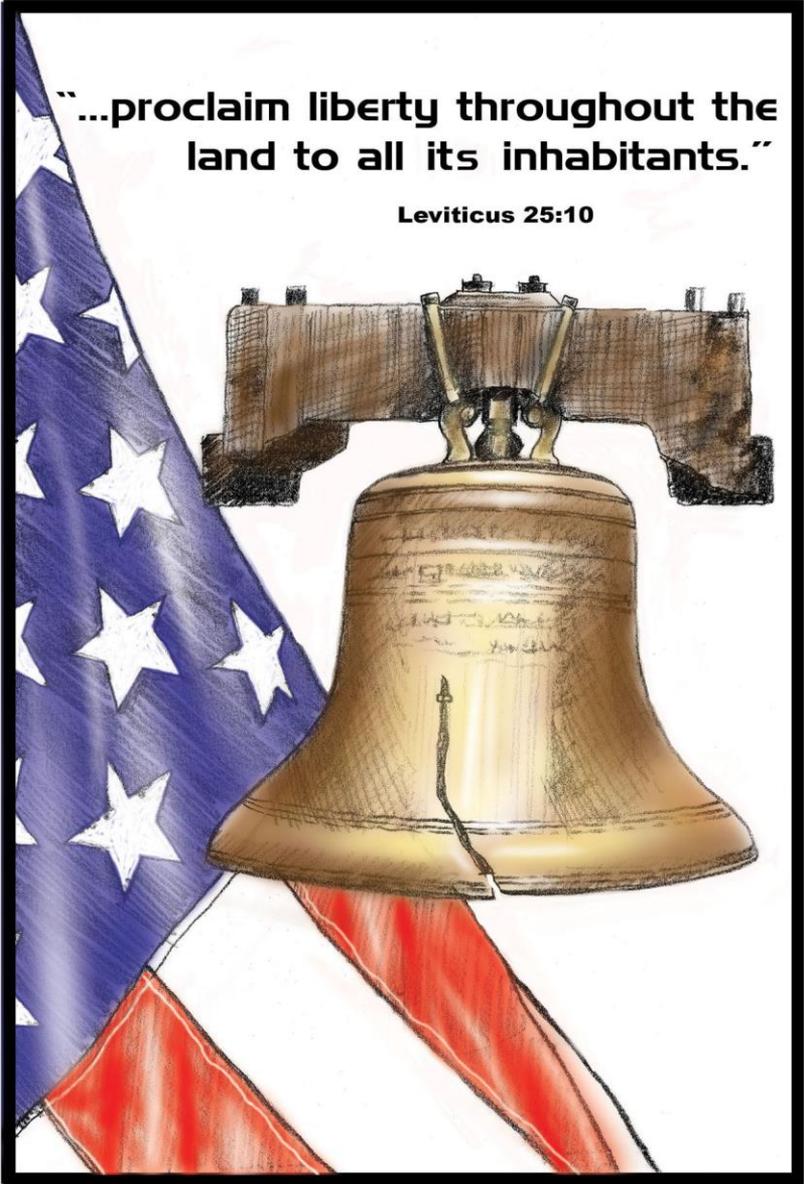


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

June 29, 2014

“...proclaim liberty throughout the
land to all its inhabitants.”

Leviticus 25:10



**Honoring our great country as we
worship in freedom and peace!**

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

June 29, 2014

“Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary things.
It consists in accepting, with a smile, what Jesus sends us.
It consists in accepting and following the will of God.”

[Mother Teresa, *Mother Teresa: In My Own Words*](#)

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

We are invited into the presence of God!

Please turn your cell phones off

Please sign the register book & pass it on.

PRELUDE

HYMNS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitator

Scott Fowler

SONG #135 (silver book) *“Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus”*

HYMN #430 *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”*

SONG #25 (silver book) *“How Majestic Is Your Name”*

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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

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you
trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Genesis 22:1-14

Scripture Reader, Pat Hudson

RESPONDING TO GOD

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

MESSAGE

“Never 2nd Best!”
Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” (Ephesians 4:29 NLT) Watch the words you say to others. Pray that God will control your thoughts and tongue.

