



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

JULY 2020

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Greetings, Elim –

I hope you are well in all ways as this July Messenger reaches you.

At the writing of this article, more people in our area of Kansas are testing positive for the coronavirus and our reopening has been slowed. As everything is fluid these days, perhaps this reality has changed by the time you read these words. I hope this is the case! I'm just guessing there will have been new news and we will have had to renegotiate our behaviors again.

Awhile back I preached about how important anchors are for us as human beings. I think they are worth revisiting now.

Anchors are important any ol' time for us as humans and they are extremely important for us during times of uncertainty and change. Wondering about scheduled upcoming events, thinking of family members who have complicating health concerns, contemplating the upcoming school year, work... there is a lot of uncertainty these days. We are needing to be more flexible and adaptable than most of us have experienced in our lives. In the midst of this, we are needing to worship differently. We are outdoors or online or inside and spaced out without singing or whatever else we have had to come up with... We get to worship God together which is the most important thing, but it is different. Anchors. We need them. Big time.

We Christians have many anchors that can hold us to God. We have scriptures that are beautiful, and we can memorize a few verses to have in the back of our minds at all times. I love the Psalms: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble (46) and, God will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore (121). There are dozens that are lovely with which to anchor ourselves to God when we are feeling off.

Another anchor for me is singing. I love the oldies and find myself singing, quite poorly but with gusto, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" and "It Is Well with My Soul". Perhaps good, familiar songs are an anchor for you too. If so, may we sing!

We can also meditate, journal, make lists and whatever else helps us; the important thing is that we do these things for ourselves. If we don't think we have the time to do these types of things, then we probably need to spend twice as much time with them.

Let's recognize that in these different times of uncertainty and change, we need to anchor ourselves into God more than ever. We will be better for it and those around us will benefit as well.

Peace be with you, friends – Pastor Amy Kay

\*If being in the sanctuary is an anchor for you, I would be most happy to meet you there as it fits with your schedule. I could pray with you or I could leave you alone for you to have your own quiet time. Please be in touch if you would like to arrange a time. 573-808-1980



**Please keep in prayer:** Jim Peterson (Fred Peterson's brother), Jon Snapp (Jeremy Snapp's stepfather), 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), Helen Weber, and our deepest sympathy to the family of Peggy Wickstrom.

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](mailto:elimmarquette@gmail.com), or email [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## ~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

*Church Council – Met June 1, 2020. Discussed options for returning to the sanctuary for worship services. Council voted to continue outdoor services through July 5. A vote to return to the sanctuary will take place at the next council meeting July 6. Pastor Amy Kay and Taton Tubbs will create a new church directory. Members are asked to sign up online for appointments to take family pictures.*

**Worship & Music:** No meeting.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Evangelism:** No meeting.

**Social Ministry:** No meeting.

**Christian Education:** No meeting.

**Property:** Meeting tentatively planned for July 6.

**Memorial:** No meeting.

**Security Committee:** No meeting.

*Next meeting to be held on July 6 at 7 p.m.*

**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. Please call Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544 to volunteer for one or more days. Listed below are the remaining weeks Elim is scheduled to prepare and serve meals. THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT.

June 29 – July 3

July 13 – July 17

July 27 – July 31

August 10 – 14



The memorial service for Laurel Patrick will be held July 11 at 11:00 AM at the Elim Lutheran Church.



## WELCA NEWS

**JUNE – another different month for Elim and WELCA because of the continued Coronavirus pandemic in the world, but once again we still reached out to others.**

**WELCA** remembered our 21 female Riverview Birthday residents for Mothers' Day in May, so we didn't want to forget the 11 male residents for Fathers' Day in June. JoAn Lindfors gathered goodies together with activity books, chocolate, candies and a Father's Day card signed individually by all the WELCA officers. Diane Talbott works at Riverview Estates so she once again was able to deliver each one of their gifts to them. We hope they enjoyed them. The "closed to public" is still in effect at Riverview Estates, so we need to keep giving them the attention they need. We have no idea when restrictions will be lifted and we can visit, have our Riverview Estates' birthday parties, and also the Sing-alongs. We truly miss them.

