



Elim Lutheran Church

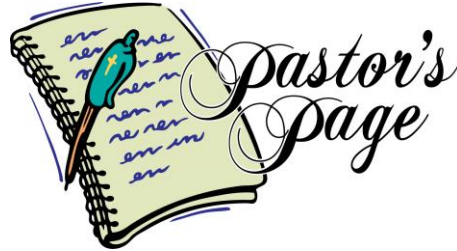
The Messenger

OCTOBER 2021

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Elim Members and Friends –

We are blessed with the opportunity to express our thanks to God for two men who have been in ministry most of their lives at Elim Lutheran Church: Wally Bunk and Allan Lindfors. What an incredible witness of their faith Wally and Allan have shown to us all! Wally officially retired at the beginning of 2020. Allan continues to serve in ministry with music at Elim and we want to celebrate the momentous 50 YEARS he has been leading us.

Elim created a Recognition Committee for the sole purpose of creating an experience that allows us all to give thanks for Allan and Wally, but they have had to navigate the pandemic and push back our celebration. Thankfully, the time is near!

On **Sunday, October 10**, you are invited to a special worship service complete with previous ministers of Elim and then a catered lunch at the park. At the writing of this newsletter, the weather is looking perfect for such a gathering. (You are welcome to bring a lawn chair if you don't want to sit at the picnic tables.)

Often in the church we recall the words of Paul about "the great cloud of witnesses". In Hebrews, Paul invoked the memory of a few Old Testament leaders as those whose spirits surround the people in the community he had founded. Their examples are meant to be a comfort to the church as the members run their race (i.e. live their own lives). Indeed, we pray each week in thanksgiving for those who have gone before us both in antiquity and the more recent past.

Thanks be to God for this opportunity to celebrate and honor Wally and Allan who have been and continue to be important to our faith development. They have been foundational at Elim and are still with us! They are still showing us the way as we live as neighbors and church friends! This is a grand opportunity!

Please come to worship on October 10 at 11am to give thanks to God for Allan and Wally and stay for a lively visit at lunch.

w/gratitude – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Dana Olson, Steve Coney, Greg Nicholson, Billy Jo Lamar, Sandi Colliman, Mary Nolan, Bob Dauer, Anna Caesar, Helen Weber, Twila Lindfors, Vernon Olson, Eva (Lindfors) Allen, Serah Talbott, Kris Jantz, Tom French, Flora Malm, Trent Schwantes, Ron Wilson, Debbie Brown, Doug Anderson, Betty Finney, Bethany Village, Riverview, and all healthcare workers. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Penny Farris.

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 September 7, 2021. Council voted to allow the option of communion at the altar with the continued use of the self-serve cups available as you enter the sanctuary. Those wishing to remain in the pew may do so. Council voted to split proceeds from the rodeo concession stand between WELCA, Marquette Saddle Club, and Friendly Fremont 4H Club.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Allan Lindfors reported that choirs will resume. Sr. Choir practice will start back on September 16. Jr. Choir will resume practice Sunday, Sept. 19.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting. Discussed approximate cost of kiosk for cemetery directory at both Marquette and Lutheran cemeteries.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting. Approved projects for God's Work, Our Hands on Sept. 12.

Christian Education: Diane Hedberg reported that Sunday School will start at 9:45 AM, followed by Jr. Choir practice at 10:10-10:30, then resume Sunday School for closing. A light lunch will be served following worship service on Rally Sunday Sept. 12.

Property/Security Committee: Met September 7. Barry Nelson reported that additional tables for the Parish Hall were priced at Sam's Club, and that a lockbox for outside the Parish Hall doors was purchased and installed. Cost was \$100 and will be taken out of Improvement Fund. He also reported there are cracks and settling in the concrete sidewalks and walkways at the front and back of the church. Suggestions were made for correcting these safety concerns.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, October 4, 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.

As mentioned above in the Church Council Minutes, Council approved the following: those wishing to do so may come forward and kneel at the altar rail for communion. Sacraments will continue to be self-serve cups available as you enter the sanctuary. Pastor Amy Kay will not be administering the sacraments to those at the altar, and if you prefer to stay in your pew for communion that is totally acceptable as well.



WELCA NEWS

WELCA still remembers the need to help our communities and people in need, and to start getting the WORLD RELIEF KITS ready. Again, with the assistance of Elim's Youth Group, WELCA will be getting ready 12 each of Baby Care and Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Last year we didn't know if there would be LWR kits because of Covid-19, and here we are again, not free of the virus but deciding that we must help these communities and people in need. Thank you all for the donations you have

given, both in actual kit items and monetary gifts. Please be patient with us. The Lutheran World Relief Committee is headed by Linda Johnson and includes Nancy Hopp, JoAn Lindfors, LeAnn Everhart, and Diane Talbott. We hope to send the kits off in October. We also hope that WELCA will have the blankets that go inside the LWR package, and that the Youth Group can help pack up the packages again. It takes many to make this mission a success, and we thank all of you.

