



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings, Elim –

There was no wind blowing, the sun shone brightly and 57 degrees felt gorgeous just after worship when the youth were confirmed. I basked in the sun for an hour with my face tilted up to soak it all in and I gave continued thanks.

Last Wednesday evening our Confirmation group gathered in the sanctuary for the last meeting of our two-year class. The stained glass over the Chancel was aglow because of the setting sun. Kasyn said she loves the sanctuary at this time. She stops and tries to take a picture of its beauty every time. I'm with her. It is striking and if I'm alone in the sanctuary, I sometimes sing part of a hymn in natural response to the glory.

My son Sebastian gets to work at Bethany Home and he loves many of the residents. Last night he and Elsie got aaaall dressed up and went out for a nice supper shared between friends. They had a bit of time before their reservation and I wondered if they might like to go by Bethany Home to say hello to some beloved residents. Not only did Sebbie light up at the idea, but Elsie did as well! Their faces and excited responses have stayed with me. (The selfies from the visit are pure joy.)

There are so many moments when, if we are present, we can experience something that feels deeper than "good". It is more like holiness or a gift from God. I wonder how many of these moments pass by without recognition as we move through our days. In this season of Eastertide, may we try to pause and experience the resurrection life in many and varied ways in our everyday lives. From the sun to genuine delight at the prospect of visiting friends at the rest home, may we notice the omnipresent sense of New Life; may we name the holy in our midst. Thanks be to God for all the opportunities we have to do so.

w/ joy – Pastor Amy Kay

Confirmation was held Sunday, April 23, 2023. Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich selected the following Bible verses for each of the confirmands. She also shared the reason she chose these verses.

Erin Maddison Ariane Caesar

Romans 12:12 – Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.

Layla Gayle Fleming

Proverbs 4:7 – The beginning of wisdom is this: get wisdom, and whatever else you get, get insight.

Breckyn Ann Bauer

Luke 12:6-7 - What do sparrows cost? A dime a dozen? Yet not one of them is overlooked by God. In fact, even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Don't be so timid: You're worth more than a flock of sparrows.

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Kasyn Mae French

Isaiah 41:10 – Do no fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Auley William Boughfman

Matthew 5:14 – You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Conway Gary Patrick

Micah 6:8 – He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

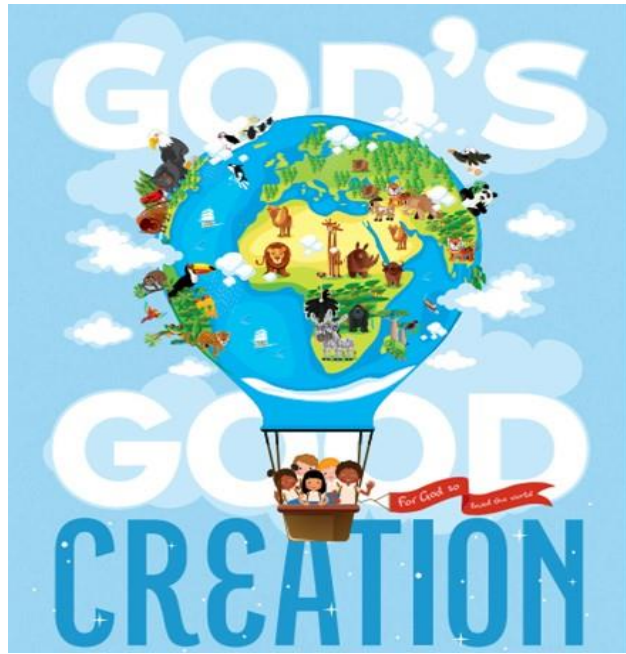
CONFIRMATION / AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM



Congratulations to our confirmands! The following youth were confirmed on Sunday, April 23, 2023. We welcome them as new members of our church and pray that their service to Christ will continue throughout their lifetimes. Each of the confirmands presented their affirmation of faith to the congregation. Thank you to Jackie Larson for leading the confirmands in a “generational confirmand” bell choir for special music and a recitation entitled “Deck of Cards” during offering. The bell choir included Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich, Kasyn French, Conway Patrick and his mother Betsy, Auley Boughfman and his grandma Sandra Myers, and Layla Fleming and her grandma Gayle Nelson. The recitation was performed by Auley Boughfman, Layla Fleming, Kasyn French, and Conway Patrick, with Jackie Larson providing background music on the organ.



