



Elim Lutheran Church The Messenger

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Greetings on these gorgeous autumn days –

This is a season of great thanksgiving, anticipation, preparation and joy in the life of the church. Every single Sunday holds a lot of wonderful in addition to the grandness of getting to worship our God! It always feels good to get to be church together and somehow in this season it seems even more fantastic.



If you have someone you've been considering inviting to worship, I think this is an excellent time to extend an invitation. I remember what it was like to think of inviting someone to come with me to church, but just not feeling quite comfortable with it. It's a vulnerable invitation because our faith is so personal and core to who we are. Also, in my experience, there were seasons when things felt better than others in the churches I attended.

If there was bickering within the church, I never wanted to bring anyone into that scene. If worship felt like a drag, I never wanted to subject a friend to a bad experience. If I didn't like the minister I certainly wouldn't want someone else to have to tolerate worship with me.

Perhaps I'm alone in thinking these types of things.

If you have had similar thoughts in the past, I hope this feels like a good time in the church to you. As far as I know, at the printing of this newsletter, we have made it through an emotional political season with civility and grace. We aren't bickering over anything. I try to be mindful of the feel of worship so it doesn't drag. Now, I know I'm not everyone's cup of tea. Perhaps this is not the season you like the Pastor. In that case, wait for the next one to come along before inviting a friend. If you feel like we are a good fit together, I hope you'll consider extending an invitation to a friend soon. The scriptures before us are compelling, the music is great, the extra pieces of worship are engaging in these seasons and it feels good to worship God together! As my dad would say, "It just doesn't get any better than this!"

I hope to see you and maybe even a friend of yours in worship soon.

w/great joy – Pastor Amy Kay

**I can not thank you all enough for the thoughtful recognition of the fifth anniversary of my Installment at Elim! That you would even remember the official date our ministry began together is touching. Many thanks to our Council for the gift and Allan for the moving presentation. Our Council... they are diligent, wise, common-sense oriented, fun to work with and now I'll add SNEAKY! I had no idea this was coming. I'm truly touched. Thank you all. I'm so grateful to get to be with you.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, Allan Lindfors presented Pastor Amy Kay with a card and gift from council to thank her for serving Elim these past 5 years. She was installed as our new part-time Pastor on November 3, 2019.



Please keep in prayer: Lois Johnson, Vicki Young, Mary Kay Lindh, Leo Thackeray, Adaline Arbuckle, Helen Weber, Parker Hulvey, Blakely Weis, Leland Nelson, Terry Hopp, Art Mayfield, Deb McGinty, Donna Nelson, Tom French, Rose Erickson and TACOL, Eva Allen, Tammy Hopp, Lynda Krahl, and the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities.

And dear Lord, we pray for more 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.]**

WELCA NEWS



Fall Family Fun was held **Sunday, October 20** following worship service, and was a huge success (see thank you and pictures on pg. ...). WELCA also sponsored a talk given by Kirsten Larson about her experiences on mission trips throughout the world. This was held **Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 PM** (see pg.).

ALL Elim members: don't forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **Sunday, November 17**. Everyone is welcome to join in.

MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCES

Kristen Larson, a supervisory nurse in the Kansas City area, shared her mission trip experiences on **Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall**. She explained in great detail the purpose for the trips – to bring medical care to underprivileged communities throughout the world – and described the living conditions of many of the people they served. She has been to Mexico numerous times, as well as war-torn Ukraine and other countries. She travels with a medical staff to these locations for a week, where they are sometimes hosted by local clergymen or officials. She assured us that interpreters are provided. A key point during her talk was how much we take for granted here in the United States – clean water, electricity, central heat and air-conditioning, plentiful food, and the easy availability of medical care. She often remarked what a humbling experience it was to deal with people who have so little when we have so much. Many thanks to Kirsten for her inspiring talk.