A HUGE THANK YOU from WELCA for all of you who donated to our needed treasury, particularly before the Christmas season. Our plea for help was very successful and left our treasury over \$2000. You all stepped up to the plate and now WELCA will be able to be somewhat generous to needed groups and requests in the Christmas season. This pandemic continues to be so difficult for organizations, charities, and families. WELCA is open to any needs of organizations from our communities if you want to let a WELCA officer know.

ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU to Carylee Nelson for agreeing to assist with Elim funerals. She will learn the in's and the out's from Nancy Hopp, who has been an awesome leader for many years for WELCA and Elim. It's hard to express how much it has meant to WELCA and all the families. We thank both Nancy and Carylee. These are jobs that go unnoticed because they have flowed so smoothly, but they are truly appreciated by the families, and our family at Elim. THANK YOU.

In 2020, the special evening of "**BETHLEHEM REVISITED**", presented by Grace Baptist Church of Manhattan, Kansas (located in Keats, Kansas) had to be cancelled because of Covid-19. However, their website has announced that it will be performed again this year. JoAn Lindfors, WELCA president, asked for details. It is scheduled for only 3 days: **December 3, 4, and 5, from 5:00-8:00 PM**. They will begin to "sell" tickets in November. The event is free, but reservations are required. If you are interested in experiencing this event, please sign up on Elim's bulletin board. They are able to take parties of 10 at a time. In order to assure we can get tickets – because it is a very popular seasonal event – please sign up ASAP. WELCA will continue to announce through October. Talk to others who have already attended, and you will see it is an awesome evening to attend with others. When Elim attended in 2019, many at the Cracker Barrel on the way home.

Please be safe and do lots of praying for our churches, community, and families.

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

[Editor's note: Approximately 34 Elim members and friends attended Bethlehem Revisited in 2019. Don't miss out on this inspirational re-enactment of Jesus' life and birth. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. GN]



Congratulations to Pierce Hamma. Pierce was crowned Homecoming King at the McPherson High School Homecoming game Friday, September 24. Pierce also has the lead role in McPherson High School's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" showing September 30 through October 2, 2021.

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 (pair up if you can) who provide the food will be asked to wear 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.

Confirmation Schedule

Fall 2021

Wednesday, Oct 6 – 6:30-8pm (supper from 6:30-7p)

Sunday, Oct 10 – 10a-worship and after worship until 2p for Learning & Serving. Lunch will be provided at the Celebration of Allan Lindfors and Wally Bunk.

Sunday, Oct 24 – 10a-worship

Wednesday, Nov 3 – 6:30-8pm (supper from 6:30-7p)

Nov 7 – 10a-worship

Wed, Nov 10 – 6:30-8pm (supper from 6:30-7p) and we will be going to Freemount Church for a Learning & Serving experience with their "Shoebox" project.

Sunday, Nov 21 – 10a-worship and after worship for a few hours for Learning & Serving. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, Nov 28 – the beginning of Advent (the season that leads to Christmas Day)

Wed, Dec 1 – 6:30-8pm (supper from 6:30-7p)

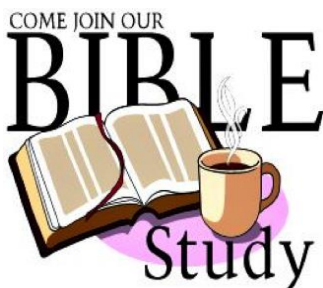
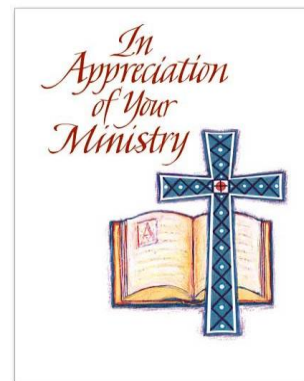
Sunday, Dec 5 – 10a-worship

Sometime during the last week of December we will have a Learning & Serving opportunity. We will work out the details closer to this time when we know any travel plans and schedules.



ELIM RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION

Allan Lindfors and Wally Bunk will be recognized for their years of service at Elim Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 10. Allan has served as choir director for 50 plus years, and Wally has served as Elim's PMA until his retirement in 2020. There will be a presentation during the worship service to show our appreciation, followed by a catered meal in the park. PLEASE feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. (There will also be park benches available for seating.) In the event it rains, the meal will be served in the Parish Hall. Join us in celebrating Allan and Wally for their gifts of time and talent for the glory of God.



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. Come join us Sundays at 9:45 AM in the Parish Hall.

The topic for the next 8-week session is "Life and Ministry of the Messiah" written by Ray Vander Laan, a noted teacher and historian. Part of the session will be presented on DVD, and the remainder will be open discussion of the scripture and information presented in the DVD and study book.

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.

OCTOBER: Any items from the list OR donations for shipping costs (\$9.00 per shoebox)



God's Work, Our Hands volunteers Linda Johnson, Matt Hedberg, Scott Johnson, Janis Larson, Kay K. Larson.

