



The Elim Waterfall

September – October 2022

From the Pastor:

Roy Rogers lunch box (✓ plus 2 cents for a carton of chocolate milk), 2 shirts (✓ think fashion model, Opie Taylor), 1 pair of overalls (✓ didn't know they were called jeans until high school), clean underwear (✓ cuz mom says you never know when you might be in an accident), Converse High Tops (✓ athlete's foot powder already added), 2 pencils (✓ the big fat kind), rounded scissors (✓ so dull you couldn't cut butter), jar of paste (✓ if hungry, can double as a snack), crayons (✓ please mom...spring for the Crayola 64 box), Big Chief Paper Tablet (✓ wide lines, of course), butch hair cut (✓ professionally delivered by farmer dad). Alright, I'm ready for my first day of school...and mom and dad probably spent all of \$20.

Fast forward twenty-five years, and now it's our two boys who are starting school. As we buy their school supplies, we're trying to balance what we can afford with what they want us to buy. We give into the popular brands like Izod shirts and Britannia jeans, but we take a hard stand against the Reeboks! If Converse were good enough for me, they're good enough for them! In the end, we spent much more than \$20, but thankfully, we can still eat that night.

Fast forward another 40 years and it's a different story. Kids today may have to spend hundreds of dollars on their school supplies---clothes, calculators, computers, back packs, etc. Add to that, the fees! One parent told me her child's fees this year were \$450! No doubt about it, the times they are a changin'! But parents aren't the only ones feeling the pain! Teachers often reach into their own pockets to help their students learn and grow. According to a recent NY Times and CNN report, 94% of all teachers spend an average of \$479 of their salary to provide the needed supplies for their students. 7% of those teachers spend more than \$1000!

Two thoughts/challenges. The first one has to do with helping our local school systems. While we don't take a special offering to help our local schools, perhaps you'd like to make that a personal challenge. Identify a school, or a family, or a teacher and surprise them with a financial gift or a gift of school supplies. When I served as the Interim Pastor of the Ebenezer Reformed Church in Morrison, they would collect and donate items like Paper Towels, Kleenex, and Clorox Wipes. Schools and teachers were thrilled and grateful for the help. Of course, the best gift of all is our prayers! So, let's be faithful in lifting before the Lord our students, teachers, administrators, and everyone involved in our schools!

My second challenge has to do with our own educational program! Needless to say, times have changed in that area, as well. Sunday morning no longer finds our church basement filled with children singing songs and learning Bible stories. Wednesday night is no longer set aside for the study of “catechism.” With declining numbers and rising ages, there is no longer a need to schedule “Rally Day.” However, just because times have changed, that doesn’t “change” our need to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord. That’s why September still issues the “rallying cry” to make this a new year for faith development. The Hebrews writer said it well, “*let’s not neglect meeting together!*” So...let’s not neglect meeting together with God for worship! Let’s not neglect meeting individually with God for personal prayer and reflection. And let’s not neglect meeting together for fellowship and Bible Study opportunities. Please know for example, you’re always welcome to join our group that meets 8 a.m. at the home of Roger and Carol Hayenga. Not only do we have a great coffee and fellowship time, Julie Mann (and in her absence, Dan Adamson) always offers us an always interesting study and discussion of God’s Word. In addition to that, in the future, we also hope to offer another Zoom Bible Study led again by Tricia Mueller. Whatever it is, let’s not neglect the opportunity to meet together!

Okay, my Roy Rogers lunchbox is calling my name. I have a dried beef sandwich waiting for me (unless you’d like to trade me your PB&J? 😊).

A Joy to Serve you! Marv

Worship SCHEDULE

We’ll be studying the Lord’s Prayer during September & October

September 4, “Passwords: Access Granted” Matthew 6:5-13

September 11, “Passwords: Father” Matthew 6:9-13

September 18, “Passwords: Align” Matthew 6:9-13

September 25, “Passwords: Tell” Matthew 6:9-13

October 2, “Passwords: Heal” Matthew 6:9-13

October 9, “Passwords: Expect” Matthew 6:9-13

October 16, “Passwords: Refocus” Matthew 6:9-13

October 23 – Pastor Marv on vacation, Norm Shirk leads Worship

October 30 – Pastor Marv on vacation, Norm Shirk leads Worship

REMEMBERING.....



