



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2023

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Greetings, Elim –

I hope this month's Messenger finds you with hope and a feeling of being settled.

We are filled with zeal as a church because this is the time of year we are excited to begin our Christian Education again. It feels right and good to dive into learning and thinking together anew.

Sunday, September 10 is the day we will rally for this academic year. Sunday School classes for all ages will begin, including a new Confirmation class, and we will center ourselves rightly on God's work with our hands. This is the tenth year of the act of spending the first afternoon of the church's academic year in service to our community: "God's Work, Our Hands". There are projects for us of all abilities and ages. Please plan to stay and help! Lunch will be provided in the Parish Hall for those who are tackling the cleaning/moving/organizing projects.

This is how the day will flow:

9:30am = Adult Bible Study meets in the Parish Hall

9:45am = Children's Sunday School meets in the colorful basement

10am = Confirmands and parents/guardians meet in the sanctuary

11am = Worship

Noon = Lunch in the Parish Hall for those staying to help with service projects (meal provided)

Various projects will end around town as they are completed... mid-afternoon-ish

During worship we will give thanks to God for Jackie Larson's 50 years of worship leadership with music. Jackie is not one who desires attention; however, it is important for us all to get to briefly remember and celebrate her decades of dedication.

Also during worship, we will bless the backpacks of anyone who wishes to bring them to be blessed. Typically the children bring their backpacks, but I'm happy to bless the bags of us of all ages!

I hope to see you in worship and look forward to a year of growth for us all personally and collectively as we follow in the way of Jesus.

w/excitement – Pastor Amy Kay

## CONFIRMATION

All youth who are interested in Confirmation and are around sixth grade and older are invited to come with a parent(s)/guardian(s) on Sunday, September 10, at 10am in the Sanctuary to hear what the class is all about. We will look over an outline of how this particular class will learn about the Bible, church and our faith.

In brief, this Confirmation class will meet every other Sunday through the academic year beginning on September 10. We will most often have lunch together after worship and continue on a bit longer. Lunch will always be provided.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining or simply show up on Sept. 10 in the Sanctuary at 10am! (Amy Kay – 573-808-1980)



***Please keep in prayer:*** Ron Hazelwood, Mary Ellwood, Darryl Talbott, Nevin Surface, James Write and family, Kristi Ketterman, Bonnie Holopirek, 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, 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 Mary Nolan, and to the family of Doug Talbott.

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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## VISIT FROM PASTOR KATHERINE

Pastor Katherine Kolodziejczyk, who served Elim Lutheran Church from February 12, 2017 to January 27, 2019, joined us for coffee and fellowship and the worship service following on Sunday, August 27. Despite delays in her travel plans due to flooding in Ohio, she was able to meet with us to share memories and update us on her current life and work. Although she retired as a pastor from her church in Ohio, she now works full-time as a chaplain at a local hospital. Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich asked her to speak to the congregation at the beginning of the service. She told us she was grateful for the time spent here in Marquette, and expressed her appreciation for the members of our church and community who made her feel right at home. Bless you, Pastor Katherine, for your kind words and the wonderful visit.



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDA JOHNSON

Linda Johnson, a long-standing EMT with the Marquette EMS, was awarded Kansas EMS Association's 2023 EMT of the Year in August. She has worked as a Marquette EMT for almost 30 years, and praise for her skills and tireless training and mentoring is endless. A reception was held for her at the Distillery on Tuesday, August 22 so that the people of Marquette and surrounding communities could congratulate her and thank her for her outstanding service. To quote Diane Talbott: "If I ever desperately need an ambulance, when I open my eyes I only want to see Jesus or Linda Johnson." That statement speaks for many of us who feel total trust and appreciation for Linda's professional wisdom and caring demeanor. CONGRATULATIONS, LINDA! An award truly deserved.



## WELCA NEWS

WELCA and Marquette Community Library co-sponsored a Women's Retreat on Sunday, August 20. It was a huge success! Inspirational author and speaker Kim Vogel Sawyer shared her personal testimony and journey to faith. She has written over 40 novels, including junior fiction, based on the lives of every day people and their struggles and triumphs as Christians. She released her first book in 2006, and continues to inspire her readers with "gentle stories of hope". Approximately 42 women attended from various churches in the area, as well as some who were not affiliated with a church. Some of the churches represented were Messiah Lutheran, Bethany Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, Marquette United Methodist Church, and Valley Community Church. Carol Jones, WELCA President, decorated the Parish Hall for the event, which included the author's books from the Marquette Community Library, sunflowers and windmills and bright and cheerful tablecloths of yellow and green. WELCA officers served refreshments, which included sugar cookies shaped and decorated with religious symbols (such as the cross and Bible), raspberry sweet tea, lemonade and coffee. Thank you to WELCA officer Bernice Peterson for lining up the event. Kim Vogel Sawyer brought books for sale, and many were purchased and signed by the author for both the community library and personal libraries. If you are interested in reading Kim's work, you can visit the local Marquette Community Library or her website [www.kimvogelsawyer.com](http://www.kimvogelsawyer.com). Thank you to all our members who attended.

