



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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A word from Pastor Amy Kay...

Elim Friends –

Thank you so much for allowing me to join your church! It is my honor to get to be with you all. As the weather cools and the leaves remind us of the natural cycles of life, we experience much change. Change is all around and I fully recognize that I, too, am a change for you.

I love fall. It feels wonderful to wrap myself in warm alpaca scarves. It's exciting to see the vibrant colors of the trees as they change. It's comforting to bake with spices that smell and taste of the season. Perhaps you have some of these same positive feelings about the season and the season of change at your church as well. I hope so. I hope you feel the warmth of the good you expect at your church. I hope it feels a little bit exciting for you to know someone new as your Pastor. I hope church is comforting, compelling and has the right amount of spice for you this season.

As the cooler temperatures move the kids indoors to play more, I instantly start washing my hands twice as often. Germs. They are bound to come, darn it. But when we start to feel crummy, we know what to do. We treat our body gently. We rest and drink a lot of water. Perhaps we seek counsel from a doctor. At the end of the stretch, we recognize the blessing of good health and give thanks.

Friends, we are a bunch of people trying to live in community as church; there are bound to be times that we get off a bit. For instance, I don't know a lot of things at this point. Gayle and Wally try to keep me in line, but I'm sure I'll misstep from time to time even with their kind guidance. I promise that I will never intentionally try to upset anyone. My intention is to only support, encourage, equip, comfort and compel you as Jesus showed us more fully how to be about God's ways. BUT, just like when we start to feel ill, if we start to feel crummy about something in the church, I hope we will remember what we can do to be healthy. We can be kind to one another and express ourselves. We can do the hard work of talking directly with one another. Just like rest and medicine, these simple acts can bring us health and remind us of the blessings of living life as a Christian community together.

May it be so, my friends! And, together with God, may we have a long, healthy, fun, fulfilling, active, thought-provoking, awe-inspiring season of being about God's work together!

w/good cheer – Amy Kay*

*You are most welcome to call me whatever you feel comfortable calling me. [Insert jokes here:)] If you are most comfortable referring to me as "Pastor" you are welcome to do so. I've simply gone by "Amy Kay" in the other churches I've served, but whatever feels right to you is great with me.



WELCOME AMY KAY!

Elim Lutheran Church welcomes Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich as our new Part-time Pastor. Amy Kay's contact information: 573-808-1980 or amykay@connectedfairtrade.com.

MEET & GREET: A "Meet & Greet" potluck dinner is planned for All Saints Sunday, **November 3** following worship service. The purpose is to give all church members and guests an opportunity to welcome Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich to Elim. It will also give Amy Kay more opportunity to visit with you while we all enjoy good food and fellowship. Please mark your calendars!

Welcome Potluck



Please keep in prayer: Twila Lindfors, Diane Deckard, Vance Hopp, Deb Rush, Glenda Julian, LeAnn Everhart, Mary Sommerfeld, Jill Timmons, Mindy Nicholson, Mari Loder, Nathan Gray (Lana Rock's great nephew), Eleanor Lundquist, LaReta Olson, Skye Farris, Debbie Brown, Vernon Olson, and the Weber family in the loss of their cousins Jearld McNett and Mildred Manwarren.

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 amykay@connectedfairtrade.com, or Wally Bunk, 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.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CARDS can be sent to Mary Sommerfeld at 226 Walnut Street, Wellsville, KS 66092, or in care of Katrina Jameson, PO Box 34678, Kansas City, MO 64116. Mary will be celebrating her 80th birthday at an open house in Gardner, KS on Saturday, November 2. She has been recuperating from surgery for a pacemaker implant and is now back in her home. She will be glad to hear from her long-time church members at Elim.

Elim's Annual Swedish Supper is December 4! Please be watching for your letter asking for food donations and your help before and during the supper. We need as many volunteers as possible to help with this major fundraising event. Contact Linda Johnson, our fearless Swedish Supper chairperson, at 785-8826-5544 if you have any questions or haven't been notified to help. THANK YOU!!

WELCA NEWS



WHAT A WONDERFUL OCTOBER WELCA HAD! Thanks to all of you for helping us, which in turn will assist our community and the people who are in need of our services and supplies. A special thank you to the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) committee members: Linda Johnson, LeAnn Everhart, Nancy Hopp, Diane Talbott and JoAn Lindfors.

