



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

FEBRUARY 2021

Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich
Cell Phone: (573) 808-1980
Email: elimmarquette@gmail.com

Gayle Nelson, Church Secretary
Church Phone: (785) 546-2244
Email: elimsec@gmail.com

Elim Lutheran Church website: www.elimmarquette.org

A Message from Pastor Amy Kay...

Sometimes it's comforting to know that we aren't going crazy. (Perhaps I'm projecting here and I'm the only one who wonders if I'm losing my mind on occasion.) If you've struggled to remember when something happened in the past year or are surprised at what week of the month it is, I'm with you. I've learned that there is such a thing as a 'pandemic time warp' in which our brains experience a muddling of the sense of time. It's normal. Whew!

As we emerge from the pandemic, we might experience more disorientation. It's never comfortable to be disoriented, but there is a measure of comfort in recognizing that it is normal. Certainly our comfort level with how we emerge will differ from one another just as our comfort levels during the pandemic have differed. Some of us might be ready to throw a dance party complete with a rented disco ball as soon as we are vaccinated, while others will feel more comfortable continuing to be physically distant. These differences and our feelings about them will be easier to deal with if we can step back from it all and recognize that this is all normal. It is to be expected. We are not going crazy. Our neighbor is not going crazy. (Probably.) The best thing we can do is to continue having grace for ourselves, have grace for one another and allow some time to pass.

Your Church Council has diligently tried to hold all of our differences in balance while deciding how to move along this past year. They have also had to balance me in that mix. I can't think of a more difficult time since I started serving a church over twenty years ago in which a Council has served. Dana Olson didn't really want to be the Council president this last year and I asked/begged him to stay on for some consistency as I was just beginning my time with you. He kindly agreed and shortly thereafter came the pandemic. Please join me in thanking Dana and the whole Council for their time, emotional energy and effort. They have had a lot to deal with and have handled it all really well. I'm so glad to have gotten to serve with them. Please join me in welcoming our new Council as well. Their leadership continues to be extremely important and I'm looking forward to a good year ahead with them.

Having said all of this, when Gayle asked about our Lenten services this week, I nearly fell out of my chair! Already?! Yes, indeed. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. We are joining with Lacey and our good United Methodist neighbors for sure and are reaching out to Freemount to see if they want to join in as well this year. Clearly we are still working out all the details, but we know we will have our own Ash Wednesday services so that we can meet in person. We are thinking through how we can still offer collaborative Wednesday evening services through the season and may stream these opportunities. We will communicate through our website, Sunday morning worship services and Facebook about all of the ways we can deepen our faith through the Lent. I pray for a meaningful, helpful season of reflection for us all. We will do our best to create experiences that will foster this possibility.

w/respect and appreciation – Pastor Amy Kay





Please keep in prayer: Russell Malm, Billie Jo Lamar, Debbie Brown, Will Hedberg, Twila Lindfors, Steve Coney, Greg Nicholson, Doug Anderson, Tim Hedberg, Wes Shultis, Betty Finney, Don Lundquist, Jill Timmons, Bethany Village, Riverview, and Kansas Healthcare workers.

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 elimmarquette@gmail.com, or elimsec@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Elim Lutheran Church annual meeting is scheduled for **January 31, 2021**. The annual report has been completed and mailed to members. If you did not receive a copy but would like to, please notify Gayle Nelson at elimsec@gmail.com, or leave a message at the church office (785-546-2244). **Please bring your copy with you on January 31.**

The meeting will take place in the sanctuary following worship service. There will not be a potluck dinner in the Parish Hall this year due to Covid concerns. **Please plan to stay for the meeting to vote on new council members, and to join in the discussion if you have ideas or concerns for our church.** THANK YOU!

[A special thank you to Beth Thomas, Donna Patrick, Steve Patrick, Lana Rock, and Carylee Nelson for helping me prepare the Annual Report for mailing. THANK YOU SO MUCH! Gayle]

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council –Met January 4, 2021. Voted to resume worship services in the sanctuary starting Sunday, January 10. Annual meeting will be held in the sanctuary following worship service, and will not be livestreamed. Votes will only be allowed from those attending the meeting. 2021 Budget Proposal approved.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Allan Lindfors continues to line up special music and hymns for worship services.

