



# Elim Lutheran Church The Messenger

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This morning as I was lost in my own thoughts that weren't particularly cheerful I realized that a FedEx driver had appeared with a long awaited delivery. I came out anxiously and quickly approached him, but then was given pause when I heard what he was saying. He was telling someone that the sunflower fields are starting to bloom.

Now, I've never been a delivery person, but I've accepted packages enough to know that drivers are usually in a hurry. I try to be enthusiastically appreciative of deliveries and drivers are typically half way out the door before I get my "thank you" sentence fully verbalized. This guy was standing there pleasantly chatting with a light in his eye about a sunflower field!

Thanks, John, as I later learned is his name. I needed to be smacked upside the head with the thought of a big sunflower to remember to just calm myself down.

Perhaps you've felt extra angst about all the things lately. Health concerns, understanding one another in our differences, money woes, change and uncertainty (!) – aaaalllll the things. There is relatively nothing that feels "normal" about this particular time in our world. The common denominator might be that we are all experiencing "not-normal".

How we each respond to these times is up to us. We, thankfully, as Christians, have a whole heap of resources to help us along. We have the scriptures, one another and worship. We can pray, meditate, journal and give thanks intentionally. We have tools in our toolbox to help us live through this not-normal time. Some of our tools might benefit from being sharpened though. If I can help you at all with your spiritual disciples, please be in touch with me. I'm far from perfect, but I do practice the disciples and am grateful for them.

Clearly, I was not present or in the moment when I came rushing out to John the FedEx guy this morning. It took his sweet excitement about a sunflower field to shake me from the mental mire in which I had allowed myself to get slogged down. Noted. Back to center. We are with God. God is with us. Breathe. Thanks, FedEx John.

I hear the sunflowers are going to be gorgeous this year. Thanks be to God.

-Pastor Amy Kay



### Last Call!

If you'd like your picture in the church directory, please email Pastor Amy Kay at [elimmarquette@gmail.com](mailto:elimmarquette@gmail.com) with a photo and the contact information you'd like shared ASAP. THANK YOU!!!



**Please keep in prayer:** Suzy Carlson, Richard Warner (Gayle Nelson’s father), Rylee Larson, Wes Shultis, Ida Forristal, Jim Peterson (Fred Peterson’s brother), Jon Snapp (Jeremy Snapp’s stepfather), Russel Rummel (Rita Brown’s brother), Betty Finney, Don Lundquist, Darren Ebling (Donna Elvin’s grandson), Mindy Nicholson, Callie Rost (Mari Loder’s sister), Norm Yenkey (Mari Loder’s father), Jill Timmons, and the family of Norma Ericson.

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](mailto:amykay@connectedfairtrade.com), 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.



The memorial service for Rochelle Hamilton will be held August 8 at 1:00 PM at 106 N. Washington, Marquette, KS. Social distancing, masks and other precautions will be required. Food will be provided in take-out containers. Cards and well wishes may be sent to the home at 106 N. Washington, Marquette, KS 67464.

## ~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

*Church Council – Met July 6, 2020. Council voted to return to the sanctuary for worship service beginning July 12. COVID-19 restrictions will be observed. Pastor Amy Kay will continue to post the services online for those who cannot attend in the sanctuary. Council voted to have Elim members run the west side concession stand at the rodeo July 31 and August 1. Curtis and Betsy Patrick will help coordinate. Graduate Recognition and Blessing will be held Sunday, July 26.*

**Worship & Music:** No meeting.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Evangelism:** No meeting.

**Social Ministry:** No meeting.

**Christian Education:** No meeting.

**Property:** Met July 6. Discussed clock repair, laminate flooring for Parish Hall, solar lights for front steps, parish hall doors, and hole in office floor.

**Memorial:** No meeting.

**Security Committee:** No meeting.

Next meeting to be held on August 3.

