



MESSENGER

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2012

Sundays in February and March

February 5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Read for worship Mark 1:29-39

In the healing of Peter's mother-in-law we are reminded that each of us has been restored, healed, as well. In our healing comes a call, a call to use our new status to help other people.

February 12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Read for worship Mark 1:40-45

In healing, Christ restores not just our body, but our standing within our communities and families as well. This can be a cause for joy or a cause for concern. This is because, in Jesus Christ, the status quo ante is upturned. Things can never be the same again. Are we ready for that?

February 19 Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday Read for worship: Mark 9:2-9

We are a people who constantly seek to understand the things going on around us. We know about lightning, we can broadcast pictures around the world in a fraction of a second, we have cars and airplanes. But the Transfiguration of Jesus still confounds the scholars and simple believers. What happened to Jesus that day defies logical explanation. But our faith tells us that the same Spirit that transformed Christ is present with us today, and the miracle of faith itself is proof of that!

February 26 First Sunday in Lent Read for worship: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Water is vital to our lives. We can go three weeks without food, but only three days without water. It is the element that seals us, in our baptisms, to Jesus death and resurrection. It is, then, the very basis of not just our lives but our souls.
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Ash Wednesday is February 22

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday worship services at Elim on Feb 22. Communion and imposition of ashes will take place at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A soup and sandwich luncheon will be available for \$4 following the 11:00 service on Ash Wednesday and each week during the Lenten season. There will be no evening meal.

Please see the article on page 3 for more information on this year's Lenten midweek worship.



It's Mardi Gras time!

**Saturday, Feb. 18
4:00-6:30 p.m.**

Elim's annual celebration of Mardi Gras is a fun time for families, adults, and kids of all ages. Activities include several different games, cake walk, face painting, bingo, a family-friendly meal, and silent auction.

Proceeds from this year's event will go to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scout troops of Elim.

Volunteers are needed, as well as donations for the silent auction. Remember—silent auction items must be NEW! Also needed: 2-liter bottles of pop for the pop walk and cakes/cookies for the cake walk. Contact Christina Anderson at

*Invite friends and family
and come have a great time*

Looking out into the world

Brothers and sisters, 2012 is off and running. Our new boards are in place, our archives and birthday committees are busy preparing to celebrate our 90th birthday this fall, our community ministry planning team is compiling the results of our community interviews as well as our congregational small group conversations from January 22.



All of these meetings, as well as events like the Valentine Luncheon and Mardi Gras, don't exist just for us but for our wider neighborhood as well. We do these things not just to facilitate the work of the church, but to further the mission of all Christian congregations in general, and this one in particular, to share the Gospel near and far.

This means that we also look beyond our community to the wider world. As Christians engaged in ministry in a local context, it enriches our own stories to become engaged with Christians of other cultures and countries. As such we will work to deepen our relationships with the Lao Evangelical Lutheran Church, including the possibility of forming a mission team to accompany Pastor Baccam and his wife, Kethmany, to Laos in 2013 or at some other time.

The church in Laos is experiencing fast growth and we hope to find ways to support that growth financially, spiritually, and by forming inter-personal relationships with those doing ministry over there.

We are also looking to deepen our engagement with our ELCA sponsored missionaries. Fred and Gloria Strickert are posted to Jerusalem and we are looking to support

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Baptism

1/15 Gabriel Luther, child of Derrick and Tiffany Whitehead

Deaths

1/28 Edna Huovie



Pastor's Corner

them at a rate of \$100 a month. Please find the sign-up sheet posted in the church foyer to pledge for all or part of a month. We will post updates from that incredibly challenging mission field on a regular basis.

Finally, remember that Ash Wednesday is February 22. We will worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. throughout Lent with a simple lunch following the morning services.

This year our Lenten theme is "Love the Lord Your God." We will spend five Wednesdays exploring what Jesus called "The Greatest Commandment." Along with worship, I am reissuing the challenge to add a Wednesday offering to your Lenten journey commitment. A letter and offering envelopes will arrive soon. We had a great response last year that allowed Elim not only to decrease our debt, but we also were able to bring in Joy Skjogstad to work with us in our outreach planning for the year. I am ever grateful for your generosity.

All my best,

Sunday breakfasts at Elim

There will be a breakfast to benefit Luther Park Bible Camp on Sunday morning, **Feb. 26**.

Men of Elim will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, **March 18**, with proceeds going to refurbish the youth room.

