



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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I've been working out of town and I have experienced a lot of windshield time recently. I've watched the sun rise in the east and then gaze at its splendor as it sets in the west. I've been amazed by the beauty of the sunflowers as they dot the landscape with color and beauty. I've viewed the crisp white clouds floating in the brilliant blue sky. I am always amazed by the beauty that surrounds us every day that GOD created! These are the thoughts I have been pondering, when our own Pierce Hamma sang in church. (If you missed it, you missed a real gift.) He sang the song God Painted a Picture and Called It the World. Here are just some of the lyrics.

God painted a picture and called it the world

With mountains, valleys and streams.

God painted a picture and called it the world

With beauty, laughter and dreams.

Splashes of yellow, purple and red

tinged with gold and green.

A glorious rainbow, a sunset of flame,

Flowers and trees serene.

God is quite the artist isn't HE?

If you know me well, you know I'm an outside girl. I love to hike. I love to push mow my yard. I love to play in my garden. I feel closer to God when I'm outside and I'm constantly overwhelmed by God's creation. Which made me ponder, if I feel so close to God when I'm outside, why do I go to church? I've heard it said, I'd rather be praising God on a mountain top than sitting in a pew, wishing I was on top of the mountain.

God uniquely formed each of us. Some are nature lovers like me. Some folks meet God in music; some like being around small groups and studying the Bible; some may be energized by large gatherings. Some feel closer to God when they are helping or doing something that serves others. Some feel closer to God in reverence and tradition. So, if we feel closer to God when we are all doing different things....Why **do** we go to church? Where does it say in the Bible that we have to go to church to worship? I found this verse in Hebrews and the amplified version really spoke to me.

The Amplified version of Hebrews 10:21-25 and since we have a great and wonderful Priest (Who rules) over the house of God, 22 let us approach (God) with a true and sincere heart in unqualified assurance of faith, having had our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us seize and hold tightly the confession of your hope without wavering, for HE who promised is reliable and trustworthy and faithful (to His work) 24 and let us consider (thoughtfully) how we may encourage one another to love and to do good deeds, not forsaking our meeting together (as believers for worship and instruction), as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more (faithful) as you see the day (of Christ's return) approaching.

Romans 12:5, tells us, "In Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all the others". We need each other to grow in faith, learn to serve, practice forgiveness and exercise our gifts. Really, how will we grow spiritually unless we interact with other believers? We learn humility, gentleness, and patience. It helps us develop the Character of Christ.

Jesus is our living example in Luke 4:16. "He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up and on the Sabbath Day he went to the synagogue as was His custom. And he stood up to read." If Jesus made it a priority to meet together, shouldn't we?

In Acts 2:42, the first Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, for fellowship, communing and praying together.

Worshipping God is a weekly celebration of Christ's Resurrection and a foretaste of the Banquet in Heaven to Come. Worship is an act of Obedience. Worship isn't really about me. It is about God. It is about honoring our Father, Creator and Savior.... and If Jesus spent his Sabbath day at the synagogue ...I should probably give Him at least an hour in worship on Sunday.

Julie Olson



Please keep in prayer: Mary Sommerfeld, Jill Timmons, Mindy Nicholson, Peggy Wickstrom, Tom Spohn, Mari Loder, Nathan Gray (Lana Rock's great nephew), Eleanor Lundquist, LaReta Olson, Karen Teague, Raymond Rock, Rhonda McEachern (sister of Rita Brown), Rita Brown, Skye Farris, Danny Morel, Debbie Brown, Mark Cook (Pastor Cross' son-in-law), Don Lundquist, and Vernon Olson,

MEMBERS: *Please review the prayer list and notify the church secretary if names no longer need to be listed. Thanks!*

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.

GET WELL WISHES can be sent to Mary Sommerfeld at 226 Walnut Street, Wellsville, KS 66092. You can also call her at 785-527-9009. Mary is recuperating at a nursing home near her home in Gardner, KS after receiving a pacemaker on September 13. She hopes to return to her own home in 6 weeks. Your prayers and cards would be much appreciated during her recovery.

