



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

MARCH 2020

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Greetings in this season of deep purple –

This month we are in the midst of the 40 day Lenten journey (plus Sundays) in which we take time to intentionally think about how we live our lives. We are invited to turn to God; to open ourselves to the ancient rituals that invite us to turn away from things that distract us from, or learn anew spiritual disciplines that focus us on, our faith. In this effort, some of us choose to give something up for Lent and others of us choose to add something. The bottom line is that we are invited to do whatever is helpful for us to draw closer to God... to become more centered in our faith... to orient ourselves rightly... for the sake of transformation to and with God.

It is not a light and breezy process to take a good look at ourselves. To recognize our shortcomings and own them takes a lot of courage and energy. There's nothing easy about getting honest with ourselves and realizing that we are the one who has been holding ourselves back from all the glory that is of God. Sometimes we realize we need to make a change and it's a big deal to change.

There is a time for all things, and this is the time for reflection and hard self-work. I hope you are in it with me.

One of the Lenten options that you could choose if you so desire is the Wednesday evening worship services offered by the Marquette Ministerial Alliance. The theme this year is "Embracing the Uncertain". The hope is that this series offers enlightenment in unsteady times. During the Ash Wednesday service at the United Methodist church, Jeff shared good words about the "Uncertainty of Faith". We will carry on each Wednesday with the uncertainty of forgiveness, worry, mortality, surrender and obedience. Please see the dates and places we will worship in the schedule Gayle printed for us in this newsletter.

If you want to be actively involved in this Lenten season and are unsure about what is the right fit for you to give up or add to your life, please visit with me! I'd love to think through it with you. There are lots of options, and the best one is the one that is right for you as you are intentional about your relationship with God, who we know more fully through Jesus the Christ.

Thanks be for all the seasons of the church year, for this purple season of Lent and for our many opportunities to become – Pastor Amy Kay

A Journey Through Lent



Please keep in prayer: Don Lundquist, Sharon Tornow (family friend of Andi Willems), Darren Ebling (Donna Elvin's grandson), Marian McKay (Kale Nelson's mother-in-law), Bob Jones, Mindy Nicholson, Sawyer Nelson, Callie Rost (Mari Loder's sister), Norm Yenkey (Mari Loder's father), Twila Lindfors, Jill Timmons, Nathan Gray (Lana Rock's great nephew), Helen Weber and family, and our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Kent Ebling.

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 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 name(s) no longer need to be listed.

Thanks!

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council – Met February 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Youth Group sponsors Carly and Lars Peterson requested loan for mission trip to Florida in March. Council approved loan of \$6500. Welcomed new council member Curtis Patrick. Re-elected Dana Olson as President, Jeremy Snapp as Vice-President, and Diane Hedberg as Council Treasurer. Discussed plans for Lenten services.

Worship & Music: Met Jan. 16. Allan Lindfors announced upcoming services, to include Gospel Sunday February 23 and WELCA Sunday March 22. Senior Choir will meet Wednesdays at 8:00 PM during Lent.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Evangelism: No meeting. Game Day cancelled for January 19. Will be rescheduled. Hosted FCA breakfast at Little River HS on January 24. Tentative plans for Skating Party March 29.

Christian Education: No meeting.

Property: Met February 3. Discussed repairing hole in office floor.

Social Ministry: No meeting.

Memorial: No meeting. Discussed list of items to be purchased through Memorial funds.

Security Committee: No report.

Next meeting to be held on March 2 at 7:00 p.m.



Dear Elim Church Family,

I want to thank you all for the prayers, concerns, cards and gifts. I have felt your kindness and miss seeing all of you. My recovery from hip surgeries is going well and yes, Salina Surgical Center will never be the same after taking care of both Nancy [Hopp] and I on the same day!

Elim is a special place!

Sincerely,
LeAnn Everhart

**AS SEEN ON COUNTRY CHURCH SIGNS:
Heavenly forecast: Jesus will REIGN forever!**

(Taken from the book From Grits to Grace: Devotions from the Farmhouse Porch – thank you Jackie!)



