



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

MARCH 2021

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Lent in Plain Sight

I hope you are healthy and warm, good church friends.

Throughout March we will continue on our Lenten journey together. Each Wednesday evening at 7pm we will join with our United Methodist neighbors in joint services of reflection online and in person. This year we are inspired by a thought provoking series from Jill Duffield, a Presbyterian minister, called "Lent in Plain Sight". Each Wednesday we focus on one object that draws inspiration from our scriptures and are special during Lent.

March 3 – United Methodist church – "Cross"
March 10 – Elim Lutheran – "Coins"
March 17 – United Methodist Church – "Shoes"
March 24 – Elim Lutheran – "Oil"



We will certainly continue worshipping together on Sunday mornings at 11am online and in person. March 28 is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. On this day we will remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and will get to do so with our Bishop! I'm thrilled that Bishop Susan Candeia wants to be with US on this important Sunday morning. She will bring us the Good News and will then meet with the Council of the church. It will be a good day together!

During Holy Week we will not meet on Wednesday evening, but will do so on Thursday and Friday nights at 7pm. Maundy Thursday we will remember the Last Supper and will witness the barring of the altar at Elim. Our neighbors will have their own service on Thursday, but on Friday we will again be together and will worship in their sanctuary; remembering and grieving the murder of Jesus.

Our music leaders have been most thoughtful and creative during this odd pandemic time and they continue to think ahead with beautiful offerings. It seems every time I enter the sanctuary, Jackie and Allan are practicing with folks for worship... sometimes over a month ahead of their time of sharing. Music can help us feel more connected to God within and outside of worship. I'm continually so grateful for our talented and generous musicians.

I hope you feel connected with God and one another, Elim. I also hope the special offerings we share during Lent can help strengthen all of our relationships. May it be so. ~Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Ron Wilson, Glenda Julian, Billy Jo Lamar, Russell Malm, 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 amykay@connectedfairtrade.com, or email elimsec@gmail.com.

~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council –Met February 1, 2021. Current Vice-President Jeremy Snapp welcomed new council members Beth Thomas, Sandy Edwards, Janis Larson, and Carly Peterson. Council voted for Steve Patrick as Council President, and Curtis Patrick as Vice-President.

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

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Evangelism: No meeting.

Social Ministry: No meeting.

Christian Education: No meeting. Diane Hedberg asked council for permission to resume Sunday School on February 7. Diane and Tammy Feil will continue teaching in the open classroom with a lesson and craft. Jr. Choir is not meeting at this time.

Property: No meeting. Discussed bids for carpet tile to replace carpet in Parish Hall. Minor repairs needed included caulking around kitchen backsplash, crack in protective cover on stained glass window, and difficulty unlocking Parish Hall doors.

Memorial: No meeting.

Security Committee: No report.

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

ORDER FORM FOR WHITE LILIES for Easter Sunday!

All orders must be submitted by **March 28**



The cost per lily has not been determined to date. If you are interested in ordering, please call Diane or Gayle at the number(s) listed below for the exact price. Payment must be submitted at the time of your order. THANK YOU!

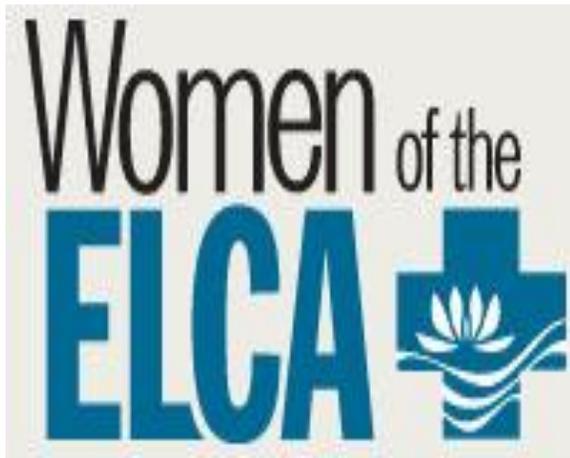
Please specify how you would like your dedication worded. We will post this in the bulletin and Messenger, and on Elim's website. Select one or more of the options below:

- 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.



WELCA NEWS

WELCA started the 2021 year with the same officers and Committee members, hoping and praying that this year will allow more events and activities to be IN PERSON again. It hasn't been "live" for January and February, but we will continue our community assistance and efforts. Elim Lutheran Church held the annual meeting the end of January, 2021, and we hope you read everything WELCA continued to do in 2020 even though the pandemic hit the world. The **February MESSENGER** repeated this report for WELCA.

