



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings from the church on these beautiful fall days!

I hope you are feeling at peace and can experience the gifts of this season.

It is always good to get to be church together and the vibrancy of Elim feels especially life-giving right now. On any Sunday morning, there are delightfully spirited children being greeted by Sunday School teachers in the colorful basement and full tables of adults gathering for Julie's Bible Study. There are kind greeters who seem sincerely glad to see us walk through the doors and extend warmth and welcome to us. We get to worship God together. Worship now includes beautiful music from choirs again. Every other week there is a group of Confirmands learning, worshipping and serving together.

During the week the Youth Group and Sr. Choir meets as well as all kinds of other gatherings of people doing God's work with their minds and hands. Texts are exchanged to check in on each other. Vegetables are gifted. We are each living into our own calls professionally and with our time in retirement. This is one wonderful place to get to be church!

If you've been coming around, I hope you will continue to do so! If you haven't been recently or for a great while – it's okay! If ever/whenever you want to come back, please do so. You too will be greeted with warmth and sincere gladness for your arrival. Truly – I hope you come. It feels good to be a part of a healthy, encouraging, energetic, thoughtful, positive church community. I wish this goodness for everyone.

w/joy – Pastor Amy Kay

*Please offer prayers for this Confirmation Class (listed below). My hope is that each member feels a deep sense of belonging, learns much and develops his/her own faith through our two years together. I would appreciate prayers as their teacher and cheerleader.

Gracie Brady
Kenzie Brady
Autumn Carter
Kanin French
Magnus Larson
Lief Larson
Kylan Lindquist
Ava Toll
Huck Toll
Jaylinn Major
Aaliyah McGinty
Olivia Peterson
Miah Rogers
Emilie Snapp
Gemma Carter



Leif and Magnus Larson help at Riverview.



Pastor Amy Kay weeding at Allan & JoAnn's backyard.



Please keep in prayer: Dixon Johnson, Ron Hazelwood, Mary Ellwood, Nevin Surface, James Write and family, Kristi Ketterman, Bonnie Holopirek, Merle Walker, Connie Rawson, Bev Alstatt, Allan Lindfors, JoAn Lindfors, Bob Jones, Sawyer Lysell-Alkire, Tanner Luttig, Lesley, Laurie, Tom French, Amy Jones, Ava Jones, Eva Allen, Ron Carlson, Tammy Hopp, Dennis and Bunnie Hultgren and family, Lynda Krah, Vernon Olson, Ruth Feil and all of the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Gary Sandbo.

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.]

**** ELIM SURVEY ****

The leadership of Elim is asking members to fill out a 4-question survey to determine your preferences for the worship service. Please go online at Elim's Facebook page... or pick up a survey at the back of the church and return it in the offering plate or slotted box in the narthex. You can also leave it in the locked box outside the Parish Hall doors. THANK YOU!



Elim members,

It's impossible for Allan and me to express our appreciation and thanks to all of you. It's not only the love and support shown to us during this tough journey, but also your hard work. We were in tears and overwhelmed with all the members who pulled weeds for the second time. At least it wasn't 105 degrees this time.

We are blessed with Dana spending so much time with our yard mowing and trimming. Members have helped with transportation to appointments, especially Pam, sis Betty, and Leland.

Special thanks to Jackie who carries on for Allan, and does it well. And to Pastor who has uplifted Allan OFTEN. Hopefully when this is read Allan will be on the road to recovery and it won't be long before we are BOTH back in church. Thank you all for your prayers and love.

JoAn Lindfors

CHURCH SIGNS REPAINTED

Hayley Samford, Marquette Chamber President, asked Elim if the local churches could gather volunteers to repaint or repair the church signs posted at the north and south entries into town. Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich, Pastor Brenda Hogan of the Marquette United Methodist Church, and Rev. Kenny Baumann of the Valley Community Church agreed to do it. Barry Nelson, Griff Hawkinson, and Gayle

Nelson from Elim joined them on Monday, September 23 and got the job done in just over an hour.

Thank you to Brenda Hogan for picking up the gallon of white paint, and to all the volunteers for supplying paint supplies and tools to spruce up the signs.





WELCA NEWS

Elim's WELCA has resumed hosting the Riverview Birthday Parties on the last Friday of the month at 2:00 PM. Thank you to the following for signing up to bring treats and good cheer to the residents: Diane Talbott and Melinda Rogers (Sept. 29), Carylee Nelson and Gayle Nelson (Oct. 27), Sandy Edwards (November 24), and LeAnn Everhart (December 29). ALL Elim members: don't forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be October 15.

The next WELCA meeting is Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 PM. ALL women of Elim are invited to attend. Please join in the discussion and share your ideas.

