July, 2019 Elim Lutheran Church Home Vísítor

Thoughts from Pastor Carol

Greetings Elim family and friends,

<u>Elim's Mission</u> <u>Statement</u>

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"With faith in the Triune God, the family of Elim Lutheran Church proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments. In our life together as a Christian congregation, we provide a center for members and community to worship and pray; to meet and learn; to be welcomed. nourished, and strengthened; to rest and be comforted: to serve; and to go forth and witness to the world through the prayerful

Change may very well be the one constant in our lives. Seasons change and the seasons of our lives change. The beautiful reading from Ecclesiastes 3 gives us examples of God's gifts of change. Perhaps it is important for each of us to realize that change is a part of our lives. Change is necessary, and change can be



good if we allow ourselves to accept that change is a gift from God.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace... ¹¹ He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds; (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8,11a)

When I was a young child, I told my dad that I didn't want to die. And his reply has stuck with me from that moment. Dad said, "Wouldn't it be sad if everyone you ever knew was gone and you were the only person on the earth that you knew? Wouldn't that be sad if you stayed alive and everyone you loved and knew, your family and friends, were living with God in Heaven?" My dad was right. I have lost some dear family members, whom I miss and some very special friends, whom I can never tell I love them. We are born, we grow and live our lives, we, die, and then one more change – we receive the gift of eternal life. That's huge!!!



In our very precious Elim family, we experience change. There are births and baptisms, and the ending of school year and the beginning of the next year. Graduations, relocations, new jobs, new homes, adoptions, and birthday sand anniversaries. We experience new knees and health, life and death, so much more. Change is good if we look at change as a gift from God. We are blessed that our lives are not at a standstill. God gives. God is constant. God never changes. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the God of light, whom is only that which is constant, not like the changes of the shadows. (James 1:17 par-aphrase)

Change can be difficult, but we need to remember that God loves us and is with us throughout all the changes of our lives. God is good, eternally constant, and gives us earthly life for a season. Embrace God's gifts of life, the changing seasons, all that we have, and all that we are and all we are yet to be. Amen.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Carol



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If you have a change of address, would like to take your name off the newsletter mailing list, or would rather receive Elim's newsletter by e-mail or hard copy, please contact Connie in the office at 701-232-2574 or <u>elim@elimlutheran.org</u>. Thank you.



Vitalant, formerly United Blood Services, is in need of volunteers to make phone calls to recruit previous blood donors, blood runners to pick up/drop off products at blood drives/hospitals, and clerical work. Please call 701-365-8911 or e-mail <u>slizotte@vitalant.org</u>, or call Mara Dokukin at 701-365-8910 or

e-mail mdokukin@vitalant.org.

Zona Mathison 801-2nd Avenue North, #323 Moorhead, MN 56560 (telephone number and e-mail address are the same)



Newsletters and Quarterly Offering Statements: If you are currently receiving Elim's monthly newsletter by mail, in order to save postage, we ask that you pick up your, or your family member's newsletter, in the Narthex when the current one is printed. Mailing labels will be affixed to the newsletters of the individuals who are currently receiving them by mail. If you

are unable to pick your newsletter up, please call the church office, 232-2574. Any shut -ins or anyone who does not regularly attend Worship will have their monthly newsletter mailed out to them. As with the monthly newsletters, the quarterly statements will be available after January 8, April 8, July 8, and September 8 in the baskets at the back of the church. If anyone would like theirs mailed, please contact the office. Thank you.



Elim Church Council Minutes Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Cindy Wolslegel, Pastor Carol, Kjersten Nelson, John Lindstrom, LaVonne Black, Helen Armstrong, Abby D'Eustachio, and Kacie Putz

Not Present: None

Call to order – Opening Prayer and devotions (Kjersten). Helen will do devotions in July. Cindy (August).

Secretary's Minutes: Pastor Carol moves to approve the May minutes. Helen seconds. Motion carries.

