



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

July 2019

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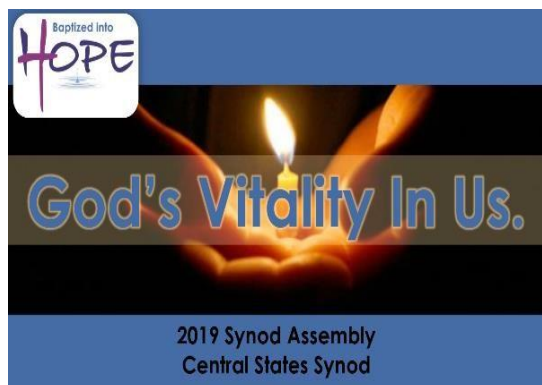
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### 2019 Central States Synod Assembly

I was privileged to represent Elim this year at the Synod Assembly. It was held Thursday, June 6 through Saturday, June 8 at the Marriott Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas. The theme this year was "God's Vitality in Us". There was the business side electing a new bishop, as well as a fun side to see many people that I hadn't seen in years! We spent time going through many resolutions for the synod as well as hearing the many things that we do as a church for the world. I was so impressed that ELCA does so many things through the World Hunger Program, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Fund, and many others. We really do help to touch people's lives!

I do want to point out that I think the new bishop, Rev. Susan Candeia, will be a good bishop for our synod. She started her ministry serving jointly two rural churches in WaKeeney and Ellis. So, she is aware of the needs of small churches. And working for the Synod these past six years has exposed her to many churches in Kansas and Missouri, as well as working with the national ELCA. So, I think she will be a good fit. Below are the assembly highlights. In closing, I want to say that I truly enjoyed representing Elim!

Allan Lindfors



### Assembly Highlights

This year's assembly focused primarily on the election of a new Bishop. The election process, an ecclesiastical ballot, took a total of five ballots. Initially forty ministers of word and sacrament were nominated. The final ballot Saturday morning saw Rev. Susan Candeia, Bishop's Associate and Director for Evangelical Mission elected.



Rev. Rich Melheim, founder of Faith Inkubators, was this year's keynote speaker. Rev. Melheim shared Faith5, ([www.faith5.org](http://www.faith5.org)) five acts of faith to practice in your home.

- **Share** your highs and lows
- **Read** a Bible verse or story
- **Talk** about the reading relating to your highs and lows
- **Pray** for one another's highs and lows
- **Bless** one another



Rev. Melheim also presented a mural project inviting everyone to participate. The completed mural is available to display in your church or community.



Synod staff presented additional faith practice resources to aid individuals, congregations, and communities in deepening their relationships with God. ([www.css-elca.org/faith-practices](http://www.css-elca.org/faith-practices))

**Other actions of the assembly** – ([www.css-elca.org/assembly](http://www.css-elca.org/assembly))

2020 Budget passed

2020 Compensation Guidelines passed

#### **Synod Council elections:**

Vice President, Nancy Nagel (Peace, Washington, MO)

Secretary, Rev. Chad Langdon (Christ, Wichita, KS)

Treasurer, Scott Schulte (Advent, Olathe, KS)

At-large, Lay male, Dallas Rakestraw (Reformation, Wichita, KS)

At-large, Lay female (POC), Linda Lockhart (Trinity, Kirkwood, MO)

Youth, Lay male, Theodore Kee see (Zion, Phillipsburg, KS)

#### **Consultation Committee elections:**

Clergy male or female, Rev. Donna Florio (St. John, Hanover/Lanham, KS)

Clergy female, Rev. Christyn Koschmann (Martin Luther, Lee's Summit, MO)

#### **Discipline Committee elections:**

Clergy male, Rev. Zac Sturm (Atonement, Overland Park, KS)

Clergy male, Rev. Rick Raymer (Zion, Beloit, KS)

Clergy female, Rev. Kris Dietzen (St. Mark, Olathe, KS)

Lay female, Alesia Roccia (Family of Christ, Imperial, MO)

#### **Resolutions:** ([www.css-elca.org/resolutions](http://www.css-elca.org/resolutions))

SA 19.01 – Lutherans Restoring Creation

SA 19.02 – Lutheran Senior Services

SA 19.03 – Designation of Bethany Lutheran Home Association Sunday

SA 19.04 – A Season of Global Awareness

SA 19.05 – Memorial for Increased Accountability in Cases of Sexual Misconduct

SA 19.06 – Retirements

SA 19.07 – Faithful Departed



**Please keep in prayer:** Mari Loder, Nathan Gray (Lana Rock's great nephew), Eleanor Lundquist, LaReta Olson, 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, Vernon Olson, Diane Deckard, and the families of Mary Olson and Maria Gasper.

