



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

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Greetings, Elim –

It was my pleasure to get to work with seven good Confirmands through the last two years. Although our time was a bit choppy because of the pandemic, it was still good! I'm proud of the youth for sticking with me and my thanks to their adult loved ones for helping them do so.

A number of people asked to see the scripture readings I chose for each Confirmand and presented on April 11. Gayle had the excellent idea of sharing them here. May they offer the youth and us all meaning, direction, and hope.

– Pastor Amy Kay

### **Elsie Drew Boughfman**

*Colossians 3:12 - As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.*

I know Elsie to be a kind, caring person who extends her compassion to everyone. She even responded to me kindly with non-verbal acknowledgements during our Confirmation classes! I see this scripture in her personhood already which is why I felt it suited her.

### **Tavien James Carter**

*1 Timothy 4:12 - <sup>12</sup> Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

Tavien plays many sports and is a good athlete. He has the ability to lead his peers well both on the courts and in life in general. I thought these words from Paul to Timothy were applicable to Tavien's position also as a leader in his class.

### **Sebastian Bryce McGinty**

*Luke 12:6-7 - What do sparrows cost? A dime a dozen? Yet not one of them is overlooked by God. In fact, even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Don't be so timid: You're worth more than a flock of sparrows.*

God cares for even the littlest of sparrows so of course God cares for and is with Sebastian always. Perhaps the biggest draw to this text for Sebastian was the hymn that has come from its message. Sebastian has graced Elim with song for years and has a beautiful voice. It felt right to give him this comforting scripture because of the tie to music. God's eye is on the sparrow, Sebastian and us all – thanks be.

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### **Colter Craig Patrick**

*Joshua 1:9 - Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

During our time of virtual worship, I learned of Colter's appreciation for the song "Awesome God". He spoke of its significance at the end of our Confirmation class also. This text feels like a fit with that song which is why I thought of it for Colter. It resonates. Additionally, it is always good to remember that God is with us wherever we go.

### **Atticus John Pavlovich**

*Luke 11 9-10 - "So I tell you, ask – it'll be given to you; seek – you'll find; knock – it'll be opened for you. Rest assured: everyone who asks receives; everyone who seeks finds; and for the one who knocks it is opened.*

Atticus has an appreciation for the Historical Jesus. He has a sharp mind and is a thinker. I chose this scripture for Atticus because Jesus probably said it and the message encourages him to continue to thoughtfully question and seek in his life of faith.

### **Sebastian Harvey Pavlovich**

*Hebrews 12:1 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us*

Sebastian is a very relational person. I felt he would find comfort in the cloud of witnesses surrounding him; it's good to always recognize the presence of wise people in whom to trust. Sebastian is also a distance runner who identifies with perseverance and a race set before him. This scripture seemed like a good fit from start to finish.

### **Ciara Jean Rawson**

*Psalm 8:3-6*

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?  
5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,*

Ciara loves horses and has an interest in becoming a Veterinarian. Psalm 8 is about God's creation and instructs us to care for all of it. It seemed like a perfect choice for a person of Ciara's interests and talents. I see in her a calling and an ability to care for God's creation her whole life long.

w/gratitude for the blessing it is to get to be with you at Elim – Pastor Amy Kay



It is good to have acolytes back in worship! Special thanks to the youth, the Petersons who lead them, and also to Jackie Larson and Allan Lindfors of the Worship and Music Committee for training us all.



## CONFIRMATION / AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Congratulations to our confirmands! The following youth were confirmed on Sunday, April 11, 2021. We welcome them as new members of our church, and pray that their service to Christ will continue throughout their lifetimes. Each of the confirmands presented their affirmation of faith to the congregation. Colter Patrick sang "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" for the special music.

In addition to Confirmation, Atticus Pavlovich, Sebastian Pavlovich, and Ciara Rawson were baptized by Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich during the service.

**Elsie Drew Boughfman**, daughter of Beau and Lisa Boughfman. Elsie was baptized January 26, 2007 at Elim Lutheran Church.

**Tavein James Carter**, son of Ryker and Michelle Carter. Tavein was baptized April 15, 2007 at Salemsborg Lutheran Church.

