



Elim Lutheran Church

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Dear Friends of Elim:

Grace and peace to you from God the Father, from the Lord Jesus Christ. I have been away far too long, away mentally that is. I have struggled to get back into preacher gear, and my prayer life has really suffered. While on my morning walk, I suddenly had an epiphany of sorts. It dawned on me that during my previous walks I used to be in constant talks with God. I would survey the beauty of His creation and say, "How can someone not believe that you created all of this". I would raise my arms to the heavens, (not a strong Lutheran thing to do) at the same time turning my head making sure no one was watching this strange behavior. I got a little teary, and prayed for forgiveness, for I have failed the one that created me. Dear God I prayed, what has happened to me? Turn me back to the joy of prayer I used to know. I am serving you, but I am not praying like I should. These words I remember, the rest is foggy. I think I caved in to the delight of the Devil. I am sure I made his day. Now I sing that little song I sang to all of you that Sunday from the pulpit. Now the Devil sees me on my knees, and the sun is shining in my life once again. Memories will always be there, and that just makes love all the stronger.

I am now trying to study up on prayer, hoping to strengthen my prayer life once again. I was reading the 4th chapter of Luke where we find a short version of the Lord's Prayer. A disciple, whose name is not mentioned has been watching Jesus for quite some time, and is impressed by His prayer life. He comes to Jesus all seriously and asks: "Lord, will you teach us how to pray?" Just envision that moment. A beautiful moment for Jesus to hear this request.

In Mark, it tells us: "That in the morning while it was still dark, Jesus got up and went to a deserted place, and there He prayed". I wish it would say what Jesus prayed, but we know He prayed. Jesus prayed often. The most heartbreaking prayer by Jesus is at the cross, when He prays: "Father take this cup from me, but not my will be done, your will be done". If this doesn't choke you up, nothing will. It sure does it to me. But then again, I choke up really easy. The more I write this the more I love Him. Thank you Father.

Martin Luther stated: "Prayer is not optional." The second commandment teaches us to call upon the Lord in every need, for by prayer the name of God is honored.

Prayer is our loving, caring Father connection with God. Prayer takes time. Prayer takes words. Your feelings. And when you find no words to speak or even sing-Paul writes: when "we do not know what to pray for, the Spirit (of God) Himself intercedes for us with groans that human words cannot express". Romans 8:26.

When Pastor Delvin was our pastor, we came together every Friday morning at ten o'clock for prayer. We went into the sanctuary and knelt on the cushions, made the sign of the cross, and one of us would begin in reverent prayer. After prayer we often had good discussions. This was so uplifting for both of us.

What is your prayer life like these days? I am happy to say, mine is getting back in shape. My prayer for all of you dear friends is that you will take time to talk with your Heavenly Father every day. If you can't find the words, that's fine, just sit/stand in silence and let the Holy Spirit intercede for you.

In Jesus name and to His glory.

Amen

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Please keep in prayer: Jill Timmons, Mindy Nicholson, JoEllen Feil (Scott Feil's sister), Peggy Wickstrom, Tom Spohn, 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, and Diane Deckard.

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.

Upcoming Summer Music Schedule

- September 1 – Mindy Nicholson
- September 8 – Darren Able, Tammy Feil, and Tammy Malm
- September 15 – Pierce Hamma
- September 22 – Matthew Larson
- September 29 – JoAn Lindfors



THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS! The following have already performed for summer church services, and we thank them all for adding joy and beauty to our services:

Pierce Hamma, Brooke Olson, Allan Lindfors, Madison and Michelle Loder, Chris and Rachel Johnson, Mindy Nicholson, Garrett and Kaydee McMahan, Matthew Everhart, Kara Modrow, Eva Allen, MaryAnne Talbott, Kendal Brueggen, Noah Lindfors, Kayley and Layla Fleming, and Brooke Olson.



DON'T MISS RALLY SUNDAY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

AND CHECK OUT THE SLEEPOVER / BABYSITTING CLINIC SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH GROUP ON SEPTEMBER 7.

WELCA NEWS



WELCA's 2nd FUND RAISER FOR THE YEAR at Marquette's 145th Celebration August 3, 2019 was a great success! We were able to net approximately **\$215.00** for our Monster Cookies. The mansion and garden tours at the Hanson-Lindfors Mansion netted **\$600**. The money was divided between WELCA and the Marquette Celebration Committee, each receiving \$300. Thanks for everyone's work, volunteering, and baking. We even gave some of the leftover cookies to persons who gave WELCA a donation, and then the rest will be used for RALLY SUNDAY. These funds will really help when we start putting together our Lutheran World Relief kits for the needy.

