



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings, Elim Friends –

During these early spring days, I give thanks to God for the sun that is shining so brilliantly, buds showing themselves, and for you all. I also give thanks for these days because they are within the season of “Lent”. This is a season of intentionality when we are called to focus on our relationship with God and growth.

As I wrote last month, we are blessed to get to join together with the good United Methodists for Wednesday evening worship services throughout this season. Our theme this year is “A Time to Grow”. Pastor Brenda and I have been delighting in our planning and we hope worship is enriching for us all.

This is the schedule for **each Wednesday in March at 6:30pm:**

- March 1, hosted at Elim with Pastor Brenda preaching on “Order”
- March 8, hosted at MUMC with Pastor Amy Kay preaching on “Life”
- March 15, hosted at Elim with Pastor Brenda preaching on “Water”
- March 22, hosted at MUMC with Pastor Amy Kay preaching on “Light”
- March 29, hosted at Elim in the Parish Hall with Pastor Amy Kay preaching on “Restoration”



Our last Wednesday together will be located in the Parish Hall because we will have “Supper Church” that evening! You are invited to bring a dish to share for potluck style supper. We will commune together and worship around the tables. You are invited to think about food to share that has a story behind it. For instance, you might choose a sweet potato casserole because you remember it was always brought to family gatherings by your favorite Aunt Mim. Maybe your offering is a bag of chips and salsa because any time you eat this with your friends, you always have a good time together. Perhaps you choose to bring a bag of apples because they are healthy and at this stage in your life, preparing anything more complicated is a ridiculous notion. The food you share and story behind it doesn’t have to be any one style. The point is that we bring, share and worship together. We are very excited about this culmination of “A Time to Grow” before Holy Week begins and we hope you can come!

This month on Sunday mornings we have some fascinating stories to guide our times of worship: Nicodemus, the foreign woman at the well, the blind man and Lazarus. Such rich stories are before us! While dear Allan, our choir director, is recovering from surgeries, we are blessed with talented musicians who will help lead worship. First and foremost is Jackie who leads us every single week beautifully. Also helping this month: Matt Larson, Brooke Olson, Taton Tubbs and the Jr. Choir. What a wonderful month we have ahead together! Thanks be to God.

w/great thanksgiving for the call to be with you at Elim – Pastor Amy Kay



Please keep in prayer: Ronnie Larson, Bob Jones, Linn Nelson, Merle Walker, Allan Lindfors, Sandra Spohn, Sawyer Lysell-Alkire, Tanner Luttig, Delores Wallace, James Write, Lesley, Laurie, Kenny Brown, Tom French, Charlotte Knackstedt, Bonnie Holopirek (Tammy Feil’s friend), Danny Morel, Doug Anderson, Mary Nolan, Amy Jones, Ava Jones, Eva Allen, Ron Carlson, Tammy Hopp, Brian Miner, Howard Richards (resident at Riverview), Dennis and Bunnie Hultgren and family, Lynda Krahl, Vernon Olson, Ruth Feil and all of the residents at Riverview Estates and Bethany Village.

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. [Please notify Pastor Amy Kay or the secretary if you wish to have your name removed following recovery or for other reasons. Thank you.]

WELCA NEWS



WELCA is once again asking members to put aside 40 items (new or slightly used clothing or household items) to donate to shelters or thrift stores, or to purchase food for the Food Bank. Local shelters include Ashby House in Salina, or thrift stores such as Save-N-Share or TACOL. This year we will not be collecting at the church, but we encourage all those who wish to participate to do so on their own. If you are not able to deliver the items, please contact these WELCA officers for assistance: Carol Jones at 785-577-5926, Donna Patrick at 785-212-1752, or Bernice Peterson at 785-227-5395. The “40 days” begin on February 22 and end before Maundy Thursday April 5. **THANK YOU FOR GIVING.**

WELCA will be serving the Lion’s Club Meal on Monday, March 27 at Elim. The meal is served at 6:30 PM. Please contact Linda Johnson or Carol Jones if you can help provide food or serve. **THANK YOU!**

WELCA Sunday was February 27. The women of ELCA (WELCA) provided the worship service during Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich’s visit to Guatemala. Thank you to the following for volunteering to participate in the service – you did a great job!

Jackie Larson, Carol Jones, Sandra Myers, LeAnn Everhart, Julie Miller, Cynthia Hulse, Vicki Young, Patty Kolling, Carylee Nelson, Bernice Peterson, Kayley Fleming, Julie Olson, Nancy Rawson, Sandy Edwards, Brooke Olson, Linda Johnson, and Lindsay Newton.



EASTER LILIES

Piper’s Fine Foods is again supplying the lilies for Easter. The cost per lily is \$9.06. Checks should be made out to PIPER’S FINE FOODS.

