

# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

May 18, 2014

Graduation Sunday

*...the wisdom that  
comes from heaven  
is first of all pure; then  
peace-loving, considerate,  
submissive, full of mercy  
and good fruit, impartial  
and sincere.*

*James 3:17*



# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 18, 2014

*"A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."*

~ Theodore Roosevelt ~

## GATHERING BEFORE GOD

*We are invited into the presence of God!*

*\*Please turn your cell phones off\**

### PRELUDE

### HYMNS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitator

Linda Gilmour

HYMN #464

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

HYMN #23

*"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"*

HYMN #334

*"Come, Let Us Reason"*

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## HEARING FROM GOD

We give our attention to God by opening our lives to His Word!

We invite God's Spirit to take this Word into our lives that we might be formed into the image and likeness of Jesus!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5,6)*

### CHILDREN SERMON TODAY

*(Children dismissed for Children's Church, please for ages 3 thru 5th grade only).*

### WORDS FROM GOD

John 15:1-8

*Scripture Reader, Mike Hermann*

# **RESPONDING TO GOD**

Now that God has spoken to us, it is time for us to speak to Him!

## **MESSAGE**

**“Fruit Bearing”  
Pastor Steve Peterson**

## **SONG**

*“In Christ Alone”*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*“I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.  
Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.”  
(Psalm 116:1-2)*

## **OFFERTORY**

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

## **BEING SENT BY GOD**

God sends us out into the world that he desperately loves. His presence goes with us. We leave as God’s agents of grace and mercy.

## **BENEDICTION**

### ***Scripture Reading for the Week***

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>2 Peter 1:3-4</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Proverbs 8:17</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 2:9</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Joel 2:19</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalms 45:6</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Isaiah 55:3</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Revelation 2:7</i>

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## **TODAY’S GREETERS**

Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk

## **HEAD USHER**

Josh Parrott

## **USHERS**

Chris Carsell, Orlin Johnson, Gary Wells

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

Don Yoeckel

# “Fruit Bearing”

## John 15:1-8

- I. Intro & Context: Fruit bearing
  - a. Importance (Jn. 15:2,8) (cf. Lk. 3:8,9; 6:43)
  - b. Defined
    - i. A scarcity of definitions (Lk. 3:8; Phil. 1:11; Heb. 13:15; Gal. 5:22)
    - ii. A suggested working definition: “The fruit Jesus is after are the results of a life lived for Him”
- II. Key: Remain in Christ (Jn. 15:1-9)
  - a. Through His Word (v. 7) (cf. Deut. 11:18-20; Josh. 1:7-8; Ps. 119; Col. 3:16) “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you...” (Col. 3:16)
  - b. Through His love (v. 9) (cf. Rom. 8:38-89; Eph. 3:17-19; 1 Jn. 2:5; 4:12; 5:3; Jude 1:21) “... if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us” (1 Jn. 4:12)
  - c. Through the sacraments (cf. Mt. 28:19; Jn. 6:56; Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27)
    - i. Baptism (cf. Mt. 28:19; Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27) “For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Gal. 3:27)
    - ii. Communion (cf. Mk. 14:22-25; Jn. 6:56; 1 Cor. 11:23-29) “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them” (Jn. 6:56)
  - d. Through His Spirit (Jn. 14:15-17; Acts 1:4-5, 8; 2:1-4; Rom. 8:9; Gal. 5:16-25) “If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ” (Rom. 8:9)
  - e. Through His Church
    - i. The Church is Jesus’ body (Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18, 24), made up of those who are “sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people” (1 Cor. 1:2)
    - ii. To remain in Christ implies that we should remain in His body, the church (cf. Heb. 10:19-25)
- III. Note: Results are not your responsibility (Jn. 15:5) (e.g. Jonah 4; Acts 10:45; 1 Cor. 3:5-7) “So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow” (1 Cor. 3:6-7)
- IV. Conclusion

## **PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises: Our 2014 High School Graduates: Brandon Dang, Leah Hermann, Ana Lewis, Alex Reed, Kamron Wilson. Also, congratulations to Adam Hermann graduating from college.**

**Prayer Concerns: Please pray for Jonnie McDermond's grandson Brett Scott who had back surgery, but is doing well. Tabatha Estes had surgery.**

### **Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:**

Unspoken needs of our brothers & sisters: Dave, Tasha Munger, Lisa, Dorothy & Adolph Laurick, Eddie Linehan, Tyler, Anna Swanson, R.P., Vivian Smith, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Betty Lindberg, Wiley Barnes, Marj Nelson, Jay Stanley, John Hutchison, Tabatha Estes, Lori Smith, Brett Scott, Travis Ferry, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

### **Prayer Notes:**



#### **Sunday Prayer Following Worship**

Please feel free to take your burden or praise to one of the Elim Prayer Team members available to pray with you. Team members include: Julie, Linda, Carolyn, Juanita & Tasha and can be easily found at the back of the sanctuary in the northeast classroom.