There were approximately 25 people in attendance from Elim, Marquette United Methodist Church, and the community to listen to Kirsten's talk. WELCA served cookies and refreshments.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Quilts being sent to Lutheran World Relief were placed on the front pews for worship service **Sunday, October 20**. We thank the Quilt Group here at Elim for sewing these beautiful quilts. Members are Donna Patrick, Beth Thomas, Lois Johnson, and Doris Schultz. Tote bags sewn by Bernice Peterson were also delivered to the LWR drop-off site in Salina on October 24.





FALL FAMILY FUN

WELCA hosted a Fall Family Fun event following church on Sunday, October 20. We were blessed with a beautiful day to ride a hayrack, enjoy hot dogs and chili, and toast marshmallows for s'mores! Some youth tried their luck at fishing while others painted pumpkins. This event was made possible by WELCA members and many others. Special thanks to Denny and Roberta Jaye for providing pumpkins; Barry Nelson for our campfire; Lars Peterson for helping grill hotdogs; Linda Johnson for making our chili; Joel Nelson for the hayrack; Kent Rawson for providing hay bales and pulling the hay rack to the park; and so many others for loading supplies in cars and trucks! THANK YOU! It is a blessing to share fun times together as a church family.

The WELCA Board thanks you,
Carol Jones, Diane Talbott, Bernice Peterson, and Donna Patrick

Thank you sharing your pictures! We didn't capture the families fishing, or the kids and adults attempting to roast marshmallows without making a goeey mess, or people swatting flies and trying to keep everything from blowing away, or the women who served the meal... but it was a great afternoon of fellowship with a wonderful turnout. Thank you for joining in.



Hmm... are we painting pumpkins or our faces?



And then there's those moments of perfect peace.



Adults, youth and members of the confirmation class joined in the fun.

Highlights of Sunday School

In October, the children learned about communion. On the first Sunday, the children gathered in the kitchen to prepare Communion with the help of Diane and Darryl Talbott, Gayle Nelson, Beth Thomas, and the confirmands. The children learned how to prepare flat bread, and tasted it along with the unleavened bread generally used at Elim. They also learned why the bread is unleavened, and how the Communion trays are prepared for worship service. Diane Talbott explained the words said by Jesus when serving the disciples, which are repeated when we serve the elements of bread and wine during Communion. On the second Sunday, Pastor Amy Kay and Holly Toll helped the children re-enact the Last Supper. On the third Sunday, the children shared a Seder meal with the confirmands. Pastor Amy Kay, Diane Hedberg, and Gayle Nelson helped prepare the meal beforehand, and Matt Larson and Kelly French assisted in serving the meal to the confirmands and Sunday School children. Pastor Amy Kay explained the meaning behind each of the foods served. On the fourth Sunday, the children learned how to make chalices, like those used to serve the Communion wine, with the help of Lesa Larson. Please encourage your children to come join in on these hands-on activities and learning.

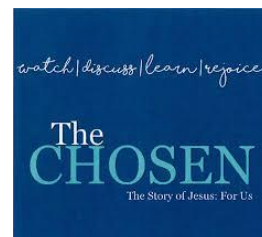


Amy Kay explains to the Sunday School children and the confirmands about the Seder meal.



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!**



SERVING THE LORD IN NOVEMBER

ACOLYTES

Auley Boughfman

LECTORS

November 3 Gayle Nelson
 November 10 Holly Toll
 November 17 Curtis Patrick
 November 24 Nancy Rawson

GREETERS

November 3 Nancy and Kent Rawson
 November 10 Matt and Holly Toll
 November 17 Griff Hawkinson
 November 24 _____

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

November 3 Carly Peterson

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

Set-up/Clean-up: Pam Morel and Brooke Olson

USHER FOR NOVEMBER: Lars Peterson

Monthly Financial Report presented to council 10/08/24

Beginning Balance as of 09/01/24:	\$	37,235.16
Revenue:	\$	12,604.00
Expenses:	\$	-12,735.11
Ending Balance as of 09/30/24:	\$	37,105.02

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2024

October 6	\$2234.00	84
October 13*	\$1493.00	57
October 20	\$1123.50	79
October 27	\$1028.00	59

*Noise Offering: \$47.32

NOTICE: Elim will no longer be providing annual offering envelopes due to the increased cost. If you prefer to continue using the envelopes, please contact Gayle Nelson or Beth Thomas for a book of generic offering envelopes.



NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

October 8, 2024

Linda Johnson discussed the Swedish Supper to express concerns re: needed equipment, higher costs and lower attendance. Council voted to purchase 4-well steam table from the new café owners. Council voted to split the Swedish Supper proceeds 3 ways as in the past - to the Learning Center, Riverview, and Elim.

Worship & Music: Christmas Cantata scheduled for Dec. 22.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: Requested approval to purchase scrolled iron easels for displays.

Christian Ed.: Pastor Amy Kay reported that Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Youth Group going well.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Allan Weis scheduled to replace soffits on parsonage.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024

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.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Community Thanksgiving Inc. (CTI) in McPherson, KS is hosting its annual FREE Thanksgiving dinner for the public on **Thursday, November 28 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.**

Everyone is welcome. The dinner will be served at the McPherson Community Building, 122 E. Marlin, McPherson. No reservations are required. Donations can be mailed to CTI, PO Box 14, McPherson, KS 67460. Email address is McPhersonCommunityDinners@gmail.com or for more information, go to

www.facebook.com/McPhersonCommunityDinners



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Darren Able
- 3 Hannah McBride
- 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
- 21 Lance Hulse
- 22 Kinley Peterson
- 22 Deb Hedberg
- 22 Brin Edwards
- 25 Sadie McBride
- 26 Amanda McMahan
- 26 Aaron Lindh
- 29 Ethan Able
- 30 Kanin French

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Denny & Roberta Jaye 22 years
- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Tom French 55 years
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Schultz 63 years
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Young 49 years
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Noah Lindfors 12 years
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Matt Toll 7 years

SERVICE AND SONGS

Elim’s Senior Choir participated in the annual Service and Songs held at Assaria Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 27. Pastor Jim Strasen is the interim pastor at Assaria Lutheran Church, and his wife Meriam helped with the evening’s choirs. Allan Lindfors directed the joint choir, as well as Elim’s individual song offerings.

Apologies to Dixon and Kate Olson for the error in the October edition of the Messenger announcing the birth of their baby boy, Titus Graham. His name was listed as Titus Graham Peterson instead of Olson. Oops! Sorry.

The following two items were left on the secretary’s desk to share in the Messenger. Thank you for your thoughtful contributions.

THE BEST WAY TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

- Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
- Count your gains instead of your losses.
- Count your joys instead of your woes;
- Count your friends instead of your foes.
- Count your smiles instead of you tears;
- Count your courage instead of your fears.
- Count your full years instead of your lean;
- Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
- Count your health instead of your wealth.
- Count on God instead of yourself.

--Author Unknown

BRING THEM TO CHURCH

Bring them to church. Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 43 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it’s hard. Even when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running toward the Savior... because if they don’t see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from?

The world will teach them it’s not a priority. The world will teach them it’s okay to stay out, not to pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being “good” is enough. The world won’t teach them about Jesus. That’s our job.

Bring them to church.

A humble reminder.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3...24th Sunday of Pentecost ALL SAINT'S DAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE 9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Communion	4 7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting	5	6 6:00 PM – Swedish Supper Committee Mtg. 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	7	8	9
10...25th 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	11	12	13 6:00 PM – Swedish Supper Committee Mtg. 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 26th Sunday of Pentecost 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	18	19	20 6:00 PM – Swedish Supper Committee Mtg. 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	21	22	23
24 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 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 1:30 PM – Quilting Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	28 THANKSGIVING	29	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.)

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