



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings, Elim –

At the writing of this article, we are readying for our first outdoor worship service and I am giddy with excitement! It will be so good to get to be together again in person! Worshiping outdoors allows us to be together sooner and be safe. I'm so grateful for everyone who is making it all happen! Cheers to you all, church, for being flexible and adaptable during this very different time!

Although online wasn't my favorite way to worship, there were some lovely parts. One of my favorite things was receiving videos and pictures that many of you kindly offered. I enjoyed texting with friends about the worship prompts. Jackie and I visited about favorite hymns and she shared the mostly lovely words. She gave me permission to share them with you also.

Jackie feels God when she is outside amidst nature. She says it feels like God is reminding us that God is near and hasn't forgotten us. In the sun, the rain, the thunder and wind and especially when the birds sing, God is known. Jackie remembered how beautifully the birds were singing the morning of her Mom's funeral seven years ago. It was Mother's Day and Jackie's birthday also. The birds singing were such a comfort to her that day because her Mom loved birds and Jackie thought of the song *His Eye is on the Sparrow*. Jackie felt her mom was singing that day, "I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm FREE! His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me." I'm touched by the anchor Jackie has to God and her beloved mother through this good hymn. Our anchors are a gift and we will keep on developing them for ourselves and as Elim together. It is so good to be church.

Jackie helped me to think about this season of outdoor worship a little differently with her words too. We will be in God's creation while we worship! And we won't be at church camp, a retreat or on a mission trip – we'll be right at home! How wonderful is it that we can feel the sun on our faces while we worship? We can hear the birds sing! We might hear motorcycles, sirens, bouncing basketballs, and whatever else, but it will all be God's world and we will be in it! Maybe some folks will roll up who haven't come to Elim before! As Jackie wisely noted, there might be a little bit of evangelism in this period and we'll have to see where the Holy Spirit takes us. I agree wholeheartedly! New things can feel uncomfortable, but so much good can evolve. I'm so very glad to get to serve God's church at Elim and look forward to all that is to come!

w/hope that I will get to see you soon – Pastor Amy Kay

Dearest Elim – I can not thank you enough for your incredible acts of kindness for my birthday! Weeks later, I'm still shocked and touched by your extremely generous gifts and your fun car parade by our home. I've not often been surprised in my life and you have knocked me right off of my feet numerous times, and we've not yet been together a year! Thank you, a million times over, for all that you have done for me. It was a most special birthday! I'm thinking my 44th year will be the best one yet. Thank you for starting it off as such!

w/much adoration for you all – Amy Kay





Please keep in prayer: Allan Lindfors, Betty Finney, Don Lundquist, Darren Ebling (Donna Elvin's grandson), Mindy Nicholson, Callie Rost (Mari Loder's sister), Norm Yenkey (Mari Loder's father), Jill Timmons, Nathan Gray (Lana Rock's great nephew), and Helen Weber.

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 amykay@connectedfairtrade.com, or email elimsec@gmail.com. Please note that the list will renew every three months on April 1, July 1, Oct. 1, and Jan. 1. Names will be removed unless there is notification to keep them on the list. Thank you.

WORSHIP PLANS

Elim's Church Council and staff continues to meet and communicate regularly regarding our plans for worship. Last month, by request of the Synod, the Council developed an organizational plan from the guidelines of our state, county and Synod. It was submitted and was affirmed by Synod staff.

As time goes on and our understanding evolves of how we can worship in ways that are best for one another, we will share plans through our church's website at www.elimmarquette.org and on our Facebook page. Please help us share news with folks you know aren't online or online often so that we can move forward together as well as possible.

w/thanksgiving that we can worship together again – your Church Council and staff



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Good news, friends! We are going to create a new church directory!

Our approach to this edition of the directory is to make it as easy, fun, representative and as accurate possible. We'd like the pictures to be lovely and more casual than studio photos. We'd also like to move right along with the project.

There is a sign up for your picture to be taken by Taton Tubbs on our church's Facebook page and on our website. (Please call Pastor Amy Kay if you would like help signing up.) The pictures will be taken at the park, outside or inside our church. Riverview friends, we are working out a safe plan to take your beautiful photos and will be in touch with you soon. Extended families, if you are able to coordinate yourselves so you have your pictures taken in succession, Taton can then take a big picture of you all together. So great!

