



Elim Lutheran Church

The Messenger

March 2018

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Pastor's Ponderings ...

A long time ago in a land far far away, not really just in Ohio, when I was a parish secretary I published a children's addition of the parishes newsletter. The adult version was called the Comet and the children's version was called the Comet's Tail. Each month I wrote an opening article attempting to explain in children's language what was happening in the church. It might be a season of the church year or an anniversary celebration or something that was going on in the world. We included coloring pages and puzzles and things that were pertinent to the children. I wrote this publication using a church squirrel named "Chatter" as the speaker.

One year during Lent I explained to the kids that there are two similar words Lent and lint. Lint is something that collects on your clothes and in your dryers while Lent with an "e" is a holiday in the church. I went on to explain about Lent with an "e". As time passes I believe that the idea of Lent has indeed changed but has also become a time of irrelevance for many people. It seems quite often that people wish to skip over Lent and go directly to Easter. I would say that the spiritual side of their hearts is collecting lint rather than following the Lenten journey of the cross.

We cannot as a Christian truly celebrate Easter without remembering all that Christ's has done for humanity. How are we called to remember the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus? Historically, liturgical Christians have long observed the six weeks before Easter as a time set apart for reflection, fasting, and seeking forgiveness. Generally speaking we first think of what we should give up for Lent. However, I would encourage you to add something positive such as serving others in some same. Lent is a time of remembrance of all that Christ has done for us. Lent is a time to give of your time and talents to others. Lent is a time to forgive and be forgiven recognizing that God has already forgiven us.

The origins of Lent were a time of intense preparation for Baptism at Easter. What could be more joyful than someone transformed into a new life in Christ? For a baptismal candidate this is a time to get ready for a new life. For those already baptized Lent is a time to clear out the lint in our lives. It is a time to remember our Savior's gift to us. Let's remember!

Lenten Peace and Joy,

Pr. Katherine



QUOTE from MARTIN LUTHER

“The dog is the most faithful of animals and would be much esteemed were it not so common. Our Lord God has made His greatest gifts the commonest.”

Martin Luther



“I Am” Worship Services

Sunday: March 4, 2018 - Elim Lutheran Church, PMA Wally Bunk

Sunday: March 11, 2018 - United Methodist Church, Lay Minister Susan Smith, Kanopolis Lake Ministries

Sunday: March 18, 2018 - United Methodist Church, Pr. Sharon Thomas

Good Friday: March 30, 2018 - Freemount Lutheran Church, Pr. Gerald Berggren

Maundy Thursday: March 29, 2018 – Holy Communion and Foot washing at Elim Lutheran Church



~ CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~

Church Council – Officers elected; newly-elected council members welcomed.

Worship & Music – Met February 12.

Finance & Stewardship – No meeting.

Evangelism - No Meeting. Kelly French to be chairman of committee.

Social Ministry - No meeting

Christian Education –Met February 7

Property – Met February 5. Ceiling tiles replaced in balcony. Further repairs needed.

Memorial – No meeting.

Next meeting to be held on March 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENTION GRADUATES and their families:

The Senior Blessing for graduates will be MAY 6. Please plan to attend.



Please keep in prayer – Margarett Larson, Carol Jones, Janet Lampe, Nikki Larson, Ike Bauer (friend of Dawson Feil), Sarah Jane Smith, Tim Thatcher (nephew of Pr. Katherine), Joan Schaechterle (niece of Pr. Katherine), Lana Rock, Anna Caesar, Helen Weber and Zeb Larson.

If you have prayer requests, please contact Pastor Katherine or the church office by leaving a note on the bulletin board, calling 785-546-2244, or emailing elimsec@gmail.com

~ MEAL PROVIDERS ~

YOUTH GROUPS: We are in need of members willing to provide meals for the Wednesday night Youth Groups. Our youth are truly a blessing and to provide a meal for them is a way to feed Christ, as well. Please contact Tammy Feil at 620-242-4764 or Hannah Jones at 620-755-7520 if you would be interested in cooking them a meal!

