



Elim Lutheran Church The Messenger

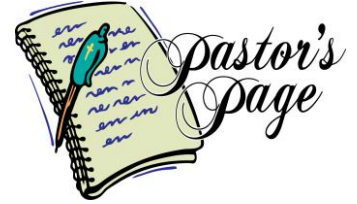
MAY 2022

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Hearing stories of ministers who have served at Elim and our surrounding area is always delightful. Recently a friend who grew up in the Smoky Valley shared her memory of a Pastor standing up for his sermon and saying, “God is Love” and then sitting back down. That was it! Certainly - God is love and that’s the Good News! Clearly that sermon stayed with my friend as much or more than any other.



I usually can’t resist the urge to say more.

This Eastertide (which lasts through this month) the words of our benediction speak brilliantly and I will resist the urge to write more.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

May we tell what God has done... better yet, may we show the love of God.

w/the fullness of new life and dancing with joy – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Brian Miner, Charlotte Knackstedt, Jayleen Sellhorn, Sharon Chandler, Rusty Young, Roy Rogers, Howard Richards (resident at Riverview), Larry Kolling (Carly Peterson’s grandfather), Kevin Pike, Dennis and Bunnie Hultgren, Matt Swift, Lynda Krahl, Wes Schultis, Steve Coney, Billie Jo LaMar, Sandi Coliman, Mary Nolan, Vernon Olson, Ruth Feil, Bethany Village, Riverview, and all healthcare workers. Our deepest sympathy to the families of Darren Ebling, Kenny Woods, Kenny Talbott, Elna Haubold. and Margaret Worrel (Susan Hamma’s mother).

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.

Dedication of Easter Lilies

April 17, 2022



In loving memory of little Kenny, given by the Darryl Talbott family.

In loving memory of Twila Lindfors, given by Allan and JoAn Lindfors.

In loving memory of Matt and Marlys Mattingly, given by Allan and JoAn Lindfors.

In loving memory of those who have gone before us, given by Sandy Edwards.

In loving memory of Jim Thomas, given by Beth Thomas and family.

In loving memory of loved ones, given by Jim and Bernice Peterson.

To the glory of God for family and friends, given by Bob and Carol Jones.

In loving memory of Junie and Louise Johnson, given by Scott and Linda Johnson, and Dixon Johnson.

In loving memory of Bob Edwards, given by Mark and Lindsay Newton, and Acea and Kaeler.

In loving memory of Kenny Knackstedt, given by Vinita Harms and Charlotte Knackstedt.

In loving memory of Jill Oakleaf and Jeff Oakleaf, given by Terry, Kelly and Kevin.

In loving memory of Willard and Marge Ericson, and Tim Ericson, given by Shannon Ericson and family.

In loving memory of Richard, Geneva and Marilee Peterson, given by Jim Peterson, Ingrid Neste, and Fred Peterson.

In loving memory of Philip and Edna Larson, given by Janis, Kay, John, and Ron Larson.

In loving memory of Carl and Frances Sjogren, given by Kurtis, LeAnn, Sandra, and families.

In loving memory of the Olson and Hughes families, given by Dana, Julie, and Brooke Olson.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Wickstrom, Mr. and Mrs. David Wickstrom, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hulse.

In loving memory of David and Saretha Wright, given by John and Roseann Venis and family, Jim and Becky Wiederstein and family.

In loving memory of Oscar and Rebecca Youngren, given by John and Roseann Venis and family, Jim and Becky Wiederstein and family.

In loving memory of Walden Peterson, given by Lars and Carly Peterson, and Kinley.

In loving memory of Richard and Gwen Warner, loving parents and faithful followers of the Lord, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson.

In loving memory of Ebba J. Nelson, loving mother and dear friend – in our hearts it's 5:00 and we're with you. Given by Mo, Barry, Linn, and Kale Nelson and families.

In loving memory of Kenneth and Helen Olson, given by Carylee, Steve, Patty, and families.

In loving memory of Kenneth Dean Olson, given by Carylee, Steve, Patty, and families.

In loving memory of Mary Olson, given by Vernon Olson.