Bernetta DeShazo, age 103, passed away on July 30, 2022. Bernetta and her husband, Harold, were married for 43 years. They lived in Kings and ran the Kings Post Office while attending Elim. In 2015, she moved to South Dakota. The family will have a memorial service on Saturday, September 3 at 11 a.m. at Elim. All are welcome to come and celebrate her life. A luncheon will follow. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local hospice.

ELIM POST-HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS AVAILABLE

Notice to post-high school students. It is time to fill out applications (which can be found on Elim's website) after registering for classes. Please turn in application to Pastor Marv or Bob Maas. The following are the Elim scholarship guidelines:

1. The student will be an active member of Elim Reformed Church.
2. The student must be enrolled in a college, university, or trade school for six (6) or more academic hours during the spring and/or fall semester. The student must be enrolled for three (3) or more academic hours during the summer semester. Individuals of any age are encouraged to apply.
3. The student must fill out an information sheet each semester before receiving a grant.
4. The amount of the grant will be limited to \$500 per student per spring and/or fall semester. The amount of the grant will be limited to \$250 per student per summer semester.
5. Grants will be offered for fall, spring, and/or summer semesters. These grants will be available until the grant fund is depleted.
6. The grants to be given are per student for a maximum of totaling \$2000.
7. The deadline to return the information sheet for the fall semester is **September 8**; for the spring semester it is January 17; and for the summer semester it is June 1.

Annual All-Church Fall Potluck at Arlene Hansen's

Friday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m.

**Come out for some great food and fellowship!
Her address is 18410 Gillis Road, Rochelle.
She will provide sandwiches, drink, and
table service. If possible, bring a dish or snack
to share with others.
Hope you can make it!!**





The Prayer Chain has been UPDATED!!

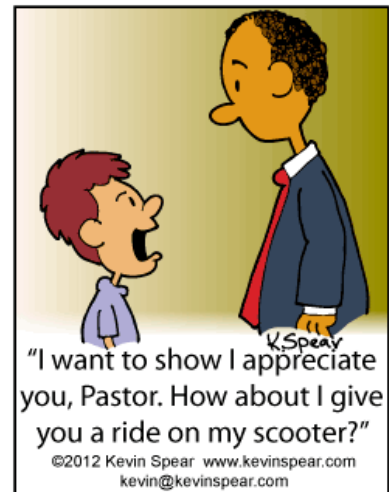
All prayer requests should be called into either Pastor Marv (408-760-5193) or Cyndy Hayenga (815-739-7095).

****Only those who received a list with names & numbers will forward calls from now on. SO, IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A LIST, YOU NO LONGER NEED TO CALL ANYONE ELSE.**

October is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Some ways to bless & celebrate your pastor:

- Send a card or note
- Prepare a favorite baked good
- Share a product from your garden
- Give a gift card to restaurant/coffee shop
- Pray for them regularly



Save the Date we're planning a Lunch & Ice Cream Social



Sunday, October 16

**following our worship service (@ 11:30 a.m.)
at Wayne Hayenga's**

**More details will be provided in the bulletin
as the time gets closer!!**



dates to Remember

September

- 3 – Memorial Service for Bernetta DeShazo at 11 a.m.
- 5 – LABOR DAY
- 8 – Elim Post-High School Grant Applications DUE!!
- 11 – PATRIOT DAY
- 16 – ALL CHURCH POTLUCK at Arlene Hansen's at 6:00 p.m.
- 20 – Consistory at 6:30 p.m.



October

- 2 – World Wide Communion Sunday & Quarterly Benevolent Fund Offering
- 10 – COLUMBUS DAY
- 16 – LUNCHEON & ICE CREAM SOCIAL at Wayne Hayenga's at 11:30 a.m.
- 26 – Newsletter Deadline
- 31 – HALLOWEEN

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (A)

September

- 12 Dennis Swanson
- 14 Linda Rick
Jaxon Alderks
- 18 Thad Tasso
- 20 John & Norma Swanson (A)
- 23 Cooper Alderks
- 27 Gary & Marla Rozeboom (A)
- 30 Cyndy Hayenga
Tim Bruns

October

- 1 Fran Bruns
- 4 Bob Alderks
- 14 Ella Mueller
Brittany Somers
- 16 Cole Somers
- 18 Evan Meyers
- 24 Jan Kniss