COFFEE HOUR HOST/HOSTESSES NEEDED: We offer a time of fellowship between Sunday school and Worship Services and are in need of people to be a host or hostess. Take some time to share moments of Christian fellowship. Please sign up in the kitchen!

~ WELCA NEWS ~



Ashby House items will be delivered to Salina soon. If you haven't made your donation and would like to donate, we will leave the collection box in the Parish Hall for part of the month of March.

Plans are made for our "Prayer Hike" lead by Julie Olson at 2:00 on March 18. Check out the poster on the bulletin board for

details.

Betsy Patrick has started work on the new Elim Cookbook. Get your recipes together. Thank you to all for help with projects in February.

☺ *LeAnn, WELCA President*

~ PRAYER HIKE ~

WELCA will travel to Kanopolis Lake for a Prayer Hike on Sunday, **March 18 at 2:00 PM**. Julie Olson will lead the hike, which will be approximately 2.5 - 3 miles long. Please be aware that the hike can be strenuous as the terrain can go up and down hills at sharp inclines. Wear sturdy shoes that you don't mind getting muddy or sandy as the springs make the ground soggy in places. Please bring a water bottle. A walking stick may also be helpful for balancing on logs to get across streams. A light snack will be served after the hike. If you need more information contact: Julie Olson at 785-577-5144. **COME JOIN THE FUN!**

Confirmation / Affirmation of Baptism

On Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018, the following youth will be confirmed here at Elim. They have gone through our confirmation program and learned a great deal. My hope is that they recognize that biblical study has not ended on this day but is a lifelong experience with God.

The students include:

Lilyan Boughfman, daughter of Beau and Lisa Boughfman

Pierce Hamma, son of Peter and Susan Hamma.

Grace Witte, daughter of Jamie and Becky Witte

We look forward to witnessing their roles in the church develop and grow with maturity and faithfulness. I urge you to encourage them in that growth.



Are We Ever Too Young?

We can never ever receive too much of Jesus. I would like to begin a class of First Communion Students. When I spoke with the Church Council about it and asked what age it is usually done at Elim, they said around fourth grade. I know that I have had children in fourth grade hold their hand out to receive the bread, which breaks my heart when I have to walk past them. Communion in the first century was a meal. I can't believe for a second that any of you would eat a meal and not allow your child or grandchild to be fed. I have been to places where all people no matter their age or understanding were allowed to commune.

Most often I hear from people that children cannot understand what communion means. Communion is not about understanding what communion means. I dare say very few people truly understand what communion is because it is a mystery. I will admit communion is such a mystery no one, not even adults, can truly understand this holy sacrament instituted by Jesus before he ascended.

Communion is instead a true gift from a loving God to feed and nourish God's people for forgiveness of sins and strength for the journey we call life. Our understanding or lack thereof has nothing to do with this gift. Chronological age has little to do with faith.

In fact, Jesus told his disciples not to send the children away. Instead Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

I can hardly wait to plan this class. If you believe in your heart that your son or daughter would like to join us at the table, please contact me as soon as possible.

Pr. Katherine

REMINDER:

It's time to order lilies for Easter Sunday. Cost will be approximately \$8.00. Further information and order forms will be available in upcoming weeks. Deadline for orders will be Monday, March 26.



BEST CHOICE LABELS

The Christian Education Committee is still collecting Best Choice Labels for a fundraiser to help send our church youth to Camp Tomah-Shinga. The church recently received \$60.00 from labels turned in. Please save the UPC symbol from the products. Cut the UPC symbol from labels or cartons. Please be sure to cut the labels with the words Best Choice at the top of the symbol. Each label is worth 3 cents. There are two white boxes at the church, one in the kitchen and the other next to the bulletins in the narthex when you enter the church. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please ask Dorine Cunningham.

