



# Elim Lutheran Church The Messenger

MAY 2024

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Greetings in this glorious season of Eastertide!

As I've read/studied in preparation for worship this week, I've noticed that some ministers find this season of Easter repetitive and long. Sharing the message of the gift of New Life over and over is difficult for many apparently. I have a hard time with lots of things, but celebrating the goodness of life we have gifted to us from God is not one of them! Life with God feels GOOD! Celebrating the wonderfulness feels GOOD! There could never be too many Sundays or moments in life in general to give big thanks to God for life, for Jesus showing us God's way in the world and the Holy Spirit that is with us always.



This Easter season takes us right to the day of "Pentecost", which is May 19 this year. It will be a fantastic day in worship because we get to celebrate the birth of the church. Worship will be led by the youth which is perfect in every way. In recognition and celebration of Elim's graduates, there will be a lunch provided for us all in the Parish Hall. What a grand way to begin the next season of the church year together!

May we live undistractedly present during these seasons and give thanks for all the New Life that abounds within us and around us... for the glee of the child running into the ice-cream shop, the first buds on the tree in the back yard, the break during which we can stretch our body and remember that it mostly works well, the sound of the church bells ringing through town. May we notice all the goodness and ride the tide of Easter as living exclamation points and praising God from whom all blessings flow right into Pentecost!

~Pastor Amy Kay



**Please keep in prayer:** Steve Piper, Bob Jones, Nevin Surface, Lawrence Spohn, Deb McGinty, Donna Nelson (Deryl Nelson's wife), Kate Emery, Merle Walker, Adaline Arbuckle, Allan Lindfors, JoAn Lindfors, Tom French, Rita Brown, Rose Erickson and TACOL, Tanner Luttig, Aaron Klassen, Mary Ellwood, Eva Allen, Ron Carlson, Tammy Hopp, Lynda Krahl, and the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities. Our sympathy to the family of Dick Rawson.

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](mailto:elimmarquette@gmail.com) or [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto: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.]

## CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

There will be a congregational vote held **Sunday, May 12** to approve foundation repair for the Parish Hall.



## WELCA

WELCA served the Lion’s Club meal on Monday, April 22. Thanks to those who prepared and served the food: Linda Johnson, Jackie Larson, and Diane Hedberg. And thank you to others who provided desserts, etc.

The women of Elim and Marquette United Methodist Church women (UMW) held a SPRING SALAD SUPPER on Sunday, April 28. It was a wonderful time of sharing. Guests were asked to bring a salad and wear a vintage hat. 54 women attended from the area churches and communities. Marcene Kempke led with devotions. After filling our plates with a delicious array of salads, delightful entertainment followed: Airlia Hulvey and Carly Patrick with their silly hats, “accompanied” by Jackie Larson; the “History of the Handkerchief” presented by LeAnn Everhart, “A Hat for All Reasons” presented by Gayla Swisher; and “A Handkerchief and a Dime” presented by Julie Olson. A game of “drop the hanky” ended the program, followed by a closing prayer to send us on our way. Thank you to Nancy Hopp and Gayla Swisher for heading this up, and for decorating the hall with fancy napkins, dainty handkerchiefs, buttons, and hats from the past, not to mention serving the drinks and food on the glass party/snack plates from long ago. Remember? They were used for baby and wedding showers, teas, and club refreshments. No paper plates and cups in those days. Thanks too to those listed above for their work putting this together, and to the other WELCA members who helped set up and serve at the supper. A big thanks to the officers of WELCA for all you do to provide outreach to the women of the church and community: Carol Jones, President; Diane Talbott, Vice President; Bernice Peterson, Secretary; and Donna Patrick, Treasurer.

WELCA plans to provide small items for Pastor Amy Kay and the group going to Guatemala to distribute where needed. Many of the items are unavailable to the Guatemalans, such as sewing items, eyeglasses, etc. Amy Kay and 6 others will be leaving May 28 for Guatemala and return June 6. Those planning to accompany Pastor Amy Kay are Julie Olson, Lisa Boughfman, Lily Boughfman, Griff Hawkinson, Darren Able, and Linda Johnson.

Elim’s WELCA hosts the Riverview Birthday Parties on the last Friday of the month at 2:00 PM. Thank you to Cindy Bunk and Gayle Nelson for hosting the birthday party in April. **Elim only serves the Riverview Birthday parties January through April**, so we’ll start up again in January 2025. **THANK YOU AGAIN FOR SIGNING UP TO VISIT THE RIVERVIEW RESIDENTS AND BRING CHEER!**

ALL Elim members: don’t forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be Sunday, May 19. 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!



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### 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.

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### SUMMER LAWN-MOWING

It’s that time again! Elim needs volunteers to mow the church lawns this summer starting May 3 through October 11. Please plan to mow on Friday or Saturday to ensure a freshly-cut lawn for Sunday service. The dates are indicated on the sign-up sheet available on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please call Scott Johnson at 785-577-4058.

