



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

MAY 2020

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Much May Cheer to you, Elim –

At the writing of this note, the weather is gorgeous, new life is around us in many ways and it feels like we are closer to easing back into freer movement. We can delight in so many good things!

May is a wonderful month in the life of the church because we get to celebrate the resurrection hope of Easter all month long until the very end when Pentecost lights us up. I'm not sure it could get any better!

We will continue worshiping online until our leaders both outside and inside our church say it is okay for us to be physically together. Worship can be found on our website at elimmarquette.org or our Facebook page.

Dana Olson, our Council Chairperson, is in contact with our Synod and I continue to read the ecclesiastical offerings about how to best be physically together when we can do so. Our Council is meeting and being thoughtful for us. As long as we follow the safety guidelines, I'm hopeful we will continue to be okay in the Smoky Valley. We will certainly be mindful about how we are together because of our deep care for one another.

I'm so grateful that I get to serve in a place where I don't have to make the argument that we need to have loyalty to all of God's people with safety measures. You all care for one another. I see it in so many ways of how you are church. Our coming back together will be fine because even if you don't care for some measures for yourself, I know you will want Elim to be as safe as possible for the most vulnerable among us. It is good to be church with you in so many ways!

When we are able to physically be together again, we will communicate that news in many and varied ways. Please know that you are always welcome to text or call me if you want to check in about any of our transitional plans. (573-808-1980 – I know... I look like a telemarketer. Sorry about my old number!) I can also host zoom gatherings if you would like to have group virtual conversations about anything.

Thank you for your continued care of your church because of your faith in God who we know more fully through Jesus the Christ. Thank you, also, for your grace and care for me through this different time. Online worship has not been my favorite as I'm guessing it hasn't been yours, but you've been kind and supportive in many ways. I appreciate you very much.

w/thanksgiving for all of the gifts God has given us – 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.

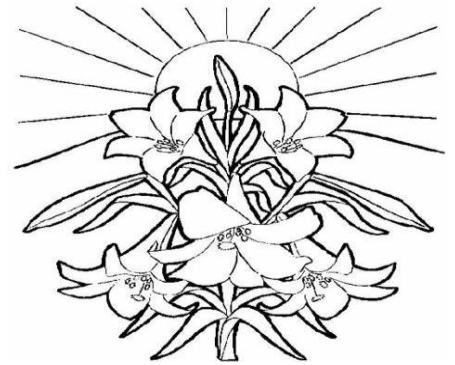


Please keep in prayer: Allan Lindfors, Betty Finney, Don Lundquist, Darren Ebling (Donna Elvin's grandson), Mindy Nicholson, Callie Rost (Mari Loder's sister), Norm Yenkey (Mari Loder's father), Twila Lindfors, Jill Timmons, Nathan Gray (Lana Rock's great nephew), Helen Weber, and the family of Richard Rummel (Rita Brown's brother).

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.

Dedication of Easter Lilies

In loving memory of our friend, Dale Nelson, given by Dean and Lois Johnson
In loving memory of Dwight Feil, given by Ruth Feil and family
In honor of my dear Mom. I miss and love you. Given by Emilie Snapp
In loving memory of Tracy Bunk, given by her family
In loving memory of Zeb O'Loughlin, given by Barb O'Laughlin and family
In loving memory of Jim Thomas, given by Beth Thomas and family
In loving memory of Laurel Patrick, given by Donna and family
In honor of our dear mother, Twila, given by Allan and JoAn Lindfors.
In loving memory of Bob Edwards, given by the Edwards family
In loving memory of Kenny and Helen Olson, given by the Olson, Kolling and Nelson family
Thanks be to God for the blessings of my children, grandchildren and family, given by Kelly Larson
In loving memory of Willard & Marge Ericson and Tim Ericson, given by Shannon Ericson and family
In loving memory of Gwen Warner and Sam Nelson, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson
In memory of loved ones, given by Allan and JoAn Lindfors and family
In thanksgiving to God for our families, given by Barry and Carylee Nelson
In thanksgiving to God for our beautiful daughter Betsy, who will be 39 on Easter Sunday, given by Craig and Jackie Larson
In loving memory of Jill Oakleaf and Jeff Oakleaf, given by Terry Oakleaf and family
In loving memory of Kenneth Dean Olson, given by the Olson, Kolling and Nelson families
In loving memory of Junie and Louise, given by Scott and Linda Johnson and family
To the glory of God for Kasyn Carter and Blakely Annette, given by Godparents Scott and Tammy Feil
In loving memory of all those who have gone before us, given by Sandy Edwards and family
To the glory of God for our new pastor, Amy Kay Pavlovich, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson
In loving memory of my wife, Mary, given by Vernon Olson and family
In loving memory of Blackie Nelson, given by Lone, Barry, Carylee and family
In loving memory of our Little Kenny, given by Darryl and Diane Talbott and family
In loving memory of Mason French and Philip & Edna Larson, and to the glory of God for all blessings, given by Kelly Larson
In loving memory of Clarke and Dee Hamlet, given by the Hamlet family
In memory of loved ones, given by Dana and Julie Olson and family
In our hearts, we celebrate together the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson



