



# THE SOURCE

A Monthly Newsletter of Elim Lutheran Church

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To our dear Elim friends,

We have had the time of our lives! You have become family to us in these two years and we have felt truly blessed. The "Bill & Susan Excellent Adventure Celebration" on Wednesday, June 15 - smack in the middle of Vacation Bible School - was a tribute to your unselfish love. Yes, we all thought June 19 would be our last Sunday but you made sure this was done RIGHT!

Thank you to everyone from the church office and their helpers, to the set-up and take-down crews, the cooks, the servers and orchestrators of a mouth-watering dinner. Oh, and all of you who brought a dish to share - and there were lots of dishes and varieties of food and dessert - we knew you were quite the good cooks and you outdid yourselves! That so many of you would / could come out on a middle of the week night for a gala that lasted three hours?!!

Thank you for the MC'd show, starting with a tune, to the tributes, the music, the poetry, the songs, the cards, and the gifts!!!! You have been a blessing to us! You have made coming to California "a most excellent adventure" and we look forward to God's leading for our next adventure and as always hearing about yours as we journey this life together (even in separate places.)

In Christian love and peace,  
Pastor Bill and Susan Wessner

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm,  
to give you a future with hope." - Jeremiah 29:11

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# FROM PASTOR PATRICK

Dear Elim,

It is with joy and excitement that I accept your call to be pastor of Elim. As many of you know, getting to this point has taken time. I first spoke on the phone with the Call Committee chair (Dan Widger) on Ash Wednesday. As I recall, the temperature in North Dakota was in the teens. Dan made sure to inform me of the 75 degree weather Petaluma was experiencing. We didn't just speak of the weather, however. For a good while we spoke of hopes and dreams for communities of faith. Hanging up the phone, Dan informed me that he was going to go work on his tan. Then came a Skype interview which was followed by an in-person interview. Both interviews with the Call Committee felt right. I felt at home as I answered questions about whether I sing tenor or bass, and if I planned to wear a robe on Sunday mornings. We read scripture, prayed, dreamed, discerned, and laughed. The day after I returned from my in-person interview, Allison and I were eating at a restaurant in Minot, ND, when I looked down at the table and lo and behold, the coaster that my drink was on read, "Lagunitas – Petaluma, CA". Later that day, Dan called me to tell me that the Call Committee would be recommending me to the Leadership Team for a call.

Then on Pentecost, the day we remember the Holy Spirit empowering Jesus' disciples, I joined you in worship. I remember Pastor Bill's words, "A new spirit is blowing among Elim." After worship I told you all a little bit about me, and how influential a church trip to Hurricane Katrina affected areas was on my life and desire to become a leader of the church. That evening I joined you for a Jazz dinner raising money for the group from Elim heading to the Gulf Coast to do mission work this summer.

The following Sunday at a congregational meeting, Elim voted to offer me a call. We took our time to pray about it, talk it over as a couple, and invited family and friends into our conversations and discernment. Excited and admittedly somewhat terrified, I informed Elim's president, Kevin Prime, of our intent to accept the call. Since then, Kevin, Dan, and Audrey have worked tirelessly on various details, including the major task of helping us find a place to live.

I have now notified my current church of this new call and of my resignation. This has not come easy, and there is a part of us that is sad and grieving knowing we are leaving a church and community that we love and call home. I realize that you all are experiencing similar feelings with Pastor Bill and Susan's departure. I am grateful for their welcoming of me and the good work they have done among you. At the end of the day, we are excited for our call to Elim and the beginning of a new adventure. Someone once wrote, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." We are looking forward to a new season with you all, whatever may come, and wherever God, who I believe is love, may lead.

Peace,

Patrick Torbit



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# JULY EVENTS

## POTLUCKS ON THE PATIO

Occasional Thursdays at 6:15pm

Potlucks on the Patio is returning for another summer season of fine food and friends. These informal get-togethers on occasional Thursdays at 6:15pm (come set up at 6pm) are open to everyone—bring your kids, neighbors, and friends to join us. Our pit crew of Gene McCloud and Bob Reinhard will prepare the grilled entrees for the evening and are willing to take on more crew members – talk to them some Sunday morning or at Men’s Breakfast. Free-will donations gladly accepted to help defray costs. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, and consider bringing your own tableware to reduce waste.