Finance & Stewardship: Met December 30 to complete the 2021 budget proposal.

Evangelism: No meeting.

Social Ministry: No meeting.

Christian Education: No meeting. Diane Hedberg will discuss when to resume Sunday School with Tammy Feil.

Property: No meeting. Dana Olson will get bids for the carpet tiles, to include installation, with possibility of getting council approval for congregational vote at annual meeting.

Memorial: No meeting. Diane Hedberg will notify Janis Larson that council approved WiFi upgrade, to be paid through Memorial Fund.

Security Committee: No report.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, February 1, 2021.



WELCA NEWS

Year 2020 started out very normal. January and February of 2020 started with the officers for WELCA, JoAn Lindfors, President; Diane Talbott, Vice-President; Jackie Larson, Secretary; and Cindy Bunk, Treasurer, in their second year as officers. WELCA loved having Pastor Amy Kay at our first meeting in January, and having her so interested in all we did for Elim since she became Elim's pastor in 2019.

Pastor continued to join us for Sing-alongs, and we planned for many "special events" for **Riverview Estates in 2020**, including the Sing-alongs each third Sunday of the month with Jackie Larson playing piano; Brooke Olson and JoAn Lindfors leading the singing, and the Birthday Parties on the last Friday of each month. In February, WELCA gave signed Valentine cards to each resident along with goodies inside colorful bags. Other activities were planned, but on **March 13, 2020**, an American pandemic caused by Covid-19 was announced by the USA President Trump, and sadly all the physical activities and visits to Riverview Estates ceased. WELCA didn't want the residents to think we weren't thinking and praying for them, so we continued after March to remember female residents in May for Mother's Day, and in June for Father's Day for the male residents, with cards and small gifts and candy. WELCA also sent cards to any resident we knew who was ill. Unfortunately the birthday parties each last Friday of the month were only done in January and February, and couldn't be done through the remainder of the year. WELCA doesn't know yet when the Sing-alongs and birthday parties can begin again.

WELCA Sunday (where the women conduct the worship service), plus a fundraising breakfast, had been planned for March 22, 2020, but Covid-19 forced us to cancel that event, along with Confirmation Sunday. WELCA did provide flowers for the families of the two confirmands, but the Parish Hall coffee hour had to be cancelled because of the virus.

WELCA respected the CDC guidelines and safety precautions, but continued to do special projects, which included:

- 1) **"40 Day Fast for Lent"**, which was giving up one item each day of Lent and placing it in a trash bag. Members filled 18 bags, which were delivered to various charities in McPherson and Salina. There may have been more bags, but the congregation was asked to deliver the bags themselves because of the virus precautions.
- 2) **Lutheran World Relief Kits** were assembled even with the limited group meetings, to include 12 personal care kits, 12 baby kits, and quilts done by Donna Patrick and her committee... The kits were packed with the help of the youth group, and brought to Salina to be shipped to World Relief. A special thanks goes to Nancy Hopp for all the shopping of needed items for the kits, and the committee's leader, Linda Johnson. Many members couldn't go shopping so they donated monies, raising nearly \$300.
- 3) **"Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes"**, which entailed putting 24 food items in a box and contributing them to families in Marquette. Pastor Amy Kay volunteered and did a good job delivering nine (9) boxes to various families in the area.
- 4) **"Christmas Angel Boxes"**, which included the same list as the Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes. There were four (4) boxes delivered again by Pastor Amy Kay. The boxes were truly needed to the families who received them. WELCA got an urgent plea for food from the McPherson Food Bank during this pandemic time, stating that requests from families has been very high for the year. WELCA officers voted to donate \$100 to McPherson Food Bank in May, but then Vice-President Diane Talbott had an even better idea. She suggested that WELCA could help the Food Bank and our local Pipers Fine Food if we purchased **food from Pipers** and took it to the McPherson Food Bank. Word got around and two anonymous donations of \$100 and \$25 were added to the purchases -- so WELCA ended up giving **\$325.00 worth of groceries to McPherson Food Bank**.