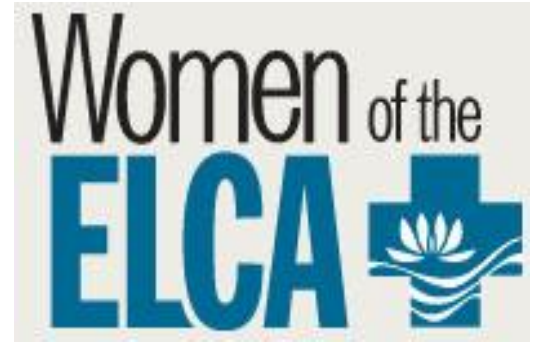
Summer Music at Elim

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SHARING YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS SUMMER DURING OUR CHURCH SERVICES! We thank you 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, and Matthew Everhart., Kara Modrow, Eva Allen, MaryAnne Talbott, Kendal Brueggen, Noah Lindfors, Kayley and Layla Fleming, Brooke Olson, JoAn Lindfors, Darren Able, Tami Malm, Tammy Feil, and Matthew Larson.



WELCA NEWS



FIRST PRIORITY FOR WELCA right now is to get the WORLD RELIEF KITS filled and ready to send to those that need them!! Some of the monies raised from our successful fundraisers will be used for completing the Lutheran World Relief Kits. We need all your donations and monies by **OCTOBER 1, 2019!!**

The LWR Committee met and decided that Elim's WELCA would do 12 each of Baby Care and Personal Care Kits!

There is a LIST of items needed for the kits on the church's bulletin board, but we will list them here in the MESSENGER as well. Gayle has listed them each week in the bulletin, and there is a list available at the back of the sanctuary. The remaining items for the kits have already been purchased or will be purchased with WELCA funds. **IF you would prefer to give a money donation, you can deliver it to Cindy Bunk, Treasurer.....or any of the officers, i.e. JoAn Lindfors, Diane Talbott or Jackie Larson.**

Needed items: BABY CARE KITS:

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

Needed items: PERSON CARE KITS:

- 1) Bar soap (bath size [8 -9 oz.], original wrapping)
- 2) Combs - 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

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

"Any and all donations will help us to continue this mission that has been a WELCA project for many years."

LeAnne Everhart, Chairperson; Linda Johnson, Nancy Hopp, and JoAn Lindfors (LWR Committee).

On September 15, 2019, WELCA had the Riverview Sing-along with special music by Pierce Hamma. The residents always love having children there, so if any person 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 Sundays of each month at 4:00 p.m.** We have had a good showing from other members of the community and Elim. Keep it up!

Some have signed up, but we still need people to sign up for 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 12th and go until they are sold out!! It is **FREE, but you have to have a ticket with 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 BOOK IT on November 12th - hopefully. We have sent the information to Marquette Methodist church, so they can join us if they want. If you want to know more about this truly spiritual experience, ask Dana, Julie or Brooke Olson. They have shared this event with Dixon & Kate's family.

RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTIES: (4th or last Friday of each month). We got October and December filled out, but JoAn and Donna could sure use a "helper" for those months. Please check the bulletin board for details and sign up to assist! Thank you for being a volunteer.

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

COMMUNITY YOUTH SLEEPOVER AND BABYSITTING CLINIC



The **Elim Youth Group** sponsored a community-wide youth sleepover and babysitting clinic on Saturday, September 7, 2019 in the Parish Hall. A total of 23 children attended! Babysitting was offered for ages newborn to 12 years old from 5:00-9:00 PM. Seven children attended the babysitting clinic, including 4 infants. Twenty-three children ages 2 to 12 years old participated in the sleepover, starting at 5:00 PM and ending at 9:30 AM the next day. There were 5 members of the Youth Group helping out, and 5 adults. They served hot dogs, chips, and brownies for supper, and fruit and donuts for breakfast. The purpose of the event was to provide an opportunity for parents to have a night off, for children to have fun and be safe in a Christian atmosphere, AND for the Youth Group to earn money for an upcoming mission trip to Destin, Florida in March. It was also an opportunity to encourage the Sunday School children to attend Rally Sunday. Carly Peterson, Youth Group sponsor, said the event was “very successful and we will do it again” with some changes in activities. The event raised \$505.00 for the Youth Group.

