



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

**JULY 2021**

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Cheers for great kids and volunteers this year at VBS! I'm looking forward to all that is to come in the second half of the summer as we engage in God's work in the world together -Pastor Amy Kay



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Elim hosted Vacation Bible School for all children ages pre-K through the completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It was held June 7 through June 9 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON. The theme of this year's event was "On Earth as in Heaven", based on The Lord's Prayer. There were games, crafts, storytelling, and small group times for the children, all of which followed the meaning of the Lord's Prayer in our world today. And of course there were snacks!

A total of 28 children participated: children ages 4-6 were in the Explorers Group, and children ages 7-10 were in the Navigators group. We hope that many of these children will return this fall for Sunday School, either at Elim or another church. If their level of excitement and participation was any indication, they truly had fun learning and sharing in the activities based around the Lord's Prayer and ELCA's World Hunger program, which helps the under developed countries around the world.

An excerpt from the introduction to ELCA World Hunger's Vacation Bible School program:

*"On Earth As in Heaven" invites children and adults to (re)experience the Lord's Prayer and to see the connections between prayer and service in the world. As the church prays and plays together, we also serve together and walk together toward a just world where all are fed. The stories for each day lift up churches and communities around the world who are prayerfully and powerfully doing their part in this work, while celebrating the diversity with which God has gifted the world.*

There are 17 Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations to address issues such as poverty, hunger, inequality, and environmental concerns. Several of these goals (SDGS) were linked to our duty as Christians and the words in the Lord's Prayer. Day 1 focused on Zero Hunger, and the words in the Lord's Prayer "Give us today our daily bread". The Bible Story was about Jesus feeding the 5000 (Matthew 14:13-21). On Day 2, the children learned about the SDGS goal for Good Health and Well-Being, and recited from the Lord's Prayer "Your will be done, on earth as in heaven". Luke 5:17-39 was the Bible verse about Jesus' followers lowering their sick friend through the roof so the Lord could heal him. Day 3 focused on PEACE, and the portion of the prayer repeated for this was "For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen". Luke 24:36-49 was the Bible passage explored, when Jesus appeared to the disciples and assured them to "be at peace" and not be scared.

A big thank you to Pastor Amy Kay for preparing for and leading the 3-day event, and for gathering the helpers: Pastor Lacey Wheeler, Diane Talbott, Darryl Talbott, Janet Manor, Melinda Rogers, Gayle Nelson, Layla Fleming, and Alexis Lustfield. It was a big success.



Before leaving VBS each day, children were invited to grab a to-go meal from the Summer Lunch program, which is held here at Elim throughout the summer.







**Please keep in prayer:** Twila Lindfors, Bob Jones, Eva (Lindfors) Allen, Rusty Young, Sandra Spohn, Jillian Hett, Ebba Nelson, Serah Talbott, Kris Jantz, Kerry Kelsey, Brenda Rupert, Tom French, Flora Malm, Trent Schwantes, LaReta Olson, Anna Caesar, 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).

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#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Jim and Bernice Peterson**

**Lars Peterson**

**Amy Kay Pavlovich**

They officially joined our congregation last Sunday, June 20 during worship service. All of them transferred their membership from other churches: Jim and Bernice transferred from Freemount Lutheran Church (Bernice was previously a member at Elim prior to marriage), Lars transferred from Bethany Lutheran Church, and Pastor Amy Kay transferred her membership from Belmont Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Salina.

### ~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

*Church Council –Met June 7, 2021. Discussed lifting Covid restrictions for worship service (as stated below). Pastor Amy Kay reported that she will be filling in at Bethany Home for Sunday morning worship service until a new chaplain is hired. This will not change the time of service at Elim. Pastor also thanked the staff and musicians at Elim for their continued service. New members will be inducted on Sunday, June 20. Council agreed to not meet in July, and to resume on August 2 for fellowship and a BBQ at Pastor Amy Kay's house.*

**Worship & Music:** No meeting. Allan Lindfors continues to arrange for special music during the summer.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Memorial Committee:** Met May 11. New curtains for the sanctuary are being purchased from the Memorial Fund.

**Evangelism/Social Ministry:** No meeting. Diane Hedberg will coordinate plans for Elim to run one of the concession stands at the Marquette Rodeo August 6 and 7.

**Christian Education:** Rally Sunday and God's Work, Our Hands is planned for September 12.

**Property/Security Committee:** No meeting.

**Recognition Committee:** Met May 11. Recognition date planned for June 13 but postponed due to conflicts.

*Next meeting to be held on Monday, August 2, 2021.*

#### COVID RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Council recently approved the discontinuation of several COVID guidelines that have been maintained in the church sanctuary since July 2020. Masks will no longer be required, or distancing in the pews. However, Holy Communion at the altar will not resume until a later point. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask or social distance if you are more comfortable doing so.