WELCA continued to give in February by donating \$200.00 to **LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY** in Manhattan, Kansas (connected with KSU). WELCA did this because of Madison and Michele Loder who are members of LCM (and Elim, of course). This donation helps fund their ministry, which includes the pastor's salary, scholarships, building maintenance, supplies for Bible studies and other events. Any other donation from the Elim congregation is greatly appreciated. If you go to their website at <http://www.ksulcm.org> you will see a list of their "needed and wanted" items. Their address for donations is Lutheran Campus Ministry, 1810 Todd Road, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

WELCA thanks Gayle Nelson for continuing to take charge of Elim's contribution(s) to Freemount Lutheran Church's Christmas Shoeboxes for 2021. Every month there is a list of needed items for the shoeboxes which are then taken to Freemount for the shoeboxes that, hopefully, will be assembled in November, 2021. If you don't have time or want to go shopping for these items, please consider giving a donation in monies. Someone else will do your shopping.

For Riverview Estates' residents, WELCA made Valentine's Day treats for 14 females and 9 males. We gave them signed Valentine cards, a scarf and a box of chocolates in a plastic Valentine bag. The gifts were left at Riverview Estates for distribution. It was sad that we couldn't sing our "love songs" at Sing-along and give them our physical hugs, but we are again praying that maybe both Sing-alongs and visitations will be able to start by the end of 2021. We are not going to forget these loved residents.

Lent season will start before you get this March MESSENGER, and in the past WELCA has asked that we do the **"40 Day Fast for Lent"**, which was asking the congregation to each place ONE item in a large black trash bag for 40 days, and then the bags were to be delivered to different charities in the area. We thought about doing something different this 2021 year, **but there is a really BIG need for food and essential "staples" this year for families.** Food banks have made contact with WELCA and said that the requests from families has been over 10 times what it has been in previous years. So WELCA is asking the Elim congregation to do the **40 items** again. Remember when you place food items in the bag they need to be usable for the families, i.e. canned goods that can open without a can opener; boxed goods that don't need other ingredients (like mac & cheese w/o milk & butter). These instructions were with the special requests. They MAKE SENSE!!!

Elim wants to go to church again, sing together again, see our families, and hug each other again. WELCA wants to do live activities (like fundraisers, Confirmation receptions, etc.) and get back to Riverview Estates for Sing-alongs and Birthday parties.....so get your vaccination(s), wear masks, practice social distancing, and avoid crowds. **BE SAFE..... and then pray as God would want us to do.**

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

YOUTH GROUP VALENTINE'S DINNER

The Youth Group held their annual Valentine's Dinner for members and the community on **Saturday, February 20**. It was a great success despite the fact that they could not hold it in the Parish Hall as in past years. Of course this was due to the Covid-19 restrictions. So instead they prepared the traditional meal of spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread and cupcakes and boxed it up for car-side delivery. They served approximately 100 meals! There was no charge for the meals, only a free-will offering. Thanks to generous donations, they were able to make \$900 after expenses of \$500.



Thank you to all those who helped prepare and deliver the meal: Dawson Feil, Noah Bearly, Kylie Fox, Raven Caesar, Lars and Carly Peterson, Carylee Nelson, Patty Kolling, Tammy Feil, Darren Able, and Freeman Bearly.

THANK YOU for supporting our church's youth.



All services are held on Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 3: Marquette United Methodist Church, Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich

Wednesday, March 10: Elim Lutheran Church, Pastor Lacey Wheeler

Wednesday, March 17: Marquette United Methodist Church, Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich

Wednesday, March 24: Elim Lutheran Church, Pastor Lacey Wheeler

Palm Sunday, March 28 at 11:00 AM: Elim Lutheran Church, Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich

Maundy Thursday, April 1: Elim Lutheran Church, Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich

Good Friday, April 2: Marquette United Methodist Church, Pastor Lacey Wheeler

EASTER, April 4 at 11:00 AM: Elim Lutheran Church, Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich

The theme for Lenten services this year is "Lent in Plain Sight". Each Lenten service features a different item that we experience in our daily lives, and that will serve to remind us of the message of Christ. The first service featured **bread**. Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich baked the breads, some unleavened, so that each person who attended had one in hand. Pastor Lacey Wheeler used the bread in her sermon, and asked those attending to participate with her throughout the sermon. When she raised the bread, members were asked to join her in raising their bread and saying "Give us this day our daily bread". Each Wednesday Lenten service will feature these items: March 3-Cross; March 10-Coins; March 17-Shoes; March 24-Oil. Please join us in learning the meaning of Lent through these simple and meaningful items in our lives. We hope to see you there!

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!



YOUTH NEWS

Here are some things our youth have been doing these past few months, as shared by Youth Group sponsor Carly Peterson. We hope there will be more to share next month. Please send any news you have on our youth to elimsec@gmail.com or call me at 785-201-7675. THANKS!

Lily Boughfman plays for the Little River Lady Redskins basketball team. They recently won the Lady Falcon Invitational, and she was selected as MVP for the tournament. She will also be involved in track this spring.

Keira Mullen came in 4th in the McPherson wrestling tournament for Smoky Valley. She will also be joining track this spring.