OFFERTORY

Marisa Aleman

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.

SONG #140 (silver book)

“When Peace, Like a River”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Reading for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>John 4:14</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Romans 16:20</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Isaiah 25:9</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 147:9</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:22</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 37:23-26</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1 Timothy 4:4-5</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Tasha Munger & Don Peterson

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Rachel & L.J. Cunningham, Tom Dang

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

“Never 2nd Best!”

Gen. 22:1-14

I. Intro & Context

II. Life application

- A. God tests (refines/prunes/cleanses/disciplines) us (v. 1) (cf. Deut. 8:5; Ps. 51:2; 66:10-12; 94:12; Pr. 15:10; Isa. 48:10-11; Jer. 9:7; Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:1-4; 1 Cor. 11:31-32; Heb. 12:4-11)
- Because He loves us (Heb. 12:6) (cf. Pr. 3:11-12; Jn. 15:1-2,9; Rev. 3:19)
 - B/c He wants us to be holy, righteous & filled w/ His peace (Lev. 11:45; 19:2; 20:7,26; Rom. 6:19-23; Eph. 1:4; 1 Thes. 4:7; Heb. 10:22; 12:10-11; 1 Pt. 1:15)
 - B/c He wants to restore/reconcile us to Him (cf. Ps. 51:7-12; 80:4-7; Isa. 61; Jer. 33:8; Ezek. 37:23; Col. 1:21-23)
 - B/c it makes us stronger (Ja. 1:2-3; 1 Pt. 5:10)
 - That we might receive the crown of life (Ja. 1:12) (cf. Ps. 103:4; Isa. 35; 51:11; 2 Pt. 1:3-11)
- B. God's jealousy (v. 12)
- He's jealous for His own name & reputation (Isa. 42:8; 48:10-11) (cf. Ezek. 36:16-23; Rom. 2:24)
 - He won't tolerate being 2nd in our lives (i.e. Abraham & Isaac) (cf. Ex. 20:2-5; 34:14; Deut. 4:23-24; 32:16,21; Ps. 78:58; Ezek. 8; 23:25; Nah. 1:2; Zech. 1:4; 8:2; 1 Cor. 10:21-22; Ja. 4:4-5)
 - A positive spin on jealousy: He knows what adultery brings and what it does to us. (cf. Jer. 3:6-9; Ezek. 23:37; Hosea 2; 4:13)
- C. God's provision (v. 14)
- We're given EVERYTHING we need for a godly life (2 Pt. 1:3-4) (cf. Ps. 23; 34:9-10; Jn. 16:23-24; 1 Cor. 1:7; 1 Jn. 3:21-22)
 - The resulting harvest: righteousness & peace (Heb. 12:11) (cf. Job 42:10-17; Ps. 66:12; Isa. 32:17; Jn 4:36; Gal. 6:7-9; Ja. 3:18)

III. Closing

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Zambia group arrived home safe, sound & successful.
Celebrating our freedom & independence in the U.S.A.!!
Pastor Steve & Elizabeth's "Kettlebell" course & fellowship!
Great youth trip to water park in Burlington.

Prayer Concerns: Elim Blood Drive on Monday, July 7th;
Summer activities @ Elim.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Unspoken needs of our brothers & sisters: Dave, Tasha Munger, Lisa, Dorothy & Adolph Laurick, Family of Eddie Linehan, Tyler, Anna Swanson, R.P., Vivian Smith, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Betty Lindberg, Wiley Barnes, Marj Nelson, Jay Stanley, John Hutchison, 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.



Now Tuesday Evening Prayer Gathering

Each Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. (for the next 5 weeks) 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.

