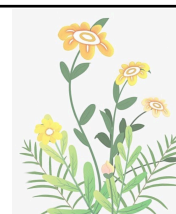




The Elim Scribe



Pastoral Reflections ~

On Sunday July 16th, Shirley greeted me in the line after church and said she was an expert on telling when babies were coming; judging from the look of me, I had three days left. Sure enough, labor began on Wednesday!

Kinley Mathilde Vesna Page was born at 1:52 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday, July 20th at the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City (Goshute & Shoshone Territory). She weighed in at 6 pounds plus 5 oz (2.9 kilograms) and was 18 inches from toe to head. She had long nails at birth and white-blond hair.

Kinley (nickname Xnly) met her big sister Lyra (age 25 months) in the hospital after 15 hours, on Thursday afternoon. She was very healthy and came home to her adoring family that Friday.

I am so grateful to the church for affording me this time off to get settled in as a growing family. Lyra is starting preschool in September so that is another exciting milestone for us.

I can't wait to be back with you all to preach on Sunday September 3rd, and look forward to our fun fall events planned for September. Special thanks to Pastor Rick Brenton, Peggy and all the other talented folks holding down the fort during my leave. Thank you for welcoming Kinley into the Elim Family!

Love, Pastor Chelsea Page



The All-Important Photos!



l. - Family photo shortly after birth;
c. - Kinley shortly after birth (& "Pegasus");
r. - Kinley and Pr Chelsea mid-August

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Elim; we will celebrate with a baby shower after services on Sept. 24th.

Upcoming events to note.

- Sept. 3 - Pr Chelsea returns from maternity leave. Church Becoming meeting after worship.

- Sept. 10 - "God's Work: Our Hands" Sunday. Elim and Ascension will participate in a pulpit exchange that day, so Pr Debra Jimenez from Ascension will lead Elim's service and Pr. Chelsea will assume the pulpit at Ascension. Elim has no specific plans for activities that day, but all are encouraged to participate in some community service. One suggestion is visiting and reading to shut-in's at home or in commercial facilities. Ascension's plans include filling Blessing Bags for homeless folks, collecting school supplies for the children at their day-care facility, and doing yard work for someone in need. You are invited to join in, providing another pair of hands if you would like to do so.
- Sept. 16 - Elim Church clean-up day, from 8 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. Volunteers will tackle some long-needed tasks beyond the scope of our custodians' regular duties. Please come and help if you can; drop in any point during that time frame and stay as long as you like.
- Sept. 17 - Church Council meeting after worship.
- Sept. 24 - Pr. Chelsea/Kinley baby shower after worship. Join us for coffee and treats! Bring a gift if you choose but please come with or without an "offering"; if you'd like to contribute to a larger gift from the congregation, please let Peggy Fink know by calling the office (801-394-5543.)
- Oct (TBA) - Meet the Pastor event, including potluck meal for our community.
- Oct. 1 - Animal Blessing in celebration of St Francis of Assisi Feast Day (Oct 4.) Details are still being determined but will be announced on our facebook page. You can call the church office near the end of Sept. to find out those details, if you don't have access to facebook.
- Oct 7 - Pr Chelsea's installation by Bishop Gonia; 11:30 am.
- Oct. 15 - Church Council meeting after worship.
- Oct. 29 - Reformation Sunday; please wear red to worship that day.

Pr Chelsea's Fall Sermon Series - "Slow Healing" [A brief and rare detour from the lectionary, to focus on the healing miracles of Jesus. "Slow medicine," based on the "slow food" movement, is a communal approach to healing.]

Sept. 3 - Slow Healing: Be Open (Mark 7:31-37)

Sept. 10 - Open-Handed (Matthew 18:15-20) *

Sept. 17 - Open-Minded (Mark 9:14-29)

Sept. 24 - Open-Hearted (Luke 13:10-17)

Oct. 1 - Slow Healing: Be Closed, Too (Exodus 17:1-7)

*Note that on Sept 10, Pr Chelsea will be speaking from the pulpit at Ascension Lutheran; they also stream their service on facebook so you can catch her sermon that way, after hearing Pr Debra deliver her message to Elim.

