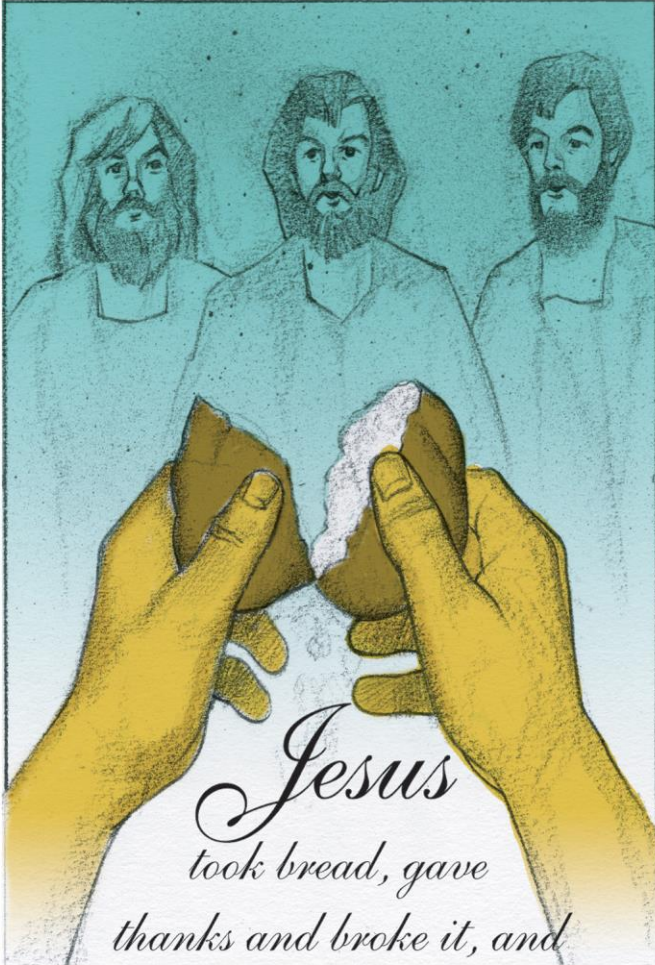


# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

November 9, 2014



*gave it to his disciples, saying,  
"Take it; this is my body."*

*Mark 14:22*

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

November 9, 2014

"The idea that God will pardon a rebel who has not given up his rebellion is contrary both to the Scriptures and to common sense." (A.W. Tozer)

## 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

Greg Burney

*"Our God"*

*"Blessed Assurance"*

*"Cornerstone"*

*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

## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

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

*(Psalms 86:3)*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## WORDS FROM GOD

Psalm 78:1-7

*Scripture Reader, Dewey Jacks*



# “Encrypted Messages”

## Psalm 78:1-7

### 1. Intro & Context

### 2. Parables and hidden things (v.2)

#### a. What is a parable?

- i. “The sayings and riddles of the wise” (Pr. 1:6)
- ii. “the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven” (Mt. 13:11)
- iii. “but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Cor. 1:18, 24-25)

#### b. Parables were Jesus’ primary genre for teaching (cf. Mt. 13:34; Mk. 4:2)

#### c. God’s purpose: To confound those who are “wise in their own eyes” & the wicked (cf. Ps. 69:22-23; Isa. 6:8-10; 29-10; Ezek. 20:49; Mk. 4:12; Lk. 8:10; Rom. 11:7-10; 1 Cor. 1:18-31)

#### d. God’s purpose: To bless His chosen ones

- i. Giving them wisdom (cf. Pr. 1:2; Eccl. 12:9)
- ii. Giving them warning (e.g. Mt. 21:43-44; 25:13,46; Lk. 8:18; 11:32; 12:21,40; 13:9; 20:18)
- iii. Giving them instruction
  1. On God’s Kingdom (e.g. Mt. 13:31-33, 44-50; 20:1-16; 21:1-14; 25:1-46; Mk. 4:26-32; Lk. 13:18-21)
  2. On fruitful living (e.g. Mt. 25:14-30; Lk. 13:6-9; 19:11-27)
  3. On money (e.g. Lk. 12:15-34; 16:9-13; 19-31)
  4. On prayer (e.g. Lk. 11:5-13; 18:1-8)
  5. On humility (e.g. Lk. 17:10; 18:9-14)
  6. On compassion (e.g. Mt. 18:10-14; 21-35; 25:31-46; Lk. 10:25-37; 15:1-32; 16:19-31)
  7. On vigilance (e.g. Mt. 24:42-51; 25:13; Lk. 12:35-40)
- iv. Giving them reverence for God (c.f. Isa. 29:23; Lk. 17-10)

#### e. Our decryption equipment (c.f. Job 32:8; Jn. 3:3; Rom. 8:5-9; 1 Cor. 2:14; Col. 1:9)

#### f. Conclusion

“And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.” (Rom. 8:9b)

## **PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises:** Thank you to the many veterans who fought for our freedoms – one of which is the freedom to worship our God in our own churches and homes. We honor you!

**Prayer Concerns:** Upcoming events & projects @ Elim;  
Families who have recently lost loved ones.  
Transition for our elderly church members.