Top Row: Auley Boughfman, Breckyn Bauer, Erin Caesar
Bottom Row: Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich, Conway Patrick, Kasyn French, Layla Fleming



You are invited to God's Good Creation VBS!

Kids age 5 through Grade 4 are invited to come explore the many gifts God has given our world! Through games, songs, stories, skits and simulations we will learn about how God calls each of us to help care for God's Good Creation. We also get to learn about a different animal (or bee) each day. SO Fun!

Wednesday – Friday, 9am – 12:15pm at Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday worship begins at 11am in the Marquette City Park

Wednesday – God created the world, and it is good (Genesis 1:31) - Goats

Thursday – God can use you whatever size you are (Matthew 13:31-32) - Chicks

Friday – God Made everyone different and important (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) - Bees

Sunday Worship at 11am – Working together, we can change the world (Ephesians 4:11-12) – Pigs

To pre-register, please email (elimmarquette@gmail.com) or text (573-808-1980) the following to Pastor Amy Kay or drop the information off at the church.

Name:

Age or Grade Completed:

Physical and/or Dietary Notes:

Emergency contact name and phone number:

Second Emergency name and phone number:

Anything else you think would be helpful for adults to know so your child has an excellent experience at VBS:

I hope you can be a part of this year's VBS!



Please keep in prayer: Bev Alstatt, Robert and Jolene Larson, Braxton Best, Bill and Caly Hinzman and baby Samuel, Mary Seybod (Ben French’s mother-in-law, his wife Jennifer’s mother), Karla Bartz (Patty Kolling’s friend and co-worker), Allan Lindfors, Ronnie Larson, Bob Jones, Merle Walker’s daughter Tricia, Sandra Spohn, Sawyer Lysell-Alkire, Tanner Luttig, Delores Wallace, James Write, Lesley, Laurie, Tom French, Bonnie Holopirek (Tammy Feil’s friend), Doug Anderson, Mary Nolan, Amy Jones, Ava Jones, Eva Allen, Ron Carlson, Tammy Hopp, Brian Miner, Rusty Young, Dennis and Bunnie Hultgren and family, Lynda Krahl, Vernon Olson, Ruth Feil and all of the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities.

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.]**

WELCA NEWS

WELCA continues to reach out to church members and the community in the following ways:

- They brought cookies and chocolate to the Riverview residents to celebrate Easter.
- They hosted the Sing-along at Riverview April 16.
- WELCA officers hosted a reception for the confirmands and their families on Sunday, April 23.
- They planned a Spring Celebration on April 29 to gather members at Jim and Bernice Peterson’s home for food and refreshments, and to celebrate spring. Co-hosts were Sandy Edwards, and Barry and Carylee Nelson.



Don’t forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 2nd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **May 21**. Come join the Riverview Birthday Parties on the last Friday of every month at 2:00 PM. The next one will be **May 26**. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to provide snacks or help. The residents love to see young and old alike come join them for singing and just plain visiting.

THANK YOU to Lois Johnson and Dee Anne Johnson for providing cake and ice cream for the Riverview Birthday Party March 31.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Elim is again hosting the Summer Lunch Program sponsored and funded by KSDE. This program provides free lunch to all children in the community under the age of 18, and all meals are served at Elim Lutheran Church from **May 24** until the start of school in August. The meals will be dine-in and served in the Parish Hall. The Marquette United Methodist Church and Elim work together to provide staffing on alternate weeks. We will need volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM during the weeks Elim is responsible. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board or call Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT.**

SUMMER LAWN-MOWING

Elim needs volunteers to mow the church lawns this summer, starting in May and ending in September. 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 on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please call Scott Johnson at 785-577-4058 or Barry Nelson at 785-820-1439. **THANK YOU!**

Please contact Scott Johnson if you would be interested in working 2-3 evenings in May raking leaves, trimming bushes, and other yard work around the church grounds. It would be a great help to those volunteers mowing throughout the summer and make the church yard look great! **THANKS!!!**



April 16, 2023

Dear Friends,

Time continues to “march on” quickly and yes, folks, it’s already time to be rounding up people to provide special music for summer worship at church. I am hoping many of you will feel called to help with the music ministry at Elim Lutheran Church this summer. This could be solos, duets, trios, quartets, or any group you care to put together! Find below a schedule of available dates. You are welcome to choose your own music, or I can help you. Feel free to use recorded accompaniments or I am willing to practice with you and accompany you, most Sundays. Please contact Jackie Larson to get on the schedule per text 785-376-1931 or email craigandjackie77@gmail.com by May 15, 2023. Please indicate 2 or 3 dates you would be available, according to your 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices. You may also mail this form back to Jackie Larson at 554 Shawnee Rd., Marquette, KS 67464. Thank you!

