



Elim Lutheran Church The Messenger

APRIL 2021

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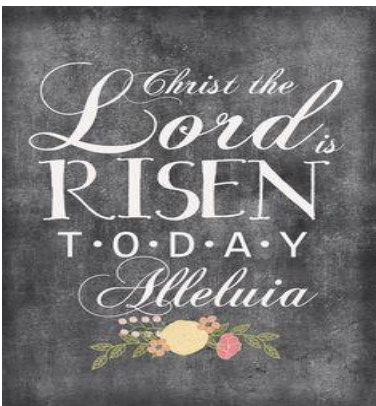
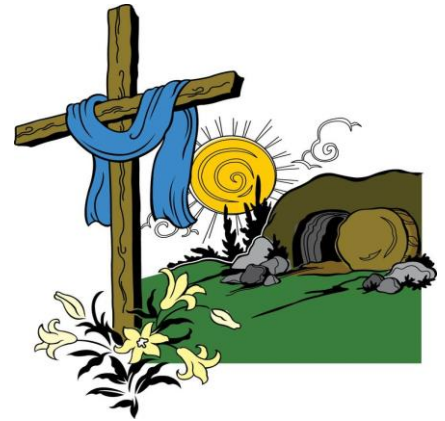
Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

We can FEEL the New Life in Christ we receive this year! Right?! Granted, hopefully we can feel the New Life every year with the proclamation of Jesus as the Christ. All the signs of the season are about us with the flowers blooming, garden planting, chicks hatching, longer days and more sun. But this year I wonder if we can *feel* it more deeply. Maybe we can feel it deep in our souls.

This year we again proclaim at Easter and Eastertide the stunning understanding that we are saved in Jesus the Christ and nothing can separate us from the love of God... and this year we can do it *together*. We can come to worship *in our sanctuary* or worship from home. We can (with masks) sing that "Christ the Lord is Risen Today". TOGETHER.

We can sit in our pews (or one away from our spot) and look over at each other! We can shake our heads in disbelief and laugh together when the minister forgets the Lord's Prayer *again*. We can worship from home and hear our friends in the sanctuary. There is more than one voice now. We are TOGETHER near and far.

What a gift it is to get to worship together as church; to be the church together in the world. This last year has been a major reminder of that gift and I hope we can hold on to how precious it is for a long while.



As time goes on and the coronavirus is snuffed out, we will continue to emerge together. We will eat together again. We will hug again. We will deliver care packages together in the same vehicle with our full faces showing again one day. It all feels so exciting! It's like life is brand new and full of beautiful possibilities!

During these high holy days of Eastertide, may we allow ourselves to feel a little giddy... to smile and lift our faces up to the sky in gratitude for the salvation we have in Jesus the Christ... to toast enduring the last year and dancing with delight into the future.

Let's give thanks for the reality of our New Life in Christ and shine brightly with the hope of all that there is to come... together.

w/gratitude for the blessing it is to get to be with you at Elim – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Anna Caesar, Trista Goreham, Lowell Mitchell, Terri McBride, Steve Patrick, Jen Patrick, 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 March 1, 2021. Steve Patrick resigned from council. Vice-President Curtis Patrick took over as council president, and council voted for Barry Nelson as Vice-President. An interim council member will need to be selected. A congregational vote will be held March 21 to approve the bid for carpet replacement in the Parish Hall.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Allan Lindfors reported that palm branches have been ordered for Palm Sunday.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Evangelism: No meeting.

Social Ministry: No meeting.

Christian Education: No meeting.

Property: Met March 1. Barry Nelson reported that the pipes froze at the parsonage during the week of sub-zero temperatures. He presented the recommendation from the Property Committee for the carpet tile to replace the existing carpet in the Parish Hall.

Security Committee: No report.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, April 5, 2021.



CONFIRMATION/AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Please join us on Sunday, April 11 to welcome our confirmands as new members of Elim, and to support them in their journey of faith.

Confirmands for 2021 are: Elsie Boughfman, Tavein Carter, Sebastian McGinty, Colter Patrick, Atticus Pavlovich, Sebastian Pavlovich, and Ciara Rawson.

Further information will be provided in the bulletin April 11, and in the May Messenger.

