



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

MARCH 2022

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Greetings, Elim –

I hope you are well and feel the peace of God in these March days.

While I certainly wish for us to not have had to experience the pandemic together, some good things have emerged. One positive is that we have learned how to stream worship online so it is still available when friends are ill, live far away or can't make it to the sanctuary at 11am on Sundays for any number of reasons.

A clergy friend led a workshop at the beginning of the pandemic two years ago that taught me how to stream worship easily with no expense. As the months went by, we realized we needed to upgrade our internet service and did so in a few ways. Jeremy Snapp kindly adds the worship service from our Facebook page to our Elim website so it can be accessed either place easily each week.

It is wonderful to hear from friends who grew up at Elim and continue to be church here from afar through online worship. It's great that we can do so through technology! Occasionally we get to see one another in person and that certainly feels fantastic too.

We've known that the sound isn't good the way we've been streaming worship. We've heard from folks who can't come to worship in-person and have a hard time hearing online. The church Council and congregation have agreed that this is not the way we want to reach out. Thankfully, Brian Hopp has a solution to upgrade our recording system. Other nearby churches have already installed and use it; it works well. The church voted at our Annual Meeting to improve our system of streaming worship and add hearing devices in our sanctuary. The hardware we need is backordered, but Brian or his skilled crew will install it when it arrives in a few months. There will also be three new devices available in the sanctuary for anyone to use that will amplify sound through our system. We are very excited for these needed improvements!

The cost of these projects total between \$16-17,000. The Memorial Committee met and voted to donate \$5,000 to start the fund. I'm touched thinking of all of those who have had money donated in their memory. This seems like a lovely way to honor them: improving sound so everyone can worship God together at Elim.

If you feel moved to help with this project, please do so! Simply donate to the church however you normally go about it and note "sound system". Online one-time donations can specify this easily. If this is the first time you have given to the church, thank you for considering to do so! You are welcome to mail a check to the church (403 Lincoln St, 67464) or give online at elimmarquette.org. There is a "give online" prompt on the home page.

As the pandemic evolves into an endemic we can certainly give thanks for the decline of sickness and deaths from COVID-19. Emerging with more knowledge about ourselves personally and as a community of believers in Jesus the Christ is also very good. Learning some nuts and bolts about needed improvements so that we can worship together is another positive. It is indeed good to get to move forward together, Elim!

w/gratitude for being called by God to ministry and your church specifically – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Darren Ebling, Caren Ebling, Kevin Pike, Matt Swift, Lynda Krahl, Wes Schultis, Bob Jones, JoAn Lindfors, Danny Morel, Steve Coney, Greg Nicholson, Billie Jo LaMar, Sandi Collman, Mary Nolan, Vernon Olson, Bethany Village, Riverview, and all healthcare workers. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Vic Hedberg.

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.



**Freemount Lutheran Church
Marquette United Methodist Church
Elim Lutheran Church**

Wednesday, 7:30-8:00 PM

Held each week at rotating church locations.

We are delighted to be able to join together for Wednesday evening worship services focusing on *simplifying* so that our spirits may be renewed. Each week a different area of simplification will be explored by Pastors Lacey Wheeler, Alan Alley and Amy Kay Pavlovich in rotation.

The three ministers chose to derive inspiration from Paula Huston's book "Simplifying the Soul: Lenten Practices to Renew Your Spirit" for this year's Lenten series. Huston is an author and a part of a Benedictine community. Her desire is to help us declutter our minds, hearts, relationships and souls through Lenten practices woven from the gospels, other scriptures and her own experience. It has been said that this series is full of wisdom, compassion, patience, and is inviting. We invite you to come!

