



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

JULY 2023

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A wonderful mid-summer greeting to you, Elim –

I hope this Messenger finds you with a hope-filled spirit.

For most of our four years together, I have tried to keep my involvement with the Fair Trade movement separate from the life of the church. The biggest reason I've done so is because I never want to make anyone feel awkward about coming into my shop. You're always welcome. You should NEVER feel pressured. Since I'm the Pastor at Elim, I'm sensitive about me or anyone else preying on the good people of the church. After this many years, I hope you know me well enough to know that I would never intentionally pressure anyone. Please read these words only as my witness with an invitation.

This is why I am involved with Fair Trade: It is a model of doing business that prioritizes makers and growers in developing parts of the world. Fair Trade gives producers continual direct market access, makes sure their payment is fair and their working conditions are safe. For instance, I buy from women who are learning to sew to get out of the sex trade, many indigenous people who need an outlet for their beautiful handcrafts so their kids can go to school and farmers who otherwise would have to sell their crops to corrupt middle men (called coyotes) for very poor prices. The latter is why the second church I served started a Fair Trade store in the life of their congregation.

The church's college group and I visited a family of coffee farmers in Mexico. They explained the typical system of the coffee trade and the lack of agricultural insurance in developing countries. These variables led them 15 years earlier to either switch from growing coffee to drugs or migrate to the USA for work so they had enough money to feed their family. None of them *wanted* to leave their families or grow drugs, but the predatory coffee system was not providing their most basic needs and other options weren't known. A Roman Catholic group traveled through, learned of the situation and helped the family form a Fair Trade cooperative called "Café Justo/Just Coffee". We met them years later. The farmers were all growing coffee again and their kids were even in school. The ability to sell their crops consistently at a fair price changed their lives. It was an easy choice for our group; we started buying Fair Trade coffee and eventually became the second church in that town to offer a Fair Trade store. From then on, I've started stores wherever I've moved.

My vocation is to serve God's people. I'm grateful to get to do so here at Elim and in over 60 developing countries through my store. I'm grateful God hears our prayers when we ask repeatedly that systems of poverty and oppression change and I'm grateful for the opportunity to help make that be so through Elim and Fair Trade.

I'm grateful to continue to be transformed by traveling to places where I learn about God's people who have very different situations than my own. My perspective continues to widen; my prayers and my lifestyle change.

If you would like an experience of learning through travel, I invite you to consider coming with me to Guatemala from January 23-February 1, 2024. Up to eight people will journey together with a Guide in Guatemala. We will each pay for our own trip with no scholarship assistance. The trip will cost \$2000 plus food/drinks/individual purchases. We will

begin each day with devotions and end with reflections. In between we will learn about the Guatemalan government, their most recent civil war and its effects, the education systems, Mayan culture including their religion, a bit about coffee and cocoa farming, indigenous handcrafts and the effects of Fair Trade outlets. If you would like more information, a detailed packet can be found in the Narthex and I'd love to answer any questions you might have.

w/abundant thanksgivings – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Miles Norberg, Merle Walker, Connie Rawson, Robert and Jolene Larson, Bev Alstatt, Mary Seybod (Ben French's mother-in-law, wife Jennifer's mother), Allan Lindfors, Bob Jones, Sawyer Lysell-Alkire, Tanner Luttig, Delores Wallace, Lesley, Laurie, Tom French, Mary Nolan, Amy Jones, Ava Jones, Eva Allen, Ron Carlson, Tammy Hopp, Dennis and Bunnie Hultgren and family, Lynda Krahl, Vernon Olson, Ruth Feil and all of the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sandy Larson, to the family of Sandy Garber, and to the family of Charles Smith.

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.]**



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 until August 16 (the last day before school starts). The meals are dine-in and served in the Parish Hall. The Marquette United Methodist Church and Elim work together to provide staffing on alternate weeks. We still need volunteers to help 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 still needs volunteers to mow the church lawns this summer. 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.

