



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2021

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THE SEASONS

We have so many types of seasons to enjoy! We have seasons of the weather, church year, academic year, harvests of crops, sports, and seasons of life in general - to name a few. First day of school pictures were snapped a few weeks ago and many families are firmly into routines already. It feels like the perfect time for us all to now transition into a new season of Christian Education!

We can send up a collective cheer(!) for Diane Hedberg and Tammy Feil and who will continue to lead our children's offerings, and for Julie Olson who will again teach our adult class. (Details of these meaningful, fun, fulfilling offerings can be found on page 4 and 5.)

I'm glad to get to lead a Confirmation class again. We will have a parent/Confirmand meeting right after church on Rally Day, September 12, in the Sanctuary for any kids in grades 6-8 who have not been confirmed. It will be brief and will feature the first of many handouts. Unless we have scheduling conflicts, we will meet on most Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. Confirmation will again be a two year experience with lessons about our Bible and church. We will also have lots of learning opportunities through serving. I'm looking forward to a good two years!

Carly and Lars Peterson are again leading our youth group (cheers!) that includes high schoolers and the 8th graders who have been confirmed. They will meet on Wednesday evenings with supper from 6:30-7:00 pm and Youth Group from 7:00-8:00 pm as they have in the past. If you have any questions or are excited about providing supper for the group, please be in touch with the Petersons.

Ooohhh, this season of the pandemic. Right now we are excited about all of these Christian Education opportunities, but we will need to be flexible if the virus surges around us... or, Lord help us, within our congregation. *We are all encouraged to wear masks in the church building.* I follow my guidelines for worship at Bethany Village and don't wear a mask when I lead worship. Please let me or a Council member know if this practice is uncomfortable for you! I'm happy to continue adjusting to best fit the needs of us all.

May this season be one of health, growth and discovery for you and for me.

w/respect and gratitude – Pastor Amy Kay (573-808-1980)





Please keep in prayer: Billy Jo Lamar, Sandi Colliman, Mary Nolan, Bob Dauer, Twila Lindfors, Vernon Olson, Bob Jones, Eva (Lindfors) Allen, Rusty Young, Saundra Spohn, Jillian Hett, Serah Talbott, Kris Jantz, Kerry Kelsey, Tom French, Flora Malm, Trent Schwantes, Terri McBride, Ron Wilson, Glenda Julian, Debbie Brown, Steve Coney, Greg Nicholson, Doug Anderson, Tim Hedberg, Wes Shultis, Betty Finney, 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 or elimsec@gmail.com.

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST. Many of the names have been on the list for months. We want to continue praying for all those who need our prayers. If you know of anyone on the list who has fully recovered from surgery or illness and no longer wishes to be on the prayer list, please let us know. **THANK YOU!**

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council –Met August 2, 2021. Linda Johnson presented recommendation from Swedish Supper Committee, and results of survey. Council decided to forego the Swedish Supper again this year to bypass Covid concerns and allow time to work on changes. Pastor Amy Kay explained her background working with the Fair Trade stores, and her reason for continuing her present store, Connections: Fair Trade.

Worship & Music: No meeting.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting. Sandy Edwards requested 10 additional tables for Parish Hall, and a directory of plots at the Lutheran Cemetery, to be posted at the entrance.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting. Diane Hedberg reported that food for rodeo concession stand has been ordered and that the Youth Group will be helping out. Volunteers should arrive at 5:30 pm to help set up the first night.

Christian Education: Rally Sunday and God's Work, Our Hands is planned for September 12. Diane Hedberg reported that a start time has not been determined to date; waiting on Worship and Music committee's decision to resume choir(s).

Property/Security Committee: No meeting.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to resurging Covid concerns, ELCA Synod is again recommending members wear masks during worship service. Masks will be available in the narthex if you want to wear one.



WELCA NEWS

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

It's time again to begin gathering items for the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits. LWR Committee members are Linda Johnson, Nancy Hopp, JoAn Lindfors, LeAnn Everhart, and Diane Talbott. All items and donations must be received by **OCTOBER 1, 2021**. We need a total of 12 each of the Baby Care Kits and the Personal Care Kits, as listed below.

