



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings in the final days of July, Elim –

I hope this newsletter finds you cool and at peace through these hot days of summer! As I write this note, Sebastian, my oldest son, is packing his car to head back to Hesston College. By the last days of July, he will be all settled in and moving through his duties on campus. July! Not August! I can't seem to wrap my head around the changes in academic calendars in the post-pandemic tweaking of education. Sebastian's jump-start has been beneficial for me because I'm kicked right into high gear for our year together at Elim! Even though we don't officially begin everything until September 13, it's time we prepare for all the things.

If you or someone you love would like to be involved in the next Confirmation class, please visit with me by August 16. It is best if kids are in Middle School or older before starting the two-year cycle of faith development. When we meet will depend on those who are interested in participating. Some classes at Elim have met on Wednesday evenings and other classes have met every other Sunday morning and early afternoon. We'll see what is the right time for those who want to learn and grow together in this class and go from there.

The children of the church will get to learn through a story-based curriculum in Sunday School again this year. Each month there is a new story or theme to dig into. Instead of adults committing to teach the kids for an entire year, month or specific Sunday of the month, we are asked to look at the lessons and see if one (or more) is something we feel called to lead. There are lessons learned through cooking, games, drama, and art. Most Sundays it feels best to have a helper involved as well. The helper doesn't have to prepare the lesson or teach anything; s/he is there to help the kids engage with the lesson.

I will have the Sunday School year sketched out for us to begin contemplating on Sunday, August 23. That morning, I will be in the Parish Hall at 10am to share about the year's stories and answer questions about specific lessons. You are most welcome to look at the year in conjunction with your personal schedule in that moment and sign up for what looks fun for you to teach. After that morning, the sign-up will be on the bulletin board for a month. You are most welcome to peruse at your leisure and sign up as you'd like to do so.

As the year progresses, I simply touch base with the teachers a month or so before class with the curriculum. I offer to help gather the materials needed if there are special things. Because our schedules might have changed after sign-ups, we try to shift weeks as teachers need to do so within the month of the story. I hope that is clear! Please be in touch if not or simply come on August 23.

Cheers for all of the good that is before us this year together! I'm grateful to get to be church with you, Elim.

w/much joy – Pastor Amy Kay (573-808-1980)



Please keep in prayer: Darrel Naegele, Terri Lynn and Jerry Marx, Darryl Talbott, Larry Schumann (Holly Toll's dad), Bart Oakley, 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.

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, August 16.** 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 Carylee Nelson, Cindy Bunk, Kelly Larson, Carol Jones and Jackie Larson for providing treats for the residents in June and July.

SUMMER LAWN-MOWING

THANK YOU TO ALLAN LINDFORS, DARRYL TALBOTT, GRIFF HAWKINSON, RIX SAMFORD, LINDA JOHNSON, MATT AND HOLLY TOLL, AND DARREN ABLE FOR MOWING IN JUNE AND JULY. We still need volunteers for August and September. Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



SERVING THE LORD IN AUGUST

LECTORS

August 2	Carly Patrick
August 9	Ava Tolle
August 16	Lois Johnson
August 23	Mike Hulse
August 30	Carol Jones

GREETERS

August 2	Beth Thomas
August 9	Zach & Sarah Able
August 16	-----
August 23	Carol Jones
August 30	-----

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

August 2	Carly Peterson
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COMMUNION SET-UP & CLEAN-UP/BREAD

Set-up: Kent and Nancy Rawson

USHER FOR AUGUST: Barry Nelson

Offerings and Attendance:

June 7	\$2932.00	64
June 14	\$798.00	42
June 21	\$1240.50	52
June 28	\$1009.25	53
July 5*	\$4590.00	147
July 12	\$3291.89	66
July 19	\$1020.50	70
July 26	\$558.25	62

*Larson Family Reunion

Monthly Financial Report

Presented to council 06/01/26]

Beginning Balance as of 05/01/26:	\$	35,081.78
Revenue:	\$	13,918.66
Expenses:	\$	--9,390.29
Ending Balance as of 05/31/26:	\$	39,610.15

Monthly Financial Report

Presented to council 07/06/26]

Beginning Balance as of 06/01/26:	\$	39,610.15
Revenue:	\$	6,777.27
Expenses:	\$	--12,820.53
Ending Balance as of 06/30/26:	\$	33,566.89

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

June 1, 2026

Council discussed replacement of the timpani, and a possible increase to the student loan amount. Chaplain Melissa Woepel and Chaplain Ethan Feistner will fill in June 17 and June 21 for Pastor Amy Kay during her trip to Japan.

