



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings, Elim –

I hope this Newsletter finds you healthy in every way in these unusual weeks.

At the writing of this note, we have only begun our physical distancing. It's hard for me to comprehend what our reality will be like by the time you read these words. Thankfully there are everlasting truths no matter our current situations.

God is with us. God has been with us and will continue to be with us. I've been singing hymns to myself and "O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come" is one that spontaneously comes out of my mouth at various times during the day. (Gratefully, my boys are still kind about these little outbursts.) I've heard a sweet story of one of our youth who has also gravitated to a song. "Our God is an Awesome God" is his go-to comfort song. I'm thrilled that it is so.

I believe deeply in my bones that God is with us. We are not alone even though we might be physically distant from one another. May we take comfort in our faith and sing songs that help us stay centered on this truth. May we do whatever we can do to be oriented to peace: delight in the flowers that are blooming, read good devotions, call or facetime the people we love – all the things.

Please be connected to your church through our website at www.elimmarquette.org and/or our church Facebook page. Please be in touch with me at any time through texting or calling 573-808-1980. Please be well and know that I am thinking of you and God is indeed with you.

w/much care and compassion – Pastor Amy Kay

PLEASE NOTE: There is a plastic envelope containing devotional books for April through June. It is attached to the glass doors of the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to pick one up and share God's word in your daily journey.


A Journey Through Lent

And our journey through the coronavirus pandemic



Please keep in prayer: Allan Lindfors, Betty Finney, Don Lundquist, Darren Ebling (Donna Elvin's grandson), Marian McKay (Kale Nelson's mother-in-law), 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 Sharon Tornow.

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.

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council – Met March 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Discussed additional funding for Youth Group mission trip, new member invitation, and recognition of Wally Bunk for serving as PMA.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Easter Cantata cancelled.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Evangelism: No meeting. Council approved to pay a portion of the fee for the Skating Party April 5.

Christian Education: No meeting. Will meet in March to discuss plans for Easter.

Property: No meeting.

Social Ministry: No meeting.

Memorial: No meeting. Committee approved payment for window replacements and \$2000 to Youth Group for mission trip.

Security Committee: No report.

Next meeting to be determined.



MARQUETTE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

All Lenten services have been cancelled, but please check on FB or the Elim website for recordings of the Lenten message by members of the Ministerial Alliance.

NEW MEMBER INVITATION!! Please contact Pastor Amy Kay if you are interested in becoming a member of Elim Lutheran Church. We welcome you to join us as a member! Be assured this does NOT obligate you to serve on committees, attend every Sunday, or participate in worship as lector, greeter, or otherwise. We only ask that you take communion at least once per year and give on a regular basis – whatever amount you choose. So please join us! We hope to induct new members during worship service in the coming months.



WELCA NEWS

WELCA was going to have a really busy MARCH, but it was slowed down to a halt with the dangerous coronavirus pandemic, which we ALL need to take seriously. It's NO April Fool!

BOTH our WELCA Sunday and WELCA Breakfast for March 22, 2020 were cancelled, but rest assured --- we WILL be rescheduling both of them. We know we have the volunteers to get it done.

BOTH our Riverview Singalongs and Birthday parties were cancelled as well -- at least through March and April. We will go day-by-day, and pray each day for our citizens, our country, and our leadership. In the meantime, send the Riverview residents cards, notes, and even give them crayons, markers, and large letter cards.....they have requested materials to keep them busy while their loved ones and visitors are prohibited from coming to visit with them.

Though we can't collect the "FORTY DAY FAST" items or the OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD items, it doesn't prohibit you from collecting them, and then having them ready at the END of this dilemma. We will still take them to the charities and people that need them. NOW you have lots of time to clean out your closets and drawers, and still help people. Gayle will take the Operation Christmas Child items to Freemont church. Just look to see what is needed in April and maybe into May. **IF you don't want to go shopping or can't, just leave some cash/check in an envelope and give directly to Gayle Nelson.**

We don't know what will happen through the month of April. We may have to do Palm Sunday and **Easter** in a different way. **It will HAPPEN.** We, as Christians, know that Christ rose again!! **Confirmation Sunday on April 19, 2020 hasn't been cancelled YET, but keep tuned.** Again, it won't be forgotten, just rescheduled.