Consent Agenda

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Income was under budget this month, but so were expenses. Overall, general fund dropped \$2700.

<u>Learning Committee:</u> The committee has not met. The committee will work towards the sanctuary play space for the fall. Kacie will talk with Jennifer about next year's Sunday School curriculum.

<u>Worship Committee:</u> Before Sunday's meeting, a couple of issues were raised with Helen. First, there was a suggestion that council members could take turns to open and close up the church on Sunday. La-Vonne noted that Scott has liked ringing the bell during services, though this is a pretty dangerous process. There is a bell function on the organ; Pastor Carol will talk to Robyn about this.

The church was hot on Sunday, though the air seemed to start later in the service. We should check to make sure the schedule is set correctly. Shirley Slusher has extra day lilies she can contribute to replace shrubbery and Peggy Haugrud offered to plant them. Helen will mention this to Curt.

Cindy talked to Curt; starting this Sunday, he will be here by 9 on Sunday to unlock the church.

Helen is working on updating usher instructions.

Lenora Scheer is interested in serving on the council.

Property Committee: No report

<u>Stewardship Committee:</u> The committee met and started planning for Stewardship Sundays in the fall. The first will fall on the God's Work Our Hands Sunday, plus two others (including another activity fair like last year). The committee will resume detailed planning when Pastor Carol returns.

<u>Witness Committee:</u> LaVonne reports another individual to add to the visiting list (Ron Moe). Zona will be moving into Fairmount soon. Discussed having a cowboy theme for Friends and Family Sunday (on September 29). LaVonne suggests distributing posters for Friends and Family Sunday to close-by businesses. Abby will pull together a poster.

<u>Service Committee:</u> Abby reports their primary focus is Friends and Family Sunday. Coffee hours have been running smoothly.

Kjersten moves to accept the consent agenda. Abby seconds. Motion carries.

Pastor's Report

No baptisms, no funerals

Volunteers are lined up for a downtown Lutheran churches booth for Streets Alive on June 23. There will be water fill ups and games for kids.

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With these same congregations, there are plans for a joint Sunday afternoon service with picnic August 18.

Connie will get one more week of pulpit supply (that will be six weeks). Pastor Carol will then come back for a few hours per day.

Prior Business

New Business

The Northern wants to redo the northside of the parking lot. Elim's share of that would be \$7,000. Funding could come from the EMM fund, which is a separate account outside of the church.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 9 at 6 pm

Communion Assistants: July 7: Connie will look for someone July 14: Cindy

Meeting is Adjourned

Minutes Submitted by Kjersten

Treasurer's Report May, 2019

John Lindstrom

Balance Sheet

⇒ The checking acct balance is \$1,837.90. The balance at the beginning of the year was \$4,133.45. General Acct Fund balance is now -\$13,081.46. Last month the General Acct Fund balance was -\$10,350.44. The current prior debt is now \$141,834.55 and is comprised of payables to various dedicated funds.

Income and Expense (5/12 or 41.66% through the year)

- \Rightarrow Monthly pledge income was under budget (budget \$8,667.00 vs. \$7,174.00).
- \Rightarrow Monthly total income was under budget (budget \$11,200.00 vs. \$9,377.15).
- \Rightarrow YTD pledge income is 42.47% of the budget \$104,000 (actual \$44,164).
- \Rightarrow YTD total income is 41.74% of the budget \$132,650.00 (actual \$55,372.78).
- \Rightarrow Monthly expenses were under budget (budget \$13,511.00 vs. \$12,108.17).
- \Rightarrow YTD expenses are 43.88% of the budget \$162,104.00 (actual \$71,124.37).
- ⇒ The utility bill for the month was \$823.70. Paid \$361.21 for copier maintenance contract. Paid \$1,452 for air conditioner/furnace repairs. This was paid from the undesignated Hazel Peterson fund.



The New Life Center is having a Grand Re-opening of their facility on Thursday, July 11th. Tours run from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be food and music from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and a program will run from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Come and join in the celebration as we view the remodeled facility at the New Life Center!

