



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

May 2019

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Dear Friends in Christ.

I hope you all have had a most blessed Easter season. This is the holiest of all seasons. It brings to light what Christ is all about. I say is because He still is, not was. "He lives, He lives... You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart." His death on the cross is not the end. It is really the beginning. A new beginning of life for all of us. It's a new life in Christ. Because of His sacrifice we become a new creation. It is with these thoughts that keep me going, that joy that I feel and have knowing that when our time on this earth comes to an end, we have that blessed assurance that God is welcoming us in to join the church triumphant.

Today is Good Friday as I write this, the day Jesus was nailed to that big cross, and died. Oh the pain and suffering He endured, the pain and grief His mother went through experiencing that moment. Not a very joyous time for her. The pain and grief we are going through in the loss of our beloved daughter does not compare to the pain and grief of Jesus' death on the cross. But even in our own grief we know that Jesus shares our grief and wraps His loving arms around us to give us comfort and hope for a new tomorrow. You, our dear friends of Elim, have wrapped your loving arms around us in this our time of bereavement. You dear friends are our hope for a new tomorrow. Our most heartfelt thank you during this difficult time for all your love and support. So we move forward in hopes for that new tomorrow, trusting that God will brighten our path with His shining light, and we'll hear Him say to Tracy, "Well done, my loyal and faithful servant."

Moving on to church things: We are once again experiencing difficult times. We once again are vacant of ordained clergy. But we have done quite well in spite of that, filling the pulpit with supply clergy. We are now engaged in communication with the Synod in hopes for an Interim pastor. It is my hope and prayer that this will happen soon, and I have reason to believe that this will happen sooner than later. Let us all join together in earnest prayer that God will deliver this for us. Remember my statement that we have a pastor, God just hasn't told us who it is yet. I still believe that. Elim is not alone in this situation. There are at least four vacancies in our area, and they are all struggling as we are. There is a serious shortage of pastors in our entire Synod, and I believe that is probably true for the ELCA in general. Our seminaries are not overflowing with students. This creates a shortage for all churches of our denomination. Let's not lose heart. There is an answer for this somewhere. In the meantime, keep the good faith.

In closing, I must give a big thank you to our wonderful secretary, Gayle. She has been my rock, figuring things out on her own, and helping me with so many things. THANK YOU GAYLE. And to all of you, dear members of the family of God. Keep the faith. It's Friday, but Sunday is a coming.

The love of God and the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Wally Bunk, PMA.

Prayers



Please keep in prayer: Eleanor Burnison, LaReta Olson, Maria Gasper, Ida Forristal, Karen Teague, Raymond Rock, Hayes Schmid (friend of Jakob Feil), Josh Nelson, Rhonda McEachern (sister of Rita Brown), Rita Brown, Skye Farris, Danny Morel, Debbie Brown, Mark Cook (Pastor Cross' son-in-law), Don Lundquist, Mary Olson, Vernon Olson, Diane Deckard, and Helen Weber.

Elim strives to extend the power of prayer to those who feel they would benefit from it. New prayer requests will be taken at any time. Contact Wally Bunk, leave a note on the bulletin board, or email elimsec@gmail.com. Please note that the list will renew every three months on April 1, July 1, Oct. 1, and Jan. 1. Names will be removed unless there is notification to keep them on the list. Thank you.

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council – Met April 1, 2019. Approved 6 confirmands for confirmation and affirmation of baptism on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. Approved use of Elim Parish Hall for summer lunch program. Discussed pulpit supply.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Allan Lindfors reported that Gospel Music Sunday has been moved to April 28. Patriotic Sunday will be May 26.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Evangelism: No meeting. Upcoming discussions will be 1) Day Camp for children, and 2) Elim float for the Marquette celebration Aug. 3.

Social Ministry: No meeting. Upcoming: Pancake Feed for Thunder on the Smoky scheduled for May 18; possible Elim-sponsored garage sale during city-wide in early June; assist with concession stand for rodeos August 2 and 3, 2019.

Christian Education: No meeting. Diane Hedberg confirmed Christian Ed. committee will provide a breakfast buffet for Patriotic Sunday. She also reported on plans for Youth Sunday/Graduation Recognition and Blessing scheduled for May 5. The last day of Sunday School will be May 26.

