



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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What is your favorite season? At different times of my life, I might have said "winter" or "basketball". Maybe "harvest" is your favorite season or "deer" is one that comes to your mind. This year I have discovered that my all-time favorite season is Epiphany!

We are in the season of Epiphany: the wise men found the baby Jesus and were elated. They had seen the light in many ways. They celebrated, and so too are we supposed to celebrate this whole season long – from January 6 – March 1. This entire month we are to continue to party down! *

This year I seem to feel Epiphany deep in my bones. I want to make cakes, stick a tiny plastic baby inside and invite everyone over! But alas, we still have germs circulating. No group Epiphany partying will be going down within my walls right now. Thankfully, there are other ways we can celebrate!

We can worship each Sunday morning at 11am in Elim's beautiful sanctuary. We can sing with Allan and Jackie. We can pray silently and collectively. We can hear the scriptures and today's reflection upon it. Sometimes we can share the bread and cup together and remember the gift we know in Jesus the Christ. We can continue to be in relationship with one another... in person. We are a blessed people to get to celebrate in these ways.

When we are in our own homes, we can look at old pictures and cherish the good in them. We can listen to old country, Jock Jams, or praise songs from the 90's and smile. We can be inspired by reading our devotions and listening to podcasts. We can meditate. We can pray. We can be transformed.

There is light and goodness all around us. When we look for it, we can see it more. In fact, the light can become part of us. Sometimes it can feel like the light is coming right out of us into the world! May that be so. With friends and colorful cakes or by ourselves with an eye for awe, may we burst forth the light of Christ because we just can't help but do so. This is, indeed, a most wonderful season!

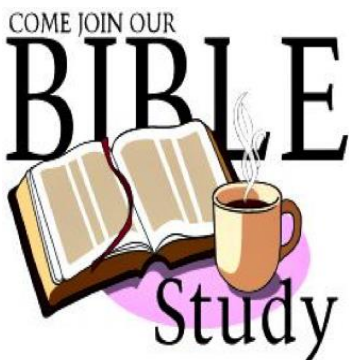
*In Advent when we typically have parties, we are really to be preparing ourselves inwardly for the coming birth. The group celebrating is traditionally supposed to come after Christmastide in Epiphany. Our modern culture has flipped these things around and I think there is wisdom in holding on to the tradition in this case. While in the past I've had "Holiday Open Houses" during Advent, in the future I'll be changing it up to celebrate the light in Epiphany. It will be a good time!

w/great joy – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Vic Hedberg, Bob Jones, Pat Mitchell, JoAn Lindfors, Wendy Surface, Danny Morel, Steve Coney, Greg Nicholson, Billie Jo LaMar, Sandi Collman, Mary Nolan, Vernon Olson, Eva (Lindfors) Allen, Bethany Village, Riverview, and all healthcare workers. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Twila Lindfors.

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.



Pack your bags. We're going on a journey. A quest to uncover Scripture and its meaning across history. Filmed on location in Israel and throughout the Middle East, the Faith Lessons and DVD series is an adventure in biblical learning! **That the World May Know** is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance.

We invite all ages of adults to come to a morning bible study, led by Julie Olson. The Bible Study will be held in the **Parish Hall at 9:30 AM every Sunday until April 3**. Please contact Julie Olson if you would like to attend at 785-577-5144. Please don't worry if you can't attend every session. You won't be lost if you miss a session. Drop in visits are encouraged!! We will always have extra books and materials.

By weaving together the Bibles' fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for believers. In this ten-session small group Bible study, you will discover why Jesus turned the world upside down with his compelling call to follow Him. It will let you walk with Jesus through the days of his ministry on this earth. The insights you gain will transform your reading of the Gospels and inspire a deeper faith commitment.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

WELCA and other members of Elim are joining with Freemount Lutheran Church and Marquette Methodist Church to collect items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes again in 2022. Listed below are the items needed for January and February. Baskets for the items will be in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider gifting a few items throughout the year. Elim contributed a lot last year! - and the Youth Group and Confirmands along with Pastor Amy Kay, Carly and Lars and a few others helped pack approx. 200 shoeboxes. Let's do it again for children around the world! THANK YOU!

January 2022 Socks all sizes, boys and girls; scarves, stocking hats, gloves/mittens (can be handmade too!)

