ELIM COVENANT CHURCH February 22, 2015



FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO ITS SETTING, THE NAME OF THE LORD IS TO BE PRAISED!

PSALM 113:3, ESV

WORSHIP CELEBRATION February 22, 2015

"We should never underestimate the impact of our acts of faith, hope, and love, for when people see those, they are truly seeing light in darkness." ~ Jeff Kahl ~

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitator

Zach Coil "Our God Is Greater" "Blessed Be Your Name" "Jesus Messiah" CCLI #2005052

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Scripture Reader, Tasha Munger

MESSAGE "Thriving: Making Your Time Matter" Greg Burney

RESPONDING TO GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 "The Stand"

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday 2 Corinthians 3:6

Monday John 3:5-7

Tuesday Galatians 3:2-3 Wednesday Galatians 5:16, 25

Thursday Romans 8:2
Friday Romans 8:5-6
Saturday Galatians 6:7-8

TODAY'S GREETERS

HEAD USHER

Wike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Pat Hudson & Jim Nelson

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: The Covenant family of faith!

Dora Beth and Daniel Christy arrived back home safe from their therapy & doctor appointments in Georgia.

Prayer Concerns: Sympathy to the family & friends of Charlie Bess who passed away on Friday, February 13, 2015.

Tom Neer – 2nd hip surgery on February 19th.

Marj Nelson, Betty Lindberg, June Riley, Lyle & Maurine.

Safe travel for Pastor Steve.

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, Claudine Patton, Dillon, the Ferry family, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

Praver 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.

MLT Mini Retreat Session 2 Saturday, March 7, 8:00 a.m. – noon.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



Note: date changed to the 14th----

The next men's fellowship breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 14^{th} @ 8:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.



S.P.L.A.S.H. MEETING

Ladies, the next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting will take place on Saturday, March 28,2015, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

LOVE-HOPE PROJECT

The Love-Hope project group are collecting items for the State Testing time in March. They are helping 2 elementary schools and maybe more in challenging neighborhoods.

The 2 schools are Freance Willard and Rock Island Academy.

Donations needed:

Cases of water (at least 50) Boxes of granola bars Packages of cheese crackers

Boxes of individually wrapped fruit snacks

Big bags of pretzels Boxes/bags of Gold Fish crackers Boxes of graham crackers

Cash donations in order to buy pencil boxes and items not donated. Checks may be made out to

The Love-Hope Project. The mailing address is:

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Donations accepted thru Wed. Feb. 25th.

Rock Island Christian Care Immediate Needs Paper products, antacids, razors, underwear (all sizes), trash bags (13 or 30 gallon size), men's thermal wear.



BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES DON'T JUST HAPPEN! CLEANING VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

We have sign-up sheets in the gathering area for cleaning crews...but we need members to sign-up to help keep our church clean and beautiful!

Please sign-up for a task-the rewards are great & it's a good thing! Thank you.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING CLASS THIS COMING SATURDAY

Hey everyone! We love that you love the youth and children at Elim! Thanks for all your hard work and support of these ministries! We feel that we have a large responsibility here at Elim to make sure that our children are well cared for. We also feel it is vital that we give our children a safe place that families can feel confident leaving their children under our care. Part of that responsibility is to ensure that all of our child care workers meet today's standards for training and child safety. This is just as much for the safety of our kids as it is for the safety of our workers. With all this being said there are two VERY important things we need everyone who works with minors at Elim to do for us. First is a background check. We need to be able to tell anyone and everyone who might inquire that we have done our part to be accountable for the people who spend time with the kids of Elim. The second is a child protection training class. This class will take place from 10-Noon on February 28th. Everyone who works with minors will be required to do both of these steps. If you have any questions please contact

Greg Burney, Rachel Cunningham or Pastor. Thanks again! You are all such a blessing! Please don't hesitate to ask questions as we move forward in this process!



I would like to thank everyone at Elim & Pastor Steve for the many calls, cards, visits and meals provided for me during my recent illiness. I appreciate you all so much.

Claudine Patton

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE PRESENTS......



The theme this year is "Hello, my name is.....

Discovering your IDENTITY As a Woman in Christ"
It will take place on Friday, March 13th
And Saturday, March 14th @
New Zion Covenant Church in Dolton, IL.
More information is on the round table in the gathering area.

Early registration is due before Sunday, March 1st. See Julie Wells with any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Sun	Feb. 22	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	Feb. 23	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	Feb. 24	6:45 p.m Choir Practice
Wed	Feb. 25	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner
		5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
		6:00 p.m. SPARK & AXIS
		7:30 p.m. Fusion
Thur	Feb. 26	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat	Feb. 28	10:00-Noon Child Protection Training
Sun	March 1	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	March 2	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	March 3	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	March 4	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner
		5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
		6:00 p.m. SPARK & AXIS
		7:30 p.m. Fusion
Thur	March 5	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat	March 7	8:00 a.m. MLT Mini-Retreat
Sun	March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
		9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	March 9	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	March 10	5:45 p.m. MLT Meeting
		6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	March 11	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner
		5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
		6:00 p.m. SPARK & AXIS
		7:30 p.m. Fusion
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<u>February</u>	Birthdays

23 – Tasha Munger 25 - Rachel Peterson

28 – Kathy Brothers

March Birthdays

3 – Cheryl Bear 3 – Ryan Sellevold

6 – Margaret Hasty

7 – Carol Jacks

12 – Marc Ellis

17 – Katie Clarke

March Anniversaries

16 - Jim & Danielle Ogden 23 – Jay & Judie Stanley

29 – Jon & Tabatha Estes

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Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 44

Worship = 100

THIS WEEK CHILD CARE Amanda Dang & Leonna Ellis Nursery Children's Church 3-6 yrs Lori & Elizabeth Smith Children's Church 2nd-5th grades Natalie H & Kate S.

NEXT WEEK Juanita Arellanos & Judy Martel Kristen Burns & Megan DeArmond Thao Luong & AmandaDang