



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings, Elim –

I hope the season of Lent has been full of insightful moments and you feel ready to move into Holy Week together. Here are the worship opportunities we have before us during this high holy time in the church:

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday! We will get to worship with the palms waving and the Sr. Choir singing as we remember how people responded to Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday worship at our church at 6:30pm. We will remember Jesus and his disciples as they gathered around the table one last time together. The Sr. Choir will sing as will a talented trio. Elim's moving tradition of stripping the altar bare will continue this year to end our worship service.

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday worship will be at Marquette United Methodist Church at 6:30pm.

Sunday, April 9 – Thanks be to God for Easter Morning together!

Sunday, April 16 – Eastertide! This Sunday is like a holy party as we continue to celebrate the risen Christ in our midst. Good food, music and friends will intersect in worship on this special Sunday of the year.

Sunday, April 23 – Confirmation Sunday - We will celebrate the Confirmands' decision to confirm their baptismal vows. They will share their Statements of Faith and will receive their special verse of scripture. As we affirm their faith development, we will be prompted to think of our own in worship.

Sunday, April 30 - Youth and Graduation Sunday - We are blessed with fun, talented youth at Elim and it will be a joy to worship with them as leaders the last Sunday of the month.

Holy Week plus every single Sunday in April is special for us at Elim... honestly, every Sunday is special, but these feel EXTRA special! I hope you are able to come and worship. Thanks be to God for the opportunity to do so together.

w/anticipation – Pastor Amy Kay





Please keep in prayer: Merle Larson, Blakely Weis, Karla Bartz (Patty Kolling’s friend and co-worker), Allan Lindfors, Ronnie Larson, Bob Jones, Merle Walker, Sandra Spohn, Sawyer Lysell-Alkire, Tanner Luttig, Delores Wallace, James Write, Lesley, Laurie, Tom French, Bonnie Holopirek (Tammy Feil’s friend), Doug Anderson, Mary Nolan, Amy Jones, Ava Jones, Eva Allen, Ron Carlson, Tammy Hopp, Brian Miner, Rusty Young, 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” begins on February 22 and ends before Maundy Thursday April 5. THANK YOU FOR GIVING.



WELCA served the Lion’s Club Meal on Monday, March 27 at Elim. Thank you to the volunteers who provided food and helped prepare and serve the meal: Linda Johnson, Carol Jones, Gayle Nelson, Lou Nelson, Jackie Larson, Bernice Peterson, Susan Hamma, Pam Morel, and Kelly Larson.

Don’t forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be April 16. And come join the Riverview Birthday Parties on the last Friday of every month at 2:00 PM. The next one will be April 28. The residents love to see young and old alike come join them for singing and just plain visiting.

SPRING CELEBRATION



Jim and Bernice Peterson are hosting a spring celebration at their house (1372 Shawnee Rd.) on **Saturday, April 29 from 6:30-8:30 PM.** Co-hosts are Sandy Edwards, and Barry and Carylee Nelson. Elim church members are invited to join them to celebrate spring. It’s a come-and-go event, so come when you can. There will be homemade ice cream and Sandy’s yummy Kringle, plus snacks and drinks of your choice. Come and share in the fellowship and fun.

WOMEN OF ELCA GATHERING

Andover Lutheran Church invites the women of ELCA to join them on **Saturday, April 15** for a salad luncheon, prayer and devotion, and a meeting with information about the 2023 Convention in Independence, Missouri. It begins with coffee and coffee cake at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting at 10:00 AM and a Bible Study at 11:00 AM. The Bible Study will be “Thorns and Roses: Finding Beauty in Troubling Times”, presented by Pastor Anna Borders. A salad luncheon follows at 11:30 AM, with closing worship, communion and special music at 12:30 PM. If you are interested in attending, **please RSVP by April 8** to Elois Hubenett at 620-245-8208, or email Susie Borgstrom at susieborgstrom1957@gmail.com. Offering will go to the McPherson Food Bank and Katie’s fund. Andover Lutheran Church is located at 115 Dakota Road, Windom, KS.

DEDICATION OF EASTER LILIES

April 9, 2023

In loving memory of our daughter Tracy Bunk (Bubble) and our loved ones, given by Wally and Cindy Bunk and families.

In honor of loved ones, given by Sandy Edwards.

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

To honor our parents and grandparents, given by Jay and LeAnn Everhart.

To the glory of God for our many blessings of friendships and family, given by Scott and Tammy Feil.

In loving memory of all our loved ones, given by Terry and Nancy Hopp and family.

To the glory of God for family and dear friends, given by Dean and Lois Johnson.