**WELCOME BACK TO THE SANCTUARY:** Now that we are back in the sanctuary for worship service (as of July 12), please note the following restrictions: every other pew is closed off to allow social distancing, masks are recommended, congregational singing is not allowed, and offering plates are not passed. Cloth and disposable masks are available in the narthex. Please place your offering in the offering can when you enter or exit the church. Pastor Amy Kay will continue to record the worship services and post them on Facebook (YouTube) for those who cannot attend service in the sanctuary.

**Please note:** It is a synod requirement – as well as a CDC recommendation – to record the names of people in attendance at worship service or any large gathering. This is for your protection in case one or more people attending acquire the COVID-19 virus. The information is confidential and will not be shared outside of this organization. Thank you for your understanding.



## WELCA NEWS

WE ARE STILL IN A PANDEMIC & SO THERE IS LITTLE NEWS as to any new events or activities of WELCA, but members are still working behind the scenes, and as President of WELCA, I'd like to take this time to tell you to **think about what committee and/or work you would like to be involved with this fall & winter to keep WELCA active and helping others in the community, church, and even the WORLD.** Please make contact with the member(s) in charge.

### Our COMMITTEES include:

- 1) **Altar Guild (Diane Talbott)** – Assisting with flowers each Sunday; new colors for the church paraments for the altar & other areas, & communion Sundays.
- 2) **Cheer Cards (Cindy Bunk)** – Responsible for sending cards to ill and shut-in members of Elim (which could include our Riverview Estates' residents since they are isolated presently because of Covid-19).
- 3) **Historical Upkeep (Beth Thomas)** – Responsible for maintaining the items of historical value which are the property of Elim church.
- 4) **Kitchen (Tammy Feil, Linda Johnson & Janis Larson)** – Responsible for upkeep of the Elim kitchens and purchase of new equipment. They shall also be responsible to appoint a WELCA representative to be present when the church kitchen is used for any function.
- 5) **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (Linda Johnson, Nancy Hopp, JoAn Lindfors, LeAnn Everhart, Diane Talbott)** – Informing members of the kits that WELCA will prepare for World Relief; coordinate with youth group to assemble & mail to necessary persons; shopping for supplies if needed.
- 6) **Meals on Wheels (February and September, Beth Thomas)** – Making sure persons are lined up to assist with delivering meals to community members who need them.
- 7) **Nursery (Dorine Cunningham)** – Getting persons who work in nursery each Sunday if needed.
- 8) **Parsonage (Lisa Boughfman, Julie Olson, Beth Thomas)** – With renters being in the parsonage now, members do not do the cleaning, but is still responsible for overseeing any renovations and/or purchases.
- 9) **Public Contact (JoAn Lindfors, Linda Johnson)** – Public relations and publicity for news sources.
- 10) **Quilting & Sewing (Donna Patrick)** – Responsible for the overseeing of quilting and sewing projects (baptism bibs) of WELCA.
- 11) **Riverview Sing-a-long (Jackie Larson, Brooke Olson, JoAn Lindfors)** – Preparing for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – CURRENTLY they are not being held due to Covid-19.
- 12) **Riverview Birthday Party (JoAn Lindfors, Dori Weber)** – Getting persons to prepare small snacks for residents the last Friday of months September – May. CURRENTLY not allowed because of Covid-19.
- 13) **Stewardess (Nancy Hopp – funeral lunches, Lana Rock - congregational dinners)** – Responsible for appointing work committees to be responsible for these events.
- 14) **Swedish Supper (Linda Johnson, Beth Thomas, Doris Schultz, Jayleen Sellhorn, Kayley Fleming)** – Responsible for planning and supervising the annual Swedish Supper held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of December.

Lutheran World Relief and Swedish Supper committees could ALWAYS use new and more member participation. Thank you.

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

## **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SHOEBOX ITEMS.**

NOW THAT WE ARE BACK IN THE SANCTUARY, YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR SHOEBOX ITEMS TO THE CHURCH AND LEAVE THEM IN THE DESIGNATED BASKETS. Thank you for your contribution to this worthwhile project.

