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## Love: The Name of the Father

By Diane Krantz



June is a month of celebrations: weddings, graduations, Fathers' Day, and, at Elim and other area churches, Vacation Bible School, where we celebrate young believers and foster their promise for the growth and vitality of Christianity. Dads can play a critical role in all these celebrations. They can inspire falling in love with a certain person, they can encourage success in education or other life endeavors, they can be models of faith for youth as they pursue their own religious paths.

Often, of course, children take their dads' roles in their lives, like that of their Divine Father, for granted. But sometimes something happens in a child's life to give a deeper appreciation for their father's love.

My own affection for my father, Edward Michael Krantz, blossomed when he took me to the hospital for a tonsillectomy. As hours

dragged on without my being taken to surgery, my father yelled (literally, as I remember it) at the nurses to get me into an operating room. Not long after that, I was wheeled away.

When I came out of the anesthesia, my father was there. He did not say soft, affectionate words. He wasn't a hugger, and he permitted a bedtime kiss only with a grimace. But his actions in the hospital convinced me of his love.

Not long after that, I started to imitate my father. I adopted his "duck walk," which he always insisted he didn't have, and started to

eat the same foods at the same speed and as close to the same amount as I could. The unhappy result was that I went from a picky, skinny eight-year-old, to a chunky pre-teen almost overnight. Alas, sadly, my devotion to my father waned as I got older. Yet he never stopped caring.

June's biblical readings show both old and new testament Jews who, despite warnings from the prophets and Jesus himself, despite models like the woman who anointed Jesus' feet and the passionate Mary of Magdala, had become lukewarm toward God their Father. Yet God never stops caring.

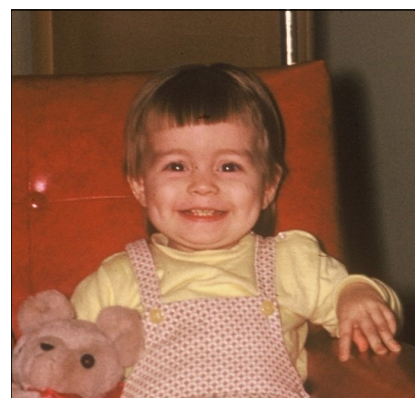


Elijah and the Widow

The widow of Zarephath gives Elijah a small cake, and God, through Elijah, resurrects her son. Jesus meets a funeral procession and, because the widow is so vulnerable in her society, he raises up her son. Elisha prays for the spirit of Elijah and God grants him a double portion. Jesus meets a man possessed by a multitude of demons, and without being asked, he sends the demons into a herd of swine and frees the man.

Even when the Old Testament Israelites are unfaithful and punished by God, the Father promises not to destroy them. Jesus tells his followers the high cost of following him, "Let the dead bury the dead." Yet of the sinful woman who anoints his feet in the house of Simon the Pharisee, he remarks, "Because she loves much, (Continued next page.)

Who is this sweet baby?  
Hint: Look on page 4 for her  
"Banana Pudding/Tripe"  
Recipe.



Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Elim Lutheran Church seeks to be a healing, equipping, and serving community of faith.  
—Mission Statement

much has been forgiven her.”

Many, I hope most, of us have or had fathers who loved us no matter how little we deserve such love. All of us are loved by God, our Father, no matter how much or how often we betray that love. Still, Paul insists that we must believe. And having faith, we must live not by the flesh but by the Spirit. Yet, we can live by the Spirit only because the Spirit Herself infuses us with grace. Only that grace allows us to celebrate our earthly and our heavenly fathers.

I see that Spirit as a wild woman, sent by a loving Father, dancing to create a mighty gale across the universe. May began the long season of Pentecost, the time to move in the Spirit: She Who personifies and sets us to dancing in the love of the Father and of the Son. May we all be moved to dance in celebration of the many gifts we have received, from our Father, our fathers, our teachers, our children, and each other.



Dave's Corner

### Thoughts On Being a Welcoming Church



David Thomas

A couple of years ago, during the Stewardship campaign, we asked members to fill out a little card telling what they liked about Elim. Also, when we receive new members, we ask them what it was that attracted them to Elim.

Over and over, we were told that Elim was a friendly church, and that people felt welcome and cared about here.

