



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

JUNE 2021

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Greetings, Elim –

I hope this month's newsletter finds you healthy and feeling connected to God as we live into June.

Perhaps we have had a similar feeling recently. Being vaccinated and feeling quite safe from the coronavirus, I've merrily skipped back into doing all kinds of things that I did a year and a half ago. While I've talked the talk of being mindful about doing what's important and worthy of time, now that I'm vaccinated it's exciting to do anything and everything! Bring it all on! ...and I'm quickly realizing that I should pull back on my own reigns and assess.

What *is* worthy of my time? What is worthy of yours? This may sound trite and like it should be painted in three different scripts on a trendy sign, but I think "faith, family and call" are most important to me. I also know what I put my time and energy into is what grows and when I do too much very little grows.

If I truly value my faith, then I should put time and energy into my own spiritual disciplines and the church. If I truly value my family, then I should put my time and energy into relationships that I'm gifted to have with my sons, extended family and others beloved. If I truly value my call from God, then I should put my time and energy into the church and caring for all who are oppressed. When I do these things (my people might say "livin' right!"), then my mental and physical health are usually well. That's it. This isn't rocket science although sometimes I seem to make it that complicated. It shouldn't take a pandemic to keep less important things out of my life. \*Cue the Ram's Horn for this big announcement: I give myself permission to say "yes" only to the things that support what is most important to me so that I might also rest and renew. So too do I bestow this power of permission upon you, my friend!

What is actually worthy of your time? What are the most important things to you? If an alien swooped in and observed where you spend your time and energy, would the alien be able to discern what is most important to you? May you continue to make it be so with the help of God.

If you'd like to visit with me about any of this, I'd be most happy to do so. Please consider it an open invitation.

w/much care – Pastor Amy Kay (573-808-1980)

If you are interested in joining Elim Church, please let me know! We are gathering to talk about what membership suggests on Sunday, June 20 from 10:15-10:45 am in the Choir Room which is by the kitchen. Anyone who feels called to join Elim is invited to do so during the 11am worship service on that day. Cheers for getting to be church together!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Elim is sponsoring VBS this year, with Pastor Amy Kay leading it. It will take place June 7 through June 9 from 9:00 AM- Noon. Kids age 5 through the completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate. The theme of this year's event is "On Earth as in Heaven", based on The Lord's Prayer. There will be games, crafts, storytelling, and small group times as we learn and grow together.

Most of the activities will be outside or in large spaces. Snacks will be prepackaged and will be eaten outside if weather permits. Masks are suggested but not mandatory. Please send a water bottle with your child each day to minimize use of the water fountain and/or disposable cup usage.

Children will be grouped by age/grade completed and will have a small group leader as well as the activity leaders at each station. Our hope is to provide a safe, fun, enlightening experience for each person who is involved in VBS. The Lord's Prayer is a great one from which to learn!

Before leaving VBS each day, children are welcome to grab a to-go meal from the Summer Lunch program, which is also held here at Elim.

**PLEASE sign up for your child to participate by FRIDAY, JUNE 4.** FORMS are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary, or at City Sundries. You can return the form to the plastic envelope attached to the Parish Hall doors, or you are welcome to email or text Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich with the information: 573-808-1980, or [elimmarquette@gmail.com](mailto:elimmarquette@gmail.com).

All children are welcome. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!



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***Please keep in prayer:*** Carylee Nelson, JoAn Lindfors, Jackie Larson, Serah Talbott, Kris Jantz, Brandon Baker, Kerry Kelsey, Brenda Rupert, Lois Johnson, Tom French, Flora Malm, Trent Schwantes, LaReta Olson, Anna Caesar, Lowell Mitchell, Terri McBride, Ron Wilson, Glenda Julian, Debbie Brown, Steve Coney, Greg Nicholson, Doug Anderson, Tim Hedberg, Wes Shultis, Betty Finney, 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).



## WELCA NEWS

MAY was a difficult month for two out of the four officers of WELCA, but Elim congregation and friends helped us to get through the month, and hopefully summer and even June will find JoAn and Jackie back to some normalcy. Prayers are always welcomed.

WELCA remembered the eighteen (18) females of Riverview Estates on Mother's Day by giving them greeting cards and vases of flowers. The flowers included fresh "snowballs" from the Lindfors's yard. The staff reported back that each resident was thrilled with the fresh flowers and cards. Next month we will remember the male residents for Father's Day.

WELCA also wanted to remember Pastor Amy Kay on her birthday May 11, so a card with monies was sent to her. We are so grateful for her guidance and dedication to Elim and the congregation. Pastor is always so inspiring with her ideas and love for Elim and the Marquette community. Let's continue to thank her.

