



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Dear friends of our Lord Jesus:

Last week's Gospel lesson, John 13:31-35, stirred up some thinking in me. Especially Jesus' command that we love one another, just as He has loved us: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another". Wow, that's quite a commandment. It's hard enough to keep the Ten Commandments. How can we love like Jesus has loved? I think it's impossible. But we can certainly strive to follow the love examples of Jesus. Paul writes in Ephesians 5:1-2: "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God".

This thing (word) called love has a multitude of definitions. We are more familiar with the romantic kind of love. This love is too often self-serving, and usually does not last. It slows in intensity. The love that Jesus gives to us never slows down. It grows in intensity.

Let me give you an example of this love. This past week I received a call from the nursing home. A resident there requested I come there as his wife was nearing her end of life. He was at her bedside, tears streaming down his cheeks. My first response was to put my arm around him to offer him peace and compassion, as I have done with him before. Instead I placed his hand on hers and said several prayers. My heart was breaking for him. I have ministered to this couple since they arrived here and have gotten to know them quite well. Over the course of time I could see the deep love they had for each other. The kind of love that could only be inspired by God. A love that I am sure started with romantic love, and in that love, Christ was the center. Oh how he loves her, cares for her, as Christ has loved them. Now fearing the end of life for his wife, he wept. Yet knowing enough to call on God for prayers of peace. Again, my heart is breaking, and I can hardly get through my prayers to God. After my prayers I hugged the nieces that were there and hugged him, whispering words of comfort. On my way home, I thought of John's Gospel to love one another. I thought and prayed that God would grant all marriages this kind of love. Even with the sadness, I felt blessed to have experienced that love.

My definition of love is: "Love is always concerned for the other person first." This simply has to be if there is genuine love. This will automatically bring happiness into your own life, as well as into your relationship. Oh, what joy it will bring into your relationship. Jesus was always concerned for the "other" first and foremost, even to the point of death. It is this kind of love that I see in this couple that I talked about earlier. Their concern was and still is for the other first. When you can do this, you become a happier you.

An imitator of Jesus. We will never perfect it, but we can strive for it. That is why Jesus says be imitators, not perfectionists. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another".

Be a disciple for Jesus.

On another note. We have been most fortunate in having good pulpit supply during our pastoral vacancy. Phillip Hett, Chaplain at Bethany Home, has been with us several times. Phil just officially graduated from Luther seminary on May 19. He could be available for call this fall. Most recently Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich has filled in as pulpit supply and will continue to do so through June. She is ready and willing to fill in beyond June if needed. This will be a church council decision. Amy is ordained clergy in the United Church of Christ. This is one of the six church denominations that the ELCA shares common communion and fellowship with. At this point it appears that we are in good shape for pulpit supply. Let's pray for a call to be extended soon.

On yet another note: I shared with the church council at our last meeting that I am stepping down as a full time PMA, but will help out in a pinch. When the need arises, e.g. funerals, I have talked with Pastor Hett and he said he would gladly fill that need.

God's blessings to all of you.

Yours in Christ,
Wally Bunk, PMA.