What this pandemic has allowed that goes along with the season of LENT, is that it gives you plenty of time to "reflect on your life", and time to communicate with family, friends, lost people in your lives, and particularly -- talking to God. We give you this LIST:

TWELVE THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT

Having to have the last word.

Taking those you love for granted.

Worrying about things you cannot change or control.

Losing your temper.

Being a perfectionist.

Patronizing people who work for or with you.

Complaining.

Carrying grudges.

Expecting to be bored by any and all sermons.

Nagging.

Thinking about money.

Feeling sorry for yourself.

---Ignatius Drostin

Be safe and God bless.

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 April and May:

HAIRBRUSHES, TOOTHBRUSHES and FLOSS. *Children of all ages will be receiving these in their boxes.*

T-shirts, sunglasses, ball caps, visors, hairclips, play jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), umbrellas. Use your imagination for useful items children of all ages can use!

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, February, or March collection – or still want to – feel free to leave them in the basket at any time. **THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO BROUGHT SHOEBOX ITEMS THESE PAST FEW MONTHS!!** **WOW! The collection has been huge!** Thank you for the wonderful FUN STUFF for disadvantaged children around the world. It is our hope that our message of God's love will reach many children.

WE REALIZE YOU ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE YOUR ITEMS AT THE CHURCH AT THE PRESENT TIME. Please continue to gather items if you can and bring them to the church when we can again join together in fellowship.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY

**ORDER FORM FOR WHITE LILIES
for Easter Sunday!**

All orders must be submitted by April 6
Cost: \$7.60 per lily



PLEASE NOTE: Lilies will be ordered and available at the church on Saturday, April 11. Easter service will not be held in the sanctuary, but we hope you will purchase a lily to share the message of Easter and to remember those you cherish.

Payment is due with this form. You can pay with either a check or cash. Checks should be made out to Diane Talbott. Mail to Elim Lutheran Church, 403 N. Lincoln, Marquette, KS 67464 no later than April 6.

Please specify how you would like your dedication worded. We will post this in the bulletin and Messenger at a later time, and possibly on FB and Elim's website. Select one or more of the options below:

- In Loving Memory of _____
- To the Glory of God for _____
- Given by _____
- Other _____

(Include all names you want on the dedication)

Total # of lilies ordered: _____ Name _____ Phone #: _____

Contact Diane Talbott (785-577-6883) or Gayle Nelson (785-201-7675) with any questions.

SERVING THE LORD IN APRIL

PLEASE NOTE: It is unknown at this time when the coronavirus pandemic restrictions will be rescinded. Listed here is the final Sunday of April with the hope we can resume full worship service by that time.

ACOLYTES:

Keira Mullen, Ciara Rawson

GREETERS:

26 – Dorine Cunningham, Rylee & Ryenne

LECTORS:

26 – Adam Jones

CHILDREN’S SERMON:

26 – Kelly French

COFFEE HOSTESS:

26 – Julie Olson

USHERS:

Adam Jones – Captain; Ken Hedberg, Greg Hopp, Terry Hopp, Mike Hulse, Ron Larson, and Brad Windholz.

USHERS NEEDED: Please contact the church secretary at elimsec@gmail.com or 785-201-7675 if you would be willing to serve as an usher, or have questions concerning the duties. The list of available ushers has dwindled through the years – it’s time to replenish our list! Please consider helping out one or more Sundays every 3 months. We welcome women and youth to volunteer as well. THANK YOU!