I myself feel the same way. One of the reasons I remain a member is because my friends are here. I've visited other Lutheran churches from time to time, and I've never felt as wanted and valued as I do here. At one church in Minnesota, the greeter actually put his hand in his pocket and turned his back on me when I came to the sanctuary door! I guess that church has all the members they want.

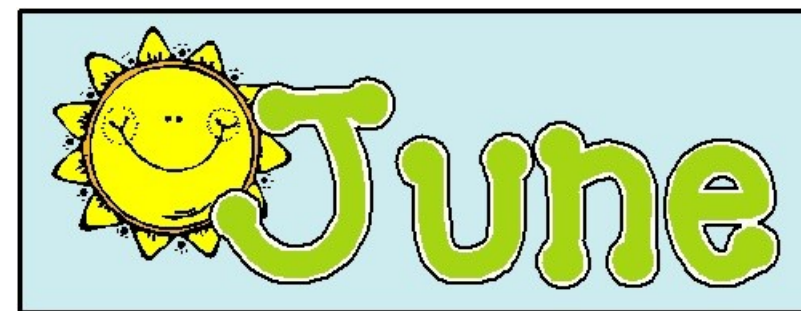
But there is another group of members that I wonder about. These are the people who, for one reason or another, have not attended for a while.

The longer it has been since you attended, the harder it is to make the decision to return and attend again.

Do we make these people feel welcome when they return, or are they greeted with back-handed, snide remarks? "Well, hello, stranger!" "Hey look who's here, and the roof didn't even fall in!" Do these welcomes make the prodigals want to come back the next week, or do they make them want to stay away a bit longer?

What is the best thing to say to these folks? How about something warm and welcoming? "Hello! It's good to see you!" "Welcome back! I've missed you!"

Hey, it beats by a mile putting your hand in your pocket and turning your back! Let's give it a try!



### In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

**What you need:**

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

**What you do:**

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

**FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS**

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

*Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.*

Listen to \_\_\_\_\_ and be wise \_\_\_\_\_

do not \_\_\_\_\_ my instruction \_\_\_\_\_

disregard it \_\_\_\_\_

1 2 3 4 5 6

Proverbs 8:33 NIV

Answer: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it." Proverbs 8:33, NIV

11 Share these activities with your kids, grandkids, and friends' kids. If you do the activities with them, each one should give you the opportunity to talk about Jesus as the Lamb of God. For a large version of the puzzle on card stock, contact Dave Thomas in Elim's office, 801-394-5543 or email office@elimlutheran.org.

2016

General Fund Income/Expense Comparison

	Income	Expense	Difference
January	\$9,721.80	\$8,656.34	\$1,065.46
February	\$10,178.10	\$10,127.90	\$50.20
March	\$9,865.00	\$6,128.61	\$3,736.39
April	\$6,348.23	\$8,996.49	-\$2,648.26
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
October	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Increase/deficit</b>	<b>\$36,113.13</b>	<b>\$33,909.34</b>	<b>\$2,203.79</b>

The above figures are the most recent figures available as the Scribe went to press.



**Elim's New Financial Secretary**



Glen Marple, retiring financial secretary

Elim is very grateful to Glen Marple, who has served as Elim's Financial Secretary for the last several years. Glen has decided that it is time to step down, and has asked to be relieved. We are sad to see him go, but we think we have found the perfect person to replace him.

Walt Rodie joined Elim in 2014 and is a regular at worship with his daughter Amanda. Walt has served as a reader, an usher, an assistant financial Counter, and recently trained to be an assisting minister. He was Elim's voting member at

the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly last month in Loveland, Colorado and has an article about his experiences there on page 8 of this month's SCRIBE. He was the unanimous first choice of the nominating committee, and the Congregational Council voted to appoint him at the May meeting.

Walt did not even hesitate or ask for time to think it over before accepting the appointment. He will be training with Glen through the month of June.

Congratulations, Walt, and thanks!



Walt Rodie, Elim's new financial secretary.

Smith's Community Rewards supports us. And you can help!

**Sign up for 2016 Smith's Community Rewards**

Many thanks to the families who signed up for Smith's Community Rewards. If you shop at Smith's and join this program, Smith's will donate to Elim a percentage of your payment. Last week, Elim received a check for \$45.23 in free money.