June 11

June 18 (Father’s Day)

June 25

July 2

July 9

July 16

July 23

July 30 (Sjogren Reunion) Matt Everhart?

August 6

August 13 (Jackie is gone & Kayley Fleming will play for church services)

August 20

August 27

Sept 3 (Labor Day Weekend)

September 10

September 17

September 24

Please prayerfully consider helping me fill up this list by May 15!

Name_____

Phone or other contact info:_____

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____



Congratulations to Our 2023 Graduates

ETHAN ABLE will be graduating from Smoky Valley High School and plans to attend Washburn University with a major in Kinesiology. His parents are Darren Able, and Steve and Trish Reed.

SAMUEL "BO" BACON will be graduating from McPherson High School and plans to work at Superior Automotive and farm. His parents are Austin and Diana LeGron.

NOAH BEARLEY will be graduating from McPherson High School and plans to attend Pratt Community College and study to be a Lineman. His parents are Freeman Bearley and Niki Sutton.

JOSH BOCOX will be graduating from McPherson High School and plans to attend K-State University with a major in Business. His parents are George and Catherine Bocox.

DAWSON FEIL will be graduating from McPherson High School and plans to attend K-State University, majoring in Engineering. His parents are Scott and Tammy Feil.

KAYLA FOX will be graduating from Little River High School and plans to attend Colby Community College with a major in Animal Science and Agriculture, and then continue onto K-State. Her parents are Shayne and Marci Fox.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 8th GRADE STUDENTS:

We would also like to congratulate our 8th grade students who will be moving on to high school next year: Breckyn Bauer (McPherson Middle School); Kasyn French (Smoky Valley); Auley Boughfman (Little River Middle School)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES:

ABBY HUDSON, daughter of Roger and Kris Hudson, is graduating from Wichita State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. She will continue working toward her PhD in Physical Therapy.

YOUTH GROUP MEALS

Thank you to the following for providing meals in April: Linda Johnson, Amy Kay Pavlovich, Carol Jones, and Niki Sutton.

LAST YOUTH GROUP MEETING IS MAY 10.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION & BLESSING / YOUTH SUNDAY

We celebrated our graduates on Sunday, April 30 during the worship service. The worship service was provided by the Youth Group, with special music and a presentation on the Youth Group's mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee in March. A BBQ lunch was prepared and served by the Youth Group following the service. More information on this special Sunday will follow in the next Messenger.

YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS: Ethan Able, Bo Bacon, Kody Barry, Noah Bearley, Josh Bocox, Elsie Boughfman, Raven Caesar, Dawson Feil, Keira Mullen, Colter Patrick, Atticus Pavlovich, Sebastian Pavlovich, and Ciara Rawson

SERVING THE LORD IN MAY

ACOLYTES

May – Sebastian Pavlovich

LECTORS

May 7 Darren Able
 May 14 Carol Jones
 May 21 Jackie Larson
 May 28

GREETERS

May 7 Nancy Hopp
 May 14 Barry and Carylee Nelson
 May 21 Nancy Hopp
 May 28 Lars and Carly Peterson

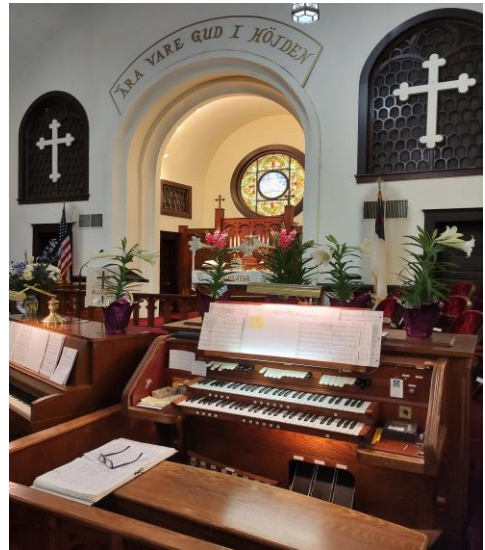
COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 7 Carly Peterson

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

May 7 Craig and Jackie Larson

USHER FOR MAY: Craig Larson



Fred Peterson captured the beauty of the lilies in our church on Easter morning.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April 3, 2023

Confirmands Auley Boughfman, Conway Patrick, Layla Fleming, Erin Caesar, and Kasyn French presented their affirmation of faith to council. Debit card approved for online purchase of church supplies.

