



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

APRIL 2022

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Greetings, Elim –

I hope for you a great feeling of connectedness with our God in these beautiful Spring days.



We have quite a month coming up as we experience Christ's journey to the cross and resurrection together. These are the lowest and highest of days for we who know God through Jesus the Christ. It can feel both emotionally draining and life giving. Thankfully, we have one another as we go through Jesus' last days and the stories of our Christ's victory over death. I hope you are able to come worship in person or online often in this season.

Most Sundays in worship I follow the tradition of our denomination and offer Prayers of Intercession that the ELCA prepares for us. I came from a Pastoral Prayer background where the minister just prays rather spontaneously, but I have come to dearly love the words of these well thought out prayers to God. I know sometimes they might seem wordy or long, but, to me, they truly pray what I wish I had the eloquence to pray myself. That the church gives us these wonderful words to express ourselves is a gift to me and I hope to you as well.

Last week this was the first of our prayers:

*Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

If we call ourselves Christians, we must indeed try to follow the Christ. Through the words and deeds of Jesus, we know what he was all about! Extravagant mercy and profound welcome... love of all people. We ask God to lead us as a church to voice and act in Jesus' ways which will transform the world to God because of the very counter-cultural ways we live. This is powerful! It is hard. It is life giving for us and all who are touched by our extravagant way of living we've learned through Jesus.

I've clipped parts of Lutheran prayers for my refrigerator door since before I was with you all because they have challenged and moved me for years. They seem to pull my heart and mind together to become more of who I think God calls me to be. This piece of last week's prayer is now posted to help me come along. If you feel so moved, I invite you to join with me. Cut out this little piece of the prayer and tape it on your mirror perhaps. Whatever works for you is great! Let's help ourselves to continue to turn more to God and live out of that wholeness. I'm thrilled to be about it with you, Elim.

w/hope in and inspiration from our Savior, Jesus the Christ – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Kenny, Larry (Carly’s grandfather), Rita, Kevin, Dennis and Bunnie, Darren, Caren, Matt, Lynda, Wes, Bob, JoAn, Danny, Steve, Greg, Billie Jo, Sandi, Mary, Vernon, Bethany Village, Riverview, and all 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.



The final Lenten service will be Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 PM at Elim Lutheran Church with Pastor Lacey preaching on “Simplifying Relationships”

There will be no Wednesday Lenten Service during Holy Week. Elim Lutheran Church will meet on **Maundy Thursday (April 14) at 7:00 PM** for worship in our own sanctuary. Pastor Amy Kay will provide devotions for **Good Friday** to be experienced in our own homes at a time of our choosing throughout the day or evening.

ORDER FORM FOR WHITE LILIES for Easter Sunday!

All orders must be submitted by **April 10**

Cost: \$11.00 per lily



Payment must be submitted at the time of your order. Please make checks payable to Piper’s Fine Foods. Place your order form and payment in an envelope and mail to Elim Lutheran Church, 403 N. Lincoln, Marquette, KS 67464, or leave in the box designated when you enter the church. You can also leave your order in the locked drop box just outside the Parish Hall doors. **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 _____
- Other _____

Given by _____

(Include all names you want on the dedication; if more space is needed, use lines below)

Total # of lilies ordered: _____ Name _____ Phone #: _____

Total Due: _____ Paid: _____ (X)

Contact Gayle Nelson (785-201-7675) with any questions.



WELCA NEWS

WELCA is praying that in the near future and starting in APRIL, we may be getting back to some normalcy with our services, activities, and special events.

We have received word that our birthday parties may be able to start again at Riverview Estates, though they may be renamed and have some limitations initially. We may also be able to do some Sing-alongs with the residents. This will mean so much for both sides. WELCA will keep you notified.

As reported in March, WELCA received a request, almost an **urgent need**, from food banks and charities for food and basic clothing. And even more urgent now with so many homes, vehicles and belongings destroyed in surrounding counties because of fires. **PLEASE participate and contribute in WELCA's Lent project of "40 DAY FAST"**, which started on Ash Wednesday, March 2 and ends on **EASTER SUNDAY, April 17**. We need the non-perishable food items in a BOX and basic clothing items (gently worn t-shirts, blouses, socks, pants, and baby clothes) in a BAG. They also requested towels, bedding, and cleaning goods. **PLEASE BRING THE BOXES AND BAGS to the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday**. WELCA will collect and deliver after Easter. **REMEMBER**: The 40 days does NOT include Sundays.

WELCA is also going to give the residents of Riverview Estates a beautifully decorated cookie, baked and decorated by Tammy Easton Purdum (Hutchinson) for Easter. The residents can share them with whomever they choose. Hope we will be able to visit, sing and have goodies with them in person soon.

Keep praying that our nation gets well again.

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

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 April. Baskets for the items will be in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider gifting a few items throughout the year. Let's do it again this year for children around the world! THANK YOU!

April 2022 Brushes, Toothbrushes and floss

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

SWEDISH SUPPER "RESTRUCTURE" COMMITTEE

The next meeting to discuss changes for the Swedish Supper will be **Sunday, April 3 at 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall**. Even if you didn't attend the first meeting, you are welcome to join in and share any ideas and suggestions. There was a wonderful turnout for the first meeting, and lots of ideas came out of it. This is your chance to be a part of Elim's time-honored tradition of serving Swedish food and sharing in fellowship with the local community and beyond. The committee plans to meet every other Sunday (with the exclusion of Easter), so put it on your calendar again for April 24.

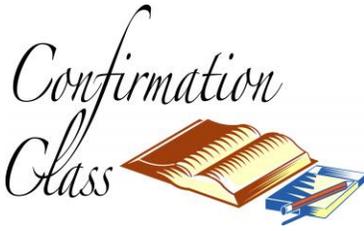
YOUTH GROUP MEALS

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 plasticware 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.

