

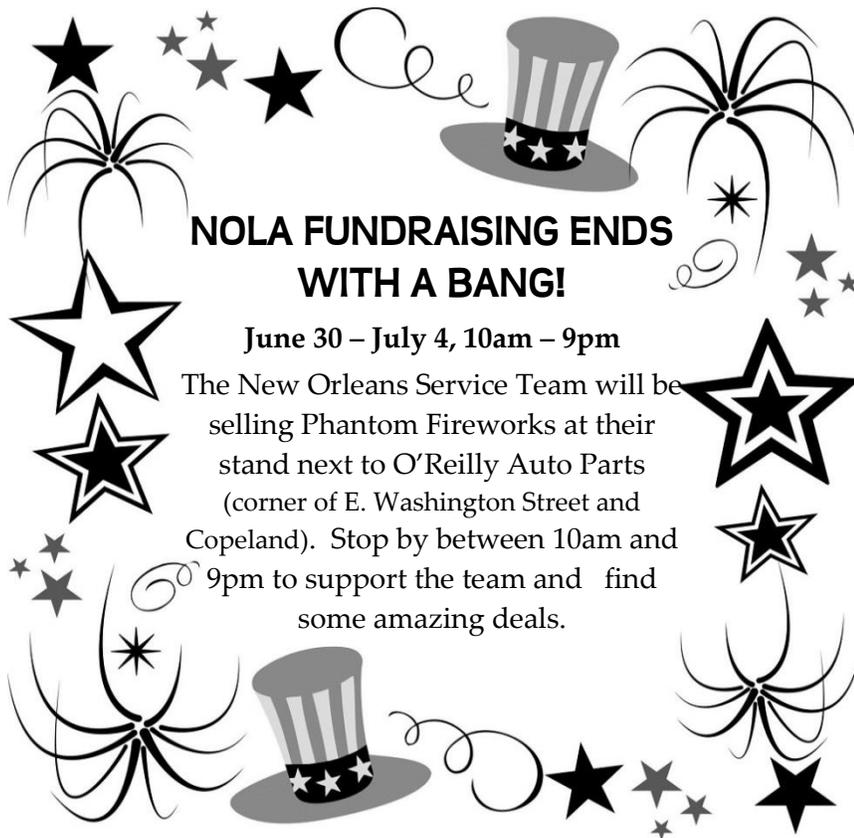


THE SOURCE

A Monthly Newsletter of Elim Lutheran Church

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NOLA FUNDRAISING ENDS WITH A BANG!

June 30 – July 4, 10am – 9pm

The New Orleans Service Team will be selling Phantom Fireworks at their stand next to O'Reilly Auto Parts (corner of E. Washington Street and Copeland). Stop by between 10am and 9pm to support the team and find some amazing deals.

POTLUCKS ON THE PATIO

July 10 & 24, 6pm

Bring a dish to share, and how 'bout some friends and family, too. Details on page 4.



MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

July 12, 8am, Elim kitchen

Hungry for learned conversation... or just a hearty breakfast? Both are abundant during an hour of manly breakfasting. Breakfast provided but bring a friend. Contact Brian Crosby for more info or if you have a desire to cook.

Monday, July 7; 5:30-8:30pm
at Lagunitas Brewing Company
1280 N. McDowell Blvd.

A fundraiser by Elim's Relay for Life teams for the American Cancer Society. Enjoy great food, fun music, and more at this all-ages party for a wonderful cause.

Advance tickets: \$20 adults
\$10 kids 6-12 yrs / free under 6 yrs

More details on page 4.



Craft

Craft Camps

Week-long "Christmas in July" and "No-Sweat Sewing" camps are scheduled this month to make cool gifts to sell at the Bazaar. See page 6 for more information. Only three and a half months until our Bazaar on October 18!



FROM PASTOR¹ BILL

And a child shall lead them. *Isaiah 11:6*

Two weeks ago at Vacation Bible School we learned to Imagine with God, Build with God, Grow with God, Work with God, and Walk with God. Can you hear our Visioneers shout "GEAR UP!"? Sunday, June 22, we celebrated their terrific work and the work of all the decorators, planners, teachers, helpers, story tellers, crafters, host....

Now it is all our turn.

Discipleship will be our theme in Sunday worship running through this summer as we begin to gear up for all our fall programming. We will look at our discipleship as individuals, a community, and a congregation in Christ's church. Ok, I just got boring... sooo ...

Please stop skimming this article, and take a deep breath in and out. Now remember a person you know who's faith you admire. Say their name - aloud. Thank God for them - aloud. Think of a few specific ways you can see their faithfulness. List them aloud. The next time you see me share a thought or two about this exercise. Who you named, how you see their faithfulness. Thanks for you indulgence.