RALLY SUNDAY AND GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



There was a wonderful turnout for the first day back to Sunday School, and for the worship service that followed. After a light lunch of ham sandwiches, chips, oranges, and cookies, everyone headed off to do chores for the 3 work projects selected: 1) clean wax from carpet in sanctuary, 2) clean city museum, and 3) clean Range School museum. See pictures below and throughout this issue of the Sunday School children as they drew chalk designs on the sidewalk in front of the church and blew bubbles to welcome members, and of the volunteers who worked on the projects for God's Work, Our Hands.



Beth Thomas, Matt Hedberg (in the dunce hat), Diane Hedberg, and Julie Olson cleaned the old Range Schoolhouse.



"Welcome Back", rainbows, and sunshine adorned the sidewalk to greet members as they entered the church.



ERVING THE LORD IN SEPTEMBER

ACOLYTES

Dawson Feil and Ethan Able

LECTORS

October 3: Dixon Johnson
October 10: Brooke Olson
October 17: Linda Johnson
October 24: Diane Hedberg
October 31: Jeremy Snapp

GREETERS

October 3: Matt and Diane Hedberg
October 10: _____
October 17: _____
October 24: _____
October 31: _____

Offerings and Attendance per week in September 2021

Sept. 5:	\$3037.00	66
Sept. 12:	\$1388.00	66
Sept. 19:	\$1531.25	54
Sept. 26:	\$1102.00	47

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 09/06/2021]

Beginning Balance as of 8/01/21:	\$	52,000.32
Revenue:	\$	10,143.20
Expenses:	\$	- 6,887.81
Ending Balance as of 8/31/21:	\$	55,255.71

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE



Don't forget the next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held in the Elim Parish Hall on Tuesday, October 5 from 12:00-6:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!



REMINDER:

**Senior Choir sings at worship service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.
Jr. Choir sings on the 2nd Sunday.
Parents or guardians, please bring your children to sing whenever possible.**



Hide and seek? Allan Lindfors and Carol Jones clearing out weeds at the City Museum for God's Work, Our Hands.



Breckyn Bauer supervising her grandma Carylee Nelson at the City Museum for God's Work, Our Hands.

LOCK BOX: A lock box has been installed just outside the Parish Hall doors. You are welcome to drop off your offering, information for the church, completed surveys, or other correspondence. Thank you to Barry Nelson and the Property Committee for completing this project.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Hannah Jones
3	Cari Nelson
5	Erin Hudson
6	Jon Arnold
7	Frank Rock
7	Mary Kay Lindh
7	Josh McMahan
9	Nancy Hopp
9	Elsie Boughfman
10	Nic Traugott
12	Evan Talbott
13	Dana Olson
13	Will Hedberg
14	Fred Peterson
14	Olivia Peterson
16	JoNell Lindh
16	Logan Windholz
17	Jodi Reazin
17	John Sommerfeld
20	Brooke Olson
20	Darin Amos
23	Kayley Fleming
24	Matthew Wickstrom
24	Shannon Weis
25	Kasey Kolling
26	Brett Edwards
26	Lars Peterson
26	Emma McBride
27	Chris Edwards
28	Kaydee McMahan
30	Nic Farris
31	Marci Fox
31	Morgan Loder



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2	Mr. and Mrs. Morris Nelson	39 years
5	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Beagley	8 years
6	Mr. and Mrs. Chris Lohrey	14 years
16	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones	44 years
18	Mr. and Mrs. Scott Feil	24 years
25	Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Kaufman	18 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Brian Riedel	28 years





Congratulations to Kevin and MaryAnne McDonell on the birth of their baby girl, Sawyer May McDonnell. Sawyer was born September 19 and weighed 5 lb. 12 oz. and was 19" long. Maternal grandparents are Darryl and Diane Talbott of Marquette. Maternal great-grandparents are Ken and Freda Talbott of Marquette, and the late Ione Nelson and the late Clarke Hamlet. Paternal grandparents are Kim McDonnell of Denver, Colorado, and Mike McConnell of Ocala, Florida.



Evie Bunk creating chalk painting for Rally Sunday welcome.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Sunday School 9:45 – 10:10 AM, Jr. Choir 10:10-10:30 AM, Sunday School resumes for closing 10:30-10:45 AM					1	2
3 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School* 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service	4 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	5 12:00-6:00 PM Red Cross Bloodmobile	6 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:00 – Confirmation Class 7:30 – Senior Choir	7	8	9
10 20th Sunday after Pentecost <u>RECOGNITION of Allan & Wally</u> 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School* 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service/Recognition NOON – Celebration Dinner - City Park	11	12	13 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:30 – Senior Choir	14	15	16
17 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School* 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service	18	19	20 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:30 – Senior Choir	21	22	23
24 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School* 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service	25	26	27 1:30 – Quilt Group 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:30 – Senior Choir	28	29	30
31 23rd Sunday after Pentecost REFORMATION DAY 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School* 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>					