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

APRIL and possibly some of MAY will be very slow with the dangerous Coronavirus pandemic in the world. We need to continue praying for the health of our country and abide by the CDC recommendations. Pastor Amy Kay has been doing an absolutely marvelous job for all of us. Seeing congregation members in videos and making each Sunday service so special has been a treat. We owe her a lot and need to thank her big time when we are able to commence a more normal life again.

WELCA has missed being able to have the Riverview Singalongs and Birthday parties for our Riverview residents, and they have missed us as well. The staff there has also done an excellent job of picking up the extra duties of visiting with our loved ones, and keeping them busy while their loved ones and visitors are prohibited from coming to visit with them. The “closed to public” may have to be extended through May, so we need to all write cards, send flowers and talk to them by calling or doing face time. We thank the staff for being so attentive to their needs.

Hopefully you have collected your “FORTY DAY FAST” items during this pandemic time. WELCA will still collect them and get them to the needy as soon as we are able. It is never too late, so even do it now since we are still “at home” and staying safe.

The same with **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** items! If you are collecting them each month, it will still be sufficient time to get them to Freemont church for the assembly of these boxes in November. We have lots of time to clean out your closets and drawers, and still help persons. Gayle will take the Operation Christmas Child items to Freemont church when we are free to move around a bit more. REMEMBER: **IF you don’t want to go shopping or can’t, just send a check directly to Gayle Nelson, or give to one of the WELCA officers. We will deliver.**

We had an awesome online Palm Sunday, and a glorious Easter with Pastor’s services. WELCA is sorry that we missed Confirmation Sunday on April 19, 2020, but it will happen! Again, it won’t be forgotten, just rescheduled.

Pastor said it well in one of her sermons when she said that this pandemic has allowed us to get in touch with our “time with Jesus”, and the important things in life, i.e. “the large stones” in our life, and perhaps realize that we don’t need some of those “pebbles and sand” that take up our time, energy, and thoughts.

LOCKDOWN: (another meaning for Christians)

L = Listen to God’s Voice and reflect. Let go and let God.

O = Obey His Word and His Teachings.

C = Call on Jesus name and be calm.

K = Know what is the purpose of all of this.

D = Dwell in His presence. Do not panic.

O = Offer a prayer for everyone’s safety.

W = Wait and be patient. **This too, shall pass.**

N = Nurture our personal relationship with Him.

Stay home, stay and pray for our world.

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, May, and June:

HAIR BRUSHES, 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!

Flip-flops, canvas shoes, clothing (shorts, leggings, t-shirts, dresses).

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.

SURPRISE FOR PASTOR AMY KAY



Elim member Linda Johnson came up with a wonderful idea to “greet” Pastor Amy Kay when she came to the sanctuary to videotape the next week’s worship service. She put out the word to members to send their photos, and she blew them up to 8-1/2” x 11” sheets of paper. A few members helped her post the pictures – or shall we say “fill the pews” - with our congregation. Each person was placed where they normally sit on a Sunday morning. We hope many of you got to see Pastor’s response on FB. Needless to say, she was overwhelmed and very grateful for the church’s support and encouragement, knowing that we’re all behind her – or should I say in front of her! Below are some comments from members on what they enjoy most about Pastor Amy Kay’s services on-line. (Sorry if it’s a bit lop-sided with family, but those were the main ones I was able to pin down for a response... GN)

I like that she is so personal. She went above and beyond getting the pictures for Palm Sunday and Easter and also interviewing some of our members about what they miss the most with the quarantine. Her sermons are like a breath of fresh air! We are so lucky to have her, and I hope she realizes how much she means to us! Thank you, Amy Kay! - Carylee Nelson

I just feel Amy Kay gives such an insightful message each week. Personally, I am so thankful she comes every week and does the very best she can to speak to us in these crazy times. Elim is so blessed. Truly love her! - Beth Thomas

I liked how Pastor Amy Kay stressed that loneliness is a health condition just like obesity or high blood pressure. - Steve Patrick

Thank you for being so real. - Linn Nelson

God bless you Amy Kay for working so hard, learning how to do complicated technology and your genuine sincerity. All to keep the church, worshipping our Savior, together. Thanks so much. - Julie Olson

I like the way she goes outside of the traditional box to share pictures and videos of members online. I like her openness about her emotions. - Patty Kolling