You may return to skimming.

The admiration of someone's faithfulness is a call to discipleship, just the same as Jesus calling out: follow me. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is often talking to the crowds and then talking to the disciples. He does healing and teaching ministries to an ever-expanding number of people covering more territory before heading to Jerusalem for Holy Week. The disciples, named and known without being named, literally follow - on foot - Jesus in this entire journey. The crowds do not. We all find ourselves within an interesting parallel just by living our lives: oscillating between being members of the crowd and followers of Jesus.

The call to a Today Christian is a call to discipleship. As a church, a community of disciples, we call each other to faithfulness. There are many characteristics of discipleship; you just named some in the exercise above. Let's compare lists: worship, prayer, study, service, giving, inviting and encouragement. This particular list was compiled by our national church, the ELCA, as part of a renewal moment for the new millennium. Yes, that was fourteen years ago.

Those observations you made above about your faithful friend is some of their discipleship. One last exercise, consider who might be observing your discipleship and might name you? You may never know, but everyone who has ever come to know Jesus has met a disciple. To be certain, God does send the Holy Spirit so we might remember we imagine, build, grow, work, and walk with God. GEAR UP!

See you in church!

Peace,



¹ interim

TRANSITION PROCESS

Our Transition Consulting Process with Pastor Cindy Beck finished all its hard work on June 7 with a congregational workshop to prepare proposals for changes and action. We had about 50 people participating in the workshop, and produced 28 proposals. As an initial means of distributing these proposals to interested members of the congregation, we've made them available for download on the Transition web page, elimpetaluma.org/transition.html. Please check them out.

The proposals are now before the congregation and the various ministry and leadership teams for further consideration, elaboration, and action. The Leadership Team will be shepherding the process going forward and engaging the entire congregation and other teams in the process as we go forward.

We believe that the last eight months of transition consulting have been transformative and renewing for the congregation. We had over 150 people contribute in one way or another to the process, and a pretty steady commitment of about 50 people to the workshop series. That's an impressive commitment to Elim and its future! Thank you, Elim!

The Elim Transition Logistics Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ED SELLAI RESIGNS

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Much in the same way Elim Lutheran Church is undergoing a transition in its church life, so I too find myself at a crossroad of reexamination in mine. After much consideration, reflection, and prayer I have come to the difficult decision to resign as President and step down from the Leadership Team, where I have served since June 2011.

A great deal has transpired since I accepted the call from the Nominating Committee in February. We've completed the final chapters in our ministry with Pastor Tim, and have begun to pen entirely new volumes with Pastor Bill and those who will follow. We've captured hope and visions for the future at the Transitional Problem Solving Workshops, and are moving towards an important start on the journey ahead. It's an appropriate time for me to raise-up and support the strengths of other leaders and to step into a lesser role in Elim's ministry.

This course best allows for me an opportunity for the same type rejuvenation of body and spirit that Elim is currently undertaking through its Intentional Interim process; the need to grieve the loss of our former pastors, the desire to discover my personal spiritual identity, and discern what lies ahead in the future. In God all things are made new.

Our past few years have been unforgettable ones, and I will carry memories of the deep love you've shown for our congregation, the support you've demonstrated in the care for our ministries, and the encouragement you've provided me through both spirit-filled and challenging times.

Yours in Christ,
Ed Sellai

PAINT LAGUNITAS PURPLE

Monday, July 7; 5:30-8:30pm

Elim's Relay for Life teams are excited to host the all-ages "Paint Lagunitas Purple" fundraiser benefitting the American Cancer Society at Lagunitas Brewing Company on Monday, July 7! Food by JJ's Burger Joint (thanks, John & Joy Carter!), the energetic Relay DJ – DJ Lyle – will provide music and audience participation games for all ages, great raffle prizes, and so much more. Wear purple to show your support for Relay for Life, receive an extra raffle ticket, and maybe win a prize if you are sporting the best purple attire.

Purchase tickets in the Fellowship Hall on June 29, from an Elim Lites/Elim Youth team member, or in the office. Advance tickets will be available through July 3: \$20 adults (\$25 at the door), \$10 kids ages 6-12, free for kids under the age of 6 years.

