctuary and office also discussed.*

**Worship & Music:** Feedback on the traditional liturgy was mixed, but consensus is to do it on occasion.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No report.

**Memorial Committee:** Committee will select person to replace Janis Larson as chairperson.

**Christian Ed.:** Last day of SS is May 24. Last day of Adult Bible Study is May 17.

**Evangelism/Social Ministry:** No report.

**Property/Security Committee:** Outside light in back of church no longer have wiring, so will remove. Motion lights and Every street light should suffice for lighting.

*Next meeting to be held on Monday, June 1, 2026.*

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#### RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

**REMINDER:** The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, JUNE 9** from 12:00-6:00 PM at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Please come at your appointment time. **THANK YOU FOR GIVING!**



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#### YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to Megan Anderson and Amy Kay Pavlovich for providing meals for the Youth Group in May.

Thank you to Kasyn French, Kylan Lindquist, and Ty Heitschmidt for serving as acolytes in May.





### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

|    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 1  | Maddison O'Loughlin  |
| 1  | Auley Boughfman      |
| 1  | Brian Hayden         |
| 2  | Gracy (Feil) Lerner  |
| 3  | Sarah Able           |
| 3  | Kirk Young           |
| 6  | Molly Martin         |
| 6  | Wayne McBride        |
| 6  | Julie Miller         |
| 6  | Kylan Lindquist      |
| 8  | Todd Nickel          |
| 10 | Parker Hulvey        |
| 12 | Greg Hopp            |
| 14 | Barry Nelson         |
| 14 | Darryl Talbott       |
| 14 | Ben O'Loughlin       |
| 15 | Kendra Hopp          |
| 16 | Morgan Willems       |
| 17 | Kate Emery           |
| 18 | Traci Forssberg      |
| 20 | Hunter Peterson      |
| 25 | John David Wickstrom |
| 25 | Emily Forssberg      |
| 27 | Glenda Julian        |
| 30 | Jessica Beagley      |
| 30 | Jordan Lillard       |

Summer  
is here!

This is the day the  
LORD has made;  
let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24



### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

|    |                             |          |
|----|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1  | Mr. & Mrs. Shayne Fox       | 30 years |
| 2  | Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Hulvey    | 14 years |
| 3  | Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Mannebach | 20 years |
| 5  | Mr. & Mrs. Steve Forssberg  | 22 years |
| 7  | Mr. & Mrs. Don Miller       | 40 years |
| 19 | Mr. & Mrs. Eric Thies       | 22 years |
| 24 | Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hulse       | 47 years |
| 26 | Mr. & Mrs. Jack Chandler    | 12 years |

### BEST CHOICE LABELS

PLEASE continue to bring your Best Choice labels from the cartons and containers you purchase at stores offering Best Choice products throughout the year. The Christian Education Committee continues to collect them to help fund youth who are interested in attending church camp. Be sure to cut the labels with the words "Best Choice" at the top of the UPC symbol (bar code). The bar code must be included with the label. A container for collecting the labels is available in the narthex when you enter the church, or in the Parish Hall kitchen.

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### WHAT'S YOUR THOUGHT?

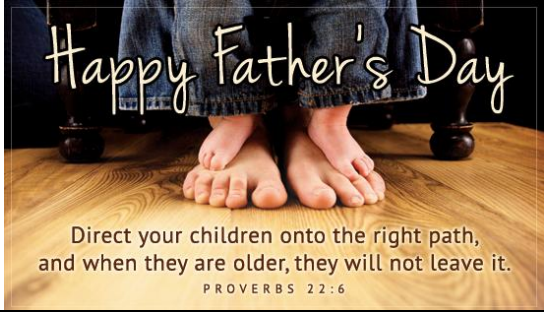
Do you want to continue receiving the Messenger in the mail? The cost of stamps has risen considerably, and sadly the condition of the newsletter arrives in a tattered state, if it arrives at all. The Messenger has been available online at [www.elimmarquette.org](http://www.elimmarquette.org) for years, but many enjoy the hard copy. If you still find the newsletter a valuable part of your membership at Elim, please let us know. We still love sharing the good news of our church with you.

***THANK YOU to those who have responded and requested we continue mailing the Messenger to you. We have reduced the list of mailings and may continue to do so. If you do not receive it and still want to, please notify me at [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto:elimsec@gmail.com). - Gayle***

PLEASE NOTE: The secretary is having shoulder replacement surgery in June, so she may or may not be able to create the Messenger for July. If you don't receive it, don't panic. It will either be delayed or come again in August.

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## Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JUNE 2026

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                   | MONDAY                                               | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                                            | THURSDAY                                                                              | FRIDAY                                                  | SATURDAY  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                         | <b>1</b><br><br><b>7:00 PM – Church Council Mtg.</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                                             | <b>4</b>                                                                              | <b>5</b>                                                | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Pentecost</b><br><br><b>11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion</b>                                                         | <b>8</b>                                             | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br><br><b>9:30 AM –Women’s Bible Study</b> | <b>11</b>                                                                             | <b>12</b>                                               | <b>13</b> |
| <b>14 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Pentecost</b><br><br><b>11:00 AM –Worship Service</b>                                                                     | <b>15</b>                                            | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                                            | <b>18</b>                                                                             | <b>19</b>                                               | <b>20</b> |
| <b>21 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost</b><br><b>FATHER’S DAY</b><br><br><b>11:00 AM –Worship Service</b><br><br><b>4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-Along</b> | <b>22</b>                                            | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br><br><b>1:30 PM – Quilt Group</b>        | <b>25</b>                                                                             | <b>26</b><br><br><b>2:00 – Riverview Birthday Party</b> | <b>27</b> |
| <b>28 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost</b><br><br><b>11:00 AM –Worship Service</b>                                                                     |                                                      |           |                                                      |  |                                                         |           |

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*Letters of opinion will not be printed in the Messenger. Church Council, as representatives of the congregation, will address individual concerns as they arise. (Policy per church council vote on November 4, 2013.)*

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