ELIM COVENANT CHURCH September 7, 2014

COMMUNJON SUNDAY



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* <u>Please sign the register book & pass it on.</u>

PRELUDE

HYMNS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitator

Mary Bivens

HYMN #113 HYMN #299 HYMN #51 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" "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

RESPONDING TO GOD

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

MESSAGE "Words to Live By (Part II)" Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pray that you can be content with where you are and what you have. "Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have." (Philippians 4:11 NLT)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Call to Communion Invitation to the Lord's Table #887 The Lord's Prayer Sharing of the Bread & Cup

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.

HYMN # 744

"Because He Lives"

BENEDICTION

Scripture Reading for the Week

Sunday	John 5:24
Monday	<i>Titus 2:14</i>
Tuesday	Isaiah 33:6
Wednesday	Psalms 147:11
Thursday	Ephesians 1:3
Friday	Psalms 37:28
Saturday	2 Chronicles 30:9

TODAY'S GREETERSTasha Munger & Don PetersonHEAD USHERTom DangUSHERSL.J. Cunningham, Josh Parrott & Don PetersonSOUND SYSTEMOrlin Johnson

"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
- 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)
- 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.
- 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 Requests

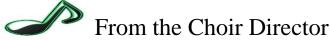
Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. there is a prayer gathering held at Elim. You are encouraged to come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

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.



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



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 1st & 3rd 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 3rd @ 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



The Keenager's Bible study group will begin on Thursday, September 11th. 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

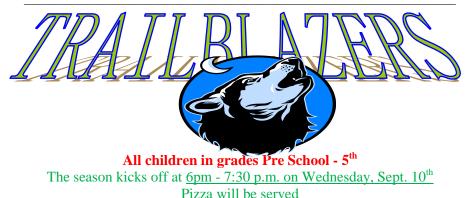


THURSDAY NIGHT

The Julie Wells Thursday night Bible study will start off the fall season on Thursday, September 11th. 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.



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 Projecty



SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

Crafts

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.

<i>Oct.</i> 5	FUTURE DATES to NOTE 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
<i>Nov.</i> 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	
			Music Worship Team Meeting	
Mon	Sept 8		Prayer Team Gathering	
Wed	Sept 10	6:00-7:30p.m.		
		6:30 p.m.		
			Choir Practice	
Thur	Sept 11	-	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.		
		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	
			Collection for CF following worship	
			Cake Reception for Carol & Dewey's 50 th Anniv.	
Mon	Sept 22	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering	
Wed	Sept 24	6:00-7:30pm		
		6:30 p.m.	Youth	
		6:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
September Birthdays		<u>Birthdays</u>	September Anniversaries	
9 – Cathy Bear		hy Bear	9 – John & Pam Thompson	
11 – Judy Martel			14 – Orlin & Karen Johnson	
	12 – Sylvia		16 – Craig & Shannon Pirmann 17 – Martin & Cheryl Bear	
13 – Pat Hudson			22 – Steve & Margo Coil	
16 – Josh Parrott			25 – Dewey & Carol Jacks	
	16 – Rolland Potts		26 – Dave & Miranda Vinar	
18 – Phil Estes		il Estes	27 – Dale & Linda Gilmour	
			CIU – means Church In Use	
			(309) 764-6920	

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 45Worship = 110Mowing ScheduleSept. 12 Tom Dang & Don PetersonSept. 19C. Carsell & J. SchaechterCHILD CARETHIS WEEKNEXT WEEKNurseryCarol Jacks & Karen JohnsonCheryl Bear & Juanita ArellanosChildren's Church 3-6 yrsLori Smith & ThaoL.J. & Rachel CunninghamChildren's Church 2nd-5th gradesRachael Ferry & E. SmithN. Hermann & K. SchaechterPastor's e-mailpastor@elimqc.orgGreg's e-mailyouth@elimqc.orgOffice e-mailoffice@elimqc.orgWeb Siteelimqc.org