Property: Met April 1. Discussed restroom renovation. Handed out estimate from one construction company, and currently waiting on 2nd bid. Asking for volunteers to assist with some of the work. Council approved funding for replacement of carpeting on front steps.

Memorial: No meeting. Diane Hedberg reported the frame for additional pastor pictures has been pulled out of storage to complete.

Security Committee: No meeting.

Call Committee: Met March 13 and 20. Next meeting scheduled for April 30. Synod transitional ministry coordinator assigned to assist committee.

Next meeting to be held on May 6 at 7:00 p.m.

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Patriotic Sunday will be held **Sunday, May 26. ALL choirs will be participating in the service.** Please bring your child(ren) to the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM. The Christian Education Committee will be serving **breakfast in the Parish Hall from 9:00-10:45 AM.** The Sunday School children, confirmation students, and Youth Group will help serve and bus tables. The Sunday School children will practice their songs for the church service at 10:15 AM. **PLEASE COME FOR BREAKFAST and join us for this patriotic service celebrating our country and our faith!**



WELCA NEWS



WELCA's 1st FUND RAISER FOR YEAR WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all WELCA members who helped make our first fundraiser for 2019 such a success. We raised \$566.00 for our treasury, and it appeared all persons who attended loved the egg casseroles, fruit, cinnamon rolls and orange juice. Thanks to the wonderful recipes of Cindy Bunk and Julie Olson. The officers truly thank you all.

President: JoAn Lindfors; Vice-President: Diane Talbott; Secretary: Jackie Larson; and Treasurer: Cindy Bunk.

WELCA women had a good time at the March 17th Sing-along for Riverview. Wally Bunk, PMA and Brooke Olson made a perfect duo for the sing along, and Allan Lindfors graced all the guests with the favorite Irish tune, "Danny Boy". We didn't have a Sing-along in April, because of Palm Sunday, but plans are being made for special May and June Sing-alongs, so plan to join us.

"40 DAY FAST" FOR LENT: This project was a huge success. For each of the 40 days of Lent, you were asked to collect one item from your home – household, personal, or food in good condition, lightly worn, new or used – and place it in the bag. The bags were collected at the church on Easter Sunday. Thanks to your efforts and generosity, over 40 garbage bags filled with usable items were distributed to area charities in Salina and McPherson, to include Salina Rescue Mission, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, DVACK (Domestic Violence Families), Catholic Charities, Goodwill, and Ashby House. Thank you to everyone assisting our outreach projects!

FOR MAY AND JUNE SING-ALONGS: Even though the dates of Sing-alongs for May and June at Riverview don't coincide with Mother's and Father's days, we are still planning on honoring the mothers and fathers of Riverview Estates.

***May 19, 2019:** WELCA hopes the summer will be beautiful so that we can do the Sing-along outside in the Riverview Estates' gazebo. We also plan to give large pots of flowers to them (if approved) to help decorate the outside entrance to the gazebo. We might even have a card or little goodie for each female resident for Mother's Day.

***June 30, 2019:** Again, IF the weather isn't too hot, we want to try having the Sing-along outside again, and give the male residents a remembrance for Father's Day.

***More details will be in the Sunday bulletin's to remind you to join us on those dates. Any donation(s) you want to make for the flowers will be appreciated.**

REMINDERS: We still need volunteers for a couple of months in the fall for the Riverview Estates' birthday party. Please check the bulletin board for details. Thank you for filling them up for this spring.

JoAn Lindfors, President





CONFIRMATION / AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The following youth were confirmed Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. Each confirmand was required to write a faith statement based on a selected Bible verse, and to read their faith statements to the congregation as part of the confirmation ceremony. Prayer partners were assigned to each of the confirmands to assist them in their journey of faith, and to help them with the faith statement. We thank these members for their time and for sharing with our youth the values of faith and prayer. Congratulations to our confirmands. We welcome you as new members of our church, and pray that your service to Christ will continue throughout your lifetimes.

