



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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The following is the letter Pastor Amy Kay presented to the congregation for the items needed in Guatemala. A picture of each item and the cost was attached. It was a great way to involve everyone at Elim.

Thanks so much for supporting children in rural Guatemala and our group from Elim going to learn and serve there from *Thursday, May 30 – Saturday, June 8**. Your donation of this supply will be given to the school and library called La Puerta Abierta when our group volunteers with them all day on Tuesday, June 4. We will be working on a new playground... or whatever they ask of us!

The school seeks to empower children and families to use creativity, critical thinking and literacy to become innovation problem solvers, agents of change and leaders within their community. Although this mission probably sounds normal or typical for a school in Kansas, it is exceptional in a country with poor educational vision and offerings. La Puerta Abierta is making a huge difference for their own students as well as for all of those taught in schools where the directors have led trainings. (Thanks to the Presbyterian denomination for funding these trainings!) If you would like to read more about the school, their website is "atitlanabierta.com" and they have an active Facebook page.

We would appreciate prayers for our journey. Prayers could include but are not limited to:

- An openness to the Spirit
- A readiness to know God more through all of God's people
- Healthy bodies and minds
- Renewing rest for big days
- Flexibility in spirit and good humor
- Humbleness
- Uninhibitedness with new opportunities
- Transformation to become more of who God calls us to be

Thank you for helping the children and families in Guatemala, and our Learning and Serving group from Elim!
Julie, Linda, Lisa, Lily, Darren, Griff, and Pastor Amy Kay



**Trip delayed due to weather. Original leave date was Tuesday, May 28.*

There will be more information on the Guatemala trip when they return. STAY TUNED!



Please keep in prayer: Maggie Kerns, Art Mayfield, Merle Walker, Steve Piper, Bob Jones, Nevin Surface, Lawrence Spohn, Deb McGinty, Donna Nelson (Deryl Nelson’s wife), Kate Emery, Allan Lindfors, JoAn Lindfors, Tom French, Rose Erickson and TACOL, Tanner Luttig, Aaron Klassen, Mary Ellwood, Eva Allen, Ron Carlson, Tammy Hopp, Lynda Krahl, and 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 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



WELCA presented Mother’s Day gifts to the female residents of Riverview Estates. Pastor Amy Kay provided heart Kisii stones from her store, Connected: Fair Trade.



Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich presented the congregation with an opportunity to purchase requested school supplies for a school in Guatemala. Many of the items are unavailable to the Guatemalans. Pastor Amy Kay purchased the items prior to the planned trip to Guatemala at the end of May. She and the other six Elim members visiting Guatemala packed the items in their suitcases to present to the school when they arrive. WELCA donated money for the remaining items still needed.

ALL Elim members: don’t forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **Sunday, June 16.** Everyone is welcome to join in.



SUMMER MUSIC

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| June 9 | Janna Nelson |
| June 16 | Noah Lindfors and Kendal Brueggen |
| June 23 | Jennifer Larson |
| June 30 | ??? |



We still need more volunteers for summer music. Please consider sharing your musical talents for worship service this summer. Traditionally the choirs take a break for the summer, and different individuals or groups are asked to provide special music. Contact Allan Lindfors or Jackie Larson if you would be willing to perform for one or more Sundays this summer. THANK YOU!

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



Summer lunches have begun. Some days we serve 70, others up to 100. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the day(s) you can help. Meals are prepared and served at Elim Lutheran Church until the start of school in August. We will need 3-4 volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM during the weeks Elim serves. The Methodist Church prepares the meals every other week. Please consider taking a few hours to help bring a smile to the many children who attend from the community and the Learning Center.

SERVING THE LORD IN JUNE

LECTORS

June 2 Allan Lindfors
 June 9 Darren Able
 June 16
 June 23 Jackie Larson
 June 30

GREETERS

June 2 Barry & Carylee Nelson
 June 9
 June 16
 June 23
 June 30

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

June 2 Carly Peterson

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

Set-up/Clean-up: Mike and Cynthia Hulse
 Bread: Cindy Bunk

USHER FOR MAY: Scott Johnson

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 05/06//24]

Beginning Balance as of 04/01/24:	\$	41,863.73
Revenue:	\$	7,911.04
Expenses:	\$	--10,260.81
Ending Balance as of 04/30/24:	\$	39,513.96

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2024

May 5	\$2768.00	77
May 12	\$1408.00	70
May 19	\$1218.50	123*
May 26	\$2084.00	147**

*Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition

**Patriotic Sunday

NOISY OFFERING



The "noisy offering" is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month when the Junior Choir sings in church. The children of Elim carry tin buckets around to every pew for church members to add their "noisy" coins. The monies will go to the Gathering Table, a Lutheran ministry to help underprivileged families in Kansas City. **The noisy offering in May was \$73.54. THANK YOU!**

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 13, 2024

Council meeting was postponed one week due to weather alerts May 6. Council retroactively approved the bid for foundation repair, which was unanimously approved by the congregation May 12. Council discussed participation in the Marquette Celebration August 2 & 3, 2024. Allan Lindfors requested volunteers to help with the Elim float for the parade. Janis Larson asked for Elim to provide a booth in the park.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Patriotic Sunday May 26. Diane Hedberg reported that breakfast for Patriotic Sunday will be provided by the Christian Ed. Committee. Allan Lindfors reported that the Sr. Choir will sing June 2, and will be off for the remainder of the summer.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed.: Graduate Recognition/Youth Sunday May 19. Pastor Amy Kay will be providing the meal, and the Youth Group will furnish the cake for the graduation reception. Diane Hedberg reported that Sunday School attendance has been low due to family schedules/sports.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Barry Nelson reported that the bushes in front of the Parish Hall will need to be pulled out prior to the foundation repair. The church's mower has been repaired and available for use by those mowing the church lawn. The current renter at the parsonage will be leaving at end of May.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, June 3, 2024

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE



REMINDER: The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, June 11** from 12:00-6:00 PM at Elim

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

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Bethany Lutheran Church in Lindsborg is hosting a youth mental health first aid class on Wednesday, June 26 at 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. The class is free of charge. Thanks to a Smoky Valley Community Foundation Grant, the usual fee of \$300 has been waived. The class is designed for adults who work with children to help them identify the signs and symptoms of mental health issues, and how to deal with a mental health crisis. **If you are interested in attending, sign up by emailing erickalysell@gmail.com.**



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

To ensure no one is left out from the list of birthdays and anniversaries in the Messenger, PLEASE notify the church secretary if your family's birthdays and anniversaries are missing or in error. It sometimes gets missed if you are newly married, or there is a birth in the family. THANK YOU for your help.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Maddison O'Loughlin
1	Auley Boughfman
1	Brian Hayden
2	Gracy Feil
3	Kirk Young
6	Molly Martin
6	Wayne McBride
6	Julie Miller
6	Kylan Lindquist
8	Todd Nickel
12	Greg Hopp
14	Barry Nelson
14	Darryl Talbott
14	Ben O'Loughlin
15	Kendra Hopp
16	Morgan Willems
17	Kate Emery
18	Traci Forssberg
20	Hunter Peterson
25	John David Wickstrom
25	Emily Forssberg
27	Glenda Julian
30	Jessica Beagley
30	Jordan Lillard

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1	Mr. & Mrs. Shayne Fox	28 years
3	Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Mannebach	18 years
5	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Forssberg	20 years
7	Mr. & Mrs. Don Miller	38 years
19	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Thies	20 years
24	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hulse	45 years
26	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Chandler	10 years

YOUTH GROUP MEALS

During the school year, meals are served each Wednesday at 6:30 PM for the Youth Group.

Volunteers provide the food for 25 or more. 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 Youth Group meeting.

Thank you to Rocky's Ranch House, Cindy Bunk and Beth Thomas, and Lars and Carly Peterson for providing meals in May.



MARQUETTE CELEBRATION

The 150th Marquette Celebration will be held this summer on August 2 & 3, 2024. The entire town will be participating, including businesses, organizations, and churches. Please consider representing Elim Lutheran Church in the parade or for one of the booths in the park. Contact Allan Lindfors if you would like to help with the parade float. WELCA or another group from the church will be hosting a booth in the park. Stay tuned for what the booth will be providing.

SUMMER LAWN-MOWING



It's that time again! Elim needs volunteers to mow the church lawns this summer starting May 3 through October 11. 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 Griff Hawkinson, Rix and Janet Samford, Steve Gilreath, Barry Nelson, Grayson Fleming, Darren Able, and Darryl Talbott for mowing in MAY.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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2 2nd Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion	3 7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting 8	4	5	6	7	8 Pastor Amy Kay and co-travelers return from Guatemala	
9...3rd Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service	10 <i>ELIM helps with Summer Lunch this week</i>	11	12	13	14 FLAG DAY	15	
16...4th Sunday of Pentecost FATHER'S DAY 11:00 AM –Worship Service 4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-along	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23 5th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service	24 <i>ELIM helps with Summer Lunch this week</i>	25	26 1:30 PM – Quilting Group	27	28	29	
30 6th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service							