February 2022 For Girls - Small sewing kits: fabric squares (Fat Quarters), seam rippers, tape measures, pins, needles, etc.

(Underlined items are needed for EVERY box, the remaining items are extra)



WELCA NEWS

January 2022 and we are still having to live with a pandemic and limited activities. Let's all pray that this will end this year and we can start back with our WELCA activities *in person*.

As president of WELCA, and doing the 2021 Annual Report for WELCA, it was so sad to realize that we have not been to a Sing-along or Birthday party at Riverview Estates for almost TWO years (since February 2020)! That will be one of our WELCA goals this year, even if it means a lot of precautions and restrictions. These residents are more isolated from other in a "normal" situation, much less during this pandemic. **We need to change that and try to get some normalcy back into their lives AND ours!**

In case you didn't read our Annual Report in detail, WELCA did have a healthy treasury at the end of 2021, so we were able to give quite a few contributions to needy organizations and agencies. One that is dear to WELCA and Elim is the Lutheran Campus Ministry at KSU that Michelle and Madison Loder belong to. Besides their beautiful duets at church on December 26, they explained the ministry and all it has meant to them. Besides their personal thank you, WELCA receive a written one from the leader, Pastor Kevin. It read: "Dear members of Elim WELCA, thanks so much for your recent gift of \$200 to Lutheran Campus Ministry at Kansas State University! It has been a joy to work with Michelle and Madison Loder! Thanks for your support as we care for them and many other K-State students in Jesus' name."

Even though WELCA has given quite a few contributions because of our treasury total, we continue to see and learn that there are many other needs that continue. If any of you have persons, agencies or organizations that you would like us to support, please advise one of the officers. In addition, we are seeking activities or events that we could get involved with to expand our minds and goals.

WELCA truly thanks Pastor Amy Kay for her continued support and dedication to our goals. She gives us such good direction. A special thank you and hug to Gayle Nelson as well. Gayle keeps us in line and informed, as well as taking charge of our assistance with Freemount Church and the Christmas Shoebox project. Thank you both.

Nancy Hopp and LeAnn Everhart are the first **HEROES for WELCA** this year with their ladies' get-together celebration on January 9, 2022, at the Hopp residence. It was a fun evening with good food and snacks and needed socialization for everyone. Let's hope and pray that there will be more of these get-togethers for 2022. We must be aware of safety and health precautions, but let's try to be more social as well.

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



YOUTH GROUP MEALS

Please call or text **Carly Peterson** at **785-280-2039** if you are willing to help prepare meals for the Youth Group and Confirmation Class. **Meals are to be served each Wednesday at 6:30 PM.** Volunteers (pair up if you can) who provide the food will be asked to wear gloves while serving the food and can use paper plates and plastic ware provided by the Youth Group. Prepare to serve 25-30 meals. This number may change with differing schedules. 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 or class.



VALENTINE'S DINNER

The Youth Group are planning to host the Valentine Dinner again this year for Elim members and the community. Mark it on your calendar to celebrate Valentine's Day with take-out meals from the Youth Group on Saturday, February 19. Please text Carly Peterson at 785-280-2039 with your name, phone number, and the number of meals you want. You can pick up your meals between 5:00-7:30 PM. There will be a free-will donation.

THANK YOU for supporting our church's youth.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

SPRING 2022

(as of 01-28-22)

Wednesday, Feb 9, 6:30-8pm (supper from 6:30-7p)

Sunday, Feb 13, 10:15a-worship

Wednesday, Feb 23, 6:30-8pm (supper from 6:30-7p)

Sunday, Feb 27, 10:15a-worship

Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday worship service (location to be announced)

Sunday, March 6, 10:15a-worship

Please attend two additional Wednesday Lenten Services as your schedule permits. Definitely write your name on a bulletin and give it to me with your notes within the order of worship.

