



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Happy Christmastide and Epiphany!

Have you ever been driving along, stop at a stop sign, then accidentally hit the gas too hard and lurch forward? Passengers might have a few words of surprise as their heads snap back in response to the acceleration. I've been driving my vehicle for over fourteen years, so I've got a pretty solid handle on my own car, but when I hop into my parents' or a friend's vehicle to drive for various outings, I sometimes do this. I'm quickly reminded to pay more attention and be gentle!

In these seasons after Christmas, I'm guessing that we have far fewer parties, church gatherings, and seasonal tasks that we put upon ourselves. Perhaps it feels like a blessed rapid deceleration. The lurching forward feeling doesn't really come in our life's happenings in these weeks, it comes weirdly in worship! After the wise men come along, all of a sudden Jesus is a teenager and is well on his way to adulthood! SLOW DOWN, lectionary scriptures! We need not lurch forward! Give us a darned second to absorb the wonderfulness of a baby! Gracious.

This year seems like the right year to move a little more slowly together. Jesus will grow up quickly, as he does in the way our stories are told, but we will pay attention and move forward with gentleness at Elim. Let's live into 2020 together the way it feels right and good for us to do so; come to worship, my friends.

Peace – Pastor Amy Kay



Jakob Feil, Scott Feil, Wally Bunk, Jeremy Snapp, Ruth Feil, Tammy Feil, Dawson Feil, and Emilie Snapp with Pastor Amy Kay following Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 22. Each member of the family read a Bible passage foretelling of Christ's birth, followed by a Christmas Carol sung by the Elim Lutheran Church Senior Choir (see picture on next page).



Back row from left to right: Jakob Feil, Darren Able, Terry Hopp, Mike Hulse, Pierce Hamma, Peter Hamma, Dana Olson
Christine Weber, Julie Olson, Director Allan Lindfors. Next row: Sandy Edwards, Tammy Feil, Beth Thomas, Michelle
Loder, Donna Patrick, Madison Loder. Front row: Jackie Larson, organist/pianist, JoAn Lindfors, Brooke Olson, Pam
Morel, Andi Willems, and Whitney Weaver. Thank you for sharing your voices in song for Lessons and Carols Sunday.

ONLINE GIVING

Consider ONLINE GIVING for a New Year's Resolution. It is an easy and convenient way to ensure your offering gets "in the plate" on a weekly or monthly basis. With everyone's busy lifestyles, church attendance is not always possible. With online giving, you don't have to worry that you missed a Sunday. Simply go to www.elimmarquette.org. Click on the GIVE ONLINE button on the homepage. The ONLINE DONATION page will come up where you can select the DONATION FREQUENCY (one time, weekly, or monthly). Create your own account by clicking "Create Profile" button. If you do a General Fund donation, click continue to select a checking or savings account and complete the required information. Don't forget to click on PROCESS to submit your authorized donation. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT.





Please keep in prayer: Susan Hamma, Callie Rost (Mari Loder's sister), Norm Yenkey (Mari Loder's father), Twila Lindfors, Diane Deckard, Deb Rush, Glenda Julian, LeAnn Everhart, Mary Sommerfeld, Jill Timmons, Mindy Nicholson, Nathan Gray (Lana Rock's great nephew), Rhonda McEachern (Rita Brown's sister), LaReta Olson, and Debbie Brown.

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 Pastor Amy Kay at 573-808-1980 or email amykay@connectedfairtrade.com, or Wally Bunk, 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.

MEMBERS: Please review the prayer list and notify the church secretary if names no longer need to be listed. Thanks!

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council – Met December 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM to help setup for Swedish Supper. Discussed Elim events scheduled for December and procedure for church closings due to weather. Further discussed timeline for reports and audit for Annual Meeting January 26, 2020.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Allan Lindfors announced that Lessons and Carols will be December 22.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Evangelism: Met Nov. 18. Kelly French discussed plans for Elim booth at Marquette Christmas celebration December 7. Plans being made for Game Day in January, and skating party in March. Additionally, planning to serve meals for local FCA meetings.

Social Ministry: No meeting.

Christian Education: No meeting. Diane Hedberg discussed plans for Sunday School Christmas program and soup lunch following. No Sunday School December 29.