Gloryland Band returns to Elim on Sunday, March 18

The popular Gloryland Gospel Band will return to Elim for both services (8:45 and 11:00) on Sunday, March 18.

This group of 15 musicians joyfully shares their uplifting gospel music. This is a great day to invite friends and neighbors to come to church with you.

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March 4 Second Sunday in Lent Read for worship: Mark 8:31-38

In Lent, we often deny ourselves as a way of physically joining ourselves to the suffering of Christ.

We do this to remind ourselves that following the way of Jesus is not always easy, but it is the only way to true life. Suffering, however, is not the mark of the Christian; it is the result of the persecutions that seem to always follow the proclamation of the Word!

The world does not wish to hear it,
but Jesus lived and died once and for all time.

March 11 Third Sunday in Lent Read for worship: John 2:13-22

John's is the only Gospel that places the clearing of the temple at the beginning, not the end, of Jesus' ministry. In this story we are reminded that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were intended to replace the temple and that nothing, no "club" rules, no unspoken expectations, no demands or requirements, not even money, can be used to place a barrier between God and His people. What would Jesus overturn in our congregation today?

March 18 Fourth Sunday in Lent Read for worship: John 3:14-21

Nestled in the Gospel text today is that most famous of Bible verses: "For God so loved the world..."

John's book about Jesus is filled with cosmic imagery and energy... it is devoted to the contest between good and evil, light and darkness, belief and unbelief. But right here, before our eyes and ears, we confront God's mission, to reclaim the whole... entire... world... not just part of it, not just the parts we like.

The whole ball of creation.

March 25 Fifth Sunday in Lent Read for worship: John 12:20-33

Some Christian communities eschew Lent because of its dark overtones of confession and death and the reminder that Jesus' mission on earth included his own crucifixion. Who wouldn't want to jump right to Easter? But today we are reminded by Christ that if we want to see him we must first look down into the ground and then up to the cross.

Our confession is what leads to our mission!

Lenten worship focuses on words from Mark 12

"You Shall Love the Lord Your God." These words of Jesus from Mark 12 will form the foundation of our mid-week Lenten worship this year.

Please join us at 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, and then for a 5-week sermon series on the commandment that is "First of all." A soup and sandwich lunch will be available following the midday service.

Lent is a 40-day journey of preparing our lives and souls for the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. All Christians are encouraged to develop, if for just 40 days, a new spiritual discipline. I pray you will add the spirituality of worship to your lives this Lent.

Lent Week 1: Wednesday, Feb. 29

Hear, O Israel

A scribe asks Jesus, "Which commandment is first of all?" How would you respond to that question? How does the covenant we have with God inform our faith and our lives?

Lent Week 2: Wednesday, March 7

You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Heart

True obedience and understanding come not from our heads but from the motion of our hearts. How might that response look in our community?

Lent Week 3: Wednesday, March 14

You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Soul

God created each of us with a soul that is in, with, and under each and everything we do. Like a homing pigeon, our soul is nurtured not by things, but by the God who created it and us.

Lent Week 4: Wednesday, March 21

You Shall Love the Lord Your God With All Your Mind

While love is to come from our heart, we also pray to God for wisdom to discern good from evil and to have the mind of Christ in our understanding of the world and our callings in it.

Lent Week 5: Wednesday, March 28

You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Strength

Christ took upon himself the weakness of the cross to triumph in strength over the grave. In his weakness comes our strength and even that strength belongs not to us but to God.

What's going on for Elim youth

Thanks to all who helped at the Soup Fundraiser on January 29!

Mission Kansas City

This month: Stock calling on Feb, 29, March 2, 7 and 9 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Students can sign up on Winona's door or the Facebook page to reserve a calling spot.

Wrestling Fundraiser

7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 in the Elim gym. Volunteers will be needed from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. Shift times are listed on the Elim website (www.elim-robbinsdale.org)

This unique fundraiser is our first ever with Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, New Hope, and we are excited to share in this fun-filled event. We will be hosting an ultimate wrestling event. Two volunteer professional wrestlers will be the night's entertainment. We will be selling concessions for the event and entrance tickets to raise money for our mission trips. Ticket will go on sale at the end of February. Stay tuned to the publicity on this event around Elim. Thank you for your support..

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Come join us 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room for Bible study. Confirmation students can earn class credit for attendance as well.



Monthly Bible Study themes:

February: The truth about relationships, dating and love (a video series where we discuss what God intends for relationships).

March: Jesus revealed (a Bible study that walks through the life of Jesus and some common misconceptions about his teachings and ministry).

