



The Elim Waterfall

March/April 2020

From the Pastor's Desk:

Pastor Josiah and Ebenezer Reformed – Oregon invite us to be their guests on Feb. 26 for Ash Wednesday Observance.

Once again, we will partner with Ebenezer for Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship. Josiah and I intend to focus our messages upon Stories Told by Objects of the Passion.

March 1, 15, 29: Elim March 8, 22: Ebenezer

At Home with the Word

March 2–8

Monday: Genesis 12:1-4
Tuesday: Psalm 121
Wednesday: Romans 4:1-5
Thursday: Romans 4:13-17
Friday: John 3:1-17
Saturday: Matthew 17:1-9

2nd Sunday in Lent

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing." Genesis 12:2

March 9–15

Monday: Exodus 17:1-7
Tuesday: Psalm 95
Wednesday: Romans 5:1-5
Thursday: Romans 5:6-11
Friday: John 4:5-26
Saturday: John 4:27-42

3rd Sunday in Lent

...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

March 16–22

Monday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Tuesday: Psalm 23
Wednesday: Ephesians 5:8-14
Thursday: John 9:1-12
Friday: John 9:13-34
Saturday: John 9:35-41

4th Sunday in Lent

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Ephesians 5:8

March 23–29

Monday: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Tuesday: Psalm 130
Wednesday: Romans 8:6-11
Thursday: John 11:1-16
Friday: John 11:17-37
Saturday: John 11:38-45

5th Sunday in Lent

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. Psalm 130:3-4

March 30–April 5

Monday: Psalm 118:1-2
Tuesday: Psalm 118:19-29
Wednesday: Matthew 21:1-11
Thursday: Isaiah 50:4-9
Friday: Psalm 31:9-16
Saturday: Philippians 2:5-11

Palm/Passion Sunday

... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:1-11

April 6–12

Monday: John 12:1-11
Tuesday: John 12:20-36
Wednesday: John 13:21-32
Thursday: John 13:1-17, 31-35
Friday: John 18:1–19:42
Sat.: Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24

Easter Sunday

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Psalm 118:22-23

April 13–19

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-28
Tuesday: Acts 2:29-32
Wednesday: Psalm 16
Thursday: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Friday: John 20:19-23
Saturday: John 20:24-31

2nd Sunday of Easter

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11

April 20-26

Monday: Acts 2:14, 36-41
Tuesday: Psalm 116:1-4
Wednesday: Psalm 116:12-19
Thursday: 1 Peter 1:17-23
Friday: Luke 24:13-27
Saturday: Luke 24:28-35

3rd Sunday of Easter

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed ... but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

from 1 Peter 1:18-19

April 27–May: 3

Monday: Acts 2:42-47
Tuesday: Psalm 23
Wednesday: 1 Peter 2:19-20
Thursday: 1 Peter 2:21-25
Friday: John 10:1-6
Saturday: John 10:7-10

4th Sunday of Easter

He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24



SPECIAL NOTICE

Thank you to all who donated to our annual Mitten Tree during the Christmas season. 11 stocking caps, 3 cap & mitten sets, 2 scarfs, and 16 pairs of gloves were donated to the Rochelle Rescue Mission to hand out during this winter season.

We plan on decorating the sanctuary again for Easter with plants that will need to be pre-ordered. Watch the bulletin for more details soon.

Elim's Women's & Missionary Aid Society will start meeting again on Wednesday, April 1 at 1:30 p.m. All women are invited to join us for a Biblical lesson, prayer, and time of fellowship on the first Wednesday of the month (April – November) in the basement of Elim. Have any questions, see Fran Bruns.

His Love

God sent His Son to take the punishment
For all the thoughtless, sinful things we do;
Jesus gave his life because He loves us;
His love is boundless, sweet, forever true.
On Easter morn He showed He is our Savior;
His resurrection proves He is our Lord.
That is why we tell you,
"Happy Easter!"
He secured our heavenly reward!

