



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

NOVEMBER 2023

Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich
Cell Phone: (573) 808-1980
Email: elimmarquette@gmail.com

Gayle Nelson, Church Secretary
Church Phone: (785) 546-2244
Email: elimsec@gmail.com

Elim Lutheran Church website: www.elimmarquette.org

I hope these beautiful Fall days feel hope-filled for you, Elim!

On the heels of Reformation Sunday, I personally feel inspired and full of hope. We stand on the shoulders of many great people of faith! Leaders like Martin Luther who was so committed to learning, growing and becoming that he and others with and after him dared to try to renew themselves and the church to become more like God. Reform and renewal takes *serious* courage. The uncertainty of change can feel scary and it can feel exciting too.



The song "Hallelujah Once Again" by Andra Moran was shared in worship on Reformation Sunday. It is the telling of the 1801 Cane Ridge Revival which was a huge gathering of Christians on our country's frontier. One might say that the Holy Spirit was felt by many at this revival and religion was exciting. Worship helped people see God clearly; people felt connected to God in their lives and they acted like it. It was a time of great awakening and renewal. The refrain of the song is, "I believe it's time for a great revival, hallelujah once again." These words have been in my mind for days and I think the reason I can't quiet them is because they are so true!

In worship we always pray for God's church. We pray for openness to Jesus' way, wisdom, courage, and with so many other words we ask for continued help becoming as a congregation.

The exciting thing is that it feels like the Spirit has indeed been stirring in us at Elim for a number of months now! It's not the kind of startling revival like at Cane Ridge. We haven't camped in tents in the back yard of the church (thank goodness). What I have been feeling is a more subtle stirring. It seems we have been open to new ideas and ways of doing things and it feels GOOD. I hope you feel the stirring too and that it feels exciting. Come around, friends. This is a wonderful place to get to be.

Thanks be for all the ways we are reforming ourselves to God.

w/great anticipation – Pastor Amy Kay





Please keep in prayer: Linn Nelson, Bill Ferguson, Kevin Pike (Chase Pike's father), Malea Weidner (Gayle Nelson's friend), Helen Weber, Anna Caesar and family, Freda Talbott, Joann Reedy (Mindy Nicholson's mother), Linda Everhart (Jay & LeAnn's sister-in-law), Nevin Surface, Sue Oakley, Dixon Johnson, Ron Hazelwood, Mary Ellwood, James Write and family, Bonnie Holopirek, Merle Walker, Connie Rawson, Bev Alstatt, Allan Lindfors, JoAn Lindfors, 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 Krahl, Vernon Olson, Ruth Feil and all of the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Steven "Skip" Von Strohe, and to the family of Richard Anderson.

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

Elim's WELCA hosts 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 and Lindsay Newton (November 24), and LeAnn Everhart and Nancy Hopp (December 29). ALL Elim members: don't forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be November 24. Anyone is welcome to join in.

The next WELCA meeting is Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 PM. ALL women of Elim are invited to attend. Sandy Edwards will be demonstrating how to make Kringle. A short meeting will follow while the Kringle bakers bake. Don't miss this educational and fun-filled meeting.

WELCA invites you to attend "Away in the Basement", a theatre production held at McPherson Opera House on Friday, December 22 at 7:30 PM. There is a sign-up list on the bulletin board. Tickets range from \$30-55, but group pricing may be available depending on how many sign up. This is a comedy about church ladies in 1959 who prepare for a Sunday School Christmas Program. "Amidst rehearsals and treat bag preparations, unexpected surprises await".

WELCA will be hosting the next Lion's Club meal on Monday, November 13. Contact Carol Jones if you are interested in helping with the meal preparation.

The Youth Group assisted with assembling the LWR kits for delivery to St. John's Lutheran Church in Salina. **Linda Johnson, LeAnn Everhart, and Nancy Hopp** head up the committee to make sure all the items needed for the kits are ready to assemble. They also shop for items not received to fulfill the commitment of 12 personal kits and 12 baby kits. In addition, the quilting group – Donna Patrick, Lois Johnson, Beth Hopp, and Doris Schultz – completed 9 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts and kits were delivered to Salina the next day by WELCA president Carol Jones.

