



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2022

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Greetings, Elim –

Good friends and real conversations are such a gift. Recently a friend said that she hasn't been going to church and can't really figure out what happened. She likes her minister well enough and everyone she normally sits around are friends. It has been instilled in her to go to that church because her family has for generations. Still, she's not going to church and has been thinking of trying out other congregations. The whole thing feels off and odd. Another friend shared that she knows she "should" be going to church instead of basically having two Saturdays in her weekend, but just doesn't go for a variety of reasons.

Along with listening, what would you have shared with my friends?

Part of my response was to share my own experience of not finding a church home that seemed to fit when we returned to Kansas nine years ago. We settled on a church and attended pretty well when I wasn't substitute preaching, but it felt like we were going out of obligation to the institution of church and not because it was important to our personhoods. One Sunday it became clear that particular church wasn't where we wanted the boys to be raised and we never went back. Once again we were floundering about on Sunday mornings. Sleeping in and having good family time felt nice, but not having a church home was off. Sunday after Sunday went by though and we didn't search again for where we might worship.

Then I became single and everything was reevaluated. I started sneaking into Bethany Lutheran Church after worship had started and sneaking back out before the benediction. I just wanted to worship and be left alone. Connecting with God in worship helped... the prayers and the singing helped. After awhile I started substitute preaching again and it felt right to be with communities of people who were on the same path. I'm so very grateful I was called by Elim to get to church together because here worship fills me up. It feels right to get to come to church with you all and I'm so thankful.

The bottom line is that I understand when friends, for whatever reasons, don't go to church. I also understand the longing of wanting to feel connected to a worshipping community that feels right.

This is the beginning of another academic year and sometimes beginnings are easier times to start anew. If this seems like the right time for you to sneak into church after 11a so you can worship and be left alone, I hope you will do so. If this seems like the right time for you to bring the kids to Sunday School, I hope you'll give it a go. If this seems like the right time for you to invite your neighbor to come to church with you, I hope you'll do it.

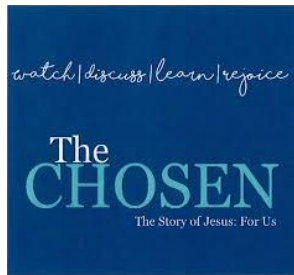
I hope you will do whatever seems right for you to do and the peace, joy, challenge, encouragement and the New Life found in God through Jesus the Christ is yours.

w/high hopes for a wonderful year – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Tien Le (friend of Barry and Mo Nelson), Linn Nelson, Mary Nolan, Margarette Larson, Amy Jones, Ava Jones, Eva Allen, Kenny Brown (Rita Brown’s husband), Ron Carlson, Tammy Hopp, Brian Miner, Rusty Young, Howard Richards (resident at Riverview), Kevin Pike, Dennis and Bunnie Hultgren and family, Lynda Krahl, Steve Coney, Sandi Coliman, Vernon Olson, Ruth Feil, Bethany Village, Riverview, and all healthcare workers. Continued prayers for the family of Trey Jones. Our 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.



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 September 4 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall. We will resume meeting each Sunday for the remainder of “The Chosen” series, and will then move on to the next video series written and narrated by Ray Vander Laan, a teacher and historian. The series is entitled “The Early Church”.

If you haven’t attended to date, no problem. Join us any time you want.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE STILL NEEDED

It’s not too late to help teach Sunday School this coming year. If you want to help assist the children in the classroom alongside another teacher, that works too! **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!**



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, starting September 7, 2022.** 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.





WELCA NEWS

WELCA has had a busy August so far, and we continue to try to get us all back to some normalcy of service to others. September is usually the month we start collecting items for **Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits**. In the past years we have done personal, baby, and even school kits. However, the process for LWR kits has been affected by the pandemic and inflation. Because of the hefty transportation costs, Kansas has NO drop-off church or other location for the items. The closest drop-off is in Oklahoma.

The WELCA committee, consisting of Linda Johnson, Chairperson; LeAnn Everhart, Nancy Hopp, Diane Talbott, and JoAn Lindfors, unanimously made the decision (after a daylong telephone dialogue) to send a donation of \$300.00 to the LWR organization with the hope that the necessary persons will get the assistance they need. This is due by October 4, 2022, so if any member of the congregation has a problem with our decision, please let a committee member know.

As already stated in the July and August Messenger, WELCA learned that the Methodist women will do the Riverview birthday parties through August. This means that Elim won't start again until **September 30**. However, to date NO ONE has signed up or the parties from September through December 2022. **PLEASE consider signing up for those birthday parties.**

I hope that the Sing-along on AUGUST 21 will have more Elim members that in June and July. Kayley and Layla have agreed to do special music for the residents. The residents are so happy we are back, and they love the children who share their time with them. 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 SEPTEMBER: Sing-along - September 18, 2022, 4:00 PM

Birthday party - September 30, 2022, 1:00 PM

Another WELCA project – the special room in the Fellowship Hall for Pastor Amy Kay – is full speed ahead. The WELCA committee met August 9, 2022 with a designer and picked out paint colors for the walls, rugs, furniture, and other accessories. Along with members LeAnn Everhart and Nancy Hopp, co-chairpersons, there are members Lisa Boughfman and JoAn Lindfors. Assisting with labor are the spouses Terry Hopp, Allan Lindfors, and Beau Boughfman. Different assignments were given to each committee member. If any congregation member has a question, please ask any committee member. We love this project. Thank you, Elim, for voting for the funds to do this for our Pastor and the church atmosphere.

