



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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What a fantastic time this is to get to be church, Elim!

We are excited to begin a new year of Children's Sunday School, and the second of two years for our Confirmation Class, starting on September 8! Adult Bible starts up again on September 15. Youth Group will begin meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings starting September 11. Both vocal choirs will begin practicing early this month and will be ready to help lead worship soon. The Women of the ELCA continue to be creative and innovative with their offerings and have numerous events in the works for this fall. The Church Council continues to meet monthly to thoughtfully guide the business and facilities for our congregation. Thanks be to God, we continue to meet weekly for Sunday morning worship at 11am! We are so blessed to get to be a part of this church community!

September 8, the day we begin our Christian Education offerings for the year, is our big "Rally Day". Children are most welcome to bring their backpacks to be blessed for the continuation of their school year during worship. We will also orientate ourselves properly for the year with a day of service. Rightfully, our denomination calls this "God's Work, Our Hands". After worship you are invited to a free light lunch in the Parish Hall and then we will head out into the community to help with a few projects. We will divide up during lunch for projects as we see who is available to serve and what projects we are tackling. Typically our projects last a couple of hours. We might be weeding, cutting down small trees, painting and/or cleaning. One year I forgot my work clothes and cleaned in a dress. It worked, but I wouldn't recommend it. You're most welcome to wear comfortable, chore types of clothes on Rally Day to worship to keep everything as easy as possible.

This month the children (ages 3 – those who haven't started Confirmation) are learning the story of the Samaritan and the hurt man. We hope you will consider bringing your child/grandchild/neighbor kids/whomever! Here is the schedule:

Sept 8 = A teacher from the time of Jesus (full costume, of course) will visit the kids to tell them about the old rules and regulations for who they can be in relationship with and why. They will hear about the Samaritan and the hurt man who broke those rules and how this is a part of the new covenant Jesus made for us with God. The kids will also make friendship bracelets.

Sept 15 = The kids will act out a dramatic detective's scene from the story of the Samaritan and the man who was beaten. It will be recorded and edited in an easy app for them to view.

Sept 22 = The kids will make a clay pendant necklace that connects with the story of the Samaritan and the man who was hurt.

Sept 29 = By now the kids should know the story well so they will be creating contemporary scenes depicting its themes. They will think about how Jesus would want us to act... and will be encouraged to act in those way as his followers.

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I'm grateful for a rich worship life through the summer at Elim and am now thankful for additional enriching offerings to envelop it each week. It will be a good year together! Thanks be to God!!

w/much joy – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Tessaly Walton, Vicki Young, Rusty Young, Terry Hopp, Art Mayfield, Steve Piper, Deb McGinty, Donna Nelson (Deryl Nelson’s wife), Kate Emery, Allan Lindfors, JoAn Lindfors, Tom French, 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 sympathy to the family of Kerry Walton, and to the family of Marjorie Nelson.

And dear Lord, we pray for rain to nourish our crops and replenish our ponds, lakes, and rivers.

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.]**



SUMMER MUSIC

September 1
September 8

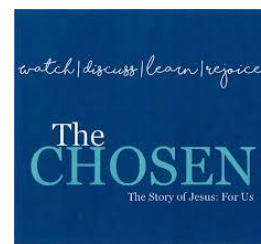
Chris Johnson and Rachel Villareale
Connie McCue

Thank you to Josie, Jaycee, & Jaylin Nelson, Dan & Lori McKinney, Allie Soeken, and Mike Hulse for providing special music in August.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study will begin again on September 15. Julie Olson, facilitator, announced that we will be studying the next series of “The Chosen”. The time has changed to 9:45am-10:30am. See you then!



WELCA NEWS



WELCA held a meeting on August 25 to discuss plans for the coming months. Several program ideas were discussed, as well as WELCA Sunday. It was agreed to send quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for the drive in October. Delivery date for the quilts is October 24 in Salina. Several women volunteered to provide spritz cookies, kringler, tea ring, and lemon bars for the funeral service for Marjorie Nelson on September 14. The next WELCA meeting will be Sunday, September 15 at 9:00 AM. Put this on your calendar: WELCA plans to host a Family Fall Event on October 20 following worship service. Stay tuned for more details!

ALL Elim members: don't forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **Sunday, September 15**. Everyone is welcome to join in.

RALLY SUNDAY/GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS



Sunday School resumes on Sunday, September 8. Junior Choir practice begins at 9:45 AM followed by Sunday School at 10:10 AM. Pastor Amy Kay and the Christian Ed. Committee plan a fun year of learning for our children ages 3 through 5th grade. During worship service, Pastor Amy Kay will bless the backpacks and 3rd graders will receive Bibles to further their Christian learning. A light lunch will be served following worship service. Work projects to help out the church and community begin at 1:00 PM for ELCA "God's Work, Our Hands". PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

If you have any ideas for work projects, please share with Pastor Amy Kay or one of the council members.