Council also reinstated use of the Parish Hall for member functions. Members are encouraged to use discretion when preparing or serving food. Please contact the church secretary or fill out a reservation form located by the bulletin board if you are interested in using the Parish Hall for a family or community function. **THANK YOU!**



## WELCA NEWS

WELCA officers are all back in “action”. Secretary Jackie is recuperating from her surgery, President JoAn is almost back to normal with follow-up appointment with her neurologist, Vice-President Diane is back in Kansas (though she intends to keep traveling), and Treasurer Cindy will continue to be healthy – we pray. This past June demonstrated why WELCA needs others to step forth and volunteer to be an officer or at least a backup for the WELCA officers. **Please consider being an officer for the next year(s). We need your skills and assistance.** Let’s pray July is more normal.

WELCA remembered the ten (10) males at Riverview Estates on Father’s Day. We gave each of them a greeting card, signed by the WELCA officers, a bag of mint chocolates (plus a special one for a diabetic resident), and a pair of male socks. The gifts were packaged in a red bag and delivered to each of the male resident’s room.

Although Riverview Estates is beginning to open up, WELCA has been hoping that Sing-alongs would be able to start the month of July. However, Dori Weber indicated that they would probably have to be delayed another month, and they would probably place in the activity room at Riverview rather than the front dining area. This will allow the residents and singers to be socially distance, and masks will be recommended. Outside is safest, but it is far too HOT to have residents outside, or Elim members. We will continue to work with Dori to start the Sing-alongs as soon as possible.

Our Riverview **birthday parties** are still on hold. As related the last 2 months, Dori suggested that we rename the birthday parties “tea parties”, and hold them at 1:00 PM on the last Friday of the month. Because food can’t be brought into Riverview Estates yet, Riverview would supply some kind of bagged treat for the tea party. This is to promote visits for residents because the residents are so much happier with visitors. Please consider just going there (after calling Riverview for permission to visit), and go visit a resident or two.

One of our continued projects is with Freemount Lutheran Church for the 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 the desire to go shopping for these items, please consider giving a donation of money for someone else to do the shopping.

Here it is JULY 2021 and WELCA has not been able to have any special events or fundraisers yet. We hope to be able to do so by fall. Until then, we are asking WELCA members and the rest of the congregation to give to WELCA – even a small amount – to help our treasury. As you can tell, we have been generous in giving to charities, groups, Riverview Estates’ residents and Pastor Amy Kay. But without donations and fundraisers, our WELCA treasury is getting very low. We can assure you that when we get money, we spend it wisely. Treasurer is Cindy Bunk, so please give as you are able. We thank you for your continued support and for volunteering to keep our projects going and our community needs met!

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

## SERVING THE LORD IN JULY



June 6: Given by Scott and Linda Johnson in memory of all those we have lost.

June 20: Given by Craig and Jackie Larson in memory of Louise Larson.

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

July 4: Mo and Gayle Nelson  
July 18: Jay and LeAnn Everhart

### ACOLYTES

July 4: Dawson Feil, Noah Bearley  
July 11: Lily Boughfman, Elsie Boughfman  
July 18: Raven Caesar  
July 25: \_\_\_\_\_

### LECTORS

July 4: Linda Johnson  
July 11: Brooke Olson  
July 18: \_\_\_\_\_  
July 25: \_\_\_\_\_

### GREETERS

July 4: Bob and Carol Jones  
July 11: \_\_\_\_\_  
July 18: \_\_\_\_\_  
July 25: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DON'T MAKE ME CALL YOU!** I have been calling and begging members to sign up for the upcoming Sunday because the sign-up sheet is blank. Please spare yourself and me by signing up for the month ahead whenever possible. **THANKS!!!**

Elim Secretary

A sign-up sheet for altar flowers, greeters, and lawn mowing is available in the narthex as you enter the church. If you are interested in serving as lector, please notify Carol Jones. For Summer Lunch, please notify Linda Johnson. **THANK YOU!**

### SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Summer Lunch Program (hosted at Elim Lutheran Church and funded by KSDE) is currently serving 80-120 meals per day to children from Marquette and surrounding communities. The program continues until the start of school in August, with volunteers from Elim and Marquette United Methodist Church working on alternate weeks. We are asking for volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Participation is not limited to church members or women. Men can also help. We have been fortunate to have youth participating in the meal prep for several years and again this year.

The meals are served in takeout containers. Volunteers sit under a canopy in front of the church from 12:00 NOON to 1:00 PM to hand out the meals, along with milk and snacks. 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

Volunteers are still needed to mow the church and parsonage lawns this summer, ending in September. Please plan to mow on 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 **JULY:** **July 2/3 – Allan Lindfors,** **July 9/10 – Darren Able.** We still need volunteers for **July 16/17, July 23/24, and July 30/31.**

*In addition to lawn mowing, any member is welcome to trim bushes or trim around the sidewalk and other edges whenever you feel it is needed.*