Worship & Music: No report.

Finance & Stewardship: No report.

Memorial Committee: Meeting scheduled for June 4 to elect new chairperson and discuss ideas for use of memorial monies. Suggestions: laptop for office, timpani, Parish Hall chairs, basement bathroom remodel.

Christian Ed.: No report.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No report.

Property/Security Committee: No report.

July 6, 2026

Council discussed the status of the battery backup for the sound board and computers. Electrician needed to add the surge protectors in the electrical panels. Plans were made to clean up the nursery on July 19 following worship. The need for volunteers and donations of bottled water for the rodeo concession stand were discussed. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board for both, and a notice in the bulletin.

Worship & Music: No report.

Finance & Stewardship: No report.

Memorial Committee: Met June 4. Vicki Young was elected chairperson. Memorial monies to be used for laptop, bathroom remodel, and sound system improvements.

Christian Ed.: No report.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No report.

Property/Security Committee: Met July 6. Concerns re: basement bathroom remodel were discussed. Sound system issues were also discussed. Replacing chairs in the Parish Hall would be prohibitive due to storage concerns and cost.

If you have questions or concerns regarding church activities or property, please contact one of the council members: Darren Able, Sarah Able, Sandy Edwards, Diane Hedberg, Linn Nelson, Conway Patrick, Bernice Peterson, Carly Peterson, Beth Thomas, or Matt Toll.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, August 3, 2026.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jill Hedberg
- 2 Karsyn Sommerfeld
- 3 Janet Samford
- 3 Lindsay Newton
- 3 Layne Patrick
- 4 Kayla Fox
- 5 Kasyn Weis
- 7 Bernice Peterson
- 8 Amanda Mansfield
- 10 Cynthia Hulse
- 11 Ryenne Cunningham
- 11 Keri Niegsch
- 12 Josh Nelson
- 13 Patty Kolling
- 14 Dixon Olson
- 14 Brandi Young
- 15 Jenna Jones
- 16 Bryan McBride
- 17 John Myers
- 18 Curtis Patrick
- 19 Allan Lindfors
- 19 Amy Young
- 19 Ethan Reid
- 20 Rhonda Lindstedt
- 20 Vinita Harms
- 20 Garrett McMahan
- 20 Brett Loder
- 22 Todd Johnson
- 23 Lory Traugott
- 23 Don Miller
- 24 Dawson Feil
- 25 Quaid Spohn
- 26 Blakely Weis
- 27 Dorine Cunningham
- 28 Vicki Young
- 30 Lilyan Boughfman
- 30 Diane Wickstrom

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

9	Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Talbott	46 years
10	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hamma	40 years
14	Mr. & Mrs. Craig Larson	49 years
19	Pastor Larry & Mrs. Cross	59 years
26	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Johnson	65 years
30	Mr. & Mrs. Matt Hedberg	22 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.

SUMMER MUSIC

Thank you to the following for providing Special music in June and July:

June 14	Carly Patrick
June 21	Michele Von Strohe
June 28	Kayley and Layla Fleming
July 5	Matt Larson
July 12	Janna Nelson
July 19	Darren Able
July 26	Adam and Hannah Jones' Family

PROVIDING MUSIC IN AUGUST:

August 2: Janna Nelson
 August 9: McMahan Family
 August 16: Rhylen Rawson
 August 23: Mike Hulse
 August 30: Airalia Hulvey and Julie Olson



Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					July 31 RODEO CONCESSIONS	1 RODEO CONCESSIONS
2 10 th Sunday in Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion	3 7:00 PM – Church Council Mtg.	4	5	6	7	8
9 11 th Sunday in Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 12 th Sunday in Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service 4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-Along	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 13 th Sunday in Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service	24	25	26	27	28 2:00 – Riverview Birthday Party	29
30 14 th Sunday in Pentecost	31					