MORE ON GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

"God's Work, Our Hands", held each year on the 2nd Sunday of September, began in 2013 in connection with ELCA's 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

ELCA congregations participate in acts of service every day. This day of service is an extension of the work you already do to make your community a better place.

Consider expanding your day of service this year by inviting a friend, partnering with a neighbor congregation or serving in collaboration with a local community group or event.

The above information was provided by ELCA to promote God's Work, Our Hands.

63rd Annual Pit-Roasted BBQ

Marquette United Methodist Church is gearing up for its 63rd Annual Pit-Roasted BBQ on Wednesday, September 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. They will be serving pit roasted beef, REAL mashed potatoes and gravy, baked bean, butter corn, fresh garden salad, home-made bread, pie, and coffee or tea. A free will offering is requested.



SPEAKING OF BBQ BEEF... there's still lots of barbecued roast beef left from the Celebration. If you are interested in purchasing some for your family or next gathering, please contact Barry Nelson at 785-820-1439 or Mo Nelson at 620-242-3102. It is currently being stored in a freezer.

BETHANY VILLAGE ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Bethany Village is hosting its annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 22 at 5:30-7:30 PM at Bethany Home. As the poster says, entertainment will be provided by Lindsborg's Front Porch Pickers. Free will donations will go toward ongoing projects and resident services.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Wow, what a challenging and rewarding year! Summer lunch at Elim was once again a great success, thanks mostly to our cook, LaVonna Shafer and our faithful volunteers! Elim's wonderful crew includes Amy Kay Pavlovich, Beth Thomas, Dorine Cunningham, Gayle Nelson, Holly Toll, Roberta Jaye, Janelle Lillard, Janis Larson, Kay Larson, Kim Kratzer, Lori Beth James, Michele Von Strohe, Cindy Bunk, Vicki Young and Griff Hawkinson. Alternate weeks were staffed by Janet Rock and her amazing Marquette Methodist crew! As our numbers show, there are a lot of hungry kiddos in our area. We were pleased to have the Marquette Learning Center join us daily as well! A huge thank you to Elim's council, custodian and everyone for allowing us to use the parish hall every year for 10+ years now!

Linda Johnson

SUMMER LUNCH STATISTICS

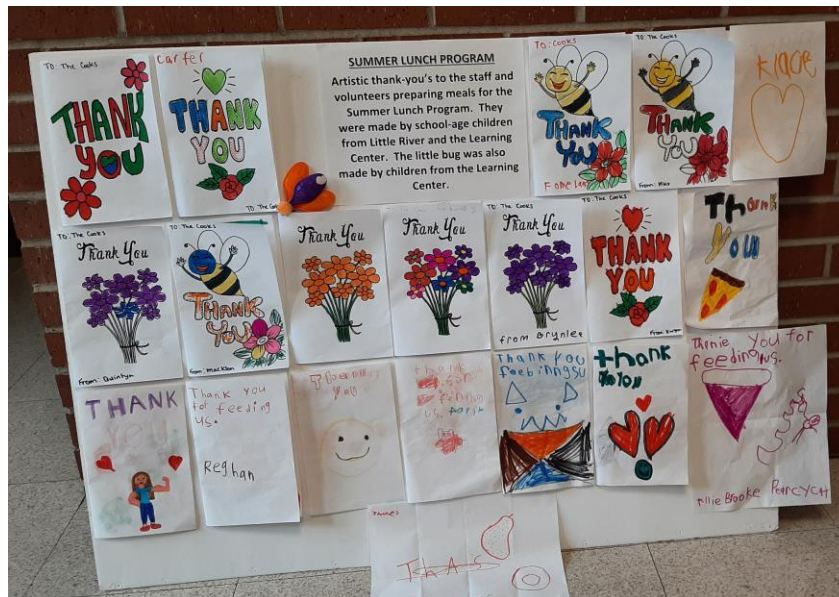
	Messiah Evangelical Lutheran		Elim Lutheran		Marquette Pool (snack)	
	Kids meals	Adult meals	Kids meals	Adult meals	Kids snacks	Adult snacks
May	197	68	248	54	100	10
June	1379	443	1325	257	506	18
July	690	296	1410	106	440	18
August	267	93	533	115	120	3
Totals	2533	900	3516	532	1166	49
Daily						
Average	45	16	63	10	21	<1

Total served
in the Smoky
Valley

Kids meals: 6,049
Adult Meals: 1,432

Kids snacks: 1166
Adult snacks: 49

I think it's very important for our church members to see first-hand what a difference the summer lunch program makes in our community, and what a gift to be able to lend a place and a hand to make it possible. – GN



School-age children from The Learning Center and Little River presented these thank-you's to the staff and volunteers who prepared and served meals for the Summer Lunch Program. The little bug (plastic spoons!) was also made by children from the Learning Center.

