



The

Grapevine

September, 2022



Elim's Mission Statement

"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 stewardship of our resources."



Dearest Elim People and Friends,

Fall is just around the corner. Just as the weather changes, there are a few things that resume and/or change this fall. On Wednesday, September 7, our *Joshua* Bible/book study will begin at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend, but please let the office know so books can be ordered but will have to be ordered very soon.

September 11 is God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. Please see the article in this *Grapevine* issue regarding the outreach activity for the day. We will also have the Blessing of the Backpacks the same morning. There may be no backpacks to bless this year, but we will bless all teachers and school staff and bless all students in this world.

One more thing you will notice is the SLIGHT change in the format of our weekly bulletins. This is happening because we have massive stacks of different colored paper which have been here for years. We feel it is best to use these resources, first of all, so they do not go to waste. And secondly, in an effort to save money.

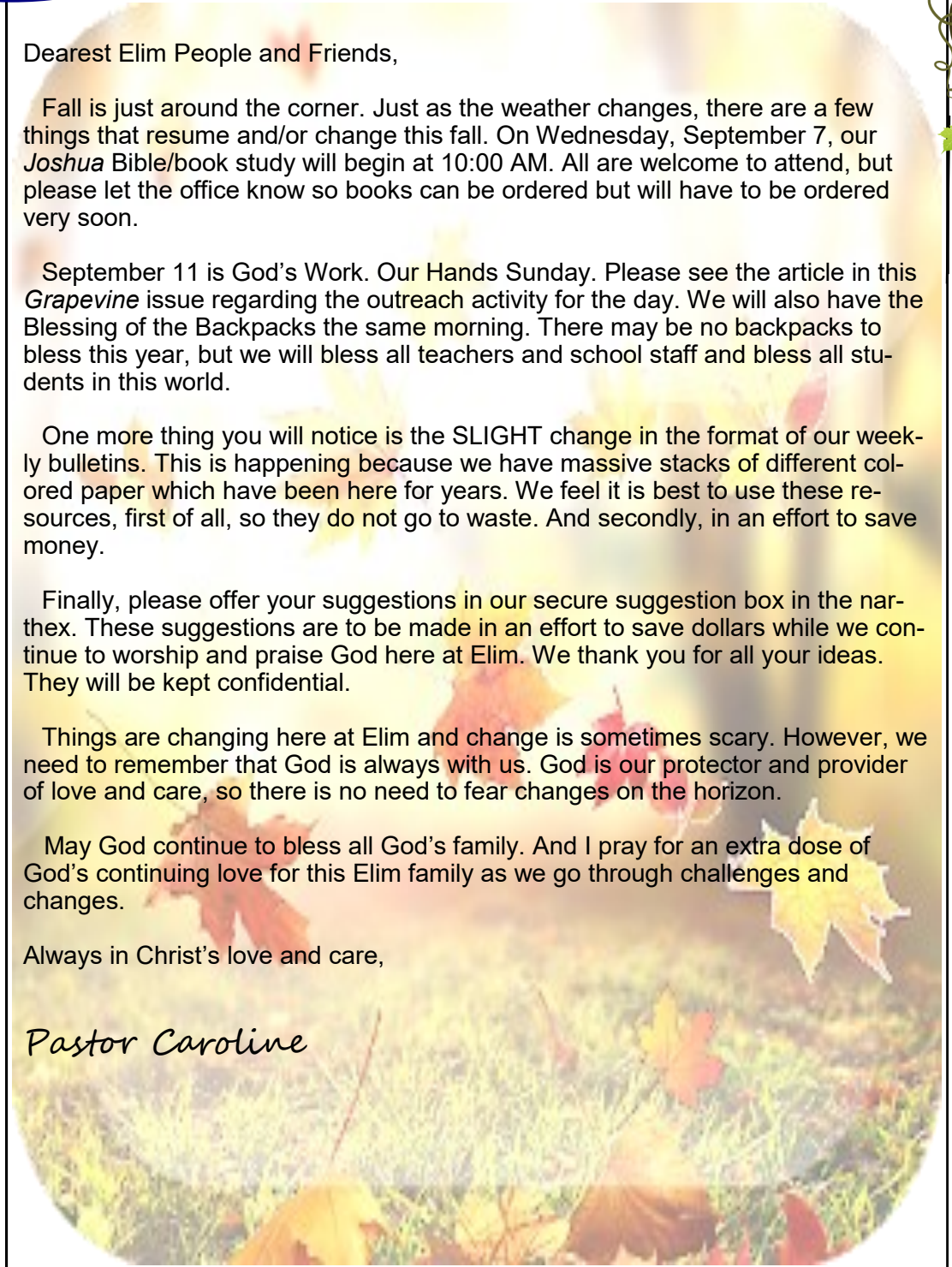
Finally, please offer your suggestions in our secure suggestion box in the narthex. These suggestions are to be made in an effort to save dollars while we continue to worship and praise God here at Elim. We thank you for all your ideas. They will be kept confidential.

