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What’s the Elim Bucket Brigade?

Ordinary people. Extraordinary message. God’s Word faithfully passed down through the generations, from family to family and from friend to friend.



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Hilltop View

FEEL THE POWER AND THE JOY

The Right Path but No Thru Street



50 years—A long time?

Well, apparently not for Diane and Herb McCord who celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary this

summer. So young still and going strong. To mark this prodigious event, they humbly renewed their wedding vows and reminded us all: Wedded bliss is truly a gift from God.

Diane and Herb, we congratulate and thank you—wedded partners, mom and dad, grandmother and grandfather, faithful friends—you are truly venerable members of the Elim Bucket Brigade!

“There is no more lovely, friendly or charming relationship, communion or company, than that of a good marriage.” Martin Luther

A Big “Oops”

Where does the time go?

First, true confessions and apologies: it’s been a year since our last newsletter. So sorry, but we’ve now got the power on and engine running, so once again the Hilltop View should be back on track. And speaking of how time flies, it’s hard to believe Summer 2013 has come and gone. Needless to say, Eliminates never lost a beat. Spring was a bit foreboding with Pastor Steve in the hospital, recovering from surgery. But the Lord was with him, and despite some ups and downs, Pastor healed quickly. After all, he had a wedding to perform for Mike Dahl, Jr. and his bride Mariah! All’s well that ends well.



Soon after that

Another wedding. This time for Matt Miller and Pastor Steve’s daughter, Brooke. After Matt confirmed his wedding vows to Brooke, how our heartstrings tugged to see



Matt, before God and us all, bring little Gwenn forward to pledge his steadfast love to her as well! Soon still more smiles emerged as we witnessed Pastor Steve (aka, Twinkle Toes) proudly dancing on the parish hall stage with his beautiful daughter-bride.

And, kudos to 2013 college graduates, Colin Hayden, Brooke Smeback Miller and Matt Miller. You did grrrrreat!!!

Hockinson Days A Blowout

Fabulous weather, classic cars, rock and roll music and a SELLOUT for Uncle Vince’s world famous pulled pork sandwiches. We definitely are going to have to up



our pork order next year! Great show everyone, with a gigantic thanks to Becky Vierck for pulling it off once again. A lot of work we know, but definitely one of the highlights of the year. You are awesome, Becky!





Git Along, Little Dogie

It was a week of happy trails for the little tykes at Elim's VBS Son-West Roundup this year. But what's this we hear about a big bad bully at VBS called Dirty Dastardly Dan? Apparently his dastardly deeds were short-lived, as the kids locked him up in jail and through away the key! As always, great job, everyone: Patty and Ted Brouhard, Anita Alexander, Stephanie Anderson, Erica Vossler, Tammy Uhl, Diane Miller and, last but not least, Dastardly Dude Pastor Steve.

By Popular Demand

There was something about the hymns we sang the Sunday before VBS. We still praised God from whom all blessing flow, but this time to the tune of cowboy songs we all know. What a hoot! Everyone asked for more. The result (drum roll please)—Pastor Steve's Elim River Band, a spirited and spunky string band who will be strumming praise and gospel music. It's sure to get even the Lord's angels' toes a-tappin'. And, as they say, if the Lord's willin' and the creek don't rise, they'll be at church service every fourth Sunday. And, we all know they'll git 'er done.

Pew Mix-up?

Not only was Becky sitting on the "wrong" side of the church & in the "wrong" pew, she was all by herself!!? Apparently,



that Sunday was a big turnout for the Vierck family. And sons Vince, Jr. and Hans, their beautiful ladies, and Elim's littlest angel, Alexa, took up the whole "Vierck Pew"! Alas, no room for Becky! But, no worries. That's a *GREAT* problem to have! Besides, we love you no matter where you sit, Becky!



Let the Good Times Roll!

What's an Elim Newsletter without reporting the latest bowling antics? Yes, it's that time again, and one thing we know for sure is that Bob Sandberg is rearing to go. Why do you ask? Well, now that he's a member of the *300 Club*, his name is on the wall and he's got a reputation to live up to. Truth is, we're all sure he will! Then, a little birdie that tweets great stories, aka Pastor Steve, told us Becky has been leaving the bowling alley with full pockets on Monday nights. So far she's undefeated in winning the Monday night bowling pot! Whoa!



Tree House Times—Plain Talk with Pastor Steve!

THE HAPPY ROOM

Room 617 at Legacy Salmon Creek was filled with floating balloons, flowers, and a wise-cracking Lutheran pastor. For these reasons, and on account of a steady stream of visitors, the nurses dubbed room 617 "The Happy Room." As I did my laps around the hospital I expected to see everyone's room look just like mine. None of them did. The other patients were situated in quiet gloom without happy sounds or balloons. I have always known that I was blessed with Elim, but it wasn't until I spent nearly three weeks walking the hallways of the sixth floor that I realized how blessed I truly am. I want to thank two guard dogs who faithfully watched over me, Mike Dahl and Rick Hauser, who



continued to bird dog my every need for weeks after I went home. Get this, people brought food right to my door!!! They filled my fridge and my heart. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN if other people found out how Elim ministers to those who are hospitalized??

