

Faith, fun, and fitness in the fresh air!

Neighborhood Exercise and Picnic | Sat, June 20 at 10:00 am



We'll meet at church at 10:00 am. Then we'll walk, bike, rollerblade, exercise, and play together until 11:30. Maps will be provided with the locations of sidewalks, paths, playgrounds, and parks.

At 11:30, we'll meet back at Elim for a picnic on the south lawn. Please bring your own picnic lunch (the church will be open at 10:00 to place coolers inside or food in fridge.)

All are welcome! People can join us just for the picnic as well.



Garden in a Box | all summer long

An energetic crew picked up 440 lbs. of dirt and supplies in Roseville and assembled the boxes at church on May 15. We



were given an extra box because someone else dropped out of the program. Volunteers included Gerald Anderson, Rick Arntson, Stu Haen, Ellyn Roth-Unzicker, Mark Tranvik, and Isak Tranvik. On May 16, the boxes were planted by another crew including Karen Dahlen, Ellyn Roth-Unzicker, Rex and Leyton Unzicker, and Carlton and Dorothy DeClercq.

The location for the gardens was selected by the property committee and is sunny, protected, near the water source and accessible to the congregation. We plan to share the harvest as it's ready with the congregation.

For more information, contact Ann Tranvik at 612-616-0593 or ann.tranvik@gmail.com. Thank you!

Join us!

- Monthly gatherings at Elim on the 3rd Monday at 7pm. If raining, we'll meet at Chestnut Café on Broadway.
- Watering the gardens - please contact Ann if you're able to sign-up for a week of watering this summer.
- We'll have a Preserving Party led by Gloria Boxell, Elim's own canning guru, sometime in July or August.
- Elim Harvest Celebration in early September - watch for more details!

PASTOR'S CORNER



Museum
noun

1.

a building or place where works of art, scientific specimens, or other objects of permanent value are kept and displayed.

Church
noun

1.

a building for public Christian worship.

At our most recent Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly our keynote speaker, Brian McLaren, reminded us that there is a distinct difference between the words "museum" and "church." All too often, we treat our church buildings like the former and forget to use them for their intended purpose: the public worship of God in Jesus Christ.

The word "public" is the key to this distinction. Whereas museums are places where things are kept for future generations to look at, admire and study, churches are intended to be places where the public comes to

encounter God and then, rather than locking them in, they are sent out to proclaim that experience to the world!

Museums are carefully controlled and monitored to keep undesirable people or elements out. Churches exist to bring the riff-raff IN.

Our building must serve the purpose for which it was intended: the public worship of God. Our ideas about worship have changed over the generations just as our idea of what constitutes "public" and "private" have as well. As a community of serious Christians we carefully discern how God is calling us to serve rather than preserve our faith.

In the coming months, we, as a church, will be exploring some new ideas on how to best use our building to serve our mission. We are looking for ways to maximize our revenue, collaborate with our existing and new partners, and continue building Elim into a powerful presence in our community. This oasis is intended to be a place where the

public worship of God is experienced in both wide

and deep ways: wider than our past experience of going it alone as Lutherans of European descent to a place where we embrace different faith traditions, where we explore different ideas of what it means to be church, and encounter different personal backgrounds including diverse stories and struggles. We intend to grow deeper in our relationship to each other and to our God by coming to know the people who make their way into this building each week both in our congregation and in the four other congregations who use the Elim space.

What we will not be is a community that expends energy on preserving what used to be.

Are you curious about what is coming next for Elim? I know I am and I know God continues to guide us into a new future and a new life as Christian brothers and sisters in the world.

See you at church.

Pastor Chris Enstad

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Memorials through May 20, 2015

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Douglas C. Anderson	\$15,074.00	J29
A. Hayden	\$25.00	KidPack
Dorothy Nerothin	\$90.00	Undesignated

Finance Reports

Copies of last month's finance report are available to pick up at the church office.

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PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

4/27 Ethan James Hothusen
5/10 Avery Ann Arneson
Brett Charles Arneson
Konnor Kyle Kvaas

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THE LORD



THAT THESE SEEDS
WILL BEAR FRUIT



EVEN WHEN
YOU ARE GONE

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The Connections that Music Makes

I have always been musically wired. As a young adult, I was introduced to the pipe organ by a family friend. Attending a number of organ concerts, I gradually began to appreciate this instrument. This was a consolation to me in my Navy days. Whenever I was in port I looked for these events. In Norfolk and Charleston I found several opportunities in downtown churches and I was the "random visitor." I grew up unchurched but remarkably, attending these organ concerts gave me a double consolation of music and being in a church. Strange the connections we make. Between the music and the welcome I received from the members, I believe these brief experiences planted the seeds of future faith. The pipe organ and its musical depth and majesty is today one of my touchstones of worship.