MARQUETTE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

(All services are held on Wednesday at 7:00 PM unless otherwise specified)

Wednesday, March 4: Freemount Lutheran Church, Pr. Gerald Berggren
Wednesday, March 11: Elim Lutheran Church, Lay Minister Susan Smith
Wednesday, March 18: Marquette United Methodist Church, Pr. Amy Kay Pavlovich
Wednesday, March 25: Freemount Lutheran Church, Pr. Gerald Berggren
Wednesday, April 1: Elim Lutheran Church, Pr. Amy Kay Pavlovich
Palm Sunday, April 5 at 11:00 AM: Elim Lutheran Church, Pr. Amy Kay Pavlovich
Maundy Thursday, April 9: Elim Lutheran Church, Pr. Amy Kay Pavlovich
Good Friday, April 10 at 12:00 NOON: Marquette United Methodist, Pr. Jeff Graber
EASTER, April 12 at 11:00 AM: Elim Lutheran Church, Pr. Amy Kay Pavlovich

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Confirmation Class will not meet on Wednesday evening during Lent, beginning February 26 and ending April 1. Letters have gone out to parents and guardians regarding the change. ***Confirmands:*** please remember to attend **Sunday School class at 9:30 AM** for upcoming visits with church leaders, and to attend Confirmation class **Sunday, March 8 and Sunday, April 5 at 6:30-8:00 PM**. Second year confirmands will be meeting with Pastor Amy Kay at separate times and locations to complete their Statements of Faith. All confirmands are encouraged to attend at least two of the Lenten services. ***CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS APRIL 19!***

Youth Group will continue meeting on Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM for the meal and meeting to follow. It is expected they will attend the Lenten services held at Elim Lutheran Church on **March 11 and April 1**.

Parents of Youth Group members are asked to attend a meeting in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 PM** to address final arrangements, parent release forms, and final questions concerning the mission trip to Destin, Florida on **MARCH 17**.

Senior Choir will meet at **8:00 PM** following Wednesday Lenten services.

EASTER LILIES



Forms for ordering Easter lilies will be available in the narthex beginning Sunday, March 8. If you need an order form sent to you, please contact the secretary at elimsec@gmail.com. Please leave your order and money in an envelope and place in the box designated in the narthex. **All orders must be submitted by April 6.** THANK YOU.



WELCA NEWS

WELCA had a busy January, and we are already off to a good start for February and the year of 2020. We hope and pray that more women of WELCA will become involved, and give us ideas and wanted events that would be welcomed by WELCA and stay with the goal of community involvement, church assistance, and international attention.

Our NEXT Executive Committee meeting is MARCH 8th at 8:30 a.m., and we welcome anyone to come join us and give us your input, concerns, and suggestions.

On February 16th, we had a special Sing-along at Riverview Estates by singing “love songs” from and to our Lord; Brooke Olson sang “My Valentine” beautifully, and we ended it with Valentine bags for each resident. Inside were Valentine pencils and paper pads; small boxes of chocolates, and a Valentine card signed by the WELCA Executive Board members. Residents really loved them and thanked us.

MARCH will be a busy month for WELCA members, and if you haven’t been called for “volunteering”, please step up. We can always use your assistance. There are LISTS on the church’s bulletin board for your names! So far, we have scheduled:

- 1) WELCA Breakfast, 9:30 – 10:55 a.m. **MARCH 22, 2020** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving egg casserole, cinnamon rolls, fruit, orange juice and coffee. A goodwill offering will be requested, and all monies will be used to help the needy and communities.
- 2) WELCA Sunday, 11:00 – Noon, **MARCH 22, 2020**. The women of our church will be doing the full worship service so that Pastor Amy Kay can “rest” and have the day free. It really teaches each one of us to appreciate the work that happens each Sunday by our leaders. Julie Olson is working with Pastor about the “women of influence in religion” and will have a “short sermon” for us about this subject with the help of other women. It will be an awesome learning experience for everyone.
- 3) OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Gayle asked WELCA (and Elim) to become involved with the Christmas Shoe Boxes that is organized and led by Freemont Church and congregation. You can become involved **immediately**, and the list of needed goods for **MARCH** will be “FUN STUFF”, i.e. small cars, balls, harmonica, slinky, small Etch A Sketch, dolls, kazoos, yo-yos, jump ropes, books, noise makers, stuffed animals, Barbies, Legos, puzzles, Beanie Babies, jacks, small games.

