



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Happy Easter, Elim!

I hope the joy and hope of resurrection life is with you!

This Eastertide is bringing in a new possibility for our Children's Sunday School. Instead of lectionary based lessons that fit with worship (which have been great!), we are going to try a story based approach during the last two months of our Sunday school year.



The wonderful ladies who have been teaching all year (thank you!) will fulfill the role as "Guides" through this trial time. A Guide is with their normal group and facilitates the kids' engagement with the lesson. They do not have to prepare a lesson; however, they help the kids get involved with what is being taught. Guides know the kids best and are important to the success of this model of children's education.

Here are additional basics for story-based Children's Sunday School:

- Each story is taught for four or five weeks. Sunday after Sunday, the same story is taught.
- There are different lessons to teach the story each week. For instance, the first story is Abraham and Sarah. The four lessons include meeting Abraham and writing one's name in sand on a banner, cooking bread like Sarah did for visitors, making a clay "covenant" pendant to wear, and physically moving a campsite multiple times like Abraham and Sarah's household did in the story. One story = four lessons = four weeks = really learning the story (hopefully:)
- The kids will be in two age groups instead of three.
- Because there are two classes of children, there are two different lessons taught for the same story each week; one to the younger kids and one to the older kids. In the case of Abraham and Sarah, the younger kids might be in the kitchen and the older kids with Abraham and sand names. The next week they would flip-flop.
- We sign up as teachers each story for one particular lesson. We teach that same lesson two Sundays (once to the younger kids and once to the older kids).

If you have ever helped with Vacation Bible School, this model is like a day of VBS.

Each Sunday the kids will begin Junior Choir with Brooke and Jackie at 9:45am. We move into class directly thereafter. The kids will be in the basement to be picked up by 10:45 am.

After we have tried this story based approach for two months, Christian Education leaders will decide if we should stay with it next year or try something else. We want to work together to find something that is right for the kids and adults.

I hope this brief explanation was helpful and you are interested in teaching! Please be in touch with any questions and your interests. Diane Hedberg, our Christian Education leader, or I would be happy to visit with you any time.

w/delight for the children of the church – Pastor Amy Kay (573-808-1980) and Diane (620-755-8803)



Please keep in prayer: Deb McGinty, Donna Nelson (Deryl Nelson’s wife), Kate Emery, Adaline Arbuckle, Allan Lindfors, JoAn Lindfors, Tom French, Rita Brown, Rose Erickson and TACOL, Nancy Rawson, Kasey Weis, Tanner Luttig, Bob Jones, Connie Conforti (Carylee Nelson and Patty Kolling’s cousin), Aaron Klassen, Linda Everhart (Jay & LeAnn’s sister-in-law), Mary Ellwood, Bonnie Holopirek, Merle Walker, Laurie, Eva Allen, Ron Carlson, Tammy Hopp, Lynda Krahl, and the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Ruth Feil, the family of Vernon Olson, and to the family, friends, and congregation of Pastor Tim Young.

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

SPRING SALAD SUPPER

Elim Lutheran women and Marquette Methodist women are joining together for a Spring Salad Supper at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall on SUNDAY, APRIL 28 at 5:00 PM. Bring a salad.. AND your neighbors, friends and daughters! A fun time is planned for all. According to the organizers, you’re welcome to wear a vintage hat! So if you have something stowed away... or need to visit the local thrift shop, please join in the fun.

It’s been a while since the women of our church have had a spring meal together...like the mother-daughter banquets years ago. PLEASE plan on joining us for a fun and relaxing evening with your fellow church women and hopefully family and visitors from the community and beyond.

Elim’s WELCA hosts the Riverview Birthday Parties on the last Friday of the month at 2:00 PM. The next one will be Friday, April 26. Thank you to Vicki Young and Janis Larson for hosting the birthday party in March. We still need someone to sign up for April. **Elim only serves the Riverview Birthday parties January through April.**

ALL Elim members: don’t forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be Sunday, April 21. Everyone is welcome to join in.

The Quilting Group has lost members throughout the years. If you like to sew, please contact one of the members. They could use help sewing the quilts. They meet in the Parish Hall on the last Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM to tie the quilts. It has been suggested that WELCA hold a Quilt Night during one of the evening meetings so that everyone can help stitch!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Come join us for an in-depth study of the New Testament. Julie Olson is the facilitator, Each week we will complete an overview of one book from the New Testament with a video from the Bible Project, which includes a brief summary and explanation of that book from Chuck Swindoll. Everyone is welcome. Come join us whenever you want.