New this year . . . Our CYF Team will provide kid-friendly activities in the “Kids’ Korner” on several Potluck nights in the nursery and/or playground.

- **July 7:** BBQ chicken with baked beans. **Kids’ Korner:** water game, water balloon/sponge fight
- **July 21:** Santa Maria style tri tip with pinquito beans; also the night Elim hosts the Westside Pantry in the Fellowship Hall
- **August 4:** pulled pork with Carolina coleslaw on a bun. **Kids’ Korner:** talent show and outside fun
- **August 18:** hot and sweet Italian sausage with sautéed onions and bell peppers on a bun

## FIREWORKS FOR THE 4TH

June 30-July 4, 10am-9pm

The Elim Rebuild, Recover and Restore Team (a.k.a. Elim R<sup>3</sup>) will be selling fireworks from June 30 through July 4, 10am – 9pm. The booth is conveniently located on the corner of E. Washington & Copeland - right next to the O’Reilly Auto Parts store. Profits will be used for the service trip to New Orleans in July.

*Volunteers needed!* Volunteers over the age of 18 are needed at the booth to work 3-hour shifts. Contact Athena Labberton if you can help.



## BAZAAR ACTIVITIES

The crafters are back and mean business . . . It is time to get serious about the Elim Arts & Crafts Bazaar scheduled for October 22.

Our **Saturday brunch bunch** has returned with a Bazaar focus! We are very excited to put to use the vast array of donations we have recently required. What a treat for our shoppers this year. We have bird houses, watering cans, gourds, and lots of shells, just to name a few. Join us upstairs in Rooms 1 and 2 on Saturdays, 11am-2pm, to get the creative juices flowing and bounce ideas off one another. Bring a snack to share, too.

We will also do a **craft camp** this month to kick start the season during July 5-8. Each day will be a different theme: floral/wreaths, Christmas, garden, seaside, papercraft. Come for all days or just drop in for an hour or two. We'll be hanging out in the Fellowship Hall, 11am -3pm. Bring a snack to share. All ages welcome.

We'll also celebrate **Christmas in July** with a wreath making happy hour. We will meet at Fran Wilson's home on Friday, July 15, 5-9pm. We will serve dinner but ask that you bring a dessert to share. A \$5 donation is requested. Please RSVP to Diane Deardorff.

Don't forget - *we need and love our home crafters and canners*. Whatever you are working on, let us know so we can plan accordingly for our set up. Gardeners are always needed for plants and succulents to grace our beautiful pots, tea cups, and who knows what else. We will also start a sign up for our delicious bakery. In the meantime, check out Pinterest for some amazing bake sale ideas.

It would also help our cause if you organizing guru types visited Room 2. We have a wee bit of work to do....an hour here and there will go a long way to organizing our inventory.

YOU can help make this the most successful Bazaar ever. Please share your ideas about what items you would like to buy. What would you like to see that would make great Christmas, birthday, baby, etc. gifts? Talk to Diane Deardorff or some of the other crafters about your thoughts for great merchandise.

Thanks in advance,  
Diane Deardorff  
Bazaar type

## **PAINT THE HALL PURPLE**

**Sunday, July 24; 4-7pm; Hermann Sons Hall**

The Elim Lites/Elim Lites Too Relay for Life teams invite you to their primary fundraiser this year - "Paint the Hall Purple" at Hermann Sons Hall on July 24. We anticipate a fun-filled, all-ages party complete with a delicious pulled pork meal prepared by Gene McCloud, a silent auction, the return of the Boozer Schooner, purple costume contest, and "Bands Together to Find a Cure" – a musical showcase of many of Petaluma's talented musicians providing an eclectic mix of bands playing bluegrass/folk, blues/rock, singable songs ... something for everyone to enjoy.



Tickets go on sale July 3 in the Fellowship Hall: adults: \$20 advance / \$25 door; kids ages 12 & under: \$10; kids 3 years and under free.