To the glory of God for our Elim family, given by Scott and Linda Johnson.

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

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

In loving memory of Walden Peterson, given by Ruth, Mark, Joyce, Lars and Carly Peterson and family.

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

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

In loving memory of Mary Olson, given by Vernon Olson.

In loving memory of Philip and Edna Larson, given by Janis, Kay, John, and Ron Larson.

In loving memory of Ebba Nelson, given by Barry and Carylee Nelson, Ryan, Marti and Breckyn Bauer.

In loving memory of Blackie and Ione Nelson, given by Barry and Carylee Nelson, Ryan, Marti and Breckyn Bauer.

In loving memory of Kenneth Dean Olson, given by Carylee, Steve, Patty, and families.

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

In loving memory of Richard and Gwen Warner, loving parents and faithful followers of the Lord, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson.

To the glory of God for our spiritual leaders – Pastor Amy Kay, Allan, Jackie, Julie, Diane & Tammy, and Lars & Carly, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson.

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

In honor of family and friends, given by Dana, Julie, and Brooke Olson.

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

In loving memory of our parents and grandparents, given by Jim and Bernice Peterson.

In loving memory of my mom, Tracy. I try to make you proud. Given by Emilie Snapp.

In loving memory of Kenny Talbott, given by Freda Talbott and family.

In loving memory of Steve Coney, given by Darryl and Diane Talbott and Elim friends.

In loving memory of little Kenny, given by the Darryl Talbott family.

In loving memory of Ione Nelson, given by Susan, Diane, Lisa and families.

In loving memory of Jim Thomas, given by Beth Thomas and family.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation will be Sunday, April 23. Please plan to attend to congratulate our confirmands and to welcome them as new members of Elim as they grow in service to our Lord.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION & BLESSING / YOUTH SUNDAY

Please join us on Sunday, April 30 to congratulate our graduates, and to support our Youth Group who will be helping with the worship service. There will be a presentation on the Youth Group's mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee March 12-18. A BBQ lunch prepared and served by the Youth Group will follow the service. Please plan to stay for lunch and visit with our young church members. They will be accepting free will donations for the meal.



NASHVILLE MISSION TRIP

Bo Bacon, Dawson Feil, Elsie Boughfman, Josh Bocox, Noah Bearley, Raven Caesar, Sebastian Pavlovich, and Carly and Lars Peterson went on a mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee March 12-18. We stayed at McKendree Church in downtown Nashville. This trip was arranged through City Service Mission (CSM), a Christian organization that helps arrange a place to stay and mission work opportunities for groups seeking to serve. Below are the places we served:

- Project Cure (ships medical supplies that would go to waste in the United States to countries in need)- We worked in the warehouse sorting and labeling medical supplies.
- Friends of Warner Park- We planted trees in a conservation project to remove invasive species of trees and plant native species.
- Mathew 25 (food bank)- We packed boxes of food for over 60 families.
- Ken and Carols: Community Care Fellowship (homeless shelter)- We welcomed people, prepared and served lunch, and helped them access the services available through the shelter.
- Welcome Home Ministries (organization that provides housing and a support network for those recovering from addiction)- We spread gravel, trimmed trees, painted a shed, and did yard work.
- We planted over 600 trees on a riverbank for soil conservation

We also went on a prayer tour to learn more about Nashville's history and pray for those we saw throughout the city. We packed lunches which we shared with some people who were homeless and prayed with them too. After the trip, we all felt much more comfortable sharing our faith with others. We saved a little time to see the sights which included the Country Music Hall of Fame and seeing a show at the Grand Ole Opry.

As sponsors, we (Carly and Lars) were inspired that the youth chose to use their entire spring break to serve the Lord and grow in their faith. If you want to hear more, be sure to attend our worship service and meal on April 30th for Youth and Senior Sunday!

Lars and Carly Peterson/Youth Group Sponsors

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 March:

Dorine Cunningham, Scott and Tammy Feil, Janis Larson, Kay Larson, and Vicki Young. Due to spring break and Supper Church on March 29, only 3 meals were needed this month.