Here's the list for April, May, June, July, and August:

**HAIR BRUSHES, TOOTHBRUSHES and FLOSS.** *Children of all ages will be receiving these in their boxes.*

***T-shirts, sunglasses, ball caps, visors, hairclips, play jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), and umbrellas. Use your imagination for useful items children of all ages can use!***

***Flip-flops, canvas shoes, clothing (shorts, leggings, t-shirts, dresses).***

***FOR BOYS: small hammer, nails, rolls of twine, fishing supplies***

***School supplies: pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps with ink pads, glue sticks, coloring books, solar calculators, rulers, etc.***

Reminder: Underlined items are needed for EVERY box. The remaining items are extras.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**

Elim celebrated our high school graduates with a special blessing and recognition of their accomplishments on Sunday, July 26. Our church normally conducts this service in early May, but as with most graduation events, it was postponed due to the coronavirus restrictions. Youth Group leaders Lars and Carly Peterson, and Hannah and Adam Jones presented an affirmation of faith for the graduates, sharing their hopes, thoughts and memories of the graduates. Jakob Feil spoke about growing up in the church, and how his faith grew through his experiences in Sunday School, Youth Group, and friends and family. Abby Hudson and Emma McBride presented flowers to the Youth Group leaders and thanked them for their caring and support throughout their years in Youth Group. Pastor Amy Kay gave a special prayer for the graduates, and the congregation joined in on the blessing of the graduates. Congratulations to the following graduates:

**Jakob Feil** graduated from McPherson High School and will be attending Tabor College on a football scholarship to study physical therapy or nursing.

**Abby Hudson** graduated from Little River High School and will be attending Wichita State University to study physical therapy.

**Jake Loder** graduated from Little River High School and will continue working for Eric Kratzer.

**Emma McBride** graduated from Little River High School and will be attending Hutchinson Community College to study business.

**Brynne Weber** graduated from Little River High School and will be attending Hutchinson Community College to study elementary education or nursing.

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Editor's Note: I apologize for the delayed completion and delivery of the Messenger in the past several months. Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit, I often wait till the last minute to include the latest decisions for church gatherings. This is a difficult time for all of us. We pray this time of uncertainty will pass and we can once again look forward to all the church events and activities we have valued in previous years.

# SERVING THE LORD IN AUGUST

**PLEASE NOTE:** Greeters, acolytes, and ushers have not been listed, as well as coffee hostesses and Riverview volunteers. When these functions resume, I will contact those of you who signed up to help. Communion and Children's Sermons have also been altered or eliminated for the coming months.

G. Nelson

## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

2 – Mark and Lindsay Newton  
16 – Dean and Lois Johnson  
30 – Terry and Nancy Hopp

## **LECTORS:\***

2 – Allan Lindfors  
9 – Adam Jones  
16 – Lois Johnson  
23 – Gayle Nelson  
30 – Rylee Cunningham

\*We are currently not asking lectors to read scripture due to abbreviated services. We will notify you if additional scripture readings are selected for the worship service. Thanks.

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**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM:** We still need volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM during the weeks Elim is responsible. Please call Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544 to volunteer for one or more days. **August 10-14 and August 24-28 are the remaining weeks Elim is scheduled to prepare and serve meals.** THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT.

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## **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

CONGRATULATIONS to Lars and Carly Peterson on the birth of their daughter, Kinley Jean Peterson, born at 3:22 PM on July 13, 2020. She weighed 7 lb. 1 oz., and was 19-1/2" long. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Joyce Peterson, and Patty Kolling and Scott Kolling.



**SUMMER LAWN MOWING:** Elim still needs volunteers to mow the church lawn this summer, going forward from now through September. Please plan to mow on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday to ensure a freshly-cut lawn for Sunday service. **The remaining dates are indicated below.** Please sign up online at [www.elimmarquette.org](http://www.elimmarquette.org). (click on "Church Mowing Sign-Up"). If you are unable to sign up online, please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board or leave a message at the church (785-546-2244). THANK YOU!

