



ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Messenger

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Greetings, Elim –

I hope the gorgeous colors of fall and the delightful temperatures are singing to your soul.

Recently I learned of Jordan Romero who is the youngest person to climb Mount Everest at 13 and then the youngest to climb all seven summits across the continents at 15 years of age. What caught my attention more than his persistence and ability to climb is that he apparently understood at a young age that not everyone's goals are the same as his nor should they be. He wanted to climb actual mountains, but other people might have their own version of a healthy pursuit that inspires him or her to do more than was ever thought possible. He (and his people) suggest that we should all "find our Everest".



What is your Everest? What is a healthy pursuit that inspires you to do more than you ever thought was possible? I've been trying to think of my Everest for a few weeks. For some reason, I just can't nudge my brain into the beyond.

What is easy for me is knowing that God is our God. God loves beyond what I can imagine. God desires health and goodness for us all beyond what we can imagine. We often pray on Sunday mornings that our offerings (what we are able to donate in money, time and talents) are blessed to do God's work in ways that are "more than we can ask or imagine".

Maybe as we see the beautiful, golden leaves of the season, we can take comfort that we are just people and God is God. Perhaps our prayer is that we are open to God nudging us into what is beyond our understanding. If we really want to find what God continues to call us towards, we are *active seekers*; we *long* to be moved to that which is beyond what we currently think is possible.

Our inspiration doesn't come from just us. It comes from God, the Holy Spirit. "Find your Everest" is much more catchy than all of the words in this article, but the t-shirt slogan doesn't work as people of faith without coming from God.

May we be open and active seekers of what God calls us to this month. May we be ready for what is beyond our current understanding of the possible.

~Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Allan Lindfors, Tom French, Charlotte Knackstedt, Bonnie Holopirek (Tammy Feil's friend), Pat and Rhonda Hull, Danny Morel, Brad Sjöholm (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.

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 until November 6.

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!** The Youth Group and Confirmation Class will be packing Shoeboxes at Freemount Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 PM. Please join them if you can.

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 OCTOBER: Linda Johnson, Gayle Nelson & Beth Thomas, Scott & Tammy Feil, Darren Able

NOISE OFFERING

The "noise offering" is returning on the 2nd Sunday of each month when the Junior Choir sings in church, beginning November 13. 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

In January 2023, JoAn Lindfors, Cindy Bunk, and Jackie Larson will be leaving the Executive Board. Diane Talbott will remain on the board but will only be here 6 out of 12 months. Donna Patrick has agreed to take over as Treasurer for Cindy Bunk. After discussing the “future” of WELCA with several women, they want WELCA to continue but understand that fewer persons are volunteering their services. There are some women that have said they will consider being new officers for WELCA in 2023, so we are praying there will be answers.

On November 1, 2022 WELCA was able to deliver **10 hand-sewn quilts** to **Lutheran World Relief (LWR)**, thanks to the hard work of quilters Donna Patrick, Lois Johnson, Sandy Larson, Beth Thomas, Doris Schultz and occasionally Bunny Hultgren. WELCA did give LWR financial assistance of **\$300**, but the personal aspect of delivering the quilts added a good feeling of giving. Hopefully next year everything will be back to normal with quilts and personal care and baby kits.

We did get volunteers for **Riverview Estates’s birthday parties** in September (Diane Talbott and Gayle Nelson), but then it had to be cancelled due to new Covid cases. How sad. Diane and Gayle will try again in October. However, we still need volunteers for November and December. Please sign up. There are currently NO treat restrictions.

The Sing-along on **October 16** was better than September because 9 Elim members, compared to six, showed up to sing with the residents, plus Carly Patrick did special music again, followed with some cartwheels and somersaults. The residents love her. In addition, the new LARGER PRINT songbooks were a hit. With the help of Allan Lindfors, these songbooks were copied and binded for a total of 25 songbooks for Riverview Estates. The next Sing-along will be on November 20, 2022 at 4:00 PM. Put it on your calendar so we can bring some happiness to the residents as the holiday season starts.

WELCA also started the Fellowship Coffee time at 10:30 AM on Sundays before church. We are only preparing coffee, with treats being optional. We all wanted to “get back to normal” and this is a start. We do need volunteers to sign up to get the coffee started each Sunday.

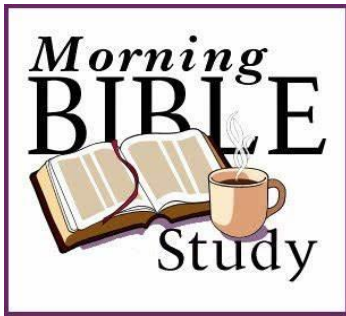
The Lion’s Club has asked WELCA to serve two dinners to their members on November 28, 2022 and March 27, 2022. If you can assist with this task, please let Linda Johnson know. Thank you. We need to keep up with our community service.

JoAn Lindfors, President

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



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.



Adult Bible Study continues at 9:30 AM with **The Chosen, Part 2** on November 6. Julie Olson is the facilitator. Grab a cup of coffee (or other preferred beverage) and join us as we explore the life and times of Jesus. The series brings an insight into the words of the Bible, and the life of Jesus and his followers, as we follow their journey, their interactions, their struggles, and their customs.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Any or every Sunday.