**PRAYER TEAM GATHERING NOW MEETING
ON TUESDAY EVENINGS @ 5:30 P.M. FOR
THE NEXT 5 WEEKS.**



The Birdies for Charity Fundraiser time is here! Help support our Elim Student Ministries thru the John Deere Golf Classic matching pledges program. Your "Birdie" pledge forms are on the table in the gathering area. Please turn them in to the church office by Sunday, July 6th so they can be mailed in by the July 11th deadline. Last year the birdie total was 2142. Good luck & thank you.



ANNOUNCING KETTLEBELL 6-WEEK COURSE!!!!

Now 2 sessions per evening – 5:00 & 6:30 p.m.

**Attention everyone who would like to increase
their fitness level!!**

- What:** 6 week Kettlebell course
- Where:** Home of Pastor Steve & Elizabeth
190 – 38th Avenue East Moline
- When:** Starting Monday, June 23rd
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings
from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & new 6:30 p.m. class
- Who:** Anyone from teenagers to Keenagers!!
Those who want to increase their fitness level.
Invite your friends & family members!!
- Cost:** \$25.00 for 6-week course, or \$5/week, or
\$2/session.
- There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.**
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BLOOD DRIVE EVENT

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be here @ Elim for another blood drive on Monday, July 7th between 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. If you are a regular donator, please wait until that date. Everyone who shows up will get a free T-shirt even if you are unable to give.

See the church office for any questions.

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

May Financial Report

Current Expenses	Building	Other	Totals
Balance 5/1 \$11,179	\$4,226	\$10,878	\$26,282
Receipts \$13,238	\$ 267	\$ 2,306	\$15,811
Disbursements \$14,079	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,100	\$16,179
Balance 5/31 \$10,338	\$4,493	\$11,083	\$25,914



We are having a Christmas in July celebration!! It will take place on Saturday, July 26th from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Please join us for some Christmas cookies, caroling and lots of crafts!! You can even wear your pajamas, just like Christmas morning. We are also requesting you bring a wrapped gift for the Christmas “Shoebox Project.” Your box may include hygiene articles like toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, wash cloths, deodorant, etc. Another idea may include school supplies; like pencils, erasers, writing tablets, paper, etc. Small articles like hot wheels cars, small dolls, games may be another idea. Whatever you decide will be a head start on the Christmas Shoebox Project taking place sometime in November.

See Dora Beth Christy or Tasha Munger with questions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun	June 29	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	June 30	5:00 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's 6:30 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's
Tue	July 1	9:00a-1:00pm. CIU – YMCA Meeting 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed	July 2	5:00 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's 6:30 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's 6:00 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youth
Thur	July 3	5:00 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's <u>No</u> 6:30 p.m. <u>No</u> 6:30 Kettle bell Classes tonight
Fri	July 4	Office will be closed for the 4 th of July
Sun	July 6	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	July 7	3:30-6:30 p.m. Blood Drive @ Elim 5:00 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's 6:30 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's
Tue	July 8	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. MLT Meeting
Wed	July 9	5:00 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's 6:30 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's 6:00 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youth
Thur	July 10	5:00 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's 6:30 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's
Sat	July 12	8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

July Birthdays

2 – Natalie Upp
2 – Dave Vinar
5 – Don Peterson
8 – John Hutchison
11 – Dora Beth Christy
11 – Hilda Enderton

July Anniversaries

14 – Greg & Mallory Burney
17 – Joe & Susie Schaechter

Note: CIU means
Church In Use

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 24 Worship = 120

Mowing Schedule July 4 D. Yoeckel & J. Parrott July 11 M. Hermann & J. Nelson

CHILD CARE THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Nursery C. Bear & J. Arellanos

Karen Johnson & Judy Martel

Children's Church 3-6 yrs Lori Smith

Rachel Cunningham

Children's Church 2nd-5th grades Rachael Ferry & E. Smith

Natalie H. & K. Schaechter

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