A TRADITION CONTINUES . . . POTLUCKS ON THE PATIO

Dates: July 10, 24; August 7



Potlucks on the Patio is returning for another summer season of food and friends. These informal get-togethers on occasional Thursdays at 6pm are open to everyone—bring your kids, neighbors, and friends to join us. Just bring a side dish or dessert to share and hamburgers, hot dogs, or some other BBQ favorite will be provided. If you would like to "host" the BBQ one week, call the church office (762-4081) or sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

MIDSUMMER NIGHT SINGS

Wednesdays in July, 7-9:30pm, right here at Elim

Tickets at the door: \$12 general admission / \$7 students

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 through one or more great works with a group of local singers ranging in size from 40-80 voices. Don't miss the opportunity to acquaint yourself--or reacquaint yourself-- with these great works. Visit www.sonomabach.org for information about each session.



END-OF-SUMMER EVENT PLANNING

July 13, 11am, Choir Room

Annual church picnic . . . God's Work. Our Hands . . . first day of Sunday School event. There are many opportunities for fun, fellowship, and service as summer activities end and the school year begins. Do you have some ideas or want to be involved? Come to the meeting on July 13 to help brainstorm the possibilities.

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 7, the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are invited to put their faith into action by serving their communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. Athena Labberton is anxious to organize a congregational "God's Work. Our Hands." service project. Talk to her if you would like to participate or have service project ideas. We might get cool t-shirts, too . . .

SECOND MILE GIVING: SAN FRANCISCO NIGHT MINISTRY

“Second mile giving” refers to an extra offering towards a special cause. Beginning this month, we will choose an organization as the recipient of that month’s Second Mile Giving, often recommended by the Sierra Pacific Synod. The July recipient will be the **San Francisco Night Ministry**. Look for special envelopes in the pews or click on the “Donate Now” button on our website.

“The Church’s Night Shift”

Night Ministry provides compassionate and non-judgmental pastoral care, counseling, referral services, and crisis intervention to those in any kind of need or distress during the night.

About Night Ministry

Every night of the year trained volunteer **Crisis Line Counselors** provide a listening ear to callers from around the Bay Area and beyond who are experiencing loneliness, fear, anxiety, grief, or distress of any sort.

The **Night Ministers** are ordained clergy who offer middle-of-the-night counseling and conversation on the streets of San Francisco and in bars, coffee shops, transportation centers, hotel lobbies, hospitals, and wherever people gather at night.

Night Ministry also sponsors two weekly outdoor ecumenical worship services called **Open Cathedrals** in the Civic Center and Mission neighborhoods of San Francisco. A free meal follows each. All are welcome to attend. Visit our website for locations and times.

History of Night Ministry

San Francisco Night Ministry began as a pilot project under the Department of Pastoral Services of the San Francisco Council of Churches in 1962. It was fully organized in 1964 and became an independent not-for-profit organization with its own governing board, charter, constitution, and mission statement in 1990.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who calls the Night Ministry Crisis Line? Anyone in any kind of crisis or distress during the night may call. People call because they are lonely, anxious, frightened, or upset and for many other reasons.

How many calls does the Crisis Line receive? On average we receive 4,800 calls per year. In addition, Night Ministers will have up to 15,000 significant conversations with individuals on the streets and in coffee shops, bars, and other places each year. Open Cathedrals also gather 150 people for worship and distribute 200 lunches each week.

How is Night Ministry funded? All of our services are free; our funding comes entirely from the generous donations of individuals, congregations, and other organizations.

Learn more about Night Ministry at www.sfnightministry.org.

Night Ministry Crisis Line (415) 441-0123, 10am – 4am every night of the year.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Groups

Are you interested in going to a monthly women's group but not sure which one? Just contact the Circle Chair and let them know you are interested. Below you will find Circle information and when they each meet. If you want, try them all and then pick the one you feel the most comfortable with.



- **Grace Friendship** (Anita Kelly) meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Noon; next meeting will be on July 10; bring a sack lunch.
- **Elizabeth** (Susan Rodkin) *usually* meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm; next meeting will be on July 20 at Heart's Desire Beach, leaving Elim after the 10am service.
- **Esther** (Joanne Athearn) meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Noon; next meeting will be on July 8 at JoAnn Andrus' home.
- **One-Hour** (Lana Reuter) this group is for women in the 30-ish to 50-ish age range; on summer hiatus.

Bazaar Craft Camps & More

Greetings fellow crafters!

First let me thank the congregation for their plentiful donations. We have sorted and filled Room 2 with all the bounty. Please stop by and pick up whatever interests you. We have tea towels and many, many quick packaged craft kits to finish that can be found in the Welcome Area. Please return by the first week of October (FYI – the Bazaar is on October 18). If you need more crafting inspiration, check out our Pinterest site at <http://www.pinterest.com/dianedeardorff/>

The month of July is upon us and it brings with it our Crafting Camps!

Christmas in July

July 14-18, 5-8pm, Room 1

Yep, ornaments, wreaths, cards, and home décor. Bring a snack to share. Come for an hour or the entire week.



