



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2025

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Greetings, Elim –

I hope this month's Messenger finds you at peace and with joy-filled hope for the coming season together!

Before we leave the hot months behind, I'd like to thank you for making this the best summer I feel we've had at the church since I've gotten to be your minister. Every Sunday I've been so touched that you've shown up to worship! Sometimes the summer months can feel pretty sparse and quiet, but not this year! As some traveled, harvest extended, and other summer events kicked in, our attendance never really waned. We've carried on and it has felt so good! I thank God for each of you and the community at Elim church!

The excitement only builds now as we head into the fall season of happenings. On Sunday, September 14, we will officially kick off our year of Christian Education with Rally Sunday. Come at 9:45am for Jr. Choir and Children's Sunday School! Appropriately, we begin our program year with a day of service which we, along with our ELCA siblings far and wide, call "God's Work, Our Hands". Come to church on the 14th wearing clothes you can easily do things like haul objects from one place in town to recycling or trash, work on landscaping, weed or put together playground equipment at the Marquette Learning Center. After worship we'll have a quick, easy lunch in the Parish Hall together and then divide up to go get these things done in our community. It will be a fun time and hopefully helpful for many. This is good church, friends, and I'm excited to begin a new program year with you!

w/great expectations – Pastor Amy Kay



Connie McCue shared her testimonial prior to church on Aug. 10.



Please keep in prayer: Greg Hopp, Dee “Deena” Winslow, Piper Schultze, Lisa Christopher, Ewald Bunk, Steve Patrick, John Hudson, Mary Kay Lindh, Max Buffington, Ike Bauer (Dawson Feil’s friend), Pastor Tim Leaf, David Ferguson, 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. Our sympathy to the family and friends of Claude “Sonny” Brown (Rita Brown’s brother-in-law).

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

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)

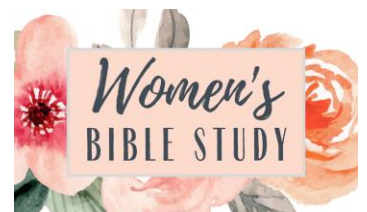


ALL Elim members: don’t forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **Sunday, September 21**. Everyone is welcome to join in.

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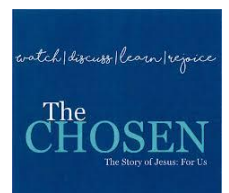
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women’s Bible Study will be Wednesday, September 10 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.



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!



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 Matt & Holly Toll, Darryl Talbott, Rix & Janet Samford, Griff Hawkinson, and Allan Lindfors for mowing in August.

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ASSARIA LUTHERAN CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY

You are invited to attend the celebration of Assaria Lutheran Church's 150th anniversary on September 13 and 14. On Saturday, September 13, there will be an open house from 2:00-4:00 pm, followed by choir practice at 4:00 pm. If there are any former choir members who would like to join the choir, you are asked to RSVP to receive music prior to the rehearsal. On Sunday, September 14, there will be a worship service at 10:00 am with guest speaker Rev. Ann Rundquist. At 11:30 am, a meal catered by Crown and Rye will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP for the meal by September 8 by calling 785-667-2031. Free-will offerings will go to the designated mission churches (Mision San Juan de Dios in Wichita, Beloved Community Lutheran Church in Maize/Goddard) or to Assaria Lutheran Church (if so designated).

Pastor Jim Strassen continues to serve as interim pastor at Assaria Lutheran Church.

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



YOUTH GROUP resumes Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 PM.

If you are willing to help provide meals for the Youth Group on Wednesday nights, please check the sign-up list on the bulletin board in September, or call Carly Peterson at 785-280-2039.



SUNDAY SCHOOL and Junior Choir practice resumes September 14 on Rally Sunday at 9:45 AM. This is the day our church members welcome the Sunday School children back with Blessing of the Backpacks, a light lunch, and work projects throughout the community ("God's Work, Our Hands").

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SUMMER MUSIC



Thank you to the performers in August: Darren Able, Connie McCue, Janna Nelson, Kellen, Garrett, and Kaydee McMahan, and Chris Johnson. The Senior and Junior choirs will resume in October. Senior Choir practice will resume September 17, and Junior Choir practice will resume September 14.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Sunday, Sept. 14

If you have any ideas for work projects here at the church or throughout the community, please share with Pastor Amy Kay or one of the church council members. THANKS!

In past years our Elim members and friends have cleared yards for people with health issues, cleaned out the Parsonage (prior to renters), cleaned at Riverview, American Legion, Fine Arts Center, the museums, and Elim's Parish Hall kitchen and basement.

One of the God's Work, Our Hands projects selected for Sunday, Sept. 14 is to continue work on the area in front of the Parish Hall. We will rework the area by leveling the dirt, laying down weed barrier and installing landscape edging. Hopefully we will be able to complete the project with the delivery of river rock, possibly Sept. 22 or 23. If you are interested in helping with this, please bring work gloves, garden rakes, wheel barrows, and shovels. THANKS!!



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!

RODEO CONCESSIONS

THANK YOU to all who participated in the rodeo concessions this year, whether you worked in the concession stand, donated water, offered the use of your grill, made a food or drink purchase, or gave a monetary donation. Below is a list of people who helped:

Set up: Mo and Gayle Nelson, Matt and Diane Hedberg, Brooke Olson

Cooks: Matt Hedberg, Barry Nelson

Concession stand and cook's helpers: Matt Toll, Kent and Nancy Rawson, Tammy Feil, Dorine Cunningham, Jackie Larson, Kelly Larson, Darren Able, Griff Hawkinson, Carylee Nelson, Jeremy Snapp

Popcorn: Amy Kay Pavlovich

And last but not least, thank you to Diane Hedberg who heads up the whole project and gives of her time and organizational skills to set it all up, from food and drink purchases, to workers, to tables, ice chests, crock pots, roasters... well you name it. We'd be lost without her. Bless you for doing this each year. It's a wonderful outreach to our community and visitors to the rodeo.