The Petaluma Relay for Life takes place on August 27-28 at Casa Grande High School. If you would like to join the Elim Lites or Elim Lites Too teams, please sign up on the Relay website:

[relayforlife.org/petalumaca](http://relayforlife.org/petalumaca)

## SONOMA BACH MIDSUMMER NIGHT SINGS

Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27; 7-9:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Join Sonoma Bach to sing great choral masterworks with other enthusiastic singers from Sonoma County and beyond, led by some of the Bay Area's finest choral conductors. Each session features a noted conductor working with you and other choral singers through one or more great works. Don't miss the opportunity to acquaint yourself--or reacquaint yourself-- with these great works: Brahms Requiem, Handel Messiah, Bach Cantatas 106 & 131, and Martin Luther to JS Bach. See their website for more information and ticket prices: <http://www.sonomabach.org/midsummer-night-sings-2016.html>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be creating the next church photo directory on our own so there will be no sales pitch, packages to buy, need to dress up (unless you want to), etc. Come on by our photo shoots on most Sunday mornings for a quick picture taking session and to verify contact information for the contact section of the directory. We plan to take pictures during many of the Sundays this summer and might add additional days during the week. If all goes well, a new photo directory will be ready in September.

Photo shoot schedule in July:

- **July 10:** 8-10:30am
- **July 17:** 9:30-11am
- **July 24:** 8-10:30am
- **July 31:** 9:30am-12pm



### ELCW – ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Would you like to attend a monthly women's group but not sure which one? Just contact one of the Circle Chairs and let them know you are interested. Below you will find Circle information and when they each meet.

- **Grace Friendship** (Carol Mayo) meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month (July 14) at 12pm in the back of the sanctuary.
- **Elizabeth** (Debra Jensen Orner) usually meets on the 3rd Monday of the month but not this month. We will drive to Armstrong Woods State Park for a potluck picnic on July 17. Meet at Elim parking lot to carpool immediately following the 10:30am service. Family members and friends welcome. Bring potluck items and your own water and drinks! Email Cathy Cannon by July 12 to RSVP that you will attend.
- **Esther** (Jo Ann Andrus) meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Noon. The July 12 gathering will be attending the 1pm "Kitchen Kut-ups" show at Spreckels Performing Arts Center in Rohnert Park.

## **MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST**

Elim men meet for a pass-the-hat breakfast every Saturday in the Kitchen. Cooking at 7-8am, 8-9am eat and discuss. Topics include the Bible, fatherhood, and the great bacon vs. sausage debate. For more information or to sign up to cook, contact Brian Crosby.

## **QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR THE LEADERSHIP TEAM?**

**Sunday, July 17, between services in the Fellowship Hall**

The Leadership Team will be holding "office hours" in the Fellowship Hall between services on Sunday, July 17 – just look for people with Leadership Team nametags. Office Hours are held the Sunday before the LT's regular monthly meeting which is now held on the third Wednesday of each month. If you have questions or suggestions for the Leadership Team, want to discuss your concerns, give feedback, or just get to know the members of the LT better, please feel free to join us. You can always get in touch with the LT at other times by using the contact form on Elim's website: [www.elimpetaluma.org/staff--leaders](http://www.elimpetaluma.org/staff--leaders)

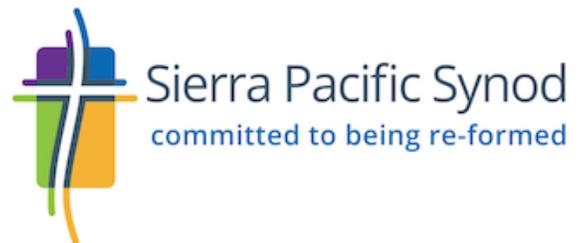
## **SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC**

If you have a vocal or instrumental gift, we want to hear it! The Worship & Music Planning Committee is scheduling talent for special music (the music during offering) for summer services. If you are willing to perform in front of our grateful congregation, please contact Cathe Kiler at [cathe@elimpetaluma.org](mailto:cathe@elimpetaluma.org).