Things are changing here at Elim and change is sometimes scary. However, we need to remember that God is always with us. God is our protector and provider of love and care, so there is no need to fear changes on the horizon.

May God continue to bless all God's family. And I pray for an extra dose of God's continuing love for this Elim family as we go through challenges and changes.

Always in Christ's love and care,

Pastor Caroline



**August Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Kerri Spiering, Curt Meyer, John Lindstrom, Jennifer Rheault, Abby d'Eustachio, Karen Lind, Connie Rawls

Absent: Pastor Caroline

Call to Order: Open Prayer and Devotions at 6:05 p.m.
Karen provided a prayer.

Minutes:

Abby moves to approve the minutes from the July, 2022, meeting. Jennifer seconds. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report

Abby moves to approve Treasurer's Report, Karen seconds. Motion carries.

Learning Committee

No report

Worship & Music Committee

No report.

Property Committee

Continued usual cleaning work around church and church grounds

Worked on repairing ceiling in kitchen

Took 1 week (3 days) vacation

Curt will get an estimate for changing fuse box in Sanctuary to circuit breaker, as required by insurance.

Stewardship Committee

No report

Service & Outreach and Mission Support Committee

Karen has been in touch with Abby, Service/Outreach, and they feel with our small congregation, one service project for God's Work. Our Hands Sunday should be okay.

We could possibly have luncheon afterwards, that Karen would be happy to help prepare.

Abby and Karen will do the research of cost for a 24-unit case of each can. Then we could have a donation can that Sunday.

Karen moves to approve the Committee reports. Curt seconds. Motion carries.

Pastor's Report

No report

Prior Business

Remove "Council books" from next month's agenda

Kerri shared that our next Holy Closure Open Forum will be held on Sunday, September 18.

Erin Power from Synod office will be her to speak more on the process of Holy Closure

Sunday, September 18

Sunday, October 2 – "What it takes to stay open"

Sunday, October 16 – "The Future"

Sunday, October 23 – vote on Council recommendation

New Business

Paper usage (Connie shared cost saving measure)

Jennifer moves that as a cost saving measure, the office will use 8.5 x 11 pastel colored paper for bulletins, which will be in booklet form. Abby seconds. Motion carries.

Copier

Jennifer moves that we go forward with the proposed copier provided the costs of maintenance agreement are comparable to current copier. Curt seconds. Motion carries.

July Secretary's Minutes

Abby moves to accept the minutes with the removal of Jim Voytovich's name from absent.

Jennifer seconds. Motion carries.

Karen moves to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m., Abby seconds. Motion carries.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Devotions-Jennifer Rheault

Respectfully submitted by Karen Lind

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**Treasurer's Report**

July, 2022

John Lindstrom

**Balance Sheet**

- ⇒ The checking acct balance is \$4,583.40. The balance at the beginning of the year was \$20,780.34.  
 General Acct Fund balance at the end of July is -\$16,618.21.

**Income and Expense (7/12 or 58.3% through the year)**

- ⇒ Monthly pledge income was under budget (budget \$6,500.00 vs. \$5,007.00).  
 ⇒ Monthly total income was under budget (budget \$8,733.00 vs. \$5,227.67).  
 ⇒ YTD pledge income is 68.38% of the budget \$78,000 (actual \$53,339.00).  
 ⇒ YTD total income is 69.96% of the budget \$104,800.00 (actual \$73,323.03).  
 ⇒ Monthly expenses were under budget (budget \$12,513.00 vs. \$10,473.44).  
 ⇒ YTD expenses are 59.9% of the budget \$150,153.00 (actual \$89,941.24)  
 ⇒ The utility bill was \$642.57. Monthly property insurance premium was \$501.08. Paid for new water heater and AC repairs for a total of \$1,980.73 (AC repair-\$406, water heater-\$1,574.73). We received designated monies of \$1,075 for the water heater and AC repair. The remaining monies were taken from undesignated memorials.

**Join a Committee:** Council Committee meetings cannot happen without Elim member support. Committees need your help and support. Please volunteer to join one or if asked, please say "yes I will". Committees are: Learning Committee, Worship/Music Committee, Property Committee, Stewardship Committee, Service/Outreach Committee, and Mission Support Committee.

