



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings at the beginning of this gorgeous June, Elim –

We had a fantastic time at our 2025 VBS last week! Thanks to 18 adults and 10 youth, we were able to be with 35 children from our community. Our theme was “Transformed Community” (Romans 12:2) and we worked with big concepts like generosity, inclusivity, compassion and justice. Last Sunday was a beautiful day and we were able to worship together with our United Methodist siblings in Christ as well as a number of families from the community in the park. We were thankful for lovely shade and a slight breeze as we focused on the final component of our VBS curriculum: forgiveness. The kids were GREAT as were all the volunteers who made the week work well. Special thanks to all the volunteers!



- Diane Talbott created and performed as the Holy Spirit all week. Diane also helped work with the curriculum and rounded up all our supplies for the week! Multiple trips were made and never was frustration expressed or an eye rolled.
- Sarah Able and Darryl Talbott taught through lively games all week. They were experts at leading games, of course, but also were excellent at helping the kids “get” the lessons.
- Gayle Nelson & Layla Fleming taught crafts all week. They had good help from Jackie Larson, Kendra Hopp and Kelly Larson. Gayle and Layla also did the final two time-consuming steps for all our tie-dyed t-shirts. So many thanks!
- Group leaders went around with their VBS’ers through all the morning’s rotations each day. They helped the kids engage, learn and have a good time. They were up and down off the floor, interceded when needed and generally were the anchor for their kids all week. So much gratitude is extended to Griff Hawkinson with his Greenies, Carol Jones with the Purples, Sandy Edwards with the Yellows, and Melinda Rogers with the Reds. Kelly Larson, Holly Toll and Nancy Hopp all substituted for one day also.
- Holly Toll, Nancy Hopp and Diane Talbott greeted the VBS’ers warmly and prepared extra pieces for Crafts and Bible Study.
- Jackie Larson jumped in to save our singing by playing with us during the opening and closing sessions.
- Marquette Learning Center sent adults over each day with the kids who came from their program. All the ladies were involved and great with not just their kids, but all the kids. Brooke Olson, Adrian Hazelwood, Hollie Krause and Tesslyn Walton were among those who helped from the MLC.
- Many adults commented how good it was to have great youth leaders this year. Layla and Grayson Fleming, Olivia Peterson, Emilie Snapp, Miah and Mariah Rogers, Colston Oakley, Olivia Grant, Carly Patrick and Kolt Seely all did a great job. They made a huge, positive impact all week.

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- Linda Johnson, the United Methodist kitchen crew and Adam Keller fed the masses through the week with the Summer Lunch Program.
- We all tried to clean up after ourselves throughout the week and Diane Talbott made a special effort to assist in this way. Thanks to Dana Olson for bringing the church back to tip-top shape.
- Brian Hopp lent us the sound system we needed in the park and then made it work too. Diane Talbott helped set up the park. Gayle and Layla handed out all the VBS shirts. Jackie Larson played for worship and Pastor Brenda helped lead us. Baylor Hopp brought Bob and Bebe, beautiful 'Holy Spirit' real live doves, and shared with us about them during worship. Darren Able, Mike Hulse and Scott Johnson brought heavy things from the church to the park and took them back also. Lars Peterson helped reset the park at the end of worship.

Because there were so many willing and pleasant adults helping all week, the whole experience felt good to everyone involved. I'm so grateful! Thanks to one and all!

I'm excited to get to worship together on June 9 as it is Pentecost! Some of the newly confirmed have made a special piece of art for the sanctuary for this day. Red is the big color of the day of Pentecost so if you have any fire red in your wardrobe, you are most invited to wear it to worship! All the Sundays thereafter focus on the teachings of Jesus and are some of my favorite texts. It will be good to worship together though the summer!

w/great thanksgiving for all that has been, is and is to come – Pastor Amy Kay



The Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and Pastor Amy Kay explain meaning of the Trinity to children at VBS.



Sandy Edwards as one of the group leaders helps the children with one of the projects illustrating the meaning Inclusivity. They also learned to share snacks.



Cousins play a game together.

GAMES AND CRAFTS



Darryl Nelson and Sarah Able lead the children in games that teach including others and working together



Many helpers made craft time a lot easier for the kids. Above: string art making a heart.



The Holy Spirit came to visit during crafts, and shared about the fun of making an autograph book, and the chance it gives to reach out to others and make friends.



Left: Layla Fleming poses for camera during the tie-dye project on Friday. She helped many, many children tie and dye their shirts! Thank you, Layla.

Right: The Holy Spirit signs autograph books the children made. They passed them around for everyone to sign and share "happy" messages.





Please keep in prayer: Mary Kay Lindh, Denny Swisher, Brian Laude, Barbara Peterson, Patty Kolling, Julie Daeschner Buck, Ike Bauer (Dawson Feil's friend), Pastor Tim Leaf, David Ferguson, Peyton Johnson and twin girls Rowyn and Calla, Max Buffington, Greg Barrett, Nikki Larson, Jared Jones, Eveleigh Weis, Shelby Miller (Jayleen Sellhorn's granddaughter), Kandy Hanson (friend of Patty Kolling), Ava Jones, , Doug Schneider, Art Mayfield, Deb McGinty, Tom French, Rose Erickson and TACOL, Tammy Hopp, and the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities.