The LWR committee, along with the awesome assistance of Elim's Youth Group, packed up and boxed items on Wednesday, October 9 for our Lutheran World Relief kits. They also boxed quilts made by Elim's Quilting Group, and tied blankets made by the Youth Group. In total, there were 12 personal care kits, 12 baby kits, 5 tied blankets, and at least 16 quilts boxed up for mailing. Nancy Hopp and Linda Johnson mailed the boxes the next morning to help all those persons needing and awaiting our church's assistance. We should be very proud of this continued work for the Lutheran World Relief. Some monies from WELCA's treasury was used to complete the kits. WELCA did well in its recent fundraisers. In August, they raised \$198 selling monster cookies, cookbooks, and dishcloths at Marquette's 145th Celebration; and an additional \$54 for cookie sales at the Hanson-Lindfors Mansion tours, which raised \$600 (split between WELCA and the Marquette Celebration Committee).

WELCA hosted the Riverview Singalong on October 20, with special music by Darren Able. The residents always love having children perform! Darren is the son of Beth Thomas, and not a child anymore (with children of his own!), but it's still fun to have our "children" share their talents with the residents. If you have children, grandchildren, or friends that want to join our Singalongs and/or do a musical number for the residents, please contact JoAn Lindfors or Jackie Larson. We'll add you to the **third Sunday of each month at 4:00 PM.** We have had a good showing from other members of the community as well as Elim. Let's keep it up!

DEADLINE for signing up to attend BETHLEHEM REVISITED is November 8! This inspirational reenactment of Christ's birth is presented by Grace Baptist Church in Manhattan, KS. **Tickets are free but reservations are required for a specific date and time.** The consensus is to attend the **December 8 production at 4:30 PM.** The tickets go on sale November 12, but can be reserved for groups of 10 or more on November 9. **SO... November 8 will be the LAST day for you to join us.** Information has been sent to Marquette United Methodist Church and Freemount Lutheran Church asking if they want to join us. The Youth Group has also been asked, so we are waiting on the final number. Transportation will be figured out as soon as we have the final count.

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS

WELCA supports our community and surrounding communities in need this Holiday Season. We would like to challenge each congregational family (or join with another family) to fill a **Thanksgiving Blessing Box** to be donated to the Food Bank on **November 25, 2019.** If you are unable to deliver yourself, bring to church on **November 24** and WELCA will deliver. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

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Contents of Thanksgiving Blessing Box:

November 1 – Box of cereal
November 2 – Peanut butter
November 3 – Stuffing mix
November 4 – Boxed potatoes
November 5 – Macaroni and cheese
November 6 – Canned fruit
November 7 – Canned tomatoes
November 8 – Canned tuna
November 9 – Dessert mix
November 10 – Jar of applesauce
November 11 – Canned sweet potatoes
November 12 – Can of cranberry sauce

November 13 – Canned beans
November 14 – Box of crackers
November 15 – Package of oatmeal
November 16 – Package of rice
November 17 – Spaghetti sauce
November 18 – Chicken noodle soup
November 19 – Tomato soup
November 20 – Can of corn
November 21 – Can of mixed vegetables
November 22 – Can of carrots
November 23 – Can of green beans
November 24 – Cake mix and frosting

[Editor's Note: Get your whole family involved in this project! Have your children take turns placing the items in the box on the day designated. It will be a great reminder to all of us that it only takes a little giving each day to truly make a difference. God's blessings to all of you.]

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK!!!

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



COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Marquette Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a community-wide Thanksgiving dinner to be held **Sunday, November 24 at 5:30 PM** at the American Legion Hall in Marquette. Devotions will be given prior to the meal. Check your bulletins and the Marquette Tribune for further information. Please plan to attend for food and fellowship with the community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday School is off to a great start. We encourage children to attend as often as possible. We have started to include the count of children attending Sunday School in the bulletin to bring awareness of its importance. Children who attend regularly are acknowledged with a prize or congratulations each month. This gives them a sense of belonging in God's place of worship, as well as a feeling of accomplishment. Jackie Larson shared a story of the importance of attending Sunday School and church:

After listening to the Sunday morning sermon on Noah and the Ark, my 9 year old came to the realization that the children that were not on the ark didn't make it. He looked at me with such a sad, questioning face. All I could say was, "their parents didn't make sure they were on the ark."

