



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

AUGUST 2025

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Greetings, Elim-

I hope these hot days are meeting you as well as possible!

This summer we started the ball rolling with an educational and delightful week of VBS and are ending with lots of good things; what a wonderful summer to be church together!

This weekend, August 1 & 2, we host the west side concession stand for the Marquette Rodeo. Thanks to Diane Hedberg and many volunteers along with her, we will put our best joy-filled foot forward within the community. It's always a fantastic time and I hope you will saunter by for a hotdog or hello.

On Sunday, August 24, from 10a-10:45a, you are most invited to come by the Parish Hall to see the children's Sunday School year before us. Each month there is a different theme or story and a lesson within each week. Those who are interested in teaching or being with the kids as they learn are invited to come to hear about all the things. You will be welcome to sign up for leadership as you feel called to do so. Also, and importantly, there will be morning snacks served.

I know this is the following month, but I need to have my calendar noted so I extend the invitation to you as well: God's Work, Our Hands will be on September 7. This is a Sunday when we begin all Christian Education classes, worship, have a quick lunch in the Parish Hall together and then head off to help with service projects in our community. You are welcome to wear chore types of clothes to church this day (and any day for that matter) and join in!

What a wonderful church this is to get to be a part of this season and every season! I hope you feel the same and will come around soon.

w/good cheer and much gratitude – Pastor Amy Kay

Greetings, Elim members and friends -

w/hope – Pastor Amy Kay



Layne Hensley and his wife Katie came to church on Sunday, July 31 with a truckload of sweet corn. He asked Pastor Amy Kay to announce to the congregation that everyone was welcome to come get a big sack of corn after church. And they did! What a beautiful outreach to our church family. Thank you, Layne and Katie!

(Wish I had a pic of Pastor Amy Kay and I think Nancy Hopp chomping on the fresh kernels!)



Please keep in prayer: Steve Patrick, John Hudson, Mary Kay Lindh, Max Buffington, Denny Swisher, Barbara Peterson, Ike Bauer (Dawson Feil's friend), Pastor Tim Leaf, David Ferguson, Greg Barrett, Nikki Larson, Shelby Miller (Jayleen Sellhorn's granddaughter), Kandy Hanson (friend of Patty Kolling), Ava Jones, Doug Schneider, Art Mayfield, Deb McGinty, Tom French, Rose Erickson, Tammy Hopp, and the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities.

Dear Lord, please continue to bring rain to those who need it, and healing to those who have lost family and friends to floods.

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 (except Donna Patrick as treasurer), the women of Elim will continue to serve in the following ways and welcome any suggestions for projects or outreach.

COMMITTEES:

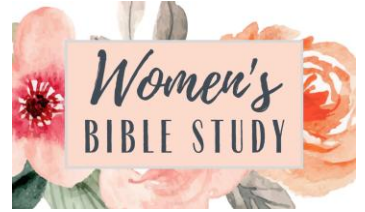
WELCA Treasurer: Donna Patrick (785-212-1752)
 Funeral Luncheon: Carylee Nelson (785-820-1838), Nancy Hopp (620-242-9102)
 Riverview Songfest: Jackie Larson (785-376-1931), Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich (573-808-1980)
 Riverview Birthday Party – January through April: Cindy Bunk (629-755-6185)
 Lion's Club 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, August 17.** Everyone is welcome to join in.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's Bible Study will be Wednesday, August 13 at 9:30 AM in Elim's Parish Hall. We continue to invite women from our community, including our sisters at Marquette United Methodist Church, to join us. 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.



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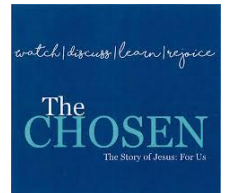
The Women of ELCA from Bethany Lutheran Church invite the women of Elim to join them for a salad supper on Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 PM. We are asked to bring a salad to share and our own table service. The program will be "Hats for Every Occasion", presented by Donna Ruble. There will be a special offering that will go to the Oaks Indian Mission. You are welcome to bring a friend. Bethany Lutheran Church is located at 320 N. Main in Lindsborg. Several women from Elim have attended in the past and found it to be a very enjoyable evening of fellowship and fun.

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**Please join us in the Parish Hall next Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 AM.
There will be coffee and snacks as we listen to Connie McCue
share her testimonial. Connie will also be singing during the worship service.**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study will begin again on September 21 at 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM. Julie Olson, facilitator, announced that we will be studying the next series of "The Chosen". See you then!



SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE resumes Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 PM.

YOUTH GROUP resumes Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM.



SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes September 14 on Rally Sunday. Junior Choir practice will tentatively begin the following Sunday. This is the day our church members welcome the Sunday School children back with 3rd grade Bibles, Blessing of the Backpacks, a light lunch, and work projects throughout the community ("God's Work, Our Hands").



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Thank you to all the Elim volunteers (listed below) who have helped prepare and serve lunch this summer. A big thanks to Adam Keller for serving as head cook, to Linda Johnson for lining up workers and procuring all the food and supplies needed throughout the summer, and to the women of Marquette United Methodist Church for helping every other week. Summer lunch will end August 13.

Janet Samford
Janis Larson
KK Larson
Michele Von Strohe
Peg Kugelman
Roberta Jaye

Gayle Nelson
Beth Thomas
Grayson Fleming
Dorine Cunningham
Janelle Nelson
Jordan Nelson

Amy Kay Pavlovich
Kim Kratzer
Danielle Beckham
Alexis Lustfield
Cindy Bunk
Robin Brady

SUMMER LAWN-MOWING

Thank you to all who have signed up to mow this summer. Most slots are filled through August. Requests for volunteers to help continues until October 10. GREAT JOB, MOWERS!!!