Thank you to Linda Johnson, Griff Hawkinson, and Darryl Talbott for mowing in June.



The women of Elim Lutheran Church will be hosting a women's retreat for members of the community and surrounding areas for an afternoon of inspiration and faith. COME JOIN US!

SEE THE ARTICLE ON THE NEXT PAGE ABOUT WELCA'S UPCOMING WOMEN'S RETREAT

WELCA continues to reach out to church members and the community in many ways. For Father's Day, WELCA gifted the male residents at Riverview with socks. Riverview Birthday Parties will be hosted by the Marquette United Methodist Church during the summer months, and Elim's WELCA will resume hosting September through May. Don't forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **July 16**. The residents love to see young and old alike come join them for singing and visiting.

On the following page is a letter from Marilyn Spohn about the continued Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. WELCA and Elim Youth Group have helped with this project in the past several years.

Join us for a women's retreat
featuring Kim Vogel Sawyer, a Christian book author from Hutchinson KS
at Elim Lutheran Church, Marquette
Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 PM

Co-sponsored by the Women of Elim Lutheran Church
and the Marquette Community Library



An Unlikely Journey

Kim will give her personal testimony on how God used unlikely circumstances in her life to mold her into a person He designed her to be.

Tickets are \$5 at the door

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Best-selling, award-winning author Kim Vogel Sawyer is highly acclaimed for her "gentle stories of hope." Readers and reviewers alike are drawn to her books and the life lessons contained within the pages. Kim dreamed of being a writer from her earliest memories, and her little-girl dream came true in 2006 with the release of *Waiting for Summer's Return*. Now with over 1.5 million books in print in six different languages, she praises God for blessing her far beyond her imaginings. When Kim isn't writing, she enjoys traveling with her retired military hubby, quilting, performing in community theater, and spoiling her quiverful of granddarlings.



SERVING THE LORD IN JULY

LECTORS

July 2 Brooke Olson
 July 9 Linda Johnson
 July 16 Jackie Larson
 July 23 Nancy Rawson
 July 30 Jeremy Snapp

GREETERS

July 2 Terry and Nancy Hopp
 July 9 Barry and Carylee Nelson
 July 16 Terry and Nancy Hopp
 July 23 Janis Larson & Vicki Young
 July 30 Beth Thomas

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

July 2 Beth Thomas

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

July 2 Set-up: Mike and Cynthia Hulse
 Bread: Cindy Bunk

USHER FOR JULY: Lars Peterson

LAWN MOWING:

June 30/July 1 Griff Hawkinson
 July 7/8 Linda Johnson
 July 14/15 Feils
 July 21/22 Griff Hawkinson
 July 28/29 Feils

LECTORS NEEDED FOR JULY THROUGH AUGUST

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to read scripture for one of our worship services on Sunday mornings. **THANK YOU!**

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 06/05/2023]

Beginning Balance as of 05/01/23:	\$ 37,509.93
Revenue:	\$ 8,842.61
Expenses:	\$ -7,366.80
Ending Balance as of 05/31/23:	\$ 38,985.74



RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

REMINDER: Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for TUESDAY, August 8

from 12:00-6:00 PM at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Please come at your appointment time. **THANK YOU FOR GIVING!**

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2023

Council discussed parsonage rental. Agreed to do rodeo concession stand again this year. Pastor Amy Kay reported on success of VBS and joint worship in the park with the Marquette United Methodist Church.

Worship & Music: No meeting.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed: No meeting. Patriotic breakfast went well. Approximately 75 served, \$249 in donations.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

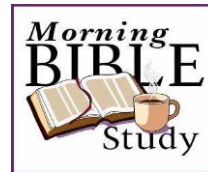
Property/Security Committee: Meeting June 5. Sewer pipe in parsonage basement broken. Working on replacement.