Parents and guardians play an important role in encouraging children to attend Sunday School. With so many events and activities – and jobs – pulling us away from Sunday morning worship, it's very understandable why there are missed Sundays. Whenever possible, please ensure your children are "on the ark". They learn so much from their time in Sunday School. Each of us remembers Bible stories and Sunday School activities from our youth, as well as the respect and love of God that has carried us into adulthood. We look forward to seeing your child enter the classroom and sharing with others as they learn and sing about God. We hope to see you many Sundays!

"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, and he will not depart from it." - Proverbs 22:6

REMINDER: Junior Choir practice has changed to Sunday **10:20 AM – 10:40 AM** (following Sunday School). The Junior Choir sings during the worship service on the **2nd Sunday** of each month unless otherwise notified. ***Your children's attendance and participation in choir is very important to our church!***

There are 32 students on our rosters for Sunday School, from age 3 through 6th grade. The Sunday School teachers are listed below:

3 year old through Kindergarten: Lars & Carly Peterson, Beth Thomas, Cindy Bunk, Lindsay Newton, and Gayle Nelson

1st Grade through 3rd Grade: Betsy Patrick, Hannah Jones, Jeremy Snapp, Dorine Cunningham (substitute), Brooke Olson (substitute)

4th Grade through 6th Grade: Peter Hamma, Kelly French

Substitutes: Deb McGinty, Brandi Young

Christian Education Co-Superintendents: Tammy Feil, Diane Hedberg



Emilie Snapp practicing her solo for Junior Choir.

Having multiple teachers per classroom allows them to team teach, and to teach only one or two Sundays a month.

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council – Met October 6, 2019. Council welcomed Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich. Amy Kay presented confirmation information. Council will send out a letter to members to introduce Amy Kay, and to invite everyone to a Meet and Greet Potluck on November 3 following worship service. Discussed rental of the parsonage.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Allan Lindfors discussed plans for Christmas, to include “Lessons and Carols” and the SS children’s program.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Evangelism: No meeting. It was agreed to cancel Haunted Trail fundraiser for this year due to limited time for preparation.

Social Ministry: No meeting.

Christian Education: No meeting. Diane Hedberg reported 65 in attendance at the Rally Sunday lunch. Darren Able has agreed to continue class for youth on Sunday morning.

Property: Met October 7. Restroom renovation primarily completed. Dana Olson approved additional hallway lighting.

Memorial: No meeting.

Security Committee: No meeting. Jeremy Snapp reported that MTC disconnected fiber optic at parsonage.

Next meeting to be held on November 4 at 7:00 p.m.



Thank you to our Call Committee members for their time and effort in the search for a new pastor for our church. They spent a great deal of time revising the Elim Lutheran Church profile, and re-examining the needs of our church when seeking a pastor. Please thank them for their service to our church.

Call Committee members: Darren Able – chairman; Linn Nelson, Hannah Jones, Matt Hedberg, Jackie Larson, Dorine Cunningham, and Carly Peterson.

YOUTH NEWS: Congratulations to our youth for their many accomplishments this fall. Jakob Feil and Abbie Hudson were both named to homecoming court at their respective schools. Jake Loder, Emma McBride, and Kylie Fox competed at sub-state Cross Country for Little River. Abbie Hudson, Lily Boughfman, and Ryenne Cunningham all competed for sub-state volleyball at their respective schools. Pierce Hamma, as a member of the MHS marching band, received a top rating at the Fall Festival at KSU, and also got 3rd place at the state competition at Baker University. Pierce also won the role of Bob Kratchett in the school production of “A Christmas Carol”, which will begin performances in December.

YOUTH GROUP helped assemble kits for the Lutheran World Relief, and continue to make door decorations for Riverview residents. They will be selling t-shirts 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!!

And don’t forget to mark your calendars for the annual Valentines Dinner prepared and served by the Youth Group February 15, 2020!

A BIG THANK YOU to those members who provided Youth Meals in October: Oct. 2 –Darren Able & Trish Reed; Oct. 9 – Linda Johnson; Oct. 16 –Cindy Bunk & Lana Rock; Oct. 23 – Terri McBride; Oct. 30 – Dorine Cunningham. We truly appreciate your time and generosity!