## GRADUATION RECOGNITION & BLESSING / YOUTH SUNDAY

Please join us on Sunday, May 19 to congratulate our graduates, and to support our Youth Group who will be helping with the worship service. Please plan to stay for a reception and lunch after worship to congratulate and visit with our young church members.



### NOTICE FOR GRADUATES

Please contact the church secretary at [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto:elimsec@gmail.com) or 785-201-7675 if your son or daughter - or someone you know - is graduating this May/June from high school or college. Please list the full name, school they are graduating from, the date of graduation, and their future plans. We would also like to list 8<sup>th</sup> graders moving on to high school. Deadline for your graduate's information is May 15. THANK YOU!

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### SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Summer lunches are scheduled to begin on May 28. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the day(s) you can help. Meals are prepared and served at Elim Lutheran Church until the start of school in August. We will need 2-3 volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM during the weeks Elim serves. The Methodist Church prepares the meals every other week. Please consider taking a few hours to help bring a smile to the many children who attend from the community and the Learning Center.

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### YOUTH GROUP MEALS

**Meals are served each Wednesday at 6:30 PM.** Volunteers provide the food for 25 or more. 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 Linda Johnson, Corrie Peterson, Lisa Boughfman, and Holly Toll for providing meals in April.

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### REMINDERS for Summer Break

The last day of Youth Group meal and meeting will be Wednesday, May 15. Youth Group will be leading service on Sunday, May 19 for Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition.

The last day of Sr. Choir Practice will be Wednesday, May 29. Sr. Choir will be performing for Patriotic Sunday May 26 and Sunday, June 2 worship service.

The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 26.

The last day for Confirmation Class is Sunday, May 19.

The last day for Adult Bible Study is Sunday, May 19.



# SERVING THE LORD IN MAY

## ACOLYTES

MAY: Raven Caesar and Sebastian Pavlovich

## LECTORS

May 5  
May 12  
May 19  
May 26

## GREETERS

May 5  
May 12  
May 19  
May 26

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 5 Andi Willems

## COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

Dana and Julie Olson (bread: Julie Olson)

USHER FOR MAY: Craig Larson

### Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 04/01/2024]

Beginning Balance as of 03/01/24:	\$	42,274.90
Revenue:	\$	10,825.72
Expenses:	\$	--11,246.89
Ending Balance as of 03/31/24:	\$	41,863.73

### Offerings and Attendance per week in 2024

<b>March 31</b>	<b>\$1768.00</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>\$2384.00</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>\$1889.00</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>\$1204.50</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>April 28</b>	<b>\$874.00</b>	<b>74</b>

**Noisy offering April 14: \$225.31**

### NOISY OFFERING



The "noisy offering" is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. The noisy offering in March was \$42.52, and in April \$225.31. THANK YOU!

## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2024

Council approved use of Parish Hall tables and chairs for the Marquette HS Alumni banquet May 25. It was voted to donate \$200 from the Elim Camp Fund for a much-needed AED unit at Camp Tomah Shinga. Janis Larson asked if Elim would be willing to participate in the Marquette Celebration in August. WELCA set up a table in the park at the last celebration 5 years ago and sold monster cookies and cookbooks. This will be discussed further at the next council meeting. If anyone has ideas, please contact Curtis Patrick.

**Worship & Music:** No meeting.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting

**Memorial Committee:** No meeting.

**Christian Ed.:** Graduate Recognition/Youth Sunday TBD

**Evangelism/Social Ministry:** No meeting.

**Property/Security Committee:** Barry Nelson reported on a current bid for foundation repair. Committee is seeking 1-2 more bids. Council will approve the repair based on the bids received. Due to the large expense, a congregational vote will be required. Barry also reported on bid received for replacing the gutters. Many are rusting and undersized for amount of rain coming from church building and Parish Hall. Council approved the bid from Mid Kansas Seamless Gutter of \$2359.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, May 6, 2024

## RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE



**REMINDER:** The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, June 11** 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.



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

2	Kassandra Hernandez
3	Cassie Crotts
5	Adam Jones
7	Storm Niegsch
7	Ivy Sellhorn
7	Erin Caesar
8	Madison Loder
8	Michelle Loder
11	Amy Kay Pavlovich
12	Jackie Larson
14	Russell Malm
15	Freda Talbott
15	Dane Young
16	Lana Rock
16	Rita Brown
17	Carylee Nelson
17	Layla Fleming
19	Lisa Boughfman
19	Jerry Kelsey
19	Dan Crump
19	Raylyn Farris
20	Caleb Mitchell
21	Vance Hopp
21	Brian Hopp
24	Nancy Larson
24	Beau Oakley
26	Kylie Fox
28	Chris Johnson
28	Leif Larson
28	Abigail Perez
29	Carly Patrick
29	Brandon Hulse
30	Jakob Feil
31	Craig Larson
31	Ro Valdez
31	Ryan Loder
31	Cody Hopkins

