



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

JULY 2025

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Greetings, Elim members and friends -

Last Sunday, June 22, we woke to the news that our country had bombed Iran's nuclear facilities. For me, it was breath-taking news. I tossed the sermon I thought I would share that morning in the trash and shared these words from Amanda Flayer who is the co-founder of La Puerta Abierta, an amazing school and library in Guatemala:

Last month, I was invited as a guest speaker for a small leadership group of NGO executive directors in Guatemala. The mediator, a wise friend who has dedicated a lifetime to studying development in countries like Guatemala, opened the conversation with the following question:

At a time when current events feel daunting, heavy and unpredictable, where do you find hope?

In the span of one week, Israel has launched missiles into Iran, Russia has bombed a civilian street in the Ukraine, two state lawmakers from Minnesota were gunned down in their homes in a politically motivated assassination attempt.

As I type these words, my heart literally feels too burdened to beat, swelled by tragedy.

I thought of Amanda's words because my heart that morning also felt unable to beat properly, swelled by tragedy.

I went back and reread her message in the early morning hours before worship. Amanda went on to eloquently write about how, over time, she realized that she finds hope in the children of their school. The school itself, La Puerta Abierta, is hope. Community engagement is hope for her.

I posed this question in worship and it is important enough to repeat here: What does hope look like for you?

After worship I stopped by a friend's house. She had gorgeous, huge, yellow lilies blooming like crazy and there were multiple unopened flowers. More brilliant lilies would be emerging to join the already amazing plants! I was stopped in my tracks and realized that this is hope for me.

Later that day I went home to the farm I grew up on. I rode with my niece who expertly picked up loads of wheat with the grain cart from her dad and my brother, on the fly. Watching the two of them harvest such healthy, life-giving grain gave me hope. The wind was blowing (!) and the amber waves of swaying grain were captivating. I sat there on the tractor's surprisingly comfortable side chair and gave thanks to God for all of the many ways I see and feel hope. It doesn't take away all of the suffering near and far of people known and unknown, but it does make living out of joy with hope possible amidst it all. I hope the same for you all, Elim.

w/hope – Pastor Amy Kay

Many thanks to the confirmands who started a big worship art project a year and a half ago. They searched the many ways churches had used adornment in sanctuaries on Pentecost to help bring the scripture to life. We planned to make a huge mosaic with bottle tops. Ava Toll is a gifted artist and created our base image of a person with arms and chin up to the flames of the holy spirit which was descending. It was great!

A year later, Ava started the project for us by sketching out and painting the base of the piece... it was perfect without any mosaic work over the paint! It was completely moving just the way it was. Those thousands of bottle tops will be used for something else another day.

Thanks be to God for Ava's talents and generosity which we experienced in grand form in worship on Pentecost.



Ava Toll paints her creation in Pastor Amy Kay's store.

The painting was revealed on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. It was created on poster paper and large Styrofoam boards to keep it light-weight and allow it to stand tall in the sanctuary.

I asked Ava what inspired her to create this beautiful painting. She said she did a lot of research about the Pentecost. Most of all, she wanted to incorporate the dove and use warm colors to represent the Holy Spirit. Originally, the confirmands were going to help paint the design Ava had sketched out on the poster paper, but it was too hard to find times that worked out for everyone, so Ava gladly completed it herself.

Thank you for sharing your time and talent in service to the Lord, Ava.





Please keep in prayer: Max Buffington, Mary Kay Lindh, Denny Swisher, Brian Laude, Barbara Peterson, Julie Daeschner Buck, Ike Bauer (Dawson Feil's friend), Pastor Tim Leaf, David Ferguson, Peyton Johnson and twin girls Rowyn and Calla, 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.

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:

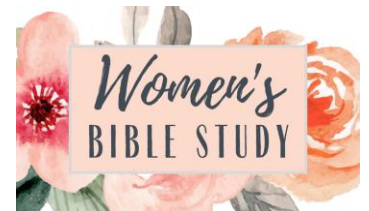
WELCA Treasurer: Donna Patrick (785-212-1752)
Funeral Luncheon: Carylee Nelson (785-820-1838), Nancy Hopp (620-242-9102)
Riverview Songfest: Jackie Larson (785-376-1931), Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich (573-808-1980)
Riverview Birthday Party – January through April: Cindy Bunk (629-755-6185)
Lion's Club Meals: 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. We had a wonderful turnout of Elim members at the one in June. Let's do that again! The next one will be **Sunday, July 20**. Everyone is welcome to join in.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's Bible Study will be Wednesday, July 9 at 9:30 AM in Elim's Parish Hall. We have invited our sisters at Marquette United Methodist Church to join us too. Please come along and bring a friend. Expect lively discussion accompanied by wisdom and laughter as we explore the Bible and our faith in everyday life.



MARQUETTE MEMORIAL MURAL

Cari Nelson Daniels, daughter of Linn and Lou Nelson and a member of Elim Lutheran Church, will be creating a memorial mural on the front entrance to the MES gymnasium. Hopefully some of you had a chance to stamp your own tiles for the mural at the Art Room June 27-29. You can help with the installation of the mural on Thursday, July 10 through Sunday, July 13. There will be a Mural Celebration at 5:00 PM Sunday, July 13. Donations are also appreciated.



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.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in May and June. It's been busy! For a number of days 100 or more meals were served!

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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.

Thank you to Linda Johnson, Griff Hawkinson, Darren Able, Matt Tolle, Rix Samford, and Allan Lindfors for mowing in May and June. Lots of sign-ups for July and August too – thank you!