SWEDISH SUPPER MEETING

There will be an organizational meeting for the 2022 Swedish Supper EVERY Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall through November 30. (Note: there will be no meeting November 23 due to Thanksgiving holiday). Anyone interested in helping with plans for the Swedish Supper is welcome. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Linda Johnson, chairperson for the Swedish Supper Committee.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Community Thanksgiving Inc. (CTI) in McPherson, KS is hosting its annual FREE Thanksgiving dinner for the public on **Thursday, November 24 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**. Everyone is welcome. The dinner will be served at the McPherson Community Building, 122 E. Marlin, McPherson. No reservations are required. Home delivery is available within McPherson. Call 620-747-2760 for home delivery, or if you have any questions. **Volunteers are always needed for setup on Nov. 23 (1-2 hours), or serving and cleanup on Thanksgiving Day. Please call or text at 620-755-0752 if you are willing to help.** Donations can be mailed to CTI, PO Box 14, McPherson, KS 67460. Email address is McPhersonCommunityDinners@gmail.com or for more information, go to www.facebook.com/McPhersonCommunityDinners



SERVING THE LORD IN NOVEMBER

ACOLYTES

November Ethan Able

LECTORS

November 6 Mike Hulse
 November 13 Betsy Patrick
 November 20 Allan Lindfors
 November 27 Linda Johnson

GREETERS

November 6
 November 13 Allan and JoAn Lindfors
 November 20 Nancy Hopp
 November 27 Scott and Linda Johnson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Andi Willems

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:

Brook Olson and Pam Morel

USHER FOR OCTOBER: Lars Peterson

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2022

October 2	\$2173.00	80
October 9	\$2178.00	94
October 16	\$3478.23	76
October 23	\$1240.00	68
October 30		



NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

October 3, 2022

Council discussed the Youth Group Mission Trip scheduled for March 12-18, 2023. The group will be working with CSM Nashville, a nationwide Christian non-profit organization that focuses on serving those in need in urban areas. The Youth Group will be holding fundraisers to help pay the cost. Council approved a sound system upgrade for an additional speaker for the south side of the church.

Worship & Music: Met September 28. Adding back the noise offering on 2nd Sunday of the month, starting Nov. 13.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting. Donated \$2000 to the Youth Group for the mission trip.

Christian Ed: No meeting. Diane Hedberg and Tammy Feil will continue group teaching through October, with SS teachers assisting.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Discussed replacing the front doors to the sanctuary. May require metal or composite doors to protect from weather. Purchase of a new steam table and additional laptop for Pastor's use were also discussed.

Next meeting to be held on November 7, 2022

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 10/03/2022]

Beginning Balance as of 09/01/22:	\$ 42,727.34
Revenue:	\$ 10,939.92
Expenses:	\$ -10,655.40
Ending Balance as of 9/30/22:	\$ 43,011.86

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to provide a fresh arrangement along with a dedication for a special occasion or celebration, you are welcome to do so. The arrangement will be placed on the piano or a stand. Please notify the church secretary so your dedication can be included in the bulletin. THANK YOU.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Justin Borg
1	Mary Sommerfeld
3	Darren Able
3	LeRoy Martin
3	Hannah McBride
3	Sandra Garber
3	Theresa Hayden
5	Breckyn Bauer
6	Grayson Fleming
6	Thomas Oakleaf
7	Cayson Lindquist
7	Helen Weber
7	Kara (Amos) Modrow
7	Logan Forssberg
8	Janelle Lillard
10	Sofia Hernandez
11	Emilie Snapp
13	Tim Larson
14	Charlotte Knackstedt
15	Donna Patrick
16	Adam Lindh
17	John Young
18	Abbie Hudson
18	Christine Weber
19	Tammy Feil
19	Kellen McMahan
19	Bradley Crump
20	Ceila Reid
21	Lance Hulse
22	Kinley Peterson
22	Deb Hedberg
22	Brin Edwards
23	Merle Larson
25	Sadie McBride
26	Amanda McMahan
26	Aaron Lindh
28	Darryl Borg
29	Ethan Able
30	Kanin French



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5	Mr. and Mrs. Tom French	50 years
8	Mr. and Mrs. Merle Larson	49 years
10	Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schultz	61 years
12	Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Young	47 years
15	Mr. and Mrs. Noah Lindfors	10 years
25	Mr. and Mrs. Matt Toll	5 years



CONGRATULATIONS to Dixon and Kate Olson on the birth of their son, Seth Lewis. Seth was born October 17, 2022, weighing 9 lb. 20 oz. Paternal grandparents are

Dana and Julie Olson, and aunt Brooke Olson, of Marquette. Maternal grandparents are Greg and Melinda Bowen of Manhattan. Great-grandparents are Juanita Hughes, Marquette; Judy Schurle, Manhattan; and Agatha Bowen, Enid, OK.


SERVICE IN SONG

Elim Lutheran Church's Senior Choir joined 3 other church choirs for the Service in Song, hosted by Assaria Lutheran Church on

Sunday, October 23 at 7:00 PM. The other Lutheran church choirs who performed were Assaria, Redeemer, and Falun/Salemsborg. Several members attended the service and said it was wonderful. An offering was taken to benefit the Salina Food Bank. A director from the Food Bank spoke to the congregation about the increased needs for the services provided by the Food Bank.



Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> 		1	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	3	4	5
<p>6 22nd Sunday after Pentecost ALL SAINTS DAY</p> <p>9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/ Communion</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 – Council Mtg.</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group & Confirmation Class – <u>PACK SHOEBOXES at Freemount</u> 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	10	11	12
<p>13 23rd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM - Worship Service</p> <p>4:00 – Riverview Sing-along</p>	14	15	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>2:00 – Riverview Birthday Party</p>	19
<p>20 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM - Worship Service</p>	21	22	<p>23</p> <p>1:30 – Quilt Group</p> <p>NO Youth Group or Confirmation class</p> <p>7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>THANKSGIVING</p>	25	26
<p>27 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM - Worship Service</p>	28	29	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	