



The Elim Scribe

New Year's Resolutions ~ Pr Bruce

"Behold, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:5

Good things are happening for Elim Lutheran Church in 2020. Several projects that have been talked about are scheduled for 2020.

- The flat roof over our offices will get an estimate when the weather permits, and repairs will take place. It was repaired temporarily in December but needs more thorough work.
- New pew pads will be made to replace our old, worn-out pads.
- Though it may take an extended time, our parking lot will be repaved and landscaping added to beautify our lot, work being done in coordination with Ogden city.
- Our nursery flooring will be replaced.
- Funds permitting, we would also investigate replacing the "fish bowl" and sanctuary carpet.

Keep watching! Little by little, step by step, we are moving forward. Be encouraged. Have hope. Thank our gracious God for the good things happening here at Elim.

One Word for the Year ~ Vicar Lisa

We have a yearly tradition in my family on New Year's Day of choosing ONE WORD. On January 1st we gather around the table with markers and magnetic sheet. We share around the table our hopes and dreams for the coming year and the kind of person we want to become this year. We write down a list of characteristics that describe this kind of person, and then each of us narrows our list down to ONE WORD. We write the word down on the magnetic sheet and decorate it with Bible verses or other images. The Word Magnetics stick to the side of our fridge to remind us of whom we wish to become this year.

Last year, my ONE WORD was ACCEPTANCE. This year's word will be PERSPECTIVE. As a family we have found this practice fulfilling in many ways. As we share our ONE WORD from the past year, we are genuinely surprised how God has worked in our lives through small and big ways. Try something new this year and minimize your New Year's Resolution to ONE WORD, and watch how God is meeting you in places and times not known before.

Here are the top-ten words chosen most often: Trust, Patience, Love, Discipline, Focus, Faith, Surrender, Peace, Listen, Joy. What will your ONE WORD be for 2020?



Elim's Outreach

The Elim mitten tree was decorated with hats/scarves/socks/gloves and more for local charities serving Ogden residents in need. Pam Deitsch coordinated the Church Women United effort for our congregation. First deliveries were made in mid-December, but the tree remains up until January 6th awaiting additional adornments. Please send or bring donations to the church by January 6th. Thanks to all who donated!



Several other special events will happen in January & February. Kay Clark and Pam Deitsch are planning a Super Bowl XIV “Souper Bowl” event through the month of January. You are invited to bring (or send) canned goods to the church, from January 5th until February 2nd. The items collected will be donated to a local food bank.

In celebration of Valentine's Day, we will have a special Valentine's Day-themed 10 a.m worship service on February 9th. That afternoon at 2 p.m., Pr. Bruce will lead an “Old Fashioned Love Songs” sing-a-long at Harrison-Regent, as part of the regular service there.

Remember that Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. We will hold Lenten soup lunches beginning Sunday, March 1st.

Karlene Widner is still busy settling into her new space at the George Wahlen Veterans Home, so she was unable to provide us with a column about biblical archaeology this issue. She'll be back!

2019 Year in Review - Rick Widner - Council President

2019 was a good year for Elim. Church attendance has been increasing, and revenues have exceeded expenses. Special music included Christmas Choir, and regular services were accompanied by violin, our wonderful organists, and Pastor's energetic guitar playing. We have some Lindstrom fund resources that can be used for church improvements, advertising, etc.

A generous arrangement with Zion Lutheran Church has given us the services of Vicar (Intern) Lisa Mensinger for a full year. Her time preaching and helping out with church business will assist with her growth, as well as with growth at Elim.

Ogden City is working with us to beautify and improve our property, including resurfacing the entire parking lot in exchange for a 16-foot-wide strip of property along the west side of our lot where a new road will go in for access to new housing. One current rendering of the proposal will appear on our facebook page with this Scribe issue. We hope to move the parking to the NW corner of our property, helping to direct people to the main entrance.

We will miss friends who are no longer with us, including Sid Ash, Bee Glismann, Tom Cook, Jack Johnson, Joyce Toone, Joan Goich, and Mildred E. Tolle.

We will be having our 2020 Congregational meeting and council elections on January 26th.

Happy New year to you and to all your family and friends!

