



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

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Greetings in this glorious season of new life -

I'm grateful to have grown up in an involved Christian family and a congregation very similar to Elim. I loved God and loved the church. I got to attend Bethany College. It was here that my understanding widened to another mainline denomination. One could not have asked for a more firm foundation! And yet, when I was in my first year of graduate school at Kansas State University before going to Seminary, I was utterly befuddled at a Bible Study.

David Jones (who could have gone by the deserved titles of "Reverend" or "Doctor", but who invited you to call him David) was my Campus Minister at the Ecumenical Campus Ministry. He led the weekly Bible Study I found so perplexing. It wasn't the scripture that was stunning; it was the reflections of the scripture by another student in the small group that gave me pause. She and I didn't agree on much of anything! I had never experienced such a thing.

As soon as the study ended, I was quick to volunteer to get the snacks from the kitchen. I wanted to get away from that uncomfortable table quickly! I stood up to rush out and only then realized I had no idea where the kitchen was with the snacks. David came to my rescue in more ways than one that day.

Together we started down an ordinary hallway to what would become a kitchen. As soon as I thought we were safely out of earshot of the group, I clumsily blurted that I didn't know why I disagreed with the other student so much. She clearly took her faith seriously and I did too. Why did we feel sideways?!

This day I had ears to hear David: people study the Bible in different ways. Simplified, some study the Bible in its literal sense and others study it contextually. The other student and I grew up studying the Bible in different ways and we continued to do so.

I have no memory of what snacks we retrieved, but I do remember staring at David in the kitchen with a gaping mouth. Whaaaaat? Oh my gosh. So this is why we think differently about tattoos and marriages then! Because some of us read the words at face value for us today and others of us study when it was written, to whom it was written and what else was going on at that time? That's NUTS!

My memory of the conversation isn't as clear when we headed out of the kitchen with a cart full of sugar. I probably asked David how we can solve this problem. He probably chuckled without making me feel stupid. These fundamental differences remain. We people of faith will continue to study the scriptures in different ways which will lead us to think differently about how we live out our faith today.

By the time we got back to the study table, the revelations from the snack run had already helped me. Instead of being as frustrated with the gal, I felt more curious about her. I asked where she was from and the conversation flowed naturally. Before long we were chatting comfortably. When we took a step back from our disagreements, we had common life experiences that were nice to connect. We never saw eye to eye in any Bible Study, but we became friends.

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Almost thirty years later David is still teaching me through this memory. I'm still practicing stepping back from disagreements to try to find a thread of common ground. Sometimes I'm better at it than others, but it always feels like the right thing to try to do... what God would want for us. If this rings true to you, I invite you to keep practicing along with me. The table can get more comfortable. I hope. Thanks be that God is with us as we try.

Lastly, this understanding and lessons beyond it are what the Confirmation class has been studying for two years. I'm proud of them. Those who choose to do so will confirm the vows made at their baptisms on Sunday, April 27 during worship. This will be another high, holy day in the church and I hope you are able to take part.

w/great anticipation and much excitement ~Pastor Amy Kay



**Please keep in prayer:** David Ferguson, Tim Leif, Ike Bauer (Dawson Feil's friend), Greg Barrett, Nikki Larson, Jared Jones, Eveleigh Weis, Beth Thomas, Shelby Miller (Jayleen Sellhorn's granddaughter), Peyton Johnson, Kandy Hanson (friend of Patty Kolling), Ava Jones, Ronnie Larson, Rusty Young, Nathan Hulvey, Tiffany Holcom, Doug Schneider, Art Mayfield, Deb McGinty, Donna Nelson (Deryl Nelson's wife), Tom French, Rose Erickson and TACOL, Tammy Hopp, and the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities. Our sympathy to the family and friends of Troy Edwards, Janie Nyquist, and Lynda Krah.

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.]**

## WELCA NEWS

Even though there are no longer WELCA officers in place, the women of Elim will continue to serve in the following ways, and welcome any suggestions for projects or outreach.

### COMMITTEES:

WELCA Treasurer: Donna Patrick (785-212-1752)  
Funeral Luncheon: Carylee Nelson (785-820-1838), Nancy Hopp (620-242-9102)  
Riverview Songfest: Jackie Larson (785-376-1931), Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich (573-808-1980)  
Riverview Birthday Party – January through April: Cindy Bunk (629-755-6185)  
Lion's Club Meals: Linda Johnson (785-826-5544), Carol Jones (785-577-5926)  
LWR Quilts: Donna Patrick (785-212-1752)  
Kitchen Committee: Linda Johnson (785-826-5544)  
WELCA Women's Bible Study: Kelly Larson (785-212-0323)



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, APRIL 27** (1 week later due to Easter). 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. Thank you to for hosting the party in March.

