



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

MAY 2025

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A glorious Eastertide to you, Elim -

As a resurrection people, we know this season as life giving. It feels fantastic to get to linger in the goodness! I hope you are able to come to worship this month and experience the joy and hope that comes from the empty cross.

During worship on April 27, we were blessed by the witness of 14 Confirmands as they affirmed the vows of their baptisms. Confirmation is an intentional two-year time when we build on our childhood learning of Bible stories to start forming what we believe as ones growing into adulthood. This group met every other Sunday from 10a – 1:30p. We typically had class before worship, dinner after worship and then a project, or we finished our morning lesson. Confirmation is a big commitment.

Last Sunday the Confirmands were brave to share their personal Statements of Faith in front of all 135 gathered for worship. Each stated what they actually believe right now while understanding that what we believe changes as we learn more and grow. It is important for us all, at every stage of our lives, to think about what we believe and why as disciples of Christ.

It has been a pleasure to get to work with this group. They were open to learning; they seem to have gotten the main things I intended for them to internalize. Many of them were good about reflecting on worship in their bulletins for me. They were willing to jump into projects together; Pageants, a Riverview Party, sacred art and a few days of service were all great experiences with these kids. They were considerate; on the rare occasion they weren't able to make it to class, they almost always let me know beforehand. They were fun. I am proud of each of the kids and am excited to be with them as they continue to become all of who God calls them to be.

I'm grateful for the many who helped with this class. Families supported their Confirmand getting to church. Parents provided Dinner. Adults worked side by side with the kids during God's Work, Our Hands. Brooke facilitated Riverview door decorations our first year together and Monica did so with our party last December. Allan, Jackie, Diane and many others helped with both Pageants. Gayle and Diane took care of many administrative details throughout our two years together. In fact, last Sunday would not have been grand without their leadership with robing, flowers, certificates and gifts. With exceptional hospitality, Nancy, Julie and the entire Adult Bible Study class created a delicious Brunch and beautiful setting for the Confirmands and their families before worship. The day was special. It was a wonderful way to cap an important two-year journey. Thanks be to God for Elim as a whole church and everyone in it who helped it be so.

During worship I was honored to bless each person's confirmation of their baptismal vows. Before I did so, I shared a specific verse of scripture with each new church member. A number of friends were interested in seeing the list so Gayle was kind to make room for it here (see page 2).

w/gratitude for this class and high hopes for all that is to come for each of them – Pastor Amy Kay

PASTOR AMY KAY'S BIBLE VERSES FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

Gracie Brady: Matthew 6:21 - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Makenzie Brady: Matthew 6:25,33 - Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Autumn Carter: 1 Timothy 4:12 - Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity for the believers.

Gemma Carter: Deuteronomy 31:6 - Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread [of them], because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; God will not fail you or forsake you."

Kanin French: Isaiah 1:17 - learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

Leif Larson: Matthew 5:14-15 - You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

Magnus Larson: Micah 6:8 - He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Kylan Lindquist: 2 Timothy 1:7 - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love and self-discipline.

Emilie Snapp: Psalms 139:9-10 - If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Aaliyah McGinty: 1 Corinthians 13:13 - And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Olivia Peterson: Galatians 3:28 - There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Miah Rogers: Joshua 1:9: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Ava Toll: Exodus 30:35 - God has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.

Huck Toll: Romans 12:2 - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Class of '23-'25: Romans 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in God, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

REMINDERS for Summer Break

The last day of Youth Group meal and meeting will be Wednesday, May 14

The last day of Sr. Choir Practice will be Wednesday, May 28. Sr. Choir will be performing for Patriotic Sunday May 25 and Sunday, June 1 worship service.

The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 25.



CONFIRMATION / AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Fourteen confirmands affirmed their faith during worship service on Sunday, April 27. The Adult Bible Study group provided a continental breakfast of pastries, breads, and coffee cakes along with coffee and sparkling orange juice for the confirmands and their families.

Congratulations to our confirmands. We welcome you as new members of our church and pray that your service to Christ will continue throughout your lifetimes.