Needed items: BABY CARE KITS:

- 1) T-shirts (SOLID colors w/NO wording): 9 – 24 months
- 2) Sleepers (NO footies) OR Short sets: 9 – 24 months
- 3) Hand towels – dark color recommended
- 4) Bar soap (bath-size and gentle [8 – 9 oz.], original wrapping)
- 5) Swaddling blanket, medium-weight cotton or flannel
- 6) Cloth diapers, flat fold
- 7) Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with hood, or include baby cap
- 8) Pairs of socks
- 9) Diaper pins

Needed items: PERSONAL CARE KITS:

- 1) Bar soap (bath size [8 -9 oz.], original wrapping)
- 2) Combs - sturdy
- 3) Toothbrushes – adult-size in its original packaging
- 4) Bath towels – light-weight between 20" X 40" and 52" X 27", dark color recommended
- 5) Metal nail clipper

WELCA will have a DONATION BOX in the Parish Hall and a basket in the back of the sanctuary for you to place the items you have purchased. Any and all donations will help us to continue this mission that has been a WELCA project for many years. Any monetary donations should be forwarded to one of the committee members. THANK YOU!

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 and need 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 the other WELCA officers – Jackie Larson, Diane Talbott or JoAn Lindfors.

WELCA'S MISSION:** 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.

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

NOTE: WELCA has received several donations in the past month. We thank you for your generosity.



RALLY SUNDAY and GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Please plan to attend Rally Sunday. Children are to meet in the basement at **9:45 AM**. This will be a fun-filled first day back to Sunday School, with the blessing of the backpacks and presentation of Bibles for 3rd graders. Don't forget to bring your school backpacks! Following worship service there will be a brief meeting with parents of 1st year confirmands. A meal will follow and then we will head out to complete God's Work, Our Hands projects in the community. If you have any ideas for work projects, please contact Diane Hedberg or Curtis Patrick. THANK YOU!



The following prayer for the care of children was taken from "All Creation Sings", and was posted in the Sparkhouse newsletter. Sparkhouse provides the curriculum used at Elim to teach our children about God's word and what it means to be a Christian.

Holy God, loving parent of the child Jesus, we pray for children around the world. Alert us to the struggles many children endure. With your generous and tender care, grant to all children compassionate adults who will shield them, feed them, and help them to grow strong and skilled, joyful and free. Empower family members and all caregivers with adequate resources and a daily renewal of wisdom and patience, and assure them of their holy vocation as guardians of your dear ones, for the sake of our protector, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

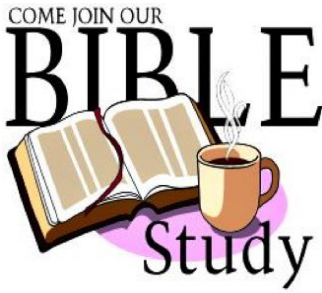


YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group resumes **Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM**. Sponsors are Lars and Carly Peterson. This year the Youth Group will include 8th graders who completed Confirmation this past year, as well as High School students in grades 9-12: Colter Patrick, Ciara Rawson, Sebastian McGinty, Tavein Carter, Elsie Boughfman, Atticus Pavlovich, Sebastian Pavlovich, Raven Caesar, Keira Mullen, Noah Bearly, Dawson Feil, Ethan Able, Pierce Hamma, and Lily Boughfman.

YOUTH GROUP MEALS

Please call or text **Carly Peterson** at **785-280-2039** if you are willing to help prepare meals for the Youth Group and Confirmation Class. **Meals are to be served each Wednesday at 6:30 PM**. Volunteers who provide the food will be asked to wear masks and gloves while serving the food, and can use paper plates and plastic ware provided by the Youth Group. Prepare to serve 25-30 meals. This number may change with differing schedules. 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 or class.



We invite adults of all ages to come to a morning Bible study, led by Julie Olson. The last two series were a great success and the group requested to continue this fall. The start date will be September 26, 2021 at 9:45 AM.

This eight-session, small group Bible study, *Life & Ministry of the Messiah*, from noted teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan, is volume three of the "That the World May Know" series. In it, Vander Laan illustrates how Jesus' call to follow him turned the world upside down.

This DVD will journey back to the time of Jesus. We will marvel at the magnificence of Herod's palace and scramble among the ruins of Qumran. We will wonder at the simplicity and wisdom of Jesus' parables. In the *Life & Ministry of the Messiah*, you and your group will discover how the events of Jesus' day impacted his life, ministry and communication; and then you'll learn how it affects yours.

Filmed on location in Israel, Faith Lessons is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers.

The *Life & Ministry of the Messiah* Discovery Guide (296 pages) includes eight sessions. Each lesson:

- Focuses on passages of Scripture explored in the DVD
- Includes sidebars, maps, photos and other study tools
- Features questions that facilitate discussion and inspire personal reflection
- Includes 30 personal Bible studies to help you deepen your learning experience between sessions, and turn lessons from the past into applications that impact how you live out your faith today.

These illuminating "faith lessons" afford a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life. Individual believers and families will gain vital insights from long-ago times and cultures through this innovative approach to Bible study.