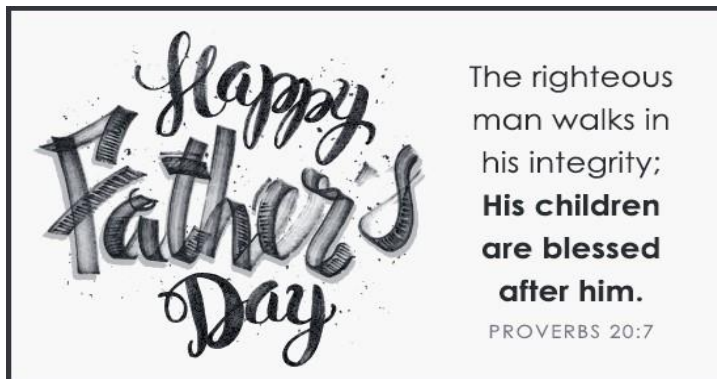
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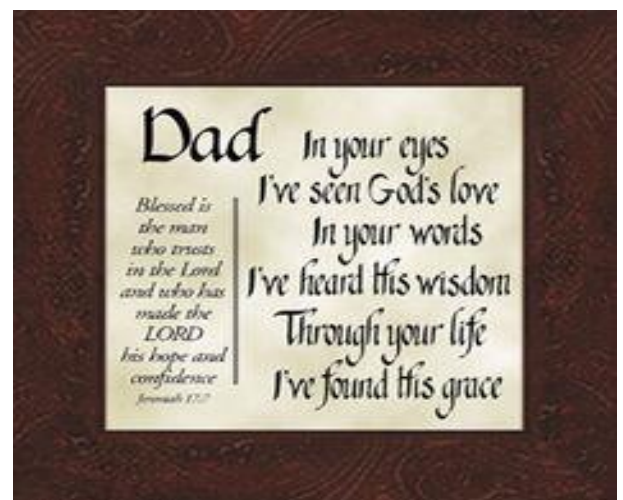
Please keep in prayer: Mari Loder, David Engelland (Bob Jones' brother-in-law), Nathan Gray (Lana Rock's great nephew), Eleanor Lundquist*, Janis Larson, Kay Lagasse, LaReta Olson, Maria Gasper, Ida Forristal, Karen Teague, Raymond Rock, Hayes Schmid (friend of Jakob Feil), Josh Nelson, Rhonda McEachern (sister of Rita Brown), Rita Brown, Skye Farris, Danny Morel, Debbie Brown, Mark Cook (Pastor Cross' son-in-law), Don Lundquist, Mary Olson, Vernon Olson, and Diane Deckard.

*Apologies for name error in last month's Messenger. Correct name is Eleanor Lundquist.

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 Wally Bunk, leave a note on the bulletin board, or email elimsec@gmail.com. Please note that the list will renew every three months on April 1, July 1, Oct. 1, and Jan. 1. Names will be removed unless there is notification to keep them on the list. Thank you.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 16



WELCA NEWS



RIVERVIEW SINGALONG: Our May Singalong at Riverview Estates was very fun, and WELCA thanks everyone for helping us make it special for the female residents. They really loved the two huge pots of geraniums that are outside by the gazebo, and all the females received a special card and gift for a late Mother's Day and May Day.

WELCA will be honoring the fathers/male residents at Riverview Estates on **Sunday, JUNE 30 at 4:00 PM**. Please join us for this celebration in honor of the fathers at Riverview.

WELCA COOKIE BOOTH: WELCA members will be hosting a cookie booth for the Marquette Celebration **August 3**. Please notify any of the WELCA officers (JoAn Lindfors, Diane Talbott, Jackie Larson, or Cindy Bunk) if you are interested in helping with the booth. We need volunteers to provide cookies, help set up the booth prior to the parade, and run the booth until sold out! THANK YOU!

JoAn Lindfors, President

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council – Met May 6, 2019. Discussed synod assembly to be held June 6-8; progress on restroom renovations; and pulpit supply for the summer. Consensus to NOT change worship time for summer.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Allan Lindfors reported that Patriotic Sunday will be May 26, and that Christian Ed. will provide a breakfast buffet as in previous years.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Evangelism: No meeting. Upcoming discussions will be 1) Movie night, and 2) Elim float for the Marquette celebration Aug. 3. Discussed Celebration Queen candidate to represent Elim. Will ask congregation to nominate candidates and vote for one candidate at Patriotic service May 26, with votes to be tallied at next council meeting.

Social Ministry: No meeting. Upcoming: Pancake Feed for Thunder on the Smoky scheduled for May 18. Proceeds to go to church projects as selected by council. Discussed Elim-sponsored garage sale during city-wide in early June.

Christian Education: No meeting. Diane Hedberg confirmed Christian Ed. committee will provide a breakfast buffet for Patriotic Sunday. The last day of Sunday School will be May 26. VBS will be at Marquette United Methodist Church in June. Exact dates unknown at this time.

Property: Met May 6. Discussed restroom renovation. Council approved up to \$15,000 to complete renovation and voted to make restrooms unisex (family) to accommodate large events. Also discussed replacement of front doors and possibly the back door leading to basement and back of sanctuary.