Back row: Magnus Larson, Leif Larson, Kanin French, Aailah McGinty, Kylan Lindquist, Olivia Peterson.
Middle row: Pastor Amy Kay, Autumn Carter, McKenzie Brady, Gemma Carter, Ava Toll, Gracie Brady.
Front row: Huck Toll, Emilie Snapp, Miah Rogers.

Special thanks to Conway Patrick for taking these pictures and more on Confirmation Sunday!

Gracie Lynn Brady, daughter of Jake and Brandi Brady. Gracie was baptized June 6, 2010 at Elim Lutheran Church.

McKenzie Jade Brady, daughter of Jake and Brandi Brady. McKenzie was baptized June 17, 2012 at Elim Lutheran Church.

Autumn Noelle Carter, daughter of Ryker and Michelle Carter. Autumn was baptized June 13, 2012 at Salemsborg Lutheran Church.

Gemma Rose Carter, daughter of Ryker and Michelle Carter. Gemma was baptized August 16, 2009 at Salemsborg Lutheran Church.

Kanin Tyler French, son of Tyler and Kelly French. Kanin was baptized July 10, 2011 at Elim Lutheran Church.

Leif Ingram Larson, son of Matt Larson and Sun Dee McCauley. Leif was baptized September 13, 2009 at Elim Lutheran Church.

Magnus Mills Larson, son of Matt Larson and Sun Dee McCauley. Magnus was baptized September 14, 2008 at Elim Lutheran Church.

Kylan Jace Lindquist, son of Matt and Holly Toll, and Justin Lindquist. Kylan was baptized September 19, 2010 at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Aailyah Ann McGinty, daughter of Stephanie McGinty. Aailyah was baptized June 13, 2012 at Salemsborg Lutheran Church.

Olivia Lou Peterson, daughter of Bradley and Corrie Peterson. Olivia was baptized November 29, 2009 at Elim Lutheran Church.

Miah Ann Rogers, daughter of Jeremiah Rogers. Miah was baptized October 1, 2023 at Elim Lutheran Church.

Emilie Mae Bunk Snapp, daughter of Jeremy Snapp and the late Tracy Bunk. Emilie was baptized February 26, 2012 at Elim Lutheran Church.

Ava Katheryn Toll, daughter of Matt and Holly Toll, and Sarah Zehnder. Ava was baptized in 2008 at Fremount Lutheran Church.

Huck Stephen Toll, son of Matt and Holly Toll, and Sarah Zehnder. Huck was baptized in 2011 at Bethany Lutheran Church.



Nancy Hopp and Julie Olson set up the tables for the Confirmand's breakfast.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION & BLESSING / YOUTH SUNDAY

Please join us on Sunday, May 11 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 16-21.

Please contact the church secretary at 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 8th graders moving on to high school. THANK YOU!

A listing of graduates will be in the June Messenger.





Please keep in prayer: Denny Swisher, Brian Laude, Barbara Peterson, Patty Kolling, Julie Daeschner Buck, Ike Bauer (Dawson Feil's friend), Pastor Tim Leaf, David Ferguson, Peyton Johnson and twin girls Rowyn and Calla, Max Buffington, Greg Barrett, Nikki Larson, Jared Jones, Eveleigh Weis, Beth Thomas, Shelby Miller (Jayleen Sellhorn's granddaughter), 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.

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

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 3rd Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **Sunday, MAY 18.** Everyone is welcome to join in.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's (WELCA) Bible Study will be Wednesday, May 14 at 9:30 AM in Elim's Parish Hall. Please join us and bring a friend. Expect lively discussion accompanied by wisdom and laughter as we explore our faith in everyday life.



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.

Dedication of Easter Lilies

April 20, 2025



In memory of Tracy and all our loved ones, given by Wally and Cindy Bunk.

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

To the glory of God for our grandchildren Whit and Winnie, given by Jay and LeAnn Everhart.

In loving memory of Gary Baehler and Krista Baehler, given by Brian, Kendra, and Baylor Hopp.