Property: No meeting. Fire extinguisher inspection scheduled for December.

Memorial: No meeting. Approved payment of \$800 for replacement of Treasurer's laptop and software.

Security Committee: No meeting. Scott Feil reported that WIFI is now hooked up to all 4 security cameras.

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

ANNUAL MEETING

The Elim Lutheran Church annual meeting is scheduled for **January 26, 2020**. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. Your input is essential. You will have the opportunity to vote on new council members, and to sign up to participate throughout the year (as lector or greeters, or by providing altar flowers, or helping with coffee and fellowship or WELCA visits at Riverview). It's all important. **All committee reports are due in the church office Monday, January 13.** We hope to have the annual reports printed and ready for you to pick up at church January 19, and of course, January 26. We will not be mailing them out this year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please notify the nominating committee if you or someone you recommend would be interested in serving on the church council. Contact Matt Hedberg, Dorine Cunningham, Hannah Jones, Scott Johnson, or Rita Brown.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee this year is Marci Fox, Susan Buffington, and Sondra Myers. Please contact Diane Hedberg for the date financial reports will be available. Thank you for serving our church.

WELCA NEWS



WELCA had a busy month in December. We visited **BETHLEHEM REVISITED**, presented by Grace Baptist Church of Manhattan, Kansas in Keats, Kansas on December 8, 2019 with 34 congregation members. Each one who saw the live story of Jesus portrayed in the countryside scene with scripture and readings in the Bible thought it was a truly inspiring experience, particularly at the beginning of the Advent season and the nearing of Christmas. Many want WELCA to include it for the 2020 year calendar. If you want to see photos of the experience, visit Elim's website and FACEBOOK page. Jeremy posted photos taken both by JoAn Lindfors and Julie Olson.

WELCA also showed support for our community and surrounding communities in need this Holiday Season with 10-11 **Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes** distributed to families within Marquette and a couple given to the McPherson County Food Bank. There was a story in the *Marquette Tribune* about the Christmas shoe boxes put together by Freemont and Methodist church. They have asked if WELCA and Elim would consider joining them in 2020. It will be on our possible "agenda for 2020".

No **Riverview Sing-along** was scheduled for December, because it was supposed to be the afternoon of caroling with Riverview being visited, and then a chili supper with the Methodist church. However, the weather prevented both ---- so we will be starting our regular schedule in January 2020. Please sign up for the Riverview Sing-alongs on the bulletin board for the **third Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m.** We have had a good showing from other members of the community and Elim. Keep it up.

WELCA's **first Executive Board meeting for 2020 will be JANUARY 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.** Anyone and everyone are welcome to join us for issues, concerns, suggestions or just discussions for 2020. We will be discussing the "giving of monies" to different groups, charities and organizations that may be in need, and how to assist the church and members. This will be before Elim's Annual Meeting so if anything needs to be done before the meeting, it can be discussed.

Please help in 2020 with Riverview's birthday parties and Sing-alongs. Volunteer sheets are on the bulletin board. In addition, Beth Thomas, has graciously agreed to set up the "Meals on Wheels" for February 2020, so volunteer for that as well. We couldn't continue to do the good work of spreading God's word and works without your continued support. Thank you.

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



CHECK OUT THE ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH WEBSITE at www.elimmarquette.org for the current church events, pictures, and the Messenger. Elim also has a Facebook page with lots of great pictures of our December services and Bethlehem Revisited.

YOUTH GROUP

ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH T-SHIRTS are currently being sold by the Youth Group as a fundraiser for their mission trip in March 2020. Ask any of the Youth Group for an order form or find one by the bulletin board and fill it out to give to one of the youth. The t-shirts come in gray or teal and will have a design stating, "Be the Light / Elim Lutheran Church". Sizes range from Youth Extra-Small to Adults 4XL and will be sold for \$15 – \$23 (depending on size). Pay in advance and make checks payable to Elim Youth Group. To date approximately 90 shirts have been sold. There are extra's already printed and available in sizes small, medium, large and extra-large. Check with Carly Peterson if you are interested in purchasing the ones currently available. The Youth Group will continue to take orders for a final printing in March. Please support our Youth Group and order yours today!!