Recently the Elim Foundation sponsored a unique opportunity for music ministry. When we completed the rebuild of the pulpit side organ as the third of three projects under J29 we wanted to celebrate J29 in some way and an organ concert seemed the ideal vehicle. To get a good recitalist we needed a decent honorarium. Approaching the Elim Foundation they agreed to support this activity under the heading of J29 celebration as well as music ministry, and community outreach. We engaged Dr. Catherine Rodland from St. Olaf College to present the concert. Of the 80 or so folks attending, I noted a dozen or more visitors. I chatted with one couple in particular who were very impressed with our church and what we are doing.

The Foundation reaches into this congregation in many ways in the spirit of extending our ministry into the north side communities. In the case of this recital we celebrated J29. But just as important, we may have touched the heart of someone seeking only to hear music. This is one more example of how the Foundation supports the ministry of this church.

Sincerely,
Harald Eriksen

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June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7 9:30am Family Worship with Communion 10:30am Coffee and donuts -Parlor 11am Lao ELC—Gym 11am Greater All Nations—Reception Room 11am Spiritual Church of God—Chapel</p>	<p>1 7:30am Monday Sanctuary Team 9am Women's Planning Meeting—Reception Room</p>	<p>2 12:00 Altar Guild Luncheon—Parlor 4pm Set up Homebound Luncheon—Gym 5:30pm Women's AA-Fireside Rm 7:30pm AA—Fireside Rm</p>	<p>3 11am Homecoming Worship Service—Sanctuary 12pm Homebound Luncheon—Gym</p>	<p>4 7am BNI—Reception Room 6-9pm Synod Youth Rehearsal—Gym</p>	<p>5 10am Decorate Parlor</p>	<p>6 9am Adonai—Chapel & Upper Room 11am Holy Yoga—Reception Room 4-10pm Graduation Party—Parlor</p>
<p>14 9:30am Worship and Recognition of Graduates 10:30am Cake reception -Parlor 11am Lao ELC—Gym 11am Greater All Nations—Reception Room 11am Spiritual Church of God—Chapel</p>	<p>15 7:30am Monday Sanctuary Team 7pm Garden in a Box</p>	<p>16 5:30pm Women's AA-Fireside Rm 6pm Finance Committee Meeting—Recep Rm 7pm Church Council—Recep Rm 7:30pm AA—Fireside Room</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7am BNI—Reception Room</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9am Adonai—Chapel & Upper Room 10am Bike Ride & Picnic 10:30am Birthday party—Rm 106-107 11am Holy Yoga—Recep Room</p>
<p>21 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Coffee and donuts -Parlor 11am Lao ELC—Gym 11am Greater All Nations—Reception Room 11am Spiritual Church of God—Chapel</p>	<p>22 7:30am Monday Sanctuary Team</p>	<p>23 5:30pm Women's AA-Fireside Rm 7:30pm AA—Fireside Room</p>	<p>24 11am Quilters Potluck—Gym 1pm Messenger Processing—Recep Room</p>	<p>25 7am BNI—Reception Room 6-9pm Synod Youth Rehearsal—Gym 7pm Birdtown Theology Pub—The Lodge</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9am Adonai—Chapel & Upper Room 11am Holy Yoga—Recep Room 9-noon Living Well—Parlor 1pm-3pm Adonai—Parlor</p>
<p>28 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee and donuts -Parlor 11am Lao ELC—Gym 11am Greater All Nations—Reception Room 11am Spiritual Church of God—Chapel</p>	<p>29 7:30am Monday Sanctuary Team</p>	<p>30 5:30pm Women's AA-Fireside Rm 7:30pm AA—Fireside Room</p>				

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Youth Bible Study: Who is Jesus to YOU?

Sundays at 11:00 in the Youth Room | grades 6-12

YOUTH. TEENS. After every Sunday service, come to the youth room for an hour for some B.Stud. time with Amy Jensen! It's a time to dive into the realization of who Jesus is to YOU through a Bible Study (B.Stud.) ALL SUMMER LONG. You won't regret it. It will be a chance to be more studly and realize the importance of Jesus in your life but also the wonder of your life to Jesus! :) Contact Amy Jensen (ajensen@elim-robbinsdale.org) with any questions! See y'all then.



Wednesday Night on the Lawn

Wed, June 17 from 6-8pm | for all ages



Come for summer fun, games, bonfire, and snacks. Everything from water fights and kickball to sundaes and s'mores. If the weather is warm, wear your swimsuit. Please bring friends and come for the fun. Everyone is invited, whether or not you have kids.

Summer Festival Youth Camps

Summer Festival Camps combine games, skits, worship music, speaker, breakout sessions and small groups for a unique experience that draws students closer to God, each other, and the leadership from their churches.

For more information, contact Pastor Marcia at 763-537-8481 or mrosa@elim-robbinsdale.org, or visit www.youthforummn.com.