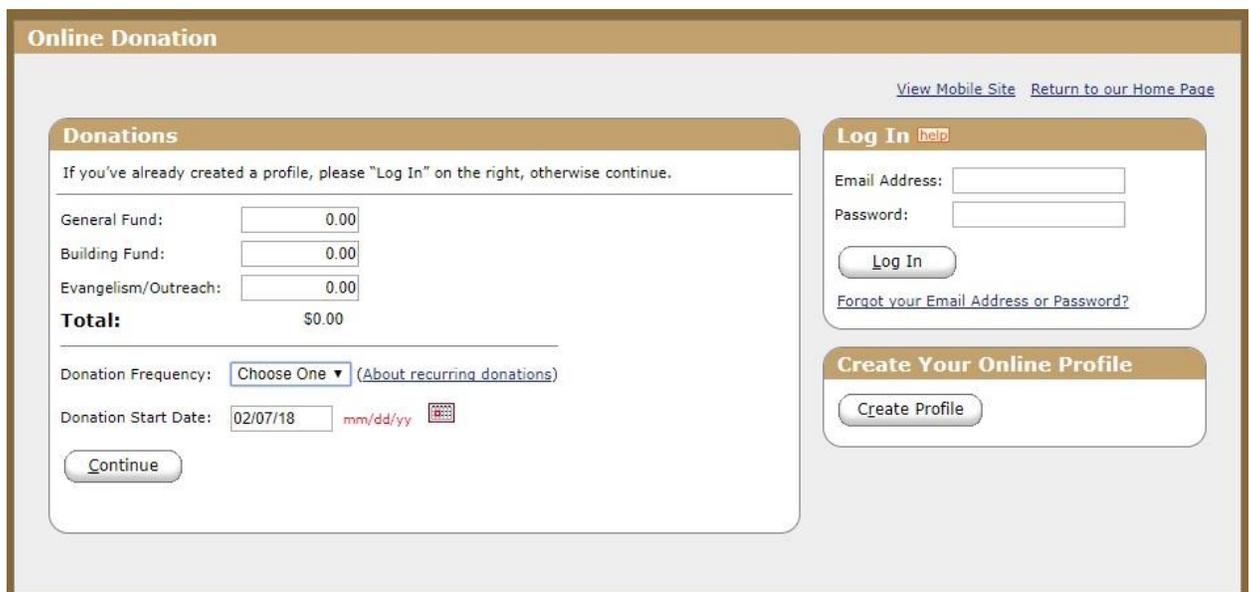
Electronic Giving

Visit www.elimmarquette.org

A blue, rounded rectangular button with the text "Give Online" in white.

Click on the button on the homepage.

You will then be taken to another website that looks like this:

A screenshot of the "Online Donation" website interface. The page has a light beige background with a brown header. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Donations" and contains a form with three input fields for "General Fund", "Building Fund", and "Evangelism/Outreach", each with a value of "0.00". Below these is a "Total:" label with a value of "\$0.00". There is a "Donation Frequency:" dropdown menu set to "Choose One" and a "Donation Start Date:" field with the value "02/07/18". A "Continue" button is at the bottom of this section. The right column has a "Log In" section with "Email Address:" and "Password:" fields, a "Log In" button, and a link for "Forgot your Email Address or Password?". Below that is a "Create Your Online Profile" section with a "Create Profile" button. At the top right of the page, there are links for "View Mobile Site" and "Return to our Home Page".

From here you can make a one time, weekly, monthly donation from the Donation Frequency drop down. If you already created an account, you can log in with your email address and password. Finally, if you don't have an account, you can create your own online profile by clicking "Create Profile" button (**recommended**)

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If you do a General Fund donation and click Continue, the next screen will look like this:

You can select a Checking or Savings account

Donation Information

First Name: (required)

Last Name: (required)

Address 1: (required)

Address 2:

City: (required)

State / Zip: (required) /

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Account Type
 Checking Savings

Routing Number:

Account Number:

Joe Smith 1234
1234 Anystreet Court
Anycity, AA 12345 1234

Pay to the order of _____ Dollars

Bank Anywhere

⌈ 123456789 ⌋ ⌈ 123456789 123 ⌋ ⌈ 1234 ⌋

Bank Routing Number Bank Account Number Check Number (Do not use)

Would you like to save your profile before continuing?