No-Sweat Sewing

July 21-25, 5-8pm, Room 1

Bring in your sewing machine if it is portable but no machine/ no worries as hand work is also needed. We will teach you to use your machine's basic functions while turning out some darling crafts. Moms bring your kids along with you to learn. We'll make vintage inspired aprons, super hero aprons, and we'll repurpose denim into fabulous purses, lunch bags, bibs, and art. This is also when the tutu tutorial will take place. Bring a snack to share. Come for an hour or the entire week.

Following is the wish list of supplies for upcoming craft projects. Please clearly label them and place in Room 2 upstairs.

- lace – damaged lace curtains, tablecloths, lace by the yard
- bright colored kid shampoo bottles – flat-ish, bright colors (lime green, pink, blue)
- jeans in any size or condition
- mason jars
- golf balls
- scrap wood (for signs and such)
- battery operated tea candles
- red and green ribbon
- knitting needles – for decoration, not knitting
- unstained dress shirts (sleeves don't matter)

For more information or to share ideas or questions about the Bazaar, please contact Diane Deardorff.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Save the date: August 2-3 at Casa Grande High School



The second meeting of the Elim Lites teams (youth and adults) is scheduled for Sunday, July 6, at 11am in the Choir Room. Everyone is invited – new members and returning members ALWAYS welcomed! This meeting will focus on the remaining details for the fundraiser on July 7 as well as information about the days of Relay – you don't want to miss this one. If you are interested in joining Elim Lites or would like more information, please contact Nancy Clarke.

ELIM FAMILY CAMP

September 26-28 at Spring Lake Regional Park in Santa Rosa

\$40 family / \$20 individual

The tradition of a congregational camp survives . . . just a little later in the year. Spend the last weekend of September at Spring Lake in Santa Rosa with your friends from Elim. Unplug for the weekend to hike, canoe, bicycle, roast marshmallows, hear Lana's famous ghost stories, and have more fun than you expect. The maximum number of campers for our campsite is 75 so register early! Additional information will be available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and Elim's website, including online registration.



FAITH FORMATION

"WOW" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WOW! Workshop of Wonders...what an awesome time we had! Lots of energy to take part in our science, recreation, crafts and storytelling. Lots of delicious snacks. A huge thank you to Sandy Paper (Pastor Bill) for stepping in just as he arrived at Elim; Philip Sellai, who took on the role of Rivet our tunneling ant and recreation leader; Lana Reuter, the storytelling leader; Linnea

Building Bunk Beds for Bali

The goal of the VBS mission project was to raise funds to build bunk beds for children at Bali Safe House in Bali, Indonesia. Elim members, Pastor Newt and Julie Kerney, worked with this facility that provides transitional housing and support services to women and children who are victims of poverty and abuse. Offerings from the "Visioneers" during the week and on VBS Sunday raised **\$437.97!**

Carlson-Spelman and Jill Eskes, our craft leaders; Susan Rodkin and Dave Bachman, our science leaders; Laine Price Gen, our snack leader; and Stephanie Simon, our decoration coordinator. We also had another fifty something adults and youth who stepped forward to decorate, serve as crew leaders, assist in centers, make snacks, label,...oh so many, many jobs had to be done. And of course, it would never have happened without Becky Schuerman Choi and Doris Widger; their history of Elim and willingness to do whatever needed to be done was invaluable. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to once again serve at Elim. You are a wonderful congregation!

Debbie McAllister, Coordinator

GODLY PLAY UPDATE

Godly Play is different from other Sunday school programs in that all lesson materials stay in the room all the time. During the Summer, we prep all the lessons for the year so that they are ready to go for the first day of Sunday School on September 14, 2014. This means that Godly Play teachers only have to come to class knowing the story lesson for the week. There are no lessons or crafts to prepare in advance. Although we would love to purchase the official Godly Play lessons for our program, these can be quite expensive. We try to stretch our budget by crafting everything we can using materials from the Resource Room. Preparing a year's worth of lessons is a lot of work! If you have even the most basic crafting ability and would be willing to help this Summer, please contact Amy Malaise. If you still want to help but don't want to craft, we would love monetary donations to help us purchase lessons directly from the Godly Play Foundation.

There are also supplies that we always need for the classroom. Number one on the list is more shelving! We need low shelving units on which to store the lessons. We are also always in need of craft supplies for the kids including watercolor paper, 11 x 17 paper of all kinds, scotch tape, baskets and more! Please check with Amy Malaise or Susie McGavin if you would like to help! THANK YOU!

CONFIRMATION CALL BACK . . . WE WANT YOU!