Notification and order time for Easter lilies was brief this year. If you were not able to get your order in prior to March 1, please contact the church secretary at elimsec@gmail.com with your order and dedication. You can also call or text Gayle Nelson at 785-201-7675. We will have a few additional lilies available for those who were unable to meet the deadline. You will need to pay for your order prior to March 31. If you aren’t able to attend worship service, please mail your payment to Elim Lutheran Church, 403 N. Lincoln, Marquette, KS 67464, or leave it in the drop box just outside the Parish Hall doors. The lilies will be delivered the week prior to Easter, and you will need to pick up your lily on Easter Sunday or make arrangements for it to be picked up. **HAPPY EASTER!**

*The
Season
of
Lent*



YOUTH GROUP VALENTINE'S DAY SUPPER



The Youth Group held a Valentine's Day Supper on **February 11 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM** as a fundraiser to earn money for their mission trip in March. There were approximately 65 in attendance, with 50 to-go meals. They also held a raffle for several donated gifts from local businesses. They earned \$250 in donations for the raffle, and \$1310 for the spaghetti meal, with costs at \$300. The money will be used to help pay for each student's part of the trip. The total cost per student includes travel, lodging, and food. A few of the Youth Group members will be able to attend at little to no cost due to the fundraisers. The following Youth Group members and their parents helped prepare and serve the meal: Bo Bacon, Ethan Able, Dawson Feil, Kody Barry, Sebastian Pavlovich, Colter Patrick, Raven Caesar, Auley Boughfman, Beau and Lisa Boughfman, Scott and Tammy Feil, Danny Caesar, George Bocox, Darren Able, Curtis and Betsy Patrick, and Amy Kay Pavlovich. A huge thank you to Carly and Lars Peterson for all their hard work organizing and preparing the meal, including the decorations and food purchases beforehand. Thank you too to Carylee Nelson for assisting Carly with food preparation.



Emilie Snapp, a fifth grader at Windom Elementary School, won the school Spelling Bee. As champion, she is eligible to attend the Rice County Spelling Bee at Chase Rural High School on February 25, along with the first, second, and third runners-up. CONGRATULATIONS, Emilie!

Braden Young, was crowned Homecoming King at Little River High School. The Homecoming King honors seem to run in the family. WAY TO GO, Braden!

Keira Mullen played in the Girls State Wrestling Tournament for 1-4A schools at the Tony's Pizza Event Center in Salina on Wednesday, February 22 and Thursday, February 23. Keira competed in the 135-pound weight division and won 3 matches on Wednesday, which earned her the opportunity to wrestle in the Championship at the end of the day on Thursday. Keira was one of 5 girls to qualify for State at the Regional Tournament held in Wellington. CONGRATULATIONS, Keira!!

CAMP TOMAH SHINGA

Camp Tomah Shinga is a Lutheran Outdoor Ministries summer camp for 1st through 8th graders. If your child is interested in attending, the council recently voted to offer a reimbursement of \$200 per family toward the cost. To register, visit www.camptomahshinga.com, or contact Jordan Valentine at jvalentine@camptomahshinga.com. Here is the information for the summer of 2023:

WEEK 1: Family Camp, June 4-6, \$440
Explorers (1st-3rd grade), June 4-6, \$310
Pathfinders (4th-6th grade), June 4-9, \$475

WEEK 2: Pioneers (9th-12th grade), June 11-16, \$475
Pathfinders (4th-6th grade), June 11-16, \$475
Running Camp (9th-12th grade), June 11-14, \$415

WEEK 3: Confirmation Camp (7th-8th grade), June 18-23
Fishing Camp (4th-12th grade), June 18-23, \$495

WEEK 4: Pathfinders (4th-6th grade), June 25-30, \$475
Trailblazers (6th-8th grade), June 25-30, \$475

WEEK 6: Family Camp, July 9-11, \$440
Explorers (1st-3rd grade), July 9-11, \$310
Night Camp (7th-8th grade), July 9-14, \$475

WEEK 7: Pioneers (9th-12th grade), July 16-21, \$475
Trailblazers (7th-8th grade), July 16-21. \$475





BEST CHOICE LABELS

Please continue to save Best Choice labels from the cartons and containers you purchase at Piper's or other stores offering Best Choice products. Be sure to cut the labels with the words "Best Choice" at the top of the UPC symbol. A container for collecting the labels is available in the narthex when you enter the church. Elim recently received a \$60.00 check for Best Choice labels turned in for 2022. The funds go to the Church Camp Fund to help pay the cost for Camp Tomah Shinga or other church camps our youth wish to attend.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Christian Ed recently received a thank you from ELCA for the monetary gifts the Sunday School sent in 2021 and 2022. The money was collected through the Sunday School offering. The ELCA Good Gifts project serves to help those in need around the world. As stated in the letter: "With seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you're equipping God's people – around the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives." In 2021, the gift to ELCA was \$435.76, and in 2022, \$380.08. Please share with your children that their gifts in the offering plate do make a difference.

The following "message" was left on my office door. It is an obituary for Jesus Christ, Our Lord. The author is unknown.

CALVARY

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The cause of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.



Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self-educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.