VALENTINE'S DINNER

Elim Youth Group is once again preparing and serving a Valentine's dinner on **FEBRUARY 15** at **6:00-8:00 PM** at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall. The meal includes spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and dessert. Cost is \$5.00 per meal and take-out is available. Reservations can be made for specific times, and tickets are sold in advance and available through any Youth Group member or by calling Hannah Jones at (620) 245-7352. **Please purchase your tickets no later than February 9.** It's a fun and delicious way to celebrate Valentine's Day and support our youth. Proceeds from the ticket sales will go towards the mission trip to Florida in March.



FUN FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ENJOYABLE EVENING WITH THE YOUTH GROUP

Meals for Youth Group and Confirmation Students: We still need many volunteers to prepare meals for the Youth Group/Confirmation Students in January through May. The meals are served in the Parish Hall at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings prior to the Youth Group meeting and confirmation class. Plan on serving 25 hungry youth! Please bring meals at 6:00 PM to set up the counter for serving. **Contact Tammy Feil at 620-242-4764 if you are willing to make a meal or two! THANKS!**

UPCOMING EVENTS HOSTED BY THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The committee will be hosting a **GAME DAY** in the Parish Hall on **January 19, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 PM**. Please bring your favorite game and snack to share with the group. All are welcome to attend! If you have donations for Bingo prizes, please contact Dorine Cunningham, Kelly French, Kelly Larson, or Jeremy Snapp.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a **SKATING PARTY** on **March 29, 2020**. More details to come.

2020 USHER SCHEDULE

JANUARY, MAY, & SEPTEMBER

Craig Larson – Captain, Peter Hamma, Brandon Hulse, Wayne McBride, John Myers, Dana Olon, Curtis Patrick, Gregory Nicholson, Don Miller, and Beau Boughfman.

FEBRUARY, JUNE, & OCTOBER

Scott Johnson – Captain, Randy Jirak, Scott Feil, Bob Jones, Monte Loder, Joel Nelson, Linn Nelson, Steve Patrick, Kenny Talbott, and Tyler French.

MARCH, JULY, & NOVEMBER

Wally Bunk – Captain, Matt Hedberg, Gail Lindstedt, Barry Nelson, Morris Nelson, Darryl Talbott, Jeremy Snapp, Brady Jones, Shayne Fox.

APRIL, AUGUST, & DECEMBER

Adam Jones – Captain, Matthew Everhart, Ken Hedberg, Greg Hopp, Terry Hopp, Mike Hulse, Ron Larson, Noah Lindfors, Fred Peterson, Brad Windholz, and Logan Windholz.

Please notify the captains if you wish to be added or removed from the list. Also, please be sure to post the number attending service on the attendance sheet located in the acolyte room. Lock all doors before leaving the church. THANK YOU for serving our church!



2020 Communion Set-up/Clean-up and Bread Volunteers

Please note a change to the schedule printed last month in the Messenger. April 5 (Palm Sunday), bread will be provided by Jackie Larson.

CHURCH CLOSINGS

Normal church services will be held as scheduled as much as possible. However, in very unusual circumstances, church services may be canceled because of weather or other emergencies.

The Pastor, in consultation with the Elim Lutheran Church Council President, will determine the following:

- Cancel or delay church services
- Cancel or delay an event being held on church property

Our primary concern is for the safety of the members of our congregation and their families. We do not want to put individuals in situations where driving to church on dangerous roads is required or where coming to church will subject them to conditions that are not ideal.

For information about cancellations:

- Watch KAKE
- Watch KWCH
- Facebook

Cancellations will occur by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday morning or at least an hour and a half before any other scheduled event. This is to allow for notice to go out before individuals from out of town prepare to come to the church.

SERVING THE LORD IN JANUARY

ACOLYTES:

Elsie Boughfman, Raven Caesar

ALTAR FLOWERS:

12 - _____
26 - _____

GREETERS:

5 - _____
12 - _____
19 - _____
26 - _____

LECTORS:

5 - _____
12 - _____
19 - _____
26 - _____

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

January 5 – Setup: Andi Willems &
Whitney Weaver
Bread: Jayleen Sellhorn

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

5 – Kelly French (Epiphany of Our Lord)
19 – Steve Patrick

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

12 – Kelly French
26 – Dorine Cunningham

RIVERVIEW SING-ALONG:

19 – _____

RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY:

January 31 – Treat provider: _____
Helper: _____

COFFEE HOSTESS:

5 - _____
12 - _____
19 - _____
26 - _____

USHERS:

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

PLEASE SIGN UP... AND THANKS!

