



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

OCTOBER 2020

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### WORDS of ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PASTOR AMY KAY

A friend and I were catching up this weekend and she told me that her kids are in school online this semester. (They typically go to in-person public school.) Surprisingly, her son has taken to fishing recently. Most days he begs to go fishing at their nearby lake after his parents are done with work. He watches fishing shows to learn about different types of fish instead of playing video games. They are outside enjoying God's gorgeous creation more than usual and their son hugs the fish he catches before letting them go again. If he catches a keeper, he knows how to clean it and prepares it for frying. The only thing his mom does is fry the fish because he's not sure about hot oil yet. I'm so impressed!

Tammy Feil and Diane Hedberg have redesigned Sunday School for the children of the church so that it is a fit for Elim during this pandemic. The masked kids gather in their family groups at separate benches in the main basement room and the ladies lead a class for them together. Everyone is safe, lessons of God/Jesus/church are shared and good times are had by all. Absolutely perfect!

In an effort to keep worship in-person, inside, and still follow all of the safety guidelines during this germie time, we are adding a second worship service starting at 9:30 am each Sunday morning. It will be the same service as the 11:00 am service except for the music offerings. If you would like to come to church in person, but have been concerned about the number of people inside together, perhaps the early service could be a fit for you. We will certainly continue streaming worship at 11:00 am also! We want to be able to worship together near and far and are trying to be flexible and adaptable to these times.

My awe of children, parents, grandparents, single friends, public schools, places of higher education, churches, restaurants, and businesses has grown exponentially during the pandemic. Many people and institutions have adjusted brilliantly to be able to continue on together. It is inspiring.

Our call hasn't changed as God's people; we are simply thinking of new ways in which to live out our call. With the Council's leadership, innovative teachers and thoughtful organizers around our church, we're doing well so far. May it continue to be so for us all individually and collectively, Elim friends!

w/great thanksgiving to get to be with you as church – Pastor Amy Kay





***Please keep in prayer:*** Piper Schultz, Leslie Shaw (friend of JoAn Lindfors), Jim Hultgren (Dennis Hultgren's brother), Tim Hedberg, Ed Sneath, Hunter Short, Ebba Nelson, Suzy Carlson, Wes Shultis, Ida Forristal, Kenny Brown (Rita Brown's husband), Betty Finney, Don Lundquist, Darren Ebling (Donna Elvin's grandson), Callie Rost (Mari Loder's sister), Norm Yenkey (Mari Loder's father), and Jill Timmons.

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).

## ~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

***Church Council – Met September 8, 2020.*** Linda Johnson discussed the feasibility of hosting the Swedish Supper this year. Several options were presented. The Swedish Supper committee will meet later this month to discuss the options, and council will decide at the October council meeting whether or not to host the Swedish Supper this year. Confirmants were unable to attend but will meet with council members on Sunday, Sept. 13. Council voted to hold a congregational meeting Sunday, September 27 to approve replacement of the Parish Hall front doors. Council voted to offer 2 Sunday worship services beginning October 4, at 9:30 AM and again at 11:00 AM.

**Worship & Music:** No meeting. Meeting scheduled for October 5 at 6:00 PM. Allan Lindfors reported it is difficult to find volunteers for special music each Sunday.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting. Tentatively plans to meet in September.

**Evangelism:** No meeting. Diane Hedberg reported that total revenue from the Rodeo Concession stand was \$875.92.

**Social Ministry:** Met September 8. Voted not to hold a Pancake Feed at Thunder on the Smoky Sept. 26. Decided service projects for God's Work, Our Hands on Sept. 13 will be Elim church kitchen and Learning Center kitchen and multi-purpose room.

**Christian Education:** Met August 17. Diane Hedberg discussed plans for resuming Sunday School, to include Rally Sunday Sept. 13, the new start time (10:15-10:45 AM), and a combined open classroom in order to provide Covid safety precautions.

**Property:** Met September 8. Barry Nelson presented bid for the replacement of the backsplash in the kitchen. Council approved. Discussion followed to consider replacing the flooring in Parish Hall with carpet squares rather than laminate flooring, and to replace the east side doors to the Parish Hall.

**Memorial:** No report.

**Security Committee:** No meeting.

*Next meeting to be held on Monday, November 2.*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting was held following worship service on Sunday, September 27 to vote on new doors for the Parish Hall. Dana Olson called the meeting to order. He explained that the replacement doors would contain a dark bronze aluminum frame, full length insulated glass, no center bar between the doors, a deadbolt key, a push bar on the inside (for safety/security reasons) and a pull handle on the outside. Total cost will be \$4,592.00 and would be purchased through the Memorial Fund. JoAn Lindfors moved and Beth Thomas seconded to approve the replacement as bid by Glass Services in Salina. The motion passed unanimously.