Thank you to the following for providing meals:

- January: Tammy Feil, Niki Sutton, Beau Boughfman
- February: Betsy Patrick, Linda Johnson, Patty Kolling
- March: Carylee Nelson and Bernice Peterson, Beth Thomas

THANK YOU to everyone who came out and supported the Youth Group for the Valentine’s Dinner. Approximately 90 meals were served.



CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE
SPRING 2022

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, 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)



INSTALLATION OF PASTOR ALAN ALEY

The members and friends of the Freemount Lutheran Church cordially invite you to the installation of Pastor Alan Aley on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the Freemount Lutheran Church, 2511 85th Ave., Lindsborg, Kansas. Please join us for a reception in the basement immediately following the installation service.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

If you would like to make donations to help refugees impacted by the Ukrainian crisis, you can send your gift online at lwr.org/match or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write “Ukraine Match” in the memo line. Your gift will be doubled up to \$422.00. Deadline for the match is April 25.

SERVING THE LORD IN APRIL

ACOLYTES

April 3 Layla Fleming
 April 6 Layla Fleming
 April 10 Layla Fleming & Breckyn Bauer
 April 14 Layla Fleming
 April 17 Layla Fleming & Breckyn Bauer
 April 24 Layla Fleming & Breckyn Bauer

LECTORS

April 3 Diane Hedberg
 April 10 Gayle Nelson
 April 14 Brooke Olson
 April 17 _____
 April 24 Darren Able

GREETERS

April 3 Matt & Diane Hedberg
 April 6 Linda Johnson (Lenten service)
 April 10 Vinita Harms & Charlotte Knackstedt
 April 14 Scott & Linda Johnson
 April 17 Nancy Hopp
 April 24 _____

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Vinita Harms

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:

April 3 Sandra Myers & LeAnn Everhart
 April 14 Allan & JoAn Lindfors
 April 17 Jackie & Craig Larson

Bread:

April 3 LeAnn Everhart
 April 17 Jackie Larson

COMMUNION USHER: Barry Nelson

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Don't forget the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held in the Elim Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 19 from 12:00-6:00 PM. The next Bloodmobile is scheduled for June 14. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Johnson at 785-826-5544.



THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 2022

Council discussed the following: 1) Swedish Supper revisions will be determined by a committee of volunteers who will begin meeting in the next month, 2) Easter lilies will be available for purchase from Piper's; forms will be available in the narthex for those wanting to order, 3) It was agreed by consensus to assign only usher captains to assist for communion every 3 months; captains have been assigned: Craig Larson, Scott Johnson, Barry Nelson, and Lars Peterson, and 4) Riverview is now allowing WELCA and other organizations to return to Sing-alongs and birthday parties.

Worship & Music: No meeting.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: Recent memorial donations have been designated for the new sound system, in addition to other generous donations for the project.

Christian Ed: No meeting.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Met March 7. Barry Nelson reported on roof repair, and repair of the floor in the church office.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, April 4, 2022

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2022

Feb. 27*	\$1573.00	91
March 6	\$4833.71	56
March 13	\$1833.00	57
March 20	\$1433.00	67
March 27	\$1189.50	63

***Gospel Sunday**

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 03/07/2022]

Beginning Balance as of 02/01/22:	\$	32,199.72
Revenue:	\$	8,621.67
Expenses:	\$	-- 7,465.02
Ending Balance as of 2/28/21:	\$	33,356.37



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	Mary Anne Talbott
12	Betsy Patrick
12	Gayle Nelson
16	Ashley Crump
16	Brittany Crump
17	Mindy Nicholson
17	Betty Amos
17	Shannon Hudson
17	Miles Forssberg
21	Jolene Larson
23	Matthew Christensen
23	Michael Christensen
26	Cathy French
27	Eva Lindfors-Allen
28	Kasyn French
29	Jace Mannebach
29	Carly Patrick



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

3	Mr. and Mrs. Tyler French	13 years
3	Mr. and Mrs. Beau Boughfman	19 years
5	Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Sommerfeld	48 years
8	Mr. and Mrs. Justin Myers	17 years
16	Mr. and Mrs. Brad Peterson	12 years
23	Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Niegsch	18 years
26	Mr. and Mrs. John Sommerfeld	20 years
27	Mr. and Mrs. Dane Young	21 years
29	Mr. and Mrs. Gail Lindstedt	43 years
30	Mr. and Mrs. Joel Nelson	46 years

NEW SOUND SYSTEM FOR ELIM

At the annual meeting, the congregation voted to purchase a new camera and sound system to improve the streaming of worship services online, and to enhance the sound for hearing-impaired members. Council has discussed ways to raise funds toward the purchase of the new system. We invite members to donate to the fund as much as possible. To date Elim has received several generous donations for the sound system. We appreciate any and all donations. THANK YOU! This is an important improvement and we hope all those who attend Elim and follow the services online will benefit from it.

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” or “I don’t want to commit to one more thing”. 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.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for APRIL 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service w/Communion	4 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	5	6 6:30– Senior Choir 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:30 – LENTEN SERVICE at Elim Lutheran Church	7	8	9
10...PALM SUNDAY 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 10:15 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM - Worship Service	11	12	13 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:30 – Senior Choir	14 7:00 –MAUNDY THURSDAY	15 GOOD FRIDAY	16
17 EASTER 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 11:00 AM - Worship Service	18	19	20 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7:30 – Senior Choir	21	22	23
24 Second Sunday of Easter 9:45 AM – Sunday School 10:10 AM – Jr. Choir 10:15 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM - Worship Service	25	26	27 1:30 – Quilt Group 6:30 – Meal for Youth 7:00 – Youth Group 7:30 – Senior Choir	28	29	30