



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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Greetings in this glorious season of Light, Elim –

Epiphany is one of my favorite seasons of the church year: celebrating, intentionally focusing on revelations of the holy in our midst, and good scriptures to dwell upon in that effort. What a wonderful time of year for us!



This month a short survey is available for you to share your thoughts about the Swedish Supper and worship on Christmas Eve. The church Council is curious about our interest in these offerings in our future together. Please don't feel pressured or stressed with your responses; simply share and your thoughts will be honored along with others' responses. I'm grateful our Council is strategic in gathering information so that they can make wise choices for us going forward. The survey can be found on our Facebook page or next to the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary.

There is a new poster on our church bulletin board about Children's Sunday School. I have shared some stories about our new story-based curriculum in worship and hope that the flavor of the hands-on lessons have come through. If you would like to see what is coming up for the children, please give the poster a glance! If a lesson is interesting to you and you would like to teach one Sunday, please visit with me about it! It's fun, our kids are great and there is always an adult helper which makes it all pretty easy. Shared on the next page are some pictures of a few lessons from January when we were learning about Joseph and his brothers. In one lesson the kids explored why it was a big deal that Joseph's father gave him a long coat that had many colors of cloth. They dyed fabric naturally with blueberries, carrots and spinach. Another Sunday Darren Able came as Joseph with mystery objects the kids uncovered through the lesson as he told them the stories of his life. We've had good times with much learned and look forward to more ahead!

Lastly, this month we are grateful that Pastor Ethan, the Chaplain at Bethany Village, will lead us in worship on Feb. 16. He is an energetic minister and I'm sure the morning will be wonderful! Another Sunday to look forward to is Gospel Sunday which will be on Feb 23. I personally hate to miss such moving worship services, but I will be on vacation from Feb 15-27. Pastor Brenda at Marquette United Methodist Church is kindly on call for us in case of emergencies.

I'm sorry that I will not be easily available by phone during this stretch as I'm traveling to Bolivia with Lesa Larson. We will start the trip in La Paz, their capital city, where we will get acclimated to the two mile high altitude. From there we will travel within the country to connect with alpaca farmers and makers who work with the soft wool. I'm grateful for the gift of vacation so I can learn more about God's people in developing parts of the world. Thank you for all of the ways you care for me as your Pastor, including this vacation, Elim!

It is always good to be to be church together, friends, and I feel more and more gratitude as our time together goes on. Thanks be to God for Elim and our continued growing together!

w/much joy – Pastor Amy Kay

SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



(ABOVE & RIGHT) Darren Able plays Joseph. He tells the story of Joseph's life as the children search for items he describes.



(LEFT) Carly Patrick searches for one of the items described by Joseph.



Kaehler Newton and Carly Patrick dye strips of cloth.



Holly Toll looks on as the kids learn the art of making many colors from natural food dyes.



Please keep in prayer: Nathan Hulvey, Doug Schneider, Tiffany Holcom, Janie Nyquist, Emma Lindh (Kerry and Mary Kay Lindh’s granddaughter), Michele Von Strohe, Blakely Weis, Art Mayfield, Deb McGinty, Donna Nelson (Deryl Nelson’s wife), Tom French, Rose Erickson and TACOL, Tammy Hopp, Lynda Krahl, and the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities.

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 will hold a meeting **SUNDAY, February 9 at 8:30 AM** to discuss plans moving forward. Please attend if possible.

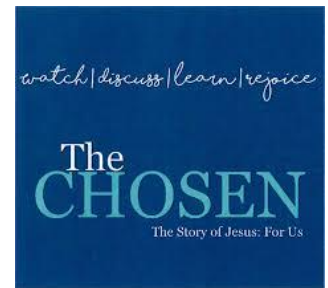
ALL Elim members: don’t forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **Sunday, February , 2025**. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Elim’s WELCA is responsible for the Riverview Birthday Parties on the last Friday of each month through April. Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and consider teaming up with one or more women to provide treats and conversation with the residents.