- 5) **Operation Christmas Child.** A project of Freemount church, Gayle Nelson asked Elim and WELCA to support the project, and it was voted to do so. Baskets were located in the church and Parish Hall for the items listed monthly in Elim’s bulletin and Messenger. Gayle then took the responsibility to get them delivered to Freemount for assembly in November. Once again, collection of items became slower in the months after the Elim church was not open because of the Covid pandemic. Elim will support the efforts again in 2021. The list of items needed each month for these Christmas boxes of 2021 is already listed in the January MESSENGER.

The treasury for WELCA in 2020 started out much better than the start of 2019 (**\$504.00**). Even without the fundraiser in March, the treasury stayed at over \$2,000.00 for most of 2020. Therefore, WELCA officers decided that, since so many charities and agencies were hurting because of the strong demands of people who had been affected by the Covid-19 virus, more donations would be given to assist them. Donations were given to:

- a) **“Bethlehem Revisited”** – **\$200.00** donation. 34 Elim members had attended this special event in December, 2019. It was free with donations accepted. It had to be cancelled in 2020, but hopefully it will be able to reconvene in 2021.
- b) **Ashby House, Salina** - **\$100 in January & \$125 in December.**
- c) **Mt. Hope Sanctuary, McPherson** – Brooke Olson requested WELCA donate to this charity and WELCA gave **\$100 in August & \$125 in December.**
- d) **Rescue Mission, Salina** - **\$100 in January.**
- e) **Child Safety and Drug Education Program** (McPherson Sheriff’s Department that uses materials to keep children safe and drug free) - **\$125 in December provided kits for 50 children.**
- f) **Pastor Amy Kay** - **\$25.00** – WELCA learned that the day after Mother’s Day in May, 2020 was Amy Kay’s birthday. In appreciation and love for all she does for Elim, WELCA started a “grocery fund” at Pipers Fine Foods and anyone who wanted to add to that fund could do so. We also organized a parade of cars through Pastor’s alley in Lindsborg --- honking horns, showing banners, and remaining “social distanced” in cars. It was a surprise visit for her, and she posted it on the Elim FB site. It was so much fun.

Even with donations, no fundraiser, and the cancellation of Elim’s Swedish supper in December, 2020, the treasury’s end balance for WELCA’s 2020 year stands at **\$1,263.50**. Cindy Bunk, Treasurer, has a breakdown in her report.

It turned out to be a pretty busy 2020 for WELCA, but with real limitations because of the pandemic. No physical Executive Board meetings were conducted after the February meeting. Officers communicated through text and phone calls. All the officers agreed to continue their two-year terms for 2021-2022. We are praying that the next years will allow more physical gatherings. Thank you for continuing to be involved at arms-length and with financial support. It is truly appreciated.

Prayerfully yours,

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

(The article above summarizes WELCA activities in 2020, and was also printed in the Annual Report.)

VALENTINE'S DINNER

The Youth Group will once again provide a Valentine Dinner for members and the community on **Saturday, February 13**. This year will be different, with take-out meals only. Please arrive in front of Elim Parish Hall between **5:00-7:30 PM**. The Youth Group will take your order from your car and deliver the meals to you. The menu is spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, and cupcake. There is no set price per meal. A free will donation is requested. To help determine the number of meals needed, it would be helpful if you could post the number of meals you will need on Elim Facebook before February 13. This is not required. **ALL ARE WELCOME! THANK YOU** for supporting our church's youth.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

As mentioned in the bulletin and January Messenger, WELCA is once again joining with Freemount Lutheran Church and Marquette United Methodist Church to collect items to fill Christmas Child Shoeboxes in 2021. We will gather the items on a monthly basis, and pack them in designated shoeboxes at a packing party to be held at Freemount Lutheran Church in mid-November. Each box contains items specific to girl and boys of varying ages. A monthly list of items will be posted in the bulletin, and in the Messenger. Baskets for the items will be in the back of the sanctuary, and in the Parish Hall. You are also welcome to donate money to purchase items or to assist with the shipping costs. A box for donations is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

