



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

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Greetings during this beautiful autumn season, Elim -

I've been giving thanks recently for something I've never thought to give thanks for before: bird droppings. I believe this is the means by which I was able to have a gourd plant seeded in the rocked parking area outside my home's fence. Big leaves started appearing from a stem and my Mom noted it was not a weed. From then on I occasionally thought to arch a stream of water from my hose over the fence to water the little guy. We wondered if it was a pumpkin plant.



Time passed and that little stem has grown into a gorgeous, multi vined, flowering and producing gourd plant! My Mom has never grown gourds so the seed could not have traveled with her; it must be due to a bird scattering the seed in a very natural form. I'm so grateful! Over the weeks, this vine has prompted many thoughts:

- God's creation can be surprising, beautiful, bountiful and enjoyable
- When pulling weeds, I shouldn't do so mindlessly. There might be something wonderful growing that wasn't intentionally planted
- If a vine starts growing in a direction not desired, it is best to reroute it quickly because they cling and root quickly
- I have much to learn about gourds
- Very good things can come from poop.

Every single time I walk past my wildly successful rogue gourd plant, I give thanks for all the lessons it is teaching me. Our lives rooted in God can be surprising, beautiful, bountiful and enjoyable. We should be thoughtful about what we say we will and won't do with our time. We wouldn't want to discard an opportunity because our first thought is that it should be weeded out. If we start meandering down a path that we eventually know isn't good for us for whatever reason, we should redirect ourselves quickly. It is easy to cling to and become rooted in things that turn us away from God little by little. We have much to continue learning in life. Sometimes good comes from the poopy times.

Thanks be to God for Elim Lutheran Church where we can continue becoming all of who God calls us to be as individual plants and as a whole garden of beautiful gourd vines intertwined together!

w/much joy – Pastor Amy Kay





**Please keep in prayer:** Parker Hulvey, Blakely Weis, Leland Nelson, Vicki Young, Terry Hopp, Art Mayfield, Steve Piper, Deb McGinty, Donna Nelson, 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 heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Deryl 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](mailto:elimmarquette@gmail.com) or [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto: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.]**

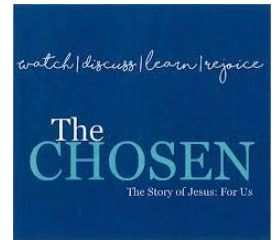


**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Thank you to Chris Johnson; Connie McCue; JoAnn Lindfors; Tammy Feil, Tami Malm, & Darren Able; Mae, Jo, & Gus Jones for providing special music in September.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Adult Bible Study meets **every Sunday at 9:45 – 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall**. Bring your children to Sunday School and come join us! Julie Olson is the facilitator. We are studying the newest episodes of “The Chosen”. We have also delved into the Roundtable, which further discusses the episodes of “The Chosen” with the director, a rabbi, a Catholic Priest and an evangelical theologian. There is no obligation to attend all sessions. Just come when you can. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



**WELCA NEWS**



WELCA held a meeting on Sunday, September 15. Final plans were made for upcoming events in October. WELCA served the Lion’s Club dinner on Monday, September 23.

Fall Family Fun will be held **Sunday, October 20** following worship service. Another event sponsored by WELCA this month is a talk given by Kirsten Larson about her experiences on mission trips throughout the world. This will be held **Sunday, October 27**. **SEE DETAILS FOR**

**BOTH EVENTS ON PG. 4 in this issue of the Messenger.**

ALL Elim members: don’t forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **Sunday, October 20**. Everyone is welcome to join in.

**SHOEBOX PROJECT**

For several years, Elim participated in donating items and money for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project, as well as packing items into the Shoeboxes for shipment. The Youth Group continues to help pack the Shoeboxes, and WELCA contributes a donation for shipping costs each year. Even though we are not taking this on as a church-wide commitment, you are always welcome to help out. There are lots of ways to help! You can go online at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) and “build a box” of what items you want to donate. Or you can go to the “Shoebox Workshop” located in the MES building and help assemble boxes or sort items to be packed into the Shoeboxes in November. If you enjoy making craft items, or sewing or knitting, there are plenty of items to make for all age groups. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, contact Gayle Nelson or Marilyn Spohn at 785-906-0121.

## God's Work/Our Hands

Many Elim members participated in work projects for "God's Work/Our Hands" on Sunday, September 8. Some of the Confirmands and Youth Group members participated as well. Projects included cleaning up the yard around the parsonage, clearing out items from the parsonage and garage to take to the dump, cleaning up Dixie Lundquist's side and back yard, and scraping old paint from the sides and back of the train depot in preparation for fresh paint. How great to be working together to help others in the community.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
HELPED SPRUCE UP THESE  
PROPERTIES!