We had a really fun time at our bar-b-q movie night in June. Thanks to all who attended. Pastor Bill came by and met our group, shared some ideas, and got us excited about the future of our program. First up....

Pizza & Movie Night

July 26, 6pm

Please join us for movie night and pizza making (bring your favorite pizza topping). For all incoming 7th and 8th graders and all current confirmands. **Parents:** please join us for dinner to discuss our program. We've got the ball rolling but we'll need your input and commitment. Let's build a program together we can all support!

Save the Date

Confirmation Movie Night & Lock-in, August 30. Feel free to bring a friend.

EXPLORING THE STORY FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays at 7pm, Choir Room

Come and engage in deep, meaningful, and exploratory conversation about the week's Bible readings.

SUNDAY MORNING MEDITATION

Sunday, July 6 (and each first Sunday)

Ann Geddes will lead a time of meditation at 9:30am in the Fireside Room (church office). Come and learn meditation practices.

SUMMER AT LITTLE SHEPHERD

Enrollment is still 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. Each weekly session is \$145 (June 30-July 3 is \$120) plus a \$35 registration fee. Contact the school, church office, or see the preschool website for the registration form.

Week 3: July 7-11 Disney Friends

Week 4: July 14-18 Music, Music

Week 5: July 21-25 Jungle Adventures

Week 6: July 28 - August 1 Fun with Science

Week 7: August 4-8 Gold Country Days

Week 8: August 11-15 Sun, Surf, Sand



THE BIBLE TUTOR

A Gift from your Synod Resource Center

This award-winning interactive study tool takes you on an engaging, comprehensive journey through the Bible. This online software allows you to jump directly to the information you seek and to move at your own pace. It also links you directly to various versions of the Bible on the Internet. You can even test your knowledge as you go with Bible Tutor's self-test.

Bible Tutor offers you:

- Seven categories for easy navigation: Bible Overview, Books, People, Dates, Places, General Knowledge, and Self-Tests.
- Illustrations and maps to guide you through historical places.
- Photographs of modern day sites.
- Biblical references to direct you toward additional studies.
- Interactive self-tests that help you judge your proficiency.
- Browser-based programming for easy use.
- Hyperlinks that connect you with online resources.

This blending of ancient text and modern technology is designed to expand your knowledge of the Bible. Bible Tutor, developed at Luther Seminary, allows you to follow a planned course of study or tailor your studies according to your own interests or schedule.

The Synod Resource Center has purchased the license for this program for one year. You -- anyone among our Synod's congregations - are invited to use this and to share the password. Contact the Resource Center to get the password and other related material.

Call: 559 345-2725, or rspselca@pacbell.net

OUTREACH

EASTSIDE AND WESTSIDE INTERFAITH PANTRIES



This month Elim serves on Tuesday, July 1, at Lucchesi Park and will cover the Westside Pantry on Thursday, July 17, at Elim. 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 and a friend or neighbor. If you would like to be included in the reminder emails about pantries, please contact Becky in the office (becky@elimpetaluma.org / 762-4081).

Volunteer needed: tables are delivered to the Tuesday pantry from Elim. We need one additional volunteer to serve as a back-up table hauler. If you have a truck and a little time to spare on the first Tuesday of the month, please contact the office.

A (SERVICE) TRIP OF A LIFETIME

The NOLA Team will go on their adventure July 12-20 and they want to thank all of you for your support. You have played Bingo (twice), joined them for an amazing Jazz Dinner, bid on silent auction items, spun the Wheel of Mystery, and eaten your weight in doughnuts and beignets, and more. After the fireworks are sold, they will have accomplished their goal of raising \$20,000 to sponsor a house through the St. Bernard Project and help get someone back home! Amazing. Thank you! *Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

BREWS AND BITES FOR BOUNTY

July 15, 5:30-8:30pm at Lagunitas

Support Petaluma Bounty at the third annual Brews and Bites for Bounty fundraiser. The event features entertainment by The Highway Poets, an award-winning Northern California band, well known for its lively blend of rock, folk, and indie music. There will be a screening of the new "Know Your Food" short film series from the Lexicon of Sustainability. A raffle will also be held for various prizes including a bike and a vacation getaway.

Tickets are \$20, which includes delicious locally-catered fare, Bounty Farm-grown salad, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages; youth 15 years and under is \$10; and children under six years old will be admitted free of charge. Event tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at Brown Paper Tickets <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/685527>.

DINNER CREW NEEDED AT COTS

COTS needs help making dinner at the Petaluma Kitchen. For many years, the Kitchen apprentices cooked dinner as part of their paid internship program. Unfortunately, budget cuts have forced them to eliminate that program, and so they need your help. They need cooks/servers from 1-6pm, and cleaning help from 4:30-7pm every day of the week. Dinners are small, about 60 people.