SERVING THE LORD IN MARCH

ACOLYTES

March 1* Raven Caesar
 March 5 Raven Caesar
 March 12 Raven Caesar
 March 15* Raven Caesar
 March 19 Raven Caesar
 March 26 Raven Caesar
 March 29* Raven Caesar

LECTORS

March 5 Julie Olson
 March 12 Mike Hulse
 March 19 Brooke Olson
 March 26 Zach Able

GREETERS

March 1* Kent & Nancy Rawson
 March 5 Nancy Hopp
 March 12 Scott & Tammy Feil
 March 15* _____
 March 19 Nancy Hopp
 March 26 Zach Able & Sarah Bartel
 March 29* _____

*Lenten services at Elim

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Carly Peterson

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:

March 5: Set-up: Beth Thomas & Carol Jones
 Bread: Beth Thomas

USHER FOR FEBRUARY: Lars Peterson

THANK YOU for signing up for lector, greeter, Youth Meals, and Riverview Birthday parties. It is so delightful to see all the slots for the month filled up!!! **BLESS YOU!** If you haven't signed up yet, there are still openings on the sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board.

Monthly Financial Report presented to council 02/063

Beginning Balance as of 01/01/23:	\$ 49,715.91
Revenue:	\$ 11,462.76
Expenses:	\$ -8,088.71
Ending Balance as of 01/31/23:	\$ 53,089.96

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2023

Council agreed by consensus to retain all officers from the previous year: Curtis Patrick will continue as President, Barry Nelson as Vice-President, Diane Hedberg as Treasurer, Beth Thomas as Financial Secretary, and Gayle Nelson as Secretary. Pastor Amy Kay reported on the Lenten series "A Time to Grow", which will be shared with the Marquette United Methodist Church. Freemount Church elected not to join the Lenten series this year. Council approved requests for Parish Hall use, leaving a church key at the Marquette Farmers State Bank, an increase in internet speed, and setting a dollar amount to assist with church camp followed.

Worship & Music: Met Feb. 6. Gospel Sunday has been postponed from Feb. 19 to April 30 due to Allan Lindfors' surgery and needed recovery time.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed: No meeting.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Barry Nelson reported that the parking stalls in front, including the handicap stalls, will be repainted via Scott Johnson's paint sprayer. The back steps will also be painted for safety purposes. He discussed a possible bid for replacing the front doors to the sanctuary

Next meeting to be held on March 6, 2023

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2023

January 1	\$3093.00	56
January 8	\$2353.00	76
January 15	\$3520.00	67
January 22	\$1529.00	48
January 29	\$1189.00	60
February 5	\$2791.00	73
February 12	\$1643.00	88
February 19	\$1150.00	46
February 26*	\$	68

***WELCA Sunday**

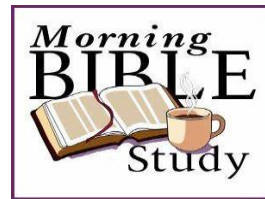


MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Lisa Christensen
2	Pierce Hamma
2	Blakely Niegsch
3	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	Charlotte Edwards
16	Janet Nelson
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	39 years
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Adult Bible Study continues at 9:30 AM every Sunday with The Chosen, Part 2, followed by the next series written and narrated by Ray Vander Lann, entitled "Dust of the Rabbi". Julie Olson is the

facilitator. Grab a cup of coffee or beverage of your choice and join us as we explore the life and times of Jesus. Both series bring an insight into the words of the Bible, and the life of Jesus and his followers, as we follow their journey, their interactions, their struggles, and their customs.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Any or every Sunday.

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. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. **Meals are to be served each Wednesday at 6:30 PM. 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 in February: Bocox family, Beth Thomas, Gayle Nelson, Linda Johnson, Matt and Holly Tolle


CHURCH KEY

For Elim members who periodically need to enter the church during the week, a key is now available at Marquette Farmers State Bank during bank hours. Members will need to sign for the key and for the date the key is returned.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

McPherson Area affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for home ownership. If you or someone you know has a need for housing, an ability to pay, and a willingness to partner in building the home, there are request forms available on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, or online at mcphersonhabitat.org. The request is due no later than March 29, and can be mailed to McPherson Area Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 1281, McPherson KS 67460, or dropped off at Home State Bank, 223 N. Main, McPherson, KS. An application packet will be sent to you, which is due April 4, 2023. To qualify, you cannot currently own a home or rental property, you must have lived or worked in McPherson County for the past 12 months, you are willing to work on the house during its construction and must meet the gross income guidelines based on size of household. The home will be built in McPherson.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1</p> <p>6:30 PM – Lenten Service at Elim w/ Pastor Brenda</p> <p>6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Communion</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 – Council Mtg.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 PM – Lenten Service at UMC w/ Pastor Amy Kay</p> <p>6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM - Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM – Worship Service</p> <p>4:00 – Riverview Sing-along</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Youth Group on Mission Trip to Nashville, TN (March 12-18)</i></p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM – Lenten Service at Elim w/ Pastor Brenda</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>RIVERVIEW POTATO BAR</p>
<p>19 4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM – Worship Service</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:30 – Quilt Group</p> <p>6:30 PM – Lenten Service at UMC w/ Pastor Amy Kay</p> <p>6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 7:00 PM –Youth Group</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2:00 – Riverview Birthday Party</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 5th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM – Worship Service</p>	<p>27</p> <p>WELCA serving Lion’s Club meal</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 PM – SUPPER CHURCH Lenten Service w/Potluck at Elim Parish Hall</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	