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

2	Mr. & Mrs. Tanner Hawkinson	9 year
14	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Peterson	40 years
26	Mr. & Mrs. Lars Peterson	6 years
27	Mr. & Mrs. Josh McMahan	18 years
27	Mr. & Mrs. Cody Suhr	7 years
29	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Crump	42 years

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Dustin and Meagan Norberg on the birth of their daughter Blair Louise Norberg. Blair was born Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Proud grandparents are Troy and Dee Anne Johnson. Great-grandparents are Dean and Lois Johnson.



Thank you for all the delightful cards, gifts, and birthday greetings. You made me feel special. I'm so grateful for all the kind people in our church and community. God has truly blessed me with a wonderful church home and community to live in.

Gayle Nelson





**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

To ensure no one is left out from the list of birthdays and anniversaries in the Messenger, PLEASE notify the church secretary with your family's birthdays and anniversaries IF you are new members, you or your family members are newly married, or there is a birth in the family. I try to include them in the database, but don't always remember to add them. I believe I have all the info on recent new members. THANK YOU for your help.

**CHURCH KEY**

For Elim members who periodically need to enter the church during the week, a key is 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.

# Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>  6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  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 w/ Communion	<b>6</b>  7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting 8	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	<b>9</b>  Ascension of Our Lord	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12...7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:05 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship Service	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM – Youth Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19...Day of Pentecost</b> YOUTH SUNDAY GRADUATE RECOGNITION  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  4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-along	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 The Holy Trinity</b> PATRIOTIC SUNDAY  9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:05 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Pastor Amy Kay and guests leaving for Guatemala  SUMMER LUNCH BEGINS	<b>29</b>  1:30 PM – Quilting Group  7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  2:00 PM - RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY	

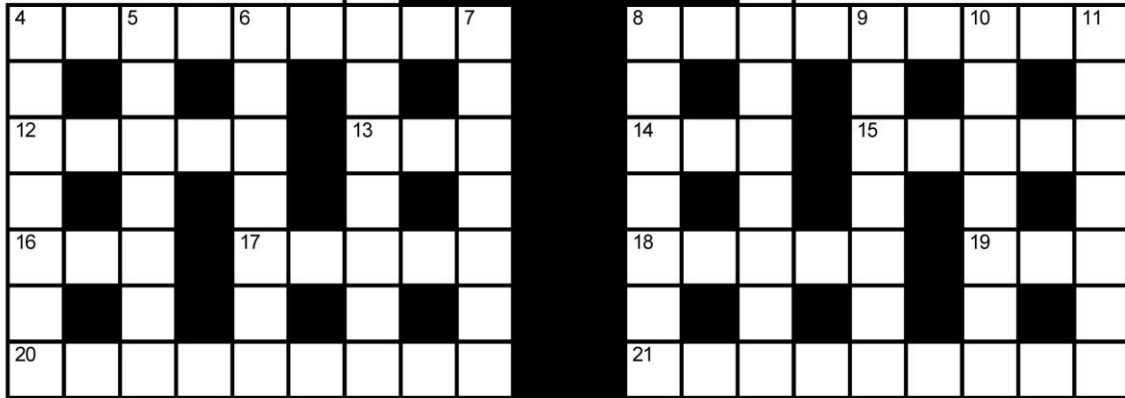
# Bible Crossword X

## Across

- 1** Donkey (3)
- 2** Jesus' Father (3)
- 4** One of the twelve (9)

## Down

- 1** One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3** 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)



- 8** Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12** One of David's warriors (5)
- 13** First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14** New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15** Wish harm upon (5)
- 16** Hole in the ground (3)
- 17** Adversary (5)
- 18** Savour (5)
- 19** First woman (3)
- 20** Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21** Family of priests (9)
- 22** Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23** Hates (8)
- 26** Assurances (8)
- 30** Endured pain (8)
- 31** Return from the dead (4)
- 32** Intercessor (8)
- 35** Decorating (8)
- 39** Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40** The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
- 42** A wise insect (3)
- 44** Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 45** Make bigger (8)

- 4** Tread down (7)
- 5** Father of Jonah (7)
- 6** Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7** Defensive structures (11)
- 8** Refuges (11)
- 9** Dirty (7)
- 10** Devout (7)
- 11** Pieces of money (7)
- 24** Used to listen (3)
- 25** Used to see (3)
- 26** Positions (5)
- 27** Made available (7)
- 28** Snake (7)
- 29** Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33** Finish (3)
- 34** Possess (3)
- 35** King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36** Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37** Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38** Present (4)
- 41** Unfasten (4)
- 43** Fish traps (4)

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