Taton will edit the pictures and they will be shared with you digitally. If you would like pictures printed, Pastor Amy Kay can easily do that for you for the price of the printing (which is inexpensive).

If you would like to submit a picture of your own, you're most welcome to do so! Please email the picture to elimmarquette@gmail.com in as big of a size as possible by July 1.

Finally, please email us your updated contact information (all methods you'd like listed) so that we can share current information within our church by July 1. If you do not want your picture or contact information shared, please also let us know that so we don't bother you unnecessarily with requests!

Church directories can sometimes be big, hairy projects. With our approach to this edition, it will not be so. A good time will be had taking the pictures, they will be beautiful because Taton is a talented and kind photographer and we know you will turn in your information before July 1. Good times and a good directory are ahead!

w/enthusiasm for all of Elim – Pastor Amy Kay

WELCA NEWS



MAY was a very different month for the activities of WELCA because of the Coronavirus pandemic in the world, but we were still able to reach out and help others.

WELCA has missed being able to have the Riverview Birthday parties, but we didn't miss MOTHERS' DAY for the female residents. WELCA purchased small colorful bags for the 21 female residents and filled them with a wall design sticker, along with chocolate, candies and a Mother's Day card signed individually by all the WELCA officers. Diane works at Riverview Estates so she was able to deliver each one of their gifts to them. We hope they enjoyed them. The "closed to public" may have to be extended

through part of June, so we need to keep giving them the attention they need. The PARADE held for them was a big success and we thank the workers of Riverview Estates for setting that up, and alerting the community to join in the fun.

The day after Mother's Day was Pastor Amy Kay's birthday, so WELCA started a "grocery fund" for her at Piper's Fine Foods as a gift, and told members of the congregation about it so they could join in the giving for her birthday. Then, even in the rain, about 10 vehicles lined up in the alley behind Pastor's apartment in Lindsborg, and we surprised her with a parade of honking horns, banners, and shouts of "Happy Birthday". She was pretty overwhelmed with joy. She posted it on the FACEBOOK Elim site if you want to see it. It was owing to her. Pastor Amy Kay has been doing an absolutely marvelous job for all of us each Sunday. Seeing congregation members in videos and making each Sunday service so special has been a treat. It will be fun and unique to see what "parking lot" church service will be like on Memorial Day weekend.

The McPherson Food Bank really has been hit hard with the Coronavirus pandemic – people out of work and needing more food for many more who might otherwise not use it. Jackie suggested WELCA donate monies to it, so \$200 was agreed upon. Then Diane thought it might be helping more (our Marquette grocery store) if we purchased FOOD with the monies from Piper's and delivered it to McPherson. Along the way, two anonymous donations of \$100 and \$25 were given to WELCA, plus the fact that Steve gave us great sale prices on much of the canned goods --- so WELCA ended up giving **\$325.00 worth of groceries to McPherson Food Bank.** A big thank you goes to Diane for buying and delivering those groceries.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD items are still needed! If you are collecting them each month, there is still sufficient time to get them to Freemont church for the assembly of these boxes in November. Gayle will take the Operation Christmas Child items to Freemont church when we are free to move around a bit more. REMEMBER: **IF you don't want to go shopping or can't, just send a check directly to Gayle Nelson, or give to one of the WELCA officers. We will deliver.**

We will all get through this difficult time if we continue to help others and pray for our country and community. Thank you for all of your willingness to step up and show God what we are able to do with limitations. God bless.

President: JoAn Lindfors; Vice-President: Diane Talbott; Secretary: Jackie Larson; and Treasurer: Cindy Bunk.



A special thanks to Donna Patrick, Diane Talbott, and other members of WELCA for sewing baptism bibs. You did a fabulous job, Donna. Bless you!

P.S. When church service resumes in the sanctuary – possibly June 7 – **please bring your 40 Days of Lent trash bags!**

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SHOEBOX ITEMS. Here's the list for April, May, and June:

HAIR BRUSHES, TOOTHBRUSHES and FLOSS. *Children of all ages will be receiving these in their boxes.*

T-shirts, sunglasses, ball caps, visors, hairclips, play jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), umbrellas. Use your imagination for useful items children of all ages can use!

