



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2020

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WORDS of ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PASTOR AMY KAY

One of my neighbors has a chalk board on which her family puts encouraging words. They place it on their home's sidewalk by Main Street. While it might be common for businesses to have chalkboards prominently placed, it's not as often one sees a family take the initiative to do so. I find myself looking for the sign to see the message.

Today's message: "growth never comes in comfort zones".

I wonder if this message follows in line with what Jesus meant when, as the story goes, he explained to Peter and all his disciples that it is necessary to lose one's life in order to find the way to life. We must slough off the things in our lives that have become comfortable to us that are not of God. From the same vein seems to come the compelling chalk board message.

I would never, in a million years, wish for a pandemic; however, we are experiencing one. Because of safety measures, our lives have been disrupted. Some of us haven't understood our friends' responses to safety recommendations. Some of us have lost trust in authorities. Some of us lament different experiences of school than what were expected. Far worse, some of us have lost cousins or friends to the disease.

I certainly do not mean to negate the feelings of devastating loss of life. Please reach out to me if you would like to talk about loss of any sort personally with me. In this Pastoral Column, I'm focusing on the loss of normalcy.

It was not our choice to have a new, formidable germ blanket the globe. It was not our choice to have our "normal" disrupted, yet here we are... still. The choice we do have the ability to make is how we think about this time. We can think of these months as an opportunity to practice being flexible and adaptable. We can choose to be delighted at our ability to learn new ways and be different than we had been. Chalk board: We can recognize that this not a comfortable time and allow growth to be our focus. Gospel: We can choose to slough off the things that weren't of God and refocus ourselves anew. I invite you to jot some things down for yourself to ponder

Sometimes it stinks. Sometimes we might wish things were different for our kids in school or our loved ones who are elderly. Sometimes we should let ourselves feel downright sad. Maybe mad. Maybe tired. Let's allow ourselves to feel, to rest and then try again to think anew about life anew.

Let's go at it together, Elim friends. w/much care – Pastor Amy Kay



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is scheduled for SUNDAY, September 20. Please join us to welcome Keira Mullen and Raven Caesar as they share their faith statements and are confirmed in the church.



Please keep in prayer: Jim Hultgren (Dennis Hultgren's brother), Tim Hedberg, Ed Sneath, Hunter Short, Ebba Nelson, Suzy Carlson, Rylee Larson, Wes Shultis, Ida Forristal, Kenny Brown (Rita Brown's husband), Russell Rummel (Rita Brown's brother), 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, and the families of Jon Snapp and Richard Warner.

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.

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council – Met August 3, 2020. Discussed continuation of church services in sanctuary, with communion on first Sunday of each month. Will repeat “self-serve” communion with condiment cups offered at the back of the sanctuary prior to service or bring your own communion (BYOC). Discussed possibility of 2 services on Sunday morning to maintain limit of 45 per service.

Worship & Music: No meeting.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Evangelism: No meeting. Sponsored rodeo concessions July 31 & Aug. 1. Successful outreach to community.

Social Ministry: No meeting. Tentatively plan to meet in September.

Christian Education: No meeting. Plan to meet in August to discuss Sunday School, Rally Sunday, and Youth Group.

Property: Met August 3. Discussed laminate flooring for Parish Hall.

Memorial: No meeting.

Security Committee: No meeting.

Next meeting to be held on September 8.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Summer Lunch Program, sponsored and funded by KSDE, provides free lunch to all children in the community under the age of 18. Elim again sponsored the program and provided approximately 80-100 meals Monday through Friday throughout the summer. The meals were served in takeout containers for families to pick up, with volunteers stationed just outside the Parish Hall doors to hand them out. All volunteers were asked to wear masks and gloves during preparation, serving, and cleanup. Due to delayed school start times, the final day will be September 2. The Marquette United Methodist Church and Elim work together to provide staffing on alternate weeks. Thank you to all the Elim volunteers who helped this summer: Linda Johnson, Lana Rock, Beth Thomas, Susan Buffington, Dorine Cunningham, Gayle Nelson, Janis Larson, KK Larson, Cindy Bunk, Julie Loder, Carylee Nelson, Christine Weber, and Braunson Golden.

A special thank you to Linda Johnson, who heads this up year after year and coordinates the meals, schedule, volunteers, and information. The program continues thanks to her time and dedication.

IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Covid-19 precautions and guidelines recommended by ELCA synod are being followed for the return to Sunday School to keep everyone safe and healthy. We encourage the children to wear face coverings. There will be no children's choir at this time. Therefore, Sunday School will begin at 10:15 AM and dismiss at 10:45 AM. We will meet in the church basement but will not be in individual classrooms. Instead we will plan a lesson for the entire group, followed by an activity. We plan to keep family members together and avoid extra contact with each other as much as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Hedberg (620-755-8803) or Tammy Feil (620-242-4764). We are excited to have our Sunday School family back together in the church.