Ethan Mark Able, son of Darren Able and Trish Reed. His prayer partner is Daryl Talbott. Ethan's confirmation verse: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers..." Romans 8:38

Dawson John Emmett Feil, son of Scott and Tammy Feil. His prayer partner is Adam Jones. Dawson's confirmation verse: "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Kayla Nicole Fox, daughter of Shayne and Marci Fox. Her prayer partner is Carly Peterson. Kayla's confirmation verse: "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act..." Psalm 37:5

Ryan Douglas Michael Loder, son of Brett and Lauri Loder. His prayer partner is Allan Lindfors. Ryan's confirmation verse: "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelations 2:10

Christine Jo Weber, daughter of Dori Weber. Her prayer partner is Linda Johnson. Christine's confirmation verse: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Braden Dane Young, son of Dane and Brandi Young. His prayer partner is Scott Feil. Braden's confirmation verse: "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matthew 21:22



Confirmands 2019

Ryan Loder, Christine Weber, Braden Young, Wally Bunk, PMA, Ethan Able, Kayla Fox and Dawson Feil.

YOUTH SUNDAY AND GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Youth Sunday and Graduation Recognition is scheduled for **May 5, 2019**. Confirmants and the Youth Group will be conducting the worship service. Graduating seniors will receive a blessing during the service and will share their faith statements with the congregation. There will be a BBQ hosted by the Youth Group following the service. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and cake will be provided. Members of the congregation are asked to bring side dishes (salads, vegetable trays, fruit, chips, etc.) to add to the meal. We hope to see you there to celebrate our high school and college graduates!



ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Rylee Cunningham will be graduating from Central Plains High School and plans to attend Fort Hays State University with a major in Elementary Education.

Madison Loder will be graduating from Little River High School and plans to attend K-State University with a major in Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation.

Michelle Loder will be graduating from Little River High School and plans to attend K-State University with a major in Kinesiology.

Carson Windholz will be graduating from Smoky Valley High School and will be attending Cloud County Community College.

PLEASE NOTE:

The **last Youth Group meal and meeting** for the summer is Wednesday, **May 1, 2019**.

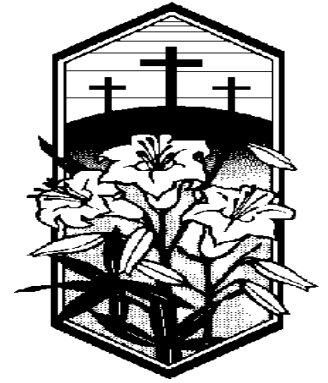
The **last day of Sunday School** for the summer is Sunday, **May 26, 2019**.

*TO ALL MOTHERS: May your day be blessed with sweet laughter, kind words, and all the joy being a mother brings. God bless you. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!***

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue... Her children will rise up and call her [blessed]." Proverbs 31:26, 28



EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS



- To the glory of God for our family and friends, given by Bob and Carol Jones
- In loving memory of Kenneth Dean Olson, given by the Nelson, Kolling, and Olson families
- To the glory of God for Troy & Dee Anne and Todd & Mandy, given by Dean and Lois Johnson
- In loving memory of our "Bubble" - forever in our hearts, given by the Feil family
- In loving memory of Marian Rummel on this glorious Easter Sunday, given by the Brown, Rummel and McEachern families
- In loving memory of Wayne & Lucille Lindh, given by Frank and Lana Rock
- In loving memory of Mason French and Phillip & Edna Larson, and to the glory of God for all blessings, given by Kelly Larson and family
- In loving memory of Verna James, given by Andi Willems, Brandi Brady & family, and Whitney Weaver & family
- In loving memory of our daughter Tracy and to the Glory of God for our loving family, given by Wally and Cindy Bunk
- To the glory of God for my goddaughter Josephine Jones, given by Gracy Feil
- In loving memory of the Alvin and Charlotte Weis family, and to the glory of God for all blessings, given by Tom and Cathy French
- In loving memory of Bob Edwards, given by the Edwards family
- In loving memory of Amy & Rhynard Forsberg, Donnia & Leslie Johnson, and LaRuth Lindh, given by Dean and Lois Johnson
- To the glory of God for the six new confirmands - Ethan, Dawson, Kayla, Ryan, Christine and Braden, given by Beth Thomas and family
- In loving memory of Gwen Warner and Sam Nelson, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson
- In loving memory of Kenneth and Helen Olson, given by the Nelson, Olson, and Kolling families
- To the glory of God for the members of Elim. Guide us with wisdom and strength, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson
- In loving memory of our grandson Kenny Darryl, our sister Ruby, and friend Tracy Bunk, and to the glory of God for our family, friends, springtime, Dr. Bellah and Dr. Toon, given by Ken and Freda Talbott
- In loving memory of Oscar and Rebecca Youngren, given by Jim & Becky Wiederstein and family and John & Roseann Venis and family
- In loving memory of Tracy Bunk, given by the Larry and Tami Malm family, Darren Able and family, and Beth Thomas
- In loving memory of Dwight Feil, given by the Feil family
- To the glory of God for my prayer partner Dawson John Emmett Feil, given by Adam Jones
- To the glory of God for all of my Elim friends, given by Ro Valdez
- In loving memory of my mom, Tracy Bunk, given by her good and her only kid, Emilie. I love you so much, Mommy.
- In loving memory of Kenny Knackstedt, given by Charlotte Knackstedt and Vinita Harms
- In thanksgiving to God for my family and for my prayer partner, Gracy Feil, given by Jackie Larson
- In loving memory of all those who have gone before us, given by Sandy Edwards and family
- In loving memory of Bob and LaRuth Lindh, given by Frank and Lana Rock
- To the glory of God for our godson Kasyn Kolling, given by Scott and Tammy Feil
- In loving memory of Willard & Marge Ericson and Tim Ericson, given by Shannon Ericson and family
- In loving memory of David and Seretha Wright, given by Jim & Becky Wiederstein and family and John & Roseann Venis and family
- In loving memory of our Little Kenny, given by Darryl & Diane Talbott and family
- In loving memory of L.A. "Blackie" Nelson, given by Lone, Barry, Carylee and family
- In loving memory of family, given by Mike and Cynthia Hulse
- Easter blessings to Elim, given by Eleanor Lundquist
- To the glory of God for Lars and Carly Peterson in appreciation for all of their help with the Youth Group, given by Adam and Hannah Jones
- In loving memory of Verle and Gloria Buffington, given by Frank and Lana Rock
- In loving memory of all our family loved ones we will meet in heaven, given by Allan and JoAn Lindfors.
- In loving memory of Jill Oakleaf, given by Terry Oakleaf.

Lilies left after the Easter service were shared with the Riverview Estate residents and others who were unable to attend service.

SERVING THE LORD IN MAY

ACOLYTES:

Rylee Cunningham & Ryenne Cunningham

ALTAR FLOWERS:

5 – Donna Patrick
19 – Jay and LeAnn Everhart

GREETERS:

5 – Darren, Zach and Ethan Able
12 – Dorine, Rylee and Ryenne Cunningham
19 – Tyler and Kelly French & family
26 – Scott and Linda Johnson

LECTORS:

5 – TBD (Youth Sunday)
12 – Diane Hedberg
19 – Darren Able
28 – Bob Jones

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

May 5 - Setup: Dana & Julie Olson
Bread: Julie Olson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

5 – Allan Lindfors
19 – Kelly French

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

12 – Julie Olson (Mother's Day)

USHERS:

Craig Larson – Captain; Beau Boughfman, Peter Hamma, Brandon Hulse, Wayne McBride, Don Miller, John Myers, Greg Nicholson, Dana Olson, Dixon Olson, Curtis Patrick

RIVERVIEW SING-ALONG:

May 19 – Jackie Larson, WELCA

RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY:

May 31 – Diane Talbott, treat provider
Deb McGinty, helper

Please contact the Elim secretary if you are interested in supplying items for or participating in a church-sponsored **GARAGE SALE in June**.
Thanks! Gayle Nelson

COFFEE HOSTESS:

5 – Brooke Olson
12 – _____
19 – Brooke Olson
26 – PATRIOTIC SUNDAY (Breakfast served by Christian Ed. committee)



APRIL 21 (Easter): Given by Darryl and Diane Talbott to the glory of God in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

Monthly Financial Report

APRIL 2019

Beginning Balance as of 03/01/19:	\$ 19,872.27
Revenue:	\$ 9,482.94
Expenses:	\$ -5,951.57
Ending Balance as of 03/31/19:	\$ 23,403.64

