

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

October 5, 2014

COMMUNION SUNDAY



....IN REMEMBERENCE OF ME

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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"You can impress people from a distance but you have to get close to influence them. When you do that, they will be able to see your flaws. That's OK. The most essential quality for leadership is not perfection, but credibility." (Jeff Martone)

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

Zach Coil

"God You Reign"

"Come Now is the Time to Worship"

"You Are My King"

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

ELIM CHOIR

"I am a Friend to God"

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"...I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." (Ephesians 4:1)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Philippians 3:4b-14

Scripture Reader, Orlin Johnson

RESPONDING TO GOD

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

MESSAGE “The Basis of Our Confidence” Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*“For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty Savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. **With his love, he will calm all your fears.** He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.” Zephaniah 3:17*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Call to Communion #878 The Apostles' Creed
Invitation to the Lord’s Table 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.

SONG

BENEDICTION

Scripture Reading for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Psalms 73:23-24</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>2 Peter 3:13</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Proverbs 15:29</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:30</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>John 1:12</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Galatians 2:20</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 6:11</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS John & Pam Thompson
HEAD USHER L.J. Cunningham
USHERS Martin Bear, Rachel Cunningham, Mike Hermann
SOUND SYSTEM Josh Parrott

“The Basis of Our Confidence”
Philippians 3:4b-14

1. Intro & Context
2. A sterling religious resumé (vv. 4b-6) (cf. Lk. 18:10-14; Acts 22:3-5; 26:4-5)
3. Paul's accounting methods (vv. 7-8) (cf. Mt. 13:44-46; Lk. 14:26,33)
4. Dirty toilet water (v. 8b) (cf. Ps. 73:25; Isa. 64:6)
5. The all-important crux of the matter: Self-righteousness vs. faith in Christ (v. 9) (cf. Rom. 3:21-24; 10:5-13; Gal. 2:15-16)
6. A powerful faith (v. 10)
 - (a) To KNOW Christ (cf. Jer. 9:23-24; Jn. 17:3; Eph. 4:13)
 - (b) The power of His resurrection (cf. Eph. 1:17-20; Col. 1:29)
 - (c) Sharing in his sufferings (cf. Acts 9:16; 20:23; 2 Cor. 6:4-10; 11:23-28; 2 Tim. 1:8; 2-3,8-9) “... But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God” (2 Tim. 1:8)
 - (d) Becoming like him in his death (cf. Rom. 6:3-7; 2 Cor. 4:10; Gal. 2:20; 5:24; 6:14; Col. 2:12,20; 3:3) “For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3)
7. Never turning back: Pressing on toward the goal (vv. 11-14) (cf. Ezek. 33:12-16; Lk. 9:62; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Col. 1:23; Heb. 6:4-6,12; 10:26-31,35-39) “So if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!” (1 Cor. 10:12).

8. Conclusion

I am confident I will go to heaven after I die: Yes ___ No ___

Before God's throne, I will make this appeal: _____

My strategy to prevent myself from falling back:

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Thanking Jesus for taking our sins and giving us his righteousness.

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.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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



SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON TODAY

We are having a free soup & salad luncheon TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 5th right after worship.

MEXICO TEAM SCHEDULE

Pastor Flor, Lupita, & Chuy will arrive soon.

Thursday, Oct. 9th

6:00 p.m.

Welcome the team with an all church pizza party. Bring your own beverage.

Sunday, Oct. 12th

6:00 p.m.

Pastor Flor will be conducting a seminar. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tuesday, Oct. 14th

6:00 a.m.

Leaving from Moline to go back to Mexico.

(During other days they will be making visits to shut-in's and various other community projects. If you have a request or questions, please see Mike Hermann or Sandy Parrott).

JUANITA'S SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

**Get a jump on Christmas - shop here!
Something for everyone. Many baskets, gift certificates, art, tool kit, caps, & bears!!**

Saturday, Oct. 11th @ 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 12th @ 11:30a.m.-1:30 p.m.

(If you can help set up please see Juanita).



I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful 90th birthday party given for me last Sunday. It truly was just the greatest birthday. I am so grateful for my Elim family and my family and all my friends.
Betty Lindberg



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Julie Wells' Thursday night Bible study group is changing nights. They will begin meeting on Wednesday nights starting on October 8th. So, make a note it will now be on Wednesday's from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!!

ANNOUNCING.....



NEW MEMBERS "INQUIRES' COURSE"

Interested in exploring the idea of membership here at Elim? We will be offering an "Inquires' Course" on two successive Monday evenings, Oct. 20th & 27th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., dinner will be included. Please contact the church office @ 764-6920 or sign-up on the sheet in the gathering area if you would like to attend.



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Wednesday, October 29th @ 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Spread the news we are inviting everyone to join us for fun, games, and delicious baked items. Chili makers and dessert bakers needed for dinner and treats!

Desserts needed for silent auction
(proceeds will go to Wednesday Night Dollar Dinners).

LOOKING AHEAD

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
Wed	Oct 8	5:30-7:00p.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study (changing nights)
		5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner
		6:00 p.m. SPARK Children's Group/Axis Group (6 th -9 th grade)
		7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion (10 th grade thru college)
Thur	Oct 9	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
		Mexico Team Arrives thru Oct. 14 th
Sat	Oct 11	1:00-4:00pm Juanita's Silent Auction Fundraiser
Sun	Oct 12	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
		11:30a-1:30p Juanita's Silent Auction Fundraiser
Mon	Oct 13	Office closed (Judy will work on Friday instead)
		5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	Oct 14	Mexico Team will depart for Chicago trip home
		6:30 p.m. MLT Meeting
		6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	Oct 15	5:30-7:00p.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study
		5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner
		6:00 p.m. SPARK Children's Group/Axis Group (6 th -9 th grade)
		7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion (10 th grade thru college)
Thur	Oct 16	10:00 a.m. CIU – YMCA Grandparents Day
Sun	Oct 19	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
		11:45 a.m. Collection for Christian Friendliness
		2:00-4:00p.m. CIU – Thompson Family
Mon	Oct 20	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
		6:00 -8:30 pm New Members "Inquires' Course"

October Birthdays

6 – Elizabeth Peterson
 7 – Craig Pirmann
 8 – Gracie Fowler
 10 – Don Neer
 14 – Stacy Boehler
 15 – Mary Christy
 15 – Mike Hermann
 17 – Alesha Thompson

October Anniversaries

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 = 51 Worship = 124

Mowing Schedule Oct. 3 Jim Nelson & Mike Hermann	Oct. 10 John Clark & C. Grimes
CHILD CARE THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Nursery Mallory Burney & Victoria Fowler	Carol Jacks & Karen Johnson
Children's Church 3-6 yrs Meagan & Cheryl Bear	Lori Smith & Thao
Children's Church 2 nd -5 th grades K. Burns & R. Peterson	Rachael Ferry & Elizabeth Smith