The LWR (Lutheran World Relief) Committee met and decided that Elim's WELCA would do 12 each of Baby Care and Personal Care Kits again! There is a LIST of needed items on the church's bulletin board for the kits, but we will list them here in the MESSENGER as well. The remaining items for the kits have already been purchased or will be purchased with WELCA funds. **IF you would like to just give a money donation, you can do so to Cindy Bunk, Treasurer or any of the other officers, JoAn Lindfors, Diane Talbott or Jackie Larson.**

Needed items:

BABY CARE KITS:

- 1) T-shirts: 9-24 months, SOLID colors w/NO wording
- 2) Sleepers (NO footies) OR Short sets: 9-24 months
- 3) Hand towels: dark color recommended
- 4) Bar soap: bath-size (8-9 oz.), gentle, in original wrapping

Needed items:

PERSONAL CARE KITS:

- 1) Bar soap: bath size (8-9 oz.), in original wrapping
- 2) Combs: adult size, sturdy
- 3) Toothbrushes: adult-size in its original packaging
- 4) Bath towels: light-weight, between 20" X 40" and 52" X 27", dark color recommended

Place your donated items in the DONATION BOX in the Parish Hall UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2019!

"Any and all donations will help us to continue this mission that has been a WELCA project for many years."
LeAnn Everhart, Chairperson; Linda Johnson, Nancy Hopp, and JoAn Lindfors (LWR Committee).

On August 18, 2019 WELCA had the Riverview Sing-along with special music by Kayley and Layla Fleming. The residents always love having children there, so if any person(s) has children, grandchildren or friends that want to join our Sing-alongs and/or do a musical number for the residents, just let JoAn or Jackie know, and we will add you to one of the **third Sunday of each month Sing-alongs held at 4:00 p.m.** We have had a good showing from other members of the community and Elim. Keep it up.

We know it's EARLY, but we need to get some idea of who would be interested in going to BETHLEHEM REVISITED, by Grace Baptist Church of Manhattan, Kansas. It is scheduled for December 6 (Friday, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.), December 7 & 8 (Saturday & Sunday, 4:30 – 9:00 p.m.) BUT tickets sell out FAST. They start selling on November 12 and continue until they are sold out!! It is **FREE, but you have to have a ticket with the date and time!!** There will be ALL dates posted on the church's bulletin board. Please sign up, and we will see the most popular time and hopefully BOOK IT on November 12. If you want to know more about this truly spiritual experience, ask Dana, Julie or Brooke Olson. They have done this with Dixon & Kate's family.

REMINDER: We still need **volunteers** for a couple of months in the fall for the Riverview Estates' birthday parties. Please check the bulletin board for details and sign-up sheet.

President: JoAn Lindfors; **Vice-President:** Diane Talbott; **Secretary:** Jackie Larson; and **Treasurer:** Cindy Bunk.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Elim is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels in September. Volunteers are needed to pick up and deliver meals to local residents. Meals should be picked up at the back kitchen door between 11:15 – 11:20 AM. Check with Beth Thomas at 785-546-2496 for further instructions and the door code. A sign-up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board located in the Parish Hall. Thank you for volunteering your time to deliver meals. It is very much appreciated.

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council – Met August 5, 2019. Discussed possible candidate for PT pastor and compensation requirements. Replacement of Parish Hall carpet discussed.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Sr. Choir practice resumes September 11. Meeting needed to determine continuation of Youth Choir.

Finance & Stewardship: Met August 5 to discuss financial offer for PT pastor.

Evangelism: No meeting. Committee is planning a back-to-school movie night for the entire community on Friday, September 6 (Editor's note: movie night postponed to later date due to Rally Sunday events the same weekend)

Social Ministry: No meeting. Decided on work projects for God's Work/Our Hands slated for September 8, to include American Legion, parsonage, and Fine Arts Center.

Christian Education: No meeting. Rally Sunday events are scheduled for September 8, to include blessing of the backpacks and presentation of Bibles to 3rd grade students. The worship service will take place in the Parish Hall, followed by a light lunch and God's Work/Our Hands work projects.

Property: *No meeting.* Kleinsorge Construction will be able to start restroom renovation between the end of September and early October

Memorial: No meeting. Brian Hopp was asked about existing sound and video equipment, to include clip-on mics and wiring for video feed in basement and fellowship hall. More equipment needed to finalize project.