JoAn Lindfors, President

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

Elim Lutheran Church

Come Join Us for Rally Sunday

Where: Elim Lutheran Church, 403 N. Lincoln St., Marquette

When: Sunday, September 11, 2022, from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM

We are so excited and looking forward to starting our new Sunday School year. Everyone age 3 through 5th Grade is welcome to join us.

At 11:00 AM we will join the adults in the Sanctuary for Worship Service.

We will have "Blessing of the Backpacks" during the Worship Service, so make sure you bring your backpacks!

It will be an important day for all 3rd grade students, as they will be receiving their very own Bibles!!

Following the Worship Service, we invite everyone to join us for lunch at the Church, immediately followed by "God's Work, Our Hands" service projects.

We are blessed to have Brooke Olson and Jackie Larson return with Junior Choir this fall. It will take place each Sunday during our Sunday School hour.

Confirmation class will be available for 6th grade and older with Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich leading the class.

Everyone is welcome to attend Adult Bible Study led by Julie Olson. Sessions will resume on September 4 from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM each Sunday and will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

***JOIN US, BRING A FRIEND, AND HAVE A FUN-FILLED RALLY SUNDAY WITH US!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!***

SERVING THE LORD IN SEPTEMBER

LECTORS

September 4	Gayle Nelson
September 11	Brooke Olson
September 18	Julie Olson
September 25	Jackie Larson

GREETERS

September 4	Jay and LeAnn Everhart
September 11	Allan and JoAn Lindfors
September 18	_____
September 25	_____

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Barry Nelson

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:

Gayle Nelson and Kayley Fleming

USHER FOR SEPTEMBER: Craig Larson

LAWN MOWING:

September 2/3	Barry Nelson
September 9/10	_____



SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE **SEPTEMBER 2022**

SEPTEMBER 4	Chris and Rachael Johnson
SEPTEMBER 11	Mindy Nicholson
SEPTEMBER 18	Brooke Olson
SEPTEMBER 25	Kendal Brueggen

SENIOR CHOIR WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 14, 7:30 PM

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2022

August 7	\$2573.25	52
August 14	\$1568.00	81
August 21	\$1491.00	60
August 28	\$1193.00	53

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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.

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 08/29/2022]

Beginning Balance as of 07/01/22:	\$ 33,666.05
Revenue:	\$ 15,511.80
Expenses:	\$ -7,648.88
Ending Balance as of 7/31/22:	\$ 41,528.97



RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY

Volunteers are still needed for September, October and December to host the Riverview Birthday Party held the **last Friday**

of the month at 1:00 PM. Bring a delicious treat for each of the residents and plenty of good cheer. Drinks will be provided by the Riverview staff. Not all of the residents attend but those that do appreciate the chance to visit with us. The signup sheet is posted on the main bulletin board.



We welcome Bren Elizabeth Peterson into the family of Christ through baptism. Parents are Lars and Carly Peterson. Sponsors are Zach and Kasey Weis, and Scott and Tammy Feil. Maternal grandparents are Patty Kolling and Scott Kolling. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Joyce Peterson. Great-grandparents are the Late Kenny and Helen Olson, Larry and Deanna Kolling, Clarice Bolger, Russell and Henrietta (Sam) Grant, Ruth Peterson and the late Walden Peterson.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (continued)

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 interesting in creating some items.

Here are the items needed for SEPTEMBER 2022: Bar soap, washcloths, solid deodorant for boys and girls



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Rylee Cunningham
1	Tim Lindfors
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
19	Sawyer McDonnell
20	Megan Amos
21	Charity Weis
21	Brandi Brady
22	Raven Caesar
22	Courtney Cook
22	Sharon Chandler
24	Maia Forssberg
24	Charles Martin
25	Ava Toll
26	Kiera Mullen
27	Brock Reid-Carpio
28	Julie Loder
28	Brandon Weis
29	Matt Hedberg

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne McBride	33 years
2	Mr. & Mrs. Terry Hopp	44 years
11	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Cunningham	26 years
13	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Johnson	42 years
15	Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jones	10 years
24	Mr. & Mrs. Allan Lindfors	16 years
29	Mr. & Mrs. Randy Lillard	10 years
30	Mr. & Mrs. Danny Morel	50 years



61st ANNUAL MARQUETTE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BEEF PIT BBQ

Please support the Marquette United Methodist Church in their annual fundraiser by stopping by on **WEDNESDAY, September 21 at 5:00- 7:00 PM** to enjoy a time-honored BBQ beef meal. The meals will be **dine-in or carry-out**, and can be enjoyed with members of the church and community in the Fellowship Hall. 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**. Come and enjoy great food and help our neighboring church family.

MEALS ON WHEELS



Thank you to Beth Thomas for scheduling Elim Lutheran Church volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels 3 months a year. Volunteers in August were: Linda Johnson, Sandra Myers, Jackie Larson, Beth Thomas, Gayle Nelson, Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich, Cindy Bunk, Janis Larson, and KK Larson.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/Communion	5 LABOR DAY	6	7 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group	8	9	10
11 14th Sunday after Pentecost RALLY SUNDAY 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM - Worship Service NOON - Lunch God’s Work, Our Hands Projects	12	13	14 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	15	16	17
18 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM - Worship Service 4:00 – Riverview Sing-along	19	20	21 5:00-7:00 PM – Marquette Methodist Pit Barbecue 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	22	23	24 THUNDER ON THE SMOKY
25 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM - Worship Service	26	27	28 1:30 – Quilt Group 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	29	30 1:00 – Riverview Birthday Party	