Raven Caesar is in basketball at Little River and will be joining track this spring.

Kylie Fox is president of FFA at Little River High School, and is very involved with 4-H.

Dawson Feil plays basketball for McPherson High School and will be playing baseball this spring and summer.

Ethan Able plays basketball for Smoky Valley High School and will also be playing baseball this spring and summer.

Noah Bearly enjoys hunting until the baseball season comes, and then he's ready to play ball.

BEST CHOICE LABELS

A big thank you to Dorine Cunningham and her daughters Rylie and Ryenne for processing over 2,000 Best Choice labels each year to turn in for reimbursement. It takes a lot of time to trim, sort, and count the labels before submitting them to Best Choice. Best Choice pays \$30.00 for participation in the program, and \$30.00 per 1000 labels collected.

This year our church earned \$90.00 from the Best Choice program. The money goes into the Church Camp Fund to give all children an opportunity to attend camp.



Offerings and Attendance per week in February 2021

February 7:	\$1855.00	35
February 14:	\$570.00*	
February 17: Ash Wednesday		32
February 21:	\$2441.00	50 + 10**
February 24: Lenten Service		55

*Online services only on February 14, 2021
**Sunday School attendance

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to Church Council 02/01/2021]

Beginning Balance as of 1/01/21:	\$ 35,484.27
Revenue:	\$ 9,209.33
Expenses:	\$ -6,164.11
Ending Balance as of 1/31/21:	\$ 38,529.49

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 February and coming up in March:

Lisa Boughfman (Feb. 3), and Beth Thomas & Gayle Nelson (Feb. 10), Carylee Nelson and Patty Kolling (Feb. 17), Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich (Feb. 24)

Gina Windholz (March 3). Darren Able and Trish Reed (March 10), Nikki Bearly (March 24), Kelly French (March 31).



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
- 14 Jeri Hintz
- 14 Brian Patrick
- 14 Brynne Weber
- 15 Andrea Willems
- 15 Jeremy Snapp
- 16 Janet Nelson
- 18 Kenneth Talbott
- 19 Phil Hamilton
- 20 Gayle Phillips
- 20 Wm. Neal Nickel
- 21 Cindy Bunk
- 23 Kenzi Kaufman
- 26 Susan Buffington
- 28 Ann Hernandez

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Emery 38 years



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS

Julie Olson is facilitating a Bible study entitled "That the World May Know"

from February 21 through March 21 at 9:45 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.

RANCH HOUSE BENEFIT FOR WES SHULTIS

Ranch House will be serving a meal to raise funds for Wes Shultis, who is dealing with colon cancer. It will be held **March 6 at 5:00-10:00 PM**. Thank you to our members Tom and Cathy French and others for lending a helping hand to those in need in our community.

RIVERVIEW POTATO BAR

Please plan to attend the **drive-through Potato Bar** hosted by the Riverview Auxiliary on **March 13 at 5:00-7:00 PM**. This is an annual fundraiser for Riverview Estates. Meals will be take-out only and will be delivered from the east double doors (entrance to the Multi-Purpose Room) at Riverview. In the event further Covid restrictions prevent Riverview from delivering meals from their facility, the Potato Bar will take place at Elim Lutheran Church.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

Don't forget to add a few items in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary whenever you get a chance. Each month there are different items to collect for the Christmas Shoebox project. 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. Be sure to color and complete both sides and return to the church before November 2021.

The list of items 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>The Season of Lent</i></p> 	<p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM – COUNCIL MTG.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 PM– Youth Group Meal & Meeting</p> <p><u>7:00 PM</u> – Lenten Service at UMC*</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:00-10:00 PM Ranch House Benefit Dinner for Wes Shultis</p>
<p>7 Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:45 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie 10:15 AM – Sunday School Confirmation Class 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 PM– Youth Group Meal & Meeting</p> <p><u>7:00 PM</u> – Lenten Service at Elim</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Drive-through Potato Bar at Riverview Estates**</p>
<p>14 Fourth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:45 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie 10:15 AM – Sunday School Confirmation Class 11:00 AM - Worship Service</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal & Meeting</p> <p><u>7:00 PM</u> –Lenten Service at UMC*</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Fifth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:45 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie 10:15 AM – Sunday School Confirmation Class 11:00 AM - Worship Service</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Messenger Deadline</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal & Meeting</p> <p><u>7:00 PM</u> – Lenten Service at Elim</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>9:45 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie 10:15 AM – Sunday School Confirmation Class 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/ Bishop Susan Candea</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal & Meeting</p>	<p>*UMC = Marquette United Methodist Church **Alternate site if needed: Elim Lutheran Church</p>		

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Letters of opinion will not be printed in the Messenger. Church Council, as representatives of the congregation, will address individual concerns as they arise. (Policy per church council vote on November 4, 2013.)

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