Senior High Camp July 6-11 | Grades 9-12

- Held at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN
- Cost is \$205 per camper (checks made out to Elim)
- Open to students who have finished 8th-12th grade.
- Registration due to Amy or Pastor Marcia by June 14.

Junior High Camp July 20-24 | Grades 6-9

- Held on the UW Stout Campus in Menomonie, WI
- Cost is \$165 per camper (checks made out to Elim)
- Open to students who have finished 5th-7th grade.
- Registration due to Amy or Pastor Marcia by July 1.

Vacation Bible School

August 2-6 | ages 3-grade 5

This year's theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges through God's Mighty Power!" Signup sheets are on the bulletin board by the Sunday School office or at www.elim-robbinsdale.org/vbs.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Women's Bazaar: Crafts Needed

The women of Elim are looking for items to sell at the annual bazaar. All kinds of art, handcrafts, décor, and home goods are welcome. Please include your name, phone number, and cost of materials. Contact Darlene Knealing at (763) 533-3613 with questions.

Whiz Bang Days Picnic & Float July 10-12

Every year, Elim serves a picnic lunch open to the whole community. Last year, over 350 people joined us! We also walk in the Whiz Bang parade. If you can help out this year, please let the office know at (763) 537-8481 OR clip out this sheet and leave it at the office or in the offering plate. The following assistance is needed:

- Donate candy for parade: between now and July 10
- Food preparation: July 10 at 10 am
- Kitchen help (getting things ready to serve): July 11 at 2 pm
- Set up tables/chairs: July 11 at 2 pm
- Food servers: July 11 from 4-5 pm or 5-6 pm
- Food runners: July 11 from 4-5 pm or 5-6 pm
- Greeters: July 11 from 4-6 pm
- Games: July 11 from 4-6 pm
- Clean up: July 11 after 6 pm
- Help decorate float: July 12 after Sunday morning worship

Name: _____



Vacation Bible School Aug 2-6 | 6:00-8:30pm

We need lots of volunteers – decorating help, crew leaders, station leaders, etc. Anyone with artistic talents? We need help painting mountains on a backdrop. Your time and generosity will provide a wonderful, Christ-filled experience for over 60 kids! If you can help out this year, please let the office know at (763) 537-8481 OR clip out this sheet and leave it at the office or in the offering plate.

Name: _____

I can help on these dates: prep before August 2 Sun Aug 2

Mon Aug 3 Tue Aug 4 Wed Aug 5 Thurs Aug 6

I am especially interested in helping with (optional):

Free Smoke Alarms

The American Red Cross's Home Fire Campaign is working to reduce the number of fire-related deaths nationally by installing **free smoke alarms** in the homes of anyone who needs them.



In the state of Minnesota, 44 people died from fires in their homes last year. Many of you have seen news stories about close calls and excruciating accounts of people who have died in house and apartment fires locally.

Anyone in the 9-county metro area who needs a smoke alarm in their home can request an appointment by calling 612-460-3674.

This is a voice mail box managed by volunteers who will return the call to schedule the appointment. A team of trained volunteers will do the actual installation. The smoke alarms will have 10-year lithium batteries.

Birdtown Theology Pub

Thurs June 25 at 7pm

A lively religious discussion with great food and drinks. Great for Lutherans, agnostics, and anyone else with questions about God. We meet at the Lodge, 4080 W Broadway Ave.

How to join: Everyone is invited. No RSVP needed.

For more info: contact Harald Eriksen at h.eriksen@comcast.net.



Thank You

Thank you to the many volunteers at this year's Homebound Luncheon and Worship Service! This is such a special event to remind our homebound members that they are still a part of our church family and to help them see their friends and worship in their home church. All your time and hard work are so appreciated. Thank you!

Church Council

At the May council meeting, we passed a motion to consider renting space to Youth Encounter. We look forward to continuing a conversation about this mutually beneficial relationship.

Rick Arntson, President
Harald Eriksen, Vice President
Don Gold, Treasurer
Erin Spencer, Secretary
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Jeff Erickson
Jane Hennagir
Shelley Johnson
Julie Madsen
Brian Savior
Ann Tranvik
Janice Wicks

J29 Organ Update

The J29 committee wants to update everybody on the organ rebuild. There is still a little work to do, which we held up to keep the organ functional for the organ concert. The remaining items include:

- The organ builder found three extra sets of pipes that were never connected. He is installing drawknobs in the console and wiring those three sets of pipes. The organ builder has absorbed all the labor on this work (and a number of other details he simply couldn't ignore) under the original contract.
- There are a couple of dead notes where the electrical problem must be ferreted out.
- There is a persistent cipher (note that won't quit) in one pipe. This requires some fine adjustment in the mechanism.
- The old chest is still on the roof and must be hauled away.

When these tasks are completed, the organ gets a one month shakedown to catch any other issues. After that month, the project is completed.

All of this work is part of the original organ contract. We are not incurring any additional costs.



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