WELCA members are now hosting a Women's Bible study on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next one will be held **April 9 at 9:30 AM** in the Elim Parish Hall. Plan on May 14 for the following month.

## ORDER FORM FOR WHITE LILIES for Easter Sunday!

Please submit your order by **April 13**.

Approximate cost: \$10.00 per lily



**Payment must be submitted at the time of your order.** Please make checks payable to Piper's Fine Foods. Place your order form and payment in an envelope and mail to Elim Lutheran Church, 403 N. Lincoln, Marquette, KS 67464, or leave in the box designated when you enter the church. You can also leave your order in the locked drop box just outside the Parish Hall doors. THANK YOU!

Please specify how you would like your dedication worded. We will post this in the bulletin and Messenger, and on Elim's website. Select one or more of the options below:

- In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- To the Glory of God for \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

(Include all names you want on the dedication; if more space is needed, use lines below)

Total # of lilies ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ (X)

Contact Gayle Nelson (785-201-7675) with any questions.

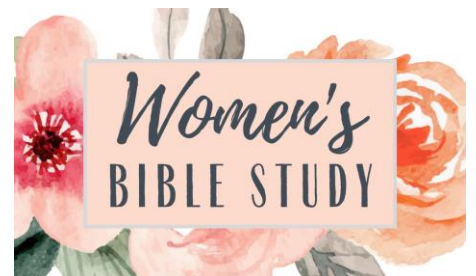


We are again blessed to be with our siblings in Christ at Marquette United Methodist Church for the Wednesday night Lenten worship series. This year's theme centers around dirt, and how it relates to us through scripture and our lives. **All Lenten services will begin at 6:30 PM.**

April 2	Elim, w/ Pastor Brenda preaching on types of soil and the life it brings
April 9	Marquette UMC, w/ Pastor Amy Kay preaching on shaking the dust off our feet
April 17	Maundy Thursday @ Elim – Jesus washing the disciples' feet
April 18	Good Friday @ Marquette UMC

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's (WELCA) Bible Study will be Wednesday, April 9 at 9:30 AM. Please join us and bring a friend. Expect lively discussion accompanied by wisdom and laughter as we explore our faith in everyday life.



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

### **The Mayberry Bible Study**

Join Andy, Opie, Barney and Aunt Bee for the parables of Mayberry. Everyone is invited back to Mayberry - from Andy's front porch to the Fishin' Hole - as we welcome the church into The Mayberry Bible Study! Y'all come - and bring a friend back to Mayberry! This DVD-based Bible study features 4 episodes. Through this bible study we will study scripture about Service, Peace, Mercy and Commitment which will provide direct relevance to today's world. Our previous studies were in depth and of very serious subject matter. So now, we are going to relax, laugh a bit and be treated to life lessons with Biblical backgrounds and moral undertones.

Please join us Sunday at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. Julie Olson is the facilitator.

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## SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Please contact Pastor Amy Kay or Curtis Patrick if you would be interested in attending the ELCA Synod Assembly in Olathe, KS on June 5-7, 2025. Hotel and registration fees will be provided by Elim for church members who represent our church at the assembly. Pastor Amy Kay is planning to attend and would welcome another member or two to come along.

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## SALINA RESCUE MISSION Stutzman's Plant Sale Fundraiser

Stutzman's Greenhouse and Garden Center in Salina will be holding a plant sale fundraiser to benefit the Salina Rescue Mission. The sale will be held April 23-26 from 8:00-7:00 PM in the Central Mall parking lot on the southwest corner (9<sup>th</sup> and Magnolia). 20% of the proceeds will go to the Salina Rescue Mission.

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## CONFIRMATION

**Confirmation Sunday is April 27.** Fourteen confirmands will affirm their faith during worship service. They have been meeting with Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich for the past 2 years. Please plan to attend and welcome our new members to the church. Parents of confirmands: please provide Pastor Amy Kay with your child's middle name, date and place of baptism, and parents' names. Confirmands are listed below:



Kenzie Brady, Gracie Brady, Autumn Carter, Gemma Carter, Kanin French, Leif Larson, Magnus Larson, Kylan Lindquist, Aailah McGinty, Olivia Peterson, Miah Rogers, Ava Toll, and Huck Toll.

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## DID YOU KNOW...?



Palm Sunday is April 13. Julie Olson shared some information during Adult Bible Study on the meaning of the palm branches and cloaks laid out for Jesus when he entered Jerusalem. Palm branches during the time of Jesus were used to celebrate victory, and to honor royalty. In that sense, Jesus was being recognized as a king. The cloaks or garments laid out were an act of honor, declaring Jesus as the promised Messiah, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. And did you know that "Hosanna" means "save us now"? Thank you, Julie, for sharing the significance of the palm branches and cloaks.