## Highlights of Sunday School



Allan Lindfors portrays a teacher from the time of Jesus. He explained to the Sunday School children why it was so unusual for the Good Samaritan to help the beaten man on the side of the road. It was against the rules and regulations of the time for a Samaritan to interact with others in their country. The children also made friendship bracelets to remind them to love one another, no matter how different we are from one another. This is Jesus' teaching.

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## FALL FAMILY FUN



Come join the "Fall Family Fun" following church on **Sunday, October 20**. This outing is sponsored by WELCA and is for all our members, young and old, to gather together and share in the fun of fall.

We will gather at Eisenhower Park for an afternoon of good food, hayrack rides, pumpkin decorating, and fishing if you like. There will be hot dogs, chili, and s'mores. Roast your marshmallows at the firepit! Bring your lawn chairs, and fishing gear if you want to fish at the pond. Hope to see you there!



## MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCES

Kristen Larson will be sharing her mission trip experiences on **Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall**. WELCA will be serving cookies and refreshments. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for this enlightening presentation. We welcome members from our neighboring churches as well.



# SERVING THE LORD IN OCTOBER

## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

September 3, 2024

Council discussed "God's Work, Our Hands" projects for Rally Sunday on Sept. 8. It was decided to clean up the yard around the parsonage, clear out items from the parsonage and garage to take to the dump, clean up Dixie Lundquist's backyard, and scrape paint from the sides and back of the train depot. It was voted to increase the parsonage rent to include the water bill year round. Pastor Amy Kay is asking for volunteers to run the sound system/streaming during her absence. She has written up a list of instructions.

**Worship & Music:** Sr. Choir practice resumes Sept. 11.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Memorial Committee:** No report.

**Christian Ed.:** Met Aug. 12 at Pastor Amy Kay's house to discuss SS lessons and volunteers for the upcoming year.

**Evangelism/Social Ministry:** No meeting.

**Property/Security Committee:** Met Sept. 3. Organ was repaired (loose wire); looking into siding for the parsonage; AC for church needs replacement.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024

### LECTORS

October 6 Allan Lindfors  
 October 13 Brooke Olson  
 October 20 Magnus Larson  
 October 27 Jackie Larson

### GREETERS

October 6 Scott and Linda Johnson  
 October 13 Allan Lindfors  
 October 20 Carol Jones  
 October 27 Beth Thomas

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

October 6 Sandy Edwards

### COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

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

### USHER FOR OCTOBER: Scott Johnson

### Monthly Financial Report

presented to council 09/03/24

Beginning Balance as of 08/01/24:	\$	37,445.66
Revenue:	\$	7,588.51
Expenses:	\$	-- 7,799.01
Ending Balance as of 08/30/24:	\$	37,235.16

### Offerings and Attendance per week in 2024

<b>September 1</b>	<b>\$2393.00</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>\$5345.42</b>	<b>109*</b>
<b>September 15</b>	<b>\$1182.00</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>September 22</b>	<b>\$1334.50</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>September 29</b>	<b>\$1504.00</b>	<b>56</b>

\*Rally Sunday & Baptism

### 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 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO CONWAY PATRICK** for winning 1st place in the Kansas State Fair photography contest for his division (14-18 years old).



### 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
- 20 Zach Weis
- 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	42 years
5	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Beagley	11 years
6	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Lohrey	17 years
18	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Feil	27 years
25	Zach & Kasey Weis	4 years
25	Mr. & Mrs. Stacy Kaufman	21 years

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Matthew and Cassidy Everhart on the birth of their baby girl, Winnie Rose Everhart. Winnie was born September 9, 2024, weighing 8 lb., 3 oz. Her big brother Whit was mighty pleased to meet her. Proud grandparents are Jay and LeAnn Everhart, and Greg and Kim Cook. Her great-grandmother is LaVonna McClintock.



Congratulations to Dixon and Kate Olson on the birth of your baby boy, Titus Graham Peterson. Titus was born September 21, 2024, weighing 8 lb., 3 oz., and 21<sup>1/4</sup>" long. Titus was welcomed home by his big brother Seth, who will turn 2 yrs. old in October. Proud paternal grandparents are Dana and Julie Olson, and proud aunt is Brooke Olson. Maternal grandparents are Greg and Melinda Bowen of Manhattan. Great grandparents are Juanita Hughes, Marquette; Judy Schurle, Manhattan; and Agatha Bowen, Enid, OK.



### 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 Linda Johnson, Darren Able, Allan Lindfors, and Griff Hawkinson for mowing in September.**

## Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6...20th Sunday of Pentecost</b> <b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>  9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Communion	7  7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting	8	9  6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	10	11	12
<b>13...21st Sunday of Pentecost</b> <b>Pastor Appreciation Day</b>  9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:10 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service	14	15	16  6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	17	18	19
<b>20 22nd Sunday of Pentecost</b>  9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice followed by Sunday School 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM –Worship Service  4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-along	21	22	23  1:30 PM – Quilting Group  6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	24	25	26
<b>27 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b>  9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:10 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service	28	29	30	31  HALLOWEEN		