July and August Services

USHERS/GREETERS

- July 7 Betty Lindstrom July 14 Robert Scheer
- July 21 LaVonne Black July 28 Robert Scheer
- July 28 Robert Scheer

LAYREADERS

July7Betty LindstromJuly14Lenora ScheerJuly21Cindy WolslegelJuly28Scott Strand

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

July 7 Shirley Slusher July 14 Cindy Wolslegel

FLOWERS

July 7 July 14 Frank Anderson July 21 July 28

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

July 7 July 14 July 21 July 28

FUNERAL TEAM FOR JULY

Karen Lind, Serving Group Member, if needed

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

July 7 Karen Lind July 21 Pastor Carol

USHERS/GREETERS

August 4Robert ScheerAugust 11LaVonne BlackAugust 18Robert ScheerAugust 25LouAnn Dutt

LAYREADERS

August 4 Barb Rising August 11 August 18 August 25

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

August 4 August 11

FLOWERS

August 4 August 11 Frank Anderson August 18 August 25

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

August 4 August 11 August 18 August 25

FUNERAL TEAM FOR AUGUST

Elaine Fiske, Serving Group Member, if needed

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

August 4 Kerri Spiering August 18 Scott Strand

Please call LaVonne Black at 701-232-3029 if you would like to sign up to be an Usher or Lay Reader.

Every Sunday is open for **Missionary Support**, which is \$25.00 and can be given in honor of or in memory of a loved one. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact the Elim office.

Would you like to provide **Altar Flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one? Even though potted plants are now placed on the Altar, this does not mean there cannot be cut flowers given in a person's honor or memory. If anyone wishes to give flowers on any given Sunday, simply contact the church office with your request and Connie will place your order. Dalbol Flowers and Gifts allows Elim to chose the bouquet colors and purchase both Altar bouquets for around \$26.00. If providing flowers for the Altar, Elim office will order the flower color(s) you request. If you wish to take the flowers home with you following worship, please let Connie know that when you call to order them. Thank you.



Elim Home Visitor 🕈

July Birthday Blessings to	07/03 07/06 07/07 07/08 07/11 07/12 07/13 07/14	Les Wassberg Kellan Lynch Helen Stevenson Gwenny Strand Lauren Olschlager Ryan Wolslegel Lester Henningson Eamonn Nagle Barbara Green	07/15 07/19 07/21 07/23 07/29 07/31	Joseph Card Dianne Clark Mavis Madsen Roland Andring Kathryn Card James Gast Helen Henningson LaVonne Black
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If your birthday should be on this list and isn't, please contact the Elim office. I apologize for the oversight.



With summer coming, Elim has had more requests for financial assistance (rent, utilities, gas, etc.), and our Good Samaritan fund is unable to honor a large majority of the requests. To assist with these needs, you may certainly direct your memorials/donations to Elim's outreach fund. Thank you on behalf of the individuals your donations will help.

In Memory of Ernest Simenson

Foundation Choir Undesignated

Wayne & Marcia Schott Wayne & Marcia Schott Al & Delmae Johnson

June Baptisms, Funerals, Membership Transfers In and Transfers Out



Baptisms: None Funerals: None

Membership Transfers Out of Elim: None

Membership Transfers In to Elim: None



Recipe Book: Again next year in time for the Ladies' Salad Luncheon, I will have a recipe book of your favorite recipes, which can include desserts, appetizers, main dishes, salads, etc., ready for everyone. We have 22 recipes in the 2019 book, which is wonderful, so let's try to at least double that number for next year. Please submit as many recipes as you'd like. I have a mail slot by the office, so you can put your recipes in there if the office is closed. I look forward to doing the recipe book again. Thank you. Connie Rawls