Saving your profile will:

- Take only a moment—all you have to do is select a password
- Enable you to change or stop a recurring donation at any time
- Allow you to view and print your online donation history

I'm not a robot


reCAPTCHA
[Privacy](#) - [Terms](#)

Note: Please review the information you entered carefully.
Once you click the Process button your donation will be submitted and you will have authorized this organization to debit money from your account.

Check the box, I'm not a robot and then click the **Process** to continue.

~ UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ELIM YOUTH ~

Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday, March 26: Pictures of the confirmands will be taken at that time. Special treats are planned for Fellowship time for confirmands and their families.

Camp Tomah-Shinga: The deadline to sign up for camp is April 1. Look for further details in upcoming bulletins. Contact Dorine Cunningham at 785-546-2733 if you have any questions.

SERVING THE LORD
in MARCH

ACOLYTES:

March: Pierce Hamma, Kayla Fox

GREETERS:

4 – Matt and Diane Hedberg
11 – Tom and Cathy French
18 – Scott and Linda Johnson
25 – Jeremy Snapp and Emilie
29 – Jay and LeAnn Everhart
(Maundy Thursday)

LECTORS:

4 – Tammy Feil
11 – Diane Hedberg
18 – Gayle Nelson
25 – Allan Lindfors
29 – Jackie Larson
(Maundy Thursday)

CHILDREN'S SERMONS:

11 – Brooke Olson

COMMUNION SET-UP / CLEAN UP:

COMMUNION BREAD:

4 – Set-up: Carol Jones &
Beth Thomas
Bread: Carol Jones
29 – Darryl and Diane Talbott
(Maundy Thursday)

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

4 - Wally Bunk
18 – Dana Olson
25 – Matt Everhart
(Palm Sunday/Confirmation)
29 – (Maundy Thursday)

COFFEE HOSTESS:

4 -
11 – Jackie Larson
18 – Cindy Bunk
25 – Brooke Olson, Betty Amos

RIVERVIEW BIRTHDAY PARTY:

March 30 – Julie Olson, treats

2018 USHER SCHEDULE

March:

Wally Bunk – Captain,
Matt Hedberg, Will
Hedberg, Gail Lindstedt,
Barry Nelson, Morris
Nelson, Darryl Talbott,
Jeremy Snapp, Brady
Jones, Shane Fox



Monthly Financial Report

February 2018

Beginning Balance as of 01/01/17:	\$2495.47
Revenue:	\$8520.69
Expenses:	\$-8131.80
Ending Balance as of 01/31/17:	\$2884.36

~NOISE OFFERING~

The Noise Offering, which is taken on the second Sunday of every month, is to benefit the Children's Memorial Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Please remember to bring your loose change for the Sunday School Children to collect. The Sunday School Offering for the 2017-2018 school year will be going to the ELCA God's Global Barnyard. Through this program barnyard animals are purchased by the children as an effort in countries who are learning to be self-sufficient. Taking a Sunday school offering is a wonderful way to help the children learn to be generous and faithful to God. It is truly a joy to watch them participate in such a vital way.

~ GIVING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Camp Tomah Shinga: Our Church Camp is in need of chain saws, log splitter, 8 toilets, chipper/shredder, work gloves, and window A/C units.

Central States Synod: Our Synod is in need of donations for Mission support.

Noise Offering: Children's Memorial Lutheran in Kansas City for outreach ministries.

McPherson County Habitat for Humanity

Bread for the World

Campaign for the ELCA (\$198 million)—special emphasis this year on the \$115 million goal for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Checks may be made out to Elim Lutheran Church. Please memo to indicate where you would like your donation to go.

~RIVERVIEW SONGFEST~

Volunteers are being sought to help with the Riverview Songfest conducted by Elim from 4-4:30. A schedule will be compiled soon to cover this important ministry for 2018. You DON'T have to be an accomplished singer, but you do need to know how to smile and visit and extend the love of Christ to the residents of Riverview Estates. EVERYONE is welcome to come, (men, women and children, too!). Please prayerfully consider helping us to serve in this ministry to others. This could be another way to teach our youth the vital message of serving the Lord. Spread the Gospel at Riverview Estates by signing up for, at least one time during the year. Pastor tries to remind us when it is our turn to minister to those who often cannot come to church on a regular basis.

