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The MESSENGER

Summary of What's Happening At Elim Lutheran Church

Fall - 2019

Summer Fun



Elim youth paint a house in Lake Traverse, S.D. as a mission project. Fourteen youth and four adults went on the mission trip to South Dakota, to live and work among the Native American community for a week at the end of July.

Worship Time Change

Sunday, September 8, Elim will be reverting to its regular worship time. Please take note that starting on this date worship will begin at 10:15am.

Elim Has Pasties For Sale



There are chicken and beef pasties filling a freezer at Elim waiting for you to come and get dinner. These pasties

were made at the church and frozen for freshness. They are just \$4.00 each and can be purchased anytime you are at the



Thank You For Giving Electronically.

Elim Lutheran Church relies upon regular and faithful giving throughout the year. The reality is that at certain times of the year gifts and tithes to Elim rise while at other times these same tithes and offerings fall. This makes it difficult for Elim's Business Management Committee to manage the church's accounts and plan for the future.

For this reason the Church Council offers members and friends the convenience of electronic giving. By going to Elim's website: www.elimlc.com and clicking the "Give" tab you will be connected to Elim's electronic giving page. Or you can use your smart phone and scan the QR code to the right. From either, you can make a one time donation, or set up regular, ongoing contributions. The beauty of this method is you are totally in control. You can increase or decrease your contribution amount as often as you wish, you can easily change from a one time to ongoing donations, or back again and you can designate where you want your contribution to go. And all this can be done while sitting in the pew or at home.



As you prayerfully consider your response to God's blessings in your life, please consider electronic giving. Thank you.

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RALLY SUNDAY
SEPT. 15 9:00AM
GAME SHOW TRIVIA
"FAMILY FEUD"
"JEOPARDY"



2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WENT WILD!



Children from around West Duluth gathered at Elim at the end of June to learn about Christ and grow in faith.

Leaders from Elim and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches engaged the children in an epic African adventure to "explore God's



goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life."

"Adult" Confirmation Sunday

Two years ago Pastor Hagen began teaching an Adult Confirmation Class to anyone interested in learning or re-learning the basics of the Lutheran faith and the bible. The classes were a huge success. Many of those attending mentioned they had never been confirmed and would like to have a ceremony where they could reaffirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. So on **Reformation Sunday, October 27**, during worship, Pastor Hagen will be "Confirming" any adult who has gone through his class and would like to be confirmed into the Lutheran Church. Please contact Pastor Hagen if you are interested in being a part of this special Sunday.

Faith Stories

Do you have a faith story? Of course you do. It is your journey in faith. Each person's story is unique and a blessing in itself. But even though we all have a story of faith, few of us have ever shared that story with someone else. Throughout this past year members of Elim have been doing just that, sharing their faith story at worship. It only takes about five to ten minutes but the stories have been a powerful witness to how God moves in our lives.

Now, maybe its your turn. Your story might just be the thing God wants to use to reach someone. Pastor Hagen would like to invite you to consider sharing your faith story with the congregation? Faith stories will be shared during worship on the 4th Sunday of the month. Please pray about it and if you feel God pulling on your heart to share your story, please talk to Pastor Hagen. Thank you.

Ukulele Group

Would you be interested in participating in a ukulele group here at Elim? The group would meet once a month to strum and sing together. Whether you've always thought you'd like to learn how to play or if you've been playing awhile, let Deb know if you're interested! The first meeting will be Sunday, October 6 from 2:30-3:30pm. Bring a ukulele (there will be a couple of extras for people who are wanting to try it out – first come, first serve!)

Back to School Shopping List For Youth Ministry

While you're out picking up back to school supplies, consider picking up a few things to donate for use in Elim's Sunday School & Youth Ministry programs.

Items that are needed:

- Crayola Markers
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Sharpies (black and multi-colored)
- Pens
- White Paper Plates (for crafts)

Say "Cheese!" – Elim's Photo Directory

Didn't get your picture taken for the photo directory last Spring? Be sure to stop by the back of the sanctuary after worship on Sundays to get your photo taken!