### **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.

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Our missionary friend Alex Velasco has a need. His family is remodeling the basement in his father-in-laws home for them to live in. He is looking for some men to come and do some of the construction. I am currently looking for 4-6 guys that can make the trip to Colorado. The weekend that works best is Nov 20-23. We might leave Wed after all can get off work and drive straight through. We would work Thur, Fri & Sat and drive home on Sunday. Please pray about this how we help with this very important need for our missionaries family. Please contact Mike Hermann (563-343-1026) for more details.

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### **WOMEN'S HOLIDAY TEA**

**The holidays are upon us!! Start celebrating.... The holiday tea is Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>! If you wish to host a table or have any questions please see Tasha Munger or Cinday Minard. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.**



**Also, everyone is invited – even if you don't host a table or are invited by a hostess – you are welcome to the Tea!! There is a sign up sheet for guests to sign-up if they wish to attend.**

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**New address for Lyle & Maurine Beresford:  
Amber Ridge**

**221 – 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Apt. #108 Moline, IL. 61265**

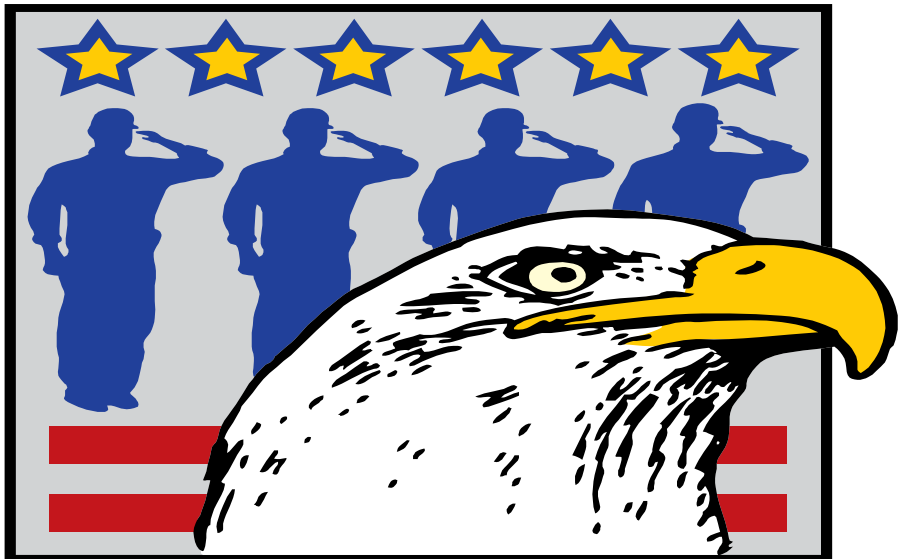
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**There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser following worship on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this is to raise funds for the team going to Colorado to assist Alex Velasco in converting the basement into living quarters for his family.**

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**THANK YOU**



**VETERANS DAY**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

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## **LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b> Sunday School/Confirmation <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship Celebration Service with Communion <b>12 noon</b> Chocolate Fantasies Planning meeting
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Nov. 10</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Prayer Team Gathering
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> MLT Meeting <b>6:45 p.m.</b> Choir Practice
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Nov. 12</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Julie Wells Women's Bible Study <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Dollar Dinner <b>6:00-7:30 p.m.</b> SPARK & AXIS Youth Group <b>7:30-9:00p.m.</b> Fusion (10 <sup>th</sup> grade thru college)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Set-up for Holiday Tea
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Nov. 14</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b> Women's Holiday Tea
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>8:00-12 noon</b> Leadership Retreat
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Nov. 16</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b> Sunday School/Confirmation <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship Celebration Service <b>11:45 a.m.</b> Collection for Christian Friendliness/Youth Hope <b>12 Noon</b> Spaghetti Fundraiser for Colorado Const. Trip
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Nov. 17</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Prayer Team Gathering
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>6:45 p.m.</b> Choir Practice
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Nov. 19</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Julie Wells Women's Bible Study <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Dollar Dinner <b>6:00-7:30 pm</b> SPARK & AXIS Youth Group <b>7:30-9:00pm</b> Fusion (10 <sup>th</sup> grade thru college)
<b>Thur-Sun</b>	<b>Nov. 20-23</b>	Construction trip to Colorado for Alex Velasco home
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Nov. 20</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>NO S.P.L.A.S.H.</b> Meeting this month or Dec.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Nov. 23</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b> Sunday School/Confirmation <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship Celebration Service
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Nov. 24</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Prayer Team Gathering

### November Birthdays

11 – Tia Sellevold  
16 – Martin Bear  
18 – Maurine Beresford  
18 – Carolyn Carsell

### December Birthdays

2 – Kathy Boggs  
11 – Danielle Ogden

### November Anniversaries

5 – Byron & Becky Reynolds

### December Anniversaries

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

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**Church office      office@elimqc.org**

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 40      Worship = 126

### **CHILD CARE      THIS WEEK**

Nursery      Carol Jacks & Karen Johnson  
Children's Church 3-6 yrs      Cheryl & Meagan Bear  
Children's Church 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades      Kristen Burns & Rachel P.  
Pastor's e-mail      [pastor@elimqc.org](mailto:pastor@elimqc.org)

### **NEXT WEEK**

Mallory Burney & Victoria Fowler  
Lori Smith & Thao  
Rachael F. & Elizabeth Smith  
Greg's e-mail      [youth@elimqc.org](mailto:youth@elimqc.org)