SERVING THE LORD IN NOVEMBER

ACOLYTES:

Jakob Feil, Dawson Feil

ALTAR FLOWERS:

3 – Tom and Cathy French

17 – Tom and Cathy French

GREETERS:

3 – _____

10 – Jeremy and Emilie Snapp

17 – Bob and Carol Jones

24 – Scott and Tammy Feil & family

LECTORS:

3 – Darren Able

10 – Curtis Patrick

17 – Mike Hulse

24 – Tammy Feil

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

November 3 - Setup: Brooke Olson

Pam Morel

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

3 – Allan Lindfors

17 – Barry Nelson

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

10 – JoAn Lindfors

24 – Brooke Olson

RIVERVIEW SING-ALONG:

17 – Jackie Larson, WELCA

RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY:

November 22 – JoAn Lindfors, treat provider

_____, helper

COFFEE HOSTESS:

3 – _____

10 – _____

17 – _____

24 – _____

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. THANK YOU!

USHERS:

Wally Bunk – Captain; Matt Hedberg, Will

Hedberg, Gail Lindstedt, Barry Nelson, Morris

Nelson, Darryl Talbott, Jeremy Snapp, Brady

Jones, Shayne Fox

GREETERS NEEDED!

FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

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!



October 6: Given by Terry and Nancy Hopp in memory of Jeff Hopp's birthday October 6.

October 20: Given by Bob and Carol Jones to the glory of God for friends and family.

LOST & FOUND

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM YOUR ITEMS!

Anything not claimed by **NOVEMBER 1** will be donated to Goodwill. Items are located in the marked box below the coat rack in the Parish Hall. To claim item(s), see Jackie Larson. THANKS!

1 pr. men's black gloves; Izod fleece jacket, Adult Large; Faded Glory jacket, Large 42-44; Columbia women's coat, Medium; Roundtree and Yorke Coat, Adult Large; Athletic Works ladies fleece jacket, XL; Athletic Works women's white jacket, Size 16; Lee fleece jacket (Agrilance), Large, Sleeping bag.

Monthly Financial Report

November 2019

Beginning Balance as of 09/01/19:	\$ 34,766.44
Revenue:	\$ 8,502.24
Expenses:	\$ -15,017.72
Ending Balance as of 09/30/19:	\$ 28,250.96



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Justin Borg
1	Mary Sommerfeld
3	Darren Able
3	LeRoy Martin
3	Hannah McBride
3	Sandra Garber
3	Theresa Hayden
5	Breckyn Bauer
6	Grayson Fleming
6	Thomas Oakleaf
7	Helen Weber
7	Kara (Amos) Modrow
7	Logan Forssberg
8	Janelle Lillard
10	Sofia Hernandez
11	Emilie Snapp
13	Tim Larson
14	Charlotte Knackstedt
15	Donna Patrick
16	Adam Lindh
17	John Young
18	Abbie Hudson
18	Christine Weber
19	Tammy Feil
19	Kellen McMahan
19	Bradley Crump
20	Ceila Reid
21	Lance Hulse
22	Deb Hedberg
22	Brin Edwards
23	Merle Larson
25	Sadie McBride
26	Amanda McMahan
26	Aaron Lindh
28	Darryl Borg
29	Ethan Able
30	Kanin French

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8	Mr. and Mrs. Merle Larson	46 years
10	Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schultz	58 years
12	Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Young	44 years
15	Mr. and Mrs. Noah Lindfors	7 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Steve Patrick	17 years

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.



Thank you for your kindness in remembering Beverly Olson with all the beautiful plants, flowers, and the delicious food. We also thank you for the memorial donations to the Elim Lutheran Church, Riverview Estates, and the Marquette Community Library, which were all dear to Beverly's heart. Your donations were the perfect way to honor her memory. We are so appreciative of all the kind words, actions, thoughtfulness and generosity. It was much appreciated by the entire family.

Family of Beverly Olson

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Please join Tom and Cathy French at the Ranch House on **Saturday, November 9 between 6:30-8:30 PM** to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Tom and Cathy's children will be serving chili and cake to honor their parents. There will be a freewill donation, which will be given to Elim Lutheran Church in their honor.

A family dinner will also be served Sunday, November 10 following worship service at Elim Lutheran Church.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Start your THANKSGIVING BLESSING BOX	2
3 21st Sunday After Pentecost ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM MEET & GREET POTLUCK - NOON	4 7:00 – Church Council Meeting	5	6 <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	7	8 DEADLINE FOR “Bethlehem Revisited” RESERVATIONS	9
10 22nd 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	11	12	13 <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	14	15	16
17 23rd Sunday After Pentecost Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM 4:00 PM – RIVERVIEW SINGALONG	18 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	19	20 <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	21	22 2:00 PM – Riverview Birthday Party	23
24 Christ the King Sunday Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children’s Message - 11:00 AM	25	26	27 <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	28 THANKSGIVING	29	30 KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School