If you've ever served there at lunch, you know that cooking is one of the most fun service opportunities. It's like "Chopped" -- the cooks never know what ingredients they will have on hand!! Even dish washing is a pretty happy activity around there!

They would like to build strong crews for all seven days like they have at lunchtime. Training provided. If you can help with making dinner one day each week, please contact Indigo Perry at volunteers@cots-homeless.org.

GRATITUDE

Many thanks to the Elim men's group for the tremendous effort they put in on a spur-of-the-moment Saturday work day in fixing up my rental. Many people came and worked while I lay in bed with my broken leg. I would especially like to thank Rich Rodkin, Brian Crosby, Brian Tolson, and all the others who helped to get the place in shape so it can be rented again!

Thanks to everyone at Elim for all the cards and prayers. My healing is in progress and I was using a walker and just got clearance to use a cane.

Thanks to all who came,
Philip Cannon

Our heartfelt thanks to you Elim friends for your care concern, prayers, cards, food, and visits following Jim's heart surgery. It has made a positive difference in his recovery to have the support you have extended to us. Again, heartfelt thanks!

Jim and Mary Wyrick

Thanks to you for all the well wishes, cards, and concern during my recent hand repair. The cast is off and I'm doing some physical therapy.

Joyously,
Kathy Matt

Thank you for awarding me the scholarship this spring. I look forward to putting it to work in New York. Thank you,

Austin Albertson

BIRTH

Owen William Roemer was born on June 22 to Erika and Joseph Roemer. Proud grandparents are Walt and Mendi Kehr.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

The May Meeting of Elim Lutheran Church Leadership Team was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 7pm at Elim Lutheran Church. The following were present: Ed Sellai, Ben Barnes, Phil Sorensen, Lydia Zipp, Kristy Oakes, Marshall West, Steve Geney.

Pastor Bill Wessner attended as a guest.

Ed Sellai opened the meeting at 7:07pm by reading Acts 17:23-28. The reading was followed by a brief discussion of how each of the Leadership Team has experienced God's work during our year on the Leadership Team. Ed Sellai followed the discussion with an opening prayer,

Interim Pastor

Ed announced that Pastor Bill Wessner has contracted with Elim to be the Interim Pastor. He starts on May 27, 2014. Pastor Bill Wessner was welcomed as a non-voting guest to the meeting.

Committee Reports

- Logistics Committee - Phil Sorensen reported that 40 to 44 members of the congregation participated in the first problem solving session with Pastor Cindy Beck. Problem areas have been identified from the congregation survey. A brainstorming session for possible solutions was held followed by small groups working on prioritizing and planning on how appropriate solutions could be implemented. The next problem solving session is scheduled for June 7 when the small groups will report back to the larger group.
- Women's Group – Lydia Zipp reported that the annual bazaar was coming up and that preparations were continuing.

The Women's Group handed out flowers to each of the women attending the Sunday Service in honor of each of their mothers.

Finally the Women's Group suggested that on one Sunday each month a different group and its ministry should be recognized and thanked for their contribution to Elim. It was agreed that this good suggestion should be discussed more thoroughly at the next Leadership Team Meeting.

- Personnel Committee – Steve Geney reported that the committee had been working on updating the Employee Handbook – Elim Lutheran Church for the last month. He reviewed the recommended changes with the Leadership Team. He also reviewed the suggested changes received from Dan Deardorff. Steve Geney will call Dan Deardorff and thank him for his input.

Steve Geney moved that the updated 2014-2015 Employee Handbook – Elim Lutheran Church be approved as amended by the Leadership Team. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Facilities – Ben Barnes mentioned that the next large project that should be addressed was fixing the leaking wall with the large stained glass window. The stained glass window needed to be repaired also.

Ed Sellai reported that there was a problem with the recently installed Pergo flooring in the upstairs hall. Some of the joints on the short end of the planks are pulling apart. They are working with the flooring people to determine how to fix the problem.

- Finance - Marshall West reviewed the April Finances and the projections for the end of the fiscal year. He summarized that because of shortfalls in regular giving, we will end the year being \$4,000 to \$5,000 over budget, even with the cutback in expenses implemented. The funds will have to come out of reserves.

- Faith Formation Team– Kristy Oakes reported that the Team was planning for the next school year and had several ideas how to improve the program. They will meet with Pastor Bill Wessner in June to continue the planning.
- Miscellaneous Reports – Ed Sellai reported that the Vacation Bible School meeting on Monday, May 1, was very productive. However more volunteers are needed to insure that the school will be fully staffed.