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### YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations and good luck to Heidi Caesar, who is moving to Washburn University in Topeka on August 19 to begin her college journey. She will be majoring in criminal justice.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Scott Johnson
1	Marah Kaufman
1	Marco Perez
3	Kerry Lindh
3	Luke Hedberg
4	Kayla Fox
6	Linn Nelson
6	Brady Jones
7	Ron Larson
7	Ebba Nelson
7	Tonya Kaufman
9	Anna Caesar
10	Dixon Johnson
10	Maybelle Jones
12	Carson Windholz
13	Matt Sellhorn
14	Kirsten Larson
14	Julie Olson
16	Leland Brown
18	Larry Montgomery
18	Sophia Allen
19	Linda Johnson
20	Matthew Everhart
20	Dean Alstatt
22	Doris Schultz
22	Elizabeth Crump
22	Jolie Myers
23	Kelly Montgomery
24	Diane Hedberg
24	Gail Quested
25	Karen Simmons
27	Jamie Ketchum
28	Pam Morel
28	Crystal Hawkinson
29	Chelsi Mannebach
29	Heidi Caesar
29	Flora Malm
30	Sandy Edwards



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

8	Mr. and Mrs. Wally Bunk	55 years
14	Mr. and Mrs. Barry Nelson	47 years
14	Mr. and Mrs. Dana Olson	37 years
15	Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Bauer	14 years
18	Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wickstrom	5 years
24	Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Patrick	16 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Brodie Seely	9 years
31	Mr. and Mrs. John Myers	51 years



**Congratulations to Matt and Diane Wickstrom on the birth of their baby boy, John David. He was born June 25 and weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and was 21" long. Maternal grandparents are Don and Julie Miller. Paternal grandparents are the late David Wickstrom and the late Peggy Wickstrom.**



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Darry and Diane Talbott are thrilled to announce the marriage of their son Evan Talbott to his fiancée Andrea Iglesias by a Justice of the Peace at their home in Washington DC on Friday morning, June 25, 2021. May God bless your marriage.



## SWEDISH SUPPER SURVEY

Please be checking your mail or FB for a survey on the Swedish Supper. Your response is needed. Members will have a chance to make suggestions or express concerns. Thank you.

### NOTICE:

The clock at the back of the sanctuary has been repaired and returned to its rightful place. Please do not attempt to reset the time. The clock works are very old and sensitive. The clock will be reset when necessary by our custodian. THANK YOU!



### Offerings and Attendance per week in JUNE 2021

June 6:	\$2297.00	45
June 13:	\$1148.00	36
June 20: Father's Day	\$ 962.00	46
June 27:	\$3407.00	54

## **Monthly Financial Report**

[As presented to Church Council 06/01/2021]

Beginning Balance as of 5/01/21:	\$	46,605.61
Revenue:	\$	9,981.36
Expenses:	\$	- 6,071.93
Ending Balance as of 5/31/21:	\$	49,515.04

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX:** Each month there are different items to collect for the Christmas Shoebox project. This past month one of our members brought in a huge box filled with items she had been collecting since January. THANK YOU to all of you who have donated thus far. It's a great way to join with other local churches in doing our part for children living in other countries. Only 4½ months to go!

**ITEMS FOR JULY:** FOR BOYS: *small hammer, nails, rolls of twine, fishing supplies, flashlights (with extra batteries)*

– OR –

*Any items from the list (available on the table at the back of the church)*

**BEST CHOICE LABELS:** Don't forget to save Best Choice labels from the cartons and containers you purchase at Piper's or other stores offering Best Choice products. The Christian Education Committee continues to collect them to help fund youth projects. Each label is worth 3 cents. Be sure to cut the labels with the words "Best Choice" at the top of the UPC symbol. A container for collecting the labels is available in the kitchen or in the narthex when you enter the church.

**REMINDER:** *The next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held **Tuesday, August 10 at 12:00-6:00 PM.***

*Linda Johnson reported that the previous Bloodmobile held at Elim on June 8 met the goal of 17 pints. Thank you for giving.*

*That same day Elim was hosting VBS and Summer Lunch at the same time as the Bloodmobile, and was visited by the clock repairman as well. It's good to know Elim is a busy church in this community.*

### **RODEO CONCESSION STAND**

*Elim Lutheran Church plans to sponsor the concession stand again this year at the Marquette Rodeo on August 6 and 7. PLEASE consider helping out for an hour or two on one or both nights. It's great fun, and a good way to raise funds for our church and reach out to the community.*



**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR PROVIDING SPECIAL MUSIC IN 2021, and to Allan Lindfors and Jackie Larson for searching out the talent. We are blessed with amazing musicians here at Elim.**

Emilie Snapp  
Darren Able  
Brooke Olson  
JoAn Lindfors  
Pierce Hamma  
Sandy Edwards  
Layla Fleming  
Betty Amos\*  
Noah Lindfors  
Kayley Fleming\*

Allan Lindfors  
Chris & Rachel Johnson  
Dana & Julie Olson  
Mindy Nicholson  
Tammy Feil  
Colter Patrick  
Carly Patrick  
Dan & Lori McKinney  
Tom Nelson  
\*Substitute Pianist





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# Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
<b>4 6th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	5 <b>NO Council Mtg.</b>	6	7	8	9	10
<b>11 7th<sup>d</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 11:00 AM - Worship Service	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>18 8th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 11:00 AM - Worship Service	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>25 9th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 11:00 AM - Worship Service	26	27	28	29	30	31