Please contact Julie Olson if you would like to attend at 785 -577- 5144. Please don't worry if you can't attend every session. You won't be lost if you miss a session. Drop in visits are encouraged! We will always have extra books and materials.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

We're nearing the deadline for collecting items 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. If you prefer not to shop for the items, you are welcome to make a donation and others will do the shopping for you. The money can also be donated to help with shipping costs. Please give your donations to Gayle Nelson before November 7. Marilyn Spohn, chairman of the Shoebox project, is making arrangements so that individual groups can work on assembling the boxes in mid-November. We are hoping to get our youth involved with the assembly, as well as any members who are willing to help out. It's a good feeling to prepare these boxes for children all around the world.

ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER: *Bar soap, washcloths, solid deodorant for older boys and girls.*

– OR –

Any items from the list

(available on the table at the back of the church or in your January 2021 Messenger)

Underlined items are needed for EVERY box

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Summer Lunch Program, sponsored and funded by KSDE, provides free lunch to all children in the community under the age of 18. Elim again sponsored the program this year and provided approximately 90-120 meals Monday through Friday throughout the summer, with as many as 150 on some occasions! The meals were served in takeout containers for families to pick up, with volunteers stationed just outside the Parish Hall doors to hand them out. Children were also given an afternoon snack to take with them consisting of a juice pouch and pre-packaged food such as cheese crackers, granola bars, graham crackers, or other various nutritious snacks. Meals were served beginning May 13 thru August 18. The Marquette United Methodist Church and Elim work together to provide staffing on alternate weeks. Thank you to all the Elim volunteers who helped this summer: Linda Johnson, Lana Rock, Beth Thomas, Susan Buffington, Dorine Cunningham, Gayle Nelson, Janis Larson, KK Larson, Cindy Bunk, Julie Loder, Carylee Nelson, Bernice Peterson, Autum Lustfield, Layla Fleming, Rylee Larson and Alexis Lustfield. United Methodist Church volunteers include Janet Rock, Charlotte Koehn, Bonnie DeWitt, Brenda Graham, Martha Ritter, Marcene Kempke, Carol Baker, Lori Alstatt, Chenzi and Illie Debaere, and Noelle Alstatt.



A special thank you to Linda Johnson, who heads this up year after year and coordinates the meals, schedule, volunteers, and information. Thanks to her time and dedication, the program continues to serve the children in our community.

60th ANNUAL MARQUETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BEEF PIT BBQ



Please support the Methodist Church in their annual fundraiser by dropping by on **WEDNESDAY, September 15 at 5:00- 7:00 PM**. The meals will be delivered curbside, and can be enjoyed on the church grounds with limited seating, or as carry out. As in past years, they will be serving pit-roasted beef, REAL mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, fresh garden salad, homemade bread, and apple or cherry pie for a freewill donation. Mari Loder, BBQ Committee member, stated in her letter: "Like many churches, we depend on this event for so many of our church and youth programs. We are grateful for your partnership and prayers!" Come and enjoy great food and help our neighboring church family.

HOSPICE OF SALINA "PUMPKINS FOR PATIENTS"

Hospice of Salina is a non-profit organization that assists terminally ill patients and their families, with staff to support the medical, spiritual, and emotional needs of those nearing their end of life. The "Pumpkins for Patients" sale is to raise awareness and funding for their services. **The event will be held Saturday, October 2 at Hospice of Salina, 730 Holly Lane, Salina, Kansas. It begins at 9:00 AM and runs until 3:00 PM.** There will be pumpkin picking, hay rides, mum picking, and secret pumpkins. Admission is free. All proceeds from the pumpkin and mum sales will benefit the Hospice of Salina patients and families. For more information, contact Hospice of Salina at 785-825-1717.



SERVING THE LORD IN SEPTEMBER



AUGUST 29 - The flowers on the piano were given by Terry and Nancy Hopp in loving memory of their son Jeff and his friend Michael Graham.

Editor's Note: *The following was submitted after the August Messenger went out. Sorry for the delay in sharing the reason fresh flowers are no longer provided for the altar on a regular basis.*