IF you don’t want to go shopping, just leave some cash/check in an envelope and put in the box left for deposits near the Fellowship Hall OR give directly to Gayle Nelson.

Just to remind everyone, WELCA agreed to assist with **Confirmation Sunday on April 19, 2020**, by decorating tables for each confirmand and family, and to serve some goodies during the coffee fellowship time of 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. More will be discussed about this reception closer to April.

There are still a couple slots left on the bulletin board for the Riverview Birthday parties held on the **last Friday of each month**. We thank Lana Rock for stepping up for February; and, Gayle Nelson for March. We couldn’t continue to do the good work of spreading God’s word and works without volunteers. Thank you.

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



DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SHOEBOX ITEMS!!

Here's the list for March:

Fun Stuff! Small cars, balls, harmonicas, kazoos, yo-yo's, slinky's, small Etch-a-Sketches, jump ropes, noise makers, Legos, puzzles, jacks, small games, dolls, Barbies, Beanie Babies, stuffed animals, books.

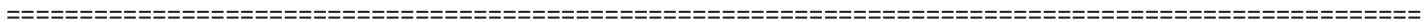
There's a basket in the Parish Hall and one at the back of the sanctuary. We are collecting different items throughout the year, and we hope to fill the basket(s) each month if possible.

Give when and what you can. It is all appreciated. Please note: if you purchased items for the January and February collection – or still want to – feel free to leave them in the basket at any time.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY

FUNDRAISERS FOR SHOEBOX MISSION: Freemount Lutheran Church is selling raffle tickets for Silver Dollar City through the end of April. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. The Silver Dollar City tickets will be given away in sets of 2 and are valued at \$72 each. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to purchase needed items and help pay shipping costs for the 2020 Shoeboxes. If you are interested in buying tickets, please contact Gayle Nelson at elimsec@gmail.com or 785-201-7675.

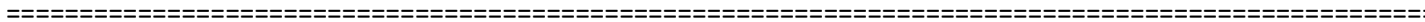
Freemount is also sponsoring a fundraiser at the Pizza Hut in Lindsborg on **March 16 at 4:00-10:00 PM.** Bring in a flyer (available on the bulletin board at Elim) for dine-in, carryout, or delivery, and Pizza Hut will donate 15% of your purchase to the Freemount Lutheran Church Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project.



BAPTISM

Elim welcomed Blakely Annette Weis into the family of Christ through baptism on February 16, 2020. Her parents are Zachary and Kasey Weis, and her big brother is Kasyn. Sponsors are Lars and Carly Peterson, Scott and Tammy Feil, and Brent and Beth Kindall. Grandparents are Patty Kolling and Scott Kolling, and Ron and Lisa Weis.

Congratulations and welcome to the family of God!



CHURCH DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL AND MAY

- April 5: Palm Sunday
- April 9: Maundy Thursday
- April 10: Good Friday
- April 12: Easter Cantata
- April 19: Confirmation
- May 3: Youth Sunday / Senior Recognition and Graduate Blessing
- May 24: Patriotic Sunday
- May 31: Pentecost Sunday



YOUTH GROUP 2020 MISSION TRIP: Plans are underway for the Youth Group's mission trip to Destin, Florida March 17-21. Nine students and three sponsors will be making the trip. To date, the Youth Group plans to work with Florida State Parks on shoreline conservation, and to help organizations that support food pantries and shelters for children removed from bad situations. We hope to have news and pictures about the trip upon their return and will hopefully include it in the April Messenger.