Youth Room

Thank you to John Hofmann and Gary Mitchell for their hard work on transforming the Youth Room. Come check our updated space. An additional thank you to the Men of Elim for hosting a pancake breakfast on March 18, with proceeds going towards the cost of the youth room updating. Thank you!

Youth Leadership Conference

Four Elim youth will be selected to attend the Youth Leadership Conference in Des Moines, IA, March 16–17. This event is hosted by IGNITE. We look forward to joining other youth from around the Midwest at this conference. Students will be selected based on their submitted essay and their involvement in community service. If you wish to sponsor a student attending this trip, please see Winona. The cost per student is \$140.



Valentine Luncheon

Saturday, Feb. 11

11:30 a.m. Punch and social time
Noon Luncheon

Entertainment by Bandana
playing music from the 40s and later

Door prizes

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children
ages 11 and younger
Tickets on sale Sundays, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5

Thinking about giving something up for Lent? Consider this...

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
- Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
- Give up worry — trust God to provide.
- Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred — return good for evil.
- Give up anger — be more patient.
- Give up pettiness — become mature.
- Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
- Give up sin — turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up — persevere.

—Author unknown

Global Missions—Walking in Jerusalem

On Sunday, Jan. 15, we celebrated the work of Pastor Fred and Gloria Strickert at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem.

Elim's Serve Board, through the ELCA Global Mission "Hand-in Hand Covenant" program, is promising to provide \$1,200--\$100 each month from individual contributions—to support the Strickerts. We introduced a sign up calendar and are well on our way to achieving our goal of \$100 for the month of February as well as additional pledges throughout the year.

Thank you all for your interest and generosity in supporting this global mission.

The following letter from the Strickerts was included in the Jan. 15 bulletin:

*Dear Support Congregations and Individuals,
We greet you on this beautiful sunny January day from Jerusalem. Please visit our blog site at walkinjerusalem.blogspot.com*

Christmas Eve found us once again at the Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. Fred preached at the service where Arab, English and German Lutheran congregations traditionally worship together. Sermons and photos of both services can be viewed on the ELCJHL web site www.elcjlh.org.

Our personal Christmas was blessed by the presence of our 3 children, spouses and 4 granddaughters for a week. It was a whirlwind week of touring, site seeing, hiking, visiting archeological sites & biblical sites and just enjoying each other's presence. The grand daughters are ages 10,7,5 and 2 and we have precious impressions, experiences and comments we ponder in our hearts.

Although our Christmas celebration has passed and just yesterday was the Orthodox Christmas celebration, Armenian Christmas is yet to come. This is the land not only of the three monotheistic religions but also of three Christmas celebrations.

January 21 begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and here in Jerusalem we have the unique privilege of worshiping in different churches with differing traditions on 9 consecutive days. Perhaps you would like to join us in special prayer that week too.

We thank you for your support and for your fervent prayers. We count on them to sustain us and our

*Palestinian sisters and brothers.
Life is increasingly difficult for the Palestinians with increased confiscation of their land, settlement building, denials of travel, building and family reunification permits, and the ever expanding 20-30 foot concrete separation wall that creates outdoor prisons of towns, villages and homes.*



Along with the Palestinian people we look to the light that shatters the darkness of injustice, and occupation. We ask for your prayers and advocacy on behalf of the Palestinian people.

*Salam elmasieh, (The peace of Christ)
Pastor Fred & Gloria Strickert*

*Gloria Strickert,
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
English congregation
PO Box 14076
91140 Jerusalem via Israel*

"Where a people prays, there is a church, and where the church is; there is never loneliness " - Dietrich

Get your church directory online

Elim's online church directory is now available. The online directory includes the same information as the printed version and is provided to us at no cost by LifeTouch.

The Elim online directory is a secure site that can only be viewed by Elim members who use a personal user name and password to access it. The address is www.connections.lifetouch.com. (There is also a link on the Elim website at www.elim-robbinsdale.org)

In order to get your user name and password, please send an email to Shirley at snygaard@elim-robbinsdale.org. Once you have signed in for the first time, you can change your username and password to something easier to remember, and you can update and add to your directory information. It would be helpful for members to add their preferred email address.

This online directory will be updated regularly to include new addresses and phone numbers, along with directory information about new members.

Sunday Upper Room classes

Sunday morning adult classes begin promptly at 10:10 a.m. in the Upper Room (5th floor), unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, February 5: “Lost Worlds: Jesus’ Jerusalem” This video, produced by the History Channel, takes a look at what the city of Jerusalem might have been like in Jesus’ time.