Sunday, March 27, 10:15a-worship

Sunday, April 10, 10:15a – worship

Thursday, April 14, 7p Maundy Thursday worship service in our sanctuary

Wednesday, April 20, 6:30-8pm (supper from 6:30-7p)

Sunday, April 24, 10:15and we will be helping with worship

Sunday, May 1, 10:15a – worship

Wednesday, May 4, 6:30-8pm (supper from 6:30-7p)

SERVING THE LORD IN FEBRUARY

ACOLYTES

February 6 Noah Bearley and Bo Bacon
 February 13 Noah Bearley and Bo Bacon
 February 20 Bo Bacon and Josh Bocox
 February 27 Bo Bacon and Josh Bocox

LECTORS**

February 6 Linda Johnson
 February 13 Darren Able
 February 20 Brooke Olson
 February 27 _____

GREETERS**

February 6 Scott and Linda Johnson
 February 13 _____
 February 20 Nancy Hopp
 February 27 _____

****Please sign up to be a lector or greeter!**

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

Curtis Patrick

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:

Charlotte Knackstedt and Jayleen Sellhorn

USHERS (1st Sunday):

Scott Johnson and Linn Nelson

CAMP TOMAH SHINGA: If you are interested in your children attending Camp Tomah Shinga this summer, please see the information posted on the bulletin board. Register online prior to April 1, 2022, for a lower fee and to ensure there are openings. Please remember that there is an Elim fund to help with the registration fee. Contact Gayle Nelson if you have any questions.



NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2022

The council discussed the bid from Brian Hopp for a new camera and sound system to improve streaming and enhance sound in the sanctuary for the hearing-impaired. A congregational vote will take place at the Annual Meeting January 30, 2022. The 2022 Budget Proposal was discussed and approved.

Worship & Music: No meeting.

Finance & Stewardship: Met Dec. 31, 2021 to determine 2022 Budget Proposal.

Memorial Committee: Meeting scheduled for January 5, 2022.

Christian Ed: No meeting.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: No meeting. Barry Nelson presented the estimate for renting equipment to fix the chimney bricks, scheduled for late spring.

Nominating Committee: Met December 28 to determine possible candidates for council.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, February 7, 2022

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2022

| | | |
|----------------|---|-----------|
| Jan. 2 | \$1895.00 (auto payments only) | |
| | (on-line service only due to bad weather) | |
| Jan. 9 | \$3716.00 | 52 |
| Jan. 16 | \$1153.00 | 50 |
| Jan. 23 | \$1580.00 | 55 |

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 01/03/2022]

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Beginning Balance as of 12/01/21: | \$ 27,444.02* |
| Revenue: | \$ 15,172.88 |
| Expenses: | \$ - 13,261.19 |
| Ending Balance as of 12/31/21: | \$ 29,355.71 |

**Explanation: \$30,000 transferred from General Fund to Money Market Account. Not an expenditure or loss of revenue.*



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Skye Farris
- 4 Joel Nelson
- 5 Jim Peterson
- 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 29 years

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Don't forget the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held in the Elim Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 1 from 12:00-6:00 PM. The next Bloodmobile is scheduled for April 19. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544.



THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider ONLINE GIVING It is an easy and convenient way to ensure your offering gets "in the plate" on a weekly or monthly basis. With everyone's busy lifestyles, church attendance is not always possible. With online giving, you don't have to worry that you missed a Sunday. 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.**

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent members are reminded to check your Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2021. You can direct them to Elim Lutheran Church before March 31, 2022. Elim is thankful for all Choice Dollars. **THANK YOU!**





A note from your Elim Lutheran Church Secretary:

I worked 36 years for a corporation who never noticed or cared that I went beyond my job to help others. To be appreciated by the staff and council and members here at Elim is gratifying beyond words. To know that I'm able to help out here at Elim means everything to me. This "job" is not a job, it is a privilege. I love finally doing something for others that is accepted and appreciated, and so worthwhile. No pay is needed, and yet you continue to hand me an increase each year as way of thanks. I thank the Lord for guiding me to accept the "job" as church secretary. I am honored and grateful. Thank you.

Gayle Nelson

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for FEBRUARY 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|---|-----------|-----------|---|
|  1 | | 1 Red Cross Bloodmobile 12:00 – 6:00 PM | 2 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:00 – Senior Choir | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Fifth Sunday in Epiphany 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/Communion | 7 7:00 PM Council Mtg. | 8 | 9 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:00 – Senior Choir | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13...Sixth Sunday in Epiphany 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service | 14 | 15 | 16 1:30 – Quilt Group 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:00 – Senior Choir | 17 | 18 | 19 Youth Group VALENTINE’S DINNER 5:00-7:30 PM |
| 20 Seventh Sunday in Epiphany 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service | 21 | 22 | 23 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:00 – Senior Choir | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service | 28 |  | | | | |