



Elim Lutheran Church The Messenger

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Greetings, Elim ~

I hope this edition of the Messenger finds you at peace.

Last month you should have received a letter sharing the news that through an extensive decision- making process the Church Council unanimously decided to not continue the Swedish Supper. It was a hard decision for everyone involved. I've been touched by the comments that have been shared with me about it... that it's sad, but understandable. I think that has been everyone's sentiment. I've only been with you since 2019, but I feel the same way! However, this doesn't mean we can't continue with something with which we are more capable, continues to celebrate our Swedish Heritage, creates lovely community, and gives thanks to God!



We are all invited on December 3 at 6pm to "A Night of Swedish Music and Desserts" at Elim! Allan has kindly accepted the invitation to organize and lead an hour of music and many have offered to help make wonderful Swedish desserts! A fantastic extension of a beloved tradition is before us and I hope we can accept the transition with delight. I'm personally excited for all of the folks who have been laboring with food prep and serving to get to experience the wonderful music in the sanctuary! They have never gotten to soak in all of that goodness! My heart overflows with pure joy for everyone to enjoy all of the night together! Can't wait! I hope you can come!

Before Dec 3, Advent will begin on November 30 and we have a beautiful season of preparing ahead. Our theme of the season is that Good News is louder than fear. We will focus on the ways we are practicing hope. I'm excited about all that is to come for us in the next few months and so hope you can come around.

w/much joy and anticipation – Pastor Amy Kay





Please keep in prayer: Janis Larson, Duane Becker, Sophia Allen, Bunny Hultgren, Scott Kolling, Glenda Julian, Deb Rush, Greg Hopp, Dee “Deena” Winslow, Piper Schultze, John Hudson (nephew of Raymond and Janet Rock), Ewald Bunk, Steve Patrick, Mary Kay Lindh, Max Buffington, Ike Bauer (Dawson Feil’s friend), Pastor Tim Leaf, David Ferguson, Ava Jones, Doug Schneider, Art Mayfield, Deb McGinty, Tom French, Rose Erickson, and the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities. Our sympathy to the family and friends of Russell Rummel.

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, NOVEMBER 16.** Everyone is welcome to join in.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women’s Bible Study will be Wednesday, **November 12** 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.



“HERITAGE SUNDAY”

Elim’s Worship and Music Committee sponsored a special service on Sunday, October 26 in conjunction with Reformation Sunday. It was referred to as “Heritage Sunday” because it reflected our Lutheran heritage from Martin Luther as well as our own Swedish heritage through the establishment of Elim Lutheran Church. Diane Talbott had suggested this service to Allan Lindfors as a way of remembering our past traditions.

Liturgy from the Lutheran Book of Worship (green hymnal) was used for the worship service, as it was in 1979 when the green hymnal was first used. The service was a remembrance of the order of worship used in the past, and a historical review of the beginnings of our church. Much of the traditional liturgy involved singing responses to prayer, and much page turning was required to follow along. The choir once again donned their robes to lead the congregation in the responses, and to present special music. (There were a few disgruntled choir members... who have become quite content with no longer being required to wear the robes for church service!)

Acolytes also wore robes as in the past. In addition, the offering plates were passed by ushers as we previously did before Covid. Allan Lindfors shared the early history of Elim Lutheran Church, which he and Eleanor Burnison researched and wrote in the book “Elim... Our Heritage” in 1980. Copies of the book were placed at the back of the church for members to take. The book’s content dates back to the early Swedish settlers to Marquette and the surrounding area, and explores the founding of our church and its progress through the years. Just for fun, portions of the October 28, 1979 bulletin were shared in our current bulletin, to include the previous Sunday’s attendance, Luther League activities, and EMR (Every Member Response) volunteers who visited members to collect pledge cards for their annual offering, or tithe. An invitation to the installation of a new pastor at Salemsborg Lutheran Church used the term “Elimites” to encourage our members to attend. Rev. Franklyn Pekarack was the officiating pastor at Elim in 1979.



The Senior Choir in their robes with Allan Lindfors directing.



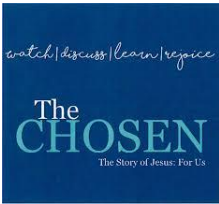
Conway and Colter Patrick in acolyte robes, with Pastor Amy Kay.



BOTTOM RIGHT: The Lutheran Book of Worship and “Elim... Our Heritage”. The tabs in the hymnal demonstrate the number of page-turns required to participate in the service.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Chosen Season 5



The Adult Bible Study will start Season 5 of The Chosen on **November 16 at 9:45 am** in the Parish Hall. Jerry Jenkins, author and director of The Chosen invites you into the tumultuous final days of Jesus' earthly ministry – what's become known as Holy Week. Beginning with His triumphant entry into Jerusalem astride a donkey's colt, the story covers a side of Jesus we haven't seen before: His righteous rage at the money changers in the temple.

The story delves deeply into the minds of the disciples and other close followers of Jesus, including the fear and scheming of both High Priest Caiaphas and Governor Pontius Pilate and his dream-tormented wife.

Judas's haunting betrayal looms while Jesus faces His darkest night of the soul in Gethsemane, where His surrender to His Father and then to the Romans comes at an unspeakable cost. In vivid detail and with emotional depth, this captures the heartbreak, hope, and humanity of the most pivotal week in the history of the world.