Security Committee: No meeting. Checking on WIFI extenders for security cameras. Continued concern about church doors left unlocked.

Call Committee: *No report.* Synod has not sent any candidate names to the committee.

Special Council Meeting held August 18 to discuss feasibility of PT pastor. Call Committee chairman Darren Able reported on interview with Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich.

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

Rally Sunday!



COME JOIN US FOR RALLY SUNDAY!

Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 8, 9:30 AM



Come join in the fun and fellowship as Elim kicks off the Sunday School Year. Sunday School students will meet in the church basement at 9:30 AM. From there they will journey to Pioneer Trail for a "Bible Verse" outdoor scavenger hunt! Children will be divided into groups to hunt for specific items relating to the Bible Verse clues. PLEASE wear comfortable clothes and shoes for this outdoor fun.

After the scavenger hunt, everyone will meet back at the church to share their findings!

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS and their parents are asked to attend the worship service, which starts at 11:00 AM in the PARISH HALL. There will be a Blessing of the Backpacks during the service, so be sure to BRING YOUR BACKPACKS!!!

There will also be a noise offering, so bring all your loose change and make a lot of noise!

3rd grade students will be presented with Bibles, so please don't miss this special recognition and chance to own your very own Bible.

Following the worship service everyone is invited to enjoy a light lunch provided by the Christian Education committee. Immediately following the lunch, we invite young and old alike to help with God's Work/Our Hands service projects until 3:00 PM.

NOTE TO PARENTS: Your children's attendance at Sunday School and Junior Choir is so very vital to the life of this church. Please encourage your children to attend on a regular basis. THANK YOU!!



COMMUNITY YOUTH SLEEPOVER AND BABYSITTING CLINIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Elim Lutheran Church
Parish Hall



The Youth Group is offering two services to the community as a fundraiser. The proceeds will be used for an upcoming Youth Group trip.

Babysitting 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM September 7
- OR -

Sleepover 5:00 PM September 7 – 9:30 AM September 8



The babysitting clinic is open to ages newborn to 12 years old. Suggested donations are \$20 for one child, and \$15 for each additional child.

The sleepover is for children 2-12 years old. Suggested donations for the sleepover is \$30 for one child, and \$15 for each additional child.

SUPPER AND BREAKFAST ARE INCLUDED.

Children are encouraged to stay for Sunday School and church as there will be a **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** for Rally Sunday.

Parents or guardians are asked to complete a permission form for the Community Youth Sleepover and Babysitting Clinic. Please specify the names and ages of your children, as well as any food or other allergies. Please sign the form and add your contact number in case of emergencies. There will be a liability form you will be asked to sign at the time you leave your children for babysitting or the sleepover. **Please make checks payable to Elim Youth Group.** Freewill donations will also be accepted. Contact Carly Peterson at 785-280-2039 if you have any questions.



Reservations are due by SEPTEMBER 3.

Forms will be available by the church bulletin board or at City Sundries or Pipers Fine Foods.

SERVING THE LORD IN SEPTEMBER

ACOLYTES:

Emma McBride, Jake Loder

ALTAR FLOWERS:

8 – Sandy Edwards
22 – Scott and Linda Johnson

GREETERS:

1 – Scott and Tammy Feil and family
8 – Matt and Diane Hedberg
15 – Darren Able and family
22 – _____
29 – _____

LECTORS:

1 – Jakob Feil
8 – Mike Hulse
15 – Scott Feil
22 – Julie Olson
29 – Diane Hedberg

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

September 1 - Setup:
Gayle Nelson and Kayley Fleming

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

1 – Allan Lindfors
15 – Diane Hedberg

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

8- JoAn Lindfors
22 – Kelly French

RIVERVIEW SING-ALONG:

15 – Jackie Larson, WELCA

RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY:

27 – Cindy Bunk, treat provider
Gayle Nelson, helper

COFFEE HOSTESS:

1 - _____
8 - _____
15 – Brooke Olson
22 – Julie Olson
29 - _____

USHERS:

Craig Larson– Captain; Peter Hamma, Brandon Hulse, Wayne McBride, John Myers, Dana Olson, Dixon Olson, Curtis Patrick, Greg Nicholson, Don Miller, Beau Boughfman

NOTICE TO YOUTH GROUP

ACOLYTES ARE NEEDED FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Youth Group room.
THANK YOU!!!