ACOLYTES

We would like to thank the following youth for serving as acolytes this past year: Lily Boughfman, Abbie Hudson, Jakob Feil, Dawson Feil, Ethan Able, Keira Mullen, Raven Caesar, Emma McBride, Jake Loder, Elsie Boughfman, Pierce Hamma, and Colter Patrick. Going forward we would like to post the acolyte schedule for upcoming Sunday’s in both the bulletin and the Messenger. Here is the remaining schedule through September 2020. There are many blanks, so we hope our youth will fill them in the coming months. Plans are to have a training session for new acolytes. It is wonderful to see new acolytes serving our church. THANK YOU!

April: Keira Mullen, Ciara Rawson

May: _____

June 7: Ryenne Cunningham

June 14: _____

June 21: _____

June 28: _____

July 5: _____

July 12: _____

July 19: _____

July 26: _____

August 2: _____

August 9: _____

August 16: _____

August 23: _____

August 30: _____

September: _____

Individual Sundays are listed for the summer months. Youth members are not required to serve as acolyte for a full month during the summer months.

YOUTH SUNDAY Scheduled for May 3: Although the date may change, please plan to attend. 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.

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



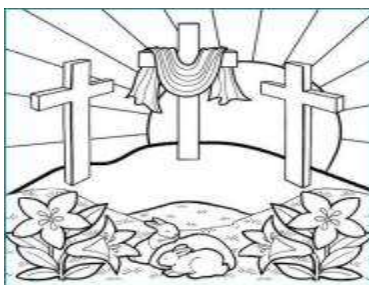
SKATING PARTY

The family **SKATING PARTY** scheduled for **APRIL 5, 2020 at 4:00-6:00 PM** has been cancelled. Please stay tuned for an alternate date.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3	Darcy Myers
3	Kelly Larson
3	Sarah Johnson
5	Travis Bunk
6	Diane Talbott
7	Troy Johnson
7	April Young
8	Christy Young
8	JoAn Lindfors
10	Travis Young
11	Zach Able
11	Dixie Lundquist
12	Mary Anne Talbott
12	Betsy Patrick
12	Gayle Nelson
12	Don Lundquist
16	Ashley Crump
16	Brittany Crump
17	Mindy Nicholson
17	Betty Amos
17	Shannon Hudson
17	Miles Forssberg
21	Jolene Larson
21	Norma Ericson
23	Matthew Christensen
23	Michael Christensen
26	Cathy French
27	Eva Lindfors-Allen
28	Kasyn French
29	Jace Mannebach



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

3	Mr. and Mrs. Tyler French	11 years
3	Mr. and Mrs. Beau Boughman	17 years
5	Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Sommerfeld	46 years
8	Mr. and Mrs. Justin Myers	15 years
10	Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lundquist	17 years
16	Mr. and Mrs. Brad Peterson	10 years
23	Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Niegsch	16 years
26	Mr. and Mrs. John Sommerfeld	18 years
27	Mr. and Mrs. Dane Young	19 years
29	Mr. and Mrs. Gail Lindstedt	41 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Joel Nelson	44 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Hawkinson	5 years

Monthly Financial Report

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

Beginning Balance as of 02/01/20:	\$ 33,638.77
Revenue:	\$ 10,534.88
Expenses:	\$- 7,108.76
Ending Balance as of 02/29/20:	\$ 37,064.89

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. **PLEASE
KEEP YOUR APPOINTMENT! Donations are needed
more than ever during the coronavirus pandemic.** All
necessary precautions will be taken to ensure your
safety. Contact Linda Johnson if you have further
questions. Thank you for donating.

NOTICE: In an effort to cut costs, we cut back on the
number of Messengers mailed out this month. If you
did not receive a copy - or know someone who didn't -
and still wish to receive 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 APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PLEASE NOTE: We do not know for certain if services and activities will resume after APRIL 19. We can only pray that we will be able to move forward with our daily activities, including fellowship with one another in our church.			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6 Council Mtg. Cancelled	7 Red Cross Bloodmobile: 1:00-7:00 PM	8	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11 Easter Vigil
12 EASTER	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Second Sunday of Easter	20 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	21	22 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 1:30 PM – Quilting Group 6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Senior Choir	23	24	25
26 Third Sunday of Easter 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 – Youth Group Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Senior Choir	30		KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School