## **"WE ARE CHURCH TOGETHER" ASSEMBLY RECAP**

**29th Annual Synod Assembly; June 3-5, 2016; Grand Sierra Resort in Reno**

The 29th annual Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly was called into session by Bishop Mark Holmerud at 1pm on Friday, June 3, at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. ELCA Presiding Bishop, The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton joined us as the ELCA Churchwide Representative and keynote speaker. Luke Hanson, YAGM Rwanda Alum (currently Development Officer for Concordia University, St Paul) was our Bible Study Leader. Some highlights of their time together are below:



- Bishop Mark Holmerud opens the Assembly. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton invited us to participate in the ELCA process Forward Together in Christ. To participate in this process, download the toolkit, watch a video with Bishop Eaton discussing this process and learn more online. [www.elca.org/future](http://www.elca.org/future)
- Luke Hanson shared with us his experience as a Young Adult in Global Mission in Rwanda. Using the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch, he shared that his faith was formed in a way different from any other during his time in Rwanda. He thought he was going to be Philip and teach, instead he was the Ethiopian, and received the Gospel in a new way then returned home rejoicing.
- Of the 547 individuals present at Assembly, 432 were voting members. Of the voting members, 272 or 63% were lay and 160 or 37% were clergy. Thirty-six were persons of color and 10 had a primary language other than English. Closed captioning was available for those with impaired

hearing, as well as English to Spanish translation services. Assembly chaplains were Pr. Ned O'Donnell and Marcelle Schaefer, AIM.

Resolutions passed:

- Resolution 2016-1 Regarding ELCA World Hunger
- Resolution 2016-2 Regarding Sierra Pacific Synod Compensation Guidelines
- Resolution 2016-3 Regarding Growth in Mission Support
- Resolution 2016-4 Regarding U.S. Aid to the State of Israel
- Resolution 2016-5 Regarding Corporate Social Responsibility in Palestine and Israel
- Resolution 2016-6 Regarding the Racial and Ethnic Ministries

For the full text of the resolutions, see the Assembly Handbook at <http://spselca.org/>

The Assembly adopted a 2016-17 Budget which showed anticipated total revenue of \$2,229,590 expected expenses totaling \$2,432,998. In addition to the total revenue, \$261,040 from a non-recurring sale of property will be applied toward the budget.

The Assembly approved changes to the Synod Constitution S9.0 that brings the election process for bishop into compliance with the suggested process throughout the ELCA.

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## FAITH FORMATION

### KIDS FELLOWSHIP FUN

This summer, I am going to host a children's drop-in fellowship area in the side room of the Fellowship Hall between the services from

9:40am-10:25am so parents can mingle with other adults over a cup of coffee. Along with a few youth helpers, I will hang out with any kids who would like to color and play in that area. It is not a closed-in area, and the kids will have the choice to hang out or stay with their parents. The children will be allowed to go in and out of the room at any time during the coffee hour. Please contact me with any questions - Sarah Labberton: [sarah@elimpetaluma.org](mailto:sarah@elimpetaluma.org)



### SUMMER PRESCHOOL CAMPS

Enrollment is open for Little Shepherd Lutheran Preschool's summer program! Each week will have a theme (see below) with related activities. Open to all children ages 3 to 5 who are toilet trained and have attended a preschool program. The total cost of each weekly session is \$155, with \$40 of that total due at the time you turn in the registration form to guarantee your child's spot in the class. The balance of \$115 is due the first day your child's class begins. Hours are 9am-2pm each day. See the preschool website ([elimpetaluma.org/preschool](http://elimpetaluma.org/preschool)) for the registration form.

**Week 3: July 11-15** Jungle Safari

**Week 4: July 18-22** Treasure Island

**Week 5: July 25 - 29** Disney Adventures

**Week 6: August 1-5** Let's Go Camping

**Week 7: August 8-12** Olympics

**Week 8: August 15-19** Animal Buddies

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:40am in the Choir Room

Adult Forum meets on Sundays between services to study the book *The Wounded Healer: Ministry in Contemporary Society* by Henri Nouwen. Copies are available for \$8 or you may download the eBook version.

### Exploring the Story

Tuesdays at 7pm, Choir Room

Come and engage in deep, meaningful, and exploratory conversation about the Bible readings from the previous Sunday. A great group of regulars are always eager to welcome newcomers to the bunch.