In loving memory of Blackie and Lone Nelson, given by Barry, Mo, Linn, and Kale Nelson and families

In loving memory of loved ones, given by Ken and Freda Talbott.

In loving memory of Blackie and Lone Nelson, given by the Hamlet girls.

To the glory of God for family and friends and 60 years of marriage, given by Dean and Lois Johnson.

In loving memory of our parents, Vic and Boots Hedberg, and Arvid and Marcia Bengston, given by Matt and Diane Hedberg.

In loving memory of our daughter and sister Tracy Bunk, given by Wally and Cindy Bunk and families.

To the glory of God for friends and families near and far, given by Wally and Cindy Bunk and families.



WELCA NEWS

As reported in March, WELCA received a request - almost an **urgent need** - from local food banks and charities that food and basic clothing were needed with so many homes, vehicles and other belongings destroyed in surrounding counties because of fires. The Hutchinson Goodwill and Food Bank were so thrilled to get twenty-four (24) bags of clothing items and household basics, and seventeen (17) boxes of food when WELCA President JoAn Lindfors and her husband Allan delivered the goods on Tuesday, April 19. Our "40 Days Fast for Lent" was very successful and assisted many families in Reno County.

WELCA also gave Riverview Estates' residents a beautifully decorated cookie, baked and decorated by Tammy Easton Purdum (Hutchinson) for Easter. They love them and were able to share them with whomever they chose.

WELCA got wonderful news about Riverview. In May, we will be able to start back up with Sing-alongs each **3rd Sunday of the month at 4:00 PM**, and our birthday parties each **last Friday of the month at 1:00 PM** (one hour earlier than in the past). So please mark your calendars! It has been over two years since we have been able to do these activities with the residents. They need us and we need them. There are **sign-up lists on the bulletin board for the birthday parties and treats**. We need your help.

FOR MAY: **Sing-along May 15, 2022 at 4:00 PM**
 Birthday Party May 27, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Hopefully, to complete the month for the Riverview residents, Tom Nelson will entertain them the first and last weekends, and the Methodist Church will be there on the second weekend.

Thank you everyone for volunteering. Sign up for a birthday party! It will continue through the summer so any help would be appreciated.

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

WELCA and other members of Elim are once again joining with Freemount Lutheran Church and Marquette Methodist Church to collect items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes in 2022. Listed below are the items needed for **May**. Baskets for the items will be in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider gifting a few items throughout the year. Let's do it again this year for children around the world! THANK YOU!

May 2022 T-shirts, sunglasses, ball caps, visors, hairclips, play jewelry, watches, flashlights
 (with extra batteries), umbrella. *Use your imagination for useful items children of all ages can use!*

(Underlined items are needed for EVERY box, the remaining items are extra)

THANK YOU TO ALLAN AND JOAN LINDFORS for delivering the "40 Days Fast for Lent" boxes of food and bags of clothing and household items to the Food Bank and Goodwill in Hutchinson, KS, and thank you to all those who contributed.



Congratulations to Our 2022 Graduates



Lily Boughfman will be graduating from Little River High School and plans to attend Ft. Hays State University, where she received a scholarship to play volleyball.

Pierce Hamma will be graduating from McPherson High School and plans to attend Kansas State University with a major in mechanical engineering.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 8th GRADE STUDENTS:

We would also like to congratulate our 8th grade students who will be moving on to high school next year: Atticus Pavlovich (Smoky Valley), Colter Patrick (Smoky Valley), and Erin Caesar (Little River).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Zach Able graduated from Bethany College in December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business.

Emma McBride graduated from Hutchinson Community College in December 2021 with an Associate degree in Business.

Diana Hernandez graduated from Wichita State University with a BSN degree in nursing.

YOUTH SUNDAY/GRADUATE RECOGNITION

The Youth Group and Confirmation class led the worship service on Sunday, April 24 to recognize Elim graduates. They read scripture and led the congregation in the prayers, and performed music and a skit for offering. The Youth Group boys sang "Long Black Train", and the entire Youth Group sang "I Saw the Light" with the congregation joining in on the last verse. Carly Patrick – still in Sunday School – sang "Just One Candle" for special music. Lily Boughfman, one of the two graduating seniors, read her statement of faith, and Lars and Carly Peterson, Youth Group sponsors, presented her with flowers and thanked her for her participation in the church and Youth Group. Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich blessed Lily at the altar. The Youth Group performed a skit called "Pyramid" to illustrate faith during offering. The congregation was invited to join the Youth Group and others for a BBQ meal following the service. The Youth Group served hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, cake and a drink, with a free-will offering.



