



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

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### WORDS of ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PASTOR AMY KAY

Recently Don Lundquist and I texted about our shared appreciation for the hymn "It is Well with My Soul". He kindly shared a version of it with me from a group of whom I had never heard: Anthem Lights. I've consequently been listening to hymns sung by this group for days.

It's amazing to me that familiar, old hymns can spark a new warmth within me when I hear them by a different group or person. This would not be surprising, however, to Gretchen Rubin who is a happiness researcher and hosts a podcast appropriately called "Happier". In episode 295 that was released on October 14, Rubin suggests that doing something familiar that is enjoyable and helpful to us in a new way will allow us to experience it anew. For instance, her sister likes to walk for exercise in the morning. Because of the pandemic her schedule has changed and she sometimes walks with a friend in the afternoon. She sees her neighborhood in a different light with different folks moving about. It feels like a new, pleasant experience even though it is the same walk. She has doubled the things that are good for her personhood just by adding a simple tweak. Easy enough!

I hope we each know some things that help us to be centered with God. Perhaps we enjoy a walk through the wind break each morning, reading the church's devotional booklet after lunch or journaling the things we are grateful for each evening. Whatever we know to be true and good for ourselves, may we piggyback these things by applying a little tweak. Let's take our walk in the evening instead of or along with the morning walk some days. Let's write a note to someone for whom we are grateful after we have journaled about him or her. If we know Psalm 1 is helpful to our soul, along with reading it, let's search for it sung or perhaps art that was inspired by it. Just a little tweak to the same things that connect us to God can help our cup feel like it's running over... doubly.

Why haven't I searched for new versions of the hymns I adore before now? Perhaps because I get busy and don't have the space to think of such things. Now that I know better, I'll try to do better. I invite you to come along with me.

It is well with my soul and I dearly hope that it is for you too.

w/care – Pastor Amy Kay





**Please keep in prayer:** Patty Kolling, Lars Peterson, Carly Peterson, Kinley Peterson, Kasey Weis, Zach Weis, Kasyn Weis, Blakeley Weis, Piper Schultz, Leslie Shaw (friend of JoAn Lindfors), Jim Hultgren (Dennis Hultgren's brother), Tim Hedberg, Ed Sneath, Hunter Short, Suzy Carlson, Wes Shultis, Kenny Brown (Rita Brown's husband), Betty Finney, Don Lundquist, Darren Ebling (Donna Elvin's grandson), Norm Yenkey (Mari Loder's father), Jill Timmons, Helen Weber, and sympathy to the family of Sonny (Robert) Fox, Shayne Fox's father.

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 October 5, 2020. Council voted to cancel the Swedish Supper this year based on the recommendation presented by the Swedish Supper committee. Student loan policy discussed and revised.*

**Worship & Music:** Met Oct. 5. Will continue communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, allow humming with hymns during church services.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Evangelism:** No meeting.

**Social Ministry:** No meeting. Jeremy Snapp updated photos on Elim website.

**Christian Education:** Discussed low attendance at Sunday School, and sponsorship of Little River FCA per schedule received in letter.

**Property:** No meeting. Discussed repair of hole in floor of basement office. Will get carpet tile samples for Parish Hall to review at next meeting.

**Memorial:** Conference call Sept. 19. Voted to use memorial funds for the following: replacement of backsplash in kitchen, purchase of white folding banquet tables for Parish Hall, replacement of windows in Parish Hall (previously approved), \$10,000 toward cost of new floor covering in Parish Hall, and replacement of metal utility cart in kitchen.

**Security Committee:** No meeting.

*Next meeting to be held on Monday, December 7.*

## **SWEDISH SUPPER**

After much discussion by the Swedish Supper Committee and Elim Lutheran Church Council, the decision was made to cancel the Swedish Supper for 2020. The safety of our congregation and of those attending is of the utmost importance and the conclusion was that with so many coming together from all parts of the state, the risk of exposure and spread was just too great.

We will definitely miss coming together to celebrate our heritage and hope to resume next year!

If you wish to contribute to our Swedish Supper Fund, donations are always welcome and appreciated. We are grateful for the support of our congregation and community. Donations may be given online at [elimmarquette.org](http://elimmarquette.org), left at Marquette Farmers State Bank, or mailed to Elim Lutheran Church, c/o Swedish Supper Fund, 403 N Lincoln St., Box 236, Marquette, KS 67464.