WELCA members are now hosting a women’s Bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next one will be held **February 19 at 9:30 AM** in the Elim Parish Hall.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study meets **every Sunday at 9:45 – 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall**. Julie Olson is the facilitator. We are studying the newest episodes of “The Chosen”. We have also delved into the Roundtable, which further discusses the episodes of “The Chosen” with the director, a rabbi, a Catholic Priest and an evangelical theologian. When this series is over, Julie has some new material to share that will highlight Christianity witnessed in everyday entertainment. There is no obligation to attend all sessions. Just come when you can. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for Elim Lutheran Church was held Sunday, January 26, 2025 immediately following worship service. Curtis Patrick, Church Council president, led the meeting in short order, literally! The meeting lasted for 15 minutes with 51 members in attendance. Four new council members were elected: Darren Able, Linn Nelson, Bernice Peterson, and Matt Toll. Thank you to these new council members for being willing to serve. Those leaving the council are Allan Lindfors, Barry Nelson, Andi Willems, and Vinita Harms. Nancy Hopp and Betsy Patrick agreed to serve on the nominating committee so that Julie Olson and Scott Johnson can step down, having served on the committee for a number of years. Holly Toll volunteered to serve on the Audit Committee to replace Sondra Myers, who also has served multiple years. President Curtis Patrick announced the council’s approval of a retirement fund for Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich, which will be established through an existing account with Thrivent. The meeting adjourned following Pastor Amy Kay’s prayer at 11:55 AM.

SWEDISH SUPPER 2024

Elim hosted its traditional Swedish Supper on December 4, 2024. Many of the people who attend are from out of town, and they continue to come for the food, entertainment, and socializing. Even though there were approximately 20 less meals served, both on-site and through take-outs, the net proceeds came to \$7,264.53. The total income from supper receipts and food sales was down \$500, but thanks to generous donations given to assist with the higher cost of food supplies, etc., the profit was higher than last year. The proceeds were disbursed to Elim Youth Group for their mission trip, Riverview Estates, and Marquette Learning Center. Each received \$2,421.51. Thank you to all members and community friends who helped out with the Swedish Supper, either by providing food and supplies, preparing the food before and during the supper, entertaining, serving, and cleaning up. And thank you, Linda Johnson, for your countless hours spent organizing and managing this event.



Gayle Nelson, Linda Johnson, and Carylee Nelson present the check to Elena Evans at Riverview Estates.

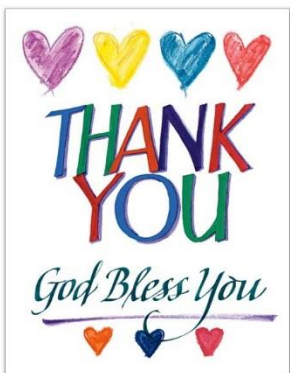


Brooke Olson, Gayle Nelson, and Linda Johnson joyfully present the check to Audrey Seely, Brandi Brady, and the delightful children at the Marquette Learning Center.

BENEFIT SOUP SUPPER

A soup supper was held Sunday, January 19 at 6:00-7:30 PM in Elim's Parish Hall to help raise funds for the Hulvey family. Nathan and MaRyan, and their children Parker and Airalia, have been attending Elim for the past year and a half. They recently found out that Nathan would need to undergo open heart surgery to transplant an artificial aorta. Without disability pay and the need for an extended recuperation time, the family needed financial assistance. Julie Olson asked the Adult Bible Study group to lend a hand and help host a benefit soup supper for the Hulvey family. Many delicious soups were served, including chicken gnocchi and Tuscan sausage and potato soup donated by Kitchen 64. The fundraiser was a huge success thanks to some very generous donors, and all those who provided soups, veggie trays, crackers, and cakes. As Pastor Amy Kay so often says, we are church together and we are there to help one another.

The surgery was on January 9, and Nathan came through the surgery well and is recovering at home.



Church family,

We cannot express in words how grateful we are for all of you, your prayers, extreme generosity and taking us in as family in the short year and a half we've been at this church. We are so thankful for all of you and how you've been to us. I truly don't believe Nathan would be doing as well as he is without all the prayers.

Thank you again,
The Hulvey's

SERVING THE LORD IN FEBRUARY

ACOLYTES

Colter Patrick & Conway Patrick

LECTORS

February 2 Allan Lindfors
 February 9 Ava Toll
 February 16 Darren Able
 February 23 Holly Toll

GREETERS

February 2 Nancy Hopp
 February 9 Barry & Carylee Nelson
 February 16 Nancy Hopp
 February 23 Matt & Holly Toll

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

February 2 Carly Peterson

COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

Set-up & Clean-up: Matt & Holly Toll

USHER FOR JANUARY: Scott Johnson

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SIGNED UP TO LECTOR, GREET, or SERVE YOUTH MEALS!!!