WELCA will be completing the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) project in October. Please donate what you can. If you want to make a monetary donation, please contact Donna Patrick, WELCA Treasurer. THANK YOU! There is a basket in the Parish Hall and the back of the sanctuary to collect items for the care kits. The deadline for items is OCTOBER 22. WELCA members will then sort the items and determine what is still needed so the Youth Group can pack the kits on Wednesday, October 25. See the needed 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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PROJECT

For several years, WELCA has assisted with the Shoebox project sponsored by the Freemount Church. In the past we have asked Elim members to purchase items on a monthly basis for the end-of-year packing. The Youth Group and the Confirmation classes have also helped by packing the Shoeboxes in November to ready them for shipping. The Operation Christmas Child project here in Marquette has moved from the Freemount Lutheran Church to an unused classroom in the former Marquette Elementary School. According to the project leader, Marilyn Spohn, "the new space provides year-round storage for collected items and supplies, and a place to host workdays and packing parties." Elim's WELCA is no longer posting monthly lists of items to purchase, but we still support the project by donating money for supplies and shipping. You are welcome to help in any way you can. Here are some ideas: sewing, cutting material for sewing projects, sorting and organizing items, craft days, writing notes and coloring pictures to go in the boxes, helping with fundraisers or supporting a fundraiser. You can also donate money for the purchase of items, or toward the cost of overseas shipment of the Shoeboxes in November/December. There is a blue-labeled can in the narthex for your donations. Please contact Marilyn Spohn at 785-906-0121 or jmspohn@lrmutual.com if you are interested in helping with crafts or other tasks.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

The YOUTH GROUP are selling meat bundles from Yoder Meats again this year as a fundraiser. Youth Group members will be taking orders in the coming weeks. Orders are due by October 16.



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.** 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & JUNIOR CHOIR



Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:45 – 10:45 AM for children 3 and up. Please bring your child(ren) to share in the fun of learning about the Bible and stories of Jesus. You are welcome to come join the Adult Bible Study held in the Parish Hall (9:30 AM-10:30 AM) while your children attend Sunday School.

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. Solo practices will be prior to Sunday School from 9-9:45 AM. Regular Sunday School attendance is appreciated.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Adult Bible study is every Sunday 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! The study material and video is based on Psalm 23 and titled "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table".



Diane Talbott & Mariah Rogers



Nancy Hopp



Jeremy Snapp... & a cat



Matt Larson at Riverview clean-up

RECOGNITION FOR JACKIE LARSON



In recognition of Jackie Larson's 50th year playing organ and piano for Elim Lutheran Church, Pastor Amy Kay and other church members took a few moments out of the worship service on Sunday, September 10 to thank her for her many years of service. Jackie started playing organ for Elim just before her sophomore year on August 1, 1973. Pastor Amy Kay thanked her for all her years of service, not only for playing the organ and piano every Sunday, but also for funerals and weddings, special events, and for accompanying special music and the Senior, Youth and Junior choirs. Jackie has filled in for Choir and Music Director Allan Lindfors for the past 9 months, and has done a wonderful job keeping the music going. Council member Sandy Edwards presented Jackie with a thank you and VISA gift card from the Elim congregation.

Diane Hedberg and Tammy Feil presented Jackie with a giant candy card from the Sunday School children to thank Jackie for accompanying the Junior Choir, and for helping them learn new songs. And last but not least, Allan Lindfors thanked Jackie for all she had done for Elim these many years, and presented her with his gift – a painting of Elim Lutheran Church that he had painted for Pastor Homberg many years ago. The painting had been returned to Allan after Pastor Homberg's death, and because Allan knew how much Pastor Homberg had meant to Jackie, he passed it on to her as a remembrance and a heart-felt thanks. A basket containing thank you cards from church members was also presented to Jackie after the service. THANK YOU, JACKIE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK, DEDICATION, AND TALENT. We appreciate you. Below is Jackie's response that she shared with the congregation after the recognition:



Thank you, Elim Lutheran Church, for the special recognition September 10, honoring me as your organist for 50 years. All the cards, gifts and kind words were wonderful and really made me feel special and appreciated. I truly believe you made a BIG deal out of nothing as I am just ONE little speck in a large group of people in this church and in the church worldwide who has chosen to use my God given talent to glorify His name, and it truly isn't work when you use what you've been given, love what you do and are surrounded by the wonderful people of Elim Lutheran Church doing the very same thing, who receive little or no recognition, because they aren't on the payroll. You know who you are, Beth Thomas, Donna Patrick, Sandy Edwards and Dana Olson! I would like to first give thanks and praise to our great God for blessing me with the gift of music. I would like to also thank my parents who paid for piano lessons when the bills were hard to pay and thank you to Vickie Larson Savinski, for being my first piano teacher who I loved and adored and who first introduced me to the joy of music, particularly, the piano and last but not least, thank you to Craig, my partner for 46 years, who sat in the back pew with 3 little kids alone during many worship services. To rewind the years back 50, I do have some memories of the events in my life that led me to this point. In 1973, when I was just 15, the church needed an organist and had been hiring students from Bethany College to fill the position. I guess I have my deceased father-in-law Robert Larson to thank that I am organist at Elim Lutheran Church today. Someone once told me he was on the church council at the time and when they were considering hiring a Bethany College student, he replied, "why would you do that when we have a piano player right here in our church?" Little did he know, if you know how to play the piano, you don't necessarily know anything about the organ but needless to say, I was hired! Janet Sjogren Moore Hosler came to my house one evening and I signed a contract to be your organist on the back porch. No one told me it was forever! I agreed for \$54.17 a month. That was a lot of money back then to a 15 year old farm girl! If I missed a Sunday, my pay was docked \$8.00 and if I missed a choir practice my pay was docked \$4.00. I still have that original contract! I also remember being on the volleyball team with my good friends, Elizabeth Ritter (Ponting) and Cynthia Wickstrom (Hulse). The difference between them and me was they had volleyball talent and I DID NOT! One day it became evident to me that my time would be better spent at church than on the volleyball court, and that I didn't have time for both, so I turned in my uniform and headed for the church. I know I made the right choice for ME to use my God-given talent to glorify God and I challenge each and every one of you to recognize YOUR talent and do the very same thing. God paints every flower a beautiful hue and every life with a beautiful purpose. God has given you SOMETHING you can give back to the world in a way no one else can! It is my prayer you will find and recognize your talents and use them to glorify God and to serve your neighbor. Paul states in Corinthians how God works in different ways in different people, and if everyone pulls

their share of the load, the work gets done. Never forget, it takes us ALL. No one person is more important than another. Helen Keller once said, “Alone we can do so little, Together, we can do so much!” Thank you so much for this kind gesture, honoring me for 50 years on the bench. I am forever grateful to have shared the entire 50 years with a great friend and choir director, Allan Lindfors and the multi -talented people of this small, central Kansas church. However, the true heroes here in our church are those of you who faithfully fill the pews and the choir loft day after day, year after year and have done so for 50 years or more, too! It has been a joy and a pleasure to serve Elim Lutheran Church for 50 years. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, but to God be the Glory, great things HE hath done and will do through us.

Jackie Larson

RALLY SUNDAY / GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS

Rally Sunday was held September 10 and was a wonderfully busy day. We welcomed the Sunday School class back, as well as the Adult Bible Study class, and Pastor Amy Kay met with prospective confirmands and their parents/guardians to outline the course of study and schedule for the 2023-2025 Confirmation Class. During worship service, Pastor Amy Kay shared a Children’s Moment, blessed the school children’s backpacks, and presented a Bible to one of the 3rd graders visiting. Carly Patrick and Kolt Seeley were unable to attend but will receive their 3rd grade Bibles the next time they are in Sunday School. As part of the sermon, Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich, Taton Tubbs, and Dana and Julie Olson performed “You Give Me a New Song”. During the call to offering, Pastor Amy Kay and others recognized Jackie Larson for 50 years as organist/pianist for Elim. Following worship service, Pastor Amy Kay and Taton served lunch to those staying to visit and/or helping with “God’s Work, Our Hands” projects. Thank you to Pastor Amy Kay and Taton for a delicious lunch. Volunteers headed out after lunch to work on the various projects selected by council: 1) clearing and weeding in Allan and JoAn Lindfor’s backyard, 2) clearing outdoor areas at Riverview, 3) repainting the yellow lines for handicap parking in front of the church, and 4) cleaning up the old playground behind the MES building as needed.



SERVING THE LORD IN OCTOBER

ACOLYTES

OCTOBER: Sebastian Pavlovich & Elsie Boughman

LECTORS

October 2 Lois Johnson
October 8 Betsy Patrick
October 15 Mike Hulse
October 22 Darren Able
October 29 Nancy Rawson

GREETERS

October 2 Nancy Hop
October 8 Matt and Holly Toll
October 15 Nancy Hopp
October 22 Barry and Carylee Nelson
October 29 Bob and Carol Jones

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

October 1 Sandy Edwards

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

October 1 - Set-up: Sandy Edwards & Bernice Peterson
Bread: Sandy Edwards

USHER FOR OCTOBER: Scott Johnson

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 09/05/2023]

Beginning Balance as of 08/01/23:	\$	37,170.91
Revenue:	\$	7,840.50
Expenses:	\$	--8,216.57
Ending Balance as of 08/30/23:	\$	36,794.84

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2023

September 3	\$1964.00	52
September 10	\$1563.00	85*
September 17	\$1802.00	55
September 24	\$1204.00	72

*Rally Sunday

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!**



Thank you to Chris Johnson and Rachel Villareale, Mae and Jo Jones, Darren Able and Tammy Feil, and Mindy Nicholson for providing music during the worship services in SEPTEMBER.