We would like to thank the Swedish Supper Committee for their time and consideration as they explored the many concerns and options for the Swedish Supper in December 2020. They considered take-out and limiting the menu, as well as the concerns of preparing the food with Covid restrictions in place. Leaving out the normal entertainment was another consideration, and whether out-of-towners would attend with the limitations. Members of the committee are: Linda Johnson, Beth Thomas, Doris Schultz, Kayley Fleming, and Jayleen Sellhorn. THANK YOU



## WELCA NEWS

Who would have believed that the USA and world would still be in this “suspended state” of activity because of Covid-19? However, Elim and WELCA are continuing to help our church, community, and peoples in need. Our **WORLD RELIEF KITS** were completed and shipped out by Trinity Lutheran Church of Salina. A thank you goes to WELCA’s Lutheran World Relief Committee which is headed by Linda Johnson and includes Nancy Hopp, JoAn Lindfors, LeAnn Everhart, and Diane Talbott. A big thank you to the Youth Group of Elim and their leaders for putting the baby and personal care kits together and packing them for WELCA on their Wednesday youth meeting. However, the **biggest** thank you goes to Nancy Hopp for doing all the extra shopping for the kits with the nearly \$300.00 donated by WELCA members, AND then getting the kits delivered to Salina for overseas shipping. Thank you to everyone for being generous with your donations. It made a big difference for these needed LWR kits.

President Lindfors received a very touching letter from Catholic Charities of Salina, Kansas, that donations were very much needed and appreciated, because their requests from citizens had more than tripled during this difficult time of Covid-19. Many families who had never needed charity help now needed some assistance. Since the treasury of WELCA is still in good condition, the officers made a decision to donate \$200.00 to Catholic Charities. The check went out to them on October 19, 2020. So many families are in need of assistance and prayers.

**Though the deadline items for the CHRISTMAS BOXES** is done in November, Freemont could always use any **monetary donation**, and perhaps even some actual assistance in assembling the boxes. Gayle Nelson will be keeping us updated. She has been a gem, taking on all the responsibilities of coordinating with Freemount (in addition to everything else she’s had to do for Elim and her additional duties because of Covid-19). Thank you Gayle.

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 Sunday, **November 22** and WELCA will deliver. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

### Contents of Thanksgiving Blessing Box:

|                                  |                                      |                                       |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| November 1 – Box of cereal       | November 9 – Dessert mix             | November 17 – Spaghetti sauce         |
| November 2 – Peanut butter       | November 10 – Jar of applesauce      | November 18 – Chicken noodle soup     |
| November 3 – Stuffing mix        | November 11 – Canned sweet potatoes  | November 19 – Tomato soup             |
| November 4 – Boxed potatoes      | November 12 – Can of cranberry sauce | November 20 – Can of corn             |
| November 5 – Macaroni and cheese | November 13 – Canned beans           | November 21 – Can of mixed vegetables |
| November 6 – Canned fruit        | November 14 – Box of crackers        | November 22 – Can of carrots          |
| November 7 – Canned tomatoes     | November 15 – Package of oatmeal     | November 23 – Can of green beans      |
| November 8 – Canned tuna         | November 16 – Package of rice        | November 24 – Cake mix and frosting   |

Since we are coming to the end of 2020, WELCA would welcome any person who would like to be an officer for the new year of 2021. We need younger women to become involved and share your needed ideas and concerns for our organization at Elim. Let any officer know if you have an interest for 2021 and ask about that officer’s responsibilities. Please consider it seriously.

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 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 OCTOBER: Nikki Sutton – Oct. 7; Kelly French – Oct. 14. No meetings Oct. 21 and 28.

NOVEMBER volunteers: Gayle Nelson and Beth Thomas – Nov. 4; Linda Johnson – Nov. 11; Marci Fox – Nov. 18.

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## **DON'T FORGET...**

**There are now two worship services offered at Elim Lutheran Church.** The first service is 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 special music, but we are blessed to have Fred Peterson at the piano for the prelude and postlude. The recording for online worship will only take place at the 11:00 AM service. We are not able to resume Coffee and Fellowship, or Junior or Senior choir practice at this time.



## SERVING THE LORD IN NOVEMBER

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

8 – Carol and Bob Jones

22 – \_\_\_\_\_

### **LECTORS:\***

1 – \_\_\_\_\_

8 – Betsy Patrick

15 – Brooke Olson

22 – Curtis Patrick

29 – Julie Olson

\*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.



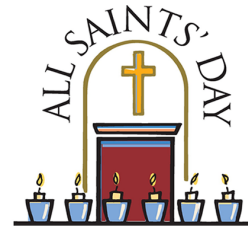
**October 11:** Given by Scott and Tammy Feil in celebration of their wedding anniversary October 18, and in celebration of their Godson Kasyn Weis' baptism birthday October 8.