## DON'T FORGET...

Starting Sunday, October 4, there will be two worship services offered at Elim Lutheran Church. The first service will be held at 9:30-10:00 AM, followed by Sunday School at 10:15-10:45 AM, and then a second worship service at 11:00 AM. Please note that the early service will not include music – unless a member of our church offers to provide it! – and the recording for online will only take place at the 11:00 AM service.

**We are not able to resume Coffee and Fellowship, or Junior choir practice at this time.**



## WELCA NEWS

WELCA must still remember that we need to help our communities, people in need, and get the **WORLD RELIEF KITS** ready. GOOD NEWS! ELCA Synod has agreed to pay shipment for the LWR Kits. PLEASE bring all items or monetary donations\* to the church on **Sunday, OCTOBER 4**. The Youth Group will help assemble the kits on **Wednesday, OCTOBER 7**, and WELCA members will transport the kits to Salina for shipment. The Lutheran World Relief Committee is headed by Linda Johnson and includes Nancy Hopp, JoAn Lindfors, LeAnn Everhart, and Diane Talbott.

### **ITEMS NEEDED for LWR Care Kits:**

#### **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)

#### **PERSONAL 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

\*Any and all money donations will help us to continue this mission and place in treasury for 2021. WELCA women have been making the blankets that go inside the LWR package, and the youth are active again to be able to assist WELCA. It takes many to make this mission a success, and we thank all of you.

WELCA received a very appreciative thank you note from **Mt. Hope Sanctuary**, 303 N. Walnut Street, McPherson, Kansas. Upon Brooke Olson's request, WELCA sent them \$100. WELCA is open to any other needs of organizations from our communities if you want to let a WELCA officer know.

**DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS BOXES** that are still scheduled to be done in November. Gayle lists the needs each month in the bulletin, as well as the MESSENGER. **Once the LWR kits are done this year, we can concentrate on assisting Freemount with these Christmas boxes.....so keep shopping.**

In 2019 at this time, WELCA was organizing an awesome evening for **BETHLEHEM REVISITED** by Grace Baptist Church of Manhattan, Kansas. JoAn checked on this event. An e-mail was recently posted on their website stating, "....After considerable discussion about the various challenges and complications, our committee reached a consensus to recommend to the Grace Baptist leadership that we not proceed with the event this year, but hope to resume this outreach in 2021, as the Lord wills, with renewed energy. **The elders and pastors voted unanimously to support this recommendation.**" We are sad, but understand.

Please be safe and do lots of praying for our nation, community, and churches.

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

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

TIME IS RUNNING OUT. **This is the last month to bring items for the SHOEBOX project.** Please leave your items in the designated basket(s) provided at the back of the sanctuary, or contact Gayle Nelson at 785-201-7675 to pick up your collected items. If you prefer to donate money for the purchase of items, or to help with the shipping costs (\$9.00 per shoebox), please contact Gayle Nelson or place your donation in the designated box at the back of the sanctuary. As far as we know the packing party for the Shoebox project will be held at Freemount Lutheran Church in mid-November. Stay tuned for the exact date and time (tentatively scheduled for November 14). It's a lot of fun and good fellowship to join others to pack the boxes, but Covid-19 restrictions may change the way it's usually done. There may need to be multiple pack dates to limit the number participating at any one time. We will keep you posted on the details. Thank you for your contributions to this worthwhile project.

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

**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.***

***Bar soap, washcloths, solid deodorant for older boys and girls.***

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

***OCTOBER: collect donations for shipping costs (\$9.00 per shoebox)***



Youth Group started back up on Wednesday, September 16. Lars and Carly Peterson are the sponsors this year. The Youth Group members are: Ethan Able, Noah Bearly, Lily Boughfman, Raven Caesar, Ryenne Cunningham, Dawson Feil, Kylie Fox, Pierce Hamma, and Keira Mullen. Meals will be served with the following restrictions. Projects include serving the church and community. If you have ideas for service projects, please share them with the group. The Youth Group will once again help assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief at their meeting October 7.

