



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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*Please read the following prior to completing the survey on the back side of this page. THANK YOU.
Your response is important.*

SWEDISH SUPPER NOTES AND CONCERNS

In light of recent changes worldwide post-pandemic, there is a need to re-think how we can safely hold fundraisers now and in the future.

Several congregation members met to discuss and explore options. None of us want to see the Swedish Supper fade away but we also can see that “the way we’ve always done it” is not sustainable. This is a difficult decision and we want to be thoughtful and thorough in our discussions. Many parts go into this decision, and open discussions are needed. Please respectfully voice your opinion and thoughts to council members and committee members.

Our Swedish Supper is a wonderful tradition that has always been an event filled with good food, entertainment and fellowship. While it is heartbreaking to think of it no longer existing, maybe it is time.

Concerns:

Aging work force – less people each year are available to help during the day and a great deal of hard work and long hours are required of many people.

Safety of food prepared off-site and brought in. This has been a concern for some time.

Safety of mass-preparing food on site. It is difficult to maintain sanitary processes and procedures when so many people are involved.

Buffet-style serving – not feasible to have all of the guests serve themselves both from a contact standpoint and coughing/sneezing in food area.

Crowds of people in the church both waiting their turn and eating. Not possible to maintain social distancing.

Positives:

Maintaining our heritage and tradition

Fellowship among our congregation and with our visitors

Funding for community and church projects.

SWEDISH SUPPER SURVEY

This is an opinion survey only. Council and congregation will be able to review all comments and suggestions before any decisions are made.

Should the Swedish Supper be discontinued?

Yes _____ No _____

If you feel the Swedish Supper should continue, would you be willing to serve on a committee to renovate and restructure?

Yes _____ No _____

Should we explore new and completely different ideas for fundraisers?

Yes _____ No _____

Name: (optional)

Comments and suggestions:

Please RETURN your completed survey by Friday, July 30.

You may leave your completed survey in the plastic envelope on the Parish Hall doors, or in the designated box in the narthex when you enter the church for worship service. You can also mail the survey to 403 N. Lincoln, Marquette, KS, or email it to elimsec@gmail.com. THANK YOU for your participation in this survey.

SERVING THE LORD IN AUGUST



July 4: Given by Mo and Gayle Nelson in reverence to God's eternal love and grace, and the promise of peace and freedom for all.

PLEASE NOTE: Fresh flowers will no longer be placed on the altar for Sunday worship services. If you wish to provide a fresh arrangement along with a dedication for a special occasion or celebration, you are welcome to do so. The arrangement will be placed on the piano or a stand. Please notify the church secretary so your dedication can be included in the bulletin. THANK YOU.

ACOLYTES

(undetermined at this time)

LECTORS

August 1: Zach Able
August 8: Darren Able
August 15: _____
August 22: _____
August 29: _____

GREETERS

August 1: _____
August 8: _____
August 15: _____
August 22: _____
August 29: _____

RODEO CONCESSION STAND

Plans are in place for Elim to run the west side concession stand at the Marquette Rodeo **August 6 and 7**. Please come help for an hour or two - for one or both nights. It's a great way for Elim members to reach out to others, whether it be your neighbors and friends in the community, or visitors from out of town. Please come join us. Call Diane Hedberg at 620-755-8803 if you are willing to help.

Please keep in prayer: Twila Lindfors, Bob Jones, Eva (Lindfors) Allen, Rusty Young, Sandra Spohn, Jillian Hett, Serah Talbott, Kris Jantz, Kerry Kelsey, 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. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Pastor Frank Pekarek (former pastor at Elim), and to the family of Ebba Nelson.

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 or elimsec@gmail.com.

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!

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Scott Martin
1	Jill Hedberg
2	Karsyn Sommerfeld
3	Lindsay Newton
3	Layne Patrick
3	Ryan Arnold
4	Marcella McMickell
4	Kayla Fox
6	Lara Reid
7	Bernice Peterson
8	Amanda Mansfield
9	Piper Schulze
10	Cynthia Hulse
11	Ryenne Cunningham
11	Keri Niegsch
12	Josh Nelson
13	Patty Kolling
14	Dixon Olson
14	Brandi Young
15	Jenna Jones
16	Bryan McBride
17	John Myers
18	Curtis Patrick
19	Allan Lindfors
19	Amy Young
19	Lisa Riedel
19	Ethan Reid
20	Vinita Harms
20	Garrett McMahan
20	Brett Loder
21	Josie Riggs
22	Todd Johnson
23	Lory Traugott
23	Don Miller
24	Dawson Feil
25	Quaid Spohn
27	Dorine Cunningham
28	Vicki Young
30	Lilyan Boughfman
30	Diane Wickstrom
31	Nathan Reid



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

9	Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Talbott	41 years
10	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hamma	35 years
14	Mr. and Mrs. Craig Larson	44 years
17	Mr. and Mrs. Eric Weber	18 years
19	Pastor Larry and Mrs. Cross	54 years
23	Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Kelsey	34 years
26	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Johnson	60 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hedberg	17 years

JULY ANNIVERSARIES: I apologize for the calculation errors in the July Messenger. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Bauer have been married for 15 years, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wickstrom for 6 years, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Patrick for 17 years, and Mr. and Mrs. Brodie Seely for 10 years. You deserve credit for that one additional year I left off. Sorry. – GN

Offerings and Attendance per week in JULY 2021

July 4:	\$3077.00	43
July 11:	\$1585.00	50
July 18	\$1517.00	46

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX: Each month there are different items to collect for the Christmas Shoebox project. 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 3½ months to go!

ITEMS FOR AUGUST: School Supplies*: pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, scissors, glue sticks, coloring books, solar calculators, etc.

– OR –

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

*Needed for every box



WELCA needs your HELP!

2020-2021 has been a difficult time to gather and spread our cheer throughout the communities and even other countries without adequate funds.

We have done well, giving what we had, but our treasury has been drained pretty low, so we NEED YOUR HELP to build it up again for the demanding & needy fall and winter months.

ANY AMOUNT will help build our treasury, so reach into your pockets and give to our treasurer, **CINDY BUNK** or any of WELCA's officers, Jackie Larson, Diane Talbott, or JoAn Lindfors.

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to the discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves to: **Grow in Faith**; affirm our gifts; support one another in our callings; engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world!*

THANK YOU FOR HELPING WELCA until we are able to do a fundraiser

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	2	3	4	5	6 Marquette Rodeo Elim Concession Stand	7 Marquette Rodeo Elim Concession Stand
8 11th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM - Worship Service	9 7:00 – Council Mtg.	10	11	12	13	14
15 12th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM - Worship Service	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 13th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM - Worship Service	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 14th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM - Worship Service	30	31				