Adult Bible Study Opportunity...

Every Sunday morning interested adults gather in Elim's Fireside Room for an informal bible study. This is a lay led study that people of all levels of bible knowledge will find engaging and informative.

Elim's Annual Bazaar - Oct. 26

Elim's Annual Bazaar will be held on Sat., Oct. 26 from 8am to 1pm. As you are doing your fall canning; jams, jellies, pickles, salsas, etc, put aside a few jars for the Bazaar. Also, start planning your craft items, hand knits, baked items, candies and all the goodies people have come to enjoy.

The White Elephant Room will only accept:

- * Winter outer wear, coats, jackets, snowmobile suits, boots, etc.
- * Holiday wear-sweaters, blouses, scarfs, etc.,
- * Christmas items, jewelry, books kitchen items, knickknacks, toys, puzzles, linens.

All items must be in good condition, clean, unbroken, with no missing parts!! If you won't wear it, or use it, please don't bring it to us to try to sell.

The bazaar will not accept:

- * Electronics; computers, printers,
- * Pots and Pans,
- * Any electric items: if you need to plug it in We Do Not Want It. That includes: coffee pots, clocks, electric fry pans, waffle irons, radios, etc.,
- * No furniture—No exceptions.

The only items accepted will be Bazaar items with emphasis on food items, bakery items, canned goods, jams, jelly, candies, any food items. Crafts; handmade items, paintings, quilts, jewelry, woodcrafts, are also wanted.

Marking and sorting items will begin on Tuesday, September 17, from 9-noon.

If you have any questions please contact Jean Graves or Maureen Lundberg.



Rally Sunday! "Game Shows"

Sunday, September
15th, 2019

9-10 am Elim Lutheran
Fun for All: Preschool - Adults



Family Fued: Over the summer Elim members were polled to determine the top responses to some fun questions. Now it is time to come and be a contestant, or just watch the fun. Adults and Kids can play together on a team!

Jeopardy: Trivia! Electronic style, with Elim play money.

Plinko: Trivia for the Play Slot selection; Prizes!

Rally Sunday is a Kid Focused, Family Event!

Sunday School 'kick off' with Stations of Activities for everyone. Adults are welcome & *encouraged* to play & have fun with their children or grandchildren or neighbor at the different game stations. A live audience to laugh and clap is essential so even if you don't want to participate as a contestant you are welcome to cheer on others!

Sunday School Registrations will be available at the event.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ...



Will be studying the same lesson topics as the younger students, but with a *Twist Up*. Darla Pappas and Lynn Conito will be

working together to keep up with the Fun Energy of Middle School Youth!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH...

Web Westerberg will be leading a Sunday morning class for students in grades 9-12 in Elim's Youth Room. The class starts at 9am and runs for an hour. All high school aged students are invited to come.



Preschool/Kindergarten



... *Alphabet Bible Lessons* and Fun!

The class meets in the Upstairs

classroom that is made for 'romping' around!

Children 3 yrs thru Kindergarten have a Classroom with a number of age appropriate Lessons, Games, Activity, Song, and Snack! They start with music at 9am with Jennifer Osborne in the Fellowship Hall. Then go to the same classroom every week for Sunday school.

Amy Haedrich is the primary teacher and has adults and 'grammas' who are in the classroom to provide any one to one support and encouragement a child might need. We expect them to be constantly moving and energetic...or shy and learning a new experience; we meld with their style. Please feel comfortable bringing your young child to Sunday School.

They learn Bible stories, social engagements, and meet friends that will last their lifetime.

Elementary

1st thru 5th grade
Group Rotation Lessons begins Sept. 22nd.