The Quilting Group has lost members throughout the years. If you like to sew, please contact one of the members. They could use help sewing the quilts. They meet in the Parish Hall on the last Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM to tie the quilts. It has been suggested that WELCA hold a Quilt Night during one of the evening meetings so that everyone can help stitch!

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. You can also sign up on the bulletin board. **Meals are to be served each Wednesday at 6:30 PM.** Volunteers (pair up if you can) who provide the food can use paper plates and plastic ware provided by the Youth Group. Prepare to serve 30 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.

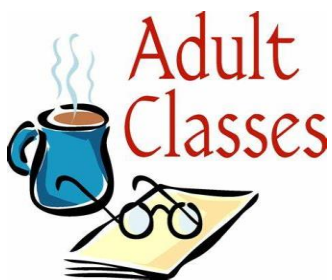


Thank you to the following for providing meals in September and October: Linda Johnson, Nancy Hopp, Bernice Peterson and Carylee Nelson, Patty Kolling and Carly Peterson, and LeAnn Everhart and Sandra Myers.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group continues to grow. There are approximately 27 interested members this year. They completed their fundraiser and earned \$300 to help with mission trip costs and community service projects. This was considerably less than last year. They also helped assemble the Lutheran World Relief kits for delivery to the drop-off site in Salina on Wednesday, October 25.

At their next meeting on Wednesday, November 1, they will be assisting Hayley Samford and Marquette Chamber members with the downtown lights. Then on the following two Wednesdays they will be packing the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (November 8) and loading the boxes on the truck to deliver to the distribution site (November 15). Thank you for your service to the church and community. And thank you Carly and Lars Peterson for leading them in their journey of faith.



NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The John Wayne Movie Bible Study is for adults, young people, non-church members – even to the world-weary souls of long-time believers! The Bible study has practical applications for daily living, through a video-based feature of the classic film with relevant Scriptures to use as modern parables on the teaching of Jesus. The movie “Angel and the Badman” is the most Christian film the Duke ever made. A redemption story of a wounded gunfighter and the Quaker family that helps him to heal – not only physically but also spiritually. This DVD-based Bible study features lessons and discussion based on the “Angel and the Badman” that focuses on Vice (Mark 7:21-23), Virtue (Romans 12:11-13), Decision (Joshua 24:15), and Redemption (Titus 2:11-14).

Adult Bible study meets 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 is the facilitator of the class.

SERVING THE LORD IN NOVEMBER

ACOLYTES

NOVEMBER: Auley Boughfman & Braden Frederick

LECTORS

November 5 Julie Olson
 November 12 Mike Hulse
 November 19 Curtis Patrick
 November 26 Carol Jones

GREETERS

November 5 Nancy Hopp
 November 12 Jeremy and Emilie Snapp
 November 19 Nancy Hopp
 November 26 Beth Thomas

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

November 5 Vicki Young

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

November 5 Set-up: Brooke Olson & Pam Morel

USHER FOR OCTOBER: Lars Peterson

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 10/02/2023]

Beginning Balance as of 09/01/23:	\$	36,794.84
Revenue:	\$	7,646.57
Expenses:	\$	-- 12,104.25
Ending Balance as of 09/30/23:	\$	32,337.26

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2023

October 1	\$1503.00	69
October 8	\$2107.00	82
October 15	\$1268.50	94*
October 22	\$1679.00	73
October 29	\$768.00	68
*baptism		

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

REMINDER: The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, January 30 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

October 2, 2023

Linda Johnson and Autumn Lustfeld attended the council meeting to present the AED device donated to Elim. Linda also discussed the pros and cons of a counter-top versus an under-the-counter ice machine for the Parish Hall kitchen. Council will make the final decision on cost and feasibility, and assign member to manage the project with Property Committee. Pastor Amy Kay reported there are 15 confirmands in her Confirmation Class. Results of the survey are as follows: 1) keep Communion to once a month; 2) continue traditional service; 3) the majority prefer variety of prayers, 4) the majority opts to NOT have Christmas Eve service at 4:00 PM, only at usual worship time Sunday morning, Dec. 24. Amy Kay continues her community outreach by serving on the Learning Center Board and the Riverview Board.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Sr. choir practice has changed to 7:00 PM.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: Next mtg. scheduled for Oct. 10 at 6:00 PM.