Memorial: No meeting. Dana Olson suggested committee help with improvements to sound/video system, especially for overflow during weddings and funerals (basement, fellowship hall). Diane Hedberg will discuss with Memorial Committee.

Security Committee: No meeting.

Call Committee: Met April 30. Next meeting scheduled for May 7 to finalize profile. Committee chairman Darren Able will attend next council meeting to discuss profile and get council approval.

Next meeting to be held on June 3 at 7:00 p.m.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE FATHERS IN OUR
CONGREGATION AND OUR COMMUNITY!
AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR OWN FATHERS!**



GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND HARD WORK.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Please mark your calendars for **June 17-21** for VBS! The Marquette United Methodist Church is hosting it this year. The fun begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 11:30 AM for 5 days (Monday through Friday). You are welcome to join us for the summer lunch program at the Elim Lutheran Church following VBS. The theme for this year's VBS is "To Mars and Beyond". Explore where God's power can take you! For more information, call or contact the Methodist church at 785-546-2337 or MarquetteUMC@gmail.com. Or visit the website at facebook.com/MarquetteUMC. COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

YOUTH SUNDAY AND GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Youth Sunday and Graduation Recognition was held **Sunday, May 5, 2019**. Our 2019 confirmands and the Youth Group helped with the worship service. Graduating seniors shared their faith statements with the congregation and received a blessing from our visiting Pastor Phillip Hett. A BBQ hosted by the Youth Group followed the service. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and cake were provided. Members of the congregation were asked to bring side dishes (salads, vegetable trays, fruit, chips, etc.) to add to the meal. Thank you to all who attended and celebrated our high school and college graduates! **CONGRATULATIONS, Graduates!!**



ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Rylee Cunningham graduated from Central Plains High School and plans to attend Fort Hays State University with a major in Elementary Education.

Madison Loder graduated from Little River High School and plans to attend K-State University with a major in Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation.

Michelle Loder graduated from Little River High School and plans to attend K-State University with a major in Kinesiology.

Carson Windholz graduated from Smoky Valley High School and will be attending Cloud County Community College.

Wyatt Reid graduated from Smoky Valley High School.

COLLEGE GRADUATE: **Erin Hudson** graduated from K-State University. She will be attending Washburn University starting this summer for her Master's Degree in Social Work.

SERVING THE LORD IN JUNE

ACOLYTES:

2 – Brynne Cunningham, Christine Weber
9 – Emma McBride, Jake Loder
16 – _____
23 – _____
30 – _____

ALTAR FLOWERS:

2 – Dorine Cunningham, Rylee & Ryenne
16 – Dana and Julie Olson
30 – Rita Brown

GREETERS:

2 – Rita Brown
9 – Dana and Julie Olson
16 – Beth Thomas
23 – _____
30 – Gayle Nelson and Fleming's

LECTORS:

2 – Brooke Olson
9 – Julie Olson
16 – Linda Johnson
23 – Lois Johnson
30 – Gayle Nelson

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

June 2 - Setup: Allan & JoAn Lindfors
Bread: Cindy Bunk

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

2 – Wally Bunk
16 – Kelly French

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

9 – JoAn Lindfors
23 – Brooke Olson

COFFEE HOSTESS:

2 – _____
9 – _____
16 – _____
23 – Gayle Nelson
30 – _____

USHERS:

Scott Johnson – Captain; Randy Jirak, Layne Patrick, Scott Feil, Dixon Johnson, Bob Jones, Monte Loder, Joel Nelson, Linn Nelson, Steve Patrick, Kenny Talbott, Tyler French

Please note: If you are on this list and no longer wish to be, please notify the usher captain.
THANK YOU.

RIVERVIEW SING-ALONG:

June 30 – Jackie Larson, WELCA



May 5: Given by Donna Patrick to the glory of God.

May 19: Given by Jay and LeAnn Everhart in honor of Carl Sjogren, a life-long member of Elim who served in the army during WWII.