I keep coming back to “be the church in the community”. I think sometimes we get a little insulated “in” our church and lose sight of the idea of taking the church with us everywhere we go... hopefully when we can be back IN our church, we’ll still remember to BE the church... Thanks, Pastor Amy Kay, for all you do! Hugs from a distance. - Linda Johnson

I like the way she always gets a giggle in during the sermon. - Barry Nelson



I am inspired each and every week. Pastor Amy Kay’s message is so clear. She speaks of the noise of life – how we now have a chance to get away from that and get back to Jesus, to our faith. I loved the stones, pebbles, and sand in a jar analogy – sort out what is MOST IMPORTANT. She shows her love for our congregation – it shows in her outreach even when we are separated by this pandemic. The videos of members waving their palms, the pictures of our members during the videotaped service, the sharing of messages from our members about what they miss most during this pandemic. She helps us keep our faith and our spirit. We love you, dear Pastor Amy Kay – and we support you all the way!

Love,
Elim

SERVING THE LORD

IN MAY

PLEASE NOTE: It is unknown at this time when the coronavirus pandemic restrictions will be rescinded, or when the church will re-open for worship services, meetings, and other events. There are tentative plans to re-open at the end of May. Listed here are the final 2 Sunday's of May with the hope we can resume full worship service at that time. [If not, please consider re-signing up for time slots not currently filled.] Please be aware there may be other restrictions for entering the church and seating when we do return to services in the sanctuary. We hope the time comes soon when we can once again gather together at Elim.

ACOLYTES: _____

ALTAR FLOWERS:

24 – Rita Brown

GREETERS:

24 – Mo and Gayle Nelson

31 – Allan and JoAnn Lindfors

LECTORS:

24 – Gayle Nelson

31 – Allan Lindfors

COFFEE HOSTESS:

24 – Brooke Olson

31 - _____

USHERS:

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

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

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 being made to conduct 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: _____

**Unable to serve due to church cancellations during coronavirus pandemic.*

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** will no doubt be postponed. We will let you know when a date is determined for it. The Youth Group will participate in the worship service as acolytes, ushers, and lectors, and will provide special music and communion assistance. There will also be the Blessing of the Graduates and a Youth Group BBQ following the worship service.

It has not been decided whether or not Sunday School classes will resume prior to September, or if VBS will take place in June or later. We hope to keep you posted via Facebook and Elim's website. Other special worship services and events that have been cancelled due to the pandemic are as follows: WELCA Sunday, Riverview Singalongs and Birthday Parties, Confirmation Sunday, and the Skating Party.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kassandra Hernandez
- 3 Cassie Crofts
- 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 Dane Young
- 16 Lana Rock
- 16 Rita Brown
- 17 Carylee Nelson
- 17 Layla Fleming
- 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
- 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

- 2 Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Hawkinson 5 years
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. Josh McMahan 14 years
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. Cody Suhr 3 years
- 29 Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crump 38 years

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to Church Council 04/04/2020]

Beginning Balance as of 03/01/20:	\$ 37,064.89
Revenue:	\$ 6,731.53
Expenses:	\$ - 8,185.44
Ending Balance as of 03/31/20:	\$ 35,610.98

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider giving online for your weekly or monthly offering. It is an easy and convenient way to ensure your offering gets "in the plate". 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 NOTE: During this pandemic, while we are unable to attend church service and place our offering in the plate, please feel free to mail your offering directly to Beth Thomas, our financial secretary, or the church. THANK YOU!

Offerings per week (since the coronavirus restrictions):

03-15-20 - \$1673.50	04-05-20 - \$1355.00
03-22-20 - \$740.00	04-12-20 - \$1885.00
03-29-20 - \$585.00	04-19-20 - \$815.00
	04-26-20 - \$850.00

BEST CHOICE LABELS

The Christian Education Committee is still collecting **Best Choice Labels**. Please save and cut the UPC symbol from the product labels or cartons. Be sure to cut the labels with the words Best Choice at the top of the symbol. Each label is worth 3 cents. When we once again open the church for worship and other activities, you can deposit the labels in the designated boxes located in the kitchen and the narthex when you enter the church. **Thank you for your support.**

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PLEASE NOTE: We do not know for certain if services and activities will resume at some point in May. We can only pray that we will soon be able to move forward with our daily activities, including fellowship with one another in our church.					1	2
3 Fourth Sunday of Easter	4 7:00 PM Council Mtg. via video-conference	5	6	7	8	9
10 Fifth Sunday of Easter	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Sixth Sunday of Easter	18 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	19	20 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i>	21 Ascension of Our Lord	22	23
24 Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship – 10:30 AM Worship - 11:00 AM	25	26	27 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 7:00 PM – Senior Choir	28	29	30
31 – Day of Pentecost Sunday School – 9:30 AM Junior Choir – 10:20 AM Coffee & Fellowship – 10:30 AM Worship - 11:00 AM						KEY: HC = Holy Communion HS = High School