So much beautiful music in our little town church. Thanks be to God... and to all of you who shared your musical talent.

NOTICE FOR SENIOR CHOIR

Senior Choir practice is now **WEDNESDAYS** at **7:00 PM**.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

September 5, 2023

Council discussed plans for Rally Sunday, God's Work, Our Hands projects, and recognition of Jackie Larson's 50 years as organist, all scheduled for Sept. 10. Pastor Amy Kay thanked Elim for allowing her vacation time to enjoy with her family. Council voted to assist with Chamber's request to repaint the church signs coming into Marquette. Diane Hedberg reported on the Memorial Committee list of items. An AED unit has been donated to the church. Council discussed the location for the unit.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Sr. choir practice resumes Sept. 13 at 7:30 PM.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: Met July 18 to approved purchases for the church, to include shelving/storage units, candle protectors, safe step stools for children to reach drinking fountain and restroom sinks, a coffee pot, beverage dispensers, curtains for the Parish Hall, and new Christmas decorations. Next mtg. scheduled for Oct. 10 at 6:00 PM.

Christian Ed: No meeting. SS and Adult Bible Study resume Sept. 10, Youth Group Sept. 13.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Met Sept. 5. Council approved the repair of the AC at the parsonage, and requested the committee to set up a service agreement for maintenance and repair of the AC and heating units for the church and parsonage.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, Oct. 2, 2023



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Hannah Jones
3	Cari (Nelson) Daniels
5	Kent Rawson
5	Erin Hudson
6	Jon Arnold
7	Frank Rock
7	Mary Kay Lindh
7	Josh McMahan
9	Nancy Hopp
9	Elsie Boughfman
10	Nic Traugott
12	Evan Talbott
13	Dana Olson
13	Will Hedberg
14	Fred Peterson
14	Olivia Peterson
16	JoNell Lindh
16	Logan Windholz
17	Jodi Reazin
17	John Sommerfeld
20	Brooke Olson
20	Darin Amos
23	Kayley Fleming
24	Matthew Wickstrom
24	Shannon Weis
25	Kasey Weis
26	Brett Edwards
26	Lars Peterson
26	Emma McBride
27	Chris Edwards
28	Kaydee McMahan
30	Nic Farris
31	Marci Fox
31	Morgan Loder

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2	Mr. & Mrs. Morris Nelson	41 years
5	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Beagley	10 years
6	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Lohrey	16 years
16	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jones	46 years
18	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Feil	26 years
25	Mr. & Mrs. Stacy Kaufman	20 years

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SOUP SUPPER



All members of Elim are invited to a **Soup Supper at Trinity Lutheran Church**, 119 N. Elm, McPherson, KS, on Thursday, October 26 at 6:30 PM. Please RSVP to Gayle Nelson by October 19 so they can plan on the number attending. THANK YOU.

RODEO CONCESSION STAND

Elim sponsored the west-side concession stand for the annual Smoky Valley Saddle Club Rodeo August 4 and 5. Total proceeds from the fundraiser was \$866.29, thanks to generous donations from individual donors and Thrivent.



Diane Talbott, Beth Thomas, & Pastor Amy Kay pause for a moment of frivolity as they pull weeds for God's Work, Our Hands.



Left: MaRyan Hulvey and Julie Olson pull weeds in Allan and JoAnn's backyard.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 18th Sunday of Pentecost WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Communion	2 7:00 PM – Council Mtg.	3	4 6:30 PM – WELCA mtg. 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	5	6	7
8 19th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship Service	9	10 6:00 PM – Memorial Committee Mtg.	11 6:30 PM- Swedish Supper Committee Mtg. 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 20th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship Service	16 Deadline to order Yoder Meats from Youth Group	17	18 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 21st Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship Service 4:00 – Riverview Sing-along DEADLINE FOR LWR ITEMS	23	24	25 1:30 PM – Quilt Group 6:30 PM – Swedish Supper Committee Mtg. 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	26	27 2:00 PM - RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY	28
29 22nd Sunday of Pentecost Reformation Sunday 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship Service	30	31	 			