As you can see, we don't have many of our members signed up for January church services yet. PLEASE look at the 2020 signup sheets on the bulletin board and decide the date(s) you would be willing to serve as greeter, lector, for altar flowers, coffee hostess, or Riverview Singalong or Birthday Parties. There is also a signup sheet for Meals on Wheels in February. All is worthwhile and much appreciated. We will be passing out the signup sheets at the January 26 Annual Meeting as well, but we truly hope there won't be many blanks left on any of them. Bless you for serving the church.

COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP

**COFFEE HOST/HOSTESSES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!**

Please sign up in the kitchen if you are interested. Just bring a snack and plug in the coffeepot at 9:30 AM for fellowship at 10:30 AM. THANK YOU!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ON A COMMITTEE,

please notify any of the following: Allan Lindfors (Worship and Music Committee), Diane Hedberg (Christian Ed. Committee), Kelly French (Evangelism Committee), Scott Johnson (Finance & Stewardship Committee), Janis Larson (Memorial Committee), Randy Jirak (Property Committee), Scott Feil (Security Committee), or Peter Hamma (Social Ministry Committee). New committee member listings will be posted in the February Messenger.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Kelly French
- 5 Whitney Weaver
- 5 Colter Patrick
- 5 Rylee Larson
- 6 Ken Hedberg
- 6 Kamryn Lindfors
- 7 Janis Larson
- 8 Kris Hudson
- 9 Geraldine Hopp
- 10 Tom Emery
- 12 Pastor Katherine
- 19 Terry Hopp
- 20 Terri McBride
- 23 Ione Nelson
- 26 Lisa Johnson
- 26 LeAnn Everhart
- 29 Scott Feil
- 29 Magnus Larson

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rock 54 years
- 21 Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Lindh 42 years

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH SECRETARY at elimsec@gmail.com if the dates are incorrect, or a person needs to be added or subtracted. THANK YOU.

REMINDER TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee reports for 2019 are due in the church office NO LATER THAN **Monday, January 13**. Also, please notify the church secretary via elimsec@gmail.com about upcoming meetings or activities so it can be included in the bulletins and/or Messenger. THANKS!

Members and friends of Elim Lutheran Church:

We want to thank you for the kindness and compassion shown during the recent death of Eleanor Lundquist and her son-in-law Steve Stockham. We appreciate your generosity with memorial donations to Elim Lutheran Church and Riverview Estates in Eleanor’s name, for your cards, and for food for our families. We would like to extend a special thank you to the members of Elim WELCA for providing two lovely personalized luncheons.

The Families of Eleanor Lundquist
and Steve Stockham

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented at Church Council Meeting 12/02/19]

Beginning Balance as of 11/01/19:	\$ 28,918.71
Revenue:	\$ 11,862.55
Expenses:	\$-15,542.45
Ending Balance as of 11/30/19:	\$ 25,238.81

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT
RED CROSS BLOODMOBILES SCHEDULED AT
ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH HALL***

The first 2 Bloodmobiles are scheduled for Tuesday, February 4 and Tuesday, April 7, and for the following months of June, August, and October (exact dates to be determined). Appointments are necessary. Contact Linda Johnson if you have further questions. Thank you for donating.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4
5 Second Sunday of Christmas Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday School - 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM	6 Epiphany 7:00 – Council Meeting	7	8 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group & Confirmation Class Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	9	10	11
12 Baptism of Our Lord Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children's Message - 11:00 AM	13	14	15 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group & Confirmation Class Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	16	17	18
19 Second Sunday of Epiphany Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM 2:00-4:00 PM – GAME DAY 4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-along	20 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	21	22 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 1:30 PM – Quilting Group 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group & Confirmation Class Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	23	24	25
26 Third Sunday of Epiphany Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children's Message - 11:00 AM	27	28	29 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group & Confirmation Class Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir	30	31 2:00 PM – Riverview Birthday Party	KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School