**October 25:** Given by Linn and Lou Nelson in honor of loved ones past and present.

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

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>October 4:</b> \$2942.00  | <b>20 / 38</b> |
| <b>October 11:</b> \$993.00  | <b>18 / 22</b> |
| <b>October 18:</b> \$3566.50 | <b>14 / 15</b> |
| <b>October 25:</b> \$1522.00 | <b>14 / 40</b> |

**Attendance for 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM services (# / #)**



### **NAMING OF THE SAINTS**

God of Abraham and Sarah, of Moses and Deborah, of Mary and Joseph, of Paul and Phoebe; God of our fathers and mothers, and God of all creation, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts. We praise you for your children who you have taken to yourself, as we remember:

***Laurel Patrick, Peggy Wickstrom, Rochelle Hamilton, Norma Ericson, and Lone Nelson***

A candle is lit for each person named as we remember that they are now joined in the light of Christ's presence today and always. We remember that they now rest in the peace of the Lord God, our Savior and Redeemer.

God of our ancestors, God of our here and now, these are your holy ones. Make us to be your holy ones in this generation, in community with those who have done your bidding, now unbounded by space and time. Help us to press on in the company of your saints everywhere as we praise you through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**





## **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**

|    |                            |          |
|----|----------------------------|----------|
| 5  | Mr. and Mrs. Tom French    | 51 years |
| 8  | Mr. and Mrs. Merle Larson  | 47 years |
| 10 | Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schultz | 59 years |
| 12 | Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Young    | 45 years |
| 15 | Mr. and Mrs. Noah Lindfors | 8 years  |
| 30 | Mr. and Mrs. Steve Patrick | 18 years |

## **Monthly Financial Report**

[As presented to Church Council 10/05/2020]

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance as of 09/01/20: | \$ 33,595.57  |
| Revenue:                          | \$ 7,890.58   |
| Expenses:                         | \$ -11,366.96 |
| Ending Balance as of 09/30/20:    | \$ 30,119.19  |



## **Current Job Opportunities**

We are hiring for CNA's day and evening shifts! FT/PT/PRN, flexible schedule. \*Sign-on bonus offered\*

LPN/RN overnight shift, 8hr/12hr available \* Sign-on bonus offered\*

\*Part time dietary assistant, flexible hours, weekdays

\*Laundry Assistant: Every other weekend

Call 785-546-2211 to inquire, pick up an application M-F 8am-4pm, or e-mail resumes to [ccarlson@riverviewestatesks.com](mailto:ccarlson@riverviewestatesks.com)  
[www.riverviewestatesks.com](http://www.riverviewestatesks.com)

Are you interested in helping provide service to the elderly, but don't have a certification? We are now hiring for care assistants. Under the supervision of the nursing staff, care assistants help with duties such as serving meals/snacks, assisting Residents to meals/activities, light housekeeping, one-on-one activities, and other various, non-medical tasks. Hours of work are based on your availability and Resident needs. Call to set up an interview.

ALSO, if you are interested in getting a CNA certification, Riverview helps pay for that. Call 785-546-2211 during business hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM to set up an interview and pick up an application.

# Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for NOVEMBER 2020

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                     | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY                             | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY  |
|---|--|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>1 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br><b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b><br><br>9:30 AM – Worship Service<br>10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>11:00 AM – Worship Service         | <b>2</b><br><b>6:00 PM –</b><br><b>Worship &amp; Music</b><br><b>Committee Mtg.</b><br><b>7:00 PM –</b><br><b>COUNCIL MTG.</b> | <b>3</b><br><br><b>VOTE</b> | <b>4</b><br><br>6:30 PM – Youth Group<br>Meal & Mtg.                            | <b>5</b>                             | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br><br>9:30 AM – Worship Service<br>10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>11:00 AM – Worship Service                                  | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>                   | <b>11</b><br><br>6:30 PM – Youth Group<br>Meal & Mtg.                           | <b>12</b>                            | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                       |
| <b>15 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br><br>9:30 AM – Worship Service<br>10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>11:00 AM – Worship Service                                 | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>                   | <b>18</b><br><br>6:30 PM – Youth Group<br>Meal & Mtg.                           | <b>19</b>                            | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                       |
| <b>22 Christ the King Sunday</b><br><br>9:30 AM – Worship Service<br>10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>11:00 AM – Worship Service<br><br>Deadline for Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes | <b>23</b><br><br><i>Messenger Deadline</i>   | <b>24</b>                   | <b>25</b><br>1:30 PM<br>Quilt Group<br><br>6:30 PM – Youth Group<br>Meal & Mtg. | <b>26</b><br><br><b>THANKSGIVING</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                       |
| <b>29 First Sunday in Advent</b><br><br>9:30 AM – Worship Service<br>10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>11:00 AM – Worship Service   | <b>30</b><br>                              |                             |   |                                      |           | KEY:<br>HC = Holy Communion<br>HS = High School |