If you were registered in 2015, but haven't renewed for 2016, you need to go to [www.SmithsCommunityRewards.com](http://www.SmithsCommunityRewards.com) It's easy to renew—you just click "Yes, I want to renew."

Or, if you didn't register last year, now is your chance to start! Forms are available in the coatroom.

**Transition Report**

By Rick Widner



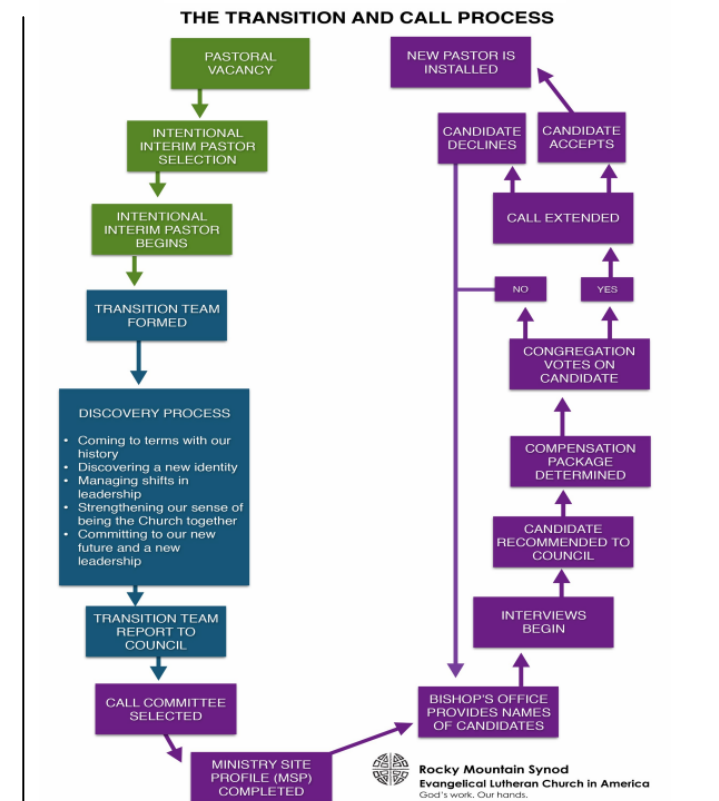
Pastor Sarah Moening from Rocky Mountain Synod is interviewing two potential transition pastors for us and will get back to us as soon as she knows for sure if either of these may work for us.

Pastor Moening is assistant to the bishop, and she presided at our worship service on Confirmation Sunday, May 22.

I inquired what we could do to start our Transition work. She recommends reading the book "Temporary Shepherds" [http://www.amazon.com/Temporary-Shepherds-Congregational-Handbook-Ministry/dp/1566992087/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1462980681&sr=8-1&keywords=temporary+shepherds](http://www.amazon.com/Temporary-Shepherds-Congregational-Handbook-Ministry/dp/1566992087/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1462980681&sr=8-1&keywords=temporary+shepherds)

I will get a couple copies so that we can have some folks begin reading this.

Thanks to Pastor Gordon Young and to Pastor John Sandstrom for assisting us with our weekly services while we pursue long term options.



An 11x17" copy of this chart is displayed on the bulletin board. If you would like a copy for yourself, please tell David Thomas, who will happily copy one for you.



**Volunteers Needed**

Are you passionate about stewardship or God's Work—Our Hands Sunday? The nominating committee is looking for people to help plan and conduct these ministries. If you would be willing the help with either of these, please contact a member of the nominating committee. The members are Deanna Lee, David Thomas, and Rick Widner.



**What we can do, as flawed as we are, is still see God in other people, and do our best to help them find their own grace. That's what I strive to do, that's what I pray to do every day."**

**--Barack Obama**

## June Bible Readings



The Malmesbury Bible, a Bible handwritten in Latin. The Bible was written in Belgium in 1407 AD, for reading aloud in a monastery.

### Sunday, June 5, 2016 - Pentecost 3

1 Kings 17:17-24  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Luke 7:11-17

### Sunday, June 12, 2016 - Pentecost 4

2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15  
Psalm 32

Galatians 2:15-21  
Luke 7:36-8:3

### Sunday, June 19, 2016 - Pentecost 5

Isaiah 65:1-9  
Psalm 22:19-28  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

### Sunday, June 26, 2016 - Pentecost 6

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
Psalm 16  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62

Did you know that there are Bible readings appointed for every day of the year?

