



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings to you on these warm summer days –

Even in this summer heat, my older son Sebastian goes on long runs. For him, running for an hour isn't a big deal. He mentioned one day that he keeps track of how many miles he has ran in a pair of shoes so he knows when he should start looking for a new pair. (Thanks to Holly Toll for helping him know to do these things!) It made me look at my own tennis shoes. I had been wearing them nearly every day for over a year. Although I don't go on long runs, or short runs for that matter, I realized I should think about buying a new pair.

A few weeks went by before I thought of it again. Then I instantly ordered a new pair before I procrastinated further. My new shoes arrived and I was astonished! They felt AMAZING! I didn't even realize my old shoes had lost support over the miles I'd walked in them, but comparatively, they were terrible. The new shoes felt like heaven for my feet!

I wonder if other gradual changes in our lives could be similar. We go through our days trekking emotional mileage as well as the physical. The habits we have might evolve over time and we don't notice the changes because they are subtle. We might have a flash of recognition that we need something different, but then a few weeks go by and haven't come back to it. There's a friend we really like visiting with, but our paths haven't crossed since the kids graduated and we've lost touch. The devotional we tried seemed cheesy so we lost interest in reading it and haven't found a new one. Sunday mornings became the one morning we could sleep in and we haven't felt enough desire to get up for worship.

Time goes by and the gradual changes continue until we realize it's been over a year since ____fill-in-the-blank____. This is totally fine unless what we have moved away from is our closeness with God. Some people and practices are really helpful as we live anchored in faith.

The phone I use has the ability to have something constantly show up on the screen. Sometimes I have a picture of the boys, sometimes the current weather. Lately I've had a piece of art that says "Just Start". It prompts me to just do the little things that cross my mind. Text someone I'm thinking about, read about scripture now instead of when I 'have down time', cancel a subscription I don't use anymore... just start. Nothing has been as shockingly different as putting on an overdue new pair of tennis shoes, but it seems to be helping me. It's silly how such a small thing can encourage little behaviors that move me closer to who I feel God is calling me to become.

May we recognize what we are doing with our days and insert all the little helps we can to strengthen our connection with God and God's people – Pastor Amy Kay



SEE NEXT PAGE FOR SOME OF AMY KAY'S PICTURES OF THE GUATEMALA TRIP. Stay tuned for further information on a Sunday breakfast in July, when Amy Kay and the six Elim members who joined her will share the activities and experiences of the trip. [Note: captions on next page may not accurately describe the contents of pictures. Editor's error. GN]



Griff Hawkinson, Darren Able, Linda Johnson, Julie Olson, Lily Boughfman, and Lisa Boughfman pose with children from the school la Puerta Abierta. Elim members donated money to help purchase school items needed (see playhouse and tent in background).



Griff sharing time with a little girl from Guatemala.



Lily Boughfman hugging school children.



Griff and Darren getting more hugs from school children.



Lisa, Lily, and Linda admiring the beauty of a Guatemalan church.



Julie surrounded by school children.



Linda, Lily, Lisa, Julie, and Darren enjoying lush flora



Please keep in prayer: Terry Hopp, Maggie Kerns, Art Mayfield, Kent Rawson, Steve Piper, Deb McGinty, Donna Nelson (Deryl Nelson's wife), Kate Emery, Allan Lindfors, JoAn Lindfors, Tom French, Rita Brown, Rose Erickson and TACOL, Aaron Klassen, Mary Ellwood, Eva Allen, Ron Carlson, Tammy Hopp, Lynda Krahl, and the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Bob Jones, the family of Mary Sommerfeld, the family of Merle Walker, and the family of Ernie Sommerfeld.

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

WELCA members are invited to join other women of ELCA for a Salad Supper at Bethany Lutheran Church in Lindsborg on **THURSDAY, August 1 at 6:30 PM**. Genevieve Bishop will be the leader for the meeting, and Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich will present a program on Guatemala. Please bring a salad to share and your own table service. WELCA members at Bethany Lutheran contribute items for Ashby House as their special offering, and add items each month for the LWR kits. This month's item is a nail clipper. You're welcome to contribute to these causes if you so choose.

ALL Elim members: don't forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **Sunday, July 21**. Everyone is welcome to join in.

SUMMER MUSIC

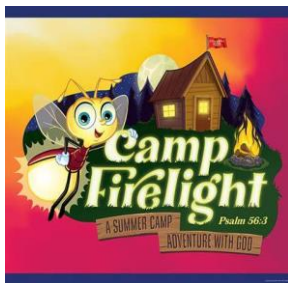


July 7	Henry Wright
July 14	Pierce Hamma
July 21	McMahan family
July 28	Matthew Everhart
August 4	Janna Nelson and family
August 11	Connie McCue
August 18	Allie Soeken
August 25	Mike Hulse



Thank you to Janna Nelson, Noah Lindfors and Kendal Brueggen, Jennifer Larson, and Kayley, Layla and Grayson Fleming for providing special music in June.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Come join the fun on **THURSDAY, JULY 18** from **9:00 AM to 6:00 PM** for a one-day Marquette Community VBS. The theme is Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God. Marquette United Methodist Church is sponsoring the event. Children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade (completed) are welcome to participate. Meet at the Marquette United Methodist Church for a fun day of stories, crafts, and songs. Wear a swimsuit under your play clothes for a bit of water fun. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join them at 5:30 PM for a meal and songs. Text Mary Piper at 785-546-7001 if your child is interested in attending. *Psalm 56:3 – "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."*

NOTE: Valley Community Church will also be hosting VBS July 22 – 26 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Contact Christa at 423-226-4450 to register your children to attend.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



Summer lunches are in full swing. 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.