**Sebastian Bryce McGinty**, son of Stephanie McGinty and Levi Kinderknecht. Sebastian was baptized February 10, 2008 at Salemsborg Lutheran Church.

**Colter Craig Patrick**, son of Curtis and Betsy Patrick. Colter was baptized February 17, 2008 at Elim Lutheran Church.

**Atticus John Pavlovich**, son of Amy Kay Pavlovich and Dane Pavlovich. Atticus was baptized today at Elim Lutheran Church.

**Sebastian Harvey Pavlovich**, son of Amy Kay Pavlovich and Dane Pavlovich. Sebastian was baptized today at Elim Lutheran Church.

**Ciara Jean Rawson**, daughter of Connie Rawson and John Rawson. Ciara was baptized today at Elim Lutheran Church.



Top Row: Ciara Rawson, Sebastian McGinty; Middle Row: Atticus Pavlovich, Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich, Sebastian Pavlovich; Bottom Row: Elsie Boughfman, Colter Patrick, Tavein Carter.



**Please keep in prayer:** Brandon Baker, Kris Jantz, Kerry Kelsey, Brenda Rupert, Marcene Kempke, Ebba Nelson, Lois Johnson, Tom French, Cari Nelson, Flora Malm, Trent Schwantes, LaReta Olson, Anna Caesar, Lowell Mitchell, Terri McBride, Steve Patrick, Jen Patrick, Ron Wilson, Glenda Julian, Debbie Brown, Steve Coney, Greg Nicholson, Doug Anderson, Tim Hedberg, Wes Shultis, Betty Finney, Don Lundquist, Jill (Timmons) Larson, Bethany Village, Riverview, and all healthcare workers.

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 [elimmarquette@gmail.com](mailto:elimmarquette@gmail.com) or [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto:elimsec@gmail.com).

## ~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

*Church Council –Met April 5, 2021. Linda Johnson requested use of the Parish Hall for the Summer Lunch Program May 13-August 19. Confirmands presented their faith statements to council and were unanimously accepted for confirmation April 11, 2021. Council accepted Vicki Young as the new council member, replacing Steve Patrick. She will serve the remainder of his term (2 years).*

**Worship & Music:** No meeting. Patriotic Service will be held May 30 in the back parking lot.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Evangelism/ Social Ministry:** No meeting.

**Christian Education:** No meeting. Carly Peterson requested Senior Recognition be held May 2, with BBQ lunch prepared by Youth Group following the service.

**Property/Security Committee:** Carpet installation for the Parish Hall is scheduled for May 10.

*Next meeting to be held on Monday, May 3, 2021.*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

Each month there are different items to collect for the Christmas Shoebox project. I would like to challenge our youth and adult members to bring ONE item by May 30. The goal is 50 items. Let's fill up the basket in the back of the sanctuary! When the basket is full, I will take it to the Freemount Lutheran Church with pride. We are a generous church and I know we can do this! Please purchase one of the items from the list below, or check for the full list in the January 2021 Messenger. There will also be lists available at the back of the sanctuary.

**The list of items for MAY:** *T-shirts, sunglasses, ball caps, visors, hairclips, play jewelry, watches, umbrellas.*  
*Use your imagination for useful items children of all ages can use!*

## THANK YOU

**PARENTS:** The last day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 30. Plans for Vacation Bible School are in progress, so watch for more information coming this month.

**DON'T MISS the Patriotic Service on May 30.** The service will be held outdoors in the back parking lot. Spread the word! This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to our veterans and to celebrate God and country.





## WELCA NEWS

WELCA is so thankful for Elim's generous giving during this pandemic and difficult time. The **"40 Day Fast for LENT"** was successful, and Pastor Amy Kay informed WELCA that she believes we had more food and items to give to families than she has seen since she became our pastor. There were more than **15 bags/boxes of food and items** to give to the needy. Pastor delivered all the food within our community and surrounding communities, and WELCA took the leftover items to charities in Salina and McPherson, i.e. Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Catholic charities, Ashby House and Goodwill. Everyone was so appreciative.

