

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

November 23, 2014

**Give
Thanks**



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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"I have a friend in high places, and I am invited to claim that relationship as I call on his name and worship him."

(Alice Wu-Cardona)

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

"Forever"

"I Just Want To Say Thank You"

"Give Thanks"

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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

"Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long."

(Psalm 86:3)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

John 3:1-8

Scripture Reader, Jane Peterson

RESPONDING TO GOD

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

MESSAGE

“Born Again?”
Greg Burney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

What would you do today or who would you talk to if you weren't afraid? Pray daily for courage. *“For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.”*
(Isaiah 41:13)

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

“Thank You Lord For Saving My Soul”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Reading for the Week

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| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Psalm 42:11</i> |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>2 Corinthians 3:18</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Psalm 121:4</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Psalm 126:6</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Psalm 138:8</i> |
| <i>Friday</i> | <i>Job 11:6</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>Psalm 9:10</i> |

TODAY'S GREETERS

Karen Johnson & Gary Wells

HEAD USHER

Josh Parrott

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Orlin Johnson, Gary Wells

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: The freedom to pray & give thanks to our Lord.
All of our many blessings; families.

Prayer Concerns: Traveling mercies during the holidays;
Areas like Buffalo, NY. with extreme weather conditions.

Prayer Challenge: Is there someone you dread seeing this holiday season? Pray for a change of attitude and a soft heart - (yours - not theirs)! *“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.”*
(Romans 12:9 NLT)

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, the Ferry family, Ruth Armstrong, 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.



The Luong family would like to thank the Elim family for joining them in their celebration last week.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We are having our next congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, December 7th. On the agenda will be the 2015 budget and the ballot for the 2015 MLT members.



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS

The volunteer sign-up sheets for 2015 is on the table in the gathering area. Please consider volunteering for this coming year. We really need people to help out in every area. You need to sign up even if you already volunteer in that particular area. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADER MEETING

There will be a short children's church leaders meeting following worship on Sunday, December 14th. Please see Rachel Cunningham with any questions.



"NOON" NEW YEAR'S EVE AT ELIM

There will be a "Noon" New Year's Eve party for the Elim families here at Elim from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31st.

Family Fun Events include:

Clown Daizy Dee's presentation "Worry or Worship,"

balloon sculptures, carnival type games, cookies and punch.

We'll have the games and cookies in the fellowship hall and Daisy's presentation in the sanctuary.

Hope to see everyone young and the young at heart there. See Dora Beth Christy or Pam Thompson with any questions. Thanks.



Elim will hold a time of
worship on Thanksgiving Eve
Wednesday evening
November 26th
@
6:30 p.m.

(All other Wed. night activities are canceled).

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Sun | Nov. 23 | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service |
| Mon | Nov. 24 | 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering |
| Tue | Nov. 25 | 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice |
| Wed | Nov. 26 | 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service No Other Wednesday Night Activities |
| Thur | Nov. 27 | Thanksgiving Day---Office Closed |
| Sun | Nov. 30 | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service |
| Mon | Dec. 1 | 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering |
| Tue | Dec. 2 | 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice |
| Wed | Dec. 3 | 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30 p.m. SPARK/AXIS 7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion (10 th grade thru college) |
| Thur | Dec. 4 | 9:30 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study with Potluck following |
| Sat | Dec. 6 | 5:30 p.m. CIU-Trivia Night Fundraiser for the Taylor Family |
| Sun | Dec. 7 | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting |
| Mon | Dec. 8 | 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering |
| Tue | Dec. 9 | 6:30 p.m. MLT Meeting 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice |
| Wed | Dec. 10 | 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30pm SPARK/AXIS 7:30-9:00pm Fusion (10 th grade thru college) |
| Thur | Dec. 11 | 10am & 3pm CIU – YMCA Christmas Party |
| Sat | Dec. 13 | TBA Christmas Cookie Party |
| Wed | Dec. 24 | 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service |

November Birthdays (omitted last wk.

18 – Maurine Beresford
18 – Carolyn Carsell
(sorry)

December Birthdays

2 – Kathy Boggs
11 – Danielle Ogden
13 – Adam Hermann
19 – Elizabeth Smith
19 – Julie Wells

December Anniversaries

2 – Gary & Julie Wells
10 – John & Linda Hutchison
11 – Gene & Ellie Wildermuth
31 – Adolph & Dorothy Laurick

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

Church office office@elimqc.org

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 47

Worship = 126

CHILD CARE THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Nursery Mallory Burney & Victoria Fowler

Lori & Elizabeth Smith

Children’s Church 3-6 yrs Rachel & L.J. Cunningham

Cindy Minard & Amanda Dang

Children’s Church 2nd-5th grades Natalie H. & Kate S.

Dora Beth & Pam Thompson

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