Our heartfelt sympathy for the family and friends of Donna Nelson and Anna (Larson) Funk.

Dear Lord, thank you for the recent rains. Please continue to bring us rain to fill our ponds, lakes, and rivers - for our people, our crops and our livestock. THANK YOU!

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

Even though there are no longer WELCA officers in place, the women of Elim will continue to serve in the following ways, and welcome any suggestions for projects or outreach.

COMMITTEES:

WELCA Treasurer: Donna Patrick (785-212-1752)
Funeral Luncheon: Carylee Nelson (785-820-1838), Nancy Hopp (620-242-9102)
Riverview Songfest: Jackie Larson (785-376-1931), Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich (573-808-1980)
Riverview Birthday Party – January through April: Cindy Bunk (629-755-6185)
Lion's Club Meals: Linda Johnson (785-826-5544), Carol Jones (785-577-5926)
LWR Quilts: Donna Patrick (785-212-1752)
Kitchen Committee: Linda Johnson (785-826-5544)
WELCA Women's Bible Study: Kelly Larson (785-212-0323)

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



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's (WELCA) Bible Study will be Wednesday, June 11 at 9:30 AM in Elim's Parish Hall. Please join us and bring a friend. Expect lively discussion accompanied by wisdom and laughter as we explore our faith in everyday life.



Secretary's note: I apologize for the delay in mailing the newsletter this month. It was a very busy month, and there was a lot I wanted to include before finalizing the June Messenger. Some computer glitches too! GN

May was a busy month here at Elim. We had Graduate Recognition and Youth Sunday on May 11, a Senior Recital and Reception on May 24, Patriotic Service on May 25, and Vacation Bible School May 27-30. We hope everyone has a good summer, and are thankful for the recent rains. And oh, yes – Summer Lunch started here at Elim May 27 and will continue through mid-August.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION & BLESSING / YOUTH SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 11, we celebrated graduates during the worship service, honored our mothers on Mother's Day, and recognized the Youth Group who conducted the service.

CIARA RAWSON will graduate from McPherson High School. She plans to attend Colby Community College where she received a scholarship to continue wrestling at college level, and will major in horse production and management. Her parents are Connie Rawson and John Rawson.

ELSIE BOUGHFMAN will graduate from Smoky Valley High School. She will be attending Hutchinson Community College. Her parents are Lisa Boughfman and Beau Boughfman.

KODY BARRY will graduate from Central High School in Salina. He plans to pursue landscaping after he graduates. His mother is Colleen Barry.

SEBASTIAN MCGINTY-KINDERKNECHT will graduate from Smoky Valley High School. He plans to attend Wichita State University with a major in music and theatre. His parents are Stephanie McGinty and Levi Kinderknecht.

TAVIEN CARTER will graduate from Smoky Valley Virtual School. His parents are Ryker and Michelle Carter.

GARRETT MCMAHAN graduated from Reno County Homeschool Connection Ltd. Kansas on May 9. His parents are Josh and Amanda McMahan. Grandparents are Terry and Nancy Hopp, and Mitch and Denise McMahan.

KENZI KAUFMAN will graduate from McPherson High School on May 17. Her parents are Stacy and Tonya Kaufman. Grandparents are Wally and Cindy Bunk.

SOPHIA ALLEN will graduate from East High School in Salt Lake City, Utah on May 30. She plans to attend Oregon State University to study in the medical field. Her mother is Eva Lindfors Allen. Grandparents are Allan and JoAn Lindfors.

KENDAL BRUEGGEN will graduate from Hesston High School on May 18. She is enrolled at Missouri State, and will study to become a Physician's Assistant. Her parents are Noah and Maggie Lindfors. Grandparents are Allan and JoAn Lindfors.

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

DAWSON FEIL, son of Scott and Tammy Feil, graduated from Highland Community College on May 9. His parents are Scott and Tammy Feil. Grandparents are Wally and Cindy Bunk.

KADE KAUFMAN will be graduating from the University of Kansas College of Business May 16. His parents are Stacy and Tonya Kaufman. Grandparents are Wally and Cindy Bunk.

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY

Allan Lindfors directed the Senior Choir along with ensembles and soloists in the traditional Patriotic service on Sunday, May 25. The Junior Choir also performed a patriotic song, directed by Brooke Olson. Jeremy Snapp was the narrator for the musical entitled "From Sea to Shining Sea: God's Promise for America" by Camp Kirkland. Members of the choir presented a musical salute to the various branches of our armed forces followed by taps in honor of their service. Accompanists were Jackie Larson and Betty Amos Nelson, with a duet prelude by Betty and Susan Untz. Instrumentalists were Chris Johnson, Noah Lindfors, Brooke Olson, and Layne Patrick. Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich conducted the worship service. Sunday School teachers and members of the Adult Bible Study provided breakfast for attendees prior to the service. There were approximately 121 in attendance for the Patriotic service.