WELCA NEWS

It appears we may be in this Covid-19 health pandemic for many months!! But WELCA must still remember that we need to help our communities, people in need, and start to get the **WORLD RELIEF KITS** ready. As stated last month in the MESSENGER, the Lutheran World Relief Committee is headed by Linda Johnson and includes Nancy Hopp, JoAn Lindfors, LeAnn Everhart, and Diane Talbott. The decision as to what kits we will be doing has NOT be decided so far, but I am going to include what may be needed if we do the same as we have in the last several years. We need all your donations and monies by **OCTOBER 1, 2020!!***

Last year, the LWR Committee decided that Elim's WELCA would do 12 each of Baby Care and Personal Care Kits!

Needed items: BABY CARE KITS:

- 1) T-shirts (SOLID colors w/NO wording): 9 – 24 months
- 2) Sleepers (NO footies) OR Short sets: 9 – 24 months
- 3) Hand towels – dark color recommended
- 4) Bar soap (bath-size and gentle [8 – 9 oz.], original wrapping)

Needed items: PERSONAL CARE KITS:

- 1) Bar soap (bath size [8 -9 oz.], original wrapping)
- 2) Combs - sturdy
- 3) Toothbrushes – adult-size in its original packaging
- 4) Bath towels – lightweight between 20" X 40" and 52" X 27", dark color recommended

By the middle of September, WELCA will have a DONATION BOX in the Parish Hall, so save the items you have purchased. We have until OCTOBER 1, 2020! *Any and all donations will help us to continue this mission that has been a WELCA project for many years.

Brooke Olson suggested and WELCA officers decided to donate \$100 to **Mt. Hope Sanctuary**, 303 N. Walnut Street, McPherson, Kansas. There were items needed as well, and those have been posted and listed in the Messenger by Gayle Nelson. Congregational members can donate items, or if you prefer, additional monetary donations. WELCA is open to any other needs of organizations from our communities – please contact a WELCA officer and let them know.

DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS BOXES that are still scheduled to be done in November. Gayle lists the needs each month in the bulletin, as well as the MESSENGER.

In 2019 at this time, WELCA was organizing an awesome evening for **BETHLEHEM REVISITED** by Grace Baptist Church of Manhattan, Kansas. JoAn checked on this event, but a final decision has not yet been made if they will be able to do it this year due to Covid-19. It is usually scheduled the first full weekend in December. We should know by October 1. Unfortunately, Kansas is not doing well in this health pandemic. We need to follow the CDC recommendations and guidelines, including social distancing and mask wearing.

Please be safe and do lots of praying.

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

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SHOEBOX ITEMS.

NOW THAT WE ARE BACK IN THE SANCTUARY, YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR SHOEBOX ITEMS TO THE CHURCH AND LEAVE THEM IN THE DESIGNATED BASKETS. Thank you for your contribution to this worthwhile project.

Here's the list for April, May, June, July, August, and September:

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

School supplies: pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps with ink pads, glue sticks, coloring books, solar calculators, rulers, etc.

Bar soap, washcloths, solid deodorant for older boys and girls.

REMINDER: Underlined items are needed for EVERY box. The remaining items are extras.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION AND BLESSING July 26, 2020



Jakob Feil, Jake Loder, Emma McBride, and Abby Hudson.



Graduates with Youth Group sponsors Adam and Hannah Jones, and Carly and Lars Peterson.

RALLY SUNDAY and GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

The first day back to Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 13 at 10:15 AM. Children will meet in the basement and then journey over to the park for a Bible Verse Scavenger Hunt. So, wear comfy clothes and shoes for outdoor fun. At 11:00 AM, worship service will be held in the sanctuary. PLEASE BRING YOUR BACKPACKS for the Blessing of the Backpacks. 3rd Grade students will receive their own Bibles during the worship service. Following the worship service, we invite you and your family to join us for a light sack lunch at the church, followed by "God's Work, Our Hands" community service projects. JOIN IN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP... and lend a helping hand for our community!



SERVING THE LORD IN SEPTEMBER

PLEASE NOTE: Greeters, acolytes, and ushers have not been listed, as well as coffee hostesses and Riverview volunteers. Assistants and volunteers for communion are not needed at this time but will be reinstated when we are once again able to serve communion at the altar. It is possible Children's Sermons will resume when Sunday School starts back up September 13, but this has not yet been decided.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

13 – Jeremy and Emilie Snapp
27 – Allan and JoAn Lindfors

LECTORS:*

6 – Linda Johnson
13 – Gayle Nelson
20 – Mike Hulse
27 - _____

*We are currently not asking lectors to read scripture due to abbreviated services. Members who signed up are listed here in case your help is needed on a given Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan to attend church on September 27 for a congregational meeting following service to discuss and vote on renovating the east doors of the church. THANK YOU for your participation!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

CONGRATULATIONS to Seth and Joyce Larson on the birth of their son, Everett Eugene, born on August 23, 2020. He weighed 6 lb. 8 oz. and was 20" long. Paternal grandparents are Craig and Jackie Larson, and paternal great-grandparent is Vic Hedberg. Maternal grandparents are Peter and Judy Wong.