## SERVING THE LORD IN APRIL

### ACOLYTES

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### LECTORS

April 6 Allan Lindfors  
 April 13 Linda Johnson  
 April 17 Brooke Olson  
 April 20 Ava Toll  
 April 27 Carly Patrick

### GREETERS

April 6 Nancy Hopp  
 April 13 Scott & Linda Johnson  
 April 17 Barry & Carylee Nelson  
 April 20 Barry & Carylee Nelson  
 April 27 Mo & Gayle Nelson

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

April 6 Vicki Young  
 April 13 Curtis Patrick  
 April 17 Sandy Edwards  
 April 20 Vicki Young

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

April 6: Setup - Kent & Nancy Rawson  
 April 13: Setup - Sandra Myers and LeAnn Everhart  
 Bread - LeAnn Everhart  
 April 17: Set-up – Craig & Jackie Larson  
 April 20: Set-up – Gayle Nelson & Kayley Fleming  
 Bread – Gayle Nelson

USHER FOR APRIL: Barry Nelson

### Offerings and Attendance per week in 2025

<b>March 2</b>	<b>\$1783.00</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>March 9*</b>	<b>\$2724.00</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>March 16</b>	<b>\$1143.00</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>\$1089.50</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>\$1303.00</b>	<b>61</b>

*\*Noisy Offering: \$72.49*

### **Monthly Financial Report**

[As Presented to council 03/03//25]

Beginning Balance as of 02/02/25:	\$	34,405.19
Revenue:	\$	13,921.86
Expenses:	\$	--9,925.01
Ending Balance as of 02/28/25:	\$	38,402.04

### **NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

March 3, 2025

*Council approved the Parish Hall roof repair after property committee approval of final bid, and congregational vote held on Sunday, March 2 (see minutes below). The Gathering Table in Kansas City is no longer operating. This was where the noisy offering has been sent for several years. Pastor Amy Kay suggested a different source be selected for each year. For this year, council voted by consensus to send the offering to Guatemala for water filters and stoves to improve health and safety for persons in need. Pastor Amy Kay announced that VBS will be held May 27-30 at Elim Lutheran Church. She also shared survey results on Christmas Eve service and Swedish Supper.*

**Worship & Music:** No report.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Memorial Committee:** No meeting.

**Christian Ed.:** Pastor Amy Kay reported Sunday School is “all good”.

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

**Property/Security Committee:** Matt Toll reported that the Property committee approved the estimate of \$28,000 for the Parish Hall roof repair. The Property/Security committee met with Don Fagen with Hopp’s Sound to learn about the new security cameras installed in February. Matt reported that the committee will replace the latches on the back door by the bathrooms to ensure it is properly locked.

*Next meeting to be held on Monday, April 7, 2025.*

A congregational vote was held Sunday, March 2 for approval of roof repair on the Parish Hall, estimated to cost \$26,000-30,000. Council president Curtis Patrick called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM following the worship service. Scott Johnson, chairman of the Property Committee, explained that the PVC vinyl roof was 17 years old. Ryan Roofing has been contacted to take 2 layers off and replace it with a thicker membrane with a 20-year warranty. Mike Hulse moved and Carylee Nelson seconded to approve the repair. The motion passed. Curtis Patrick adjourned the meeting.





### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	MaRyan Hulvey
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
14	Bren Peterson
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	16 years
8	Mr. & Mrs. Justin Myers	20 years
16	Mr. & Mrs. Brad Peterson	15 years
23	Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Niegsch	20 years
24	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Feil	4 years
26	Mr. & Mrs. John Sommerfeld	23 years
27	Mr. & Mrs. Dane Young	24 years
29	Mr. & Mrs. Gail Lindstedt	46 years
30	Mr. & Mrs. Joel Nelson	49 years

Please notify me in writing at [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 in the Parish Hall. **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 Kelly French and Carly Peterson for providing meals in March.

***There are only a few weeks left to volunteer to make meals. Keep them as simple as you want... it's all appreciated.***

### 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. ***Write yourself a reminder or stick an envelope on the refrigerator to save the labels.*** The Christian Education Committee collects them to help fund youth who are interested in attending church camp. ***We received \$90 for labels collected in 2024.*** 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.

# Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:30 PM – Lenten Service @ UMC 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM - Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	3	4	5
6 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice & Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Communion	7  7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting	8	9  9:30 AM – WELCA Bible Study  6:30 PM – Lenten Service @ UMC 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM - Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday  9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice & Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM –Worship Service  EASTER LILY ORDERS DUE	14	15	16  6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM - Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	17  MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 PM @ Elim	18  GOOD FRIDAY 6:30 PM @ UMC	19
20 EASTER  9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice & Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM –Worship Service	21	22	23  1:30 PM – Quilt Group  6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM - Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice	24	25  2:00 PM – Riverview Birthday Party (tentative)	26
27 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM –Worship Service  4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-along	28	29	30			