**YOUTH
GROUP**

CONGRATULATIONS to Abbie Hudson for being chosen as homecoming queen for Little River High School winter sports!

YOUTH SUNDAY May 3: Plan to attend Youth Sunday May 3. The Youth Group will be participating in the worship service as acolytes, ushers, lector, special music, and communion assistance. There will also be the Blessing of the Graduates and a Youth Group BBQ following the worship service.

ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH T-SHIRTS are still 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 / Matthew 5:14". 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!!

Meals for Youth Group and Confirmation Students: We still need many volunteers to prepare meals for the Youth Group/Confirmation Students in March 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!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR PROVIDING YOUTH MEALS IN FEBRUARY:

Feb. 5 – Janis Larson, Kay Larson, and Vicki Young
Feb. 12 – JoAn Lindfors
Feb. 19 – Darren Able and Trish Reed
Feb. 26 – Andi Willems

The Youth Group wishes to thank all those who attended the Valentine's Dinner February 15, and purchased BBQ the following Saturday, February 22. Thank you also for purchasing t-shirts, and for attending concessions sponsored by the group. It all helps! Your support gives them the opportunity to travel to Florida and help others.

Youth Group members: Ethan Able, Noah Bearly, Lily Boughman, Ryenne Cunningham, Dawson Feil, Jakob Feil, Kylie Fox, Pierce Hamma, Abbie Hudson, Jake Loder, and Emma McBride.



SKATING PARTY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and spread the word! The Evangelism Committee is hosting a family **SKATING PARTY** on **APRIL 5, 2020 at 4:00-6:00 PM** for members of Elim and the community. The skating party will be held at Skateland in Hutchinson, 3101 N. Lorraine Street. More information on cost per person and transportation will be posted in the bulletin and April Messenger.

SERVING THE LORD IN MARCH

ACOLYTES:

Pierce Hamma and Colter Patrick

GREETERS:

1 – Kelly Larson
8 – Jeremy and Emilie Snapp
15 – Tom and Cathy French
22 - WELCA
29 - Kay Larson and Janis Larson

LECTORS:

1 – Scott Feil
8 – Linda Johnson
15 – Brooke Olson
22 - WELCA
29 – Julie Olson

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

March 1 – Setup: Beth Thomas & Carol Jones
Bread: Carol Jones

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

1 – Jeremy Snapp
15 – Andi Willems

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

8 – Julie Olson
22 – JoAn Lindfors (WELCA SUNDAY)

RIVERVIEW SING-ALONG:

15 – Jackie Larson and Brooke Olson

RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY:

March 27 – Treat provider: Gayle Nelson
Helper: Beth Thomas

COFFEE HOSTESS:

1 – Tammy Feil
8 – Lindsay Newton
15 – _____
22 – WELCA Sunday Breakfast
29 – Kay Larson and Janis Larson

USHERS:

Barry Nelson– Captain; Matt Hedberg, Gail Lindstedt, Morris Nelson, Darryl Talbott, Jeremy Snapp, and Shayne Fox.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP USHER.

The volunteer list is dwindling due to persons who have moved away or stopped attending. Please consider helping one or more Sundays every 3 months.

Thank you to Barry Nelson for offering to be usher captain for March, July, and November.

**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. The Sunday School kids love it too! Team up with a friend or fellow member. That adds to the fun! Pastor Amy Kay has hosted on several occasions, with creative touches like beignets in honor of Mardi Gras.

