



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings, Elim –

I hope this month's Messenger finds you well!

I'm grateful to get to be with you in ministry for so many reasons. You are do-ers. Last month we were asked by our Methodist friends to help with a neighbor's yard. During the afternoon of "God's Work, Our Hands", you stepped up and took care of business! Along with that project, you tackled many areas within our church building that benefited from attention. It was fantastic! This was all on the heels of a summer of serving lunch to the kids in the community and continual upkeep of the church grounds.

You are thoughtful in your doing. The women of the church noticed a need for an inviting area for us to be able to sit and visit. They also recognized that some of us need a resting spot on the way to the elevator. What did they do? Planned a space, approached the Church Council, went before the congregation and made it happen in short form. Our areas went from utilitarian, functional spaces to warm, conversational hubs in what seems like a blink of an eye! Please come and sit for a spell with me soon in this lovely space by the kitchen.

You are proactive in your doing. The Property Committee continually looks ahead to potential concerns and addresses them. The Church Council is common sense oriented and forward-looking. I can't emphasize how nice it is to serve with a Council that thinks, appreciates the perspective of the people who are most involved with projects and moves ahead in action. You are also proactive with me. You granted a family vacation for me this summer and a personal trip last month. No one made me feel guilty for being away. I feel full of life and joy; I am so grateful to God for getting to be with you.

You are also reactive in your doing. We can't foresee everything... like a pandemic. All of a sudden we needed to be able to worship online. We adjusted with quick fixes and after awhile realized that we should continue to stream worship for friends who can't come to worship. Brian Hopp kindly planned a new system for us to stream better, you gave almost all of what we needed (if you feel so moved, a few thousand more could be dedicated towards this specific project), and after a wait to receive the hardware, Brian now has us up and running. The system is SO MUCH BETTER; friends at home can now hear everything. It is a major improvement!

Cheers for all of the doing! As we live into this fall season, may we continue to be centered on our faith in God who we know more through the amazing Jesus. May we individually and collectively be about God's work with our minds and hands... may we continue to be doers. Thanks be to God for the blessing to get to do so.

w/abundant thanksgiving for you – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Danny Morel, Brad Sjolholm (Terry and Nancy Hopp’s nephew), Doug Anderson, Mary Nolan, Margarette Larson, Amy Jones, Ava Jones, Eva Allen, 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, Vernon Olson, Ruth Feil, Bethany Village, Riverview, and all healthcare workers. Prayers for Rev. Kenny Baumann (Valley Community Church) and his family in the sudden loss of his step-brother. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sandi Colliman.

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 notify Pastor Amy Kay or the secretary if you wish to have your name removed following recovery or for other reasons. Thank you.]



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.

To date, 147 items have been collected (which includes a count of individual items in multi-packs, such as socks, toothbrushes, and panties), and \$247 in donations **THANK YOU!** **Please check upcoming bulletins on the selected date for packing Shoeboxes, hopefully as a group from Elim between November 7 and November 12.**

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) 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.



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR PROVIDING MEALS IN SEPTEMBER: Lars and Carly Peterson, Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich, and Carylee Nelson and Bernice Peterson.

NOISE OFFERING

The “noise offering” is returning on the 2nd Sunday of each month when the Junior Choir sings in church. The children of Elim carry tin buckets around to every pew for church members to add their “noisy” coins. The monies go to the Gathering Table, a Lutheran ministry to help underprivileged families in Kansas City. **SO BRING YOUR COINS on the 2nd Sunday of the month! It’s a joyous noise.**





WELCA NEWS

Do you want WELCA to continue at Elim? The WELCA Executive Board met September 11. All the officers want WELCA to continue to exist, but we need VOLUNTEERS, and we need women to come forward and be new officers for WELCA. Please seriously consider. In January 2023, JoAn, Cindy and Jackie will be leaving the Executive Board, and Diane can only be here 6 out of 12 months. Donna Patrick has agreed to take over as Treasurer to replace Cindy Bunk, but we still NEED new blood for the other offices. Many of you women have so much to offer WELCA. Please step forward and try it.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) will receive financial assistance from Elim this year. As discussed in last month's Messenger, we believed the LWR organization had no drop-off church in Kansas, and it was true at that time. However, Pastor and Janice Cross informed Elim that the St. John's church in Salina, KS volunteered to take on the responsibility. Since the WELCA Committee for LWR - including LeAnn Everhart (chairperson), Linda Johnson, Nancy Hopp, Diane Talbott and JoAn Lindfors - had unanimously made the decision to send a donation of **\$300.00** to the LWR organization, we did just that. However, the good news is that WELCA can deliver the beautiful quilts sewn by our quilting group to St. John's church by November 2 for the LWR program. So that will be done. Hopefully next year everything will be back to "normal".

