



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; the wisdom from Ecclesiastes 3 rings true throughout the ages. I've been thinking of these verses as I've gotten to drive through the gorgeous Smoky Valley this month. If we aren't actively planting or plucking up what is planted, we are watching it be done in the fields as we drive by. For the beauty of the earth and the harvest from which it comes, Lord of all to thee we raise this our song of grateful praise.

It's city wide garage sale season! Maybe we are readying for it and considering what to keep and what to put out to be taken away.

Some might say there is a rhythm to life. I'm not one to know much about rhythms, but I do appreciate that time continues to advance. If we are in a time of mourning, we should grieve. We should allow ourselves the time to do so. Dancing will come when it feels right again. No season stays forever, but I do wish some seasons would stay around for a long time. I love to dance! Pure joy feels pretty darned good compared to grieving... but time continues as it will.

Wise folks of many faith traditions suggest that it is best to embrace the seasons as they come and not try to fight them away. To resist only hurts ourselves. Thank goodness God is with us through all the seasons! Though it can feel so very hard to be open in the difficult times, we can hold tight to our God and live through them with a spirit of acceptance. We can feel gratitude deep in our bones because of all that we have experienced. This, thanks be, is what makes life so wonderfully rich and feels like new life in Christ.

I wonder what additional verses we could create to help us remember the seasons will change and God is with us...

a time to play softball, and a time to cheer on others who do;
a time to bake bread for a neighbor, and a time to accept when others bring us bread;
a time to ready for a vacation, and a time to resume working;
a time to sing loudly to a favorite classic country song, and a time to listen for the still small voice;
a time to care for beloved children, and a time to be cared for by our beloved.

Thanks be to God for all the seasons and for being with us as we try to accept them.

w/a dancing spirit – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Max Buffington, Eva Allen, Kenny Brown (Rita Brown's husband), Ron Carlson, Josephine Graham, Tammy Hopp, Brian Miner, Rusty Young, Roy Rogers, Howard Richards (resident at Riverview), Kevin Pike, Dennis and Bonnie Hultgren, Matt Swift, Lynda Krahl, Steve Coney, Sandi Coliman, Mary Nolan, Vernon Olson, Ruth Feil, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ALL ELIM MEMBERS: Please plan to attend the congregational meeting following worship service on **Sunday, July 24**. WELCA members plan to re-design the choir room and entrance area in the Parish Hall to create a welcoming space to gather, in particular to enable Pastor Amy Kay to meet with individuals and groups outside of worship hours. Pastor Amy Kay currently has no office or private space at the church. Council has approved the plan. The congregation will also need to vote on whether or not to go forward with the plan. If you have further questions about the plan, please contact members of the renovation committee: LeAnn Everhart, Nancy Hopp, Lisa Boughfman, or JoAn Lindfors.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Please consider teaching Sunday School this coming year. The children are divided into the following groups: 1) 3 yr. old thru Kindergarten; 2) 1st thru 3rd grade; 3) 4th and 5th grade; 4) Confirmation; 5) High School (Youth Group). With enough volunteers, you will only need to teach each one Sunday per month. Check with Diane Hedberg at 785-546-2055 or Tammy Feil at 620-242-4764 if you are interested in helping our children learn about God. THANK YOU!

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

Thanks to generous donations from members, as well as families who have gifted in remembrance of deceased members, we are getting closer to reaching the monetary goal for purchase of the new sound system for Elim. This new system will include a new camera for videotaping the services for online viewing, and will enhance the sound so that hearing-impaired members and friends will be able to hear worship services better online and in the church sanctuary. THANK YOU to all who have donated to date.





WELCA NEWS

WELCA plans to do some “fun” things for the summer months of July and August, 2022. If anyone wants to do something special, please tell one of the officers. We need to start getting together.

For July, we are planning a two-hour social with food and drink provided, so all you need to do is COME and visit with each other. [See invitation to Connected: Fair Trade below.]

The officers – JoAn, Diane, Jackie, and Cindy had an executive meeting on June 19, and we all felt that we had a concern for the future of WELCA. We need more volunteers and more women involved to keep our WELCA alive and active. DO YOU CARE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF WELCA? If you do, think hard about getting involved, even if it is a small role.

WELCA did learn that the Methodist women will be doing the birthday parties from June through August as they have done in past years. We had received different communication from Riverview, but it is cleared up now and we will start up again in September. **Please consider signing up for the birthday parties.**

The 13 male residents of Riverview Estates were all given gifts from WELCA for Father’s Day. Enclosed in colorful bags was a summer hat, short socks, a signed Father’s Day card, and soft caramel candies.

Our Sing-alongs are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month (except in June because of Father’s Day). We did that on June 26.

FOR JULY: Sing-along July 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Let’ all pray that the world stays well enough for us to do this and continue our time with these residents. **THEY NEED US.** Even if you just come and talk to a resident or two, it makes a difference. Please consider.

You may be getting a call, or even better, you stepping forward and volunteering to be an officer in 2023. The present officers have worked for you at least the last 4 years and it’s time for new blood, new ideas and new commitments. Election is not until December, so please think hard about keeping WELCA alive.