As reported last month, Riverview Estates is beginning to open up, and WELCA is hoping and praying that Sing-alongs will begin next month – JUNE. Dori Weber indicated that they would probably take place in the activity room at Riverview rather than the front room, so the residents and "singers" will be socially distanced, and masks would still be recommended. We would also need to be screened at the door before entering, and Covid vaccinations would really be helpful to assure that no resident/staff/visitor is exposed to Covid.

WELCA will continue to remember the residents on special days. There is Mother's Day in May, and WELCA hopes to give each female resident a small token of our affection for them, and then to the male residents in June for Father's Day.

Dori also informed /WELCA that the CDC pandemic rules will not allow the **birthday parties** to resume yet. She "suggested" that we rename the birthday parties to "tea parties", and have them at 1:00 p.m. on the last Friday of the month. Since food can't be brought into Riverview Estates yet, Riverview would supply some kind of bagged treat for the "tea parties". WELCA does not know yet when this event might commence, but the change was to **promote visits for residents** because the residents are so much happier with visitors. Please consider just going there (after calling to get permission), and visiting with a resident or two.

WELCA did remember our confirmands on **Confirmation Sunday, April 11**, with red flowers and cards congratulating them and welcoming them into Elim. We also gave flowers to Pastor Amy Kay, thanking her for teaching these new members of Elim's congregation. Let's all welcome these confirmands --- **Elsie Boughman, Tavein Carter, Sebastian McGinty, Colter Patrick, Atticus and Sebastian Pavlovich, and Ciara Rawson**. They are important members of Elim.

Here it is May, **2021**, and WELCA has not been able to have any special events or fundraisers. We hope to be able to do so by fall of 2021. Until then, what we are asking from members and the congregation is that IF you can give to WELCA -- **even a small amount** – it would help our treasury. As you can tell, we have been generous to give to charities and groups, but without having donations and fundraisers, our WELCA treasury is getting very low. We can assure you that when we get monies, we spend it wisely. Treasurer is Cindy Bunk, so give as you are able, or give to any one of the officers.

One of our continued projects is with Freemount Lutheran Church and the **Christmas Shoeboxes**. WELCA thanks Gayle Nelson for continuing to take charge of Elim's contribution(s) to this project for 2021. IF you don't have time or want to go shopping for these items, please consider giving a donation in monies. Someone else will do your shopping.

Please let WELCA know if we can do anything for community members, charities or other concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

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

## **Congratulations to Our 2021 Graduates**



**Kylie Fox** will be graduating from Little River High School and plans to attend Cloud County Community College with a major in Elementary Education

**Ryenne Cunningham** will be graduating from Central Plains High School. She will be pursuing a career in radiology.

**Cade Young** will be graduating from Little River High School. He was honored as king of the 2021 Winter Homecoming and the 2021 Prom. He plans to attend Barton County Community College to complete an Oil and Natural Gas Distribution program. He will graduate from Barton with an Associate Degree in August 2022.

**Chandler Nicholson** will be graduating from Smoky Valley High School and will be leaving for Naval Training in July.

**Heidi Caesar** will be graduating from Salina South High School.

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### **CONGRATULATIONS to our 2020 graduates Abbie Hudson, Emma McBride, Jakob Feil and Jake Loder**

They did not get to celebrate their graduations last May in the usual manner due to Covid restrictions. We congratulate them today and hope that this past year (post-graduation) has been fulfilling, and that they have continued their faith in their life journeys.

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**We would also like to congratulate our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be moving on to high school next year:** Sebastian McGinty (Smoky Valley), Elsie Boughfman (Little River), Tavein Carter (Smoky Valley), and Ciara Rawson (Smoky Valley).

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### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES:**

**Gracy Ruth Ann Feil** (daughter of Scott and Tammy Feil) will be graduating May 15, 2021 from Emporia State University with a BSN degree in nursing.

**Kate Olson** (wife of Dixon Olson) will be graduating May 15, 2021 from Wichita State University with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

**Layne Patrick** (son of Steve and Jen Patrick) graduated from Hutchinson Community College in December 2020 with an Associate degree.