WELCA officers met July 7. We discussed several items, including what to do about altar flowers now that I'm out of town so often. No one has volunteered to take over these duties to date. WELCA agreed that we should try going to silk arrangements. We put the silk flowers we currently have for this season up on the altar and they look surprisingly nice. We'll leave the silk arrangement on the altar for the summer and will change them with the seasons. It has slowly become the end of an era, I'm afraid. Since Lois James (the florist in Mentor) retired, it has been increasingly difficult to manage altar flowers. And for several years now, we have already been using both silk poinsettias and pussy willows on the altar for Christmas and Lenten seasons. I know many in the congregation will be disappointed that we'll no longer have fresh flowers on the altar on a regular basis, but we want to make sure people realize that the church will still welcome fresh arrangements in the sanctuary for any special occasion, and if the family desires, those used for weddings and funerals. We're not opposed to fresh flowers, we just no longer have anyone to coordinate the work: dropping off liners at the florist, then picking them up prior to Sunday service, caring for them during the week, billing, and communicating dedications for the bulletin. If anyone wishes to volunteer to take on the task, that would be wonderful. By all means, please contact me if you're interested! **And remember, if anyone wants fresh flowers of any kind in the sanctuary to commemorate a special occasion, please call me and we can coordinate it.** Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Diane Talbott

ACOLYTES

Lily Boughfman and Raven Caesar

LECTORS

September 5: Peter Hamma
September 12: Mike Hulse
September 19: Diane Hedberg
September 26: Jeremy Snapp

GREETERS

September 5: Barry and Carylee Nelson
September 12: _____
September 19: Matt and Diane Hedberg
September 26: _____



We welcome John David Wickstrom into the family of Christ through baptism. Parents are Matthew and Diane Wickstrom. Sponsors are Jessica Beagley and Lance Hulse. Paternal grandparents are the late David and Peggy Wickstrom, and maternal grandparents are Don and Julie Miller. Maternal great-grandparents are Jim and Leila Griffitt and Alice Griffitt.



NOTE: Senior Choir is tentatively scheduled to resume Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30 PM.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rylee Cunningham
- 1 Tim Lindfors
- 2 Vic Hedberg
- 3 Audrey Seely
- 4 Kaeler Newton
- 4 Diana Hernandez
- 5 Kade Kaufman
- 6 Mike Hulse
- 6 Kurtis Sjogren
- 6 Beau Boughfman
- 7 Lou Nelson
- 7 Barbara O'Loughlin
- 8 Erica Faust
- 9 Braden Young
- 10 Morris Nelson
- 11 Wally Bunk
- 11 Cade Young
- 15 Audrey Arnold
- 15 Jayleen Sellhorn
- 16 Desirea Faust
- 17 Alissa Holmquist
- 20 Megan Amos
- 21 Charity Weis
- 21 Brandi Brady
- 22 Raven Caesar
- 22 Courtney Cook
- 22 Sharon Chandler
- 24 Maia Forssberg
- 24 Charles Martin
- 26 Kiera Mullen
- 27 Brock Reid-Carpio
- 28 Julie Loder
- 28 Brandon Weis
- 29 Matt Hedberg



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McBride 32 years
- 2 Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hopp 43 years
- 7 Mr. and Mrs. Ken Talbott 64 years
- 11 Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cunningham 25 years
- 13 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Johnson 41 years
- 14 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Montgomery 36 years
- 15 Mr. and Mrs. Adam Jones 9 years
- 24 Mr. and Mrs. Dean Alstatt 16 years
- 24 Mr. and Mrs. Allan Lindfors 15 years
- 29 Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lillard 9 years
- 30 Mr. and Mrs. Danny Morel 49 years

Offerings and Attendance per week in AUGUST 2021

August 1: (baptism)	\$2467.00	47
August 8:	\$2290.00	43
August 15:	\$ 972.00	32
August 22:	\$1592.00	60
August 29: (baptism)	\$1737.00	60

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 07/01/2021]

Beginning Balance as of 6/01/21:	\$ 49,515.04
Revenue:	\$ 9,759.31
Expenses:	\$ - 9,735.80
Ending Balance as of 6/30/21:	\$ 49,538.55

(As presented to council 08/01/21)

Beginning Balance as of 7/01/21:	\$ 49,538.55
Revenue:	\$ 8,831.31
Expenses:	\$ - 6,369.54
Ending Balance as of 07/31/21:	\$ 52,000.32



Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 15th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM - Worship Service	6 LABOR DAY	7 7:00 – Council Mtg.	8 6:30 – Meal for Youth Group 7:00 – Youth Group 7:30 – Senior Choir (tentative)	9	10	11
12 16th Sunday after Pentecost RALLY SUNDAY 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM - Worship Service Parent/Confirmand Mtg. following NOON – Lunch God’s Work, Our Hands Projects	13	14	15 6:30 – Meal for Youth (Youth Group & Confirmation Class) 7:00 - Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 – Senior Choir (tentative)	16	17	18
19 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service	20	21	22 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 - Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 – Senior Choir (tentative)	23	24	25 THUNDER ON THE SMOKY
26 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service	27	28	29 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 - Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 – Senior Choir (tentative)	30		