Pastor Steve



All in the Family

What a treat to meet some of Les and Ann Seter's family. Happily married for 59 years, Ann says they have 13 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. And on Sept. 22, their nine-year-old granddaughter, Emma, sang like an angel for us at Sunday service. For those of you who missed it, we are truly sorry.



Sunday School Starts Anew

With reading stories, doing super-fun projects, playing games, and singing songs, Anita is totally looking forward to another wonderful, God-filled year. Good deeds and a *very* big job! But this year, Anita has a new, very able assistant, young Sydney Uhl! Sydney started middle school in September and volunteered to help Miss Anita with her class. That's awesome, Sydney. What a great role model for the younger ones you are!

Hilltop Sudoku

From 1 to 6 in each of the 6 areas, 1-6 across and 1-6 down. Try your luck?



	2			3	5
	4		6		3
1		3		4	
4	3			2	

Fall, 2012 Hilltop Sudoku:

4	5	3	1	2	6
2	1	6	3	5	4
6	2	1	5	4	3
3	4	5	6	1	2
5	6	4	2	3	1
1	3	2	4	6	5

Friendship and Fellowship

*... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.
Joshua 24:15*



What's up?

Coming Events at Elim

Mondays—6:30 p.m.

Lutheran League Bowling

Crosley Lanes—fun for everyone!

Wednesdays—7:00 p.m.

Right Direction — 8th thru 12th grade young people meet with Mary Hylton in the fireside room.

Monthly: 3rd Saturday

Pathfinders Men's Group—9 a.m. Breakfast, fellowship and projects—in the Parish Hall. *Watch the Sunday bulletin for day/time changes.*

Women of L.I.F.E.—9:30a.m.

Bible study, projects, and dessert—in the Fireside Room.

Oct. 3—3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Sew What Club—at Vita's Ark.

Elim women are giving sewing lessons to the girls.

Oct. 6—after church service

Elim Oktoberfest—Uber fun!

Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

Church Council—6:30 p.m.

Oct. 22, Nov. 19—9:30 a.m.

Sew What Club—In the Women's room. Bring your own project or just come for the fun and fellowship.

Oct. 20—after church service

50th Wedding Anniversary—Celebrate with Lois Ann and Wayne. Let us eat cake!!

Nov. 6—6:30 p.m.

Harvest Dinner and Talent Show—time to share your talent and enjoy the fun! Food sign-up in the fellowship hall.

Nov. 6—6:30 p.m.

Craft and Bake Sale & Afghan Raffle. Proceeds to go to Vida's Ark to help build a new porch

Nov. 23—9:00 to noon

Decorate for Advent and Cookie Exchange. Help needed and always heartily appreciated!

November 28—All day!

Thanksgiving. A day of thanks.

Dec. 4, 11, 18—6:30 p.m.

Advent Service.

December 22—10:15 a.m.

Santa Lucia Service

December 24—7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



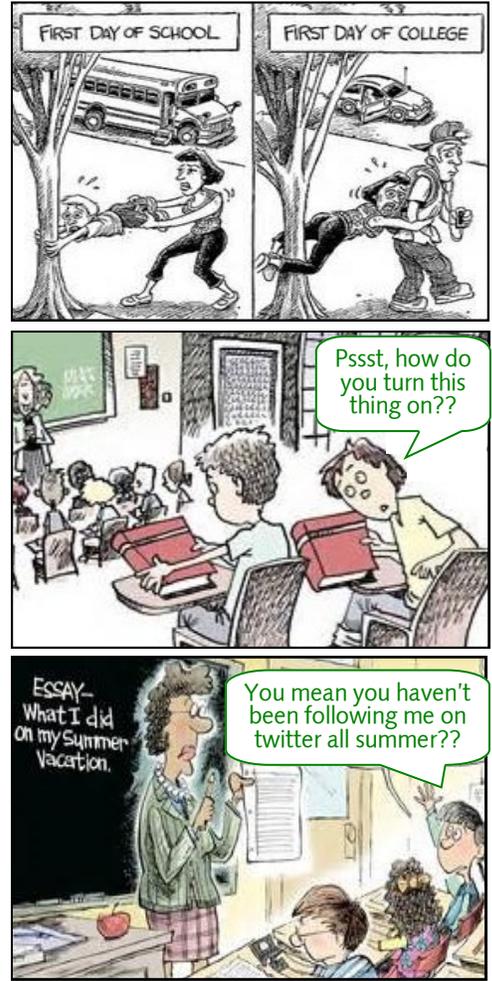
- ◆ Happy moments, PRAISE GOD
- ◆ Difficult moments, SEEK GOD
- ◆ Quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD
- ◆ Painful moments, TRUST GOD
- ◆ Every moment, THANK GOD

May the Lord go before you as a Shepherd to lead and guide your way. May He go behind you to urge you, encourage you, and catch you when you fall. May He go beside you, there to walk as your friend. And above you, to guard you and protect you all the days of your life.

Hilltop Chuckles

Things I never Learned in School:

- ◆ Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
- ◆ Always Keep your words soft and sweet (in case you have to eat them!)
- ◆ We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- ◆ Accept the fact that some days you are the pigeon and some days you are the statue.
- ◆ Never put both feet in your mouth (because then you won't have a leg to stand on!)
- ◆ Look both ways when you cross the street...It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
- ◆ Save the earth...it's the only planet with chocolate!



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