*MUSIC with Jennifer!
*BIBLE EXPEDITIONS
*ART

There will be a new lesson every other week:

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|-------|------------------------------------|
| Sept: | Parable of the Prodigal Son |
| Oct: | Jacob and Esau The Be'Attitudes |
| Nov: | Birth of Jesus |

*Calendar of Lessons and Group Rotation schedule can be found on Sunday School Bulletin Boards.

Adult Education Opportunities

Sunday Morning: Aaron Burwell leads a bible study for adults in Elim's Fireside Room. Usually the bible is read and some thoughts on the passages are shared. Easy going and Inspiring! The study begins at 9am.

Adult Confirmation: Pastor Hagen is open to once again teaching an adult confirmation class for anyone who would like to examine how faith can enhance their life. Classes are held in the Adult Learning Center in October on Wednesday evenings following worship, around 6:45pm. This class is for anyone who wants to grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ. No previous knowledge of the bible necessary.

Youth Mental Health... Over the past couple of decades there has been a sharp rise in the number of youth who are struggling with mental health issues and suicides. In response, Pastor Hagen and Deb Westerberg will be holding informational sessions for youth and adults. Deb will meet with the youth in the 7th - 9th grades (as a part of their confirmation program) and Pastor Hagen will meet with all interested parents, grandparents and any other interested adults. The classes will be held on Wed., Nov. 13, 20 & Dec. 4 following worship.

Early Risers Bible Study: This class, that is led by Pastor Hagen, meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10:00-11:00am. Currently, the class is studying the book of Daniel. All are welcome to this fun, informal, in-depth bible study.

Elim Choir To Begin

Elim's Choir will be gathering back together on Sunday, September 15 and you are invited to join in. Their first rehearsal will be on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 8:30am. Then at the 10:15am worship service the choir will sing.



Mission Trip to Lake Traverse, S.D.

This summer Elim prayed for and sent off 14 youth and 4 adult mentors on a mission trip to Lake Traverse, South Dakota. They spent a week working among the people of that community, helping paint, visiting the shut-in, organizing and



doing whatever they could to assist the community. It was also a learning experience as many of the people they interacted with were Native Americans. This cross cultural interaction broadened the understanding of those who went to the unique situation of indigenous peoples of America.



Trunk Or Treat Coming Up



October is coming up soon and so is Elim's Trunk or Treat event! The organizers of this year's Trunk or Treat event will be having sign up for trunks around the end of September. The best voted trunk gets: "The Golden Pumpkin" award. Last year's winner was Trevor Esson.

Who is going to try to out do Jonah in the belly of the fish? After the Trunk or Treating, there will be activities inside for the youth, including games and a themed "not so scary" haunted room. Just like in years past, there will be a spaghetti dinner served after Trunk or Treat. The suggested

offering will be \$1.00 per person. There is a need for volunteers to help, not only for trunks but for helping with the inside activities and setting up. Those interested should reach out to Kirsten Fuller or Robert Culpepper or Deb Westerberg.



New Year's Eve Lock In

Back by request: There will be a New Year's Eve Lock In. The lock in will take place on December 31 (New Years Eve, Duh) into January 1, 2020. Youth will be invited to come ring in the new year around the world with friends at Elim. There will be a separate event for children in grades Pre-K through 5th grade. This event will take place before the lock in that will include grades 6-12. Activities will include an escape room, RC car races, retro gaming lounge and plenty of other games and activities. Anyone interested in volunteering and helping should reach out to Kirsten Fuller and Robert Culpepper. Admission for the lock in will be \$20. Admission for the daytime event for Pre-K-5th grade will be \$10. More details will be coming soon.



Flat Jesus makes an appearance at Bayfront.

Scheduling

With so much going on at Elim during the week, please contact the Pastor Hagen before scheduling an event at Elim so conflicts in scheduling can be avoided.