Contact Jackie Larson at 785-546-2465 with any questions.

MARCH Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Christensen
- 2 Pierce Hamma
- 2 Blakely Niegsch
- 6 Carri Thies
- 6 Neal Morel
- 6 Ernie Sommerfeld
- 7 Nic Morel
- 7 Taylor Russell
- 8 Lois Johnson
- 9 Justin Myers
- 10 Catalina Hernandez
- 12 Noah Lindfors
- 13 Dean Johnson
- 13 Rochelle Hamilton
- 14 Jeri Hintz
- 14 Brian Patrick
- 14 Andrea Willems
- 14 Brynne Weber
- 15 Jeremy Snapp
- 16 Janet Nelson
- 18 Kenneth Talbott
- 18 Bart Oakley
- 19 Phil Hamilton
- 20 Gayle Phillips
- 29 William Neal Nickel
- 21 Cindy Bunk
- 22 Donald Farris, Jr.
- 23 Kenzi Kaufman
- 24 Laurel Patrick
- 26 Susan Buffington
- 26 Steve Christensen
- 28 Ann Hernandez



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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| 7 | Mr. and Mrs. Leland Nelson | 31 years |
| 12 | Mr. and Mrs. Tom Emery | 35 years |

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Betty Amos, Jeremy Snapp, Dorine Cunningham, Matt Everhart, Diane Hedberg, Bob Jones, Kelly French, Steve Patrick, Dana Olson, Lana Rock, Scott Feil, and Patty Kolling.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation – Minutes
Elim Lutheran Church, Marquette, KS
January 21, 2018

Devotions: Pastor Katherine Kolodziejczyk gave devotions.

Opening of Meeting: Kelly Larson, Church Council President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Kelly Larson thanked the church for electing her to serve on the council for the past six years. She stated that she is pleased with the younger members who are currently involved with the church council.

Passing of 2018 Volunteer Lists: Greeters, Lectors, Altar Flowers, Coffee Hosts, February Meals on Wheels, Riverview Songfest. A request was made for meal providers for youth group during the school year. Adam and Hannah Jones, and Tammy Feil are the youth group leaders. It was explained that there are 13 youth, 3 adults, and 9 confirmands who attend the meal. Attendance sheet for number of members attending annual meeting was also passed around. 56 members attended.

Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes: Correction: Lois Johnson was listed as Lois Edwards in error. Lois Johnson moved and Bob Jones seconded that the 2017 annual meeting minutes be approved with the correction. Motion passed unopposed.

Report from the Nominating Committee: Kelly Larson thanked the nominating committee for their efforts. There are currently five positions open on the Church Council. Kelly Larson reminded members that those listed on the ballot as incumbents have been on the church council for 3 years and have agreed to serve another term. Ballots were passed out with the following candidates: Scott Feil (incumbent), Patty Kolling (incumbent), Lana Rock, Jackie Larson, JoAn Lindfors, Dana Olson, Brandon Hulse, and Steve Patrick.

Nominations from the Floor: Kelly Larson asked if any more nominations came from the floor. It was moved and seconded that nominations cease.

Tellers appointed by Council Chairman: Lois Johnson, Pete Hamill, Darren Able.

Election of Council Members by Ballot: A re-vote was required due to a tie between two candidates. Council members elected in 2018 to serve for 3 years will be Scott Feil, Patty Kolling, Lana Rock, Dana Olson, and Steve Patrick.

Election of Memorial Committee: Kelly Larson noted the generous memorial donations received this year. Committee members include Janis Larson, Diane Hedberg, Diane Talbott, Dorine Cunningham, Cindy Bunk, Charlotte Knackstedt, Pam Morel and Vicki Young. Alan Lindfors moved and Kelly French seconded to accept current committee members for 2018. Motion passed unopposed.

Election of Nominating Committee: Hannah Jones and Sandra Myers requested to be taken off the committee. Curtis Patrick and Tammy Feil agreed to remain on the committee. Nominations from the floor were Julie Olson, Darryl Talbott, and Kasey Kolling. Dana Olson moved and Jeremy Snapp seconded that nominations cease. Motion passed unopposed.