We need volunteers for Riverview Estates' birthday parties!! the Methodist Church women finished their summer commitments, so it's our turn every LAST Friday of the month at 2:00 PM. We started back on September 30. The next birthday party is **October 28, 2022 at 2:00 PM.** There are no longer any Covid restrictions, so homemade goodies are welcomed.

The Sing-along on **August 21** was so enjoyable because 12 Elim members showed up to sing with the residents, plus Kayley and Layla Fleming did special music. The residents were so happy and excited. WELCA brought the residents new songbooks with LARGER PRINT in September, with six members and Pastor Amy Kay in attendance. Brooke and Julie Olson graced us with special music. Please put this half hour a month on your calendars. It means so much to these residents. The next Sing-along will be October 16 at 4:00 PM.

The special rooms in the Parish Hall for Pastor Amy Kay were revealed on Sunday, September 25, along with the beginning of Coffee and Fellowship at 10:30 AM prior to worship service. Talk around and see if people liked it! Thanks to members LeAnn Everhart and Nancy Hopp (Co-Chairpersons), JoAn Lindfors, and Lisa Boughfman for their work on this project. Assisting with the labor were Terry Hopp, Allan Lindfors, Beau Boughfman, and John Myers.

JoAn Lindfors, President

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



As noted, COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP is now every Sunday at 10:30 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help. It only requires starting up the coffee pot at 10:00-10:15 AM, and if you want, you can provide treats. It's a good chance to visit before church so that when we enter the sanctuary, we can take our seats and relax and listen to the beautiful prelude music Jackie shares with us each Sunday.

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP IN 2023

The Youth Group is planning a mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee March 12-18, 2023. According to Lars and Carly Peterson, Youth Group sponsors, they will be working with CSM Nashville. CSM is a nationwide Christian non-profit organization that focuses on serving those in need in urban areas, spreading the Gospel, and helping youth volunteers grow in their faith in the process. The organization was recommended to them by a pastor and a parent of one of their youth group.

CSM Nashville will provide meals, housing, and coordinate their mission work with approximately 30 local ministries and non-profits that they partner with. Examples of the work they will be doing: serving at soup kitchens, working at homeless shelters, and preparing medical supply shipments for countries in need.

In order to attend the mission trip, members of the Youth Group will be required to acolyte at least 4 times, help with 3 of the 4 planned fundraisers, actively participate in church functions, and volunteer to help with projects. They also plan to play games with Riverview residents at least once a month. The cost per person for the trip will be \$459.00. They will be conducting fundraisers to raise money toward the cost and have asked for donations from the Memorial Committee (who gifted \$2000) and from WELCA.

For the month of October, they will be selling meat bundles from Yoder Meats. The fundraiser begins October 4 and runs through October 26. Orders will be delivered in late November or early December. Please contact Lars or Carly Peterson (785-280-2039), OR any of the Youth Group to order your meat bundle. Members of the Youth Group are: Ethan Able, Bo Bacon, Kody Barry, Noah Bearley, Josh Bocox, Elsie Boughfman, Raven Caesar, Dawson Feil, Keira Mullen, and Colter Patrick. The price and variety of meat bundles available are listed below:

Variety Meat Bundle #2 – selling cost \$170

3# Sirloin
3# Pork Roast
3# Beef Roast
3# Breakfast Sausage
3# Chicken Breast
10# Ground Beef

Combo Bundle #1 – selling cost \$140

6 ct. Filet Mignon
1.5# Sirloin
3# Beef Roast
6# Ground Beef
1 ct. Whole Fryer
2# Chicken Breast
3# Breakfast Sausage
3# Pork Chops

Bulk Options

40# Chicken Breast – selling cost \$210
24 ct. 6 oz. Bacon-wrapped Filets –
selling cost \$165