Dedication of Easter Lilies

MARCH 31, 2024



In loving memory of Matt and Aldea Finnesy, given by Colleen and Kody Barry.

In loving memory of our daughter and sister Tracy Bunk. It's been 5 years since you left this world. We miss you so much. 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 and Laura Ericson and family.

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

In loving memory of Vic and Boots Hedberg, and Arvid and Marcia Bengston, given by Matt and Diane Hedberg.

In loving memory of our families, given by Mike and Cynthia Hulse.

In loving memory of Kenny Knackstedt, given by Vinita Harms.

For peace on earth, given by Griff Hawkinson.

In loving memory of all those who have gone before us, 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 Bruce Amos, given by Leland Nelson and Betty Amos, and the Amos family.

In loving memory of Twila Lindfors, Hubert "Matt" and Marlys Mattingly, and Jane Peterson, given by Allan and JoAn Lindfors.

In loving memory of Kenneth and Helen Olson, given by Barry and Carylee Nelson, Steve and LaReta Olson, and Patty Kolling, and families.

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 Vernon and Mary Olson, given by Patty Kolling, Carylee Nelson, Steve Olson, and families.

In loving memory of Merlyn and Sandra Larson, given by Matt Larson, Magnus and Leif Larson, and Kirsten Larson.

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

In loving memory of Mason French, and Philip and Edna Larson, given by Kelly Larson, Steven and Emily Forssberg, Tim and Nikki Larson, and families.

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, Blackie Nelson, Sam Nelson, and Richard and Gwen Warner, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson.

In gratitude for God's blessings, and for our beautiful new granddaughter Stevie Kathleen, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson.

In loving memory of the cherished loved ones who have before us, especially Robert Edwards, given by Mark and Lindsay Newton, and sons Acea and Kaehler Newton.

To the glory of God for salvation and the grace, wisdom, and courage to do His will in all things, given by Mark and Lindsay Newton, and sons Acea and Kaehler Newton.

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

In loving memory of our grandparents and great-grandparents, given by Curtis and Betsy Patrick, Colter, Conway, and Carly Patrick.

In thanksgiving for the Elim congregation, given by Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich.

In loving memory of Merle and Sandy Larson, given by Barbara Peterson.

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

In loving memory of our loved ones, given by Jim and Bernice Peterson.

To the glory of God for our loving Elim Church family, given by Kent and Nancy Rawson, and Thayne Rawson.

In loving memory of my mom, Tracy. Love you forever. Given by Emilie Snapp.

In loving memory of Jim Thomas, Galen Ferguson, George and Erlene Ferguson, given by Beth Thomas



PASK

The song "Pask" has been sung by the Senior Choir on Easter for many years. It is in honor of our Swedish Heritage. It means "Easter" in Swedish. The words to the song are:

Come, let us with child-like faith, Give Lord Jesus praise,
Tell anyone who will listen, that no words are quite enough.
Praise and glory we sing, To Lord Jesus, who bought our freedom!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, we sing to God's lamb.
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ALTAR PAINTINGS OF THE SMOKY VALLEY

As a follow-up on the presentation by Tom Holmquist and Bill Gusenius on Altar Paintings of the Smoky Valley, held Monday, March 25 in the Bud Pearson Swedish Chapel on the Bethany College Campus, a self-guided tour was available on Saturday, March 30 to view the altar paintings at the various churches. The tour was held from 1:00-5:00 PM. **Elim Lutheran Church was included in this presentation and tour.** Other local churches included Messiah Lutheran Church, Bethany Lutheran Church, Trinity United Methodist Church, Freemount Lutheran Church, Falun Lutheran Church, Salemsborg Lutheran Church, and Assaria Lutheran Church. Allan Lindfors was the tour guide for Elim, with Brooke Olson assisting. Allan thought there were approximately 75 who attended the tour at Elim. Thank you, Allan and Brooke, for giving your time for this event.