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](mailto: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.

## ~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

*Church Council – Met June 3, 2019.* Adam and Hannah Jones presented information on current ELCA regulations and philosophy. Darren Able presented updates from Call Committee.

**Worship & Music:** No meeting. Summer music schedule discussed.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Evangelism:** No meeting. Meeting planned for next week to discuss Elim float for Marquette Celebration parade.

**Social Ministry:** No meeting. Garage sale netted \$317.80. Proceeds to go toward restroom renovations. Profit from Pancake Feed was \$1,214.33. Proceeds to be split between Youth Group and restroom renovations.

**Christian Education:** No meeting. Diane Hedberg reported 44 persons were served at the Patriotic Breakfast, and \$210.00 earned from freewill donations. Proceeds will go toward restroom renovations.

**Property:** Met June 6. Restroom renovation in compliance to serve 75 women and 125 men (counting basement bathroom). Recent rains causing back door to stick and dampness in basement.

**Memorial:** Met May 29. Agreed to purchase audio/visual system for Parish Hall and basement, and clip-on microphone for pastoral use, pending cost estimates.

**Security Committee:** No meeting.

**Call Committee:** Darren Able attended council meeting to present updated church profile for council approval. Profile is required for synod to recommend pastors for our church.

*Next meeting to be held on July 1 at 7:00 p.m.*



Back Row: Madison Loder, Emma McBride, Hannah Jones, Carly Peterson, Ethan Able. Front Row: Michelle Loder, Gus Jones, and Dawson Feil,

SEE "YOUTH NEWS" PAGE FOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO KC IN JUNE



We ALMOST escaped from the Escape Room!!



# WELCA NEWS



## **WELCA'S 2<sup>nd</sup> FUNDRAISER FOR YEAR WILL BE FUN!!!**

We need all WELCA members to help make our 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser for WELCA as successful as the first one. To do that, we need everyone's help again! We will be selling MONSTER COOKIES in the park for \$1.00 each for the Marquette 145<sup>th</sup> Celebration on August 3, 2019. IF you can make 2 dozen cookies and/or help in the booth to sell them, please sign up on the church's bulletin board. Let Jackie Larson know what shift(s) you can work as well! WELCA has Ziploc bags for you to put each one of your cookies in so that they are all individually wrapped.

In addition to selling cookies, the Lindfors will be opening up their historic mansion and gardens for a tour on August 3 from 12:00 NOON to 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. The Charter of Marquette was signed in the cabin on this property, so it is very important to remember as part of the Marquette Celebration.

## **OTHER NEWS:**

WELCA women and friends had a good time at the May 19 Singalong at Riverview, honoring the mothers at Riverview and celebrating May Day. Gifts and cards were given to all female residents. WELCA also gave two large containers of geraniums for the outside gazebo. At your next visit to Riverview, come admire how beautiful they look in the yard.

The male residents at Riverview were honored with Father's Day gifts and cards at the Singalong on June 30. Wally Bunk, PMA and Brooke Olson make a dynamic duo for leading the residents in song. We have had a good showing from other members of Elim and the community. Keep up the good spirit!

**More details will be in the Sunday bulletins to remind you to join us on special dates, and what is needed for the Marquette Celebration on August 3. Any donation(s) for the booth, signs, and packages is always appreciated.**

**REMINDER:** We still need volunteers for the Riverview Estates birthday party in OCTOBER and DECEMBER 2019. Please check the bulletin board for details. Thank you for filling them up this spring.

The officers truly thank you all.

JoAn Lindfors, President; Diane Talbott, Vice-President; Jackie Larson, Secretary; Cindy Bunk, Treasurer

## WELCA COOKIE/COOKBOOK BOOTH

AUGUST 3 – CITY PARK

9-10	Jackie Larson – Set up
10-11	Sandy Edwards
11-12	Gayle Nelson/Kayley Fleming
12-1	Carol Jones
1-2	Beth Thomas
2-3	Jackie Larson/Cynthia Hulse
3-4	Diane Hedberg
4-5	Dorine Cunningham



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY DONATED AN HOUR OF YOUR DAY  
TO THE WELCA MONSTER COOKIE/COOKBOOK BOOTH!!!**

**CELEBRATION QUEEN:** Lois Johnson was selected as the queen candidate to represent Elim for the Marquette 145<sup>th</sup> Celebration on Saturday, August 3. Coronation of the queen will be held the previous Saturday, July 27. A community-wide vote will take place at the Marquette Library during July, so be sure and stop by to place your vote.