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2025

January 5	\$1441.00	*
January 12**	\$2006.00	67
January 19	\$1594.00	57
January 26	\$1338.10	70

*On-site church service cancelled due to weather

**Noise Offering: \$68.02



**DON'T MISS
 GOSPEL SUNDAY
 February 23**

Bring your family and friends for a spiritual and joy-filled service of gospel songs. Allan Lindfors will be leading the Senior Choir and ensembles in rousing songs of praise.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2025

The council meeting was delayed one week due to severe weather. Council members approved the retirement fund for Pastor Amy Kay. Council also approved the installation of a new security system to replace the existing less-efficient one. Pastor Amy Kay reported that she will be traveling Feb. 15-27 and has arranged for Ethan Feistner (Bethany Village Chaplain) to fill in for February 16. Gospel Sunday will be held February 23 while she is on vacation. Council also reviewed the annual meeting agenda and the budget proposal for needed changes. The 2025 budget proposal was approved with one addition.

Worship & Music: Allan Lindfors affirmed Gospel Sunday will be February 23, 2025.

Finance & Stewardship: Met and created budget proposal for 2025.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed.: Pastor Amy Kay reported that all is going well for Sunday School, although the number of children attending is minimal. Carly Peterson announced the Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for February 15, 2025.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Barry Nelson reported that the heating element in the parsonage dishwasher went out. Due to the age of the dishwasher, a new one was purchased at half price from Jim's Appliance

Next meeting to be held on Monday, Feb. 3, 2025.

Monthly Financial Report

[As presented to council 01/13//25]

Beginning Balance as of 12/01/24:	\$	33,793.48
Revenue:	\$	15,850.91
Expenses:	\$	--15,280.46
Ending Balance as of 12/31/24:	\$	34,363.33

YOUTH GROUP SPAGHETTI SUPPER



The Youth Group will be serving their annual Spaghetti Supper on

Saturday, February 15 from 5:00 -7:00 PM. Enjoy your meal on-site in the Parish Hall or order a carry-out meal. This meal is a free-will donation. Please support the youth through this fundraiser. The monies earned will go toward their mission trip in March.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Skye Farris
- 4 Joel Nelson
- 5 Jim Peterson
- 6 Eric Edwards
- 6 Greg Barrett
- 7 Justin Rock
- 7 Sandra Myers
- 8 Dori Staggs
- 10 Korbin Niegsch
- 16 Katrina Sickmon
- 18 Karen Teague
- 19 Gracie Brady
- 20 McKenzie Brady
- 22 Denny Jaye
- 24 Kendal Brueggen
- 25 Jody Lindh
- 26 Jamie Nelson
- 27 Tom French
- 27 Jake Loder
- 28 Liam Edwards
- 28 Wyatt Reid
- 28 Maggie Lindfors

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Hudson 32 years

Please notify me in writing at elimsec@gmail.com or via text at 785-201-7675 if you need a correction made to the birthday or anniversary list. This will ensure I have the information correct. The data program currently in use creates errors when a person is removed or added. Sorry. This explains why so many dates are wrong. **THANK YOU!**
--- Gayle



YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

Members of the Youth Group, along with their leaders Lars and Carly Peterson, are planning another mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee this coming March. They will once again do missionary work for CSM Nashville, a nationwide Christian non-profit organization that focuses on those in need in urban areas, spreading the Gospel, and helping youth volunteers grow in their faith. Please consider donating to the Youth Group to help with the costs for the trip. Thank you!

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 20 meals. This number may change with differing schedules.

Thank you to Carly Peterson, Beau Boughfman, Holly Toll, Lindsay Newton and Sandy Edwards for providing meals in January.

METHODIST SOUP SUPPER

The Marquette United Methodist Church ladies are serving a soup supper on Wednesday, February 12 at 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Come enjoy homemade chili, vegetable beef, and chicken noodle soup along with pie and drinks. The supper is free-will donation.




A HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR IN KANSAS

Dr. Boo Hodges from Salina, KS is once again presenting a program on the history of our state, this time during the Civil War. Starlight Literary Club is sponsoring the event, to be held at the Marquette Fine Arts Center on February 17 at 7:00 PM. There is no charge for the program, but there will be free-will donation if you wish to contribute for the speaker and venue.



Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>2...4th Sunday of Epiphany Presentation of Our Lord</p> <p>9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:10 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion</p>	<p>3 7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	6	7	8
<p>9 5th Sunday of Epiphany</p> <p>9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship Service</p>	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	13	<p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY</p>	<p>15</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:00 PM</p>
<p>16 6th Sunday of Epiphany</p> <p>9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM –Worship Service</p> <p>4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-along</p>	17	18	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM – WELCA Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	20	21	22
<p>23 7th Sunday of Epiphany</p> <p>9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM –Worship Service</p>	24	25	<p>26</p> <p>1:30 PM – Quilt Group</p> <p>6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>2:00 PM – Riverview Birthday Party</p>	