March 2 at Freemount Church with Pastor Alan preaching on the significance of Ash Wednesday and "Simplifying Space"

March 9 at Marquette UMC with Pastor Amy Kay preaching on "Simplifying the Use of Money"

March 16 at Elim Church with Pastor Lacey preaching on "Simplifying the Care of the Body"

March 23 at Freemount Church with Pastor Alan preaching on "Simplifying the Mind"

March 30 at Marquette UMC with Pastor Amy Kay preaching on "Simplifying the Schedule"

April 6 at Elim Church with Pastor Lacey preaching on "Simplifying Relationships"

The Marquette Ministerial Alliance is dedicated to collectively responding to individual needs of those in our community. When needs arise, the Ministers are in touch with one another about if and how to respond. The funds used come from the Ministerial Alliance account. Offerings received during our Wednesday evening worship services will be used to continue to respond to needs. Thanks be that we can work together between churches in the Marquette community for all of God's people.

ELIM SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK:

During Holy Week we will not meet on Wednesday for Lenten Service.

Elim will meet on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm for worship in our own sanctuary.

Pastor Amy Kay will have devotions for Good Friday that we can experience in our own homes at our own time during the day or evening.



WELCA NEWS

It's March and WELCA is still trying to get back to our services. Let's continue to pray that this will end this year and we can start our activities *in person*, like Valentine's Day. Instead we remembered all 19 female residents at Riverview with a pink Valentine bag and 15 male residents with a brown Valentine bag, all filled with a box of chocolates, chocolate hugs and kisses and a signed Valentine's Day card. They were delivered on Friday, February 11.

As president of WELCA, I prepared the Annual WELCA Report for the January 30, 2022 Annual Meeting at Elim. We did not get all the contributions listed that were or will be given out these next two months, but we wanted the congregation to know that the Lutheran Campus Ministry listed on the Treasury Report was in response to the request from Michelle and Madison Loder. WELCA gave Lutheran Campus Ministry two contributions in 2021. Also, the Bethlehem Revisited contribution was \$10.00 per person for the 22 who attended the special Christmas pageant in December. These aren't technically "expenses" in our treasury.

WELCA has received a request – almost an urgent need – from food banks and charities that food and clothing are still in need even after the holiday season. For that reason, we would like members of our congregation to participate in the LENT project of the "40 Day Fast". This is done by giving up ONE item per day and placing it in a bag or box, starting on Ash Wednesday, March 2 through Easter Sunday, April 17. Please put non-perishable food items in a box, and basic clothing items (gently worn t-shirts, blouses, socks, pants, and baby clothes) in a bag. We will NOT need any household items for this project as in past years. WELCA will collect and deliver after Easter. REMEMBER: the 40 days of Lent do not include Sundays.

LENT is a time to "reflect on your life". Here are **TWELVE THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT:**

Having to have the last word. **Taking those you love for granted.**

Worrying about things you cannot change or control. **Losing your temper.**

Being a perfectionist. **Patronizing people who work for or with you.**

Complaining. **Carrying grudges.**

Expecting to be bored by any and all sermons. **Nagging.**

Thinking about money. **Feeling sorry for yourself.**

- Written by Ignatius Drostin

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

WELCA SMOKY VALLEY CLUSTER MEETING

Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson has invited Elim WELCA members to attend the WELCA Smoky Valley Cluster Meeting on **Saturday, March 26, 2022**. The meeting starts at 9:00 AM. **Please notify JoAn Lindfors before March 9 if you are interested in attending.**

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.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE
SPRING 2022

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, 10:15a and we will be helping with worship

Sunday, May 1, 10:15a – worship

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

WELCA and other members of Elim are once again joining with Freemount Lutheran Church and Marquette Methodist Church to collect items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes in 2022. Listed below are the items needed for March. 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! The Youth Group and Confirmands along with Pastor Amy Kay, Carly and Lars and a few others helped pack approx. 200 shoeboxes at Freemount Lutheran Church. Let’s do it again this year for children around the world! THANK YOU!

March 2022 **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. Soccer balls with pumps.

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

RIVERVIEW POTATO BAR

Please plan to attend the **drive-through Potato Bar** hosted by the Riverview Auxiliary on **March 12 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. Free-will donation!