Classical Conversations:

Elim Lutheran Church is once again excited to partner with Classical Conversations during the 2019-2020 school year. Classical Conversations is a Christian based organization that helps home-schooling families use the Christian, classical, model of education. They provide a once a week opportunity for families who do Christian homeschooling to meet with other families and students, assist with their lesson planning and provide a classroom setting for student throughout the school year. A change this year is that Classical Conversations will meet at Elim only on Tuesdays this year, from 8:30am through 4:00pm starting September 3.

As before; most rooms; including the Choir Room, Sunday School Rooms, Youth Room, Fireside Room, Adult Learning Center, Fellowship Hall, Nursery and Kitchen will be used Tuesdays.



Book Study: Inspired by Rachel Held Evans

If the Bible isn't a science book, instruction manual, or position paper, then what is it? New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans invites readers on a journey of rediscovery as she explores the magic of the Bible, engaging the old, familiar stories in new ways that honor the past and enlighten the present. Join in a book group to read and discuss Inspired with others. Recommended for those in high school-adults. Please let Deb know you're planning on attending by signing up on the sheet at the bottom of the stairs (outside the Fellowship Hall)

Meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. Purchase the book and read the following prior to gathering:

Sept. 24: Discuss Chapters 1 & 2
October 1: Discuss Chapters 3 & 4
October 15: Discuss Chapters 5 & 6
October 22: Discuss Chapters 7 & 8

Elim's 2019-2020 Confirmation Schedule

Parent/Student Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 18 6:45pm., in the Sanctuary. All parents of students in grades 3-9 are encouraged to attend.

Bible Sunday: Sunday, Sept. 22. all pre-school through the 2nd grade students who have not yet received a bible will receive a copy of the "Action Bible". For students in grades 3 - 9 who have not already received a bible, Elim will be handing out; *"The Hands On Bible"* This bible will be used by students throughout their confirmation years at Elim. It is Pastor Hagen's desire that parents and grandparents will help their child read and learn the stories of faith.

A service of Affirmation of Faith: will be held for all students in grade 3-9, who will be involved in Elim's confirmation program. This service is planned for **Sunday, September 29**, during worship. Pastor Hagen and Deb Westerberg will be inviting all confirmation participants, forward to affirm their faith and commit to learning and growing their faith during the coming year.

3rd Grade: On Wed., **Sept. 25 and Oct. 2** the third graders will begin their confirmation classes by learning how to use their new bibles. These classes will be held from 6:45 - 7:30pm following worship. Anne Mercier will be the teacher.

4th Grade: **October 9 & 16.** Participants will learn about the different Christian holidays; Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. Wednesday night confirmation classes for the 4th grade will be held from 6:45 - 7:30pm during WNW.

5th Grade: **October 23, 30, & Nov. 5.** It is Elim's tradition that 5th grade students learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion leading up to receiving their first communion. Wednesday night confirmation classes for the 5th grade will be held from 6:45 - 7:30pm during WNW. The 5th Grade will be taught by Darla Pappas.

FIRST COMMUNION: Nov. 17 during worship.

6th Grade: **October 23 & 30.** The Sixth grade will be learning about prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Classes will be held from 6:45 - 7:30pm during WNW. Robert Culpepper will teach this class.

7th, 8th & 9th Grade and Parents MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS: Nov. 13, 20 & Dec. 4. Pastor Hagen and Deb will lead in a discussion on youth mental health. Deb will be meeting with 7th—9th grade youth and Pastor Hagen will be meeting with their parents, grandparents and interested adults. This is a church wide event to begin looking at the stresses that our youth face today and what recourses are available to help them.

7th Grade: **Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29.** For Wednesday night confirmation the seventh grade will study "The Foundations of Faith; The Story of Salvation as Found in the Bible." The seventh grade will be taught by Marilyn Haaker and classes will be held on the Wednesdays in from 6:45 - 7:30pm.


8th & 9th Grade: **Dec. 11,18, Jan. 8,15,22,29.** Deb will be teaching the 8th Grade and Pastor Hagen will be leading the 9th. All classes run from 6:15-7:30pm.

February 5 will be a makeup date if needed.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 9, 2020.