**ELIM FLOAT FOR CELEBRATION PARADE:** The Evangelism Committee is asking for volunteers to help create a float for the Marquette 145<sup>th</sup> Celebration parade to be held Saturday, August 3. Please contact Jeremy Snapp at 785-820-0005 or Kelly French at 785-643-0964 if you have any ideas for the float and/or would be willing to participate. THANK YOU!!

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS IN JULY**

**SEWING CLASS AT MARQUETTE SENIOR CENTER:** Sewing classes for students in grades 1-12 are scheduled for July at the Marquette Senior Center. Instructors will be Janis Larson, Sherry Sneath, Lee Olson, Mary Ellwood and Sandra Spohn. Bring a \$20 donation for supplies and use of the Senior Center, a new beach towel, and a pair of sewing scissors. If you haven't already signed up or need more information, please call 620-242-4764.

July 1 – Basic sewing class (buttons, hems by hand and machine, thread sewing machine)

July 8 – Project 1: pocket scarf

July 15 – Project 2: swim bag (bring new beach towel)

July 22 – Project 3: placemats or placemat bags

**RIVERVIEW ESTATES SUNDAY DINNER:** Riverview is hosting another Sunday dinner on **Sunday, July 14 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Dinner will be served in the multi-purpose room. The menu features glazed ham, chicken fried chicken, mashed potato w/ gravy, buttered corn, tossed salad, dinner rolls, and apple cobbler. Reservations are recommended but not required. A free will donation will be accepted. The money raised will be used for new living room flooring. Come enjoy good food and good company for a good cause.

**RIVERVIEW ESTATES FREE HOMEMADE ICE CREAM:** Join the Riverview residents for FREE homemade ice cream on Sunday, July 21 at the Multi-Purpose Room between 6:00-7:00 PM. Yummy fun for all!!

**RIVERVIEW AUXILIARY FOOD BOOTH:** The Riverview Auxiliary will also be hosting a food booth for the Marquette 145<sup>th</sup> Celebration **August 3**. They are asking for volunteers to help with the booth (including setup) and to provide homemade cinnamon rolls (Rhoads rolls can be used). Please contact Lana Rock at 785-212-1487 or Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544 if you can help out!



## YOUTH NEWS



Members and sponsors of the Elim Youth Group travelled to Kansas City the first week of June to help with various projects associated with Children's Memorial Lutheran Church - and to have fun! The Noise Offering Elim collects each month during church service is sent to Children's Memorial (now called Gathering Table). According to Ann Rundquist, director at the Gathering Table, they are "now an ELCA worshipping committee instead of a congregation". The Gathering Table holds ELCA worship twice a week and continues to serve the homeless and needy with clothing and food. Last year they

served 8200 meals. Elim began donating to the organization in 2014 under the direction of Pastor Delvin Strecker. To date, we have donated a total of \$3,971.26. [Thank you, Diane Hedberg, for this information! - GN] The Youth Group and sponsors helped at the Gathering Table on Wednesday, June 5 by sorting clothes, sorting the pantries, and making sandwiches to serve the homeless. They then attended a Royals game.

The Youth Group returned to the Gathering Table on Thursday morning to sort more clothes and clean out deep freezers. In the afternoon they went to Sea Life Aquarium, then ate at a Japanese restaurant. After that they went to the Escape Room at Union Station and rode the streetcar.

On Friday they volunteered to help at a thrift store called "Blessing Abounds Thrift Store". They headed home for Marquette after a busy day helping others.



**FUN IN THE SUN AT THE ROYALS GAME**

Those attending the trip were:

Madison Loder, Michelle Loder, Emma McBride, Dawson Feil, Ethan Able, Carly Peterson, Hannah Jones, and little Gus Jones.

[Thank you to Carly Peterson for the pictures and story re: the Youth trip to KC. – GN]



Little Gus along for the ride.