Flip-flops, canvas shoes, clothing (shorts, leggings, t-shirts, dresses).

WE REALIZE YOU ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE YOUR ITEMS AT THE CHURCH AT THE PRESENT TIME. Please continue to gather items if you can, and bring them to the church when we can again join together in fellowship. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

SUMMER LAWN MOWING: Elim needs volunteers to mow the church lawn this summer, going forward from June through September. Please plan to mow on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday to ensure a freshly-cut lawn for Sunday service. The dates are indicated below and on the sign-up sheet scheduled to be posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please call Scott Johnson at 785-577-4058. THANK YOU!

June 18-20	June 25-27	July 2-4	July 9-11	July 16-18
July 23-25	July 30-Aug. 1	Aug. 6-8	Aug. 13-15	Aug. 20-22
Aug. 27-29	Sept. 3-5	Sept. 10-12	Sept. 17-19	Sept. 24-26

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: Once again Elim is hosting the Summer Lunch Program sponsored and funded by KSDE. This program provides free lunch to all children in the community under the age of 18, and all meals are served at Elim Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall from mid-May until the start of school in August. Currently the meals are being served in takeout containers for families to pick up from volunteers stationed just outside the Parish Hall doors. All volunteers are asked to wear masks and gloves. The Marquette United Methodist Church and Elim work together to provide staffing on alternate weeks. We will need volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM during the weeks Elim is responsible. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board, or call Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544. THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT.

THANK YOU FROM LEARNING CENTER

Elim donated half of the proceeds from the Swedish Supper held December 2019 to the Marquette Learning Center. Here is their letter of thanks.

Dear Elim Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your kind and generous donation of \$2,645.59 to the Marquette Learning Center. Your donation is making it possible for us to sustain a developmentally-appropriate environment for children in the Marquette area.

We are so lucky to have you as a donor. Thank you for investing in our organization and in the children we serve in the Marquette area. You can always keep posted on our activities at our Facebook page @MarquetteLearningCenter or on our website MarquetteLearningCenter.com.

We sincerely appreciate your support.

Very sincerely,
Chelsea Graber, Director
Marquette Learning Center



SERVING THE LORD IN JUNE

The following is listed in the hope we will return to church services in the sanctuary in June. Greeters have not been listed, as well as coffee hostesses and Riverview volunteers. When these functions resume, I will contact those of you who signed up to help.

ACOLYTES:

7 – Ryenne Cunningham

14 – _____

21 – _____

28 – _____

ALTAR FLOWERS:

7 – Dorine Cunningham, Rylee & Ryenne

21 – Scott and Linda Johnson

LECTORS:

7 – Lois Johnson

14 – Linda Johnson

21 – _____

28 – _____

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

7 – Andi Willems

21 – Lana Rock

COMMUNION SETUP / CLEANUP:

June 7 – Setup: Allan & JoAn Lindfors

Bread: Cindy Bunk

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

14 – Julie Olson

28 – JoAn Lindfors

USHERS:

Captain: Scott Johnson; Randy Jirak, Scott Feil, Bob Jones, Monte Loder, Joel Nelson, Linn Nelson, Steve Patrick, Kenny Talbott, Tyler French

Youth Sunday/Blessing of the Graduates will be rescheduled for this summer. **Confirmation** is tentatively scheduled for late July or early August. Stay tuned for the exact dates.

PLEASE NOTE: It is unknown at this time when the church will re-open for worship services in the sanctuary, or for meetings and other events. As Pastor Amy Kay shared with us in her message, she is working with council, staff, and the synod to determine the best plan for resuming services. Many of you attended Elim's Patriotic Drive-In Church Service held this past Sunday, May 24. The parking lot was full. By our count, 93 adults and children attended. It was great to see everyone – while keeping our distance – and to join "together apart" for the service. Plans are in motion to continue the outdoor service for next Sunday, May 31. Barring any further state-issued restrictions, it may be possible to resume services in the church sanctuary in early June. Please be aware there will still be restrictions for entering the church and seating when we do return to services in the sanctuary. Group singing, communion, and passing of offering plates may also be restricted or revised. Look for updates on the Elim website (www.elimmarquette.org) or Facebook, as well as in-town postings. We'll do our best to get the word out so everyone can attend. It will truly be a day to celebrate when we can once again be together in the sanctuary.