<u>Chocolate Chip Banana Bread</u> Pastor Paula Mehmel	<u>Velvety Custard Pie</u> Connie Rawls	
1 c. butter) 1 tsp. salt)Cream together Add 4 eggs 6 soft bananas	4 slightly beaten eggs 1/2 c. sugar 1/4 tsp. vanilla 2 1/2 c. milk, scalded Dash of salt	
Sift together three times 2 c. sugar 2 1/2 c. flour 1 t. baking soda Add to above mixture and stir just until mixed. Add chocolate chips and/or toffee bits as you de- sire (There's no such thing as too much, according to Pastor Paula.)	Thoroughly mix eggs, sugar, salt, and vanilla, Slowly stir in the hot milk. Pour into an unbaked pastry shell. Sprinkle nutmeg on top. (I stir this mixture together in a spouted container, which makes it much easier to pour into the pastry shell.) Bake in a 475 degree oven for 5 minutes. Reduce heat to 425 degrees, and bake 10 minutes longer or until knife inserted comes out clean. Cool on a rack.	

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY GETTING A BIT MORE INVOLVED IN SUNDAY WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL?



Would you be able to donate a bit of your time once a month to help with Sunday School?

Our Sunday School program is in need of teachers and assistants, both adult and older children, for the upcoming Sunday School year. Depending on the number of volunteers, you may have to teach/assist only minimally. Please contact Jennifer at 701-241-9443, or you may call the Elim Office at 701-232-2574. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -CHILDREN'S SERMON LEADERS

Elim is in desperate need of members of the congregation to share the Good News with our children on the first and third Sundays of the month. If you are interested, please contact the office at 232-2574. Thank you for your assistance in this most important church program.

Serving Groups

Will continue to be responsible for treats during Sunday morning coffee hour. Groups will be responsible to make coffee, bring treats, serve, and clean up on their assigned week. Following is a schedule for the next 3 months:

July 7	Group 1
July 14	Group 2
July 21	Group 3
July 28	Group 4

August 4 Group 1 August 11 Group 2 August 18 Group 3 August 25 Group 4

September 1 Group 1 September 8 Group 2 September 15 Group 3 September 22 Group 4 September 29 Open

Note: When there is a funeral and the funeral home is not involved, one person from the Serving Group for that funeral is asked to assist the Funeral Team volunteer for that funeral only. If a funeral home is involved in the funeral, no serving group member will be needed. Please contact the office if you have questions. Thank you.

Make a Difference!

Churches United for the Homeless Shelter's Current Needs List

Funding for winter overflow; *Gift cards for gas and grocer-(especially places near ies Bright Sky Apartments); * Diapers-size 5 & 6; *Baby Formula; *Baby Wipes; *Twin-size blankets; *Toiletries; *Alcohol-free cold medicine: *Bath towels: *New adult underwear: *Deodorant. The most efficient way to help is through financial donations. Donate online at churches-united.org, or bv sendina your donation to: Churches United for the Homeless, 1901-1st Ave. No., Moorhead, MN 56560, 218-236-0372. Thank you!



Would you like to own your very own Elim Streets Alive! t-shirt? We would like to sell these t-shirts as a fund-raiser for Elim. The cost is \$20 each, with \$5 going to Elim, as the cost to print the shirts are \$15 each. Order forms are available in the office, asking for your name, size, etc. Let's be proud and show our Elim affiliation! Orders will be taken until September 1. Thank you.

Unique Gift Idea

Are you looking for a unique gift for a family member or a gift for someone?

Handmade 550 piece, 750 piece, or 1000 piece puzzles for sale, at \$15-\$20 each, made by Kim Olschlager. Please call her at (701) 850-6365 for further information. Thank you.

Elím Church Councíl Members

Pastor Carol Strand, Pastor cstrand@elim-lutheran.org 701.232.2574 - - -507.398.3166 (after office hours cell)

Cindy Wolslegel, President (Bethany Representative) Abby d'Eustachio, Vice President (Service and Fellowship) Kjersten Nelson, Secretary (Stewardship) Kacie Putz (Learning) Helen Armstrong, (Worship & Music) LaVonne Black (Outreach) John Lindstrom (Financial)

What's Happening at Elim in July



<u>Bible Study</u> will be held on Tuesday, July 9, at Fry'n Pan on Main (use July/August issue of *Gather* magazine).