CAMP TOMAH SHINGA ANNUAL AUCTION

Check out Camp Tomah Shinga on April 17 for a fun-filled day at their Annual Auction. This year the auction will include quilts, custom woodworking pieces, game tickets, paintings, and weekend stays in Colorado cabins. All proceeds of the auction will go to the fund for camper scholarships. Every dollar given to Tomah Shinga that day will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$15,000. Absentee bids are available. Contact Megan at megwher@gmail.com for questions, and watch the Facebook Event page for updates on items available for absentee bidding. The camp opens up at 10:30 AM on April 17 for exploring the campsite with family and meeting the summer staff about newly completed and ongoing projects. Lunch and drinks will be available at 11:30 AM. The auction starts at 1:00 PM.



WELCA NEWS

WELCA continues to help community families and groups by supplying household items and even more food that is so needed. Though the pandemic is still restricting our personal gatherings and events, we need to stay safe, get our vaccinations and follow the CDC guidelines and our Synod requirements. We can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel, and perhaps will be able to gather more by the end of summer or the fall.

WELCA had planned a fundraiser for March, **2020** – and it had to be CANCELLED because of the start of the pandemic. Here it is March, **2021**, and we still couldn't have the planned fundraiser. What we are asking members and the congregation is that IF you can give to WELCA --- even a small amount – it would help our treasury. We have been generous to give to charities and groups, but without having donations and fundraisers, our WELCA treasury is getting low. We can assure you that when we get monies, we spend it wisely. Treasurer is Cindy Bunk, so give as you are able.

Riverview Estates is beginning to open up, but we are still restricted as to Sing-alongs and Birthday parties, so we will continue to remember the residents with holidays. Mother's Day and Father's Day is near, and if we have the funds, that will be a good time to celebrate with them. **IF ANY OF YOU HAVE EASTER LILIES THAT YOU BOUGHT THAT COULD GO TO RIVERVIEW, please do so. Flowers are always loved.** We are not going to forget these loved residents.

"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/or food items in boxes was a project WELCA continued for 2021 because of a "plea" to do so. The supplies/needs will be delivered to different charities (or local families) in the area by the time you receive this MESSENGER. WELCA will report how much we received for delivery in the May MESSENGER. Thank you for your generosity to this urgent need.

WELCA did get to assist Pastor Amy Kay with flowers for the confirmands on **Confirmation Sunday, April 11**. Perhaps by 2022 we can also have a reception for confirmands, but not for 2021 unfortunately. They are important members of Elim, so welcome them.

WELCA thanks Gayle Nelson for continuing to take charge of Elim's contribution(s) to Freemount Lutheran Church's Christmas Shoeboxes for 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.

SENIOR VERSION OF "JESUS LOVES YOU"

Jesus loves me, this I know, Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim, Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS) YES, JESUS LOVES ME. YES, JESUS LOVES ME.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME. THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow, With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may, He'll be there to lead the way. (CHORUS)

Though I am no longer young, I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a smile. Go with others the extra mile. (CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long, In my heart He puts a song,
Telling me in words so clear, "Have no fear, for I am near." (CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done, And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above, Then I'll understand His love. (CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so?

Jesus loves to hear me say, That I love Him every day.

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

Dedication of Easter Lilies

To the glory of God for family, given by Bob and Carol Jones.

In loving memory of my mom, Tracy. Love, your daughter Emilie.

In loving memory of Boots Hedberg, given by Vic Hedberg and family.

In thanksgiving to God for my family and my prayer partner, Gracy Feil, given by Jackie Larson.

In loving memory of Tracy Bunk, given by Wally and Cindy Bunk and family.

In loving memory of Jill Oakleaf and Jeff Oakleaf, given by Terry, Kelly and Kevin.

In loving memory of Willard and Marge Ericson, and Tim Ericson, given by Shannon Ericson.

To the glory of God for our Godchildren Kasyn Carter and Blakely Annette, given by Scott and Tammy Feil.

In loving memory of Laurel Patrick, given by Steve and Jennifer Patrick.

In loving memory of Junie and Louis Johnson, given by Scott and Linda Johnson.

In loving memory of Richard and Gwen Warner, a true blessing in our lives, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson.

To the Glory of God for Pastor Amy Kay and all those who serve in our church, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson.

In loving memory of our son, Sam Nelson, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson.

In loving memory of Jim Thomas, and to the Glory of God for family, given by Beth Thomas.

In loving memory of family members, given by Allan and JoAn Lindfors.

In loving memory of Kenneth and Helen Olson, given by the Olson's, Nelson's, and Kolling's.

In loving memory of L.A. (Blackie) Nelson, given by Barry and Carylee Nelson and family.

In loving memory of Lone Nelson, given by Barry and Carylee Nelson and family.