Bible Day Camp held in July for grades four through sixth has only seven attendees signed up. If more students do not sign up, the Camp will have to be cancelled. Since it is early and we can cancel the camp up to the week before without incurring more cost to Elim, we will continue to publicize the camp to attract more attendees. The Camp will be reviewed at the next Leadership Team Meeting.

Ed Sellai will redistribute the Synod Exit Survey to be completed by each of the members of the Leadership Team after a Pastor leaves the congregation. Each member is to complete the survey and return it to Pastor Nancy [Nelson]. After Pastor Tim Kellgren returns from Sweden, an exit interview is to be conducted with him. Members of the Leadership Team are invited to participate in the interview.

Carry Over Business

Ben Barnes made the motion that:

The minutes from the April 23 meeting be approved.

The minutes were approved.

Leadership Team meeting minutes and financial reports are also available on the Elim Leader board in the Fellowship Hall.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting agenda was reviewed and it was agreed who would lead each section. The meeting will be on May 18 from 4:00 to 5:30. The Leadership Team will set up at 3:30pm.

The proposed 2014-2015 budget was reviewed for presentation to the Congregation.

New Business

Ed Sellai made the motion that:

To designate \$17,500 of the cash salary for 2014 to be paid to the Rev. Bill Wessner as a housing/ furnishings allowance in response to the pastor’s request and acknowledgment that the allowance so designated does not exceed the fair rental value of his/her home, furnished, plus the cost of utilities (or the fair rental value of the furnishings where a parsonage is provided). Therefore, the cash salary for the remainder of 2014 shall be \$47,200 and the housing allowance shall be \$17,500.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A copy of the motion is attached.

Wrap Up:

Pastor Bill Wessner led the team in a closing prayer.

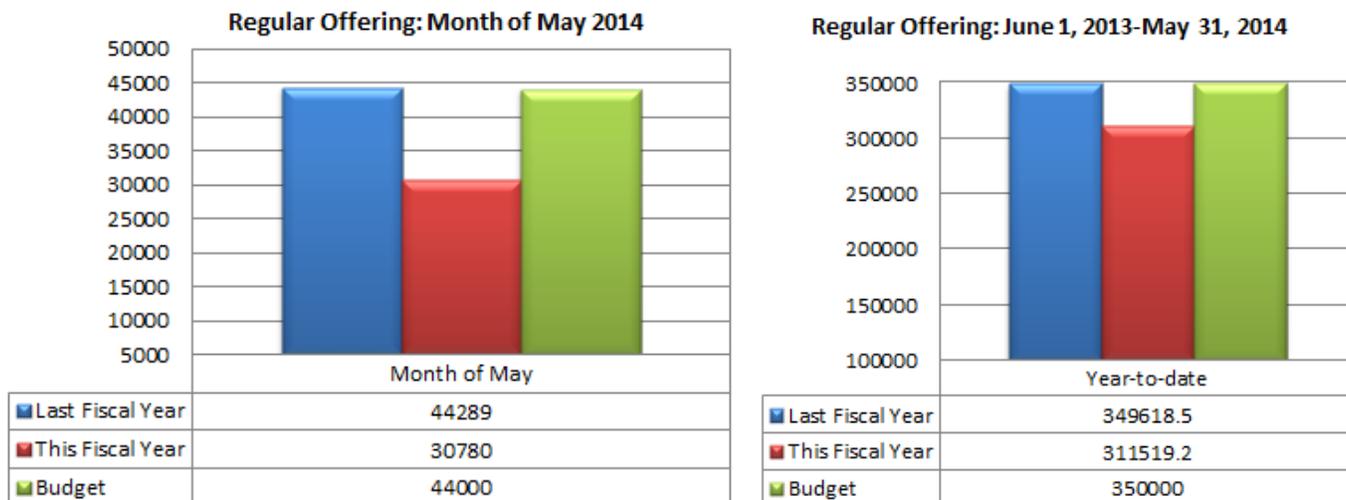
The meeting adjourned at 10:07pm.

Ben L. Barnes, Secretary

MAY 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

Regular giving for May 2014 was 30% less than for May 2013. Giving for the fiscal year (June 2013 – May 2014) was down 11% from the previous fiscal year.

However, our expenses were also reduced, so our total operational deficit for the fiscal year was \$3,475 (0.9%).



Unrestricted Funds Summary of Activity

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

Fiscal Year Total	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$349,221	\$386,800	\$(37,579)
Expenses	\$352,696	\$386,800	\$(34,104)
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$ (3,475)		\$ (3,475)

Cash Surplus Summary

This amount is the unrestricted balance remaining from the sale of 508/508½ Baker Street.