Though we are not inside our church yet for church services, WELCA is working to get some needed "chores" done before we get back into the building - which might be **July 12**, unless the CDC recommendations are changed or extended. Jackie Larson and JoAn Lindfors have been mending, cleaning and laundering the robes for the acolytes, confirmands, and Senior Choir. When we do have service inside AND singing is allowed again, WELCA will have helped get us ready.

Diane Talbott helped Donna Patrick's sewing committee with baptism bibs, so we hope that will be starting as well. We have or will have new babies in the congregation.

In addition, JoAn Lindfors made facial masks at Pastor Amy Kay's request, for any congregation member who needs or wants one. She will also do a "requested design" if you ask, so let her know (785) 227-5566 (text too). They are FREE, and will be a necessity when Elim church services move inside the church, along with social distancing. We want this Covid-19 to go away. **Without these precautions**, it will continue to grow. Let's be safe.

Linda Johnson and Lana Rock, along with volunteers, have done a super job with the luncheons for kids and others in our community. It was so much more difficult with all the CDC guidelines and restrictions, but they did it. We will get the names of those who volunteered, and let you know next month. Please give them your thanks and appreciation.

Instead of waiting any longer with your **40 day LENT items**, WELCA asked congregation members to deliver their own items to a charity of your choice. We know people need them during this time, and they are appreciated by the groups. WELCA officers had many persons who said they did deliver their bags. Thank you for doing your own work.

**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 Nelson 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.** Gayle makes a list of items in the MESSENGER each month, so check it out. At least we are able to still shop and accumulate the needed items.

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 us all.

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

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

**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), and umbrellas.  
Use your imagination for useful items children of all ages can use!*

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

**FOR BOYS:** *small hammer, nails, rolls of twine, fishing supplies*

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.

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### **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Last call to submit a picture for the new directory, friends! Please email [elimmarquette@gmail.com](mailto:elimmarquette@gmail.com) a picture you would like to have included as soon as possible. We are putting it all together now. Cheers for an updated directory!

w/thanks – Pastor Amy Kay

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### **WE ARE CHURCH, WE ARE CALLED**

Dear Church,

Words matter. Words matter in our Scripture, in our hymns, in our governing documents, and beyond. Fifty years ago, on June 29, 1970, the Lutheran Church in America voted to change the word “man” to “person” in its bylaws and opened the door for the ordination of women. The American Lutheran Church achieved the same thing by resolution a few months later. The church was led by the Spirit to change. At the time it was scary for some. Fifty years later, it is now part of our heritage.

Fifty years later we celebrate the anniversary as a whole church. The influence of those decisions 50 years ago is not merely the impact on women. This is a celebration for the whole church, because the whole church has been strengthened by the gifts of ordained women in its leadership. We celebrate how these pastors have shared the Word, including with words of compassion, conviction, and curiosity. We also give thanks for the moments when there are no word, but they have offered their presence...

In recognition of this 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 29, I invite you to express gratitude to a pastor who is a woman for how she has influenced your life. It could be by letter or email, or by other means. If you post on social media, please use the hashtag **#thankyoupastor...**

Fifty years after 1970, we also live in a world beset by change. I am grateful for the Spirit who continues to lead us and for the women God has called to minister to us. I thank God for all of you who minister so faithfully.

In Christ,  
Elizabeth A. Eaton

*“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no long male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus” Galatians 3:28*

[Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop for ELCA, posted this online. Portions were edited due to space. GN]

# SERVING THE LORD IN JULY

The following is listed in the event we return to church services in the sanctuary after July 5. 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. Communion, Children's Sermons, and ushering may also be altered or eliminated for the coming months.

G. Nelson

## **ACOLYTES:**

12 - \_\_\_\_\_

19 - \_\_\_\_\_

26 - \_\_\_\_\_

## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

12 - Sandy Edwards

19 - Julie Olson

## **LECTORS:**

12 - \_\_\_\_\_

19 - \_\_\_\_\_

26 - \_\_\_\_\_

## **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:**

July 19 – Patty Kolling

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

12 – Brooke Olson

26 – Kelly French

## **USHERS:**

Captain: Barry Nelson; Matt Hedberg, Gail Lindstedt, Morris Nelson, Darryl Talbott, Jeremy Snapp, Shayne Fox

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**Youth Sunday/Blessing of the Graduates** has been rescheduled for this summer (date to be determined). Please send us the names of your graduates along with the school they graduated from and their plans. THANK YOU!