This year there will be a coloring page for children to complete and return. Each coloring will go in a Shoebox to greet boys and girls around the world. The pages will be handed out during Sunday School, and will also be available in the sanctuary. It is also included in this issue of the Messenger. Be sure to color and complete both sides and return to the church before November 2021. **THANK YOU!**

The list of items for FEBRUARY:

For Girls - Small sewing kits: fabric squares (Fat Quarters), seam rippers, tape measures, pins, needles, etc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS



Julie Olson will be facilitating a Bible study entitled "That the World May Know" starting on Sunday, February 14 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. If you haven't already, please contact Julie at 785-577-5144 if you are interested in participating. No one will be turned away.

"That the World May Know" is a DVD series presented by Ray Vander Lann, a historian and teacher. This study will show how God guided his people to a specific place – the Promised Land – to impact the world both in ancient times and today. Experience the Bible in historical context and how we can use that knowledge today for our lesson of faith. The series will study the people and events of the Bible in their geographical, historical, and cultural contexts. The more fully we understand and appreciate those times and places, the more fully we can respond to the power of the Word today. By deepening our understanding of God's Word, we can more clearly see God's revealed mission for our lives, and strengthen our relationship with Him. [Taken from the summary of DVD series]



The Worship and Music Committee has decided to forego fresh flowers for the altar until after Easter. JoAn Lindfors will provide silk flowers for the altar during this time, as well as the traditional pussy willows for Lenten season. Elim will resume fresh flowers for the altar and the accompanying dedications after Easter (April 11, 2021).. A sign-up sheet for altar flowers will be posted on the bulletin board for members to sign up. THANK YOU!

Offerings per week in January 2021

January 3:	\$339.00*	
January 10:	\$4433.00 + \$19.72**	31
January 17:	\$1352.00	34
January 24:	\$1167.00	29

**Online services only on January 3, 2021*

***Noise offering*

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to Church Council 01/04/2021]

Beginning Balance as of 12/01/20:	\$ 35,318.37
Revenue:	\$ 9,803.00
Expenses:	\$ -9,637.10
Ending Balance as of 12/31/20:	\$ 35,484.27

SWEDISH SUPPER FUND: Although the Swedish Supper has been cancelled for this year, donations are always welcome and appreciated. The Swedish Supper is Elim's main fundraiser for the year, and proceeds help with church improvements and expenses as well as community organizations. Donations may be given online at elimmarquette.org, left at Marquette Farmers State Bank, or mailed to Elim Lutheran Church, c/o Swedish Supper Fund, 403 N. Lincoln, PO Box 236, Marquette, KS 67464. Thank you to those who have donated thus far, with the hope that the Swedish Supper will once again take place in 2021.



Youth Group meetings have resumed for every Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. Meals will be provided.

YOUTH GROUP MEALS: Please call or text Tammy Feil at 620-242-4764, or email her at feilt@usd419.org if you are willing to help prepare meals for the Youth Group. Meals are to be served each Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Volunteers providing food will be required to wear masks and gloves, and will serve the food using paper plates and plasticware. Prepare to serve 12-13 meals. THANK YOU for continuing this service for our youth, who are often leaving school sports practices and events and coming directly to the church for their meeting.

Thank you to the following for providing meals in January and coming up in February:

Linda Johnson (Jan. 20), Cindy Bunk & Tammy Feil (Jan. 27), Lisa Boughfman (Feb. 3), and Beth Thomas & Gayle Nelson (Feb. 10).

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY: Madison and Michele Loder are members of the K-State Lutheran Campus Ministry in Manhattan, KS. WELCA recently donated \$200.00 to the organization to help fund their ministry, which includes the pastor's salary, scholarships, building maintenance, supplies for Bible studies and other events. Any and all donations would be appreciated. Donations may be sent to Lutheran Campus Ministry, 1810 Todd Road, Manhattan, KS 66502, or online at <https://www.ksulcm.org>. It is a worthwhile organization that provides opportunities for our youth on campus.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Don't forget the next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held in the Elim Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 2 from 1:00-6:00 PM. Please call Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544 to confirm your appointment.