## SERVING THE LORD IN JULY

### **ACOLYTES:**

7 – \_\_\_\_\_  
14 – \_\_\_\_\_  
21 – \_\_\_\_\_  
28 – \_\_\_\_\_

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

14 – Barry and Carylee Nelson  
28 – Sjogren Family

### **GREETERS:**

7 – Dana and Julie Olson  
14 – \_\_\_\_\_  
21 – Kelly Larson  
28 – Sjogren Family

### **LECTORS:**

7 – Dana Olson  
14 – Zach Able  
21 – Allan Lindfors  
28 – Jackie Larson

### **COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:**

July 7 - Setup: Mike and Cynthia Hulse

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:**

7 – Steve Patrick  
21 – Patty Kolling

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

14 – Kelly French  
28 – Brooke Olson/Dorine Cunningham

### **RIVERVIEW SING-ALONG:**

July 21 – Jackie Larson

### **COFFEE HOSTESS:**

7 – \_\_\_\_\_  
14 – \_\_\_\_\_  
21 – \_\_\_\_\_  
28 – \_\_\_\_\_

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### **PLEASE HELP FILL IN THE BLANKS ABOVE!**

#### Coffee Host/Hostesses are needed for summer!

Please sign up in the kitchen if you are interested.  
Just bring a snack and plug in the coffeepot for  
fellowship at 10:30 AM. THANK YOU!

### **USHERS:**

Wally Bunk – Captain; Matt Hedberg, Will  
Hedberg, Gail Lindstedt, Barry Nelson, Morris  
Nelson, Darryl Talbott, Jeremy Snapp, Brady  
Jones, Shayne Fox

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

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**June 2:** Given by Dorine, Rylee, and Ryenne  
Cunningham: To God we will give glory and thanks  
for all blessings we have received.

**June 16:** Given by Dana and Julie Olson in  
memory of family and loved ones.

**June 30:** Given by Rita Brown.

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### **Monthly Financial Report**

#### JUNE 2019

Beginning Balance as of 05/01/19:	\$ 19,693.86
Revenue:	\$ 9,000.67
Expenses:	\$ -4,797.71
Ending Balance as of 05/31/19:	\$ 23,896.82

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### **ELIM GARAGE SALE**

Elim participated in the Marquette city-wide garage sale  
on June 4. Several members donated items to the sale,  
and other members volunteered their time and energy  
to assemble the items in the garage and driveway of the  
parsonage, and to assist buyers during the event. Total  
profit was \$327.80. Thank you to everyone who  
donated items and helped with the garage sale.  
Proceeds will go to the restroom renovation fund.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Scott Johnson  
 1 Marah Kaufman  
 1 Marco Perez  
 1 Mary Olson  
 3 Kerry Lindh  
 3 Luke Hedberg  
 4 Kayla Fox  
 6 Linn Nelson  
 6 Peggy Wickstrom  
 6 Brady Jones  
 7 Ron Larson  
 7 Ebba Nelson  
 7 Tonya Kaufman  
 9 Anna Caesar  
 10 Dixon Johnson  
 10 Maybelle Jones  
 12 Carson Windholz  
 13 Matt Sellhorn  
 14 Kirsten Larson  
 14 Julie Olson  
 16 Leland Brown  
 18 Larry Montgomery  
 18 Sofia Allen  
 19 Linda Johnson  
 20 Matthew Everhart  
 20 Dean Alstatt  
 22 Doris Schultz  
 22 Elizabeth Crump  
 22 Jolie Myers  
 23 Kelly Montgomery  
 24 Diane Hedberg  
 24 Gail Quested  
 25 Karen Simmons  
 27 Jamie Ketchum  
 28 Pam Morel  
 28 Crystal Hawkinson  
 29 Chelsi Mannebach  
 29 Heidi Caesar  
 29 Flora Malm  
 30 Sandy Edwards



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

8 Mr. and Mrs. Wally Bunk 53 years  
 14 Mr. and Mrs. Barry Nelson 45 years  
 14 Mr. and Mrs. Dana Olson 35 years  
 15 Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Bauer 13 years  
 18 Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wickstrom 4 years  
 23 Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hamilton 57 years  
 24 Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Patrick 15 years  
 30 Mr. and Mrs. Brodie Seely 8 years  
 31 Mr. and Mrs. John Myers 49 years

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

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**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.**



# Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 – Church Council</b>	2	3	<b>4</b> Fourth of July	5	6
<b>7 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC- 11:00 AM	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>14 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</b> WELCA Executive Committee Mtg. – 8:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children's Message - 11:00 AM	15  Messenger Deadline	16	17	18	19	20
<b>21 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM  <b>4:00 PM – RIVERVIEW SINGALONG</b>	22	23	<b>24</b> <b>1:30 PM – Quilting</b>	25	26	27
<b>28 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost</b> Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children's Message - 11:00 AM					KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School	