Next meeting to be held on July 3, 2023

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2023

June 4*	\$1760.00	96
June 11	\$1978.75	59
June 18	\$1783.00	43
June 25	\$1064.00	40

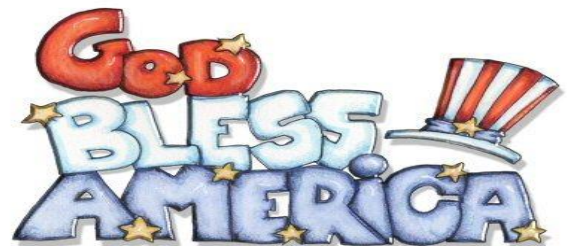
*Joint worship service in the park



The Adult Bible Study held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM will not meet during the summer months. Plans are to resume in September. Julie Olson, the facilitator, will announce the start-up date at a later time.



Thank you to the McMahan kids – Garrett, Kadie, Kellen, and Henry, to Jackie Larson and Fred Peterson, and to Matt Larson for providing music during the worship services in June.

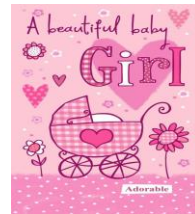


JULY BIRTHDAYS

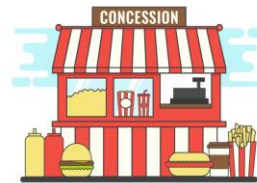
1	Scott Johnson
1	Marah Kaufman
1	Marco Perez
3	Kerry Lindh
3	Luke Hedberg
4	Kayla Fox
5	Carson Rethman
6	Linn Nelson
6	Brady Jones
7	Ron Larson
7	Tonya Kaufman
9	Anna Caesar
10	Dixon Johnson
10	Maybelle Jones
12	Carson Windholz
13	Kinley Peterson
13	Matt Sellhorn
14	Kirsten Larson
14	Julie Olson
16	Leland Brown
18	Larry Montgomery
18	Sophia Allen
19	Linda Johnson
20	Matthew Everhart
20	Dean Alstatt
22	Doris Schultz
22	Elizabeth Crump
22	Jolie Myers
23	Kelly Montgomery
24	Diane Hedberg
24	Gail Quested
25	Karen Simmons
27	Jamie Ketchum
28	Pam Morel
28	Crystal Hawkinson
29	Chelsi Mannebach
29	Heidi Caesar
29	Flora Malm
30	Sandy Edwards

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

8	Mr. and Mrs. Wally Bunk	57 years
14	Mr. and Mrs. Barry Nelson	49 years
14	Mr. and Mrs. Dana Olson	39 years
15	Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Bauer	17 years
18	Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wickstrom	8 years
24	Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Patrick	19 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Brodie Seely	12 years
31	Mr. and Mrs. John Myers	53 years



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 Congratulations to Levi and Jessica Norberg on the birth of their daughter Natalie Jean, who was born June 15, 2023. Her older brother Miles is 2 years old, who is currently healing from a broken leg. Paternal grandparents are Troy and Dee Anne Johnson, and paternal great-grandparents are Dean and Lois Johnson.



RODEO CONCESSION STAND

Please consider helping with the rodeo concession stand at the annual Marquette Rodeo on **August 4 and 5**. 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!



Matt Larson and Kirsten Larson light the altar candles prior to their mother Sandy Larson's funeral service.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 5th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion	3 7:00 – Council Mtg. <i>Summer lunch hosted by Elim women this week</i>	4 4th of July	5	6	7	8
9 6th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 7th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service 4:00 – Riverview Sing-along	17 <i>Summer lunch hosted by Elim women this week</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23 8th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service	31 <i>Summer lunch hosted by Elim women this week</i>					

If you no longer wish to receive this monthly newsletter, please let the Elim Lutheran Church office know by calling (785) 546-2244 and leaving a message, emailing elimsec@gmail.com, or leaving a note on the church office door.

Letters of opinion will not be printed in the Messenger. Church Council, as representatives of the congregation, will address individual concerns as they arise. (Policy per church council vote on November 4, 2013.)

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