Gayle Nelson
Elim Church Secretary

P.S. It's been a tough stretch for all of us. I apologize for the last minute mailing of the Messenger. It's so hard to know what to include with no exact dates for the return of services and activities within the church. Thanks for your patience throughout this ordeal. And thank you to Pastor Amy Kay for getting us through this time together apart with the reassurance of hope and peace.





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Maddison O'Loughlin
1	Auley Boughfman
1	Brian Hayden
2	Gracy Feil
3	Kirk Young
6	Molly Martin
6	Wayne McBride
6	Julie Miller
8	Todd Nickel
12	Greg Hopp
14	Barry Nelson
14	Darryl Talbott
14	Ben O'Loughlin
15	Kendra Hopp
16	Morgan Willems
17	Kate Emery
18	Traci Forssberg
20	Hunter Peterson
25	Emily Forssberg
27	Glenda Julian
30	Jessica Beagley
30	Jordan Lillard

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1	Mr. & Mrs. Shayne Fox	24 years
3	Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Mannebach	14 years
5	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Forssberg	15 years
11	Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Reazin	9 years
19	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Thies	16 years
24	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hulse	41 years
26	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Chandler	6 years

PLEASE NOTE: There is a plastic envelope containing devotional books for April through June. It is attached to the glass doors of the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to pick one up and share God's word in your daily journey.

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to Church Council 05/04/2020]

Beginning Balance as of 04/01/20:	\$ 35,610.98
Revenue:	\$ 7,593.44
Expenses:	\$ - 5,997.67
Ending Balance as of 04/30/20:	\$ 37,206.75

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider giving online for your weekly or monthly offering. It is an easy and convenient way to ensure your offering gets "in the plate". Simply go to www.elimmarquette.org. Click on the GIVE ONLINE button on the homepage. The ONLINE DONATION page will come up where you can select the DONATION FREQUENCY (one time, weekly, or monthly). Create your own account by clicking "Create Profile" button. If you do a General Fund donation, click continue to select a checking or savings account and complete the required information. Don't forget to click on PROCESS to submit your authorized donation. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT.

PLEASE NOTE: During this pandemic, while we are unable to attend church service and place our offering in the plate, please feel free to mail your offering directly to our financial secretary, Beth Thomas, or to the church. THANK YOU!

Offerings per week in May:

May 3: \$1540.00	May 24: \$4188.00
May 10: \$2950.00	May 31: \$1320.00
May 17: \$640.00	

NEW MEMBER INVITATION!! Please contact Pastor Amy Kay if you are interested in becoming a member of Elim Lutheran Church. We welcome you to join us as a member! Be assured this does NOT obligate you to serve on committees, attend every Sunday, or participate in worship as lector, greeter, or otherwise. We only ask that you take communion at least once per year and give on a regular basis – whatever amount you choose. So please join us! We hope to induct new members during worship service in the coming months.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE SCHEDULED AT ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH HALL

The next Bloodmobile is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 9.** The Bloodmobile runs from 12:00 –6:00 PM. Appointments are necessary. Contact Linda Johnson if you have further questions. Thank you for donating.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JUNE 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>PLEASE NOTE: At the printing of this calendar, it has not yet been determined if worship services will resume in the sanctuary, or if there will be communion. Until further notice, there will be no coffee and fellowship.</p>	<p>1 7:00 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 The Holy Trinity 11:00 AM – Worship Service</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 12:00-6:00 PM Bloodmobile</p>	<p>10 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Second Sunday after Pentecost (Flag Day) 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Children’s Sermon*</p>	<p>15 <i>Messenger Deadline</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Third Sunday after Pentecost (Father’s Day) 11:00 AM – Worship Service</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 1:30 PM – Quilt Group*</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Children’s Sermon*</p>	<p>*Undecided at this time</p>					<p>KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School</p>