Sunday, February 12: Learn more about Elim’s renewed commitment to the broader church through ELCA Global Missions. We have made a covenant to support missionaries Pastor Fred and Gloria Strickert at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem. Learn more about their ministry and how you can help support it.

Sunday, February 19: “Identify Theft” Learn tips and tools for dealing with this growing problem.

Sunday, February 26: No Upper Room class. Enjoy breakfast sponsored by the Luther Park committee.

Sunday, March 4: Video to be announced

Sunday, March 11: Brenna Balkus will show a PowerPoint presentation on Art in the Psalms.

Sunday, March 18: No Upper Room class. Enjoy breakfast sponsored by the Men of Elim.

Sunday, March 25: Paula Wright will be with us to talk about the Fairview Association medical mission program. Fairview has sent employees, retirees and volunteers on medical mission trips to more than 52 countries.

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday Night Live will run through February 15. There are no WNL activities on Ash Wednesday and during Lent.



The schedule is:

5:15-6:15 p.m. Dinner (Free will offering)

5:45 p.m. Youth choir rehearsal

6:15 p.m. Elim Ringtones handbell choir rehearsal

6:15 p.m. Confirmation, children’s activities, rubber stamping card making (Feb. 8) and adult Bible study.

7:15 p.m. Elim Choir rehearsal

Hear Dave Mona at men’s dinner

Men of Elim and friends are invited to a Men’s Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12 at First Lutheran Church of Crystal.

Dave Mona, radio announcer and Gopher sports booster, will be the guest speaker. Cost is \$10.

If you would like to attend, call Don Landmark or Roger Johnson at

This is a combined men’s event for six Lutheran churches: Elim, Faith Lilac Way, Holy Nativity, House of Hope, St. James and St. Olaf.

Every Sunday is a little Easter

Beginning with the first Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection has been the focus of Christian worship. Because the early disciples were Jews they would have observed the Sabbath on Saturday. However, the first day of the week became the day for Christian worship. It was known as the Lord’s Day, the day of Resurrection. Our weekly Sunday worship is a celebration of Jesus’ resurrected presence with us - a little Easter each week.

The season of Lent is 40 days long, not counting Sundays. The actual number of days from Lent’s start on Ash Wednesday to (but not including) Easter Sunday is 46 days. But because the church sees every Sunday as a mini-Easter celebrating Christ’s resurrection, the six Sundays that occur during those 46 days are not counted as part of Lent.

Just in case...

Let’s hope it doesn’t happen,
but if Elim must cancel any events or
activities due to weather this winter,
please tune to Channel 4 WCCO-TV or
Channel 11 KARE-TV
for emergency notices.

Holy yoga classes at Elim

Holy Yoga is offered at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays in the gym. Holy Yoga is an experiential worship designed to bring the practitioner closer to Christ. Using physical postures, Scripture and breath work the class is designed to draw your focus to your faith, and improve your physical health.

A gentle yoga class is offered at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. This class is for beginners, people with injuries or people who just need to relax and feel good.

Classes are held in the gym and no registration is required. Just show up when you like. Suggested donation is \$5.00. Child care provided.

Women's movie night

Women of Elim and their friends are invited to a movie night on Friday, Feb. 3 in Elim's theatre room. They will be showing videos of old Bob Cummings "Love That Bob" TV shows.

Meet at 6:30 p.m. to socialize; the movie will start at 7:00. No reservations required.

There will also be a movie night on Friday, March 2, with the movie to be determined.

February/March Circle meetings

Ruth Monday, Feb. 13 12:30 p.m. Fireside Room,

Hostess: Dorothy DeClercq

Monday, March 12 12:30 p.m. Fireside Room, Hostess:

Marlys Ranney

Anna-Esther Monday, Feb. 13 12:30 p.m. Hostess:

Clarice Nord

Monday, March 12 12:30 p.m. Hostess: Lorraine Hanson,

Naomi Wednesday, Feb. 15 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Mary

Thomson,

Wednesday, March 14 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Joanne

Arntson,

Hope Wednesday, Feb. 8 9:30 a.m. Hostesses: Julie

Madsen, Fireside Room

Mary Thursday, Feb. 16 10:00 a.m. Hostess: Jeanette

McChesney,

Hannah-Martha Thursday, Feb. 16 7:00 p.m. Fireside Room, Hostess: Olga Challman

Thursday, March 15 7:00 p.m. Fireside Room, Hostess:

Jean Carlson

Repent – a worthy word for Lent

What pops into your mind when you hear the word "repent"? Is it a dark and somber word for you, perhaps reminding you of John the Baptist's shouting for people to repent and be baptized?