Appointment of Auditing Committee Member: Marci Fox, Andi Willems, and Susan Buffington will continue to serve in 2018. Kayley Fleming was asked to serve but declined. Dana Olson moved that nominations cease. Motion passed unopposed.

Reports:

Pastor's Report: Kelly Larson noted that Pastor Katherine Kolodziejczyk began her role as pastor of Elim Lutheran Church on February 5, 2017, coming from the state of Michigan. She expressed the hope that everyone in the congregation has learned to pronounce her name. Diane Hedberg moved and Bob Jones seconded to accept Pastor's Report as written. Motion passed unopposed.

Committee Reports: Kelly Larson thanked all those who served on committees. She stated anyone is welcome to join the committees, with the exception of the Memorial Committee, which is determined by vote. Alan Lindfors moved and Patty Kolling seconded that committee reports be accepted as corrected. Motion passed unopposed.

Annual Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2018 (cont.)

Christian Education: No additions or corrections.

Memorial Committee: No additions or corrections.

Property Committee: Adam Jones needs to be taken off as the council representative.

Finance and Stewardship: No additions or corrections.

WELCA: LeeAnn Everhart thanked the committee chairpersons, and reminded members to sign up for Meals on Wheels for February and to make donations for Ashby House.

Evangelism: No additions or corrections.

Social Ministry: Jeremy Snapp mentioned that more members are needed to be on the committee. There are currently only 3 members: Jeremy Snapp, Peter Hamma, and Patty Kolling. Hannah Jones asked the difference between the Evangelism and Social Ministry committees. Kelly Larson responded that the Evangelism committee encourages new members and current non-participating members to attend and contribute to the church.

Worship and Music: No additions or corrections.

- **Financial Reports:** Kelly Larson thanked Diane Hedberg for preparing the 2017 financial reports, and Andi Willems who helped audit the books. Matt Everhart discussed the current financial difficulties the church is experiencing, and asked that if every member could give at least \$50 each it would make a difference. Julie Olson asked if expenses and receipts could be posted in the weekly bulletin to remind members to give consistently. It was suggested the council consider. It is currently posted in the Messenger each month. LeeAnn Everhart asked if the Memorial Committee has plans for spending current funds. Members were invited to discuss proposed uses with the committee. It was noted that the Scholarship Fund is not posted in the Financial Report. There are 5 current recipients for these student loans. Students must apply per year and are eligible for \$500.00 per year. They are required to pay back the loans. Reported in the Scholarship Fund account: beginning balance \$5,379.66, ending balance \$5,382.30. Kelly French moved and Wally Bunk seconded to accept the financial reports as written. Reports were audited by Marci Fox. Motion passed unopposed.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business:

- **Adoption of 2018 Budget:** The council recently approved the 2018 proposed budget. Don Lundquist asked why there was a zero amount listed under the PMA. Wally Bunk responded that he does not want pay for his duties as PMA.
- **Messenger Online:** Freda Talbott asked if the Messenger could be placed online to save mailing costs. Dana Olson suggested the annual report be placed online also. It was moved by Julie Olson that the council further consider this option. Hannah Jones asked about the offering booklets and how it is determined who wants or needs one. She reported some of the youth members have received the offering booklets and some have not. Kelly Larson encouraged giving online (direct deposit) to help eliminate the cost of offering envelopes. Jeremy Snapp passed around sheets for members to write down their e-mail addresses.
- **Recognition:** Ken Hedberg thanked Diane Hedberg for doing a great job on the financial reports, and noted that it is a lot of work and an unpaid position. Kelly Larson thanked Lana Rock, Carylee Nelson, and others for helping with the potluck preparation, serving, and cleanup. She also thanked the church council for their work each year.

Adjournment: Wally Bunk moved and Patty Kolling seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:10 PM. Motion passed unopposed. Pastor Katherine Kolodziejczyk noted that Darryl Talbott and Kelly Larson were leaving the church council, and thanked them for everything they had done, to include hugs and invites to dinner to make her feel welcome in her new church home. Pastor ended the meeting in prayer.