Second Annual World Vision 6K Walk for Water

Lindsborg Trinity United Methodist Church is sponsoring their Second Annual World Vision 6K Walk for Water on **Saturday, May 18**. They invite our church members to join them. They will meet at the Old Mill in Lindsborg, KS at **9:00 AM** to walk 6K on Lindsborg's Valkommen Trail. That is the average distance mothers and children in Third World countries must walk to get water. Their path is often dangerous, and the water is dirty. The monies raised by this walk will go to World Vision to establish clean water wells in Third World communities. To register as a team or individual, go to www.teamworldvision.org and click on "6K for Water" button, then "Find a 6K" and look for "TUMC; Lindsborg, KS". Join them for fun, food, competition, and fellowship as they walk/run to the 6K goal of **clean drinking water** for our brothers and sisters across the globe. Call or email Sarah Ross Moberg for any questions: sarahpunkin247@hotmail.com or 785-342-0860.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2	Kassandra Hernandez
3	Cassie Crotts
5	Adam Jones
7	Storm Niegsch
7	Ivy Sellhorn
7	Erin Caesar
8	Madison Loder
8	Michelle Loder
12	Jackie Larson
14	Russell Malm
15	Twila Lindfors
15	Freda Talbott
15	Andi Willems
15	Dane Young
16	Lana Rock
16	Rita Brown
17	Carylee Nelson
19	Lisa Boughfman
19	Jerry Kelsey
19	Dan Crump
19	Raylyn Farris
20	Caleb Mitchell
21	Vance Hopp
21	Brian Hopp
21	Dorothy Myers
24	Nancy Larson
24	Beau Oakley
26	Kylie Fox
28	Chris Johnson
28	Leif Larson
28	Abigail Perez
29	Brandon Hulse
30	Jakob Feil
31	Craig Larson
31	Ro Valdez
31	Ryan Loder
31	Cody Hopkins



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

27	Mr. and Mrs. Josh McMahan	13 years
27	Mr. and Mrs. Cody Suhr	2 years
29	Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crump	37 years

DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH AND YOUR COMMUNITY!

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES: If you or someone you know is willing to provide instrumental or vocal music for worship service(s) this summer, please contact Allan Lindfors at 785-546-2348. **THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TALENT!**

SUMMER LAWN MOWING: Elim needs volunteers to mow the church and parsonage lawns this summer, starting in May and ending in September. Please plan to mow on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday to ensure a freshly-cut lawn for Sunday service. The dates are indicated on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please call Scott Johnson at 785-577-4058. **THANK YOU!**

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: Once again Elim is hosting the Summer Lunch Program sponsored and funded by KSDE. This program provides free lunch to all children in the community under the age of 18, and all meals are served at Elim Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall from mid-May until the start of school in August. The Marquette United Methodist Church and Elim work together to provide staffing on alternate weeks. We will need volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM during the weeks Elim is responsible. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT.**

PANCAKE FEED: The Elim Social Ministry Committee is hosting a pancake feed at the Marquette American Legion during the Thunder on the Smoky bike rally on **Saturday, May 18.**



Volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts throughout the day, starting at 5:00 AM through clean-up ending at 2:00 PM. **We especially value the help of our youth!** Please consider this as part of your work for the church and community. If you are unable to help on the day of the pancake feed, please consider donating food or helping **set up Friday, May 17** starting at 5:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please call Pete Hamma at 785-546-2292 if you have questions or would like to donate food. **THANK YOU!**

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – HS Youth Group 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	2	3	4
5 Third Sunday of Easter YOUTH SUNDAY/GRADUATE RECOGNITION Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior & Youth Choir – 10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship --10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM BBQ LUNCH/POTLUCK - NOON	6 7:00 – Church Council	7	8 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	9	10	11
12 Fourth Sunday of Easter MOTHER’S DAY Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior & Youth Choir – 10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children’s Message- 11:00 AM	13	14	15 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	16	17	18 6:00 – NOON Elim Pancake Feed @ American Legion for THUNDER ON THE SMOKY
19 Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior & Youth Choir – 10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM	20 Messenger Deadline	21	22 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	23	24 2:00 PM – Riverview Birthday Party	25
26 Sixth Sunday of Easter BREAKFAST – 9:30 – 11:00 AM Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior & Youth Choir – 10:15 AM PATRIOTIC SUNDAY - 11:00 AM	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29 1:30 PM – Quilting 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	30 Ascension of Our Lord	31	KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School

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Letters of opinion will not be printed in the Messenger. Church Council, as representatives of the congregation, will address individual concerns as they arise. (Policy per church council vote on November 4, 2013.)

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