



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings, Elim –

I hope this month's newsletter finds you healthy and feeling filled with the Spirit!

In worship on Sunday, July 24 I focused on Paul's directive of being "rooted" in Christ together. It is a beautiful image and is used often in our scriptures. I'm not going to rehash all of the amazing rooting that happens in forests, but will reiterate this point: trees seem to *know* they are individually healthier when all the trees in the forest are healthy so they help each other through their roots. The big trees take care of the little saplings that don't get enough light by passing sugar through their root hairs. The big trees even help the failed trees if their roots stay connected. Trees build each other up.

Let's be like a healthy forest.

Each Sunday morning at 11am we get together and worship God. We pray, listen, think, sing and are a community rooted together in our God. We continue growing.

Sunday School will be starting on September 11. There is a need for teachers (see related article). Let's feed the little saplings.

"God's Work. Our Hands." is an opportunity for all ELCA churches to dive into service projects on September 11. After church that day we will have lunch and then take on a project in the community and one inside the church. Let's build each other up.

What additional parallels can you make between Elim and a healthy forest? In what ways could we more fully live into Paul's directive to be rooted together in Christ?

Lastly, one time recently a friend snarled that a neighbor must think she is God's gift to the world. I responded, "well, she kind of is, isn't she?" It wasn't my most eloquent moment, but hopefully the idea managed to come through.

I think we are all:

- complicated people
- doing the best we can
- gifted by God
- capable of growing into more healthy reflections of God

So let's be like the trees and build each other up since we are all in this together. When we have the inkling to get a good dig in on someone (who deserves it, gosh darn it!), let's try to remember our humanness and extend grace. If that isn't enough, let's also remember that the forest is less healthy if a tree within is hurt. If one person is hurt, the community is hurt so we might as well not cut one another down. Let's look for the good in one another and voice our appreciation.

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If, in our humanness, we miss the mark and do hurt one another, let's ask for forgiveness, try to continue to be in relationship, and live on having learned from the experience. That's all we can ask of ourselves and one another. The trees evolve and so do we, thanks be to God. Indeed, thanks be to our amazing God who continues to be with us through all our growing.

w/thanksgiving for all the ways scripture, creation, the church, and our experiences continue to reveal the glory of God –
Pastor Amy Kay

**hope to see you Sunday at 11am!



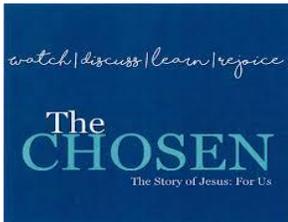
Please keep in prayer: Margarette Larson, Amy Jones, Ava Jones, Eva Allen, Kenny Brown (Rita Brown's husband), Ron Carlson, Josephine Graham, Tammy Hopp, Brian Miner, Rusty Young, Howard Richards (resident at Riverview), Kevin Pike, Dennis and Bunnie Hultgren, Lynda Krahl, Steve Coney, Sandi Coliman, Mary Nolan, Vernon Olson, Ruth Feil, Bethany Village, Riverview, and all healthcare workers. Our continued prayers for the family of Trey Jones. Our heartfelt sympathy for the family of Dean Alstatt,

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 VOTE

Elim members voted on the redesign of the choir room and front foyer area on Sunday, July 24. The purpose of the redesign is to provide a welcoming space for pastoral visits, and a comfortable waiting area for members and visitors entering the Parish Hall. Curtis Patrick, Council President, called the meeting to order. WELCA presented the plans and the bid for the project. The project is not to exceed \$9000. Funds for the project will be taken from the Improvement & Renovation Account and/or the Improvement Money Market Account. Labor for any construction or painting needed will be provided free of charge by members Beau Boughman, Terry Hopp, and Allan Lindfors. The choir room will continue to be available for the choir robes and the quilting supplies. WELCA members realized the need for a quiet space for Pastor Amy Kay to meet with individuals and groups, since she currently has no office or private space at the church. Lois Johnson moved and Patty Kolling seconded to approve the redesign. The motion passed. Curtis Patrick adjourned the meeting.

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.

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!"