As reported last month, Riverview Estates is beginning to open up, and WELCA was hoping and praying that Sing-alongs would be able to start in June. However, Dori Weber indicated that they would probably have to delay it another month, and that it would take place in the activity room at Riverview rather than the front room as you enter the facility. This will enable the residents and "singers" to be socially distanced, and masks will be recommended. Dori also indicated that it would be better to do another day of the week – NOT Sundays – because there is not sufficient staff on the weekend to help with residents and check in visitors. If any of you have a day that might work, or after work so that more can attend, WELCA welcomes your suggestions or ideas.

Our Riverview Estates birthday parties are still on hold. As we related to you last month, Dori suggested we rename the birthday parties as "tea parties", and hold them at 1:00 PM on the last Friday of the month. Because food cannot be brought in to Riverview Estates yet, Riverview will provide a bagged treat instead of the usual desserts. The "tea party" is to promote visits for the residents. The residents are so much happier when they have visitors. Please consider visiting a resident or two at Riverview. You will need to call Riverview first for permission to visit, as they are only allowed so many visitors per day, but it is well worth the effort.

Here it is almost summer 2021. There are many volunteers needed for the summer lunch program and mowing. There are many more responsibilities gradually beginning again -such as lectors, greeters, and acolytes - so please come back to worship in the sanctuary and help out as much as you can. We will get there IF everyone respects the limitations that are still recommended for Elim by the CDC guidelines. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

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

Thank you for your continued support. Any donation you can give to WELCA until our fundraisers can resume would be appreciated. This allows us to continue helping others in our community and beyond.

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

## ~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

*Church Council –Met May 3, 2021. Discussed plans for Patriotic Sunday May 30. Pastor Amy Kay presented information provided by ELCA on security concerns and awareness. She reported on the status of her full approval by ELCA synod as pastor at Elim. A congregational vote will be held May 23 to finalize the process required by synod to fully recognize Pastor Amy Kay as Elim’s pastor. [Congregational vote May 23: members voted unanimously to accept Pastor Amy Kay as pastor of Elim]. Council approved returning to use of lectors and greeters for worship service. Elim will be hosting VBS this summer. Pastor Amy Kay will be leading the 3-day event in June.*

**Worship & Music:** No meeting. Allan Lindfors is working on special music for the summer.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Memorial Committee:** Plan to meet May 12. Allan Lindfors requested new hearing devices for use in the sanctuary.

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

**Christian Education:** No meeting. Diane Hedberg reported that May 30 will be the last day of Sunday School. Carly Peterson asked permission for Youth Group to attend paintballing in Assaria in June.

**Property/Security Committee:** Carpet installation for the Parish Hall is scheduled for May 10. Sandy Edwards arranged for a covered trailer owned by Cole Case to be used to store tables, chairs, and other items from the Parish Hall during the course of the installation.

*Next meeting to be held on Monday, June 7, 2021.*

**SWEDISH SUPPER SUB-COMMITTEE:** Pleas for help seem endless, but PLEASE consider sharing your ideas to transform our traditional Swedish Supper. Many of you have offered suggestions throughout the years. It’s time to put those suggestions to work in creating new and maybe better ways to host the Swedish Supper. We would like to create a subcommittee to survey members on their likes/dislikes or suggestions for improvement. This committee will be asked to research new ideas for streamlining the operation and hopefully eliminate some of the burden of putting on such a big event. Please contact the church secretary at 785-201-7675, or [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto:elimsec@gmail.com) if you are interested in sharing your time and thoughts for this time-honored event.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX:** Each month there are different items to collect for the Christmas Shoebox project. I challenged our youth and adult members to bring ONE item by May 30. The goal was 50 items. We made it to 44 items! Great job. Don’t stop there! Let’s keep up the good work. Anytime you can bring one or two items throughout the summer until November, the better. Thank you for your participation.

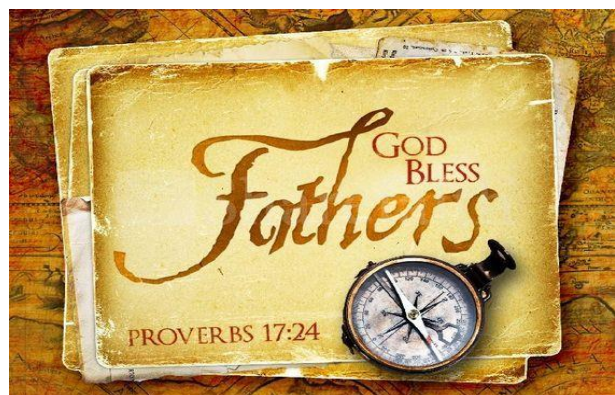
**ITEMS FOR JUNE:** *Flip-flops, canvas shoes, clothing (shorts, leggings, t-shirts, dresses) – OR – any items from the list.*

a godly Father is:



**F**aithful, to God and family.  
**A**ble, to discern God’s will in trying times and good times.  
**T**hankful, for all the joys and trials of life.  
**H**appy, no matter what the life brings.  
**E**nthusiastic, about a life lived with purpose.  
**R**ighteous, rock-solid in heart and mind, from a growing relationship with Jesus.