Aug. 6-8	Sept. 3-5
Aug. 13-15	Sept. 10-12
Aug. 20-22	Sept. 17-19
Aug. 27-29	Sept. 24-26



**July 12:** Given by Sandy Edwards and family in honor of loved ones.

**July 19:** Given by Dana and Julie Olson in memory of loved ones.



Elim Lutheran Church welcomed Karson Clay Rethman, born July 3, 2019, into the family of Christ through baptism on July 5, 2020. The baptism took place at the outdoor worship service conducted in the Elim Lutheran Church parking lot. [If any members recall a previous outdoor baptism conducted by Elim Lutheran Church, please share the history at [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto:elimsec@gmail.com).]

Parents of Karson are Jason and Kara Rethman. Grandparents are Roger and Kay Rethman, and Marlin and Maurine Johnson. Sponsors are Kendra Beasley and Stacy Rethman.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Scott Martin
1	Jill (Hedberg) Bauer
2	Karsyn Sommerfeld
3	Lindsay Newton
3	Layne Patrick
3	Ryan Arnold
4	Marcella McMickell
4	Kayla Fox
6	Lara Reid
8	Amanda Mansfield
9	Piper Schulze
10	Cynthia Hulse
11	Ryenne Cunningham
11	Keri Niegsch
12	Josh Nelson
13	Patty Kolling
14	Dixon Olson
14	Brandi Young
15	Jenna Jones
16	Bryan McBride
17	John Myers
18	Curtis Patrick
19	Allan Lindfors
19	Amy Young
19	Lisa Riedel
19	Ethan Reid
20	Vinita Harms
20	Garrett McMahan
20	Brett Loder
21	Josie Riggs
22	Todd Johnson
23	Lory Traugott
23	Don Miller
24	Dawson Feil
25	Quaid Spohn
27	Dorine Cunningham
28	Vicki Young
30	Lilyan Boughfman
30	Diane Wickstrom
31	Nathan Reid



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

9	Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Talbott	40 years
10	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hamma	34 years
14	Mr. and Mrs. Craig Larson	43 years
17	Mr. and Mrs. Eric Weber	17 years
19	Pastor and Mrs. Larry Cross	53 years
23	Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Kelsey	33 years
26	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Johnson	59 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hedberg	16 years

### **Monthly Financial Report**

[As presented to Church Council 07/06/2020]

Beginning Balance as of 06/01/20:	\$ 56,067.23
Revenue:	\$ 8,182.91
Expenses:	\$-33,690.97*
Ending Balance as of 06/30/20:	\$ 30,559.17

\*\$25,000 was transferred from the General Fund to the Improvement Money Market Account to bolster earnings in Elim's savings account. Several factors created a substantial increase in the General Fund: 1) expenses have been less in the past several months due to curtailed church services and activities, 2) receipt of the SBA Guarantee Loan (\$10,965.00) in May to assist with staff salaries, and 3) offering amounts increased due to the return to worship in late May. Council voted to transfer a portion of this increase to savings.

### Offerings and Attendance\* per week in July

July 5*:	\$2321.00	90
July 12:	\$2017.00	38
July 19:	\$1486.00	50
July 26:	\$1893.00	56

\*Outdoor service in Elim Lutheran Church parking lot July 5; returned to sanctuary for worship services as of July 12.

## Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
As a fundraiser for the church, Pastor Amy Kay and other Elim volunteers agreed to run the rodeo concession stand on the west side <u>July 31 and August 1</u> .						1 EMS Pancake Feed Rodeo Run City-wide Garage Sale RODEO
<b>2 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  11:00 AM – Worship Service	<b>3</b>  6:30 PM Council Meeting	4	5 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i>	6	7	8
<b>9 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  11:00 AM – Worship Service	10	11	12 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i>	13	14	15
<b>16 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>CONFIRMATION</b> 11:00 AM – Worship Service	17	18	19 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i>	20	21	22
<b>23 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  11:00 AM – Worship Service	24  <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	25	26  1:30 PM Quilt Group	27	28	29
<b>30 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  11:00 AM – Worship Service	31					KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School