SERVING THE LORD IN APRIL

ACOLYTES

APRIL: Keira Mullen and Kasyn French

LECTORS

April 7 Allan Lindfors
 April 14 Lois Johnson
 April 21 Magnus Larson
 April 28 Jackie Larson

GREETERS

April 7 Griff Hawkinson
 April 14 Cindy Bunk
 April 21 Barry and Carylee Nelson
 April 28 Beth Thomas

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

April 7 Allan Lindfors

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

Kent and Nancy Rawson

USHER FOR MARCH: Barry Nelson

Monthly Financial Report [As presented to council 03/04/2024]

Beginning Balance as of 02/01/24:	\$	37,098.77
Revenue:	\$	14,158.12
Expenses:	\$	-- 8,971.99
Ending Balance as of 02/29/24:	\$	42,284.90

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2024

March 3	\$2703.00	134*
March 10	\$1935.00	58
March 17	\$1484.10	64
March 24	\$1901.50	106**
March 31	130***

*2 baptisms, **Palm Sunday, ***Easter



NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 2024

Council discussed running the Rodeo concession stand again this year. Camp Tomah Shinga needs donations to help with the cost of replacing water heaters. Pastor Amy Kay will talk with the director of Tomah Shinga re: other needs. Council discussed the 2024 Synod Assembly June 6-8, and who would be willing to attend to represent Elim.

Worship & Music: No meeting.

Finance & Stewardship: Met March 4 to discuss options for pastoral pension.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed.: Diane Hedberg announced that Jr. Choir practice will start at 9:45 AM, followed by Sunday School at 10:05 AM, beginning March 24.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Barry Nelson reported that the upright freezer in the basement quit. It will need to be replaced before summer lunch begins in May. It was suggested to use the rent money received from the summer lunch program for use of the Parish Hall for summer lunch. The bell tower screen needs to be repaired or replaced.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, April 1, 2024

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE



REMINDER: The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, April 2** from 12:00-6:00 PM at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Please come at your appointment time. **THANK YOU FOR GIVING**

BEST CHOICE LABELS

PLEASE continue to bring your Best Choice labels from the cartons and containers you purchase at Piper's or other stores offering Best Choice products throughout the year. The Christian Education Committee continues to collect them to help fund youth who are interested in attending church camp. Be sure to cut the labels with the words "Best Choice" at the top of the UPC symbol (bar code). The bar code must be included with the label. A container for collecting the labels is available in the narthex when you enter the church, or in the Parish Hall kitchen.



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

NOISY OFFERING



The “noisy offering” is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month when the Junior Choir sings in church. The children of Elim carry tin buckets around to every pew for church members to add their “noisy” coins. The monies will go to the Gathering Table, a Lutheran ministry to help underprivileged families in Kansas City.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Tyler French 15 years
- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Beau Boughfman 21 years
- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Sommerfeld 50 years
- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Justin Myers 19 years
- 16 Mr. & Mrs. Brad Peterson 14 years
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Niegsch 19 years
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Feil 3 years
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. John Sommerfeld 22 years
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Dane Young 23 years
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Gail Lindstedt 45 years
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Joel Nelson 48 years

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Zach and Kasey Weis on the birth of their daughter Everleigh (Evie) Marie Weis. Everleigh was born March 28, 2024 and weighed 7 lb. 10 oz., 20” long. Big brother Kasyn and sister Blakely welcomed her home. Proud grandparents are Patty Kolling, Scott and Laurie Kolling, and Ron and Lisa Weis. Great-grandparents are the late Kenny and Helen Olson, Larry and Deanna Kolling. Great-great grandparents are Ron and Lou Weis.



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. You can also sign up on the bulletin board. **Meals are to be served each Wednesday at 6:30 PM.**

Volunteers (pair up if you can) who provide the food can use paper plates and plastic ware provided by the Youth Group. Prepare to serve 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 Patty Kolling, Roberta Jaye, Gayle Nelson, and Beth Thomas for providing meals in March.

Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting	2	3	4	5	6
7 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:05 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion	8	9	10 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	11	12	13
14...3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 10:05 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship Service	15	16	17 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	18	19	20
21...4th Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:05 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service 4:00 – Riverview Sing-along	22	23	24 1:30 PM – Quilting Group 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	25	26 2:00 PM - RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY	27
28 5th Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 10:05 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service 5:00 PM – Spring Salad Supper	29	30				