In loving memory of Mary Olson, given by Vernon Olson, and the Nelson's, Olson's, and Kolling's.

In loving memory of Kenneth Dean Olson, given by the Olson's, Nelson's, and Kolling's.

In loving memory of Oscar and Rebecca Youngren, given by John and RoseAnn Venis and family, and Jim and Becky Wiederstein and family.

In loving memory of David and Seretha Wright, given by John and RoseAnn Venis and family, and Jim and Becky Wiederstein and family.

In loving memory of Walden Peterson, given by Lars, Carly and Kinley Peterson.

In loving memory of LaRue and Beverly Olson, given by their grandchildren Brooke, Lauren, Dixon and Brit, and their great-grandchildren Kolton and Kenzie.

In loving memory of Richard, Geneva, and Marilee Peterson, given by Ingrid Neste, Jim Peterson, and Fred Peterson.

In memory of loved ones, given by Darryl and Diane Talbott.



Elim will resume fresh flowers for the altar with the accompanying dedications after Easter (April 11, 2021).. A sign-up sheet for altar flowers will be available in the narthex as you enter the church. THANK YOU!



Offerings and Attendance per week in March 2021

February 28:	\$1452.00	53 + 10*
March 7:	\$2130.00	53
March 10: Lenten Service		29
March 14:	\$1359.00	49
March 21:	\$6367.00	37
March 24: Lenten Service		39
March 28:	\$1127.00	60

***Sunday School attendance**

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to Church Council 03/01/2021]

Beginning Balance as of 2/01/21:	\$ 38,529.49
Revenue:	\$ 7,139.62
Expenses:	\$ -6,518.12
Ending Balance as of 1/31/21:	\$ 39,150.99

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 plastic ware. 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 coming up in April:

- JoAn and Allan Lindfors - April 7
- Darren Able and Trish Reed - April 14
- Carol Jones - April 21

And thank you to Linda Johnson for filling in last month for Darren and Trish!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Eric and Mary Edwards on the birth of their daughter Charlotte "Lottie" Quinn Edwards, born on March 16, 2021. Lottie's big brother is Liam. She weighed 8 lb., 6 oz. and was 21 ¾" long. Maternal grandparents are Mick and Kathleen Quinn; paternal grandparents are Sandy Edwards and the late Bob Edwards. The maternal great-grandmother is Mary Lou Clark.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Don't forget the next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held in the Elim Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 13 from 12:00-6:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544.

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



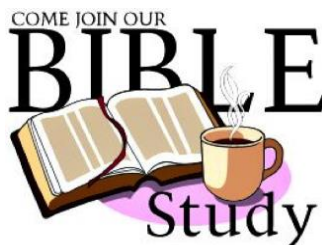
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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	MaryAnne McDonnell*
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

*Maiden name Talbott

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

3	Mr. and Mrs. Tyler French	12 years
3	Mr. and Mrs. Beau Boughman	18 years
5	Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Sommerfeld	47 years
8	Mr. and Mrs. Justin Myers	16 years
10	Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lundquist	18 years
16	Mr. and Mrs. Brad Peterson	11 years
23	Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Niegsch	17 years
26	Mr. and Mrs. John Sommerfeld	19 years
27	Mr. and Mrs. Dane Young	20 years
29	Mr. and Mrs. Gail Lindstedt	42 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Joel Nelson	45 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Hawkinson	16 years



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS

Julie Olson is once again facilitating a Bible study. The next session is entitled "Kings and Prophets" starting April 11 and running through May 16 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.

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 APRIL:

Hair brushes, combs, toothbrushes and floss. Children of all ages will be receiving these in their boxes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for APRIL 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service at Elim	2 7:00 PM – Good Friday Service at UMC*	3
4 EASTER Sunday 10:15 AM – Sunday School Confirmation Class 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	5 7:00 PM – Council Mtg.	6	7 6:30 PM– Youth Group Meal & Meeting	8	9	10
11 Second Sunday of Easter <u>Confirmation</u> 9:45 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie 10:15 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	12	13 12:00-6:00 PM Red Cross Bloodmobile	14 6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal & Meeting	15	16	17
18 Third Sunday of Easter 9:45 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie 10:15 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship Service	19 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	20	21 6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal & Meeting	22	23	24
25 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:45 AM – Bible Study w/ Julie 10:15 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship Service	26	27	28 6:30 PM – Youth Group Meal & Meeting	29	30	*UMC = Marquette United Methodist Church