Monthly Financial Report

MAY 2019

Beginning Balance as of 04/01/19:	\$ 23,403.64
Revenue:	\$ 11,017.82
Expenses:	\$-14,727.60
Ending Balance as of 04/30/19:	\$ 19,693.86

DON'T FORGET THE NEXT RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

AT ELIM JUNE 4, 2019. All bloodmobiles held at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall are from 1:00-7:00 PM and require an appointment. For more information, contact Linda Johnson at (785) 826-5544.

PLEASE HELP FILL IN THE BLANKS ABOVE!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maddison O'Loughlin
- 1 Ailey Boughfman
- 1 Brian Hayden
- 2 Gracy Feil
- 3 Kirk Young
- 6 Molly Martin
- 6 Wayne McBride
- 6 Julie Miller
- 8 Todd Nickel
- 12 Greg Hopp
- 13 Eleanor Lundquist
- 14 Barry Nelson
- 14 Darryl Talbott
- 14 Ben O'Loughlin
- 15 Kendra Hopp
- 16 Kate Emery
- 16 Morgan Willems
- 18 Traci Forssberg
- 20 Hunter Peterson
- 25 Emily Forssberg
- 27 Glenda Julian
- 30 Jessica Beagley
- 30 Jordan Lillard



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 | Mr. and Mrs. Shayne Fox | 23 years |
| 5 | Mr. and Mrs. Steve Forssberg | 14 years |
| 11 | Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Reazin | 8 years |
| 19 | Mr. and Mrs. Eric Thies | 15 years |
| 24 | Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hulse | 40 years |
| 26 | Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chandler | 5 years |

ELIM GARAGE SALE: Please contact Gayle Nelson at 785-201-7675 or elimsec@gmail.com if you have items for the Elim-sponsored garage sale to be held **June 1** during the city-wide garage sale. We will also need volunteers to setup and work during the garage sale. The more the merrier!! This is a fundraiser for our church, so any help will be greatly appreciated, whether it's donating items or helping for a few hours during the sale. THANKS!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH AND YOUR COMMUNITY!

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES: If you or someone you know is willing to provide instrumental or vocal music for worship service(s) this summer, please contact Allan Lindfors at 785-546-2348. **THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TALENT!**

SUMMER LAWN MOWING: Elim needs volunteers to mow the church and parsonage lawns this summer, starting in May and ending in September. Please plan to mow on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday to ensure a freshly-cut lawn for Sunday service. The dates are indicated on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please call Scott Johnson at 785-577-4058. **THANK YOU!**

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: Once again Elim is 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 Fellowship Hall from mid-May until the start of school in August. 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. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT.**

PANCAKE FEED: The Elim Social Ministry Committee hosted a pancake feed at the Marquette American Legion during the Thunder on the Smoky bike rally on **Saturday, May 18.**



Approximately 275 -325 visitors and townspeople attended the breakfast with net proceeds from the freewill donations equaling approximately \$1200.

Peter Hamma would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this event another success, from the preparation of the Legion Hall and the "gravy party" at the Parish Hall on Friday evening, to the early Saturday morning preparation and serving of breakfast, to making short work of the cleanup afterward. **This could not happen without YOU!** Thank you for stepping up.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Seventh Sunday of Easter Coffee & Fellowship --10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM	3 7:00 – Church Council	4	5	6 ELCA Synod Assembly	7 ELCA Synod Assembly	8 ELCA Synod Assembly
9 Day of Pentecost Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children’s Message- 11:00 AM	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 The Holy Trinity FATHER’S DAY Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM	17 9:00 - 10:30 AM VBS @ United Methodist Church Messenger Deadline	18 9:00 - 10:30 AM VBS @ United Methodist Church	19 9:00 - 10:30 AM VBS @ United Methodist Church	20 9:00 - 10:30 AM VBS @ United Methodist Church	21 9:00 - 10:30 AM VBS @ United Methodist Church	22
23 Second Sunday After Pentecost Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children’s Message- 11:00 AM	24	25	26 1:30 PM – Quilting	27	28	29
30 Third Sunday After Pentecost Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship - 11:00 AM 4:00 PM – RIVERVIEW SINGALONG Honoring Fathers					KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School	