<u>Elim Church Council Meeting</u> will be held on Tuesday, July 9, at 6:00 p.m.

Noisy Offering will be held on Sunday, July 21, during the 10:00 Worship Service.

Choir News: Choir rehearsal will resume in the fall.

Confirmation Classes will resume in the fall.

Pub Night meetings will resume in the fall.

The Worship & Music Committee will meet on Sunday, July 11, at 11:15 following Worship.



First Communion Refresher <u>Training</u>, which was cancelled in February due to the weather, will be rescheduled in the fall. Individual notices will be sent to those who signed up earlier, but, just to be sure, please call the Elim office at 232-2574,

prior to July 31 to re-register once again, to be sure there are materials enough for all. If children are being registered, please give the ages of the children. Thank you.

Did you know.....nearly two dozen worship services are conducted at Bethany on Sundays, a Bethany monthly Communion Service at each campus and Hymn Sing the second Wednesday at each location. Additionally, he offers worship on Thursday mornings for residents in the Memory Care Unit. Catholic worship is celebrated each Friday at Bethany on University and Tuesdays at Bethany on 42nd. Several churches conduct worship in the Mavis Whiting Chapel at Bethany on University for their members and others who reside at Bethany. To find out more or to assist with worship, contact Bethany at 701.239.3234.

Lines of Communication

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding church operations, please contact the appropriate person below for correct information. Thank you.

Pastor Carol and Connie -	Service/Worship Bulletin Visitation	Curt Meyer -	Church building/property Cleaning		
	Prayers Personal concerns	Helen Armstrong and Robyn Vinje -	Service/Worship Bulletin Music		
Barb Rising -	Kitchen	Shirley Slusher -	Sanctuary/Sacristy		
Elim Office Hours: MondayAll Church offices are closedTuesday:8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.Wednesday and Thursday:8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.Friday:8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon					



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Elim Lutheran Church Calendar July, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Elim offices closed	Pastor-Text Study, 11:30 Happy Hour AA Group-	Large Fellowship Hall reserved	July		Educ/Comm <u>Time</u> , SSLC- 1:30
		Noon	Conn	ie out of office		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Elim Wor./Comm. Serv./ Children's Message-10:00 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg-11:15 Coffee Hr-11:00 Worship, SSLC- 1:30	<u>Elim offices</u> <u>closed</u>	Bible Study- 9:30 Staff Mtg- 11:20 Happy Hour AA Group-Noon Council Mtg- 6:00		<u>Evergreen-</u> <u>10:00</u>		Educ/Comm <u>Time</u> , SSLC- 1:30
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Elim Wor./Comm. Serv10:00 Coffee-11:00 Worship, SSLC- 1:30	Elim offices closed	Pastor-Text Study, 11:30 Happy Hour AA Group- Noon		Parkview Terrace-9:00 Mhd Rehab- 10:00		Educ/Comm <u>Time</u> , SSLC- 1:30
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Elim Wor./ Children's Message/Noisy Offering-10:00 Coffee Hr-11:00 Worship, SSLC- 1:30	Elim offices closed	Staff Mtg- <u>11:20</u> Happy Hour AA Group-Noon				Educ/Comm <u>Time</u> , SSLC- 1:30
28	29	30	31			
Elim Worship- <u>10:00</u> <u>Coffee Hr-11:00</u> Worship, SSLC- 1:30	Elim offices closed	Pastor-Text Study, 11:30 Happy Hour AA Group-Noon				
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Monthly Newsletter July, 2019

Missionary	Choir Director	Music Staff: Organist	Maintenance:	Office Administrator/Secretary:	Pastor:
Katie Narum Miyamoto	Scott Strand	Robyn Vinje	Curt Meyer	Connie Rawls	Carol Strand

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