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



Summer lunches are scheduled to begin on May 27. 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 2-3 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.

SUMMER LAWN-MOWING

Elim needs volunteers to mow the church lawns this summer starting May 2 through October 10. 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.

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 at 785-227-5694 if you would be willing to perform for one or more Sundays this summer. THANK YOU!

Special music in June:

June 8	Carly Patrick
June 15	Janna Nelson
June 29	Brooke Olson

SERVING THE LORD IN JUNE

LECTORS

June 8	Jackie Larson
June 15	Allan Lindfors
June 22	Linda Johnson
June 29	Gayle Nelson

GREETERS

June 8	Zach and Sarah Able
June 15	Nancy Hopp
June 22	Beth Thomas
June 29	Barry and Carylee Nelson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

June 1	Darren Able (for community service in the park)
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COMMUNION SET-UP & CLEAN-UP/BREAD

June 1	Pastor Amy Kay (for community service in the park)
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USHER FOR JUNE: Scott Johnson

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2025

May 4	\$2324.00	70
May 11*	\$1428.00	90
May 18	\$1466.50	62
May 25**	\$1537.00	121

*Noisy Offering: \$85.52

**Patriotic Sunday

Monthly Financial Report

Presented to council 05/05/25

Beginning Balance as of 04/01/25:	\$	34,500.17
Revenue:	\$	11,202.11
Expenses:	\$	--8,305.75
Ending Balance as of 04/30/25:	\$	37,396.53

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

REMINDER: The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, June 10** from 12:00-6:00 PM at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Please come at your scheduled appointment time. **THANK YOU FOR GIVING!**



NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 5, 2025

Worship & Music: Patriotic Sunday will be May 25. Diane Hedberg will organize the breakfast prior to the service, to include SS teachers and Adult Bible Study members.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed.: Carly Peterson reported there will be a meal served following Graduate Recognition/Youth Sunday service on May 11.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Met May 5. Curtis Patrick reported that Elim will use a lift being used downtown to paint eaves. The committee plans to trim branches and limbs on the church property.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, June 2, 2025.

If you are interested in sprucing up the area in front of the Parish Hall, please contact Gayle Nelson at 785-201-7675. If we rework the area, we could plant perennials to replace the bushes, or place planters for annuals. I would like to get a team together to come up with a plan and get it done!
THANKS!!!

YOUTH GROUP MEALS

Thank you to Holly Toll and Lars and Carly Peterson for providing meals for the Youth Group in May. Youth Group will meet again in September.

BEST CHOICE LABELS

PLEASE continue to bring your Best Choice labels from the cartons and containers you purchase at Piper's or other stores offering Best Choice products throughout the year. ***Write yourself a reminder or stick an envelope on the refrigerator to save the labels.*** The Christian Education Committee collects them to help fund youth who are interested in attending church camp. ***We received \$90 for labels collected in 2024.*** Be sure to cut the labels with the words "Best Choice" at the top of the UPC symbol (bar code). The bar code must be included with the label. A container for collecting the labels is available in the narthex when you enter the church, or in the Parish Hall kitchen.

Happily we're able to collect a lot of labels from Best Choice foods we use to prepare Summer Lunch.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Maddison O'Loughlin
1	Auley Boughfman
1	Brian Hayden
2	Gracy (Feil) Lerner
3	Kirk Young
6	Molly Martin
6	Wayne McBride
6	Julie Miller
6	Kylan Lindquist
8	Todd Nickel
10	Parker Hulvey
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	29 years
2	Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Hulvey	13 years
3	Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Mannebach	19 years
5	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Forssberg	21 years
7	Mr. & Mrs. Don Miller	39 years
19	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Thies	21 years
24	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hulse	46 years
26	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Chandler	11 years

Please notify me in writing at elimsec@gmail.com or via text at 785-201-7675 if you need a correction made to the birthday or anniversary list. This will ensure I have the information correct. The data program currently in use creates errors when a person is removed or added. Sorry. This explains why so many dates are wrong. THANK YOU!

---- Gayle

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Peyton and Gracy Lerner on the birth of their daughter Maren Tracy. Maren was born May 15, 2025 and weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. Proud grandparents are Scott and Tammy Feil, and Jimmy and Jan Lerner. Great-grandparents are Wally and Cindy Bunk, and Barbara Lerner.



The Holy Spirit in the form of a dove ascends the stairs.



The Holy Spirit (aka Diane) embraces her friends at VBS.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7th Sunday in Easter 11:00 AM Community Worship Service in the Park w/ Communion	2 7:00 PM – Church Council Mtg.	3	4	5	6	7
8 Day of Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service	9	10	11 9:30 AM –Women’s Bible Study	12	13	14 
15 The Holy Trinity FATHER’S DAY 11:00 AM –Worship Service 4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-Along	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 2nd Sunday in Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service	23	24	25 1:30 PM – Quilt Group	26	27	28
29 3rd Sunday in Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service	30	 				