ELCA DECLARES ITSELF A SANCTUARY CHURCH

The ELCA in Assembly committed itself to stand with those entering our country illegally. It decries the apprehension and use of detention centers for people crossing illegally and advocates for detention centers to be closed, for families to stay together and for immigrants to be released into our communities.



2019 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY declares ELCA is SANCTUARY CHURCH

"Declaration of the ELCA as a sanctuary church furthers our commitment to migrants living in our communities in this time of fear and uncertainty for our immigrant neighbors."

– Mary Campbell, ELCA AMMPARO

Christians have offered sanctuary for two thousand years, continuing an ancient biblical practice in which cities and houses of worship provided refuge and asylum for people fleeing injustice. Through the AMMPARO strategy, the ELCA has already affirmed the spirit of the sanctuary movement by encouraging congregations to serve and support the protection of migrants in their communities. By action of the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, the ELCA declared itself to be a sanctuary church.

PHOTO: ELCA CWA attendees gather to protest detention of children and immigration policy.

This action is not binding on any congregation, synod or church organization and it does not directly advocate the breaking of laws through civil disobedience.

That same day, 570 of the approximately 900 Church-wide Assembly voting members marched to the Milwaukee ICE office building and taped “95 Theses” expressing their concern over ICE’s treatment of illegal immigrants and their children. It was reported that both actions: *“Came in response to President Trump’s policies at the United States border with Mexico and his pledge to deport millions.”*

For more information you can go to the ELCA website: www.elca.org or our synod website: ww.nemnsynod.org.



(Bishop Tom Aitken walking with 570 others protesting ICE’s treatment of illegal immigrants and children.)

Elim Members Who Died Since the Beginning of 2019



Margaret Erickson



Anna Hanson



Art Johnson



Dale Kirsh



Steve Peterson



Marian Boyle



Bonnie Erickson

Between the Bookends

Our church library is alive and well, so as the daylight grows shorter and you find more time to curl up and read, stop in and check us out. We have much more than books for children and young people: MANY books for women, a good selection of religion-oriented books, large print books, recipe books, Chicken Soup books of every kind.

NEEDED: Someone to help in the library during the Sunday School hour one or more Sundays each month. (You can bring your coffee with you.) See either Carol Groseth or Adrienne Larson if this is something you are willing to do.

Bibles to be Handed Out



Sunday, Sept. 22 any child from age 3 through 9th grade, who has not yet received a bible from Elim, will be invited to come forward during worship and pick up their own copy.

It is Pastor Hagen’s desire that parents and grand-parents will see this as an opportunity to help teach their children the stories of our faith. It is also Elim’s goal to have everyone in the congregation have an age appropriate bible of their own.

Winter Elim Family Retreat

Would you be interested in attending an overnight retreat at one of the VLM camps in February? A night away at camp, and time for things like a campfire, songs, bible study, games, crafts, play time outside... If there’s interest for an intergenerational retreat, Deb would love to plan one. Talk to her if this is something you’d consider attending.

Neighborhood Night Out Picnic

Elim’s NNO Picnic brought the neighborhood out for a night of great food and fun. It is an opportunity for people of the community to experience the hospitality of the people of Elim and get to know each other. Approximately 100 people from around the area came to the free picnic sponsored by Elim Lutheran Church.



Elim would like to thank the West Duluth Police & Fire Departments for also showing up.

Yogadevotions

Fall Yogadevotion classes at Elim begin on September 12. Classes run on Thursdays from 6pm-7pm. The 8 weeks of classes are \$72. Registration with payment due by Sunday, September 8. Minimum of 10 paid registrations by that date in order for class to be held.