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Camp Hill, PA, has them all online!

Here is the URL. <http://tinyurl.com/hcgoytx>



## Nancy Marple's Easy Southern Banana Pudding

(served at the Coffee Hour on March 15)



Nancy Marple

Nancy wrote: A couple of ladies asked me for the recipe of my banana pudding **tripe** yesterday at church. So I scanned it and here it is.

**Preparation Time 20 minutes plus refrigerating**

### Ingredients

- 3 cups cold milk
- 2 packages (4-serving size) Jell-O Vanilla Flvor Instant Pudding and Pie Filling
- 30 Nilla Wafers
- 3 medium bananas, sliced

1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed.

### Instructions

POUR milk into large bowl. Add dry pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes

ARRANGE half of the wafers **bottom and up side** of 2-qt serving bowl; top with layers of half **each** of the banana slices and pudding. Repeat all layers. Cover with whipped topping.



REFRIGERATE 3 hours or until ready to serve. Store leftover dessert in refrigerator. Makes 14 servings, about 2/3 cup each.



VBS Games!

All youth ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to Barnyard Roundup VBS this summer at Elim on June 14-16 and 21-23 from 6-8:30 p.m. Check out the information and registration sheet that will be included in the May SCRIBE, and pass it along to a neighbor, family member, or friend.

Many volunteers are already in place to help lead this great ministry, but we can use more helpers with crafts, hands in the kitchen, and group leaders to lead kids to the various stations. **We can also with food donations.** Please ask Joan Dawes what is needed.



VBS Crafts!



VBS Fundraising!

Please speak with Lynn Purdin if you are interested in helping out in our VBS ministry.

Adult and Youth volunteer training sessions have been held, but we will try to provide more training if additional people volunteer. Contact Lynn Purdin about this if you are interested.



VBS Food!



VBS Music!



VBS Storytelling!



Guess who won the VBS mascot, Dodger?



VBS Closing Program!

# 2016 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly

Loveland Colorado  
By Walt Rodie



The Synod Assembly Room. In the foreground are the baptismal font and the Paschal candle.

To say that the conference was inspiring would be an understatement. Never having attended an event like this on behalf of Elim, I didn't know what to expect and had

no preconceived notions as to what lay ahead. From the minute I walked in, I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, just as I had that first time I walked into Elim. It was an experience that set the tone for an entire three days of uplifting moments and an affirmation of faith in the Lord.

The theme for the conference was "Many Voices, One Song." Bishop Gonias "loves the wide variety of ways the ministry is carried out and the collaboration in bearing witness to God's abundant grace in Jesus." From the opening service thru the presentations and testimonials, "Beer and Hymns" Friday night, and the closing service; there was a great connection between God, all the attendees, and each of us as individuals. Sharing time and meeting people from Colorado, New Mexico, South Dakota and Utah highlighted the conference. The simple task of meeting new friends and sharing life's travels with each other was heightened by the presence of the Holy Spirit. There were many emotional moments, but the common thread of our faith made us feel as one.



Synod Assembly Musicians

One of the most inspiring moments for me came during our immersion sessions when I had the opportunity to talk with refugees from Burma, Somalia, and Kenya. They had been helped by Lutheran Welfare Services. The rough lives and the struggles to begin a new life that these people had endured were beyond belief. Despite what they'd endured, they never lost hope and found faith that has made them stronger each day. We all know God does great works thru the church, but to see his works first hand was spiritually rewarding.



Liturgical dance at the opening worship service of the RMS Assembly.

To share our faith with each other in this setting was truly miraculous. Feeling the Holy Spirit with you is humbling and impossible to adequately describe. From total euphoria and tears of joy, to moments of self-revelation; my wish for everyone would be to have an opportunity to attend a gathering like this and be renewed by the Holy Spirit.



Holy Communion at closing worship of the RMS Assembly

Thank you all for giving me this opportunity.

Photos courtesy Rocky Mountain Synod. More photos may be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/h7lltzz>

Yours in Christ,  
Walt  
God's Peace

Please see the insert in this month's Scribe for a summary of the accomplishments of the Synod Assembly.