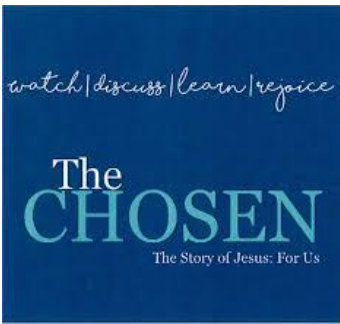
JoAn Lindfors, President; Diane Talbott, Vice-President; Jackie Larson, Secretary; Cindy Bunk, Treasurer



COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

WELCA welcomes all Elim women and men to join us at Pastor Amy Kay’s store in Lindsborg – Connected: Fair Trade – on **Wednesday, July 13 from 6:30 -8:30 PM** for a good time, good food, and good conversation. Pastor Amy Kay will show us the store and share with us the reason she continues to do this important work. Refreshments will be provided, so just bring yourself.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Julie Olson has been presenting segments of the TV series “The Chosen” for a once-monthly Bible study during the summer. The next session will be August 7 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you! Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on earth with him – the disciples, Mary his mother, the Pharisees, the children, those he healed. What would that look like? Now you can experience it! “The Chosen” is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, “The Chosen” allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him.

“The Chosen” stays faithful to the Gospels and at the same time tells us a story that is in between the lines of scripture. This TV series brings to life those people that are mentioned in the Bible, using the historical context of life at the time of Jesus. The series does not contradict scripture, but instead puts life around it so that we as viewers can imagine, “What was life like with Jesus.” Our hope is that as our church encounters the characters in “The Chosen”, we are able to relate to them, leading us in a closer relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior. “The Chosen” is a fresh look at the Gospels for those who have been reading the stories for years or for those who are just curious about who Jesus is and was.

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!”

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Each month there is a list of items to collect for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. The list is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary, and in the Messenger. Understandably, the collection boxes for the Shoebox project are not overflowing with donations. We thank those who have contributed thus far. There are so many organizations seeking donations it is next to impossible to meet all the needs. **So here’s the challenge: bring one (1) item from the list by July 31.** If every one of our youth and adults members contributed just one item, the basket at the back of the sanctuary would surely be full. LET’S DO THIS!

Listed below are the items needed for **July 2022**:

For boys: small hammer, nails, rolls of twine, fishing supplies



Thank you to Allan and JoAn Lindfors for representing Elim Lutheran Church at the Central States Synod Assembly in Olathe, KS June 9-11. Allan gave a brief overview of the assembly at worship service on Sunday, June 10. He and JoAn particularly enjoyed the message given by the keynote speaker Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Ph.D., Professor of Theological and Social Ethics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

SERVING THE LORD IN JULY

LECTORS

July 3	Linda Johnson
July 10	Allan Lindfors
July 17	Holly Toll
July 24	_____
July 31	Jackie Larson

GREETERS

July 3	Fred Peterson
July 10	Barry and Carylee Nelson
July 17	Matt and Holly Toll
July 24	_____
July 31	Sjogren family

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Beth Thomas

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:

Mike and Cynthia Hulse

USHER FOR JULY: Lars Peterson

LAWN MOWING:

July 1 or 2	Dana Olson
July 8 or 9	Matt and Holly Toll
July 15 or 16	Dana Olson
July 22 or 23	Allan Lindfors
July 29 or 30	Darren Able



SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

JULY 2022

July 3	JoAn Lindfors
July 10	Carly Patrick and Asa Newton
July 17	
July 24	Darren Able
July 31	Matthew Everhart

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2022

June 5	\$2379.00	60
June 12	\$1608.00	45
June 19	\$1296.00	42
June 26	\$958.00	52

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 6, 2022

All members were in attendance. Council president Curtic Patrick presented the bid for the remodel of the choir room into a pastor's study, as well as a seating area in the front entry of the Parish Hall. Council approved the plan and will present it to Elim members for a congregational vote on July 24.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Allan Lindfors is selecting special music and hymns for the summer.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed: No meeting. Diane reported \$275 in donations for the Patriotic Sunday breakfast. The proceeds will go toward the new sound system. Sunday School is in need of more teachers.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Barry Nelson reported that the SW corner of the church needs mortar replaced between some of the bricks, and that the back steps are deteriorating and need to be replaced.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 06/06/2022]

Beginning Balance as of 05/01/22:	\$	37,199.54
Revenue:	\$	9,262.42
Expenses:	\$	- 9,257.71
Ending Balance as of 5/31/22:	\$	37,204.25



ASSARIA LUTHERAN CHURCH **ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BAND** **CONCERT**

Assaria Lutheran Churchmen invite you to attend an ice cream social and band concert at the Assaria Lutheran Church Park on **Sunday, July 31**. Ice cream, cake and a drink will be served at **6:00 PM**, followed by the Salina Municipal Band at 7:15 PM. They are requesting a \$5.00 donation that will be used for various service projects.



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 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 Qusted
- 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 56 years
- 14 Mr. and Mrs. Barry Nelson 48 years
- 14 Mr. and Mrs. Dana Olson 38 years
- 15 Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Bauer 16 years
- 18 Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wickstrom 7 years
- 24 Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Patrick 18 years
- 30 Mr. and Mrs. Brodie Seely 11 years
- 31 Mr. and Mrs. John Myers 52 years

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Elim is hosting the Summer Lunch Program that is sponsored and funded by KSDE. This program provides free lunch to all children in the community under the age of 18 during the summer, starting in May after school is out until school resumes in August. All meals are served at Elim Lutheran Church. 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 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 TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED THUS FAR THIS SUMMER!

SUMMER LAWN MOWING

Elim needs volunteers to mow the church lawns this summer. 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 to all those who have helped thus far this summer: Linda Johnson, Darren Able, Allan Lindfors, Scott and Tammy Feil, Dana Olson, Dixon Johnson, Jeremy Snapp, and Matt and Holly Toll.



Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/Communion	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 7:00 – Church Council Mtg.	6	7	8	9
10...5th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM - Worship Service	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 6th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM - Worship Service 4:00 – Riverview Sing-along	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 7th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service	25	26	27 1:30 – Quilt Group	28	29	30
31 8th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service						