Rally Sunday followed on September 8 at 9:30 AM. The Sunday School children gathered for a Bible verse scavenger hunt. Following this fun activity the children joined adults in the Parish Hall for treats and Fellowship. The worship service was held in the Parish Hall to celebrate the beginning of Sunday School and the children of our church. Children were asked to bring their school backpacks, which Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich blessed. Kanin French was presented with a Bible, given to all 3rd graders in our church to help them continue in their Christian faith. A light meal was served by the Christian Ed. committee following the service. Members then dispersed to help with the God’s Work/Our Hands work projects selected for this year: cleaning the American Legion kitchen area, cleaning the Fine Arts Center, and cleaning the parsonage.

YOUTH GROUP will be selling t-shirts in October with the phrase “Be the Light” printed on them. The t-shirts will be sold for \$15.00 each and the proceeds will be used for the Youth Group mission trip. Please support our youth by purchasing one or more for you and your family and friends. THANK YOU!!

CONFIRMATION CLASS is tentatively scheduled to start **October 2 at 6:30 PM** for 7th and 8th grade confirmation students. An orientation meeting for parents and students will be held **Sept. 25 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Hall, where they will join the Youth Group for the meal served each Wednesday evening for both Middle School and HS students. The meeting will follow with Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich, who has offered to teach the Confirmation class.

PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN: Junior Choir practice has changed to Sunday's **10:20 AM – 10:40 AM** (following Sunday School). **PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE.** The Junior Choir sings during the worship service on the **2nd Sunday** of each month unless otherwise notified. ***Your children's attendance and participation is very important to our church!***

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!

A BIG THANK YOU to those members who have provided Youth Meals in September:
Sept. 11 – Cindy Bunk and Tammy Feil; Sept. 18 – Kelly French; Sept. 25 – Beau and Lisa Boughfman.
We truly appreciate your generosity!

HAUNTED TRAIL AND HAYRACK RIDE: The Youth Group has offered to help with the Haunted Trail and Hayrack Ride, which was sponsored by Elim last year as a Halloween activity and a fundraiser. We are asking for volunteers to help organize and create the event again this year. Last year's event was a lot of fun for those who participated and those who attended, and a worthwhile service for the community. Please contact Gayle Nelson at elimsec@gmail.com or Carly Peterson at 785-280-2039 if you are interested in participating. THANK YOU!

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council – Met September 3, 2019. Hannah Jones attended to report on Youth Group plans for the coming year. Congregational vote scheduled for Sept. 22 to approve Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich as PT Pastor.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Sr. Choir practice to resume September 11. Junior Choir will dismiss at 10:40 AM rather than 10:45 to allow SS children to meet parents for coffee and fellowship and get treats before church.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting. Further consideration of PT Pastor's compensation/contract.

Evangelism: No meeting. Back-to-school movie night cancelled. Cleaning requirements for American Legion and Fine Arts Center on Sept. 8 (God's Work/Our Hands) were discussed.

Social Ministry: No meeting.

Christian Education: No meeting. Rally Sunday events are scheduled for September 8, to include Bible verse scavenger hunt, 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. Youth choir discontinued for this year due to minimal number able to participate. 5th and 6th graders will join Junior Choir.

Property: *Met Sept. 3.* Kleinsorge Construction will start restroom renovation September 23.

Memorial: No meeting.

Security Committee: No meeting. Committee to recommend ways to ensure all church doors are locked after service and other use.

Call Committee: *No report. Recommend hiring Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich as PT Pastor.*

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

SERVING THE LORD IN OCTOBER

ACOLYTES:

Lily Boughfman, Abbie Hudson

ALTAR FLOWERS:

6 – Terry and Nancy Hopp

20 – Bob and Carol Jones

GREETERS:

6 – Barry and Carylee Nelson

13 – Scott and Linda Johnson

20 – _____

27 – Kelly Larson

LECTORS:

6 – Dana Olson

13 – Linda Johnson

20 – Andi Willems

27 – Jackie Larson

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

October 6 - Setup: Sandy Edwards

Bread: Sandy Edwards

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

6 – Andi Willems

20 – Lana Rock

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

13 – Dorine Cunningham

27 – Julie Olson

RIVERVIEW SING-ALONG:

20 – Jackie Larson, WELCA

RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY:

October 25 –JoAn Lindfors, treat provider

_____, helper

COFFEE HOSTESS:

6 - _____

13 - _____

20 - _____

27 - _____

USHERS:

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

WE NEED GREETERS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Dec. 8, 15, 22. 24 (Christmas Eve), 25 (Julotta) and 29. If you haven't greeted yet this year, or are willing to do it again, PLEASE sign up on the bulletin board. THANK YOU!