SERVING THE LORD IN APRIL

ACOLYTES

April: Ciara Rawson

LECTORS

April 2 Gayle Nelson
 April 6 Brooke Olson (Maundy Thursday)
 April 9 Curtis Patrick (Easter)
 April 16 Matt Toll
 April 23 Mike Hulse
 April 30 Diane Hedberg

GREETERS

April 2 Nancy Hopp
 April 6 Carylee Nelson (Maundy Thursday)
 April 9 Nancy Hopp (Easter)
 April 16
 April 23 Bob and Carol Jones
 April 30 Linda Johnson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

April 2 Sandy Edwards
 April 6 Vicki Young
 April 9 Curtis Patrick

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD:

April 2 Sandra Myers & LeAnn Everhart
 April 6 Craig & Jackie Larson
 April 9 Dana & Julie Olson

USHER FOR APRIL: Barry Nelson

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 03/06/2023]

Beginning Balance as of 02/01/23:	\$ 53,089.96
Revenue:	\$ 13,425.70
Expenses:	\$ -7,365.02
Ending Balance as of 02/28/23:	\$ 59,150.64

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

REMINDER: Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for TUESDAY, APRIL 4 from 12:00-6:00 PM at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Please come at your appointment time. THANK YOU FOR GIVING!



PLEASE REMEMBER to pick up your Easter lily after worship service on Sunday, April 9. If you are unable to do so, please notify Gayle Nelson at 785-201-7675 to deliver it to the location of your choosing.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2023

Council voted to continue Synod Support for \$5000 per year. Pastor Amy Kay thanked Elim for allowing her to take vacation to Guatemala. Council discussed issues with WiFi and streaming, and suggested options. Further work is in progress to correct the issues.

Worship & Music: Beth Thomas reported that Senior Choir practice will resume March 22 to prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed: No meeting.

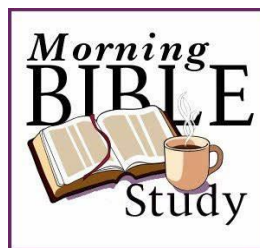
Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Barry Nelson reported that replacement of the front doors will require glass panels or full glass to allow for the crash bar, which is required on external doors per safety codes for safe escape if necessary.

Next meeting to be held on April 3, 2023

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2023

March 5	\$2323.00	92
March 12	\$1658.00	63
March 19	\$1728.00	70
March 26	\$1665.40	70



Adult Bible Study continues at 9:30 AM every Sunday. The next series of The Chosen will begin mid-April. Currently we are exploring the series written and narrated by Ray Vander Laan, 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.



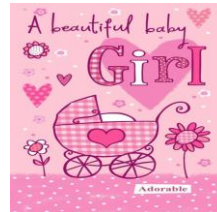
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 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. & Mrs. Tyler French 14 years
- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Beau Boughfman 19 years
- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Sommerfeld 49 years
- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Justin Myers 18 years
- 16 Mr. & Mrs. Brad Peterson 13 years
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Niegsch 19 years
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Feil 2 years
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. John Sommerfeld 21 years
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Dane Young 22 years
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Gail Lindstedt 44 years
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Joel Nelson 47 years



Congratulations to Chase & Allison Pike of Lawrence, KS on the birth of their daughter Hazel Leigh Pike, who was born March 23, 2023 at 7:51 AM. She

weighed 8 lb., 13 oz. and was 20" long. Her sister Penelope June is 2 years old. Grandparents are Kevin and Susan Pike, Richardson, TX; Allan and JoAn Lindfors, Marquette, KS; and Jan Hamilton, Topeka, KS.

A NOTE FROM JACKIE LARSON: Choir practice will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:30-8:30 PM. **Confirmand Bell Choir will meet for practice April 5, 12, and 19 at 6:50-7:20 PM.**

GET WELL WISHES FOR ALLAN

Elim's choir and music director, Allan Lindfors, had surgery in Wichita on January 16. He returned home a few days after the surgery, but had to return to the Wichita hospital on January 29 due to complications. He has had many setbacks on his road to recovery, and we continue to pray for his healing and return home.

PLEASE send get well cards to Allan Lindfors at his home address: P.O. Box 371, Marquette, KS 67464. **THANK YOU!** This will ensure he receives them sooner than sending them to the hospital in Wichita.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 PASSION/PALM SUNDAY 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:30 AM – Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Communion	3 7:00 – Council Mtg.	4 12:00-6:00 PM RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE	5 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 6:50 PM – Confirmand Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - Youth Group 7:00 PM – Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir Practice	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 PM @ Elim	7 GOOD FRIDAY 6:30 PM @ UMC	8
9 EASTER 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:30 AM – Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 AM – Worship Service	10	11	12 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 6:50 PM – Confirmand Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - Youth Group 7:00 PM – Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir Practice	13	14	15 9:30 AM - Women of ELCA Gathering @ Andover Lutheran Church
16 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 11:00 AM – Worship Service 4:00 – Riverview Sing-along	17	18	19 6:30 PM – Meal for Youth 6:50 PM – Confirmand Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - Youth Group 7:00 PM – Confirmation Class 7:30 PM – Senior Choir Practice	20	21	22
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