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## OUTREACH & COMMUNITY

### EASTSIDE AND WESTSIDE INTERFAITH PANTRIES

This month Elim serves on **Tuesday, July 5**, at Lucchesi Park and will cover the Westside Pantry on **Thursday, July 21**, in our Fellowship Hall. Come a little before 5pm to help set up. We start serving at 5:30pm and are usually done and headed home by 6pm. Bring the kids, a friend or neighbor, and a high school student who needs to fulfill community service hours. If you would like to be included in the reminder emails about pantries, please contact Becky in the office ([becky@elimpetaluma.org](mailto:becky@elimpetaluma.org) / 762-4081).

Egg cartons (6- or 12-count) and paper bags always accepted in the office for use at pantries.

### SECOND MILE GIVING | CHANGE THE WORLD: SAN FRANCISCO NIGHT MINISTRY

*“Second mile giving” refers to an extra offering towards a special cause. The July recipient will be the San Francisco Night Ministry. Check off “Special Offering” on the pew envelopes, look for the special offering envelopes in the back of the sanctuary, or click on the “Donate Now” button on our website to contribute.*

*The Night Ministry provides crisis intervention, counseling and referral services every night of the year. Since 1964, we haven't missed one night in 52 years.* And we do this every night, rain or shine, whether it's a holiday or not, between 10pm and 4am. We staff a crisis telephone line and support night ministers who literally walk the streets of San Francisco offering face-to-face conversations to those who are lonely, anxious, and afraid in the middle of the night, when crises are most acute and when social services don't readily exist. There are about 14 crisis lines in San Francisco, but we are the only one who will talk with anyone about anything – there is no specialized group of persons or problems that we address. And we are the only one who, if someone then wants a face-to-face conversation, can make that happen.

In addition, the Night Ministry sponsors two Open Cathedrals. They are weekly outdoor worship services in the Tenderloin and the Mission followed by a time of sharing food. We provide meals and we also offer an opportunity for conversation and prayer and



**SAN FRANCISCO  
NIGHT MINISTRY**

crisis intervention. We have a wellness program, a community-building program to extend our outreach to many more people in need. We believe that our work helps to make San Francisco a city that is healthier, safer, and more stable for all who live and work here.

We help to bridge the gap between the times when social services are offered. We offer to build healthy life-affirming communities and neighborhoods. We offer companionship to those who are lonely and isolated. We attend to the mental and physical needs of those who are compromised. We provide harm reduction for those at risk to themselves and others. And we encounter and assist many of the most vulnerable, who fall between the cracks, even of our very fine social services.

On average, we engage in over 20,000 substantive conversations every year. We serve over 10,000 meals. And we provide hundreds of emergency interventions. San Francisco Night Ministry offers informational and educational events as well. We have field workers, and interns, and a wide variety of people who learn our model of ministry so that their ministries can be enhanced.

*We receive no public funding*, and we don't charge anyone for any of our services. Thankfully, we are not alone. We are grateful to our supporters for partnering with us with financial contributions and with gifts of time and talent. We look to remain faithful to our calling to those whom we serve and for those who support us and send us out each night.

## **"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY**

**Sunday, September 11**

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The suggested date for the 2016 dedicated day of service is Sunday, September 11, the 15-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2011, terrorist attacks on the United States. Past Elim projects for this day have included stream clean up, "Cookies & a Smile" for seniors, making dog blankets for the animal shelter, weed eradication at Shollenberger Park, and various jobs at the Mary Isaak Center/COTS.

Over the past two years, Athena Labberton has coordinated this event for Elim. She has a monumental conflict this year (*ask her about it!*) so **we are hoping someone or a team will be willing to take on organizing this day of service.** Please contact the office if you are willing to help or if you have project ideas.



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

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## **GRATITUDE**

Hor-Rah-Rah Raisins! Sweet thanks to **Girl Scout Troop #10978** who donated a bunch of boxes of Girl Scout cookies towards our Sunday morning fellowship cookie stash.

What a wonderful group of people!!! Thank you so much for welcoming me last Sunday [June 19]. I thoroughly enjoyed the visit and may be back to worship with you in the future. I will be watching for an Elim Lutheran team and want you all to feel free to contact me.