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Thank you to Kylie Fox, Jakob Feil, Abbie Hudson, Emma McBride, and Layne Patrick for sharing their statements of faith with the congregation in person and through texts read by Youth Group sponsor Lars Peterson. Members of the Youth Group participated in the worship service with help from Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich and Youth Group sponsors Lars and Carly Peterson. They also formed a bell choir to present the medley "Deep and Wide/This Little Light of Mine", led by Jackie Larson and assisted by Brooke Olson. Pierce Hama shared a recording of his clarinet solo during offering. Lars and Carly presented a message to the graduates during the service, and Pastor Amy Kay gave a blessing for the graduates. The following members of Youth Group participated in the service: Dawson Feil, Ciara Rawson, Ethan Able, Keira Mullen, Kayla Fox, Raven Caesar, Sebastian Pavlovich, and Noah Bearley. THANK YOU!

A delicious BBQ meal was served after worship service by the Youth Group and sponsors Lars and Carly Peterson. Tables and chairs were set up in back of the church for members to enjoy fellowship and to congratulate our graduates.

### **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**



April 11: Given to the glory of God by Darryl and Diane Talbott and family.

April 25: Given in memory of those we have loved and lost, and in honor of Ebba Nelson for her strength and love. God bless.

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### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

May 9: Barry and Carylee Nelson

May 23: \_\_\_\_\_

A sign-up sheet for altar flowers will be available in the narthex as you enter the church. THANK YOU!

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### **ACOLYTES**

April 18: Dawson Feil, Noah Bearley

April 25: Keira Mullen, Lily Boughfman

**MAY:** Colter Patrick, Conway Patrick

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Council has agreed to the return of lectors and greeters for participation in the worship service, beginning in June 2021. **Please check the bulletin board in the Parish Hall to sign up.**

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### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Council is interested in creating a new committee – Outreach - to provide help within the community and beyond. WELCA and the Youth Group primarily fill this role in many ways. Council would like to incorporate their work by getting more members involved to help organize and assist with these projects throughout the year, and to create new ways to fulfill our Christian duty to reach out and help others. If you are interested in joining the Outreach Committee, please contact Pastor Amy Kay at 573-808-1980, or Gayle Nelson at [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto:elimsec@gmail.com).

### **SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

Once again Elim is hosting the Summer Lunch Program sponsored and funded by KSDE. This program provides free lunch to all children in the community under the age of 18, and all meals are served at Elim Lutheran Church from May 13 until the start of school in August. The meals will once again be served in takeout containers for families to pick up from volunteers stationed just outside the Parish Hall doors. All volunteers are asked to wear masks and gloves. The Marquette United Methodist Church and Elim work together to provide staffing on alternate weeks. We will 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 if you are interested in helping for one or more days during the summer. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT.**

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### **SUMMER LAWN MOWING**

Elim needs volunteers to mow the church and parsonage lawns this summer, starting in May and ending in September. Please plan to mow on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday to ensure a freshly-cut lawn for Sunday service. The dates are indicated on the sign-up sheet available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Scott Johnson at 785-577-4058 or Barry Nelson at 785-820-1439. **THANK YOU!**

Signed up thus far for May: May 7/8 - Darren Able, May 14/15 – Linda Johnson.

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### **YOUTH GROUP MEALS**

THANK YOU for to all the volunteers who provided meals for the Youth Group these past several months. Many of them leave sports practice and come straight to the meeting. We appreciate your time and generosity.

The following provided meals in April:

JoAn and Allan Lindfors: April 7

Darren Able and Trish Reed: April 14

Carol Jones: April 21

Hannah and Adam Jones: April 28

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**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2      Kassandra Hernandez
- 3      Cassie Crotts
- 5      Adam Jones
- 7      Storm Niegsch
- 7      Ivy Sellhorn
- 7      Erin Caesar
- 8      Madison Loder
- 8      Michelle Loder
- 11     Amy Kay Pavlovich
- 12     Jackie Larson
- 14     Russell Malm
- 15     Twila Lindfors
- 15     Freda Talbott
- 15     Dane Young
- 16     Lana Rock
- 16     Rita Brown
- 17     Carylee Nelson
- 17     Layla Fleming
- 19     Lisa Boughfman
- 19     Jerry Kelsey
- 19     Dan Crump
- 19     Raylyn Farris
- 20     Caleb Mitchell
- 21     Vance Hopp
- 21     Brian Hopp
- 24     Nancy Larson
- 24     Beau Oakley
- 26     Kylie Fox
- 28     Chris Johnson
- 28     Leif Larson
- 28     Abigail Perez
- 29     Brandon Hulse
- 30     Jakob Feil
- 31     Craig Larson
- 31     Ro Valdez
- 31     Ryan Loder
- 31     Cody Hopkins