Freezer Filler – selling cost \$155

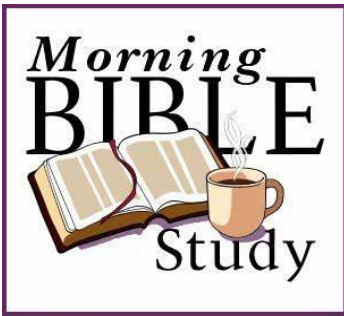
3# Pork Butt
3# Pork Chops
5# Chicken Breast
10# Ground Beef
2 ct. Whole Fryer Chickens
3# Sirloin Steak
3# Breakfast Sausage

Triple Threat – selling cost \$110

3# Ground Beef
3# Lean Ground Beef
3# Boston Burger (50% Beef, 50% Pork)
3# Chicken Breasts
3# Pork Chops
3# Pork Roast
3# Ground Turkey

Starter Pack #2 – selling cost \$83

5# Lean Ground Beef
3# Breakfast Sausage
3# Pork Chops
3# Chicken Breast



Starting Sunday, October 2, we will return to the video series written and narrated by Ray Vander Laan, a teacher and historian. The next session is entitled "The Early Church", and is divided into five segments. Please call or text Julie Olson at 785-577-5144 if you are interested in the study. She will purchase books and resource materials based on the number of persons interested. If you decide to join us later, or just want to check it out, no problem. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to Julie Olson for facilitating the Adult Bible Study throughout the past two years. When she started the Bible study, she maybe thought it would be a short-term deal, but that's not the case. She has inspired many of those who attend to continue the studies because it brings fellowship and a better understanding of the Bible and the culture that surrounded Jesus and his followers.

Julie Olson provided the following summary of the new series:

Travel to Israel through this DVD series and radically change your understanding of the Scriptures. This five-session small group Bible study, **Early Church**, by noted teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan, is volume five of the **That the World May Know** series. In this volume, Vander Laan uncovers the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries.

Filmed on location in Israel, these Faith Lessons are a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher, and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers.

The sessions on this DVD were filmed on location in Caesarea Philippi, Sardis, Pergamum, Ephesus, and Laodicea.

These illuminating "faith lessons" afford a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life. The Faith Lessons video series is ideal for use in small groups, you will gain vital insights from long-ago times and cultures through this innovative approach to Bible study. By deepening your understanding of God's Word, you can more clearly see God's revealed mission for your live and strengthen your relationship with him. The mission of God's people has always been to live, **so that the world would know that their God was the true God.**

MEAT BUNDLES (cont. from previous page)

Variety Meat Bundle #1 – selling cost \$145

- 3# Sirloin
- 3# Beef Roast
- 3# Chicken Breast
- 4# Pork Chops
- 3# Pork Loin Roast
- 3# Breakfast Sausage
- 10# Ground Beef

Weekly Meal Prep #1 – selling cost \$95

- 3# Beef Roast
- 1 Slab Pork Ribs
- 2# Ground Beef
- 2# Chicken Breast
- 2# Pork Chops
- 2# Sirloin Steak
- 4 Country Kabobs
- 1# Choice Deli Meat

Weekly Meal Prep #2 – selling cost \$92

- 1 Cut Up Fryer
- 2# Minute Steak
- 1# Breakfast Sausage
- 2# Chicken Breast
- 2# BBQ Pork Strips
- 1# All Beef Hot Dogs
- 1# Choice Deli Meat
- 3# Pit Ham

RALLY SUNDAY AND GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



Sunday School resumed on September 11 for children age 3 through 5th grade. The Sunday School children greeted members in front of the church with welcome posters and bubbles. During worship service, Pastor Amy Kay blessed their backpacks and presented 3rd graders Evie Bunk and Grayson Fleming with Bibles. Following worship service, Taton Tubbs and Pastor Amy Kay served lunch. It was fabulous! Members then spread out to complete the following work projects: 1) assist neighbor with yard clean-up, 2) clean up museum, 3) clean out storage areas in Elim church basement.

Thank you to everyone who helped with God's Work, Our Hands last Sunday. We had a great turnout. A great deal of progress was made and many projects were completed. Thank you also to Taton Tubbs and Pastor Amy Kay for the fantastic lunch served following worship service.



IT DOES NOT GET BETTER THAN THIS!
Diane and Pastor Amy Kay sharing a laugh.



Nancy, LeAnn & JoAn sorting out closet in basement.



Dana Olson cleaning out basement storage room.



(Upper Left) LeAnn Everhart puts the finishing touches on the beautiful mirror with seat and coat rack that has been stored behind the sanctuary. It was brought to the front entry of the Parish Hall to add a welcoming touch.



