

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

September 7, 2014

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**



A  
*Foretaste*  
of the *Feast*  
to Come

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

September 7, 2014

*"It is a common thing for people to mind Number One, but not so common to see people mend it."* Charles Spurgeon

## 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

Mary Bivens

HYMN #113

*"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

HYMN #299

*"Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

HYMN #51

*"We Will Glorify"*

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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

Romans 12:9-21

*Scripture Reader, Juanita Arellanos*



# **“Words to Live By” (Part II)**

## **Romans 12:9-21**

1. Intro & Context
  - (a) Defining Character
  - (b) Developing Character
    - i. Through prayer
    - ii. Through God’s Word
    - iii. Through mentoring
2. A powerful triad (v. 12) “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” (cf. Rom. 5:3-5; Heb. 10:32-39; 1 Pt. 4:12-19; Lk. 18:1-8; 1 Thes. 5:17)
3. Sharing and hospitality (v. 13) “Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” (cf. Pr. 22:9; Isa. 58:6-7; Mt. 25:34-40; Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-35; Heb. 13:2; 1 Jn. 3:16-18). Note: Love w/ actions & in truth! (cf. 1 Jn. 3:18).
4. Our response toward persecution (v. 14) “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.” (cf. Mt. 5:38-48; Lk. 6:28; 1 Cor. 4:12; 1 Thes. 5:15; 1 Pt. 2:18-24; 3:8-17; 4:12-16,19). Note: NOT an O.T. teaching! Only possible thru the Holy Spirit.
5. A proper balance (v. 15) “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” (cf. Eccl. 3:1-8; Ps. 133; Pr. 17:17; Jn. 17:11, 21, 23; Acts 4:32). Note: Unity of heart is key & is God's hope for us.
6. Closing

# PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises:** **Elim Block Party!!**

**Prayer Concerns:** **Fall start-up programs @ Elim;  
Our Elim shut-ins; Elim college students away from home.**

## **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, 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.

**ATTENTION!**

**MUSIC WORSHIP TEAM MEETING  
RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP TODAY.  
MUSIC TEAM & SOUND PEOPLE PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND.**

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## From the Choir Director

It's that time of year again when we gather together to lift our voices in praise to our God and King and prepare music for worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. I would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to everyone who would like to experience the making of joyful music to the Lord. Please join us on Wednesday evening, September 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:45 p.m. for our first choir practice. We will be warming up our vocal chords and practicing some awesome music as well as sharing fellowship, devotion and prayer time with the Lord.

Choir is a unique worship experience that you won't want to miss, so let me encourage you to try it out if you've ever given it any thought at all. We're holding a seat just for you! Linda Gilmour

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**The Keenager's Bible study group will begin on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Coffee time is @ 9:00 a.m. & Bible study begins @ 9:30 a.m. Keenagers is a group of retired (but not exclusively) members who come together for a time of friendship and sharing God's Word. The coffee time is full of great treats as well as a time for fellowship and sharing. Everyone is welcome to join in!! See Pat Hudson**

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## **THURSDAY NIGHT**

The Julie Wells Thursday night Bible study will start off the fall season on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. There is a time change this year – so please be aware the study will start meeting at 5:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring a sack meal with you if you are coming from work and don't have time to go home first. Our topic will be "Joseph's Life: When God Sends Curve Balls – Hit 'Em Out of the Park!"

# 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 & missions. See Judy if you would like to purchase a book.



**All children in grades Pre School - 5<sup>th</sup>**

The season kicks off at 6pm - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

Pizza will be served

We look forward to a season of fun as we blaze the trail of life with Jesus as our guide! **Bring your friends!!**

Fun lessons   **Games**   *Service Projects*   *Crafts*



## SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

We are having a free soup & salad lunch at Elim on Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### *FUTURE DATES to NOTE*

- Oct. 5      Soup & Salad Luncheon following worship/Cong. Mtg.*
- Oct. 11 & 12    Silent Auction fundraiser for Juanita's Colombia trip*
- Oct. 26      Chips 'n Salsa following worship*
- Nov. 8      Operation Christmas Child packing party 9:00-11:00 am*
- Nov. 14      Ladies Holiday Tea*

## *LOOKING AHEAD*

Sun	Sept 7	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/ Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12 noon Music Worship Team Meeting
Mon	Sept 8	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed	Sept 10	6:00-7:30p.m. Trailblazers 6:30 p.m. Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Thur	Sept 11	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30-7:00 pm. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study(note time change)
Fri	Sept 12	5:00 p.m. CIU – Pampered Chef Party
Sun	Sept 14	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	Sept 15	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed	Sept 17	6:00-7:30 p.m. Trailblazers 6:30 p.m. Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Thur	Sept 18	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study
Sat	Sept 20	CIU – Private Wedding
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 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
Mon	Sept 22	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed	Sept 24	6:00-7:30pm Trailblazers 6:30 p.m. Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice

### September Birthdays

9 – Cathy Bear  
11 – Judy Martel  
12 – Sylvia Anderson  
13 – Pat Hudson  
16 – Josh Parrott  
16 – Rolland Potts  
18 – Phil Estes

### September Anniversaries

9 – John & Pam Thompson  
14 – Orlin & Karen Johnson  
16 – Craig & Shannon Pirmann  
17 – Martin & Cheryl Bear  
22 – Steve & Margo Coil  
25 – Dewey & Carol Jacks  
26 – Dave & Miranda Vinar  
27 – Dale & Linda Gilmour

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

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 45    Worship = 110

Mowing Schedule    Sept. 12 Tom Dang & Don Peterson    Sept. 19 C. Carsell & J. Schaechter

**CHILD CARE                      THIS WEEK**

Nursery    Carol Jacks & Karen Johnson  
Children's Church 3-6 yrs    Lori Smith & Thao

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

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**NEXT WEEK**

Cheryl Bear & Juanita Arellanos  
L.J. & Rachel Cunningham

N. Hermann & K. Schaechter

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