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!



September 8: Given by Sandy Edwards in honor of loved ones.

September 22: Given by Scott and Linda Johnson for the glory of God.

The flower arrangement on the piano was given by Terry and Nancy Hopp in loving memory of Jeff Hopp and Michael Graham.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Hannah Jones
- 3 Cari Nelson
- 5 Erin Hudson
- 6 Jon Arnold
- 7 Frank Rock
- 7 Mary Kay Lindh
- 7 Josh McMahan
- 9 Nancy Hopp
- 9 Elsie Boughfman
- 10 Nic Traugott
- 12 Evan Talbott
- 13 Dana Olson
- 13 Will Hedberg
- 14 Fred Peterson
- 14 Olivia Peterson
- 16 JoNell Lindh
- 16 Logan Windholz
- 17 Jodi Reazin
- 17 John Sommerfeld
- 20 Brooke Olson
- 20 Darin Amos
- 24 Matthew Wickstrom
- 24 Shannon Weis
- 25 Kasey Kolling
- 26 Emma McBride
- 27 Chris Edwards
- 28 Kaydee McMahan
- 30 Nic Farris
- 31 Marci Fox
- 31 Morgan Loder



THANK YOU

A very heartfelt thank you to the Elim Church members who so willingly came to clean at our American Legion post on Sunday, September 8. Everything looked so fresh and clean, as it was in need of a spruce-up! Your caring and hard work were so appreciated. Thank you!
Marquette American Legion and Auxiliary.

THANK YOU TO ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

It was indeed my pleasure to serve you as a member of Marquette’s “Queen Court” for our 145th birthday. The committee treated us royally with a rose, BBQ ticket, and a reserved table for the BBQ. Again, by thanks for representing such a wonderful congregation.
God’s love,
Lois Johnson

Monthly Financial Report
October 2019

Beginning Balance as of 08/01/19:	\$ 31,857.31
Revenue:	\$ 7,838.01
Expenses:	\$ -4,928.88
Ending Balance as of 08/31/19:	\$ 34,766.44

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.

PLEASE NOTE: A nursery attendant will be available during the church worship service each Sunday for children age 3 and under. **PLEASE** check with the nursery attendant in the church basement prior to the service. A list of nursery volunteers is located by the elevator.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2	Mr. and Mrs. Morris Nelson	37 years
5	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Beagley	6 years
6	Mr. and Mrs. Chris Lohrey	12 years
16	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones	42 years
18	Mr. and Mrs. Scott Feil	22 years
25	Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Kaufman	16 years

REMINDER: Deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday AM. Any information received after that time may not be posted in the bulletin until the following week. I will pass the information on so that it can be announced at the beginning of the next church service if requested. THANKS!

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH SECRETARY at elimsec@gmail.com if the dates or anniversaries are incorrect, or one needs to be added or subtracted. THANK YOU.

Elim Church Secretary

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group & Confirmation Class Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	3	4	5
6 17th Sunday After Pentecost Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM	7 7:00 – Church Council Meeting	8	9 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group & Confirmation Class Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	10	11	12
13 18th Sunday After Pentecost Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children’s Message - 11:00 AM 4:00 PM – RIVERVIEW SINGALONG	14	15	16 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group & Confirmation Class Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	17	18	19
20 19th Sunday After Pentecost Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM	21 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	22	23 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 1:30 PM – Quilting 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group & Confirmation Class Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	24	25 2:00 PM – Riverview Birthday Party	26
27 20th Sunday After Pentecost REFORMATION SUNDAY Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children’s Message - 11:00 AM	28	29	30 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group & Confirmation Class Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	31 HALLOWEEN		KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School