


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

July 27, 2014



“May God
give you
heaven’s dew
and earth’s richness”

Genesis 27:28, NIV

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

July 27, 2014

"If you want to become fully mature in the Lord, you must learn to love truth. Otherwise, you will always leave open a door of deception for the enemy to take what is meant to be yours." ~ Joyce Meyers ~

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitator

Scott Fowler

"Worship Medley"

CCLI #2005052

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 I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Galatians 6:14)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Genesis 29:15-28

Scripture Reader, Tasha Munger

RESPONDING TO GOD

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

MESSAGE **“Dangerous Deception”** **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

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

“How He Loves”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Reading for the Week

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| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Psalms 73:22-24</i> |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>2 Peter 3:9</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Proverbs 10:3</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Jude 1:24-25</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Psalms 86:5</i> |
| <i>Friday</i> | <i>Isaiah 41:17</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>Psalms 149:4</i> |

TODAY’S GREETERS

Dewey & Carol Jacks

HEAD USHER

Gary Wells

USHERS Martin Bear, Rachel Cunningham, Mike Hermann

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

“Dangerous Deception”

Genesis 29:15-28

- 1) Intro & Context: A deceitful family
 - a) Jacob “the deceiver”
 - i) Jacob’s birth and naming (Gen. 25:21-27)
 - ii) Swindled birthright (Gen. 25:29-34)
 - iii) Parents’ bad example (Gen. 26:1-11)
 - iv) Stolen blessing (Gen. 27:1-40)
 - v) Deceptive business practices (Gen. 30:25-42)
 - vi) Running away from Laban (Gen. 31:17-21)
 - b) Laban’s deceitfulness
 - i) Leah given instead of Rachel (Gen. 29:23,25)
 - ii) Deceptive wages (Gen. 31:6-7)
 - c) Rachel’s deception (a stolen idol) (Gen. 31:19, 30-35)
 - d) Jacob’s sons’ deception
 - i) A slaughtered tribe (Gen. 34)
 - ii) A “lost” brother (Gen. 37:12-36)
 - e) Judah deceived by Tamar, his daughter-in-law (Gen. 38)
 - f) Result: Strained relationships
 - i) Esau’s hatred toward Jacob (Gen. 27:41)
 - ii) Rachel & Leah’s sisterly jealousy (Gen. 29:30; 30:1,8,14-15)
 - iii) Divided families (Gen. 27:42-45; 31:1-21,26-28)
 - iv) Hostility among nations (Gen. 34:30)
 - v) Joseph sold by his brothers into slavery (Gen. 37:12ff)
 - g) Despite it all, God still was gracious to this family!!
- 2) Lessons learned from a biblical study on “deceit”
 - a) Deceit is sin (Ps. 32:2; 52:1-4; Pr. 12:20; Isa. 5:18; Rom. 1:29; 1 Pt. 2:1) “Nothing impure will ever enter [heaven], nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful...” (Rev. 21:27)
 - b) Deceit is destructive (Pr. 6:14; 26:18,19; Zech. 10:2; Mk. 4:19; 7:21-23) “Like a maniac shooting flaming arrows of death is one who deceives their neighbor and says, “I was only joking!”” (Pr. 26:18-19)
 - c) It is pervasive (Jer. 6:13; 8:10; 9:5; 2 Tim. 3:12-13; 2 Jn. 1:7) “From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit.” (Jer. 6:13)
Note: Esp. in end times (cf. Dan. 8:17-25; Mt. 24:24; 2 Thes. 2:9-12; Rev. 13:13-14; 19:20) “For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.” (Mt. 24:24)

- d) God will judge harshly those who practice deceit (Ps. 5:6; 101:7; Isa. 5:18,20; Jer. 5:26-29; 9:8-9; Rev. 21:27) “You destroy those who tell lies. The bloodthirsty and deceitful you, LORD, detest.” (Ps. 5:6)
- 3) Action steps
- a) Cleanse your heart of deceit.
Note: Beware of our tendency toward self-deception—“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” (Jer. 17:9)
- b) Recognize it and repent of it (Ps. 51:2,7,10; 1 Pt. 2:1; Eph. 4:25; Col. 3:9-10) “Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor...” (Eph. 4:25)
- c) Live into truth (Ps. 26:3; 43:3; 119:11,30,105; Jn. 3:21; Ja. 1:16-18; 1 Jn. 1:6-10; 3 Jn. 4) “But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light...” (Jn. 3:21)
- i) In your home
- ii) In your workplace
- iii) In your church
- 4) Conclusion

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: The “Mini” Weird Animals @ Calvary went very well. Thank you to Sandy Parrott & all the volunteers.