THANK YOU to the Youth Group, and to their sponsors Lars and Carly Peterson, for participating in the worship service April 24, and for providing the meal following service. Thank you also to Pastor Amy Kay and the confirmation students for their help and participation.

Youth Group: Ethan Able, Jerome Autry, Bo Bacon, Kody Barry, Noah Bearley, Josh Bocox, Elsie Boughfman, Lily Boughfman, Raven Caesar, Dawson Feil, Pierce Hamma, Keira Mullen, Colter Patrick, Atticus Pavlovich, Sebastian Pavlovich, Ciara Rawson.

Confirmation Class: Breckyn Bauer, Auley Boughfman, Gracie Brady, Erin Caesar, Gemma Carter, Layla Fleming, Kasyn French, Conway Patrick.

GRADUATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Lily Boughfman was active in volleyball, basketball, track and field, vocal music, and theater throughout her High School years. She received 1st Team All-League in volleyball and basketball, 1st Team All-State in volleyball and basketball, and All Tournament Team in volleyball and basketball. She also received Prep Performance of the Month from VYPE magazine. Lily is on the A Honor Roll and is enjoying an internship with the Kindergarten classroom at Windom Elementary. Lily will be attending Fort Hays State on a volleyball scholarship in the fall.

Pierce Hamma was named Homecoming King at McPherson High School (MHS) this year. He was also named 2021-2022 Valedictorian for MHS, and is a 2021-2022 Governor Scholar. He is a 3-year State Honor Choir member and an alternate for the National Choir. Pierce is MHS chapter VP in the National Honor Society, and the chapter VP for the MHS Tri M Honor Society. He is VP of the MHS Band where he performs in the concert and marching bands, and a member of the MHS Thespian Troupe and the MHS Science Olympiad Team. Pierce had the lead role in the MHS Theatre musical "Fiddler on the Roof", and the all-school play "Arsenic and Old Lace". He was nominated for Leading Performer in a Male Presenting Role for his role as Tevya in "Fiddler on the Roof" by the Music Theatre of Wichita. He is a member of the student council and Senior Executive Board. Pierce is also participates in tennis and swimming.

Pierce received the Eagle Scout ranking in 2020. Due to Covid, the award ceremony was postponed. **The Eagle Scout Ceremony will take place at Elim Lutheran Church Saturday, May 28 at 1:30 PM**, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. A Graduation Reception will follow mid-afternoon to celebrate his graduation and many achievements. The family welcomes members of the congregation who wish to congratulate Pierce.

YOUTH GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS

Dawson Feil took 3rd place for basketball at State, and is in the National Honor Society and on the honor roll.

Josh Bocox is in the National Honor Society.

Ciara Rawson took 3rd place for wrestling.

Elsie Boughfman was active in volleyball, basketball, track, and theater. Like her sister Lily, she made it to state for volleyball and basketball. Elsie enjoys being active outdoors!

Kiera Mullen is a 4.0 honors student, and she received an Excellence in Character award. She also made it to State in cross country, is a State record holder in squat, and received 2nd place overall at State powerlifting.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our youth on their achievements!

[Editor's note: this list is certainly not ALL their achievements, and many of our youth didn't share theirs at all. If you are a parent, relative, or friend and would like to brag a bit about any of Elim's youth, please send information to elimsec@gmail.com and we'll add it to the next newsletter. THANKS!]

YOUTH GROUP MEALS

Thank you to everyone who provided Youth Group meals throughout the year. There will be 2 more Youth Group meetings before summer break. Thanks to the following for providing meals or assistance the past 3 months:

March: Carylee Nelson, Bernice Peterson, Beth Thomas, and Tammy Feil

April: Carylee Nelson, Bernice Peterson, Linda Johnson, Gayle Nelson, and Kelly French

May: Dorine Cunningham, Catherine Bocox.