*For these things and so many more we praise God for our Fathers, this Father’s Day and always.*



**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY to all our wonderful fathers near and far.**

## SERVING THE LORD IN JUNE



May 9: Given by Barry and Carylee Nelson in loving memory and honor of all mothers and grandmothers as we celebrate Mother's Day. God is so good.

May 23: Given in memory of our favorite pancake flipper, Don Lundquist. Love from the Fleming's.

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

June 6: Scott and Linda Johnson

June 20: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACOLYTES

June 6: Layla Fleming

June 13: Layla Fleming

June 20: Breckyn Bauer

June 27: Layla Fleming

### LECTORS

June 6: Gayle Nelson

June 13: Darren Able

June 20: \_\_\_\_\_

June 27: Zach Able

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***SIGN-UP SHEET FOR GREETERS IS BLANK FOR JUNE. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider signing up for one or more Sundays. THANK YOU.***

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

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### 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.

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The meals will once again be served in takeout containers for families to pick up from volunteers stationed just outside the Parish Hall doors. 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. 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 June: June 4/5 – Allan Lindfors, June 11/12 – Darryl Talbott, June 25/26 – Darryl Talbott. Need volunteer for June 18/19.

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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).

***To date a few members have stepped forward to join. We welcome you to bring your ideas and support. It won't consume much of your time, but it will be rewarding.***



**CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFF & KATIE FEIL**



Jeff Feil and Katie Emley were united in marriage April 24, 2021 at Elim Lutheran Church, with Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich officiating. Congratulations and may God bless your marriage for years to come.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Maddison O'Loughlin
- 1 Auley Boughfman
- 1 Brian Hayden
- 2 Gracy Feil
- 3 Kirk Young
- 6 Molly Martin
- 6 Wayne McBride
- 6 Julie Miller
- 8 Todd Nickel
- 12 Greg Hopp
- 14 Barry Nelson
- 14 Darryl Talbott
- 14 Ben O'Loughlin
- 15 Kendra Hopp
- 16 Morgan Willems
- 17 Kate Emery
- 18 Traci Forssberg
- 20 Hunter Peterson
- 25 Emily Forssberg
- 27 Glenda Julian
- 30 Jessica Beagley
- 30 Jordan Lillard

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

|                            |                  |           |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| <b>May 2: *</b>            | <b>\$2079.00</b> | <b>61</b> |
| <b>May 9: Mother's Day</b> | <b>\$4368.78</b> | <b>63</b> |
| <b>May 16:</b>             | <b>\$ 927.00</b> | <b>45</b> |
| <b>May 23:</b>             | <b>\$1222.00</b> | <b>51</b> |
| <b>May 30: **</b>          | <b>\$1696.00</b> | <b>67</b> |

*\*Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition*

*\*\*Patriotic Sunday*

**Monthly Financial Report**

[As presented to Church Council 05/01/2021]

|                                  |    |            |
|----------------------------------|----|------------|
| Beginning Balance as of 4/01/21: | \$ | 43,209.06  |
| Revenue:                         | \$ | 8,763.49   |
| Expenses:                        | \$ | - 6,366.94 |
| Ending Balance as of 4/30/21:    | \$ | 45,605.61  |

**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!

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Mr. and Mrs. Shayne Fox 25 years
- 3 Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Mannebach 15 years
- 5 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Forssberg 16 years
- 11 Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Reazin 15 years
- 19 Mr. and Mrs. Eric Thies 17 years
- 24 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hulse 42 years
- 26 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chandler 7 years

# Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JUNE 2021

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|---|--------|----------|
|    |   | 1  | 2  | 3   | 4      | 5        |
| <b>6 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>11:00 AM - Worship Service<br>w/ Holy Communion   | <b>7</b><br><b>VBS at Elim</b><br><b>9:00 a.m.- Noon</b><br><br><b>7:00 PM –</b><br><b>Council Mtg.</b> | <b>8</b><br><b>VBS at Elim</b><br><b>9:00 a.m.- Noon</b><br><br><b>12:00-6:00 PM</b><br><b>Red Cross</b><br><b>Bloodmobile</b> | <b>9</b><br><b>VBS at Elim</b><br><b>9:00 a.m.- Noon</b> | 10  | 11     | 12       |
| <b>13 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>11:00 AM - Worship Service   | <b>14</b><br><b>FLAG DAY</b>  | 15   | 16   | 17  | 18     | 19       |
| <b>20 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br><b>FATHER'S DAY</b><br><br>10:15 AM – New Member Meeting<br>11:00 AM - Worship Service | 21  | 22   | 23   | 24  | 25     | 26       |
| <b>27 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>11:00 AM - Worship Service   | 28  | 29   | 30   |  |        |          |

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*Letters of opinion will not be printed in the Messenger. Church Council, as representatives of the congregation, will address individual concerns as they arise. (Policy per church council vote on November 4, 2013.)*

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