In loving memory of Jeff Hopp, given by Brian, Kendra, and Baylor Hopp.

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

In loving memory of family members, given by Mike and Cynthia Hulse.

In loving memory of Bob Jones, given by Carol Jones.

In loving memory of Vernon and Mary Olson, given by Patty Kolling, Carylee Nelson, Steve Olson, and families.

In loving memory of Kenneth Dean Olson, given by Barry and Carylee Nelson, Steve and LaReta Olson, and Patty Kolling, 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 Edna and Phillip Larson, given by John, Janis, Kay, and Ron.

In loving memory of Mason French, Phillip and Edna Larson, given by Kelly Larson and family.

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 and Helen Olson, given by Carylee, Steve, Patty, and families.

In loving memory of Ebba Nelson, Blackie Nelson, Ione Nelson, Sam Nelson, and Richard and Gwen Warner, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson.

In gratitude for God's many blessings, and for our amazing children and grandchildren, given by Mo and Gayle Nelson.

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 Leo, 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 Brandon Rogers, given by Roy, Melinda, Jeremiah, Miah, and Mariah Rogers

In honor of the confirmands, given by the Rogers family.

In loving memory of my mom, Tracy, given by Emilie Snapp.

In loving memory of Lawrence Spohn, given by Sandra Spohn.

To the glory of God for Tina, Tom, and Jerry, given by Sandra Spohn.

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EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS (cont.)

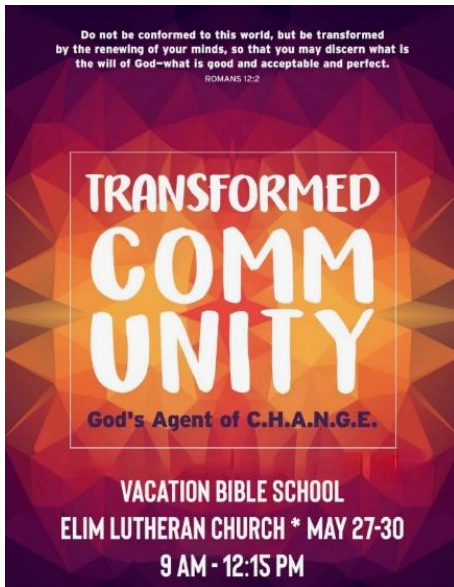
In loving memory of little Kenny, given by Darryl, Diane, MaryAnne, and Evan.

In loving memory of Ken and Freda Talbott, given by Darryl and Darla and families.

In memory of loved ones, given by Darryl and Diane Talbott.

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

In memory of departed loved ones, given by Beth Thomas.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are excited to host Vacation Bible School this summer! Please save the dates and consider volunteering with the children of our church, the United Methodist children and those of our community. We will host a traditional morning VBS with Bible storytelling, crafts, games and snacks. Our curriculum is from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and looks great. Thanks be to God for exciting days ahead together!

Please notify Pastor Amy Kay via text at 573-808-1980 or email elimsec@gmail.com if your children are planning to attend. THANKS!



You are invited to Garrett McMahan's recital Saturday, May 24 at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary at Elim Lutheran Church. A reception follows in the Parish Hall. His mother Amanda (Hopp) McMahan wrote, "Join us to celebrate Garrett's hard work and dedication to his music and education with a final high school performance and reception in his honor. We hope to see you all there!" The church has been an important part of Garrett's life, and he has performed here at Elim numerous times with his sister and brothers.

Garrett will graduate on May 9 from the Reno County Homeschool Connection, Ltd. Kansas. His parents are Josh and Amanda McMahan. Grandparents are Terry and Nancy Hopp, and Mitch and Denise McMahan.