Thank you to Griff Hawkinson, Allan Lindfors, Linda Johnson, and Darren Able for mowing in July.



SUMMER MUSIC



Special music in August:

August 3 – Darren Able
August 10 – Connie McCue
August 17 – Janna Nelson
August 24 -
August 31 -

Thank you to the performers in July: Mae, Josephine, and Gus Jones, Matt Larson, Front Porch Pickers, and Sandy Edwards and Allan Lindfors. The Senior and Junior choirs will resume in October. Senior Choir practice will resume September 17, and Junior Choir practice will tentatively resume September 14.

CLEAN-UP PROJECT IN FRONT OF PARISH HALL

Due to the heat wave forecasted for our area in the upcoming weeks, we will postpone further work on the front beds in front of the Parish Hall until further notice. THANK YOU for all your help so far. We're ready to move on to the next phase as soon as it cools off!! The next step will be to replace the weed barrier and edging. The river rock has been ordered and will be the final stage. We will add large planters for seasonal flowers and possibly outdoor décor as deemed appropriate. Anyone interested in helping can call Gayle at 785-201-7675. THANKS!



SERVING THE LORD IN AUGUST

LECTORS

August 3	Allan Lindfors
August 10	
August 17	Ava Toll
August 24	Leif Larson
August 31	

GREETERS

August 3	
August 10	Beth Thomas
August 17	
August 24	Rita Brown
August 31	

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

August 3	Carly Peterson
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COMMUNION SET-UP & CLEAN-UP/BREAD

August 3	Kent & Nancy Rawson
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USHER FOR AUGUST: Barry Nelson

We need greeters for August through December, and lectors for a few Sundays in August. Please check the sign-up sheet on the Parish Hall bulletin board.
THANKS!

Offerings and Attendance last month:

June 29	\$1238.00	55
July 6	\$2474.00	65
July 13	\$1798.00	72
July 20	\$1759.50	74
July 27, 2025	\$2480.24	75

Monthly Financial Report

[As Presented to council 07/27/25]

Beginning Balance as of 06/01/25:	\$	38,467.24
Revenue:	\$	8,352.14
Expenses:	\$	--12,268.75
Ending Balance as of 06/30/25:	\$	34,550.63

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

July 7, 2025

Council discussed requests for new choir chairs and a new electric piano. Both items are aged and in need of replacement. It was agreed to pay these out of the Memorial Fund once an exact cost is determined. Memorial also agreed to fund the clean-up project in front of Parish Hall, to include replacing weed barrier, edging and river rock. Gayle Nelson reported on the approximate cost.

Diane Hedberg reported on preparations for the rodeo concession stand that Elim members manage during the rodeo August 1 and 2. She asked for volunteers to help and for donations of bottled water. She also requested a Thrivent member apply for funding for the benefit event.

Worship & Music: No report.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed.: No report

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: No meeting.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, August 4, 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!**





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Jill Hedberg
2	Karsyn Sommerfeld
3	Janet Samford
3	Lindsay Newton
3	Layne Patrick
4	Kayla Fox
5	Kasyn Weis
7	Bernice Peterson
8	Amanda Mansfield
10	Cynthia Hulse
11	Ryenne Cunningham
11	Keri Niegsch
12	Josh Nelson
13	Patty Kolling
14	Dixon Olson
14	Brandi Young
15	Jenna Jones
16	Bryan McBride
17	John Myers
18	Curtis Patrick
19	Allan Lindfors
19	Amy Young
19	Ethan Reid
20	Rhonda Lindstedt
20	Vinita Harms
20	Garrett McMahan
20	Brett Loder
22	Todd Johnson
23	Lory Traugott
23	Don Miller
24	Dawson Feil
25	Quaid Spohn
26	Blakely Weis
27	Dorine Cunningham
28	Vicki Young
30	Lilyan Boughfman
30	Diane Wickstrom

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

9	Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Talbott	45 years
10	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hamma	39 years
14	Mr. & Mrs. Craig Larson	48 years
19	Pastor Larry & Mrs. Cross	58 years
26	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Johnson	64 years
30	Mr. & Mrs. Matt Hedberg	21 years

MCPHERSON COUNTY ADULT SPELLING BEE


The libraries of McPherson County are once again hosting a county-wide Adult Spelling Bee on Friday, August 15 from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Smoky Valley Distillery here in Marquette. The following public libraries held a preliminary Adult Spelling Bee in their towns for the top 3 finalists to participate in the county-wide contest: Canton Township Carnegie Library, Inman Public Library, Lindsborg Community Library, McPherson Public Library, Moundridge Public Library, and Marquette Community Library. In addition to the spelling bee, Phil Walters will be performing at the Distillery from 7:30-9:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Come cheer on the spellers.

The 3 finalists from Marquette Community Library are Marcene Kempke, Jackie Larson, and Gayle Nelson.

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. 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.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Smoky Valley Saddle Club Rodeo & <u>Elim concession stand</u> (west side)	2 Smoky Valley Saddle Club Rodeo & <u>Elim concession stand</u> (west side)
3 8th Sunday in Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Communion	4 7:00 PM – Church Council Mtg.	5	6	7	8	9
10 9th Sunday in Pentecost 10:00 AM – Coffee & Testimonial w/Connie McCue in Parish Hall 11:00 AM –Worship Service	11	12	13 9:30 AM –Women’s Bible Study END OF SUMMER LUNCH	14 SCHOOL STARTS	15	16
17 10th Sunday in Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service 4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-Along	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 11th Sunday in Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service	25	26	27 1:30 PM – Quilt Group	28	29	30
31 12th Sunday in Pentecost 11:00 AM –Worship Service						