*Katy Cardwell, Alzheimer's Association volunteer*

Thank-you letters from COTS clients who received donations from our Fanny Pack ministry in May:

- “My family and I thank you for the gift to us. People don’t realize that sometimes it’s the little things that others do for their fellow man that can mean the most. God bless all of you on behalf of my family.”
- “Thank you so much. It helped me because I needed those things.”
- “Thank you so much for your generous gift of goodie bags for me and my children. The assortment of sundry items arrived just in time to replenish our dwindling supply and is much appreciated. Thank you!”

Thank you so much for giving me a scholarship to continue my education at the University of Southern California. Elim has always supported me through the years, and this financial support will help tremendously in the next chapter of my life.

Thanks again,  
*Ryan Chavez*

Thank you to my Elim family and the scholarship committee for the very generous gift I received. I am so excited to be attending Chico State University in the fall and this scholarship will be such a big help. I so appreciate your support as I continue my journey.

Love,  
*Alexandra Mendoza*

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## ELIM REGISTRY

**Ryan Paul Lauridsen**, son of Craig and Melissa Lauridsen, was baptized at Elim on June 5.

**Chase Dillon Plourde**, son of Joy Jensen and Mark Plourde, was also baptized on June 5.

**Melanie Meyer and Christopher Widger** were married by Pastor Bill on June 18.

Members who joined Elim on June 26 were **Jan Moffet, Brede Westby, Andrew Mansen, Michelle Celiberti, and Patricia Elkin.**

**Van Puska**, former Elim member, died on June 13 in Walnut Creek. His memorial service will be held at Elim on Saturday, July 2, at 11am.

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	Average weekly attendance	
<b>8:30am</b>	53	66	66	57		
<b>10:30am</b>	130	96	107	90	<b>June 2016</b>	166
<b>Wk total</b>	183	162	173	147	<b>June 2015</b>	156

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

Regular Giving	Month of May 2016	Fiscal Year June 2015- May 2016
<b>Budget</b>	\$35,000	\$311,800
<b>Actual</b>	\$38,507	\$310,730
<b>Variance</b>	\$3,507	(\$1,070)

## General Fund (Unrestricted) Summary of Activity

These are funds that we receive as regular offering, cost sharing from the preschool and other groups; we use it to pay salaries and our operating expenses.

Full Year (June '15-May '16)	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$406,910	\$418,841	(\$11,931)
Expenses	\$371,992	\$418,841	\$46,849
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$34,918	--	\$34,918

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# WORSHIP NOTES

## ALTAR FLOWERS

**July 3:** Puska; **July 10:** open; **July 17:** open; **July 24:** open; **July 31:** open

Help make the altar look special each Sunday! You are invited to pick a date that is significant to you (someone's birthday, anniversary, or ??) and provide the altar flowers on the closest Sunday. Put your name on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the Welcome Area. The cost depends on whether you use flowers from your garden (free), make your own arrangements, or use a florist.

## READINGS

During the summer, we will follow the revised common lectionary.



### July 3: 7th Sunday after Pentecost (& Pastor Bill's last day)

Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9, Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 -- *Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*



### July 10: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-10, Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 -- *Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*



### July 17: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 18:1-10a, Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 -- *Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is single-minded devotion to Jesus and his word.*



### July 24: 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 -- *In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.*



### July 31: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 -- *In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Sheri Chlebowski	9	Lee Barton	15	Nate Bechtel	25	Mary Elliott
2	Cole Yant	11	Carole Sullivan	17	Dylan De Jong		Nancy Hokanson
3	Spencer Carter		Karla Van Meter		Aaron Eveland	26	Summer McKinley
4	Karen Pesutich	12	Jo Ann Andrus		Presley Nicely		John Sedlander
	Abbey Reuter		Reneé Bailey		Zildjian Nicely	27	Dave Chlebowski
	Erika Roemer		Dahlia Gen		Fran Wilson	29	Sigrun Gessler
5	Hadley Osman		Daniel Navarro	23	Evelynn Bailey		Daphne Widger
	Lena Winterboer		Nancy Osman		Linda Picton	30	Corinne Christopherson
6	Ian Labberton	13	Mike Andrus		Garrett Winters		Emily Gholson
	Pamela McKinley		John Hanrahan	24	Megan Rabbitt	31	Marion Wagner
8	Birdie Wehr				Sophia Warner		