DON'T MISS PATRIOTIC SUNDAY

Patriotic Sunday will be held May 29. The choirs will sing patriotic songs and pay tribute to veterans who have served our country in times of peace and war. Breakfast will be served by Christian Ed. – along with the Sunday School students, Confirmation class, and Youth Group – prior to the service from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM. It will be a free-will donation.

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDARS!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held at the Marquette United Methodist Church on **June 1, 2, and 3, 2022 at 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON for children age 3 through 5th grade.** The theme this year is “Discover Adventure Island”. Forms will be available to sign your children up for the 3 days of fun and adventure.

SWEDISH SUPPER “RESTRUCTURE” COMMITTEE

Linda Johnson recently led the Swedish Supper committee and interested members of Elim in three separate meetings (March 20, April 3, and April 24) to decide the best way to move forward with the Swedish Supper. The following is a summary of changes for the upcoming Swedish Supper in December 2022:

Menu pared down – no turkey, brown beans, jello, tea rings
All hot foods will be prepared at the church
Meatballs, potato sausage & lutefisk will be prepared as usual
Ostkaka will be prepared ahead at the church & frozen
Members will supply ingredients such as milk, eggs,
butter, coffee, as well as cheese, Cool Whip, kram
Cookies and rye bread will be prepared by members

Buffet line with Elim members serving the food
Take-out only for Bethany Village & Riverview residents
Leftover food will be bagged and frozen for sale to
members the following Sunday rather than same night
Waiters/servers to wear Swedish costume or t-shirts
designed for Swedish Supper

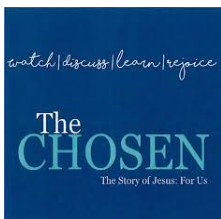
SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Elim is again 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 26 until the start of school in August. No take-out meals this year! Meals will be served on-site in the Parish Hall starting at 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM. 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 sign up on the bulletin board or 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.

SUMMER LAWN MOWING

Elim needs volunteers to mow the church 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!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Julie Olson will be presenting segments of the TV series “The Chosen” for a once-monthly Bible study during the summer. The next session will be June 5 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Julie says “We hope as you encounter the characters in ‘The Chosen’ on the 1st Sunday of every month you will build a new curiosity about the life of Jesus and those that followed him when he walked the earth. This series has the potential to give a better understanding of Jesus as God and man. All are invited to come join us!”

SERVING THE LORD IN MAY

ACOLYTES

May 1 Conway Patrick & Colter Patrick
 May 8 Conway Patrick & Colter Patrick
 May 15 Conway Patrick & Colter Patrick
 May 22 Conway Patrick & Colter Patrick
 May 29 Conway Patrick & Colter Patrick

LECTORS

May 1 Allan Lindfors
 May 8 Betsy Patrick
 May 15 Brooke Olson
 May 22 Diane Hedberg
 May 29 Linda Johnson

GREETERS

May 1 Nancy Hopp
 May 8 Allan & JoAn Lindfors
 May 15 Rita Brown
 May 22 _____
 May 29 Scott & Linda Johnson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Andi Willems

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:

Dana & Julie Olson

Bread:

Julie Olson

COMMUNION USHER: Craig Larson

RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY:

May 27 Gayle Nelson & Beth Thomas

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Don't forget the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held in the Elim Parish Hall on Tuesday, June 14 from 12:00-6:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544.



THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

CALENDAR REMINDER

The final day before summer break:
Youth Group - May 11.
Sunday School - May 29.
Senior Choir practice - June 1

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April 4, 2022

Linda Johnson presented the schedule and requirements for the Summer Lunch program starting May 26. She also shared decisions made to date by the committee for the Swedish Supper.

Worship & Music: No meeting.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: Recent memorial donations have been designated for the new sound system, in addition to other generous donations for the project.