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### 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 July:

July 6 – Mae, Josephine, and Gus Jones (Adam & Hannah Jones' children)  
 July 13 – Matt Larson  
 July 20 – "Front Porch Pickers" from Lindsborg  
 July 27 – Matthew Everhart

A big thanks to Carly Patrick, Janna Nelson, Pierce Hamma, and Brooke Olson for performing in June. We are so grateful for the many wonderfully talented people in our church and surrounding communities who provide special music during the summer – and all through the year!

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### CLEAN-UP PROJECT FOR FRONT OF PARISH HALL

Thanks to several members of our congregation, the front of the Parish Hall is looking better. After the foundation repair last year, the area to the right of the double doors was pretty torn up. On June 25, our team removed the piles of rock, lonely little evergreen bush, and torn weed barrier and edging. They also moved the pile of dirt left behind on the north side to the front of the building. The next step will be to replace the weed barrier and edging, and perhaps replace the river rock. Further plans are pending. Anyone interested in helping can call Gayle at 785-201-7675. THANKS!





# SERVING THE LORD IN JULY

## LECTORS

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| July 6  | Darren Able    |
| July 13 | Allan Lindfors |
| July 20 | Ava Tolle      |
| July 27 | Linda Johnson  |

## GREETERS

|         |                          |
|---------|--------------------------|
| July 6  | Nancy Hopp               |
| July 13 | Barry and Carylee Nelson |
| July 20 | Scott and Linda Johnson  |
| July 27 | Sjogren family           |

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| July 6 | Beth Thomas |
|--------|-------------|

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

|        |                          |
|--------|--------------------------|
| July 6 | Darryl and Diane Talbott |
|--------|--------------------------|

## USHER FOR JULY: Lars Peterson

*I'm grateful for all our members young and old who faithfully sign up as greeters and lectors. And for those who usher, assist with communion, set up and make bread for communion. Bless you. - GN*

## Offerings and Attendance per week in 2025

|         |           |     |
|---------|-----------|-----|
| June 1* | \$490.00  | 100 |
| June 8  | \$2867.00 | 62  |
| June 15 | \$1698.00 | 77  |
| June 22 | \$1214.50 | 54  |
| June 29 | \$        |     |

*\*Service in the park: approx. attendance; \$\$ also donated to Ministerial Alliance*

## Monthly Financial Report

[As Presented to council 06/02//25]

|                                   |    |            |
|-----------------------------------|----|------------|
| Beginning Balance as of 05/01/25: | \$ | 37,396.53  |
| Revenue:                          | \$ | 9,570.06   |
| Expenses:                         | \$ | --8,499.35 |
| Ending Balance as of 05/30/25:    | \$ | 38,467.24  |

## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 2, 2025

*Council discussed continuation of Swedish Supper, to be decided by August 1. Pastor Amy Kay reported on VBS. 35 children attended and it went well, with lots of help from adults and youth volunteers. Need for new electric piano if repair not feasible.*

**Worship & Music:** Amy Kay's headset needs replacement batteries frequently and cuts out occasionally. Brian Hopp and his assistant improved some of the streaming issues.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Memorial Committee:** No meeting.

**Christian Ed.:** Diane Hedberg reported that 60 people were served breakfast on Patriotic Sunday May 25

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

**Property/Security Committee:** Met June 2. Barry Nelson and Scott Johnson moved Johnson's spare freezer to basement for summer lunch use. Johnny Myers will paint eaves. Lars Peterson offered to replace trees south of church in the fall.

*Next meeting to be held on Monday, July 7, 2025.*

## RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE



**REMINDER:** The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, August 5** from 12:00-6:00 PM at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Please come at your scheduled appointment time. **THANK YOU FOR GIVING!**

## 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.



### 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   |
| 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     | 1966 |
| 14 | Mr. & Mrs. Barry Nelson   | 1974 |
| 14 | Mr. & Mrs. Dana Olson     | 1984 |
| 15 | Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Bauer     | 2006 |
| 18 | Mr. & Mrs. Matt Wickstrom | 2015 |
| 24 | Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Patrick | 2004 |
| 30 | Mr. & Mrs. Brodie Seely   | 2011 |
| 31 | Mr. & Mrs. John Myers     | 1970 |

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BAND CONCERT






Assaria Lutheran Church invites you to attend their annual ice cream social and band concert on Sunday, July 27. The men of the church will be serving ice cream, cake and a drink at 6:00 PM, followed by a performance by the Salina Municipal Band at 7:00 PM. A \$5.00

donation is requested for various service projects in the community.



Another picture of the Pentecost painting, taken by Fred Peterson.

## Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JULY 2025

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                            | MONDAY                                                   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                               | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                                                                                | SATURDAY |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                                  |                                                          | 1       | 2                                                       | 3        |    | 5        |
| <b>6 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost</b><br><br><b>11:00 AM – Worship Service<br/>w/ Communion</b>                             | <b>7</b><br><br><b>7:00 PM – Church<br/>Council Mtg.</b> | 8       | <b>9</b><br><br><b>9:30 AM –Women’s<br/>Bible Study</b> | 10       | 11                                                                                    | 12       |
| <b>13 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost</b><br><br><b>11:00 AM –Worship Service</b>                                              | 14                                                       | 15      | 16                                                      | 17       | 18                                                                                    | 19       |
| <b>20 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost</b><br><br><b>11:00 AM –Worship Service</b><br><br><b>4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-Along</b> | 21                                                       | 22      | <b>23</b><br><br><b>1:30 PM – Quilt Group</b>           | 24       | 25                                                                                    | 26       |
| <b>27 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost</b><br><br><b>11:00 AM –Worship Service</b>                                              | 28                                                       | 29      | 30                                                      | 31       |  |          |