Diane Hedberg, Darren Able & Kelly Larson
prep nachos, hamburgers and hot dogs.



Jackie Larson and Brian Hopp share a laugh
at the concession stand window.

SERVING THE LORD IN SEPTEMBER

LECTORS

September 7 Ava Toll
September 14 Darren Able
September 21 Magnus Larson
September 28 Fred Peterson

GREETERS

September 7 Nancy Hopp
September 14 Mike Hulse
September 21 Zach and Sarah Able
September 28 Carol Jones

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

September 7 Linn Nelson

COMMUNION SET-UP & CLEAN-UP/BREAD

September 7 Darryl and Diane Talbott

USHER FOR SEPTEMBER: Craig Larson

*We need greeters for September through December.
Please check the sign-up sheet on the Parish Hall
bulletin board. THANKS!*

Offerings and Attendance last month:

August 3	\$1722.00	67
August 10	\$1763.00	65
August 17	\$1948.00	78
August 24	\$1533.50	76

Monthly Financial Report

[As Presented to council 08/04//25]

Beginning Balance as of 07/01/25:	\$	34,550.63
Revenue:	\$	10,734.56
Expenses:	\$	-- 8,990.48
Ending Balance as of 07/31/25:	\$	37,294.71

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

REMINDER: The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, September 30** 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

August 4, 2025

Pastor Amy Kay discussed possible options and issues for continuing the Swedish Supper. A final decision will be made in September. Rally Sunday and God's Work, Our Hands discussed. Seeking ideas for work projects. A simple lunch will be provided following worship service.

Worship & Music: Beth Thomas reported on the purchase of new choir chairs. To date it has been difficult to find chairs that will fit the narrow choir loft.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed.: Pastor Amy Kay will meet with those interested in helping with Sunday School late August to present the curriculum and sign-up to lead and assist with lessons.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Matt Toll reported that smoke alarms will be installed this fall. They are available through Hopp's Electric and will link with the current security system to allow alerts to security members when no one is present in the building.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

FOOD DRIVE

The McPherson Food Bank is low on supplies and needs your help filling the shelves. Kelly Larson has asked that Elim members bring non-perishable food donations to church and place them in the basket or tote provided at the back of the church. She will deliver them to the McPherson Food Bank. Or you can bring your donations directly to McPherson Food Bank. All non-perishable foods are needed: canned foods; dry goods such as pasta, rice, flour, sugar, cereals; box dinners and other dry packaged foods; peanut butter and other jarred items. Thank you for your participation.

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Wally Bunk is celebrating his 80th birthday. There will be an open house at the American Legion on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 2:00-4:00 pm. You can send birthday cards to P.O. Box 364 to congratulate him.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Rylee Cunningham
1	Tim Lindfors
3	Audrey Seely
4	Kaeler Newton
4	Diana Hernandez
5	Kade Kaufman
6	Mike Hulse
6	Kurtis Sjogren
6	Beau Boughfman
7	Lou Nelson
7	Barbara O'Loughlin
8	Erica Faust
9	Braden Young
10	Morris Nelson
11	Wally Bunk
11	Cade Young
15	Jayleen Sellhorn
17	Alissa Holmquist
19	Sawyer McDonnell
20	Megan Amos
21	Charity Weis
21	Brandi Brady
22	Raven Caesar
22	Courtney Cook
22	Sharon Chandler
24	Maia Forssberg
24	Charles Martin
25	Ava Toll
26	Kiera Mullen
27	Brock Reid-Carpio
28	Julie Loder
28	Brandon Weis
29	Matt Hedberg

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne McBride	36 years
2	Mr. & Mrs. Terry Hopp	47 years
11	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Cunningham	29 years
13	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Johnson	45 years
15	Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jones	13 years
23	Mr. & Mrs. Kent Rawson	47 years
24	Mr. & Mrs. Allan Lindfors	19 years
29	Mr. & Mrs. Randy Lillard	13 years
30	Mr. & Mrs. Danny Morel	53 years



64TH ANNUAL PIT-ROASTED BBQ

Marquette United Methodist Church is holding its 64th annual pit-roasted BBQ on Wednesday, September 17 from 5:00-7:00 PM.

It is free will offering, and dine-in or carry-out. This is a tradition and fund-raiser for their church, so please plan to attend to support our fellow worshippers. The menu includes pit-roasted beef, REAL mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, butter corn, fresh garden salad, homemade bread and pie, with coffee or tea.

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 SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY	2 7:00 PM – Church Council Mtg.	3	4	5	6
7 13th Sunday in Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Communion	8	9	10 9:30 AM –Women’s Bible Study	11	12	13
14 14th Sunday in Pentecost RALLY SUNDAY God’s Work, Our Hands 9:45 AM – Sunday School/Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM –Worship Service NOON – Light lunch 1:00-3:00 – God’s Work, Our Hands Projects	15	16	17 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	18	19	20
21 15th Sunday in Pentecost 9:45 AM – Sunday School/Jr. Choir Practice 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM –Worship Service 4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-Along	22	23	24 1:30 PM – Quilt Group 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	25	26	27
28 16th Sunday in Pentecost 9:45 AM – Sunday School/Jr. Choir Practice 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM –Worship Service	29	30				