**YOUTH GROUP MEALS:** Please call or text Tammy Feil at 620-242-4764, or email her at [feilt@usd419.org](mailto:feilt@usd419.org) if you are willing to help prepare meals for the Youth Group. Meals are to be served each Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Volunteers providing food will be required to wear masks and gloves, and will serve the food using paper plates and plasticware. THANK YOU for continuing this service for our youth, who are often leaving school sports practices and events and coming directly to the church for their meeting.

Thank you to the following for providing meals in September: Tammy Feil – Sept. 16, Lisa Boughfman – Sept. 23, and Darren Able and Trish Reed – Sept. 30.



## CONFIRMATION / AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

**Keira Gail Mullen**, daughter of Tyler and Kelly French, and Patrick Mullen. She was baptized April 30, 2006 by Pastor Dave Beese. Her prayer partner was Jeremy Snapp.

**Raven Christina Caesar**, daughter of Anna Caesar and Danny Caesar. She was baptized November 20, 2005 by Pastor Dave Beese. Her prayer partner was Darryl Talbott.

On Sunday, September 20, Elim Lutheran Church was blessed to participate in the Confirmation of Faith that Keira Mullen and Raven Caesar accepted for themselves. Keira and Raven are now new members of Elim and it is so good to get to be church together!



Raven and Keira had an interesting road in their faith development as they had three teachers: Pastors Katherine, Wally and Amy Kay. This special day was also a long time coming as classes stopped in the spring when we moved to online worship. Through it all, the ladies were kind, patient and delightful.

During a special meeting of Elim's Church Council, Kiera and Raven shared their statements of faith. In worship, they shared one special verse that has become important to them. Raven chose Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you." Keira chose Joshua 1:9, "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Pastor Amy Kay also chose special scriptures verses for the Confirmands. For Keira, Philippians 4:6-7 was chosen, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Raven's text was Isaiah 41:10, "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

It was a great day in worship. We are a blessed people to get to be about God's work in the world together!



Keira Mullen, Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich, and Raven Caesar



Gee whiz, I thought this would be easier.





**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**Bible Verse Scavenger Hunt**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Presentation of Third Grade Bibles**

**God's Work/Our Hands**



The first day back to Sunday School was a huge success. Twenty-three children attended Rally Sunday, which includes the confirmation class. The Sunday School children went to the park for a Bible Verse Scavenger Hunt, led by Julie Olson. It was fun-filled learning for all ages. Back at the church, the remaining Sunday School teachers and volunteers prepared sack lunches. During the worship service, Pastor Amy Kay blessed the school children's backpacks, and presented the Third Grade Bible to Emilie Snapp. Third Grade Bibles will also be given to those unable to attend: Rylee Larson, Makenzie Brady, Autumn Carter, and Aaliyah McGinty. Following worship service, sack lunches were handed out to the children and adults who gathered to help with God's Work, Our Hands projects. Work projects included a deep clean of the church kitchen, and cleaning at the Learning Center kitchen and multi-purpose room. Thank you to all who attended, and please come again!

Here is a list of Sunday School students on our roster: 3 year-Kindergarten: Millie Bunk, Liam Brady, Carly Patrick, Acea Newton, Logan Myers, Kolt Seeley, and Kasyn Kolling; 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Evie Bunk; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Kinsley Seeley, Grayson Fleming, and Kennedy Tomasich; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Emilie Snapp, Rylee Larson, Makenzie Brady, Autumn Carter, and Aaliyah McGinty; 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Kanin French; 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Layla Fleming, Gracie Brady, Jolie Myers, Alexis Hunziker, Jaylinn Major, and Conway Patrick; 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Breckyn Bauer, Auley Boughfman, Gemma Carter, Kaysn French, Trevor Hunziker, and Bryley Roush. 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmant: Erin Caesar; 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmants: Elsie Boughfman, Tavein Carter, Sebastian McGinty, Colter Patrick, Sebastian Pavlovich, Atticus Pavlovich, and Ciarra Rawson.

#### **PICTURES FROM THE LEARNING CENTER WORK PROJECT**



**Dana Olson scrubbing away.**



**All in a day's work. Father and son Scott and Dawson Feil help clean the kitchen at the Learning Center.**



**Pastor Amy Kay and Brooke Olson. Dress and heels don't stand in her way.**



## SERVING THE LORD IN OCTOBER

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

11 – Scott and Tammy Feil  
25 – Linn and Lou Nelson

### **LECTORS:\***

4 – Andi Willems  
11 – Tammy Feil  
18 – Lois Johnson  
25 – Allan Lindfors

\*Currently lectors are not asked to read scripture due to the abbreviated services. Members who signed up earlier in the year are listed here in case your help is needed on a given Sunday.