## *September Services Volunteers*

**USHERS/GREETERS**

September 4 Robert Scheer  
 September 11 Robert Scheer  
 September 18 Robert Scheer  
 September 25 Robert Scheer

**FLOWERS**

September 4  
 September 11  
 September 18  
 September 25

**LAYREADERS**

September 4  
 September 11  
 September 18  
 September 25

**MISSIONARY SUPPORT**

September 4  
 September 11  
 September 18  
 September 25

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

None needed until further notice

**FUNERAL ASSISTANT FOR JUNE**

None needed until further notice

If you would like your readings sent hard copy, please contact Helen or Connie.

Please call **Jennifer Rheault, 701-566-3949** if you would like to sign up to be an Usher, Lay Reader, or Communion Assistant.

*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. Thank you.*

*Would you like to provide **Altar Flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one? If anyone wishes to give flowers on any given Sunday, simply contact the church office with your request and Connie will place your order or you may place your own order and let the office know which Sunday they will be on the Altar.. Dalbol Flowers and Gifts allows Elim to choose the bouquet colors and purchase both Altar bouquets for around \$26.00. If you would like, 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.*



### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

|      |                 |
|------|-----------------|
| 9/13 | Dan Rising      |
| 9/16 | Jean Berg       |
| 9/29 | Kaisen Savanh   |
| 9/30 | Cindy Wolslegel |

If your birthday should be on this list and isn't, please contact the Elim office. I apologize for the oversight.



No memorials in August



**Quarterly Statements:** In order to help cut costs, Elim will no longer be sending out quarterly offering statements to congregation members. At the current number of offerings per quarter, it costs approximately \$100.00 in postage, which results in approximately \$400.00 per year. Therefore, an annual statement will be sent to each of you at the end of the current fiscal year. If, for some reason, you find you need a statement for a certain period, you may contact the Elim office at 701-232-2574 and your copy will be sent to you. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. Thank you.

**Did you know** .....that Bethany Retirement Living offers a broad range of senior care services to meet just about any need a senior may have? At Bethany on University, Skilled Nursing Care, Memory Care, Transitional Care, Basic Care, short stays and Assisted Living are available. Bethany on 42<sup>nd</sup> features Skilled Nursing Care, Assisted Living, Senior Living with Services, and Senior Apartments. Ethos Home Care offers services in your own home. Are you looking for living opportunities for someone you love? Visit our web site at [www.bethanynd.org](http://www.bethanynd.org) or call Bethany on University at 701.239.3000 or Bethany on 42<sup>nd</sup> at 701.478.8900.



### *August Baptisms, Funerals, Membership Transfers In, and Transfers Out*



**Baptisms:** None

● **Funerals:** None

● **Membership Transfers Out of Elim:** None

● **Membership Transfers In to Elim:** None

● **Deaths:** None





Choir will begin on Sunday, September 25th at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. We will run through an easy hymn and sing during the worship.

The plan is to meet once per month to rehearse and sing. We will decide on future dates when we meet on the 25th.

Please let me know if you have questions or comments.

Scott Strand



## Serving Group

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| September 4  | Group 1 |
| September 11 | Group 2 |
| September 18 | Group 1 |
| September 25 | Group 2 |

### 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 Caroline** - Services / Worship  
Prayers  
Personal concerns  
Visitation Schedule

**Curt Meyer** - Church building / property cleaning  
Event set-up

**Jennifer Rheault, Robyn Vinje, or Scott Strand** -  
Services / Worship  
Music

**Barb Rising** - Kitchen / Altar

### *Elim Church Council Members*

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

Kerri Spiering, President  
Karen Lind, Vice President/Sec. (Mission Support)  
To be named (Learning)  
John Lindstrom, Treasurer  
Curt Meyer (Property)  
Jennifer Rheault (Worship/Music)  
Abby d'Eustachio (Service/Outreach)  
To be named (Stewardship)

### **Elim Office Hours**

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|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Monday    | All Church offices are closed |
| Tuesday   | 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.        |
| Wednesday | 8:00 a.m. to Noon             |
| Thursday: | 8:00 a.m. to Noon             |
| Friday:   | All Church offices are closed |

**As Council Committee heads, you are asked to submit your written Committee Report to the office 1 week prior to the month's Council meeting. This report will then be included in the individual Council packets for each meeting. If you do not have a written report for that month, please let the office know that, as well. Thank you.**



### Donate Winter Outerwear

Elim is again collecting new or clean, gently used winter outerwear, including jackets, coats, snowpants, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and boots, sizes infant through adult. All winter outerwear brought to the church for this project will be donated to Open Doors. Open Doors is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) faith-based ministry and is located at 307 Main Ave. in Fargo. They reach out to the F-M metro area by providing a free thrift store (clothing, shoes, household items, linens, etc.) to those in need. If you are interested in donating other items to Open Doors, please call Dave at 701-799-7550 to set up an appointment. If you have any questions, please contact Kerri Spiering at 701-298-9098.