Christian Ed: No meeting. 15 SS students attended Rally Sunday.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Met Oct. 2. Barry Nelson reported that Scott Johnson received an application from Pestinger's for a service agreement to insure emergency servicing and periodic checks of parsonage and church AC and heating.

WELCA: Next meeting is Oct. 4 at 6:30 PM. All Elim women invited.

Swedish Supper Committee: Linda Johnson is chairman. Next meeting is Oct. 11 at 6:30 PM.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, November 6, 2023

AED DEVICE

Linda Johnson and Autumn Lustfeld presented the AED device donated to Elim during the church council meeting October 2. Linda explained that it is user-friendly and that verbal instructions are included with the device. Meg Dauer can do additional training, to include CPR classes, for Elim members. EMS monitors all the devices in town, which includes replacing batteries as needed. The unit will be hung in a central location, possibly on the Parish Hall wall leading into the restrooms. **THANK YOU TO THE DONOR AND EMS FOR THIS GIFT TO THE CHURCH.** We pray it will help save lives when and if the need arises.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Justin Borg
- 1 Mary Sommerfeld
- 3 Darren Able
- 3 LeRoy Martin
- 3 Hannah McBride
- 3 Theresa Hayden
- 5 Breckyn Bauer
- 6 Grayson Fleming
- 6 Thomas Oakleaf
- 7 Cayson Lindquist
- 7 Helen Weber
- 7 Kara (Amos) Modrow
- 7 Logan Forssberg
- 8 Janelle Lillard
- 10 Sofia Hernandez
- 11 Emilie Snapp
- 13 Tim Larson
- 14 Charlotte Knackstedt
- 15 Donna Patrick
- 16 Adam Lindh
- 17 John Young
- 18 Abbie Hudson
- 18 Christine Weber
- 19 Tammy Feil
- 19 Kellen McMahan
- 19 Bradley Crump
- 20 Ceila Reid
- 21 Lance Hulse
- 22 Kinley Peterson
- 22 Deb Hedberg
- 22 Brin Edwards
- 25 Sadie McBride
- 26 Amanda McMahan
- 26 Aaron Lindh
- 28 Darryl Borg
- 29 Ethan Able
- 30 Kanin French

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5	Mr. & Mrs. Tom French	54 years
10	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Schultz	62 years
12	Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Young	48 years
15	Mr. & Mrs. Noah Lindfors	11 years
25	Mr. & Mrs. Matt Toll	6 years



We welcomed Kimber Grace into the family of Christ through baptism on October 15, 2023. Parents are Matthew and Diane Wickstrom. Sponsors were Lance Hulse and Jessica Beagley. Maternal grandparents are Don and Julie Miller. Paternal grandparents are the late David and Peggy Wickstrom.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PROJECT

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.

Thank you to Beth Thomas and Cindy Bunk for helping prepare the Messenger for mailing each month. I really appreciate the help... and conversation. Bless you.

Gayle

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
				1 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	2	3	4
5 23rd Sunday of Pentecost ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion	6 7:00 PM – Council Mtg.	7 6:30 PM – WELCA Mtg Program: Kringler with Sandy Edwards	8 6:30 PM- Swedish Supper Committee Mtg. 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	9	10	11	
12 24th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship Service	13	14	15 6:30 PM- Swedish Supper Committee Mtg. 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	16	17	18	
19 25th 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	20	21	22 6:30 PM – Swedish Supper Committee Mtg. 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	23 THANKSGIVING	24 2:00 PM - RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY	25	
26 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship Service	27	28	29 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	30			

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.)

NOVEMBER 2023

Elim Lutheran Church
403 N. Lincoln
P.O. Box 236
Marquette, KS 67464

Address Service Requested

