


**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
APRIL 19, 2015**

And you also
were included
in Christ
when
you heard
the word of
truth.



Ephesians 1:13

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 19, 2015

“Jesus came to announce to us that an identity based on success, popularity and power is a false identity – an illusion! Loudly and clearly he says: ‘You are not what the world makes you; but you are children of God’ ~ Henri Nouwen ~

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 Zach Coil Worship Facilitator

“Blessed Be Your Name”

“Nothing But the Blood”

HYMN #430 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

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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

*“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”
(Colossians 3:2)*

ELIM CHOIR

“Knowing You”

MISSION UPDATE

Juanita Arellanos

CHILDREN’S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Ephesians 1:1-14

*Scripture Reader, Shannon Pirmann
(Pages 1224 or 1156 in the red Bibles)*

MESSAGE

“Our Identity in Christ”

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

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

“You Are My King”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Psalm 34:8

Monday

John 14:10

Tuesday

2 Peter 3:18

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 3:5-6

Thursday

2 Corinthians 2:12-14

Friday

Romans 8:35-37

Saturday

John 6:57

TODAY’S GREETERS

Dewey & Carol Jacks

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Martin Bear, Steve Coil, L.J. Cunningham

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

“Our Identity in Christ”

Ephesians 1:1-14

Key Text: “It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.” (Eph. 1:11 from *The Message*)

Key Thought: When we live out of our identity in Christ, our lives abound with God’s love and grace.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Identity statements in Eph. 1:3-14
 - a. “[God] has blessed us in the heavenly realms w/ every spiritual blessing in Christ” (v. 3).
 - b. Chosen “to be holy and blameless in his sight” (v. 4).
 - c. Lovingly predestined us “to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ” (done in love, willfully & w/ great pleasure) (v. 5).
 - d. Freely given us of His glorious grace (v. 6).
 - e. “In him we have redemption thru his blood” (v. 7a)
 - f. “Forgiveness of sins” (v. 7b).
 - g. We’re lavished with His grace (7c-8a).
 - h. We’re made privy to the mystery of His will (v. 9).
 - i. We’re CHOSEN by God (v. 11).
 - j. “Included in Christ” (v. 13a).
 - k. Marked w/ the seal of the Holy Spirit, our “deposit of guarantee” for our inheritance—our promised redemption (vv. 13-14).
- 3) The significance of our identity in Christ
- 4) The Cycle of Grace (PowerPoint slides)
- 5) Living out of who God says you are in Christ (refer to postcard in your bulletin)
- 6) Belief: the key that unlocks the door to this amazing life (vv. 13-14)
 - a. Transformational (cf. Rom. 8:29-30; 2 Cor. 3:18)
 - b. Sealed w/ the Holy Spirit (so fruit should be evident!) (cf. Jn. 14:16-17; Gal. 5:22-23)
 - c. Evidence of repentance (Mk. 1:15; Lk. 3:8; Acts 26:20)
- 7) Closing

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises: National Honor Society acknowledgement for Seniors:
Michelle DeArmond & Josh Martel; Junior: Elizabeth Smith.
The Girls Night Out success!!**

**Prayer Concerns: Congregational meeting;
Those facing surgeries; 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, Dillon, the Ferry family, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

Prayer Notes:

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, e & 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
Thursday, April 23rd @ 5:30 p.m.

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**S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting Sat. April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
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Please try to attend the next congregational meeting held on Sunday, April 26th following our worship service.

Christian Care Updated Needs

Bus tickets Paper towels & bathroom tissue
Air freshners Mattress covers Laundry baskets
Canned fruits & veggies Dish soap
Oatmeal Pancake batter Butter Coffee
Deodorant Body wash Razors Hairbrushes
Thank you for your donations!!!

Elim Family Groups

Sign up now for food, fun and fellowship with our Elim family. This is for everyone and everyone this is for you. This will be great if all participate. We did this a number of years ago and today there are still long lasting friendships as a result of these groups. This is for individuals and families. The groups will be intentionally organized for you to be with someone you might not know very well as of now, but that is where the fun begins. The goal is to meet three times between May 1 and August 31. There is no limit to what you can do as a group; cookout, bowling, miniature golfing, fishing, boating, a ball game, a movie, game night, travel, museum, the zoo, go to Iowa. You are only limited by your own imagination. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering area.

**GRILLIN' & CHILLIN'
GUYS IN THE GARAGE NIGHT!!!**



***Bring your own meat to grill, drinks,
chips, and desserts will be provided.
Saturday, May 2nd @ 5:30 p.m.
There is a sign up sheet.***

2015

1st Quarter Financial Report

Current Expenses	Building	Other	Totals
Balance 1/1 \$18,620	\$ 6,434	\$5,235	\$30,289
Receipts \$42,209	\$715.00	\$8,259	\$51,183
Disbursements \$45,408	\$ 0.00	\$6,501	\$51,909
Balance 3/31 \$15,420	\$ 7,149	\$6,992	\$29,561

SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

@ First Covenant Church

Thursday, April 23, 2015 11:00am-1:00pm

Tickets are \$7.00 for adults & \$1.00 for children

Express line available.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun	April 19	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Collection for CF/Youth Hope
Mon	April 20	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	April 21	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	April 22	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	April 23	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MLT Mini-Retreat
Sat	April 25	9:00-11:00am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
Sun	April 26	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12 Noon Elim Congregational Meeting
Mon	April 27	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	April 28	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	April 29	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	April 30	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat	May 2	5:30 p.m. Grillin' & Chillin' Guy's In the Garage Night
Sun	May 3	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	May 4	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	May 5	??? Cinco DeMayo Missions Fundraiser 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

April Birthdays

19 – Rachael Ferry

19 – Rachel Luong

20 – Pat Hansen

23 – DeWayne Edwards

24 – Pennie Knary

24 – Jane Peterson

May Birthdays

2 – Steve Coil

13 – Lorraine Carsell

15 – Margo Coil

April Anniversaries

25 – Scott & Emily Spencer

27 – Rolland & Joann Potts

30 – Gary & Pat Hansen

CIU – means Church In Use

(309) 764-6920

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Church website elimqc.org

Pastor's e-mail pastor@elimqc.org

Greg's e-mail youth@elimqc.org

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 49

Worship = 118

CHILD CARE THIS WEEK

Nursery Rachael Ferry & Thao Luong

Children's Church 3-6 yrs Cindy Minard & Elizabeth S.

Children's Church 2nd-5th grades Natalie Hermann & Kate Schaechter

NEXT WEEK

Leonna Ellis & Amanda Dang

Rachael Ferry & Rachel Peterson

Natalie & Kate