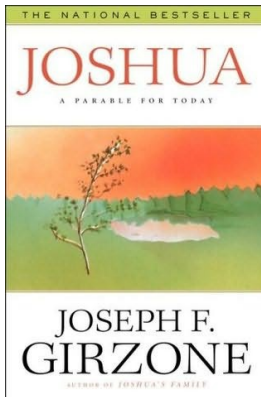


As our list of members unable to attend Worship continues to grow, I am looking for some individuals who would enjoy visiting with 1 or 2 Elim members on a monthly basis, who are currently shut-in or in facilities. This does not require any physical labor on your part - just calling on this individual(s), visiting, and praying with them to offer comfort and solace. I would appreciate receiving assistance in Elim's visitation ministry, so each person who is unable to attend Worship will feel connected even if they are not able to come to church in person. Please contact me either in person, by e-mail, or by phone at 507-298-3166. Thank you very much!

Pastor Caroline

## FALL BIBLE STUDY

Last year, we held a successful Bible study on the Book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible. We had spoken about this year's study on the connection between the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Beatitudes. However, I would like to put that on the hold.



I just finished an amazing, contemporary book which has absolutely put me at a loss for words (and that doesn't happen very often). *Joshua*, by Joseph F. Girzone, "is a moving, deeply inspiring book no one will ever forget. It has been called life-changing, engrossing, and entertaining. Joshua is rooted in an accurate reading of scripture and has true universal appeal. It is a true exercise in spirituality." (taken from the book's description)

If you've never participated in a Bible/book study, now is the time. I guarantee this book will entertain and move you to rethink the truth of Jesus' ministry.

The first Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m. I will need to purchase books for the class by Wednesday, August 17, so please contact me with your order, and you can reimburse me the \$10 after we begin. If you are unable to afford the book, don't worry—you can still participate.



Thank you for supporting the mission of the Emergency Food Pantry. We are in great need for more volunteers! There are lots of different opportunities to help, regardless of age or physical limitations. Volunteers are welcome Monday – Friday from 8am – 4pm. We have two standard shifts from 9:30 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:00.

If you can't volunteer your time, another way to help is through donations! Some commonly needed items are canned tuna, peanut butter, and rice. We are always in need of hygiene products, baby items (such as food, formula, diapers), and household items (such as laundry soap and dish soap.) With your support we provide individuals and families in need with one week's supply of healthy food. We couldn't do it without you!

If you would like to visit us and learn more about volunteering please call 701-237-9337.

We will be celebrating 50 years of service on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 at 1101 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N in Fargo. We will have a short program at 4:00. Picnic meal and cake will be served until gone. Tours will be offered throughout the afternoon.

Thanks again for your continued support!



Join us Wednesday, September 7 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
 4:00 p.m. program  
 Picnic meal and cake will be served until gone.  
 Tours will be offered throughout the afternoon.





Elim's  
7 Can Soup Kit  
Can of chicken  
Tomato Soup  
Chicken Broth  
Corn  
Mixed Vegetables  
Diced Tomatoes  
Chili Beans  
Recipe's in the bag.  
Heat and eat!

Elim's  
7 Can Soup Kit

**God's Work Our Hands Sunday**  
**is Sunday, September 11.**

All are asked to help assemble the 7-can soup kits in the fellowship hall following Worship. All cans for the kits have been purchased, so we would appreciate your monetary donation to cover the costs.

Following the soup kits assembly, the Council will serve a light lunch.

Thank you so much for your  
time and donation.

*The Bethany Auxiliary is sponsoring a...*

# Rummage Sale

***Thursday, September 15***

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**South Parking Lot – Bethany on 42nd**

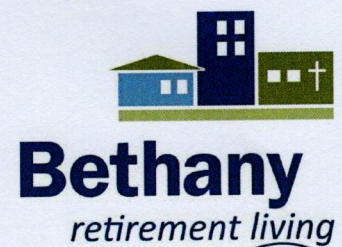
4255 30<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Fargo, ND 58104

**Help support this fundraiser by bringing your gently-used items to Bethany on 42<sup>nd</sup> no earlier than Monday, September 12.**

**Contact Brianne at 701.239.3246.**



*Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the residents of Bethany Retirement Living.*







St. William's Catholic Church  
**Turkey Dinner**

**Sunday, October 2**

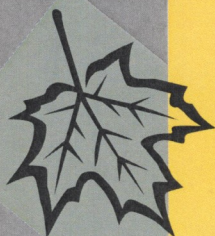
**11:00 am - 1:30 pm**

**Argusville Community Center**



Join us for dinner with  
all the trimmings.