Christian Ed: No meeting. Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition scheduled for April 24.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Met March 7. Barry Nelson reported on roof repair, and repair of the floor in the church office.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, April 4, 2022

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2022

April 3	\$2789.00	57
April 10	\$1543.00	82
April 14*	\$105.00	36
Easter**	\$2930.50	125
April 24***	\$1638.00	100

*Maundy Thursday

**Easter

***Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 04/04/2022]

Beginning Balance as of 03/01/22:	\$	33,356.37
Revenue:	\$	11,555.88
Expenses:	\$	-10,068.37
Ending Balance as of 3/31/21:	\$	34,843.88



A message from
Leland "Brownie" Brown:

"Give all the people at Elim my prayers and love."

Brownie lives at an assisted living facility in Salina and loves Elim. He is a long-time member and continues to send offering monthly.

[Thank you to Beth Thomas for sharing this message.]



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kassandra Hernandez
- 3 Cassie Crotts
- 5 Adam Jones
- 7 Storm Niegsch
- 7 Ivy Sellhorn
- 7 Erin Caesar
- 8 Madison Loder
- 8 Michelle Loder
- 11 Amy Kay Pavlovich
- 12 Jackie Larson
- 14 Russell Malm
- 15 Twila Lindfors
- 15 Freda Talbott
- 15 Dane Young
- 16 Lana Rock
- 16 Rita Brown
- 17 Carylee Nelson
- 17 Layla Fleming
- 19 Lisa Boughfman
- 19 Jerry Kelsey
- 19 Dan Crump
- 19 Raylyn Farris
- 20 Caleb Mitchell
- 21 Vance Hopp
- 21 Brian Hopp
- 24 Nancy Larson
- 24 Beau Oakley
- 26 Kylie Fox
- 28 Chris Johnson
- 28 Leif Larson
- 28 Abigail Perez
- 29 Brandon Hulse
- 30 Jakob Feil
- 31 Craig Larson
- 31 Ro Valdez
- 31 Ryan Loder
- 31 Cody Hopkins

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

2	Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Hawkinson	7 years
14	Mr. and Mrs. Jim Peterson	38 years
26	Mr. and Mrs. Lars Peterson	4 years
27	Mr. and Mrs. Josh McMahan	16 years
27	Mr. and Mrs. Cody Suhr	5 years
29	Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crump	40 years

PLEASE NOTE: Names will not be removed from the birthday or anniversary list without a request from member(s). Please let the secretary know if any changes needed. THANKS!



CONGRATULATIONS to Lars and Carly Peterson on the birth of their daughter Bren Elizabeth on April 14, 2022. Bren weighed 9 lb. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. She is greeted by her big sister, Kinley.

Grandparents are Patty Kolling and Scott Kolling, and Mark and Joyce Peterson. Great-Grandparents are the late Kenny and Helen Olson, Larry and Deanna Kolling, Clarice Bolger, Russel and Henrietta (Sam) Grant, Ruth Peterson and the Late Walden Peterson.

THANK YOU

The family of Kenny Talbott would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who took the time to support and care for us during his illness and passing. Thanks to Pastor Amy Kay, for her visits with Kenny and for being by our sides every step of this difficult journey. The Celebration of Life service was so special - her words captured Kenny so perfectly. And thanks to Jackie [Larson], whose touching musical tribute could not have been more fitting. Thank you to Carylee [Nelson] and all those who helped to provide a wonderful lunch, and to Nancy [Hopp] for putting together such a beautiful memorial of Kenny's life. Elim was Kenny's church – he was baptized, confirmed, married, and commemorated at Elim. Kenny's family feels blessed to have shared their loss with the Elim church family.



Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1 Third Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 10:15 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/Communion	2 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	3	4 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 – Senior Choir	5	6	7		
8 Fourth Sunday of Easter MOTHER'S DAY 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service	9	10	11 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:30 – Senior Choir	12	13	14		
15...Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service 4:00 – Riverview Sing-along	16	17	18 7:30 – Senior Choir	19	20	21		
22 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service	23	24	25 1:30 – Quilt Group 7:30 – Senior Choir	26	27 1:00- Riverview Birthday Party	28 Eagle Scout Ceremony & Graduation Reception - Pierce Hamma		
29 Seventh Sunday of Easter PATRIOTIC SUNDAY 9:00-10:45 AM - Breakfast served by Christian Ed. & Sunday School 9:45 AM – Sunday School & Jr. Choir 11:00 AM – PATRIOTIC SERVICE	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31						