

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
September 21, 2014



Have
faith
in
God

Mark 11:22

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

September 21, 2014

"A key to strengthening spiritual muscles and enduring hardship is finding strength in the Word of God."

(Walter Martin)

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

Linda Gilmour

HYMN # 264

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

HYMN #72

"To God Be the Glory"

HYMN #370

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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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

"The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

(1 Timothy 1:5)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Philippians 1:21-30

Scripture Reader, Don Peterson

RESPONDING TO GOD

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

MESSAGE **“The Winepress of Life”**
Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“God is bigger than our weaknesses, but remember God is also bigger than our strengths!” Pray that God will help you with what you are “strong” at, not just what you are “weak” at.

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 #71 (silver book)

“Bless His Holy Name”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Reading for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Philippians 4:19</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalms 37:39-40</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:34</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Romans 10:13</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:6</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 103:12</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>John 15:4-5</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Lori & Elizabeth Smith

HEAD USHER

Tom Dang

USHERS

L.J. Cunningham, Josh Parrott & Don Peterson

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

“The Winepress of Life”

Philippians 1:21-30

- 1) Intro & Context: Responding to hardship
- 2) Israel’s response (cf. Ex. 16:2-15) (cf. Ex. 17:1-4; Num. 11:4-6; 14:1-4; 16:12-14, 41; 17:5,10; 20:2-5; 21:4-5; Deut. 1:26-44)
- 3) Paul’s response (cf. Phil. 1:21-30) (cf. Rom. 12:14,21; 1 Cor. 4:11-13; 2 Cor. 11:22-29; 12:10; Phil. 4:11-13)
- 4) Lessons from the texts:
 - a. In general, life is hard! (cf. Gen. 3:17-19; Job 7:1; Ps. 90:10; Ecclesiastes [all of it!]; Jn. 16:33) “Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward” (Job 5:7)
 - b. While there’s good people, we’ll also encounter bad people (cf. Mt. 13:24-30; Jn. 15:18-21; 1 Jn. 3:13)
 - c. As Christians, we’re called to suffer (Phil. 1:29) (cf. Rom. 8:17; 2 Cor. 1:5-7; 2 Tim. 3:12)
 - d. We must prepare our hearts for it
 - i. May the Word dwell richly in you (Col. 3:16) (cf. Josh. 1:8; Ps. 1:2; 119:9,97)
 - ii. Pray continually (1 Thes. 5:17) (cf. Isa. 26:3; Rom. 8:6; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6)
 - iii. Surround yourself with a cloud of witnesses (Heb 12:1) (cf. Ps. 119:63; Pr. 12:26; 1 Cor. 15:33; Ja. 4:4) “The righteous choose their friends carefully” (Pr. 12:26)
 - e. God’s purpose: Beyond happiness, there is freedom (cf. Eccl. 7:14; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; Lk. 4:18; Jn. 8:32,36; Acts 13:39; Rom. 6:7; 8:2,21; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:1) “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free...” (Gal. 5:1)
- 5) Fearless faith! Not about fatalism, but “faith-ful-ism”!! (cf. Deut. 31:6; Isa. 41:10; Ps. 3:6; 46:2; 91; Isa. 35:4; 41:10,13; 43:1-2; Rom. 8:15; Heb. 13:6; 1 Jn. 4:18). “So do not fear, for I am with you; do **not** be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isa. 41:10)
- 6) Conclusion

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: **Elim Choir & Worship Leaders!**

Prayer Concerns: **Don Neer's mission trip to Burma/Myanmar
on September 30th thru October 11th.**

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, Tabatha Estes, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, 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.

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.



Happy 50th Anniversary



*Please join Carol & Dewey Jacks in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary for a cake reception following worship **today**, September 21st. Congratulations!!*



S.P.L.A.S.H. MEETING

The next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting will be held on Saturday, September 27th, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. There is much to discuss and plan, so your comments and input is important. Please try to attend and share your ideas for upcoming events and activities. See Julie Wells with any questions. Thank you.



BETTY LINDBERG

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to a cake reception in honor of Betty Lindberg's 90th birthday. Cake will be served following worship on Sunday, September 28 – please join Betty in celebration of her special day!

SOUND SYSTEM TECH MEETING

Monday, September 29th @ 6:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, Oct. 5th following worship & during the soup & salad time. There will be a Q&A time again during the meeting.

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, OCT. 4TH.



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY SCHEDULED

The next all church work day has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 4th from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. See Tom Bivens with any questions.



SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

We are having a free soup & salad lunch at Elim on Sunday, Oct. 5th right after worship. If you can volunteer to make soup or a salad for this event, please contact Mary Bivens or Cheryl Bear. Please let them know ASAP.

DINING TOURS BOOKS

We have the 2014-2015 Dining Tours Books available for sale in the church office. The price is still \$35.00 each & lots of new restaurants have been added. There is a list of the restaurants on the bulletin board. Like before the proceeds will be divided between youth & mission trip accounts.

See Judy if you would like to purchase a book.

COMING SOON

Elim is expecting..... 3 of our friends from Mexico. Pastor Flor, Lupita, and Chuy will be arriving here on Thursday, October 9 thru Tuesday, October 14th . More details to follow.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (SHOEBOX PROJECT)
PACKING PARTY!! Saturday, Nov. 9th, 9-11 a.m.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun	Sept 21	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Collection for CF following worship 12 noon Cake Reception for Carol & Dewey's 50 th Anniv.
Mon	Sept 22	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	Sept 23	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	Sept 24	6:00-7:30pm Trailblazers 6:30 p.m. Youth
Thur	Sept 25	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study
Sat	Sept 27	9:00-11:00am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
Sun	Sept 28	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12 Noon Jesus People Mission Trip Planning Meeting
Mon	Sept 29	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:00 p.m. Sound Tech Meeting
Tue	Sept 30	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	Oct. 1	6:00-7:30pm Trailblazers 6:30 p.m. Youth
Thur	Oct. 2	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study
Sat	Oct 4	8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9:00am -Noon All Church Work Day
Sun	Oct 5	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12 Noon Soup & Salad Luncheon/Congregational Meeting
Mon	Oct 6	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	Oct 7	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice

September Birthdays

23 – Lee Kinney
23 – Joann Potts
25 – Felipe Cantu
28 – Don Yoeckel

October Birthdays

1 – Jim Nelson
1 – Judy Ouderkirk
2 – Betty Lindberg
3 – Lori Smith
6 – Elizabeth Peterson

September Anniversaries

22 – Steve & Margo Coil
25 – Dewey & Carol Jacks
26 – Dave & Miranda Vinar
27 – Dale & Linda Gilmour

October Anniversaries

4 – Travis & Rachael Ferry
6 – Pastor Darren & Brenda Olson
9 – Ron & Carol Quade
16 – Don & Sheila Yoeckel

**CIU – means Church In Use
(309) 764-6920**

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 44 Worship = 102

Mowing Schedule Sept. 19 C. Carsell & J. Schaechter Sept. 26 D. Yoeckel & J. Parrott

CHILD CARE THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Nursery Lori & Elizabeth Smith

Megan Bear & Judy Martel

Children's Church 3-6 yrs Mary Bivens & Michelle D.

Cindy Minard & Amanda Dang

Children's Church 2nd-5th grades M. Burney & Megan D.

Dora Beth & Pam Thompson

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