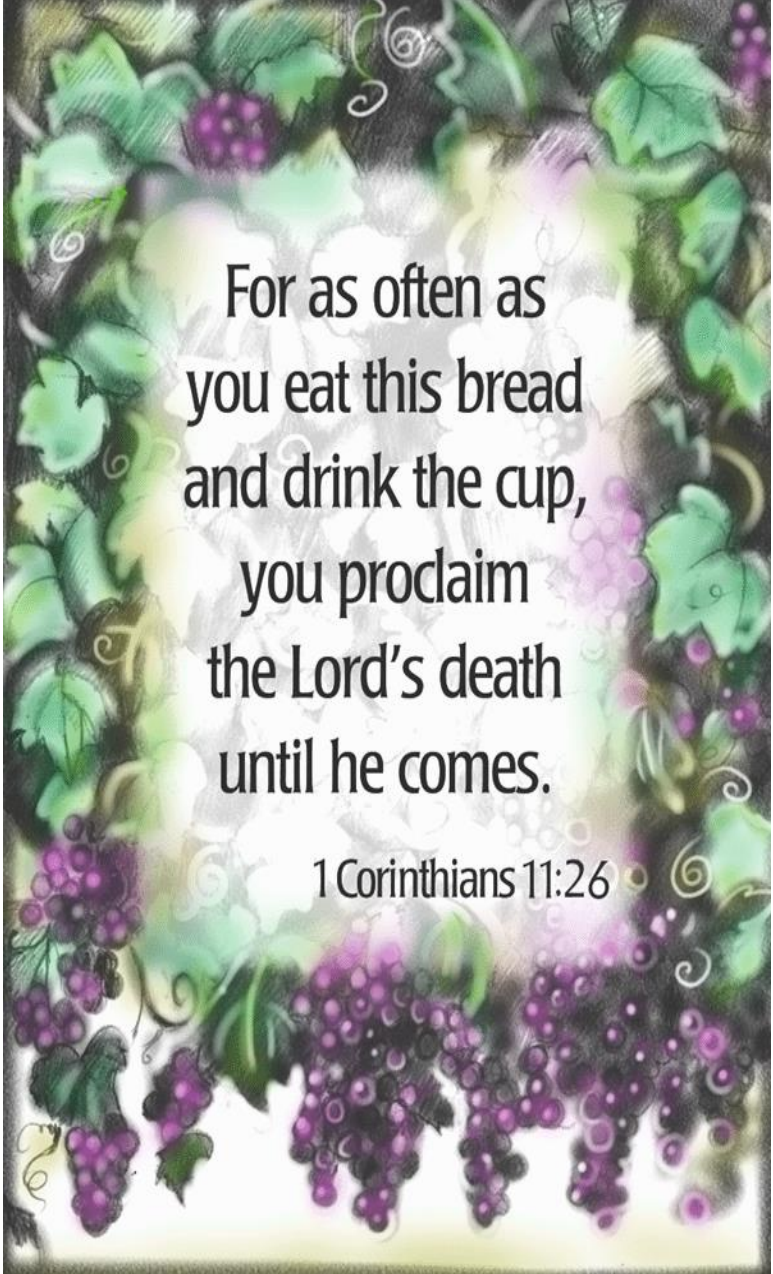


# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

March 1, 2015



For as often as  
you eat this bread  
and drink the cup,  
you proclaim  
the Lord's death  
until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## March 1, 2015

"You can give without loving.

But you cannot love without giving."

~ Amy Carmichael ~ Missionary to India 1867-1951

### **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

*"O Praise Him"*

*"Your Great Name"*

*CCLI #2005052*

### GREETING ONE ANOTHER

### HYMN #222

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

### **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

"Do everything in love." (1 Corinthians 16:)

### ELIM CHOIR

*"Getting' Ready to Leave This World"*

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

### WORDS FROM GOD

Luke 19:11-27

*Scripture Reader, Shannon Pirmann*

**MESSAGE “Thriving: Maximizing Your Talents”  
Pastor Steve Peterson**

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Call to Communion

#887 The Lord’s Prayer

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**

*“God Alone”*

**BENEDICTION**

***Scripture Readings for the Week***

*Sunday*

*Matthew 1:20*

*Monday*

*Isaiah 11:1-2*

*Tuesday*

*Isaiah 61:1-2*

*Wednesday*

*Acts 1:8*

*Thursday*

*Acts 1:5*

*Friday*

*Ephesians 5:18*

*Saturday*

*Ephesians 5:19-21*

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**TODAY’S GREETERS**

John & Pam Thompson

**HEAD USHER**

Gary Wells

**USHERS**

Felipe Cantu, Sandy Parrott, Tom Dang

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Don Yoeckel

# **“Thriving: Maximizing Your Talents”**

## **Luke 19:11-27**

Key Thought: God wants us to use our resources to the best of our abilities to maximize the impact for His Kingdom growth.

Key Text: “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.” (2 Cor. 5:10)

1. Intro & Context (Stewardship of our talents)
2. Defining our “Talents.” What are the internal resources you possess? “For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?” (1 Cor. 4:7)
  - (a) Natural talents (i.e. “born with it,” or developed naturally)
    - i. Innate talents: Intelligence, aptitude, creativity, leadership, relational skills, teaching, etc.
    - ii. Physical talents: Strength, agility, stamina, etc.
    - iii. Intellectual talents: Educational, vocational, experiential
    - iv. Emotional: Empathy, compassion, stability, passion, etc.
  - (b) Gifting (i.e. Spirit-given) (cf. Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11)
    - i. Spiritual: wisdom, prophecy, leadership, teaching, faith, service, encouragement, generosity, etc.
    - ii. Forgiveness, grace, mercy, zeal, etc.
    - iii. Your testimony
2. God's part: What resources has God invested in you? Note: May need a spiritual gifts inventory to answer this one.