Worship & Music: No meeting.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed: Graduate Recognition/Youth Sunday April 30

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Barry Nelson reported on bid for church doors. To be tabled until replacement required. Roof repair to follow after bid received and approved.

Next meeting to be held on May 1, 2023

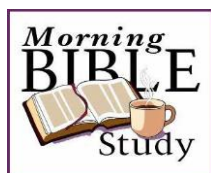
Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 04/03/2023]

Beginning Balance as of 03/01/23:	\$ 59,150.64
Revenue:	\$ 8,503.98
Expenses:	\$ -11,615.33
Ending Balance as of 03/31/23:	\$ 56,039.29

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

REMINDER: Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, JUNE 13** from **12:00-6:00 PM** at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Please come at your appointment time. **THANK YOU FOR GIVING!**



Adult Bible Study continues at 9:30 AM every Sunday with the next series of The Chosen. Julie Olson is the facilitator. Grab a cup of coffee or beverage of your choice 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.

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2023

April 2 (1)	\$2023.00	84
April 6 (2)		39
April 9 (3)	\$2680.00	126
April 16	\$1277.00	81
April 23 (4)	\$2120.00	116
April 30 (5)	\$	

(1) Palm Sunday; (2) Maundy Thursday; (3) Easter; (4) Confirmation Sunday; (5) Graduate Recognition/Youth Sunday



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kassandra Hernandez
- 3 Cassie Crotts
- 5 Adam Jones
- 7 Storm Niegsch
- 7 Ivy Sellhorn
- 7 Erin Caesar
- 8 Madison Loder
- 8 Michelle Loder
- 11 Amy Kay Pavlovich
- 12 Jackie Larson
- 14 Russell Malm
- 15 Freda Talbott
- 15 Dane Young
- 16 Lana Rock
- 16 Rita Brown
- 17 Carylee Nelson
- 17 Layla Fleming
- 19 Lisa Boughfman
- 19 Jerry Kelsey
- 19 Dan Crump
- 19 Raylyn Farris
- 20 Caleb Mitchell
- 21 Vance Hopp
- 21 Brian Hopp
- 24 Nancy Larson
- 24 Beau Oakley
- 26 Kylie Fox
- 28 Chris Johnson
- 28 Leif Larson
- 28 Abigail Perez
- 29 Brandon Hulse
- 30 Jakob Feil
- 31 Craig Larson
- 31 Ro Valdez
- 31 Ryan Loder
- 31 Cody Hopkins

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Hawkinson 8 years
- 14 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Peterson 39 years
- 26 Mr. and Mrs. Lars Peterson 5 years
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. Josh McMahan 17 years
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. Cody Suhr 6 years
- 29 Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crump 41 years

GET WELL WISHES FOR ALLAN

Elim’s choir and music director, Allan Lindfors, is currently recuperating and receiving physical therapy at Hillsboro Community Hospital in Hillsboro, KS. We continue to pray for his healing and return home. What a celebration that will be!!

PLEASE send get well cards to Allan Lindfors at his home address: P.O. Box 371, Marquette, KS 67464. **THANK YOU!**



CONGRATULATIONS to Ethan Able! The Kansas Basketball Coaches Association awarded him Academic All-State for his academic achievements.

PLEASE NOTE: The last day of Sunday School will be **MAY 21**. Junior Choir will sing **MAY 14**. That will also be the last day for Junior Choir practice for the summer.



Vernon Olson waiting for church service to start. Fred Peterson captured this picture on Easter Sunday.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 – Council Mtg.	2	3 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group 7:30 PM – Senior Choir Practice	4	5	6
7...5th Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:30 AM – Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Communion	8	9	10 – Last Youth Group Mtg. 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group 7:30 PM – Senior Choir Practice	11	12	13
14 6th Sunday of Easter MOTHER’S DAY 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:30 AM – Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 AM – Worship Service 4:00 – Riverview Sing-along	15	16	17 7:30 PM – Senior Choir Practice	18 Ascension of Our Lord	19	20
21 7th Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM – Worship Service	22	23	24 Summer Lunch Begins 12:00 – 1:00 PM 1:30 – Quilt Group 7:30 PM – Senior Choir Practice	25	26 2:00 – Riverview Birthday Party	27
28 Day of Pentecost 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM – Worship Service	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM Elim Lutheran Church			