On Thursdays throughout the summer, a group of Little River children (approximately 17) come over on a bus to Marquette to participate in the Art Room classes, or to swim. They come for summer lunch in tie-dye t-shirts so they don't get lost in the crowd! It's so fun finding out what they did for the day.



LaVonna Schafer is the lead cook for the summer lunch program in Marquette. We have many volunteers who help prepare and serve the meals. Janelle Lilliard and her two daughters Jordan and Jaran are helping in the picture above.



Learning Center Director and other staff members help toddlers and older children who attend the Learning Center with their summer lunches. Approximately 60 children and staff attend summer lunch each day.



LaVonna works with Linda Johnson (Site Supervisor) and Janet Rock (Marquette United Methodist Church) to set up menus for the summer. LaVonna works every week, and Linda and Janet work on the alternate weeks each church prepares the meals, along with 3-4 volunteers each day.

Thank you to LaVonna, Linda, and Janet for your continued commitment to this program, and to all the volunteers who help each and every week. As you can see from the smiles, the children (and adults accompanying them) really appreciate it. Many of the children come and say thank you to the staff after they finish their meal.

YOUTH SUNDAY/GRADUATE RECOGNITION



Elim celebrated our graduates on Sunday, May 19. The Youth Group and Confirmants led the worship service. Members of the Youth Group provided special music, singing “Because He Lives” and “Friends Forever”. Keira Mullen and Illie DeBaere provided the Children’s Moment. High school graduates Raven Caesar, Kiera Mullen, and Sebastian Pavlovich shared their “Affirmation of Faith”, and Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich blessed the graduates at the altar. Other youth who participated in the service were: Kameron Ryan, Conway Patrick, Lilly Anderson, and Kasyn French. After the service, everyone gathered in the Parish Hall for a reception to honor the graduates. Pastor Amy Kay provided the meal, and the Youth Group provided the decorated cake. Pastor Amy Kay decorated the tables and hall with graduation pictures of Elim members (see next page). The entire service was very heart-warming and filled with God’s grace. God be with our graduates as they journey on to college and careers and the future.

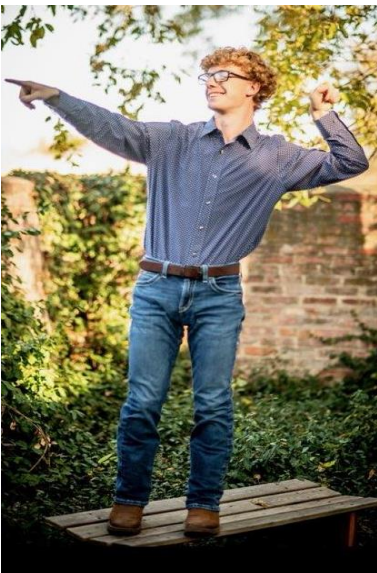
Congratulations to Our 2024 Graduates

SEBASTIAN PAVLOVICH will be graduating from Smoky Valley High School. He received a scholarship to attend Hesston College to pursue a Bachelor degree in Recreation and Sports Studies. He will continue in Cross Country and Track & Field at college. His parents are Amy Kay Pavlovich, and Dane Pavlovich.



KEIRA MULLEN will be graduating from Smoky Valley High School and plans to attend Southeast Community College to major in Business. She received a scholarship to continue wrestling at college level. Her parents are Tyler and Kelly French.

RAVEN CAESAR will be graduating from Central High School in Salina. She plans to attend the University of Kentucky with a major in nursing. Her parents are Danny and Anna Caesar.



Sebastian Pavlovich



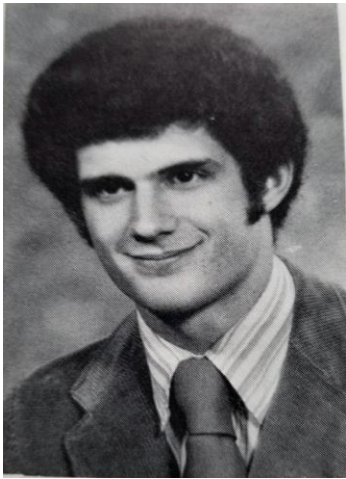
Keira Mullen



Raven Caesar

SENIOR PICS OF ELIM MEMBERS

These are just a few of the Senior pictures shared by Elim members to commemorate our newest graduates on May 19. It was fun trying to guess who these “then young” people were... because let’s face it, we’ve all changed through the years. Thank you for sharing your pic with Pastor Amy Kay. The pictures also decorated the tables for Patriotic Sunday breakfast on May 26. The Christian Ed. Committee served breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, coffee, and orange juice prior to worship service. It was a rousing service with Choir Director Allan Lindfors in full swing. THANK YOU to Allan Lindfors, Jackie Larson, Betty Amos Nelson, Susan Untz, Noah Lindfors, Chris Johnson, and the Senior and Junior choirs for this beautiful tribute to the men and women who have served our country. 147 people attended Patriotic Sunday.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES:

JAKOB FEIL, son of Scott and Tammy Feil, graduated from Tabor College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science in May.