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” (Ja. 1:17)
3. Our part: What could you do to maximize those resources, that you might increase your leverage [your influence, your fruitfulness] and thereby effect more growth for God's Kingdom? (cf. Mt. 25:14-30; Eph. 4:11-13)
  - (a) Educational growth (formal or informal)
  - (b) Experiential growth (Work to gain more experience)
  - (c) Faith growth (Mission trips & Outreach ministries)
  - (d) More involvement in church (esp. in leadership)
4. Why it matters: We will be judged according to our works (cf. Rom. 14:10; 1 Cor. 3:12-15; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15)
- 5) It's all about love (Gal. 5:6b; 1 Cor. 13:1-3; 1 Jn. 4:16-18)
- 6) Conclusion

Questions for Reflection:

What resources has God invested in you? \_\_\_\_\_

What could you do to maximize those resources? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you ready to stand before God's throne to be judged? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your works reflect a vibrant faith? \_\_\_\_\_

What can you do to up your love quotient (toward God, and then others)?

Do you want to live God's "love adventure" and truly thrive? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises:                    Our God is an awesome God!**

**Prayer Concerns: Safe travels for our church members  
who are out of town. Our Elim shut-ins.**

### **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.

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### **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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# MLT Mini Retreat Session 2

## Saturday, March 7, 8:00 a.m. – noon.

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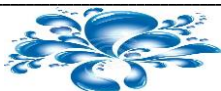


### ***MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST***

*Note: date changed to the 14<sup>th</sup> ----*

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

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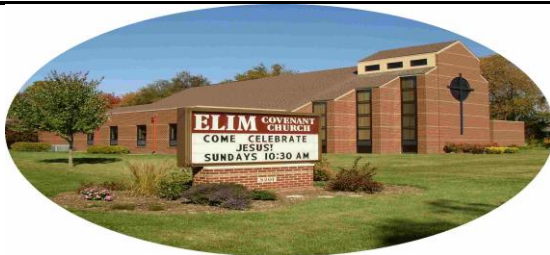
### **S.P.L.A.S.H. MEETING**

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

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

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**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.

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## GIRLS NIGHT OUT MEETING TODAY!!!!

Our one and only GNO kickoff meeting to get on the same page is going to be after church for 10 minutes! Hope to see anyone that is willing to give some time to GNO on Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30 p.m. Bring any ideas if you like. We will definitely have the cake walk, the silent auction baskets, "Our Daily Bread" and hopefully other stations we've had in the past – like hair cuts, crocheted necklaces, crafts, nail painting, warm wax hand therapy, etc. We can't provide a fun GNO without your help. If you cannot attend this short meeting but would like to help, please e-mail me on how you'd like to be a part of the event. Thank you Elim gals!!

Cindy Minard.....cardinals1@mchsi.com

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

**SPRING CELEBRATION 2015**

MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> AND MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>

NEW ZION COVENANT CHURCH  
14200 CHICAGO ROAD - DOLTON, IL

*Hello, my name is...*  
Discovering your IDENTITY  
as a Woman in Christ

*Scripture: Gal. 3:26*

Cynthia Peterson  
Worship Leader

Elder Cheryl Cornelius  
Morning Speaker

Rev. Lance Davis  
Host Pastor

Rev. Stephanie Thompson  
Afternoon Speaker

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES  
of the Central Conference

The theme this year is "Hello, my name is.....  
Discovering your IDENTITY As a Woman in Christ"  
It will take place on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
And Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @  
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 1<sup>st</sup>.  
See Julie Wells with any questions.

## *LOOKING AHEAD*

<b>Sun</b>	<b>March 1</b>	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Girls Night Out Planning Meeting
<b>Mon</b>	<b>March 2</b>	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
<b>Tue</b>	<b>March 3</b>	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
<b>Wed</b>	<b>March 4</b>	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
<b>Thur</b>	<b>March 5</b>	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
<b>Sat</b>	<b>March 7</b>	8:00 a.m. MLT Mini-Retreat
<b>Sun</b>	<b>March 8</b>	Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
<b>Mon</b>	<b>March 9</b>	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
<b>Tue</b>	<b>March 10</b>	5:45 p.m. MLT Meeting 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
<b>Wed</b>	<b>March 11</b>	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
<b>Thur</b>	<b>March 12</b>	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
<b>Sat</b>	<b>March 14</b>	8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>Sun</b>	<b>March 15</b>	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Collection for CF/Youth Hope
<b>Mon</b>	<b>March 16</b>	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
<b>Tue</b>	<b>March 17</b>	Happy St. Patrick's Day!! 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice

### March Birthdays

3 – Cheryl Bear  
3 – Ryan Sellevold  
6 – Margaret Hasty  
7 – Carol Jacks  
12 – Marc Ellis  
17 – Katie Clarke  
20 – Ellie Wildermuth  
26 – Claudine Patton  
28 – Jon Estes

### March Anniversaries

16 – Jim & Danielle Ogden  
23 – Jay & Judie Stanley  
29 – Jon & Tabatha Estes

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**Greg's e-mail** [youth@elimqc.org](mailto:youth@elimqc.org)

**Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 44**

**Worship = 125**

**CHILD CARE THIS WEEK**

**NEXT WEEK**

**Nursery** Juanita Arellanos & Judy Martel Meagan Bear & Rebecca Schaechter  
**Children's Church 3-6 yrs** Kristen Burns & Megan DeArmond Cindy M. & Elizabeth S.  
**Children's Church 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades** Thao Luong & Amanda Dang Thao Luong & Amanda D.