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

|    |                               |          |
|----|-------------------------------|----------|
| 2  | Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Hawkinson | 6 years  |
| 26 | Mr. and Mrs. Lars Peterson    | 3 years  |
| 27 | Mr. and Mrs. Josh McMahan     | 15 years |
| 27 | Mr. and Mrs. Cody Suhr        | 4 years  |
| 29 | Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crump        | 39 years |

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**



Congratulations to Levi and Jessica Norberg on the birth of their son Miles Larry Norberg, born on April 16, 2021. He weighed 8 lb. and was 21" long. Maternal grandparents are Chris and Amy Fagan, and paternal grandparents are Troy and Deann Johnson and the late Larry Norberg. The maternal great-grandparents are Dean and Lois Johnson.

**Offerings and Attendance per week in APRIL 2021**

|                                 |                  |            |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| <b>April 1: Maundy Thursday</b> |                  | <b>27</b>  |
| <b>April 4: Easter</b>          | <b>\$3553.00</b> | <b>101</b> |
| <b>April 11: *</b>              | <b>\$2044.30</b> | <b>79</b>  |
| <b>April 18:</b>                | <b>\$1287.00</b> | <b>42</b>  |
| <b>April 25:</b>                | <b>\$754.00</b>  | <b>43</b>  |

**\*Confirmation Sunday**

**Monthly Financial Report**

[As presented to Church Council 04/01/2021]

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance as of 3/01/21: | \$ 39,150.99 |
| Revenue:                         | \$ 13,034.05 |
| Expenses:                        | \$ -8,975.98 |
| Ending Balance as of 3/31/21:    | \$ 43,209.06 |

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**



Don't forget the next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held in the Elim Parish Hall on Tuesday, June 8 from 12:00-6:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544.

**THANK YOU FOR GIVING!**

# Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for MAY 2021

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                               | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|--------|----------|
|   |   |   |   |  |        | 1        |
| <b>2 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b><br><b><u>Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition</u></b><br><br>9:45 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie<br>10:15 AM – Sunday School<br>11:00 AM - Worship Service<br>w/ Holy Communion<br>NOON – BBQ lunch | <b>3</b><br><br><b>7:00 PM –<br/>Council Mtg.</b>             | 4   | 5                                       | 6  | 7      | 8        |
| <b>9 Sixth Sunday of Easter</b><br><b>MOTHERS DAY</b><br><br>9:45 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie<br>10:15 AM – Sunday School<br><b>11:00 AM - Worship Service</b>  | 10<br><br><i>CARPET INSTALLMENT<br/>BEGINS IN PARISH HALL</i> | <b>11</b><br>6:00 –<br>Memorial Committee<br><br>6:30 –<br>Recognition Committee      | 12                                      | 13<br><br><b>Ascension of<br/>Our Lord</b><br><br><i>SUMMER LUNCH BEGINS</i> | 14     | 15       |
| <b>16 Seventh Sunday of Easter</b><br><br>9:45 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie<br>10:15 AM – Sunday School<br>11:00 AM - Worship Service  | 17  | 18  | 19                                      | 20   | 21     | 22       |
| <b>23 DAY OF PENTECOST</b><br><br>10:15 AM – Sunday School<br>11:00 AM - Worship Service<br><b>WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST</b>   | 24<br><br><i>Messenger Deadline</i>                           | 25  | 26<br><br><b>1:30 – Quilt<br/>Group</b> | 27   | 28     | 29       |
| <b>30 The Holy Trinity</b><br>PATRIOTIC SERVICE<br><br>10:15 AM – Sunday School<br>11:00 AM - Worship Service<br>CHURCH PARKING LOT   | 31<br><br><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>                                 |  |   |  |        |          |