What does the word "repent" mean anyway?

Literally, it means to stop the way one is going, turn around, and then walk in the opposite direction. It refers to turning away from sin and shallow living and to begin walking through life following God's direction.

Lent is an opportunity to check our spiritual condition, to repent (if needed) and to walk more faithfully with our Lord.

If we take Lent seriously, we can begin to discover a new vision for life – a more joyous way to live. Lent can enable us to discover the immeasurable benefits of living the Christian life passionately.

Soar with the eagles

Seniors are invited to join a bus tour to Wabasha to "soar with the eagles." Meet at First Lutheran Church of Crystal for an 8:15 departure with stops in Prescott, WI, and the National Eagle Center in Wabasha. Lunch will be at the Coffee Mill Golf Course.

The tour leaves Wabasha at 2:30 with an estimated arrival time back at First Lutheran at 4:45 p.m. The cost is \$55 per person. Reservations are required by Sunday, Feb. 19. Please contact First Lutheran Church of Crystal at (763) 537-4576.



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Elim on Facebook
and Twitter





March is Food Share month

March is Minnesota Food Share month, the largest food drive in the state. This is a time to focus on the needs of area food shelves, including our local agency NEAR.

Grocery bags will be distributed on Sunday, March 4 and are available at Elim other times to pick up and fill with non-perishable items for the food shelf. Also during Food Share month, your cash donations will qualify for up to 20 percent in matching funds through the national Feinstein Foundation. Donations can be made using the white offering envelopes. Mark your donation for NEAR.

What about Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is on February 22 this year. Do you know the symbolism of the day?

1. From ancient times, ashes have been used as a symbol of mourning, penitence, grief and humiliation. In his pain and sorrow, Job 'sat among the ashes' (Job 2:8). The Old Testament book of Numbers and the New Testament book of Hebrews indicate that ashes were also used for purification (see Numbers 19:17 and Hebrews 9:13).

2. Christians have had an old tradition of using ashes made from the palm branches used on the last Palm Sunday. Priests and ministers use the ashes to make the sign of the cross on a believer's forehead as part of the Ash Wednesday ceremony.

3. The ashes symbolize the Christian's intent to repent of sins, to accept purification from the Lord, and to make a public witness of one's faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.

4. Since Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the ashes symbolize one's intention to deepen his or her spiritual life. Lent is a time for spiritual renewal and growth in dedication and service.

Sunday blood pressure checks

Free blood pressure checks are available twice a month between worship services in Room 7 off the Parlor. Blood pressure checks this month will be Feb. 5 and 19 and March 4 and 18.

You receive blood pressure/medicine/MD/pharmacy contact/tracking cards to bring with you at each check and to share with your health care provider.

Book Club schedule

The Elim Book Club will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14 to discuss "Little Bee" by Chris Cleve and Tuesday, March 13 to discuss "Shanghai Girls" by Lisa See. Anyone who has read the book is invited to join the discussion.

Vets group meets March 19

Elim Veterans Group will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 19 in the Parlor.

Entertainment will be by "Touching Hearts," Bob Clark, vocalist and Mary Kopet, piano. They will perform a program of St. Patrick's Day music.

Lunch for \$4 follows the program. Spouses and guests are welcome. Please call the church to make a reservation for lunch.