(Upper Right) Jay Everhart puts a shine to the doorways in the Parish Hall.

Young and old alike showed up to help with the work projects for God's Work, Our Hands.

(Right) Grayson Fleming helped carry out trash and boxed items to be delivered to cars or trucks for disposal or re-purposing.



Sandy Edwards, Lindsay Newton, and her sons Acea and Kaehler help out with the yard clean-up.

SERVING THE LORD IN OCTOBER

ACOLYTES

October Keira Mullen & Kasyn French

LECTORS

October 2 Allan Lindfors
 October 9 Mike Hulse
 October 17 Dana Olson
 October 23 Brooke Olson
 October 30 Diane Hedberg

GREETERS

October 2 Matt and Holly Toll
 October 9 Matt and Diane Hedberg
 October 17 Nancy Hopp
 October 23
 October 30

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sandy Edwards

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:

Sandy Edwards and Bernice Peterson

USHER FOR OCTOBER: Scott Johnson

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2022

<i>September 4</i>	<i>\$4703.00</i>	<i>61</i>
<i>September 11</i>	<i>\$1065.00</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>September 18</i>	<i>\$1854.00</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>September 25</i>	<i>\$1333.00</i>	<i>62</i>

RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY

Volunteers are still needed to host the Riverview Birthday Party held the **last Friday of the month at 2:00 PM**. September was cancelled due to Covid cases at Riverview. Hopefully Diane Talbott and Gayle Nelson will be able to help with the birthday party in October instead. We still need 2 people each for both November and December. 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. If you just want to visit with the residents, come on along. You're more than welcome.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

August 29, 2022

Council discussed Rally Sunday September 11, and work projects scheduled for "God's Work, Our Hands". Proceeds from the rodeo concession stand amounted to \$648.23 and will be used toward the cost of the new sound system. Equipment for the new sound system has arrived and will be installed the last week of September.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Senior Choir practice resumes September 14. Celebration hymnals were donated to Riverview for Sing-alongs.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed: No meeting. Youth Group meetings resume September 7, Sunday School and Confirmation class resume September 11.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Work projects for September 11 were discussed, to include Elim church basement cleanout, and assistance with yard clean-up at Walton residence.

Next meeting to be held on October 3, 2022

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 08/29/2022]

Beginning Balance as of 08/01/22:	\$ 41,528.97
Revenue:	\$ 7,774.17
Expenses:	\$ -6,575.80
Ending Balance as of 8/27/22:	\$ 42,727.34



Barry Nelson and Matt Hedberg help with yard clean-up.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS





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 Weis
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	40 years
5	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Beagley	9 years
6	Mr. and Mrs. Chris Lohrey	15 years
16	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones	45 years
18	Mr. and Mrs. Scott Feil	25 years
25	Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Kaufman	19 years



CONGRATULATIONS to Jeff and Katie Feil on the birth of their baby boy, Beckham Scott Feil, who was born September 4, 2022. He is greeted by his sisters Jalinn and Charlotte Major.

Paternal grandparents are Scott and Tammy Feil. Maternal grandparents are Brian and Tami Steinle, and Charlie and Frances Mealman. Great grandmother is Ruth Feil.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped make the Choir Room/Entry Way project come to life.



- To our Elim Council for approval to move it on to a congregational vote
- To the congregation for voting to move ahead with these changes and for financial support from the church Improvement Fund
- To the WELCA committee on the project: Nancy Hopp, JoAn Lindfors, and Lisa Boughfman
- To Terry Lindfors, Brian Hopp, Allan Lindfors, Beau Boughfman, John Myers, and Jay Everhart for help when and where needed

At this time there are a couple of items not finished, but it looks like the total cost is below our estimate by about \$350.00. There has been donated time, talents and items that made this a reality.

We are excited to now turn the area over to you, our church family, to use, and especially to Pastor Amy Kay to further her ministry here at Elim.

LeAnn Everhart, Committee Chairman

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 17th Sunday after Pentecost WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/Communion	3 7:00 – Council Mtg.	4	5 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 18th 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	10	11	12 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 19th 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	17	18	19 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 20th 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	24	25	26 1:30 – Quilt Group 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	27	28 2:00 – Riverview Birthday Party	29
30 21st Sunday after Pentecost REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM - Worship Service	31 HALLOWEEN					