COFFEE HOST/HOSTESSES ARE NEEDED! Please sign up in the kitchen if you are interested. Just bring a snack and plug in the coffeepot at 9:30 AM for fellowship at 10:30 AM. Male or female, young or old, all are welcome to participate. **THANK YOU!**



August 11 and 25: Given by Adam and Hannah Jones and family in appreciation of our teachers and God's Blessings for the upcoming school year!

Monthly Financial Report

September 2019

Beginning Balance as of 07/01/19:	\$ 24,111.41
Revenue:	\$ 11,518.93
Expenses:	\$ -3,773.03
Ending Balance as of 07/31/19:	<u>\$ 31,857.31</u>

REMINDER: The next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held at Elim Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall **Tuesday, October 22, 1:00-7:00 PM.** Don't forget to complete your Rapid Pass and bring your ID if not registered.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Rylee Cunningham
1	Tim Lindfors
2	Vic Hedberg
3	Audrey Seely
4	Diana Hernandez
5	Kade Kaufman
5	Don McCoy
6	Mike Hulse
6	Kurtis Sjogren
6	Beau Boughfman
7	Lou Nelson
7	Barbara O'Loughlin
8	Erica Faust
9	Braden Young
10	Morris Nelson
11	Wally Bunk
11	Cade Young
15	Audrey Arnold
15	Jayleen Sellhorn
16	Desirea Faust
17	Alissa Holmquist
20	Megan Amos
21	Charity Weis
21	Brandi Brady
22	Raven Caesar
22	Courtney Cook
22	Sharon Chandler
24	Maia Forssberg
24	Charles Martin
26	Kiera Mullen
27	Brock Reid-Carpio
28	Julie Loder
28	Brandon Weis
29	Matt Hedberg



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McBride	30 years
2	Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hopp	41 years
7	Mr. and Mrs. Ken Talbott	62 years
11	Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cunningham	23 years
13	Mr. and Mrs. Scott Johnson	39 years
14	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Montgomery	34 years
15	Mr. and Mrs. Adam Jones	9 years
24	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Alstatt	14 years
24	Mr. and Mrs. Allan Lindfors	13 years
28	Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hernandez	15 years
29	Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lillard	9 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Danny Morel	47 years

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group meetings resume **Wednesday, September 11**. The meal for Youth Group and Confirmation Students begins at **6:30 PM** in the Parish Hall, with the meeting to follow at **7:00 PM**. There are many wonderful projects and events planned for the Youth Group, so please plan to attend and participate!

Meals for Youth Group and Confirmation

Students: We need many volunteers to prepare meals for the Youth Group/Confirmation Students on Wednesday evenings. The meals are served in the Parish Hall at 6:30 PM prior to the Youth Group meetings and Confirmation Class at 7:00 PM. The meetings run from September to May, so the more volunteers to help, the better. Parents of the youth group are asked to contribute also. Plan on serving 25 hungry youth. **Please contact Tammy Feil at 620-242-4764 if you are willing to make a meal or two!** THANKS!

Confirmation Class is tentatively scheduled to start **September 11**. 7th and 8th grade students are invited to participate in confirmation class. ***There will be an orientation meeting prior to the first class, so be looking for further information on the time and place.***

DON'T FORGET! Sunday School starts September 8 with Rally Sunday fun at 9:30 AM.

Senior Choir practice will resume **Wednesday, September 11**.

Junior Choir practice will resume **Sunday, September 15 at 10:15 AM** (following Sunday School).

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC- 11:00 AM	2 LABOR DAY	3 7:00 – Church Council	4	5	6	7 5:00 PM Elim Youth Group’s COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP SLEEPOVER & BABYSITTING CLINIC
8 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost RALLY SUNDAY Sunday School Scavenger Hunt – 9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship in Parish Hall - 11:00 AM Blessing of Backpacks / 3 rd Grade Bibles Presented Lunch in Parish Hall - NOON God’s Work/Our Hands Work Projects – 1:00 PM	9	10	11 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group (Confirmation Class) 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	12	13	14
15 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM 4:00 PM – RIVERVIEW SINGALONG	16 Messenger Deadline	17	18 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group (Confirmation Class) 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	19	20	21
22 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children’s Message- 11:00 AM	23	24	25 1:30 PM – Quilting 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group (Confirmation Class) 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	26	27 2:00 PM – Riverview Birthday Party	28
29 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children’s Message - 11:00 AM	30					KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School