**Confirmation** is tentatively scheduled for late July or early August. Stay tuned for the exact date.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is still unknown when the church will re-open for worship services in the sanctuary. Barring any further state-issued restrictions, it may be possible to resume services in the church sanctuary after July 5. Council will meet July 6 to determine when to resume services in the sanctuary. Until then, the outdoor services in the church parking lot have been well attended and are a welcome way to continue worship. 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](http://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

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**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.

**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. Please call Scott Johnson at 785-577-4058 if you are willing to help. THANK YOU!

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



**Birthdays  
& ANNIVERSARIES**

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Scott Johnson
- 1 Marah Kaufman
- 1 Marco Perez
- 3 Kerry Lindh
- 3 Luke Hedberg
- 4 Kayla Fox
- 6 Linn Nelson
- 6 Brady Jones
- 7 Ron Larson
- 7 Ebba Nelson
- 7 Tonya Kaufman
- 9 Anna Caesar
- 10 Dixon Johnson
- 10 Maybelle Jones
- 12 Carson Windholz
- 13 Matt Sellhorn
- 14 Kirsten Larson
- 14 Julie Olson
- 16 Leland Brown
- 18 Larry Montgomery
- 18 Sophia Allen
- 19 Linda Johnson
- 20 Matthew Everhart
- 20 Dean Alstatt
- 22 Doris Schultz
- 22 Elizabeth Crump
- 22 Jolie Myers
- 23 Kelly Montgomery
- 24 Diane Hedberg
- 24 Gail Quested
- 25 Karen Simmons
- 27 Jamie Ketchum
- 28 Pam Morel
- 28 Crystal Hawkinson
- 29 Chelsi Mannebach
- 29 Heidi Caesar
- 29 Flora Malm
- 30 Sandy Edwards

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 Mr. and Mrs. Wally Bunk 54 years
- 14 Mr. and Mrs. Barry Nelson 46 years
- 14 Mr. and Mrs. Dana Olson 36 years
- 15 Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Bauer 14 years
- 18 Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wickstrom 5 years
- 23 Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hamilton 58 years
- 24 Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Patrick 16 years
- 30 Mr. and Mrs. Brodie Seely 9 years
- 31 Mr. and Mrs. John Myers 50 years

**Monthly Financial Report**

[As presented to Church Council 06/01/2020]

Beginning Balance as of 05/01/20:	\$ 37,303.71
Revenue:	\$ 23,254.53
Expenses:	\$ - 4,491.01
Ending Balance as of 05/31/20:	\$ 56,067.23

**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](http://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.

**Offerings and Attendance\* per week in June**

<b>June 7: \$3514.76</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>June 14: \$1236.00</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>June 21: \$1710.00</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>June 28: \$1328.00</b>	<b>46</b>

***\*Outdoor services in Elim Lutheran Church parking lot***

PLEASE NOTE: There is a plastic envelope containing devotional books for July through September. 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.

## Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Council will meet July 6 to decide when worship services will resume in the sanctuary, and what restrictions will be necessary. Until further notice, there will be no coffee and fellowship.</p>			<p>1 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p>	2	3	<p>4   <b>4<sup>th</sup> of July</b>                      (Independence Day)</p>
<p><b>5 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>11:00 AM – Outdoor Worship Service                      (Elim Lutheran Church parking lot)</p>	<p>6   <b>6:30 PM                      Council Meeting                      and BBQ</b></p>	7	<p>8 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p>	9	10	11
<p><b>12 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>11:00 AM – Worship Service                      w/ Children’s Sermon*</p>	<p>13   <i>Messenger Deadline</i></p>	14	<p>15 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p>	16	17	18
<p><b>19 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>11:00 AM – Worship Service</p>	20	21	<p>22 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p> <p>1:30 PM                      Quilt Group</p>	23	24	25
<p><b>26 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>11:00 AM – Worship Service                      w/ Children’s Sermon*</p>	27	28	29	30	31	<p>KEY:                      HC = Holy Communion                      HS = High School</p>

\*Undecided at this time