Other scheduled Bloodmobile drives at Elim will be April 13, and the months of June, August, and October (exact dates to be determined). Thank you for giving!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Skye Farris
- 4 Joel Nelson
- 6 Eric Edwards
- 7 Justin Rock
- 7 Sandra Myers
- 8 Dori Staggs
- 10 Korbin Niegsch
- 11 Bob Jones
- 16 Katrina Sickmon
- 18 Karen Teague
- 18 Brynne Weber
- 19 Gracie Brady
- 20 McKenzie Brady
- 24 Kendal Brueggen
- 25 Jody Lindh
- 26 Jamie Nelson
- 27 Tom French
- 27 Jake Loder
- 28 Wyatt Reid
- 28 Maggie Lindfors

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14 Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hudson 28 years

WES Carnival

Windom Elementary School (WES) will be hosting a school carnival on March 26, 2021 to raise funds for student activities such as field trips and other events. WES will be holding a silent auction which will be held on a virtual platform, and some of the game activities will take place during the regular school day with the kids, with awesome prizes to hand out. PAWS (Parents At Windom School) is asking for donations from area businesses and communities to help out with these prizes as well as the silent auction. Monetary donations can be mailed to PAWS, 130 Illinois St., Little River, KS 67457. *[This information was sent to Elim Lutheran Church by PAWS]*



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Chase and Allison Pike on the birth of their daughter Penelope June Pike, born in Garland, Texas on January 5, 2021. to parents Allison and Chase Pike. Penelope is the granddaughter of JoAn and Allan Lindfors, Jan Hamilton, and Susan and Charles Pike, and the great-granddaughter of Twila Lindfors. Penelope weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and 20½ inches long.

Congratulations to Matthew and Cassidy Everhart on the birth of their son Whit Lyle Everhart on January 13, 2021. Whit weighed 7 pounds and was 20¼ inches long at birth. Jubilant grandparents are Jay and LeAnn Everhart, Gypsum, and Greg and Kim Cook, Beloit.

BIRTHDAY PARADE / CARD SHOWER

Marquette resident Elna Haubold will be turning 100 years old on February 6, 2021. To celebrate, her family has requested friends and members of the community gather at the Elim Lutheran Church parking lot for a drive-by at Elna’s house one block east of the church. Meet in the parking lot at 1:00 PM and join the parade. Cards can also be sent to Elna Haubold, P.O. Box 487, Marquette, KS 67464 or dropped off at her house during the parade.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Thank you to the following Elim members for volunteering to deliver Meals on Wheels in January and February: Lana Rock, Cindy Bunk, Janis Larson, Linda Johnson, Carol Jones, Beth Thomas, and Gayle Nelson.

Mark 12:30
And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.




LOVE
Love
IS PATIENT
IS KIND
IS NOT JEALOUS
DOES NOT BRAG
IS NOT ARROGANT
DOES NOT ACT UNBECOMINGLY
DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN
IS NOT PROVOKED
DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A WRONG SUFFERED
DOES NOT REJOICE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS
REJOICES IN THE TRUTH
BEARS ALL THINGS
BELIEVES ALL THINGS
HOPES ALL THINGS
ENDURES ALL THINGS
NEVER FAILS
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8A

1 Peter 1:22
...see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:



Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 PM – COUNCIL MTG.	2 12:00-6:00 PM Red Cross Bloodmobile @ Elim	3 6:30 PM– Youth Group Meal & Meeting	4	5	6
7 Fifth Sunday of Epiphany 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	8	9	10 6:30 PM– Youth Group Meal & Meeting	11	12	13 5:00-7:30 PM - Youth Group <u>Valentine's Dinner</u>
14 Transfiguration of Our Lord 10:00 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie 11:00 AM - Worship Service Happy Valentine's Day	15 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	16	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service @Elim	18	19	20
21 First Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie 11:00 AM - Worship Service	22	23	24 6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal & Meeting 7:00 PM – Lenten Service	25	26	27
28 Second Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie 11:00 AM - Worship Service	More information on Lenten Services will be available in your bulletins and online.					