We will cover 30 minutes of each episode via a DVD each Sunday. The 3rd Sunday we will listen to a Round Table Discussion, in which a Messianic Jewish Rabbi, a Catholic Priest, and a Dr. of Protestant Theology discuss the episode and discuss the different perspectives of their faith, and the biblical and historical context.

PLEASE JOIN US!

From Julie Olson, our faithful facilitator for Adult Bible Study

THE SAGA OF THE CHOIR CHAIRS

For many months, members of the choir have been searching for chairs to replace the current ones in the choir loft. Purportedly, the existing metal folding chairs with the velvet-cushioned back rest and seat were purchased in the 1940's. Sadly, the cushions have worn thin and they are quite uncomfortable to sit in for the hour of worship service. Beth Thomas, Sandy Edwards, and others went in search of choir chairs. All the chairs suitable for the purpose were not the right size. The choir loft has different levels and the space on each level doesn't accommodate any chair deeper than the existing folding chairs. So alas, after an exhaustive search for just the right chair, Beth and the others agreed to order removable cushions (a few already in use to limit discomfort) for all the chairs. The traditional chairs remain with a slight and inexpensive addition. THE END



SERVING THE LORD IN NOVEMBER

LECTORS

November 2 Mike Hulse
 November 9 Betsy Patrick
 November 16 Curtis Patrick
 November 23 Carol Jones
 November 30 Jackie Larson

GREETERS

November 2 Scott and Linda Johnson
 November 9 Jeremy and Emilie Snapp
 November 16 Nancy Hopp
 November 23 Zach and Sarah Able
 November 30 Carol Jones

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

November 2 Bernice Peterson

COMMUNION SET-UP & CLEAN-UP/BREAD

November 2 - Set-up: Brooke Olson and Pam Morel

USHER FOR NOVEMBER: Lars Peterson

I apologize for leaving out the names of lectors and greeters for October in the October Messenger. I'll try to be more careful filling in the information as I go. Oops.

Offerings and Attendance last month:

October 5	\$2444.00	70
October 12*	\$1923.00	62
October 19	\$1784.50	121
October 26	\$1502.00	76

*Noisy offering: \$180.19

Monthly Financial Report

Presented to council 010/07/25

Beginning Balance as of 09/01/25:	\$	44,880.83
Revenue:	\$	7,432.28
Expenses:	\$	--13,621.28
Ending Balance as of 09/30/25:	\$	38,691.83

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

October 7, 2025

Pastor Amy Kay reported that God's Work, Our Hands projects went well. There were numerous projects and church members volunteering their help. A letter will go out to neighboring churches about the discontinuation of the Swedish Supper, and an invite to the alternative Swedish celebration to be held December 3. There will be Swedish music presented by the choir, and Swedish sweets following the performance. The next council meeting will be moved to Nov. 10 due to use of the Parish Hall for a public forum for local candidates.

Worship & Music: Met Sept. 8 and 24 to prepare for Heritage Sunday on Reformation Sunday Oct. 26. The choir will be leading the traditional singing liturgy as well as special music.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed.: Pastor reported that Allan and Brooke will be leading the SS children in a "melodrama" to act out the lesson about Jonah. [The children shared their story during worship service on Oct. 12.]

Evangelism/Social Ministry: Suggestion to appoint members to welcome new members and guests. Pastor Amy Kay has asked a few members if they were willing to do this.

Property/Security Committee: No meeting. Matt Toll reported that the fire extinguishers were checked early October and are all ok. Scott Johnson will contact Pestinger for a bid to replace the heating/AC units for both the church and the parsonage. They are 17-18 years old.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, November 10, 2025.



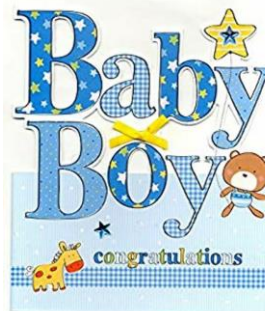


NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2	Denny & Roberta Jaye	23 years
5	Mr. & Mrs. Tom French	56 years
10	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Schultz	64 years
12	Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Young	50 years
15	Mr. & Mrs. Noah Lindfors	13 years
25	Mr. & Mrs. Matt Toll	8 years

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	Airalia Hulvey
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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jakob Feil and Malynn Beil on the birth of their son Klyynn Jakob. Klyynn was born October 2, 2025, weighing 8 lb. 8.5 oz. Grandparents are Scott and Tammy Feil, and Brian and Robin Beil. Great-grandparents are Wally and Cindy Bunk.

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 in the Parish Hall, but please notify Carly with the date you plan to serve. **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 15-20 meals. This number may change with differing schedules.

Thank you to Megan Anderson, Linda Johnson, Rix and Janet Samford, Holly Toll, and Pastor Amy Kay for providing meals in October.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 21st Sunday in Pentecost All Saint's Sunday 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Communion	3	4	5 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 22nd Sunday in Pentecost 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service	10 7:00 PM – Church Council Mtg.	11	12 9:30 AM –Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 23rd Sunday in Pentecost 9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM –Worship Service 4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-Along	17	18	19 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 Christ the King Sunday 9:45 AM – Sunday School/Jr. Choir Practice 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM –Worship Service	24	25	26 1:30 PM – Quilt Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	27 THANKSGIVING	28	29
30 1st Sunday in Advent 9:45 AM – Sunday School/Jr. Choir Practice 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM –Worship Service	