Prayer Concerns: Traveling mercies for the “Snowbird” team.

Those in Need of God’s Strength and Healing:

Unspoken needs of our brothers & sisters: Dorothy & Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Betty Lindberg, 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, Dee & Tasha and can be easily found at the back of the sanctuary in the northeast classroom.



Tuesday Evening Prayer Gathering

Next Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. (starting on Aug. 4th going back to Monday nights again) 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY, July 27th following worship.

A question & answer format session. Your opinions are important, so please join in and share your concerns and comments.



Please join us for a baby shower in honor of Abigail Akpla's baby girl

Oriane Agbeninou, born June 9th. We will have a cake reception/shower following worship on Sunday, August 10th. See Julie Wells or Juanita Arellanos.

COMING UP.....



Women's Fall Retreat @

Covenant Harbor – Lake Geneva

September 12-14 or 19-21

*The theme is "Focus" – fix your eyes on Jesus .. Hebrews 12:2
The speaker will be Rev. Mary Putera. She has been ordained as a Covenant Pastor since 2002. The worship leader is Leslie Michele, a North Park Grad. More info to follow.*



"Weird Animals"

**VBS "ANIMALS FOR INCOME" PROJECT
UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's VBS project. The total contributions amounted to \$786.00. Purchases listed:

From World Vision

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| <i>Rabbit</i> | <i>\$19.00</i> | |
| <i>Donkey</i> | <i>\$322.00</i> | <i>Total \$341</i> |

From Heifer Int.

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| <i>Water Buffalo</i> | <i>\$250.00</i> | |
| <i>Flock of Chickens</i> | <i>\$20.00</i> | <i>Total \$270</i> |

From Covenant Cares

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| <i>Grant for Women</i> | <i>\$50.00</i> | |
| <i>Water Well</i> | <i>\$100.00</i> | |
| <i>Stop the Traffic</i> | <i>\$25.00</i> | <i>Total \$175</i> |

The challenge winning group:

Jr.-Sr. High School Sunday School Class!!

ELIM AUGUST

TRIVIA NIGHT



There will be a trivia night scheduled for Saturday, August 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is an effort to raise funds for the Elim Block Party taking place the 1st weekend in September. A sign-up sheet is available in the gathering area.



LOOKING AHEAD

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| Sun | July 27 | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting following Worship |
| Mon | July 28 | 5:00 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's 6:30 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's |
| Tue | July 29 | 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering |
| Wed | July 30 | 8:30a-5:00p CIU – YMCA Meeting 5:00 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's 6:30 p.m. Kettle bell Class @ The Peterson's |
| Thur | July 31 | 8:30a-5:00p CIU – YMCA Meeting 5:00 p.m. Last Week of Kettle bell Class YEAH!!! 6:30 p.m. Last Week of Kettle bell Class YEAH!!! |
| Sat | Aug 2 | 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast |
| Sun | Aug 3 | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service |
| Mon | Aug 4 | 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering |
| Wed | Aug 6 | 6:00 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youth Group |
| Thur | Aug 7 | 1:00-5:00 p.m. CIU – Minard |
| Sun | Aug 10 | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service |
| Mon | Aug 11 | 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering |
| Tue | Aug 12 | 6:30 p.m. MLT Meeting |
| Wed | Aug 13 | 6:00 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youth Group |
| Sat | Aug 16 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. Trivia Night Fundraiser for the Elim Block Party |

July Birthdays

31 – Gary Hansen
31 – Pastor Steve Peterson

August Anniversaries

6 – Bill & Cindy Minard
15 – L.J. & Rachel Cunningham
21 – Jim & Carolyn Carsell

August Birthdays

1 – Paige Burney
1 – Linda Gilmour
4 – Shirley Warren
5 – Pastor Dwayne Brothers
6 – John Clarke
6 – Leah Hermann

CIU – means Church In Use

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 46 Worship = 130

Mowing Schedule Aug. 1 – Don Peterson & Tom Dang Aug. 8 – C. Carsell & J. Schaechter

CHILD CARE THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Nursery Cheryl Bear & Juanita Arellanos

Mallory Burney & Victoria Fowler

Children's Church 3-6 yrs Lori Smith & Thao Luong

Meagan & Cheryl Bear

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

K. Burns & Rachel Peterson

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