WELCA NEWS



WELCA had FUN in July with a get-together at Pastor Amy Kay's store, Fair Trade: Connected, on Wednesday, July 13. Twenty-three people enjoyed delicious homemade food prepared by Amy Kay's friend, Taton Tubbs. There were so many selections to choose from, with drinks provided.

We heard about Pastor's store, her journeys as a missionary, and how and why she started her Fair Trade stores, including the one in Lindsborg. What an awesome story and a good experience for all of us to know. Though WELCA sponsored this gathering, Pastor Amy Kay and Taton were the stars. [See picture: Donna Patrick and Julie Olson modeled their purchases from Fair Trade on the following Sunday. The colors coordinated wonderfully with Pastor Amy Kay's stole.]

As already stated in the July Messenger, WELCA did learn that the Methodist women will be doing the birthday parties at Riverview Estates from June through August, meaning that Elim won't be starting until SEPTEMBER. To date no one has signed up for the parties from September through December 2022. **Please consider signing up for these birthday parties.**

Our Sing-along on July 17 went OK, but we only had five (5) Elim members there. We were saved by **Carly Patrick**, who sang a song for the residents like she had done in June. They loved her so much that she came back to do it again. She is so wonderful to and with the residents. We could all learn from her. Please set aside this ONE-HALF HOUR for these residents. They really love it. The Sing-alongs are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month.

FOR AUGUST: Sing-along August 21 at 4:00 PM
Birthday party sponsored by Methodist Church

Let's all pray that the world stays well enough 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, then think hard about getting involved, even if it is a small role. 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

WELCA officers: Diane Talbott, Vice-President; Jackie Larson, Secretary; Cindy Bunk, Treasurer

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. We thank those who have contributed thus far. To date we have 120 items collected. If you do not wish to shop for items, please consider donating money for the purchase of items, or toward the cost of overseas shipment of the Shoeboxes in November. There will be a blue-labeled can at the back of the sanctuary for your donations. You can also help by sewing or crafting items to include in the Shoeboxes. Please notify Marilyn Spohn at 785-906-0121 if you are interested in creating some items. THANK YOU!

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

School supplies: pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps with ink pads, glue sticks, coloring books, solar calculators, rulers, etc.

Underlined items are required for all boxes.

RODEO CONCESSION STAND



Please consider helping with the rodeo concession stand at the annual Marquette Rodeo on **August 5 and 6**. Elim has sponsored the concession stand on the West side of the arena for several years. This is a good fundraiser for the church, as well as a service to the community. It's a great way to represent Elim as we meet and greet people. **Please contact Diane Hedberg at 620-755-8803** if you are interested in helping. THANKS!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Please consider teaching Sunday School this coming year. **The children are divided into the following groups: 3 yr. old thru Kindergarten; 1st thru 3rd grade; and 4th and 5th grade.** Confirmation is 6th-8th grade and led by Pastor Amy Kay. High School (Youth Group) meets on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year, with sponsors Lars and Carly Peterson. With enough volunteers, you will only need to teach one Sunday per month. **Check with Diane Hedberg at 620-755-8803 or Tammy Feil at 620-242-4764** if you are interested in helping our children learn about God. THANK YOU!



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED THIS SUMMER! The last day for Summer Lunch is August 17.

Some days we have a full house, as you can see from the picture. There are children of all ages who attend, along with Learning Center staff and volunteers bringing groups from Little River and Lindsborg. It is a very worthwhile service for the youth in our town and beyond. Thank you for supporting this program at Elim. And thank you to Linda Johnson for managing it year after year. It's a big job but well worth it.



Children from the Learning Center drew thank-you's for the Summer Lunch staff to thank them for serving meals throughout the summer.

