



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

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Greetings, Elim and friends –

I hope you are safe and well in these hot days of summer.

As I've mentioned before in worship, I grew up dreading the church season of Pentecost (which is what we are in right now). The only reason I disliked it is that I felt like it went on and on. We count the Sundays through the season from the day of Pentecost and it seemed like each was something like, "the hundredth Sunday after Pentecost." The color of the season is green and I felt like the minister wore the same exact green stole for most of the year. It felt *so boring!*

Clearly I wasn't listening to anything during worship as I was growing up because the stories that we get to think about and learn from through this season are anything but boring. In fact, they are my *favorite* stories of Jesus, the church and our ancestors of faith! We get the parables of Jesus (SO compelling), Paul's cheerleading and ferocious words from the Prophets. This is actually the BEST time to come to church to hear and think about stories we only have once a year or even once every three years.

I have to admit that I still do get tired of green as our liturgical color during this stretch. I wear the green stole a sweet, retired minister passed along some Sundays. I also wear my rainbow stole and am just starting to embroider a stole I can wear during this season. (At the rate I embroider, I may get it done after I retire, but if so I'll pass it to a younger minister for his or her Pentecost rotation of stoles.)

I hope if you have felt bored by the season it is only because of the consistency of the color. The Good News of these scriptures is challenging, motivating, relevant and fantastic; I'll do my best to always present it as such.

I look forward to every Sunday and hope I get to see you in worship soon.

w/excitement for all that is before us this month and beyond – Pastor Amy Kay

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### VISIT WITH PASTOR KATHERINE

Pastor Katherine Kolodziejczyk is coming back to Marquette, KS to visit on Friday, August 25. Come by the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM for coffee and to catch up with Pastor Katherine. She was the pastor at Elim Lutheran Church from February 2017 to January 2019.



**Please keep in prayer:** Sandy Edwards, Jay Everhart, Miles Norberg, Bonnie Holopirek, Merle Walker, Connie Rawson, Robert and Jolene Larson, Bev Alstatt, Allan Lindfors, Bob Jones, 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.

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](mailto:elimmarquette@gmail.com) or [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto: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.]**

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## WELCA NEWS

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 FLYER ON THE NEXT PAGE ABOUT WELCA'S UPCOMING WOMEN'S RETREAT

Elim's WELCA will resume hosting the Riverview Birthday Parties in September through May. PLEASE SIGN UP TO PROVIDE TREATS the last Friday of the month at 2:00 PM. Don't forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **August 20** following the Women's Retreat in the Parish Hall at 2:00 PM. Let's all join in singing at Riverview after our fellowship at the church.

Coming up in September will be the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) project. Our women have sewn quilts and gathered items for the care kits for many years. Let's continue the tradition. Please take a look at the giant poster in the Parish Hall highlighting the collection and destination points for the LWR quilts and kits. Last year we delivered the quilts made at Elim to St. John's Lutheran Church in Salina, KS, which was mentioned on the poster. There will be a basket in the Parish Hall and the back of the sanctuary to collect items for the care kits. See the items listed below:

### **PERSONAL CARE KIT**

Light-weight bath size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended  
Bath-size bars of soap (8-9 oz.) in original wrapping  
Adult-size toothbrush (original packaging)  
Sturdy comb, remove packaging  
Metal nail clipper (with or without attached file), remove packaging

### **BABY CARE KIT**

Lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)  
Long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (no footies)  
Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with light-weight yarn, 36" – 52" square  
Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred  
Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood, or include baby cap  
Pairs of socks  
Hand towels, dark color recommended  
Bath-size bars of gentle soap (8-9 oz.) in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars  
Diaper pins or large safety pins

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.





### 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!

One of our Elim members received a \$250 donation and t-shirts from Thrivent for the purchase of supplies for the rodeo concession stand. We thank Thrivent for sponsoring the rodeo concession stand to help us raise funds for the church.



### SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Elim has a few more weeks of serving the Summer Lunch. 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 from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. The Marquette United Methodist Church and Elim work together to provide staffing on alternate weeks. Linda Johnson and LaVonna Schafer would like to thank everyone who helped prepare and serve the meals. There were 50-100 meals served throughout the summer. The children at the Learning Center presented their giant thank you card to the volunteers serving the summer lunch this week (see below). It is posted on the wall as you enter the Parish Hall.



### 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, Steve Gilreath, and the Feil family for mowing in July.**



Thank you to the following for helping with MEALS ON WHEELS in August:

Beth Thomas, Vicki Young, Gayle Nelson, Carol Jones, Carolyn "KK" Larson, and Janis Larson.

# SERVING THE LORD IN AUGUST

## LECTORS

August 6 Linda Johnson  
 August 13 Gayle Nelson  
 August 20 Jeremy Snapp  
 August 27 Carol Jones

## GREETERS

August 6 Nancy Hopp  
 August 13 Patty Kolling  
 August 20 Nancy Hopp  
 August 27 Carylee Nelson

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

August 6 Carly Peterson

## COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

August 6 Set-up: Darryl & Diane Talbott

## USHER FOR AUGUST: Barry Nelson

## LAWN MOWING:

August 4/5 Ethan Able  
 August 11/12 Feil's  
 August 18/19 Steve Gilreath  
 August 25/26 Griff Hawkinson

## LECTORS NEEDED FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

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 07/03/2023]

Beginning Balance as of 06/01/23:	\$ 38,985.74
Revenue:	\$ 8,331.34
Expenses:	\$ -11,796.46
Ending Balance as of 06/31/23:	\$ 35,520.62



## 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!

**DID YOU KNOW...** \$500.00 in donations received at the Community Worship Service in the park June 4 were designated to the ELCA "Good Gifts" as part of the VBS project.

## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

July 3, 2023

Council discussed upcoming rodeo concession stand. Diane Hedberg will manage the purchase of supplies and line up workers. Council approved use of the Parish Hall for the WELCA Women's Retreat scheduled for August 20. Council members gave suggestions for God's Work, Our Hands projects scheduled for Sept. 10. Pastor Amy Kay requested vacation August 7-14.

**Worship & Music:** No meeting.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Memorial Committee:** Plan to meet in July.

**Christian Ed:** No meeting.

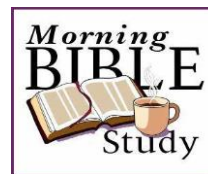
**Evangelism/Social Ministry:** No meeting.

**Property/Security Committee:** No meeting. Scott Johnson purchased a sonic rodent repellent for the organ loft to help eliminate the bats coming in to the church sanctuary and basement. Still waiting on person hired to repair parsonage plumbing.

Next meeting to be held on TUESDAY, September 5, 2023

## Offerings and Attendance per week in 2023

July 2	\$2021.00	66
July 9	\$1751.00	53
July 16	\$1213.00	73
July 23	\$1497.00	54
July 30	\$1953.00	76



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 Brooke Olson, Dana & Julie Olson, Pierce Hama, Connie McCue, and Matthew Everhart for providing music during the worship services in July.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Scott Martin
1	Jill Hedberg
2	Karsyn Sommerfeld
3	Lindsay Newton
3	Layne Patrick
3	Ryan Arnold
4	Kayla Fox
6	Lara Reid
7	Bernice Peterson
8	Amanda Mansfield
9	Piper Schulze
10	Cynthia Hulse
11	Ryenne Cunningham
11	Keri Niegsch
12	Josh Nelson
13	Patty Kolling
14	Dixon Olson
14	Brandi Young
15	Jenna Jones
16	Bryan McBride
17	John Myers
18	Curtis Patrick
19	Allan Lindfors
19	Amy Young
19	Lisa Riedel
19	Ethan Reid
20	Rhonda Lindstedt
20	Vinita Harms
20	Garrett McMahan
20	Brett Loder
21	Josie Riggs
22	Todd Johnson
23	Lory Traugott
23	Don Miller
24	Dawson Feil
25	Quaid Spohn
26	Blakely Weis
27	Dorine Cunningham
28	Vicki Young
30	Lilyan Boughfman
30	Diane Wickstrom
31	Nathan Reid

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

9	Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Talbott	43 years
10	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hamma	37 years
14	Mr. and Mrs. Craig Larson	46 years
19	Pastor Larry and Mrs. Cross	56 years
23	Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Kelsey	36 years
26	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Johnson	62 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hedberg	19 years



Congratulations to Matt and Diane Wickstrom on the birth of their daughter Kimber Grace, who was born July 21, 2023. She weighed 6 lb., 11 oz. and was 19½" long. Her older brother John is 2 years old. Maternal grandparents are Don and Julie Miller, and paternal grandparents are the late David and Peggy Wickstrom.

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### W/ELCA SALAD SUPPER AT BETHANY CHURCH

The women of ELCA at Bethany Church have invited the women of Elim Lutheran Church, Messiah Lutheran Church, and Assaria Lutheran Church to join them for a salad supper **Thursday, August 3 at 6:30 PM.** Bring a salad to share and your own table service. The program will be presented by Carolyn Plymell on "Honeybees", and the special offering is for ELCA Good Gifts. We are asked to bring a 4 ounce bar of soap. The supper will be held at Bethany Church Fellowship Hall, 320 N. Main, Lindsborg, KS. In turn, we have invited them to join us at our Women's Retreat on Sunday, August 20.

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### THRIVENT

In 2022, Elim Lutheran Church received \$440 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding. Ways to donate are listed here:

- 1) Thrivent Choice: Direct 2023 Choice Dollars to Elim Lutheran Church no later than 03/31/2024
  - 2) Personal Donations: Anyone can make a donation to the church through the Thrivent online giving platform. Thrivent pays the processing fees so that 100% goes to the church.
  - 3) Thrivent provides up to \$250 in seed money and promotional resources for volunteer projects/fundraisers.
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## Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<i>Summer lunch hosted by Elim women this week</i>	1	2	3	<b>4 ELIM SPONSORED RODEO CONCESSION STAND</b>	<b>5 ELIM SPONSORED RODEO CONCESSION STAND</b>
<b>6 10th Sunday of Pentecost</b> <b>11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion</b>	7	<b>8 RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE 12:00-6:00 PM</b>	9	10	11	12
<b>13 11th Sunday of Pentecost</b> <b>11:00 AM – Worship Service</b>	14 <i>Summer lunch hosted by Elim women this week</i>	15	16 LAST DAY FOR SUMMER LUNCH	17	18	19
<b>20 12th Sunday of Pentecost</b> <b>11:00 AM – Worship Service</b> <b>2:00 – Women’s Retreat</b> <b>4:00 – Riverview Sing-along</b>	21	22	23	24	<b>25 9:30 AM – Coffee with Pastor Katherine – Parish Hall</b>	26
<b>27 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> <b>11:00 AM – Worship Service</b>	28	29	30	31		