Elim Lutheran Church
The Messenger

August 2018

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Pastor's Ponderings . . .

The last several days I have been focusing on my travels for continuing education at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. I am excited for several reasons. First of all, I am excited about the topic, "*Rethinking Stewardship".* Second, I am excited to see a seminary to which I have never been before. Third, I'm hoping the worship is phenomenal. Fourth, following the class I am going to visit family and friends.

Most mainline denomination churches all are having the same or similar problems, those being the big "word" MONEY. My biggest concern as I think of this challenging situation is reaching out to the unchurched. When we reach those who do not know Christ, everything falls into place. I pray that this education will give me something to share with you all. I pray I do learn to rethink how I define and implement ways of explaining stewardship.

I remind you that stewardship is far more than "money". Stewardship is, as the old quip says, about time, talents, and treasures. I challenge you as I am away for this time of learning that you pray about what time, talents and treasures you have to share with the Lord's church. I give God thanks and praise for all you do now.

Secondly, I have never attended an event at a seminary, other than Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. I am interested in seeing and hearing other perspectives that I might gain through sights and sounds, voices and thoughts. I look forward to seeing the art displayed in the rooms. I look forward to hearing the speakers, their views and their knowledge.

Third, no offense to our worship team, but generally at events such as this, I encounter a spiritual high in the worship service. There is just something special about hearing a room full of pastors and lay leaders singing praises to God.

Needless to say, I am thrilled for this time of learning and discerning what may prove to be a time of growth for me and through me to you.

Christ's peace,

Pr. Katherine

REMINDER: No Sunday School during the summer through September 2. Classes will resume at 9:30 AM on September 9. Worship time will also return to 11:00 AM on that date.

<u>Mark your calendars for Rally Sunday, September 9.</u> Watch the bulletin and Elim website for further information.

Elim Youth Group and Confirmation Class will also resume in September. Times and dates will be posted in upcoming bulletins and next month's Messenger.

Prayers

Please keep in prayer: Darrell Martin, Mark Cook (Pastor Cross' son-in-law), Don Lundquist, Ronnie Larson, Sarah Jane Smith, Diane Deckard, Mary Olson, Brandon Baker (nephew of Gayle Nelson), Ike Bauer (friend of Dawson Feil), Tim Thatcher (nephew of Pr. Katherine), Helen Weber, and Pastor Rick Raymer of the Zion Lutheran Church in Beloit, KS.

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 Katherine at (419) 467-5391 or the church office: leave a note on the bulletin board, call (785) 546-2244 (do not leave voice mail message), or email elimsec@gmail.com.

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council – Met July 2. Discussed plans for Wednesday night adult fellowship, survey and letter to congregation addressing needs, financial support.

Worship & Music – No meeting.
Finance & Stewardship – No meeting. Letter to congregation to be discussed.
Evangelism –No meeting.
Social Ministry –No meeting.
Christian Education –No meeting. VBS successful. Good attendance.
Property –No meeting. Dana Olson contacted clock repair person for clock in sanctuary.
Memorial – No meeting.
Elim Cookbook Committee: - 381 recipes submitted with 80 donors. Goal is to have cookbook available first week of August.
Security Committee: No meeting. Jeremy Snapp reported on Active Shooter training he attended June 5.

Next meeting to be held on August 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

ELIM LIFE GROUP

The Wednesday night fellowship is up and running. We welcome all adults, young and old, to attend. Please join us for a time of fellowship, scripture, prayer, inspiration, encouragement, and support for one another. The next session is **August 8 at 7:00 PM** in the Elim Lutheran Parish Hall. The plan is to meet every other Wednesday, and to also be available for parents who bring children to Confirmation Class or Youth Group on Wednesday's. Come as you are, bring a friend and a snack if you choose, and be ready to share. The session is very informal and only requires you to share your beliefs, concerns, and/or blessings with others. Let Kelly French or Jeremy Snapp know in advance if childcare will be needed so that arrangements can be made in the church basement. Visit Elim's website (elimmarquette.org) or Facebook page for more information. We hope to see you there!

BACK TO SCHOOL SWIM PARTY

The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a back to school swim party on **August 19** from 2:00-6:00 PM at the Marquette Swimming Pool. Admission will be paid by the committee, and a snack will be provided at 3:00 PM in the park. Please mark your calendars and come enjoy a dip with your friends. Everyone of all ages is welcome, so please spread the word!