Two ways to register: Contact Deb at Elim (624-2690) and pay by check (payable to Yogadevotion) or to register/pay online, please visit: <https://yogadevotion.com/class/elim-lutheran-church-duluth-yogadevotion-flow-3/2019-09-12/>

Yogadevotion LLC classes begin in the breath, centering oneself in the Presence of God....setting aside all that distracts you from the relationship God intends for you. A devotional time is at the beginning of the class, opening with scripture that speaks to a practice of faith, during the breath work. Reflections on the scripture are written by Pastor Cindy Senarighi, ordained pastor in the ELCA. The body of the class is a combination of standing poses, balance poses and floor poses. The classes close with restorative yoga, a practice of calm alertness that allows a time of reflection and thanksgiving for God’s Presence in your life. The faith based language you will hear in class is familiar, the benediction, invocation and prayer that closes the class. This class is for all levels as Yogadevotion LLC teaches that the primary teacher is your own body and that voice is the important one. Modifications are offered for all poses.

Serve Local: 6th-12th Graders

Take some time during your MEA weekend to be the hands and feet of Jesus in your own community! Meet at Elim on Thursday, October 17 morning by 8:30am (If you need to be dropped off earlier due to parent work schedules let Deb know). Then spend the day volunteering in the Duluth area. Bring a bag lunch and an open heart to serve! We will end the day with dinner and a fun activity. We'll be done by 8pm. Sign up by October 9th (put your name on the sheet on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs)

High School Youth – Sunday Mornings!

9th-12th graders, Deb is excited to meet with you on Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for Senior High Youth Group. We will get started at 9:15AM for a time of checking in, discussion, hanging out, and supporting one another in faith and life!



Middle School (6th-8th grade) Youth Group

Mystery Event on Sunday, September 22 after worship until 2pm for 6th-8th graders. It will be at Elim. There will be food. And there will be fun. The rest of the details? It's a mystery!



High School (9-12th grade) Camp-Out

Grab your sleeping bag and head to Deb's Family's Farm for a camp out. Leave from Elim Friday, Sept 13 at 4:30pm and we'll be back to Elim the next day around the same time. If you have a tent, bring it with. Or if you'd like to sleep out in your hammock, there's space for that too. Campfire, cook-out, yard games, etc. Sign up by Sept 8 on the sheet, located on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs (outside the Fellowship Hall)



2019 Middle School Gathering:

November 16-17, 2019

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

OCTOBER 8



Middle School Gathering

Hey 6th-9th Graders! The Middle School Gathering (MSG) at Cragun's Resort is coming up on Saturday, November 16- Sunday, November 17. It's an awesome weekend of gathering with other middle schoolers from Northeastern Minnesota for a speaker, band, and fun hotel life options that you get to pick from like swimming, basketball, tons of arts and crafts, video games, a prayer room, games with the camp staff and so much more!

The cost is \$75. Your registration form plus a non-refundable deposit of \$40 is due October 8. (Registrations received after October 8 are based on availability – the event does fill up quick – and will cost \$100.) Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs, outside the fellowship hall.

Adult leaders (21+) are also needed. Adult leaders are there to transport the group to Brainerd, hang out with the youth, lead discussions, and being present to experience the MSG together. Registration costs are waived for adult leaders. If you are interested, please talk to Deb Westerberg.

2020 CARDIA DEO: “SENT”

FEB. 28 - MARCH 1 AT BIG SANDY CAMP, MCGREGOR

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT FOR GRADES 9-12



Cardia Deo is a retreat for high school youth in grades 9-12 and their adult leaders. As Christians, we are *Called, Gathered, Equipped and Sent* to share the Heart of God (*Cardia Deo*) in the world. Bible studies led by the LYO Board, servant learning, worship, mystery event, camp life, and an adult track led by the retreat chaplain all make this event a deeply meaningful, fun and faith-nurturing event. For more information, contact Deb Westerberg.

Elementary Rejuve

Elementary Retreat for 3rd—6th Graders. Camper Rejuves are a great way to get back to camp during the school year, or to check out camp for the upcoming summer! You'll participate in games, campfire, songs, friends, learning, and of course, great camp food. This all will happen in March, 2020.