SERVING THE LORD IN SEPTEMBER

LECTORS

September 1 Brooke Olson
 September 8 Darren Able
 September 15 _____
 September 22 Lois Johnson
 September 29 _____

GREETERS

September 1 Kent and Nancy Rawson
 September 8 Griff Hawkinson
 September 15 _____
 September 22 _____
 September 29 Fred Peterson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

September 1 Allan Lindfors

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

Set-up/Clean-up: Sandy Edwards & Bernice Peterson

USHER FOR SEPTEMBER: Craig Larson

If you get a chance, please check the sign-up sheets for lectors and greeters (on the bulletin board in Parish Hall). There's a few blank dates left for September through December. If you can fill those in, that would be great. Then we're set for the rest of the year. YAY!

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 08/05//24]

Beginning Balance as of 07/01/24:	\$	36,178.79
Revenue:	\$	9,243.02
Expenses:	\$	-- 7,976.15
Ending Balance as of 07/31/24:	\$	37,445.66

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2024

July 28	\$1076.00	72
August 4	\$2963.00	75
August 11	\$1088.00	50
August 18	\$1669.50	62
August 25	\$853.00	59

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

REMINDER: The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, October 1** 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

August 5, 2024

Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich plans to meet with Sunday School teachers and Elim members interested in helping with the new Sunday School format on Monday, August 12. She will explain the lesson plans for September through May, and ask for volunteers to help on selected Sundays. She asked council to consider work projects for "God's Work, Our Hands" on Sept. 8. Council voted to amend the Student Loan Promissory Note to allow \$500 per semester for up to \$1000 per year.

Worship & Music: No report.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting. Funds set aside for parsonage cleaning and upkeep will be used to pay Kassandra Hernandez for recent cleaning of parsonage.

Christian Ed.: Diane Hedberg reported on the rodeo concession stand hosted by Elim on Aug. 2 & 3. Both nights were busier than in past years, with Saturday night dealing with long lines all evening and selling out by the end of the night. Total profit was \$1463.79, which will be placed in the Special Events Fund. Donations for the Patriotic Breakfast hosted by the Christian Ed. committee will also be placed in the Special Events Fund.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting. The Elim float in the Marquette Celebration parade won 1st place. The \$25 scrip awarded will be used for church purchases at Piper's.

Property/Security Committee: No meeting.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024



YOUTH GROUP RESUMES

Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 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. 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.



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 35 years
- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Terry Hopp 46 years
- 11 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Cunningham 28 years
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Johnson 44 years
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jones 12 years
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Allan Lindfors 18 years
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Randy Lillard 12 years
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Danny Morel 52 years



SUMMER LAWN-MOWING

Elim still needs a few volunteers to mow the church lawns through mid-October (as needed). 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 the Toll family, Rix "Biggs" and Janet Samford, Allan Lindfors, Griff Hawkinson, and Mo Nelson & Grayson Fleming for mowing in August.



Senior Choir Practice resumes Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 PM

Announcement from Camp Tomah Shinga

Dear Camp Tomah Shinga friends and family,


It is with a sad heart that I announce that on August 16th our Executive Director, Ethan Feistner resigned his position at camp. While we are saddened by this sudden change we are excited for him and his next journey. We pray that God shines on him and we know that he will do great things. We give thanks for his time, energy, and ministry while at camp.

Jordan Valentine, our Program Director, will be stepping into the interim role during this time of transition.

Board President
Pr. Austin English

Note: Pr. Ethan Feistner has accepted the position of Chaplain at Bethany Village in Lindsborg.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 15th Sunday of Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion	2 	3 7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting	4	5	6	7
8...16th Sunday of Pentecost RALLY SUNDAY 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship Service 12:00 Noon – light lunch 1:00-3:00 PM – “God’s Work, Our Hands” work projects	9	10	11 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	12	13	14
15...17th Sunday of Pentecost 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:10 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service 4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-along	16	17	18 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 18th Sunday of Pentecost 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 10:10 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service	23	24	25 1:30 PM – Quilting Group 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 19th Sunday of Pentecost 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:10 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service	30	