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# Elim Lutheran Church

# July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b>8:30am &amp; 10:30am</b> Worship</p> <p><b>9:40-10:25am</b> Adult Forum in the choir room</p> <p><b>8:20-11:40am</b> Nursery open (ages 4 and under)</p>					<b>1</b> <b>10am-9pm</b> Fireworks Stand (Washington/Copeland)	<b>2</b> <b>8am</b> Men's Ministry Breakfast (kitchen) <b>10am-9pm</b> Fireworks Stand <b>11am-2pm</b> Craft Brunch Bunch (Rooms 1, 2) <b>11am</b> Van Puska memorial
<b>3</b> <b>Pastor Bill's last day at Elim</b> <b>10am-9pm</b> Fireworks Stand (Washington/Copeland)	<b>4</b> <b>10am-9pm</b> Fireworks Stand (Washington/Copeland) 	<b>5</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> Bazaar Craft Camp (Fellowship Hall) <b>5pm</b> Elim at Food Pantry (Lucchesi Park on McDowell) <b>7pm</b> Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	<b>6</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> Bazaar Craft Camp (Fellowship Hall) <b>7pm</b> Sonoma Bach Midsummer Night Sings (Fellowship Hall)	<b>7</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> Bazaar Craft Camp (Fellowship Hall) <b>6:15pm</b> Potluck on the Patio + Kids' Korner <b>7pm</b> Waves of Grace (Sanctuary)	<b>8</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> Bazaar Craft Camp (Fellowship Hall)	<b>9</b> <b>New Orleans Service Team                      departs</b> <b>8am</b> Men's Ministry Breakfast (kitchen) <b>11am-2pm</b> Craft Brunch Bunch (Rooms 1, 2)
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Worship Team (Choir Room)	<b>12</b> <b>1pm</b> Esther Circle at Kitchen Kut-ups <b>7pm</b> Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	<b>13</b> <b>7pm</b> Leadership Team Meeting (Fireside Room) <b>7pm</b> Sonoma Bach Midsummer Night Sings (Fellowship Hall)	<b>14</b> <b>12pm</b> Grace Friendship Circle (back of church) <b>2pm</b> Finance Team Meeting <b>7pm</b> Waves of Grace (Sanctuary)	<b>15</b> <b>Source Deadline</b> <b>5-9pm</b> Crafters' Christmas in July – Wreath Making (Fran Wilson)	<b>16</b> <b>8am</b> Men's Ministry Breakfast (kitchen) <b>11am-2pm</b> Craft Brunch Bunch (Rooms 1, 2)
<b>17</b> <b>New Orleans Service Team                      returns</b> <b>9:40am</b> Leadership Team Office Hour (Fellowship Hall) <b>11:30am</b> Elizabeth Circle trip to Armstrong Woods	<b>18</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Worship Team (Choir Room)	<b>19</b> <b>7pm</b> Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	<b>20</b> <b>7pm</b> Leadership Team Meeting (Fireside Room) <b>7pm</b> Sonoma Bach Midsummer Night Sings (Fellowship Hall)	<b>21</b> <b>5pm</b> Elim hosts the Westside Pantry (Fellowship Hall) <b>6:15pm</b> Potluck on the Patio <b>7pm</b> Waves of Grace (Sanctuary)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>8am</b> Men's Ministry Breakfast (kitchen) <b>11am-2pm</b> Craft Brunch Bunch (Rooms 1, 2)
<b>24</b> Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson preaching <b>4-7pm</b> Paint the Hall Purple (Hermann Sons Hall)	<b>25</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Worship Team (Choir Room)	<b>26</b> <b>7pm</b> Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	<b>27</b> <b>7pm</b> Sonoma Bach Midsummer Night Sings (Fellowship Hall)	<b>28</b> <b>7pm</b> Waves of Grace (Sanctuary)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>8am</b> Men's Ministry Breakfast (kitchen) <b>11am-2pm</b> Craft Brunch Bunch (Rooms 1, 2)
<b>31</b>	<b>NEW THIS SUMMER: Kids Fellowship Fun</b> - drop-in play area in the side room of the Fellowship Hall between the services from 9:40am-10:25am so parents can mingle with other adults over a cup of coffee. Parents must be present in the building and also keep an eye on their children.					