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. The first one will be September 29. Don't forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be September 17.

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. Tentative deadline for the items is OCTOBER 1. 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**

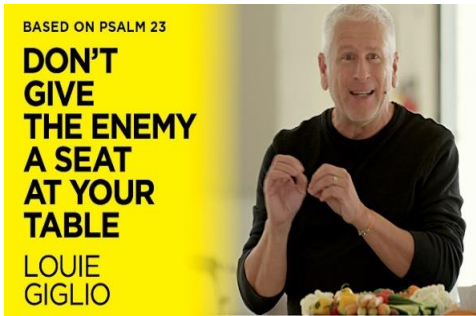
Lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)  
Long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (no footies)  
Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with light-weight yarn, 36" – 52" square  
Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred  
Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood, or include 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

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### **W/ELCA SALAD SUPPER**

Several WELCA members attended a salad supper at Bethany Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday, August 3. Hosted by Bethany Church's Women of ELCA, we shared salads and fellowship with other Lutheran women from Bethany, Messiah and Assaria churches. We each brought a salad and a bar of soap to kick off their LWR project. The program was presented by Carolyn Plymell on honeybees. We also invited all who attended to come to our Women's Retreat on August 20. Those who attended the Salad Supper from Elim were Beth Thomas, Diane Talbott, Linda Johnson, and Gayle Nelson.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Every day we fight a battle against an enemy who wants to wage war in our minds. At home and at work, at school and at church, in our neighborhoods and in our communities, we are faced with a barrage of demands, distractions, responsibilities, obligations, and perspectives. The relentless assault of so many forces competing for our attention can be overwhelming. Perhaps the greatest casualty in this battle is our own peace. We worry, feel edgy and anxious, and give in to fears or doubts. We seek comfort in old habits to find temporary relief from the battle fatigue. We might even feel guilty for having these struggles, thinking that if only we had a stronger faith we wouldn't feel

unsettled so often. Our self-assessment only makes us feel worse and leaves us feeling more weary, uncertain, and frustrated. The good news is that we don't have to live in this mental war zone! We have the power, through Jesus Christ, to defeat the enemy and take authority over our minds. We can take back our freedom and control our thoughts and emotions. We can overcome feelings of fear, despair, and frustration. We have been invited into an intimate relationship with the Almighty. We don't need to wrestle any longer with harmful and negative thoughts. As Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). In Psalm 23, David wrote that God will not only guide and shepherd us through life but will also protect and provide for us along the way. "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies . . . Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:5-6). God has prepared a table for us—a table for two—set with an abundance of peace, clarity, and purpose. It's worth noting before we go too much further on this journey together that this table is set for two. Our enemy, the devil, is not intended to join us there. That's why we can't give the enemy a seat at our table! Instead, we must allow our Good Shepherd to lead us through the dark valleys into green pastures and quiet waters where He has prepared a banquet for us. His invitation is to linger at this table and find nourishment, rest, and deep intimacy with the King of the Universe. It's time to win the battle for your mind. Are you ready? Let's jump in and begin.

**Adult Bible study will begin on September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.** All are welcome, even if you have not been to a Bible Study before. **No one is required to read or answer questions!** Julie Olson will be the facilitator of this class. The last couple of years we have been learning about the Old Testament and the Life of Jesus and His Disciples. This year we are going to try something different. We are going to try and apply God's Word from the Scriptures to our everyday life!

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## YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group resumes **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 at 6:30 PM** for the meal, and 7:00 PM for the meeting. **If any of you are interested in singing in the Senior Choir, please plan to join Sr. Choir practice at 7:30 PM.**



## 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. **Meals are to be served each Wednesday at 6:30 PM, starting September 13, 2023.** Volunteers (pair up if you can) who provide the food 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 20 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.