#### **Monday Evening Prayer Gathering**

Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. there is a prayer gathering held at Elim. You are encouraged to come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

#### **Prayer Chain**

The prayer network is used when special needs arise during the week. Call Judy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. otherwise call or text Tasha Munger @ (309) 281-8784 with your request. If no answer, you may leave your concern on the answer machine and it will be relayed ASAP.

# GRADUATION SUNDAY TODAY



We will honor our 5 high school graduates with a cake reception following worship today. Our grads are: Brandon Dang, Leah Hermann, Ana Lewis, Alex Reed & Kamron Wilson.

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## NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Coming soon!

We are on the schedule with Lifetouch Church Directory Company to take pictures for a new church directory. Our dates are: **Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, June 12, 13, & 14<sup>th</sup> . Sign-up ASAP.**

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## FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT

We are making decorations for VBS. All are invited to come and help, it will be on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. See Natalie Hermann with any questions.

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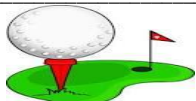
## *April Financial Report*

Current Expenses	Building	Other	Totals
Balance 4/1 \$14,047	\$3,984	\$9,372	\$27,403
Receipts \$13,503	\$ 242	\$ 3,305	\$17,050
Disbursements \$16,371	\$ 0.00	\$1,799	\$18,170
Balance 4/30 \$11,179	\$4,226	\$10,878	\$26,283



## GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Brandon Dang is graduating from Moline High School & we are invited to help him celebrate. The party will be Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> @ Elim from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Brandon is a member of the National Honor Society and is in the top 10 of his class of over 500!! Way to go Brandon!!!



## W.I.L.D. GOLF OUTING

The annual W.I.L.D. Golf Outing will be held in Princeton on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, registration @ 10:30 a.m. with a shot-gun start time @ 11:30 a.m.

Elim Student Ministries Presents:

### ESM's Night Out

Featuring YouthHope's "Mad Skills" Poetry

Join us for a night of good food and great entertainment!

Steak, potatoes, salad and dessert!

(Chicken breast will be available for those who cannot eat red meat)

\$10.00 Per Person - (must have ticket for entry)

Child care for ages 0-5 will be provided.

100% of the proceeds from this event will go towards the student funds of ESM and to support the ministries of YouthHope.



Friday, June 6th

6:30 PM

Elim Covenant Church

5201 18th Ave.

Moline, IL 61265



**VBS IS COMING SOON!!!**

**Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**See Rachel Cunningham or Victoria Fowler.**

**Training session on Sat. May 31<sup>st</sup> from**

**9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>**

## ***LOOKING AHEAD***

<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b> Sunday School
		<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship Celebration Service
		<b>12 Noon</b> All-church Cake Reception for Graduates
<b>Mon-Thrs</b>	<b>May 19-22</b>	<b>10:00a-3:00p</b> CIU – China Painting Seminar
<b>Mon</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Prayer Team Gathering
<b>Tue</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> <u>Last</u> Trailblazers for the season
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> Dollar Dinner
		<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Youth/Choir Practice
<b>Thur</b>	<b>May 22</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
		<b>6:00 -7:30 pm</b> CIU – YMCA Pre-School Graduation
		<b>6:30 p.m.</b> <u>NO</u> Julie Wells Women’s Bible Study
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 24</b>	<b>9:00-11:00am</b> S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
		<b>2:00-5:00 p.m.</b> Brandon Dang Graduation Party – all are invited
<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 25</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b> Sunday School
		<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship Celebration Service
<b>Mon</b>	<b>May 26</b>	Office Closed for Memorial Day
<b>Tue</b>	<b>May 27</b>	<b>6:30-8:00 pm</b> Family Craft Night – Making Decorations for VBS
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> Dollar Dinner
		<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Youth/Choir Practice
<b>Thur</b>	<b>May 29</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
		<b>9:00-12 Noon</b> CIU – YMCA Meeting
		<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Julie Wells Women’s Bible Study
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>9:00-11:00am</b> VBS Training Meeting
<b>Sun</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b> Sunday School
		<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship Celebration Service
<b>Mon</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> W.I.L.D. Golf Outing in Princeton

### *May Birthdays*

20 – Martha Peterson  
 22 – Bill Minard  
 28 – Jim Ogden  
 29 – Jay Stanley  
 30 – Kate Schaechter

### *May Anniversaries*

*None listed*

**Note:** CIU means  
 Church In Use

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 45      Worship = 107

Mowing Schedule May 23 C. Carsell & J. Schaechter      May 30 Don Yoeckel & Josh Parrott

**CHILD CARE THIS WEEK**

Nursery Cheryl Bear & Juanita Arellanos  
 Children’s Church 3-6 yrs Mary Bivens

**NEXT WEEK**  
 Mallory Burney & Meagan Bear  
 Rachel Cunningham

Children’s Church 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades M. Burney & M. DeArmond      N.Hermann & K. Schaechter

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