First Communion Class

Students entering the third grade and above are invited to enroll in a first communion class that will be offered on Saturday August 25th. An adult (parent, grandparent, sponsor, etc.) will be asked to attend the class with the child. So that there is enough curriculum purchased for the class, it is important that you register your child prior to the date of the class.

Student's Name

Name _____

(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female

Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____School Grade entering _____

Adult Attendee

Name _____

(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Membership _____

Telephone Number _____

CONFIRMATION CLASS ORIENTATION

On Wednesday, September 5th there will be an orientation for parents and students entering the 7th and 8th grade confirmation class. We will meet at 6:30 and supper will be provided. If you know of anyone entering these grades please let them know about the orientation. Also, please let Pastor or the church office know if you are attending, as curriculum will be distributed at this time. Any questions or concerns, please phone Pr. Katherine at 419-467-5391.

WELCA NEWS

We are gathering supplies for 12 each of the Baby Care Kits and Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. In JULY, we collected infant t-shirts and sleepers for infant sizes 9 months to 24 months. In AUGUST, we will be collecting toiletries: bar soap (bath size), combs, toothbrushes, hand towels, and bath towels. In SEPTEMBER, we will be accepting dollar donations to complete the kits by October. A collection box is located in the entry of the Parish Hall. Monetary donations will be accepted at any time and should be given to Linda Johnson. Our quilting ladies are a large part of this project. They make quilts that are sent along with the kits. The Youth Group have also made fleece tied quilts to send, plus they help assemble and box our quilts and kits before they are sent out in October. Any and all donations will help us to continue this mission that has been a WELCA project for many years. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE AND CONTRIBUTE!!

☺***LeAnn, WELCA President***

REMINDER: The next local **Red Cross Bloodmobile** will be held August 27 at 1:00-7:00 PM in the Elim Lutheran Church parish hall. Please bring your identification if you are not pre-registered online. By appointment only, no walk-ins. Notify Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544 to make an appointment.

COMING SOON: A newly-formed survey committee will be sending out a church survey on Facebook in the next few weeks. Look for it on the Elim Lutheran Church FB page. Contact Jeremy Snapp for further information.

DON'T FORGET*:* Quilting group will meet on Wednesday, August 1 and 29 in the parish hall.

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2018 Summer Music Schedule

June 3 – Elim Men's Ensemble
June 10 – Allan Lindfors
June 17 – Brooke Olson
June 24 –Garrett and Kaydee McMahan
July 1 – JoAn Lindfors
July 8 – Chris and Rachel Johnson
July 15 – Deb McGinty's grandchildren
July 22 – Darren and Ethan Able
July 29 – Matthew Everhart
August 5 – Emily Forssberg
August 12 – Kendal Brueggen, Noah Lindfors

August 19 – Darren Able and Tammy Feil
August 26 – Madison and Michelle Loder
September 2 –
September 9 – Kayley and Layla Fleming
September 16 – Kiera Mullen, Kasyn and Kanin French
September 23 – Matthew Larson
September 30 – Pierce Hamma

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Bethany Home Association is sponsoring an ice cream social Sunday, **August 12** at 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Bethany Home, 321 N. Chestnut, Lindsborg, KS. Everyone is welcome. Special entertainment will be provided by the Silvertones from Salina, KS. There will be a free will donation. COME ENJOY!

SERVING THE LORD IN AUGUST

ACOLYTES:
Emma McBride and Jake Loder

GREETERS:
5 – Scott and Linda Johnson
12 – Allan and JoAn Lindfors
19 – Adam and Hannah Jones & family
26 – Dorine Cunningham, Rylee and Ryenne

LECTORS:
5 – Bob Jones
12 – Allan Lindfors
19 – Hannah Jones
26 – Brooke Olson

CHILDREN'S SERMONS:
12 – Julie Olson
22 – Dorine Cunningham

ALTAR FLOWERS:
5 – Allan and JoAn Lindfors
19 – Terry and Nancy Hopp

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP (August 5):
Setup: Adam and Hannah Jones
Bread: Jackie Larson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:
5 – Wally Bunk
19– Matt Everhart

COFFEE HOSTESS:
5 – _____
12 – _____
19 – _____
26 - _____

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Elim Church Council is asking for volunteers to serve on a security committee to discuss options for enhancing safety and security at Elim Lutheran Church. If you are interested in participating, please contact Scott Feil (620) 242-4891 or Matt Everhart (785)-643-0835.