SERVING THE LORD IN AUGUST

LECTORS

August 7 Linda Johnson
 August 14 Darren Able
 August 21 Gayle Nelson
 August 28 _____

GREETERS

August 7 Scott and Linda Johnson
 August 14 Terry and Nancy Hopp
 August 21 _____
 August 28 _____

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Carly Peterson

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:

Darryl & Diane Talbott

BREAD: Diane Talbott

USHER FOR JULY: Barry Nelson

LAWN MOWING:

August 5/6 Roger Wark
 August 12/13 Linda Johnson
 August 19/20 Mo Nelson
 August 26/27 Matt & Holly Toll



SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2022

AUGUST 7 Matt Larson
AUGUST 14 Tammy Feil and Darren Able
AUGUST 21 Kayley and Layla Fleming
AUGUST 28 Mindy Nicholson

SENIOR CHOIR WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 14, 7:30 PM

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2022

<i>July 3</i>	\$3318.00	61
<i>July 10</i>	\$2083.00	69
<i>July 17</i>	\$1398.00	59
<i>July 24</i>	\$5993.00	48
<i>July 31</i>	\$1658.00	53

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

July 5, 2022

Council discussed the congregational vote scheduled for July 24 after worship service. Copies of the choir room remodel plan will be available for members to explain the changes WELCA is requesting. Elim will again sponsor the rodeo concession stand August 5 and 6. Diane Hedberg will manage the food purchase, setup and scheduling of volunteers. Council agreed to a church-wide clean-up in September, to be incorporated with God's Work, Our Hands on September 11. Council will meet August 29 rather than August 1, and combine it with the September meeting previously scheduled for September 6.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Allan Lindfors reported on the ELCA Synod meeting he attended June 9-11.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed: No meeting.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Barry Nelson reported on replacement of the front doors to the sanctuary, and the need to replace the steam table for Swedish Supper.

Next meeting to be held on August 29, 2022

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 07/05/2022]

Beginning Balance as of 06/01/22:	\$ 37,204.25
Revenue:	\$ 6,823.04
Expenses:	\$ -10,361.24
Ending Balance as of 6/30/22:	\$ 33,666.05

SUMMER LAWN MOWING

There are only a few dates left on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. THANK YOU to all those who have signed up to help thus far this summer: Linda Johnson, Darren Able, Allan Lindfors, Scott and Tammy Feil, Dana Olson, Dixon Johnson, Jeremy Snapp, Matt and Holly Toll, Roger Wark, and Mo Nelson.



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	42 years
10	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hamma	36 years
14	Mr. and Mrs. Craig Larson	45 years
17	Mr. and Mrs. Eric Weber	19 years
19	Pastor Larry and Mrs. Cross	55 years
23	Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Kelsey	35 years
26	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Johnson	61 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hedberg	8 years



Happy 100th Birthday!

Marcella "Shorty" McMickell

Will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on August 4th. Marcella was born Marcella Hoeffner in 1922 on a farm East of Salina, Kansas. She is the oldest of seven children. Growing up on a farm, she is old enough to have farmed with horses and mules. She and her dad later acquired machinery and farmed for others in the community. She has led life to its fullest. She is an accomplished equestrian, angler, leather worker, and archaeologist. Her love of Native American history and history, in general, is evident as she still continues to broaden her knowledge with the daily reading of historical facts that pique her interests. She also has a love for gardening and continues to display her faith by planting seeds instead of purchasing established plants. Her backyard is her sanctuary, filled with a variety of birds and blooms.

In her youth, prior to her marriage, Marcella was employed by the American Optical Company, in Salina. She later married H. Eugene McMickell. They celebrated 61 years together, and they raised three children. H. Eugene ("Bud") McMickell, Jr.(Celia), Bonnie L. Johnson (Robert), and Marian Jane Hart (Bill).

Marcella's milestone event will be celebrated, with Cozy burgers, at her favorite fishing location at her Saline county farm.

A Card Shower is planned.

Please send cards and messages of Congratulations to Marcella McMickell, 2036 Lewis Ave., Salina,

Kansas 67401.

Thank you to Nancy Hopp for sharing this article.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for AUGUST 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 6:00 PM - Elim Concession Stand for Marquette RODEO	6 6:00 PM – Elim Concession Stand for Marquette RODEO
7 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/Communion	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM - Worship Service	15	16	17 Last day of Summer Lunch	18 BACK TO SCHOOL	19	20
21 11th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM - Worship Service 4:00 – Riverview Sing-along	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 12th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service	29 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	30	31 1:30 – Quilt Group			