RODEO CONCESSIONS

Several Elim Lutheran Church members, including Pastor Amy Kay and Taton Tubbs, helped run the west side concession stand for the Marquette Rodeo held July 31 and August 1. The net profit for this fundraising effort was \$875.92. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED! A special thanks to Diane Hedberg and Barry Nelson.

GET WELL TO TIM HEDBERG

Tim Hedberg, 59, of Syracuse, Kansas was seriously injured in a work-related accident August 3. While on the job at a local dairy, 2000 pounds of feed product fell on him causing injuries to his back, hip, face, and ribs. He was flown by airplane to Wichita hospital where he had surgery on his back, hip and face.

Tim was born and raised at Marquette and has spent most of his adult life in Syracuse. He and his wife, Rhonda, have 5 children: Kylee 28, Kelly 31, Keith 17, Kegan 15, and Kelsey 12. He is the son of Vic Hedberg and the late Boots Hedberg, and brother to Ken, Quint, and Matt Hedberg, and Jackie Larson.

A "speedy recovery" card shower is requested for Tim to greet him when he returns to his home following rehabilitation. Cards may be sent to PO Box 91, Syracuse, Kansas 67878.



August 2: Given by Mark and Lindsay Newton in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

August 16: Given by Dean and Lois Johnson in gratitude for family and friends.

August 30: Given by Terry and Nancy Hopp in loving memory of their son Jeff and his friend Michael Graham.

SUMMER LAWN MOWING: Elim still needs volunteers to mow the church lawn through the end of September. Please plan to mow on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday to ensure a freshly cut lawn for Sunday service. **The remaining dates are indicated below.** Please sign up online at www.elimmarquette.org. (click on "Church Mowing Sign-Up"). If you are unable to sign up online, please leave a message at the church (785-546-2244). THANK YOU!

Sept. 3-5
Sept. 10-12
Sept. 17-19
Sept. 24-26





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rylee Cunningham
- 1 Tim Lindfors
- 2 Vic Hedberg
- 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 Audrey Arnold
- 15 Jayleen Sellhorn
- 16 Desirea Faust
- 17 Alissa Holmquist
- 20 Megan Amos
- 21 Charity Weis
- 21 Brandi Brady
- 22 Raven Caesar
- 22 Courtney Cook
- 22 Sharon Chandler
- 24 Maia Forssberg
- 24 Charles Martin
- 26 Kiera Mullen
- 27 Brock Reid-Carpio
- 28 Julie Loder
- 28 Brandon Weis
- 29 Matt Hedberg

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne McBride 31 years
- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Terry Hopp 42 years
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Talbott 63 years
- 11 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Cunningham 24 years
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Johnson 40 years
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Montgomery 35 years
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jones 8 years
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Dean Alstatt 15 years
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Allan Lindfors 14 years
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Randy Lillard 8 years
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Danny Morel 48 years

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to Church Council 08/03/2020]

Beginning Balance as of 07/01/20:	\$ 30,559.17
Revenue:	\$ 8,489.82
Expenses:	\$ -6,304.34
Ending Balance as of 07/31/20:	\$ 32,744.65

Offerings & Attendance per week in August

August 2: \$2367.00	33
August 9: \$1858.00	37
August 16: \$1222.00	39
August 23: \$1427.00	51

REMINDER

Now that we are back in the sanctuary for worship service, please note the following restrictions: every other pew is closed off to allow social distancing, families are encouraged to group together, masks are recommended, congregational singing is not allowed, and offering plates are not passed. Communion elements are not currently served at the altar. Members are encouraged to bring their own communion (BYOC,) or grab closed-lid wine and bread (self-serve) at the back of the church prior to service, so that we can stay seated and share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Cloth and disposable masks are available in the narthex. Please place your offering in the offering can when you enter or exit the church. Pastor Amy Kay will continue to record the worship services and post them on Facebook (YouTube) and our website (www.elimmarquette.org) for those who cannot attend service in the sanctuary.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM – Worship Service	7 LABOR DAY	8 6:15 PM Social Ministry Mtg. 7:00 PM – COUNCIL MTG.	9	10	11	12
13 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost RALLY SUNDAY GOD’S WORK/OUR HANDS 10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL/Scavenger Hunt 11:00 AM – Worship Service Following service: Sack Lunch Afternoon – God’s Work/Our Hands projects	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost CONFIRMATION 10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM – Worship Service	21 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	22	23 1:30 PM Quilt Group	24	25	26
27 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM – Worship Service CONGREGATIONAL VOTE FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE	31		30			KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School

If you no longer wish to receive this monthly newsletter, please let the Elim Lutheran Church office know by calling (785) 546-2244 and leaving a message, emailing elimsec@gmail.com, or leaving a note on the church office door.

Letters of opinion will not be printed in the Messenger. Church Council, as representatives of the congregation, will address individual concerns as they arise. (Policy per church council vote on November 4, 2013.)

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