2018 USHER SCHEDULE

AUGUST:
Adam Jones– Captain,
Matthew Everhart, Ken Hedberg,
Greg Hopp, Terry Hopp,
Mike Hulse, Lance Hulse,
Ron Larson, Noah Lindfors,
Fred Peterson, Brad Windholz,
Logan Windholz.

Monthly Financial Report

July 2018

Beginning Balance as of 06/01/18:	$800.48
Revenue:	$10,901.78
Expenses:	$-10,301.00
Ending Balance as of 06/30/18:	$1,401.26

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
(See signup sheets on bulletin board**)**

Coffee Hostess: August 5, 12, 19 and 26 (all month)
Summer Lawn Mowing: July through September, 1 day/week, church and parsonage lawns
Summer Lunch Program: Monday-Friday, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, alternate weeks until August 15

THANK YOU!

MEDIA COMMITTEE

Volunteers are needed to record the weekly worship service and other special occasions for viewing on the MTC public broadcast station. The committee will be responsible for scheduling the videographer each week. Please contact Jeremy Snapp at (785) 820-0005 or jsnapp1@yahoo.com if you are interesting in helping with this project. Thank you.

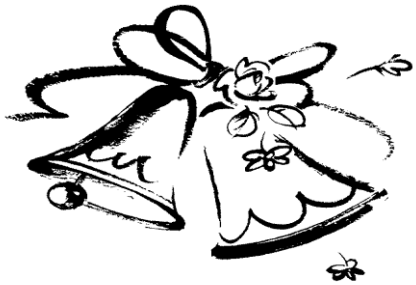
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Please notify the Elim Church secretary at elimsec@gmail.com with the date and time of upcoming meetings so it can be posted in the bulletin and/or Messenger.
THANK YOU!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Scott Martin
1 Jill (Hedberg) Bauer
2 Karsyn Sommerfeld
3 Lindsy Edwards
3 Layne Patrick
3 Ryan Arnold
4 Marcella McMickell
4 Kayla Fox
6 Lara Reid
8 Amanda Mansfield
8 Keri Niegsch
9 Beverly Olson
9 Piper Schulze
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
17 Peggy Spillman
18 Curtis Patrick
19 Allan Lindfors
19 Amy Young
19 Lisa Riedel
19 Ethan Reid
20 Vinita Harms
20 Garrett McMahan
20 Brett Loder
21 Josie Riggs
22 Todd Johnson
23 Lory Traugott
23 Don Miller
24 Dawson Feil
25 Quaid Spohn
27 Dorine Cunningham
28 Vicki Young
30 Lilyan Boughfman
30 Diane Wickstrom
31 Nathan Reid

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

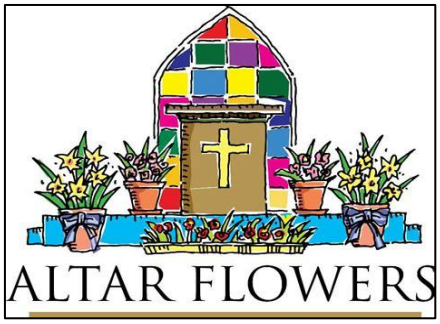
9	Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Talbott	38 years
10	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hamma	32 years
14	Mr. and Mrs. Craig Larson	41 years
17	Mr. and Mrs. Eric Weber	15 years
19	Pastor and Mrs. Cross	51 years
23	Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Kelsey	31 years
26	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Johnson	57 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hedberg	14 years



CONGRATULATIONS TO…

Lars and Carly Peterson, who were united in marriage May 26.

Matthew and Cassidy Everhart, who were united in marriage on July 14.



July 1: Given by Wally and Cindy Bunk in observance of their 52nd wedding anniversary on July 8, and in honor of Ron and Sharon Carlson of Aurora, Colorado as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 6.

July 15: Given in celebration of Matthew and Cassidy Everhart's marriage by Jay and LeAnn Everhart.

July 29: Given by the families of Anders and Elisabeth Sjogren who are celebrating their annual family reunion today at Elim.