PLEASE NOTE: Greeters, acolytes, ushers, coffee hostesses and Riverview volunteers have not been listed due to Covid restrictions. Reinstatement of Children's Sermons is still undecided. Communion assistants and volunteers to prepare communion will not be needed until we are once again able to serve communion at the altar.



**September 13:** Given by Emilie Snapp in loving memory of my mom, Tracy Bunk, and Papa Jon.

**September 27:** Given by Allan and JoAn Lindfors in honor of our anniversary and in memory of our loved ones.

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**THE NEXT RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE SCHEDULED FOR**  
**ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH HALL IS**  
**Tuesday, October 6 at 1:00-7:00 PM**

***PLEASE KEEP YOUR APPOINTMENT!*** All necessary precautions will be taken to ensure your safety. Contact Linda Johnson if you have further questions. Thank you for donating.



THANKS to all who lifted my brother Tim up in prayer and sent get well cards to him since his accident at work on August 3. He is now recuperating at home and is in a wheelchair because he cannot bear any weight on his injured side until the end of October. At that time he will begin the next phase of rehabilitation. Thanks be to God for sparing his life and for the progress he has made so far.

Jackie Larson

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**Ruth Feil** sent a thank you note with the following words added in:

To Elim WELCA Ladies and Church Family

The 4 pair of sparkling eyes and 4 pointed noses put a smile on my face when "eye" opened the card. God bless you for your care and concern. We miss you too!

And the verse on the note card read: "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for his mercy endures forever."  
Psalms 136:1



A very special THANK YOU to all of our dear friends in this church and community who have reached out to us with cards, flowers, memorials, food, and words of comfort during the death of my father,

Richard Warner. He was one of God's faithful servants and we miss him so much. We are so grateful to you for your kindness.

Mo and Gayle (Warner) Nelson



## **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
23	Kayley Fleming
24	Matthew Wickstrom
24	Shannon Weis
25	Kasey Kolling
26	Brett Edwards
26	Emma McBride
27	Chris Edwards
28	Kaydee McMahan
30	Nic Farris
31	Marci Fox
31	Morgan Loder

## **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

2	Mr. and Mrs. Morris Nelson	38 years
5	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Beagley	7 years
6	Mr. and Mrs. Chris Lohrey	13 years
16	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones	43 years
18	Mr. and Mrs. Scott Feil	23 years
25	Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Kaufman	17 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Brian Riedel	27 years

## **Monthly Financial Report**

[As presented to Church Council 09/08/2020]

Beginning Balance as of 08/01/20:	\$ 32,744.65
Revenue:	\$ 8,111.39
Expenses:	\$ -7,260.47
Ending Balance as of 08/31/20:	\$ 33,595.57

## **Offerings & Attendance per week in September**

<b>September 6:</b>	<b>\$2398.00</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>September 13:</b>	<b>\$1851.00</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>September 20:</b>	<b>\$1078.00</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>September 27:</b>	<b>\$1773.00</b>	<b>49</b>

## **REMINDER**

Now that we are back in the sanctuary for worship service, please note the following restrictions: every other pew is closed off to allow social distancing, families are encouraged to group together, masks are recommended, congregational singing is not allowed, and offering plates are not passed. Communion elements are not currently served at the altar. Members are encouraged to bring their own communion (BYOC,) or grab closed-lid wine and bread (self-serve) at the back of the church prior to service, so that we can stay seated and share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. 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) and our website ([www.elimmarquette.org](http://www.elimmarquette.org)) for those who cannot attend service in the sanctuary.



# Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>4 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  9:30 AM – Worship Service 10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM – Worship Service  <b>DEADLINE FOR LWR ITEMS</b>	5  <b>6:00 PM – Worship &amp; Music Mtg.</b>  <b>7:00 PM – COUNCIL MTG.</b>	6  <b>1:00 – 7:00 PM RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE</b>	7  6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal & Mtg.  Assemble LWR Kits	8	9	10
<b>11 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  9:30 AM – Worship Service 10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM – Worship Service	12	13	14  6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal & Mtg.	15	16	17
<b>18 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  9:30 AM – Worship Service 10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM – Worship Service	19  <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	20	21  6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal & Mtg.	22	23	24
<b>25 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost REFORMATION SUNDAY</b>  9:30 AM – Worship Service 10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM – Worship Service	26	27	28  1:30 PM Quilt Group  6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal & Mtg.	29	30	31  KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School