Free will offering.  
\$13 suggested donation.  
Take out available.



**Bake Sale    Country Market    Raffle**



## Let's Go Golfing

S A N D T R A P L P O H L G E L G A E  
 T R A C F L O G P E A Y W X H R H A T  
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### Word List:

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|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| APPROACH      | BACKSWING    | BALL        | BIRDIE        |
| BLOCK         | BOGEY        | BUNKER      | CADDY         |
| DIVOT         | DRIVINGRANGE | DRAW        | EAGLE         |
| FADE          | FAIRWAY      | FLAGPOLE    | FOLLOWTHROUGH |
| FORE          | GOLFCART     | GOLFCLUB    | GOLFING       |
| GREENKEEPER   | GREENS       | GRIP        | HANDICAP      |
| HEADCOVERS    | HOOK         | HOLEINONE   | PAR           |
| PRACTICEGREEN | PULL         | PUT         | SANDBAGGER    |
| SANDTRAP      | SHANK        | SLICE       | SWING         |
| TEEOFF        | THREEIRON    | WATERHAZARD | WEDGE         |



# Elim Lutheran Church

## September , 2022

| Sun                                                                                                                                   | Mon                                                                                                               | Tue                                                                                                            | Wed                                                                                      | Thu                                                                                          | Fri                                                  | Sat       |
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| <b>4</b><br><u>Worship w/</u><br><u>Comm.-10:00</u>                                                                                   | <b>5</b><br><br><b>LABOR DAY</b> | <b>6</b><br>AA mtg.-noon                                                                                       | <b>7</b><br><u>Bible Study-</u><br><u>10:00</u><br><br><u>Pastor-mtg.</u><br><u>2:15</u> | <b>8</b>                                                                                     | <b>9</b><br><u>Ruth Idso</u><br><u>funeral-11:00</u> | <b>10</b> |
| <b>11</b> <u>Worship w</u><br><u>Comm.-10:00</u><br><u>God's Work.</u><br><u>Our Hands.</u><br><u>Blessing of</u><br><u>Backpacks</u> | <b>12</b>                                                                                                         | <b>13</b> <u>Ever-</u><br><u>green-10 to 11</u><br><br>AA mtg.-noon<br><br><u>Council mtg.-</u><br><u>6:00</u> | <b>14</b><br><u>Bible Study-</u><br><u>10:00</u>                                         | <b>15</b><br><u>Women's</u><br><u>Bible Study-</u><br><u>10:00, Sons of</u><br><u>Norway</u> | <b>16</b>                                            | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18</b><br><u>Worship -</u><br><u>10:00</u><br><u>Open Forum</u><br><u>following</u><br><u>Worship-</u><br><u>Synod rep.</u>        | <b>19</b>                                                                                                         | <b>20</b><br>AA mtg.-noon                                                                                      | <b>21</b><br><u>Bible Study-</u><br><u>10:00</u>                                         | <b>22</b>                                                                                    | <b>23</b>                                            | <b>24</b> |
| <b>25</b><br><u>Choir Re-</u><br><u>hearsal-9:15.</u><br><u>Sanctuary</u><br><u>Worship -</u><br><u>10:00</u>                         | <b>26</b>                                                                                                         | <b>27</b><br><u>Evergreen-10</u><br><u>to 11</u><br><br>AA mtg.-noon                                           | <b>28</b><br><u>Bible Study-</u><br><u>10:00</u>                                         | <b>29</b>                                                                                    | <b>30</b>                                            |           |
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*"Built on a Triangle with Faith in the Triune"*

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Pastor:</b>               | Caroline Strand      |
| <b>Office Administrator:</b> | Connie Rawls         |
| <b>Maintenance:</b>          | Curt Meyer           |
| <b>Music Staff:</b>          | Robyn Vinje          |
| <b>Organist</b>              | Scott Strand         |
| <b>Choir Director</b>        | Katie Narum Miyamoto |
| <b>Missionary</b>            |                      |

**Monthly Newsletter**  
**September, 2022**