MARK NEWTON graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine with a Doctorate in Medicine in May. He is married to Lindsey Newton and has two sons, Acea and Kaehler.

SERVING THE LORD IN JULY

LECTORS

July 7
July 14 Allan Lindfors
July 21 Holly Toll
July 28

GREETERS

July 7 Griff Hawkinson
July 14 Barry and Carylee Nelson
July 21 Matt and Holly Toll
July 28 Beth Thomas

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

July 7 Vicki Young

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

Set-up/Clean-up: Darryl and Diane Talbott

USHER FOR JULY: Lars Peterson

Please help us fill in the blanks for LECTORS and GREETERS. Sign up for the days you are able to attend. If plans change, no worries. Switch with someone or notify Gayle at 785-201-7675. THANKS!

Monthly Financial Report presented to council 06/03/24

Beginning Balance as of 05/01/24:	\$	39,513.96
Revenue:	\$	9,314.38
Expenses:	\$	--8,441.35
Ending Balance as of 05/31/24:	\$	40,386.99

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2024

June 2	\$1573.00	56
June 9	\$1994.00	59
June 16	\$1553.10	66
June 23	\$1469.50	50
June 30		

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

REMINDER: The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, August 6** 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

June 3, 2024

Council further discussed participation in the Marquette Celebration August 2 & 3, 2024.

Worship & Music: No meeting.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed.: No meeting.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Property Committee will remove the bushes in front of the Parish Hall in preparation for the foundation repair early July. The parsonage will be cleaned and checked for necessary repairs prior to renting it out again. The double oven in the Parish Hall kitchen needs to be replaced.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, July 1, 2024

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

A congregational vote was held on Sunday, June 30, 2024 for approval of a new double oven for the Parish Hall kitchen. Jim's Appliance in Inman, KS will install the oven, with a cost of \$6697.90. Dana Olson moved and Carylee Nelson seconded to approve the purchase. The motion passed. Dana Olson moved and Patty Kolling seconded to adjourn. The motion passed.



Lily Boughfman poses in clothes made by women in Guatemala.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Scott Johnson
1	Marah Kaufman
1	Marco Perez
3	Kerry Lindh
3	Luke Hedberg
4	Kayla Fox
5	Carson Rethman
6	Linn Nelson
6	Brady Jones
7	Ron Larson
7	Tonya Kaufman
9	Anna Caesar
10	Dixon Johnson
10	Maybelle Jones
12	Carson Windholz
13	Kinley Peterson
13	Matt Sellhorn
14	Kirsten Larson
14	Julie Olson
16	Leland Brown
18	Larry Montgomery
18	Sophia Allen
19	Linda Johnson
20	Matthew Everhart
22	Doris Schultz
22	Elizabeth Crump
22	Jolie Myers
23	Kelly Montgomery
24	Diane Hedberg
24	Gail Quested
25	Karen Simmons
27	Jamie Ketchum
28	Pam Morel
28	Crystal Hawkinson
29	Chelsi Mannebach
29	Heidi Caesar
29	Flora Malm
30	Sandy Edwards

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

8	Mr. & Mrs. Wally Bunk	58 years
14	Mr. & Mrs. Barry Nelson	50 years
14	Mr. & Mrs. Dana Olson	40 years
15	Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Bauer	18 years
18	Mr. & Mrs. Matt Wickstrom	9 years
24	Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Patrick	20 years
30	Mr. & Mrs. Brodie Seely	13 years
31	Mr. & Mrs. John Myers	54 years

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.



We would like to extend our most gracious thanks to all of our Elim family for the kindness shown to Bob and all of us during his difficult days and eventually, his passing. Your concern, kind words of encouragement, phone calls, and visits were all a source of joy to Bob and our family. The food you shared and the hugs given were appreciated. Most of all, thank you to the many prayer warriors. We are grateful for you all.

Carol Jones
Adam and Hannah Jones & family
Jared and Nancy Jones & family
Brady and Jenna Jones & family



SUMMER LAWN-MOWING



Elim 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 Darryl Talbott, Darren Able, Steve Gilreath, and Griff Hawkinson for mowing in June.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting 8	2	3	4 	5	6
7...7th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion	8 <i>ELIM helps with Summer Lunch this week</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14...8th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service 4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-along	22 <i>ELIM helps with Summer Lunch this week</i>	23	24 1:30 PM – Quilting Group	25	26	27
28 10th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service	29	30	31	