# Rally Sunday



## **Come Join Us for Rally Sunday!!**

**Where: Elim Lutheran Church, 403 N. Lincoln St., Marquette**

**When: Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM**

***We are so excited and looking forward to starting our new Sunday School year.  
Everyone age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is welcome to join us.***

***At 11:00 AM we will join the adults in the Sanctuary for Worship Service.***

***We will have "Blessing of the Backpacks" during the Worship Service,  
so make sure you bring your backpacks!***

***It will be an important day for all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students,  
as they will be receiving their very own Bibles!!***

***Following the Worship Service, we invite everyone to join us for lunch at the  
Church, immediately followed by "God's Work, Our Hands" service projects.***

***We are blessed to have Brooke Olson and Jackie Larson return with Junior  
Choir this fall. It will take place each Sunday during our Sunday School hour.***

***Confirmation class will be available for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older with  
Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich leading the class every other Sunday at 10:00 AM.***

***Everyone is welcome to attend Adult Bible Study led by Julie Olson.  
Sessions will resume on September 10 from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM each  
Sunday and will meet in the Fellowship Hall.***

***JOIN US, BRING A FRIEND, AND HAVE A FUN-FILLED RALLY SUNDAY WITH US!  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!***





## SENIOR CHOIR

Fall is right around the corner and we look forward to the return of Senior Choir practice soon! Come one, come all to join in on the fun singing praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Anyone Jr. High age and up is welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see all former members return as well as some new faces! Senior Choir is directed by Allan Lindfors, accompanied by Jackie Larson. **Practices will be every Wednesday beginning SEPTEMBER 13 at 7:30 p.m.** for one hour.

Typically, Senior Choir sings in church the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, plus additional seasonal services throughout the year. We hope many will prayerfully consider coming together to join Senior Choir to glorify God through the wonderful gift of music.

## JUNIOR CHOIR

Junior Choir practice will begin soon and we hope we have MANY youngsters excited to join in and sing praises to God! **Junior Choir is for children 3 and up and practices are during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 AM).** The director is Brooke Olson, accompanied by Jackie Larson. As a general rule, this **choir sings on the 2nd Sunday of the month** plus additional seasonal services throughout the year. There is often opportunity for kids to have solos with the choir and at the Sunday School Christmas Program. Any child interested in a solo, should contact Brooke or Jackie by September 11. Solo practices will be prior to Sunday School from 9-9:45, and regular Sunday School attendance is appreciated.



## 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MARQUETTE

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BEEF PIT BBQ



Please support the Marquette United Methodist Church in their annual fundraiser by stopping by on **WEDNESDAY, September 20 at 5:00- 7:00 PM** to enjoy a time-honored BBQ beef meal. The meals will be **dine-in or carry-out**, and can be enjoyed with members of the church and community in the Fellowship Hall. As in past years, they will be serving pit-roasted beef, REAL mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, butter corn, fresh garden salad, homemade bread and pie for a **freewill donation**. Come and enjoy great food and help our neighboring church family.

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP NIGHT

Members of Elim are invited to attend a Community Worship Night sponsored by First Baptist Church in McPherson. The band "weRcalled" will be playing at the Lakeside Park Bandshell, 510 Lakeside Drive, McPherson on Monday, September 11 at 6:30-8:00 PM. Admission is free. They do request a "love offering" to defray the cost of touring for the band. "weRcalled" is a full-time family band with a national touring schedule at concerts, events, student camps, conferences, and revivals. All the group members have backgrounds in Christian ministries, serving as pastor, youth pastor, Christian counseling, music minister and missions.

## SERVING THE LORD IN SEPTEMBER

### LECTORS

September 3	Linda Johnson
September 10	Holly Toll
September 17	Mike Hulse
September 24	Jackie Larson



Thank you to the Bell Choir, Kayley, Layla and Grayson Fleming, Jennifer Larson, and Mike Hulse for providing music during the worship services in AUGUST.

### GREETERS

September 3	Nancy Hopp
September 10	Barry & Carylee Nelson
September 17	Nancy Hopp
September 24	Fred Peterson

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

September 3 Vicki Young

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

September 3 Set-up: Kayley Fleming & Gayle Nelson

USHER FOR AUGUST: Craig Larson

### LAWN MOWING:

Sept. 1/2	Steve Gilreath / Dixon Olson
Sept. 8/9	Toll's
Sept. 15/16	_____
Sept. 22/23	_____
Sept. 29/30	Steve Gilreath

### 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 Darren Able, Steve Gilreath, Dixon Johnson, Griff Hawkinson, and the Feil family for mowing in August.

### RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

**REMINDER:** The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, October 3** from 12:00-6:00



PM at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Please come at your appointment time. **THANK YOU FOR GIVING!**

### LECTORS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER

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!**

### RODEO CONCESSION STAND

**THANK YOU** to the following members for helping with the Rodeo Concession stand sponsored by Elim August 4 & 5:

Linda Johnson	Amy Kay Pavlovich
Scott Johnson	Matt Hedberg
Nancy Hopp	Dorine Cunningham
Jeremy Snapp	Griff Hawkinson
Emilie Snapp	Barry Nelson
Layla Fleming	Carylee Nelson
Darren Able	Jackie Larson
Kelly Larson	Gayle Nelson

A MAJOR BIG THANK YOU TO DIANE HEDBERG FOR MANAGING THE CONCESSION STAND, from the purchase of food, arranging the work list, setup of the concession stand, to the cleanup. She hauled a lot of supplies to and from the church and store! A final report on the profit will be in the next Messenger.

### Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 08/01/2023]

Beginning Balance as of 07/01/23:	\$	35,520.62
Revenue:	\$	9643.64
Expenses:	\$	--7993.35
Ending Balance as of 07/31/23:	\$	37,170.91

### Offerings and Attendance per week in 2023

<b>August 6</b>	<b>\$2588.00</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>August 13</b>	<b>\$973.00</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>August 20</b>	<b>\$1133.00</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>August 27</b>	<b>\$1678.00</b>	<b>61</b>



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Rylee Cunningham
- 1 Tim Lindfors
- 3 Audrey Seely
- 4 Kaeler Newton
- 4 Diana Hernandez
- 5 Kade Kaufman
- 6 Mike Hulse
- 6 Kurtis Sjogren
- 6 Beau Boughfman
- 7 Lou Nelson
- 7 Barbara O'Loughlin
- 8 Erica Faust
- 9 Braden Young
- 10 Morris Nelson
- 11 Wally Bunk
- 11 Cade Young
- 15 Audrey Arnold
- 15 Jayleen Sellhorn
- 16 Desirea Faust
- 17 Alissa Holmquist
- 19 Sawyer McDonnell
- 20 Megan Amos
- 21 Charity Weis
- 21 Brandi Brady
- 22 Raven Caesar
- 22 Courtney Cook
- 22 Sharon Chandler
- 24 Maia Forssberg
- 24 Charles Martin
- 25 Ava Toll
- 26 Kiera Mullen
- 27 Brock Reid-Carpio
- 28 Julie Loder
- 28 Brandon Weis
- 29 Matt Hedberg

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne McBride 34 years
- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Terry Hopp 45 years
- 11 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Cunningham 27 years
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Johnson 43 years
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jones 11 years
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Dean Alstatt 18 years
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Allan Lindfors 17 years
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Randy Lillard 11 years
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Danny Morel 51 years



Congratulations to Justin and Lindy Thacker on the birth of their son, Leo James Thacker. Leo was born August 29, 2023, weighing 6. lb., 5 oz. Proud grandparents are Jim and Bernice Peterson, and Chester and Nell Thacker.

**ADULT SPELLING BEE**

McPherson County Library Association sponsored a county-wide Adult Spelling Bee to promote the local libraries. Marquette Community Library held its 1<sup>st</sup> round spelling bee at the Distillery on August 23 for members of Marquette. Eight persons participated in the contest. Members from Elim who participated were Carylee Nelson, Andi Willems, Fred Peterson, and Gayle Nelson. The top 3 winners – Marcene Kempke, Gayle Nelson, and Fred Peterson - went on to participate in the county-wide contest in Moundridge on August 25. There were approximately 21 people from Marquette cheering on their town’s contestants. Although Marquette didn’t win, it was a fun and rewarding event. Thank you to all who came to support the Marquette team.





# Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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<b>3 14th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion	<b>4</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM – Council Mtg.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>10 15th Sunday of Pentecost</b> <u><b>RALLY SUNDAY</b></u> <u><b>GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS</b></u> 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Mtg. w/ Confirmands and parents/guardians 11:00 AM – Worship Service 12:00 Noon – Lunch 1:00 PM – Work Projects	11	12	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	14	15	16	
<b>17 16th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship Service 4:00 – Riverview Sing-along	18	19	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	21	22	23	
<b>24 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship Service	25	26	<b>27</b> 1:30 PM – Quilt Group 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	28	<b>29</b> 2:00 PM - <b>RIVERVIEW</b> <b>BIRTHDAY PARTY</b>	30	