By Joanna Fuchs
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Consistory Meeting Highlights
January 14, 2020

Present were: Pastor Cary, Roger Hayenga, Sharon Alderks, Cyndy Hayenga, and Linda Rick

The consistory minutes from the November 12, 2019 were meeting were presented.

The treasurer's reports for November and December 2019 were received.

	Treasurer's Report			
	<u>GEN FUND</u>	<u>INVESTMENT</u>	<u>BENEVOLENT</u>	<u>BLDG/GRD</u>
Beginning Bal. 10-31-19	1484.59	239,644.40	22.23	7162.41
CASH in Bank 12-31-19	1810.38	235,063.82	1057.51	8412.78
CD at Holcomb Bank				45,625.77
Cash available 12-31-19	1810.38	235,063.82	1057.51	54,039.55L

Worship & Education (Linda A. & DeWayne): Lenten services will continue with Ebenezer again, with soup suppers at 5.

Church Life (Sharon & Cyndy): Lenten soup suppers with Ebenezer. The Emergency Call list will be reviewed by consistory members.

Mission & Outreach (Linda R. & Sharon): Rochelle Rescue Mission will be here on March 15.

Building & Grounds (Roger): nothing

OLD BUSINESS: The 2020 Vision and Emergency Call list were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: The membership list and Consistorial report were reviewed. DeWayne Adams will be the classis delegate on March 10.

The next Consistory meeting will be Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES (A)

March

- 6 – Mary Ellen Rahn
Grant McClendon
Rodney & Cyndy Hayenga (A)
- 7 – Julie Mann
- 8 – Roger Hayenga
- 10 – Jami Bruns
- 16 – Roger & Carol Hayenga (A)
- 17 – Henry Haner
- 24 – Bev Kearns
- 26 – Dan Alderks
Gary Nefstead & Deb Maas (A)
- 28 – Marla Rozeboom
- 29 – Grace Wild

April

- 2 – Bob & Linda Alderks (A)
- 6 – Nick Somers
- 10 – Warren Ippen
Peggy Howe
Robert & Kristi Calbeck (A)
- 15 – Heather Alderks
- 18 – Joe Somers
- 25 – Sandy (Bennett) Wild
- 27 – Rodney Hayenga
- 29 – Linda Buettner



WHAT'S COMING UP?

MARCH

- 1 - Communion 10:00 am
- 5 - Lenten Supper & Service at Elim 5:00 pm
- 8 - Lenten Supper & Service at Ebenezer 5:00 pm
- 9 - Lincoln Manor Bible Study 1:30 pm
- 10 - CLASSIS
 - Consistory 6:30 p.m.
- 15 - Lenten Supper & Service at Elim 5:00 pm
- 17 - ST PATRICK'S DAY
- 22 - Lenten Supper & Service at Ebenezer 5:00 pm
- 23 - Lincoln Manor Bible Study 1:30 pm
- 24 - Elim serves at Rochelle Food Pantry
- 27 - Elim serves at Rochelle Food Pantry
- 29 - Lenten Supper & Service at Elim 5:00 pm



April

- 1 - Women's Missionary & Aid Society meeting 1:30 pm
- 5 - Communion & Benevolent Fund Offering 10:00 am
 - PALM SUNDAY
- 9 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 10 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 12 - EASTER BREAKFAST 8:30 - 9:30 am
 - EASTER WORSHIP 10:00 am
- 13 - Lincoln Manor Bible Study 1:30 pm
- 22 - Newsletter Deadline (for May/June issue)
- 27 - Lincoln Manor Bible Study 1:30 pm



USHER ASSIGNMENTS

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March

- 1 - Wayne Hayenga
- 8 - Brad Engelkes
- 15 - Bob Alderks
- 22 - Wayne Hayenga
- 29 - Brad Engelkes

April

- 5 - Bob Alderks
- 12 - Wayne Hayenga
- 19 - Brad Engelkes
- 26 - Bob Alderks