## Fellowship



## Elim's 2016 Graduates



### Hannah Dixie Palmer



Hannah Dixie Palmer will graduate from Davis High School on June 2nd. She will be going to the University of Utah in September to earn a degree in education. This summer she will devote her efforts to a humanitarian mission in Thailand. Hannah is the granddaughter of Bonnie and Bill Rembacz.

Photo courtesy Bonnie Rembacz

### Keegan Rembacz



Keegan Rembacz will graduate from Davis High School on June 2nd, 2016. He will go on a mission in Sept. Upon his return he plans to go to UVU to earn a business degree. Keegan is the son of Mark Rembacz and Judy Rembacz. Bonnie and Bill Rembacz are the proud grandparents.

Photo courtesy Bonnie Rembacz

### Alicia Sather



Alicia Sather is graduating from Heritage High School in Littleton, Colorado on Wednesday, May 18. She is the granddaughter of Lee and Wendy Sather.

**Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance...**

*Proverbs 1:5*

If you have someone graduating and missed the deadline, please rush that information to the office so we may honor the graduate in the July SCRIBE.

# Biblical Archaeology and the Bible

## Jerusalem The Village, the Town, the City



By Karlene Widner

I think that I have mentioned before that ancient Jerusalem was not a big as some may imagine it to have been. A new study based largely on archeological discoveries has been published by one of Israel's leading archaeologists, Hefel Geva. He arranged the study in periods. I will include just a few facts of most periods.

### Middle Bronze II to Iron I (18th - 11th centuries BCE)

Before the Israelites and what is known today as the "City of David." They recently excavated massive fortifications from this period **very small area - 11 to 12 acres -** possibly more than 700 in population.

### Early Iron II (10th - mid 8th centuries BCE)



The Tower of David and the City Walls  
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Period of the united monarchy – the time of Kings David and Solomon and others.

Area expanded to about 40 acres and with a population possibly as low as 2,000. Temple and royal buildings took up space.

### Late Iron II (mid 8th - early 6th centuries BCE)

About 100 acres were added. Estimated population of 6,000-8,000. Temple and city

destroyed in 586 BCE. Expansion went beyond city walls but **low population for some years followed.**

### Late Hellenistic Period (mid 2nd - mid 1st centuries BCE)

About 8,000 in population. Jerusalem flourishing again.

### Early Roman – Herodian (1st century BCE - mid 1st century CE)

Jesus is associated with this time. **Then** Jerusalem destroyed again in 70 CE. Large growth prior to destruction. Many population estimates – some placed it fairly high. Geva estimated closer to 20,000.



Stones from the Walls of the Temple Mount

### Late Roman (2nd - 3rd centuries CE)

Population estimated at 4,000.

By the 10th - 11th centuries the city was confined to the area of the present old city with a population of 7,000. It is now a part of the present bigger Jerusalem.

Excavated stones from the Wall of the 2nd Temple (Jerusalem), knocked onto the street below by Roman battering rams **in on** the 9th of Av, 70 C.E.

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While Jerusalem was small, it played a major role in the March of History.

Thanks to Luke Widner for typing this article.

## Worship

### Would you take Communion to homebound and hospitalized members?

In 2011, Pastor DanaLee trained a team of volunteers to take Holy Communion to our members who are homebound or hospitalized.

With Pastor DanaLee's departure, some volunteers moving away, and others being no longer able to serve, we now need to recruit more people to do this.

How often you took Communion to someone would be up to you. The only requirement for serving in this way is that you be baptized and willing to take a short training class.

If you are willing to help in this way, please speak with David Thomas or Bonnie Rembacz.



### Outdoor Worship Begins May 29



Summer worship on the lawn.



Assisting minister Katie Young

### Property( Is at it again)



We are in the process of planning a bake sale along with a parking lot sale. It will take place on Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We are accepting donations of gently used items. There is space for us to store them at the church. If you have large items, we ask that you please hold onto them until the day of the sale.

We could use some volunteers to help price everything the day before the sale, and some volunteers the day of the sale to help oversee everything.

### ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE RESTORATION FUND

**Any** questions or donations to be dropped off, please feel free to call or e-mail Nancy Jorgensen. Thank You.

Save for photos of confirmation

**A** man who confesses his sins in the presence of a brother knows that he is no longer alone with himself; he experiences the presence of God in the reality of the other person."  
—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*