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| <p>4</p> <p>8:45 & 11 Worship with communion Coffee & donuts 10am Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Ed 11am Lao EL-C-Gym 11am Greater All Nations-RR</p> | <p>5</p> <p>7pm Cub Scouts pack meeting 7 p.m. Scouts</p> | <p>6</p> <p>9:30 Staff 5:30pm Women's AA 6:30pm Girl Scouts troops 7:30pm AA</p> | <p>7 Lent 2</p> <p>11am Lenten service Lunch 6pm Ringtones 7pm Lenten service 8pm Eilm Choir</p> | <p>1</p> <p>7am BNI-Parlor 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Leisure Age 9:30am Women's Bible Study 9:45am E Team 6:30pm Gentle Yoga 7pm Sons of Norway</p> | <p>2</p> <p>6pm Next Generation worship 7pm Monument of Faith prayer service</p> | <p>3</p> <p>11am Holy Yoga Wrestling Event</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>8:45 & 11 Worship (Baptism at 11) Coffee & donuts 10am Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Ed 11am Lao EL-C-Gym 11am Greater All Nations-RR</p> | <p>12</p> <p>12:30pm Ruth Circle 6:15pm E Team 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm PLC/Committee</p> | <p>13</p> <p>9:30am Staff 4pm Book Club 5:30pm Women's AA 5:30pm Executive Committee 6pm Support Board 6 Men of Eilm 6:30pm Girl Scouts 14139 7pm Board meetings 7:30pm AA</p> | <p>14 Lent 3</p> <p>9am Quilters 11am Lenten service Lunch 6pm Ringtones 7pm Lenten service 8pm Eilm Choir</p> | <p>15</p> <p>7am BNI-Parlor 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Leisure Age 9:30am Women's Bible Study 9:45am E Team 6:30pm Gentle Yoga 7pm Hannah Martha</p> | <p>16</p> <p>6pm Next Generation worship 7pm Monument of Faith prayer service</p> | <p>17</p> <p>11am Holy Yoga</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p>8:45 & 11 Worship (Gloryland Band) Men of Eilm breakfast 10am Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Ed 11am Lao EL-C-Gym 11am Greater All Nations-RR</p> | <p>19</p> <p>6:15pm E Team 7pm Scouts</p> | <p>20</p> <p>9:30am Staff 5:30pm Women's AA 6:30pm Girl Scouts (2) 7pm Church Council 7:30pm AA</p> | <p>21 Lent 4</p> <p>11am Lenten service Lunch 6pm Ringtones 7pm Lenten service 8pm Eilm Choir</p> | <p>22</p> <p>7am BNI-Parlor 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Leisure Age 9:30am Women's Bible Study 9:45am E Team 1pm Messenger 6:30pm Gentle Yoga</p> | <p>23</p> <p>6pm Next Generation worship 7pm Monument of Faith prayer service</p> | <p>24</p> <p>11am Holy Yoga</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>8:45 & 11 Worship Coffee & donuts 10am Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Ed 11am Lao EL-C-Gym 11am Greater All Nations-RR 12:30pm Monument of</p> | <p>26</p> <p>No Scouts—Spring Break</p> | <p>27</p> <p>9:30 Staff 5:30pm Women's AA 6:30pm Girl Scouts 14139 7:30pm AA</p> | <p>28 Lent 5</p> <p>9am Quilters 11am Lenten service Lunch 6pm Ringtones 7pm Lenten service 8pm Eilm Choir</p> | <p>29</p> <p>7am BNI-Parlor 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Leisure Age 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Gentle Yoga</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Noon-6 Red Cross Blood Drive 6pm Next Generation worship 7pm Monument of Faith prayer service</p> | <p>31</p> <p>11am Holy Yoga</p> |

Leisure Age

Feb. 2 Bob Clark and Mary Kopet
Feb. 9 Valentine party with Kyle Tennis and Riverside Music
Feb. 16 Jim Berner
Feb. 23 Cindi Scheffler

March 1 Showtime Chorus
March 8 Happy Notes with Gloria Christine
March 15 Rod Carar
March 22 Kalei Enstad and friends Hawaiian program
March 29 Easter party with Marie Louise Music Show

Reservations are required for the Leisure Age lunch each week. Make your reservation on Thursday for the following week, or call (763) 537-1171 between 9:00 a.m. and noon on Monday. If you are not available on Monday morning, you may call that number to make a reservation over the weekend.

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Financial reports available

Copies of the previous month's finance report are available to pick up at the church office throughout the month.

Make giving automatic

Do you receive payroll earnings or Social Security income through direct deposit? Do you pay your mortgage or utility bills automatically from your checking account? Now you can make your weekly, monthly or quarterly contribution to Elim automatic also.

Simply Giving is a convenient, safe, and simple way to make regular church offerings without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes. It also provides Elim with much needed donation consistency.

Getting started is easy. Authorization forms and additional information are available in the church and from the church office. Or, you can go to the Elim website at www.elim-robbinsdale.org and click on the link on the right side of the home page.

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is a family of God
that celebrates its
community in Christ.
We invite all people to
nurture their relationship
with a loving God through
sharing the Gospel, active
learning, and service
to the world.**

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This is a combined February and March edition of the Elim Messenger. The next Messenger (April) will arrive in homes at the end of March.

Due to staff vacation, church office hours will be reduced in February. The office will be closed on Friday morning and may be open shorter hours other days. If you need to come to the church office, please call first to be sure the office is open.

Sunday Worship
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Education Hour 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School, Confirmation
& Adult Education

Nursery available during both worship services