Cash on hand (checking/savings)	\$ 193,200
Less restricted funds	\$(106,256)
Less accounts payable (unpaid bills)	-
Less accrued liabilities	-
Total unencumbered cash surplus	\$ 86,944

Cash Flow Summary

	In	Out	Net
Unrestricted funds	\$ 349,221	\$ 352,969	\$ (3,478)
Donations through Elim – to other charities	\$ 28,171	\$ 28,743	\$ (573)
Restricted funds (such as Fac. Imp., NOLA, Food Pantry, MOD)	\$ 161,256	\$ 153,100	\$ 8,156
Program funds (such as VBS, Bible Day Camp, etc.)	\$ 9,270	\$ 9,618	\$ (349)
Totals	\$ 547,917	\$ 544,158	\$ 3,759

*Does not reflect the funds in the Little Shepherd Preschool, Endowment Fund, or Elim Church Women accounts.

The final report for the 2013-14 fiscal year is available from the church office and will be posted on the LT bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 6: open / July 13: open / July 20: open / July 27: 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 and pick up one of the yellow forms near the chart that will explain how to get the flowers to the church. The cost depends on whether you use flowers from your garden (free), make your own arrangements, or use a florist.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Sheri Chlebowski Ellie Spelman	9	Lee Barton Jeremy Martin	17	Jeff Baswell Dylan De Jong	25	Mary Elliott Landon Horne
2	Gregory Taylor Cole Yant	11	Maguire Ayerza Carole Sullivan		Aaron Eveland Zildjian Nicely		Austin Long Summer McKinley
3	Spencer Carter Ethan Jones	12	JoAnn Andrus Reneé Bailey		Presley Nicely Fran Wilson	27	John Sedlander Dave Chlebowski
4	Karen Pesutich Abbey Reuter		Dahlia Gen Daniel Navarro	19	Rick Zipp Siren Gallisá	28	Zak Sheridan Jake Schempf
	Erika Roemer		Nancy Osman	22	Scott Miller	29	Daphne Widger
5	Hadley Osman Lena Winterboer	13	Mike Andrus John Hanrahan	23	Linda Picton Garrett Winters	30	Corinne Christopherson Emily Gholson
6	Ian Labberton Pamela McKinley	14	Karina McElroy Nate Bechtel	24	Kyle Worden Meghan Rabbitt	31	Kirsten Root Ellie Smith
7	John Cunningham	16	Todd Martin		Sophia Warner		Marion Wagner
8	Birdie Wehr						

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To invite all people
To grow in God
And to work together
To heal and transform the community
In Jesus' name.

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Elim Lutheran Church

July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT ELIM 8:30am Traditional Worship 10am Worship 10–11am Nursery open for children under the age of 5 No faith formation classes		1 5pm Elim at Eastside Food Pantry (Lucchesi Park on McDowell) 7pm Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	2	3 7:30pm Waves of Grace (Sanctuary)	4 	5
		NOLA Fireworks Stand, 10am – 9pm, corner of E. Washington & Copeland Streets				
6 9:30am Morning Meditation (Fireside Room) 11am Elim's Relay for Life Teams Mtg (Choir Room)	7 5:30-8:30pm Elim's Relay for Life teams fundraiser at Lagunitas 7:30pm Adult Worship Team (Choir Room)	8 12pm Esther Circle (Andrus) 7pm Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	9 7pm Leadership Team Meeting (Fireside Room) 7pm Midsummer Night Sing (sanctuary)	10 12pm Grace Friendship Circle (back of church) 6pm Potluck on the Patio	11	12 New Orleans Service Trip Team departs 8am Men's Ministry Breakfast (kitchen)
13 11am End of Summer Planning Meeting (Choir Room)	14	15 Source Deadline 7pm Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	16 7pm Midsummer Night Sing (sanctuary)	17 5pm Elim's turn at the Westside Pantry 7:30pm Waves of Grace (Sanctuary)	18	19
Christmas in July Bazaar Craft Camp, 5-8pm, Room 1						
20 Noon Elizabeth Circle (Heart's Desire Beach)	21 7:30pm Adult Worship Team (Choir Room)	22 7pm Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	23 7pm Leadership Team (Fireside Room) 7pm Midsummer Night Sing (sanctuary)	24 6pm Potluck on the Patio	25	26 6pm Confirmation Movie & Pizza Night
No-Sweat Sewing Bazaar Craft Camp, 5-8pm, Room 1						
27	28	29 7pm Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	30 7pm Midsummer Night Sing (sanctuary)	31 7:30pm Waves of Grace (Sanctuary)		