SERVING THE LORD IN MARCH

ACOLYTES

March 6 Raven Caesar & Ciara Rawson
 March 13 Raven Caesar & Ciara Rawson
 March 20 Raven Caesar & Ciara Rawson
 March 27 Raven Caesar & Ciara Rawson

LECTORS**

March 6 Andi Willems
 March 13 Brooke Olson
 March 20 Linda Johnson
 March 27 Allan Lindfors

GREETERS**

March 6 Allan & JoAn Lindfors
 March 13 Mo & Gayle Nelson
 March 20 Scott & Linda Johnson
 March 27 Barry & Carylee Nelson

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

Allan Lindfors

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:

Beth Thomas and Carol Jones

Bread: Carol Jones

USHERS (1st Sunday):

Fred Peterson and Terry Hopp



PLEASE NOTE: Senior Choir practice will be Wednesdays at **6:30 PM** during Lent, starting on March 2 through April 6.

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

February 7, 2022

Welcomed new council member Vinita Harms. Current officers to remain the same (Curtis Patrick, President; Barry Nelson, Vice President). Discussed creating usher list for communion on 1st Sunday of each month. Suggested we invite church members to join one of the committees to bring new ideas. Pastor Amy Kay presented plans for Lenten services.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Gospel Sunday Feb. 27.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: Met. Jan. 18. Approved allocation of \$5000 toward cost of new sound system.

Christian Ed: No meeting.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Met Feb. 7. Barry Nelson reported items needing repair or replacement, to include motor for exhaust fan in women's restroom, fascia board on Parish Hall, tiles on garage roof, plug-in's in Parish Hall, and hole in office floor.

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

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2022

Jan. 30	\$1253.00	68
Feb. 6	\$2789.00	75
Feb. 13	\$1600.00	71
Feb. 20	\$1608.00	70

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 02/07/2022]

Beginning Balance as of 01/01/22:	\$ 29,355.71
Revenue:	\$ 9,438.54
Expenses:	\$ - 6,594.53
Ending Balance as of 12/31/21:	\$ 32,199.72

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. \$1,117.00 was contributed in 2021. THANK YOU!



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

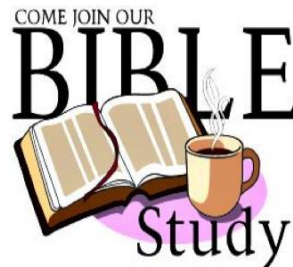
ELIM NEEDS NEW FACES AND FRESH IDEAS

Granted, the word “committee” conjures up negative thoughts, such as “boring meetings” or “total waste of time” or “I don’t have time”. It doesn’t have to be that way. There are many ways to bring new life and ideas to long-standing committees, and that’s why Elim is asking you to consider joining one of the following: Christian Ed., Evangelism/Social Ministry, Property/Security, Memorial, or Worship and Music. Fresh ideas are welcome! If it’s time to change a few things, we need your help to do it. And it’s a wonderful way to serve your church. If you are interested, please contact the church secretary at elimsec@gmail.com, or call 785-201-7675.

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USHERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to be an usher once every 3 months? That’s all we ask. We need ushers for Communion on the 1st Sunday of every month. The ushers are only required to stand at the front of the middle aisle to assist members to the altar for communion. A sign-up list is on the bulletin board for the remainder of 2022. THANKS!!



Come join us in the Parish Hall for a small group Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. Julie Olson leads the study, which includes a video series entitled “That the World May Know”

written and narrated by Ray Vander Laan, a teacher and historian. There are ten (10) sessions, and books to accompany the 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. 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.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 ASH WEDNESDAY Freemount Church 7:30 PM 6:30 – Meal for Youth 6:30 – Senior Choir * (see note below)	3	4	5
6 First Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 10:15 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/Communion	7 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	8	9 6:30– Senior Choir 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 – LENTEN SERVICE at Marquette UMC	10	11	12
13...Second Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service	14	15	16 6:30 – Senior Choir 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:30 – LENTEN SERVICE at Elim Church	17	18	19
20 Third Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service	21	22	23 1:30 – Quilt Group 6:30 – Senior Choir 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:30 – LENTEN SERVICE at Freemount Church	24	25	26
27 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 10:15 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM - Worship Service	28	29	30 6:30 – Senior Choir 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:30 – LENTEN SERVICE at Marquette UMC	31	*Youth Group & Confirmands to attend Ash Wednesday service Senior Choir practice 1 hour early	