WOMEN AND MEN OF ELIM: We will need hosts or hostesses for the Lenten services to be held at Elim on **Wednesday, March 11** and **Wednesday, April 1**. The services begin at 7:00 PM, and fellowship follows in the Parish Hall at approximately 7:30 PM. Please consider helping out. WELCA is in charge of these but would appreciate participation from all our members. **DOUBLE THANKS!!!**

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 recent services and events.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lisa Christensen
- 2 Pierce Hamma
- 2 Blakely Niegsch
- 4 Acea Newton
- 6 Carri Thies
- 6 Neal Morel
- 6 Ernie Sommerfeld
- 7 Nic Morel
- 7 Taylor Russell
- 8 Lois Johnson
- 9 Justin Myers
- 10 Catalina Hernandez
- 12 Noah Lindfors
- 13 Dean Johnson
- 13 Rochelle Hamilton
- 14 Jeri Hintz
- 14 Brian Patrick
- 14 Andrea Willems
- 14 Brynne Weber
- 15 Jeremy Snapp
- 16 Janet Nelson
- 18 Kenneth Talbott
- 18 Bart Oakley
- 19 Phil Hamilton
- 20 Gayle Phillips
- 20 Wm. Neal Nickel
- 21 Cindy Bunk
- 22 Donald Farris, Jr.
- 23 Kenzi Kaufman
- 26 Susan Buffington
- 28 Ann Hernandez

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

12 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Emery 37 years



February 9: Given by Ingrid Neste, James Peterson, and Fred Peterson in memory of Richard Peterson, Geneva Peterson, and Merilee Peterson.

February 23: Given by Elim Youth Group in appreciation of our church family and all of their support.

NOTE: There are no altar flowers during the season of Lent. The altar is bare until Easter Sunday.

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented at Church Council Meeting 02/03/2020]

Beginning Balance as of 01/01/20:	\$ 31,701.32
Revenue:	\$ 7,374.81
Expenses:	\$- 5,437.36
Ending Balance as of 01/31/20:	\$ 33,628.77

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

*The next Bloodmobile is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7.
The Bloodmobile runs from 1:00 – 7:00 PM.
Appointments are necessary. Contact Linda Johnson if
you have further questions. Thank you for donating.*

NOTICE: In an effort to cut costs, we will be cutting back on the number of Messengers mailed out. If you do not receive a copy next month and wish to continue receiving it, please contact me at elimsec@gmail.com or leave a message on the church office phone (785-546-2244). Also, there are many names on the birthday and anniversary lists. Perhaps many are no longer members – maybe they moved or just lost interest. If you know someone who no longer wishes to be listed or is no longer active, please let me know. THANKS!

Elim Lutheran Church Secretary

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 First Sunday in Lent Sunday School - 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM	2 7:00 PM – Council Meeting	3	4 - Bulletin Deadline 6:30 PM –Youth Group Meal 7:00 PM – Lenten Service – Freemount 7:00 PM – Youth Group 8:00 PM – Senior Choir	5	6	7
8 Second Sunday in Lent Confirmation Class – 8:00 AM WELCA Executive Meeting – 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ Children’s Message - 11:00 AM 2:00 PM – Youth Group Mtg. w/ parents	9	10	11 - Bulletin Deadline 6:30 PM –Youth Group Meal 7:00 PM – Lenten Service - Elim 8:00 PM – Senior Choir	12	13	14
15 Third Sunday in Lent Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM 4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-along	16	17 YOUTH GROUP leaves for Destin, FL	18 - Bulletin Deadline 6:30 PM –Youth Group Meal 7:00 PM – Lenten Service – Methodist 7:00 PM – Youth Group 8:00 PM – Senior Choir	19	20	21 Youth Group returns from Destin, FL
22 Fourth Sunday in Lent WELCA SUNDAY BREAKFAST – 9:30-10:55 AM Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Worship w/ Children’s Message - 11:00 AM	23 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	24	25 - Bulletin Deadline 1:30 PM – Quilting Group 6:30 PM –Youth Group Meal 7:00 PM – Lenten Service – Freemount 7:00 PM – Youth Group 8:00 PM – Senior Choir	26	27 2:00 PM – Riverview Birthday Party	28
29 Fifth Sunday in Lent Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship - 10:30 AM Worship w/ HC - 11:00 AM	30	31				KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School