SERVING THE LORD IN MAY

LECTORS

May 4	Ava Toll
May 11	Darren Able
May 18	Brooke Olson
May 25	Ava Toll

GREETERS

May 4	Zach and Sarah Able
May 11	Kelly Larson
May 18	Nancy Hopp
May 25	Gayle Nelson & Grayson Fleming

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 4 Carly Peterson

COMMUNION SET-UP & CLEAN-UP/BREAD

May 4 Setup: Dana and Julie Olson
Bread: Julie Olson

USHER FOR MAY: Craig Larson

Offerings and Attendance per week in 2025

April 6	\$2553.00	92
April 13*	\$2038.00	87
April 20**	\$2494.50	125
April 27***	\$2363.00	135

***Noisy Offering: \$74.81 / Palm Sunday**

****Easter**

*****Confirmation Sunday**

Monthly Financial Report

[As Presented to council 04/07/25]

Beginning Balance as of 03/01/25:	\$	38,402.04
Revenue:	\$	9,593.19
Expenses:	\$	--13,495.06
Ending Balance as of 03/31/25:	\$	34,500.17

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April 7, 2025

Linda Johnson reported to council about the Summer Lunch Program, scheduled to start May 27. There will be a new head cook, Adam Keller, currently the band instructor at Smoky Valley Middle School and High School. Council agreed by consensus to continue Summer Lunch at Elim.

Worship & Music: Patriotic Sunday will be May 25.

Finance & Stewardship: No meeting.

Memorial Committee: No meeting.

Christian Ed.: Carly Peterson reported Graduate Recognition/Youth Sunday will be May 11. The Youth will share their experiences on the Mission Trip in March. Pastor Amy Kay asked to include communion for Confirmation Sunday April 27.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting.

Property/Security Committee: Matt Toll reported that Dana Olson, the janitor, will be gone the first week of June. The committee relegated the decision to rework the front beds in front of the Parish Hall to council. Council agreed by consensus. Gayle Nelson will work on gathering a committee and ideas to complete the project.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, May 5, 2025.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE COMING UP THIS SUMMER...

Mow the church lawn (sign-up sheet on bulletin board)

Help with Summer Lunch Program (sign-up sheet will be on bulletin board)

Clean up area in front of Parish Hall*

***If you are interested in sprucing up the area in front of the Parish Hall, please contact Gayle Nelson at 785-201-7675. We might plant perennials to replace the bushes. I would like to get a team together to come up with a plan and get it done! THANKS!!!**

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR HELPING WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS PAST YEAR:

Diane Hedberg	Beth Thomas
Darren Able	Lesa Larson
Griff Hawkinson	Allan Lindfors
Lars Peterson	Holly Toll
Diane Talbott	Melinda Rogers
Kelly French	

And of course, PASTOR AMY KAY PAVLOVICH!





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	Andrea (Andi) Willems
15	Dane Young
16	Lana Rock
16	Rita Brown
17	Carylee Nelson
17	Layla Fleming
19	Lisa Boughfman
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

1	Leland & Betty Amos Nelson	4 years
2	Mr. & Mrs. Tanner Hawkinson	10 years
14	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Peterson	41 years
26	Mr. & Mrs. Lars Peterson	7 years
27	Mr. & Mrs. Josh McMahan	19 years
27	Mr. & Mrs. Cody Suhr	8 years
29	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Crump	43 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 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 Allan and JoAn Lindfors, Lisa Boughfman, Betsy Patrick, Linda Johnson, and Tammy Feil for providing meals in April.

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 MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>4 3rd Sunday in Easter</p> <p>9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice & Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM – Worship Service w/ Communion</p>	 <p>5</p> <p>7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting</p>	 <p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM - Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10</p>
<p>11 4th Sunday in Easter GRADUATE RECOGNITION/ YOUTH SUNDAY & MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p>9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice & Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM – WELCA Bible Study 6:30 PM – Youth Meal 7:00 PM - Youth Group Mtg. 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 5th Sunday in Easter</p> <p>9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice & Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service 4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-along</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 2:00 PM Garrett McMahan's Recital & Reception @ Elim Lutheran Church</p>
<p>25 6th Sunday in Easter PATRIOTIC SUNDAY</p> <p>9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service</p>	<p>26 MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:30 PM – Quilt Group 7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p>29 <i>Ascension of Our Lord</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>