

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
May 17, 2015

*Let
the Peace
of Christ*



*Rule
in Your
Hearts...*

Colossians 3:15

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.’ These men without possessions or power, these strangers on Earth, these sinners, these followers of Jesus, have in their life with him renounced their own dignity, for they are merciful... They have an irresistible love for the down-trodden, the sick, the wretched, the wronged, the outcast and all who are tortured with anxiety... If any man falls into disgrace, the merciful will sacrifice their own honor to shield him, and take his shame upon themselves.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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

HYMN #10 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

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

“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”
(James 4:6)

ELIM CHOIR *“Thank You For Loving Me”*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Ephesians 3:1-13

Scripture Reader, Natalie Hermann
(Pages 1225 or 1152 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

**“Outcasts Grafted In”
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.

HYMN #341

“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 4:3-5</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Isaiah 51:4</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>John 10:1</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>1 Chronicles 29:11</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 4:7-9</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Proverbs 22:17-19</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Jeremiah 17:5</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Jim Nelson, Zach Stulir

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

“Outcasts Grafted In”

Ephesians 3:1-13

Key Text: “... I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life” (1 Tim. 1:16)

Key Thought: In Christ, the most undeserving sinners are given grace, and are welcomed into the family of God. It’s so unbelievable and astounding that Paul speaks of it as “a mystery.”

- 1) Intro & context
- 2) Paul, the prisoner (v. 1,13) (cf. Acts 21-28; Rom. 16:7; Eph. 6:20; Phl. 1:12-17; 2 Tim. 1:8; Phl. 1:9)
- 3) Excessive grace (vv. 2,7,8) (cf. also Eph. 1:6-7; 2:7-8)
- 4) What’s with the mystery? (vv. 3-6,9) (cf. Rom. 11:11-36; 1 Cor. 2:6-16; Col. 1:24-27)
- 5) Paul’s humility (v. 8) (cf. 1 Cor. 15:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:12-16)
- 6) God’s boasting (vv. 9-11) (cf. Eph. 1:21; 6:12; Col. 2:10,15) “And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross” (Col. 2:15)
- 7) Free access to God (v. 12) (cf. Eph. 2:18; 2 Cor. 3:4; Heb. 10:19; 1 Jn. 3:21; 4:16-18) “Let us, then, approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need” (Heb. 4:16)
- 8) Conclusion

Questions for Reflection:

- How far would you go to serve Christ? Would you be willing to suffer for the sake of the gospel?
- Have you experienced God’s grace in a powerful way? Have you truly understood how great is your sin? Have you come clean with God?

Do you feel the freedom to approach God’s throne of grace with boldness and confidence?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: God's mercy shown to us all.

Prayer Concerns: Ricardo Arellanos.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Unspoken needs of our brothers & sisters: Arlene Miller, Dorothy & Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Marj Nelson, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Jay Stanley, John Hutchison, Travis Ferry, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Sonnie Anderson, Quinton Ford, Bob & Cindy Behrens, the Ferry family, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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Prayer Notes:

Prayer Following Worship

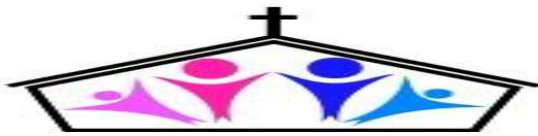
Please feel free to take your burden or praise to one of the Elim Prayer Team members available to pray with you. Team members include: Julie, Linda, Carolyn, Juanita, & Tasha and can be easily found at the back of the sanctuary in the northeast classroom.

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.



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,

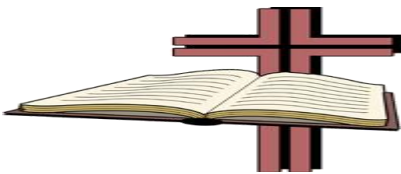
but that is where the fun begins. The goal is to meet three times between May 1 and August 31. There is no limit to what you can do as a group; cookout, bowling, miniature golfing, fishing, boating, a ball game, a movie, game night, travel, museum, the zoo, go to Iowa.

You are only limited by your own imagination.

Sign-up sheet is in the gathering area.



S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting Sat. May 23rd
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

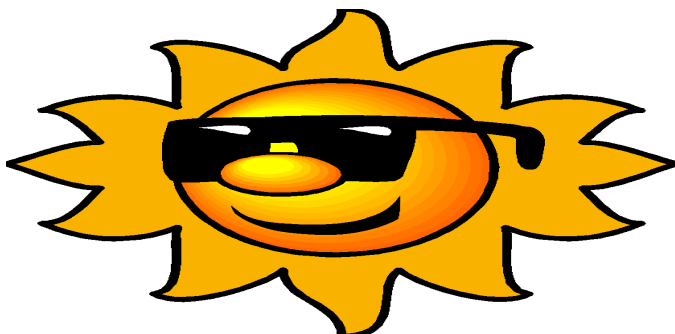


NEW MEMBERS CLASS

We are in the process of planning for a new members class. If anyone is interested - please see Pastor Steve, Mike Hermann or contact the church office @ 764-6920. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

KEENAGERS POTLUCK

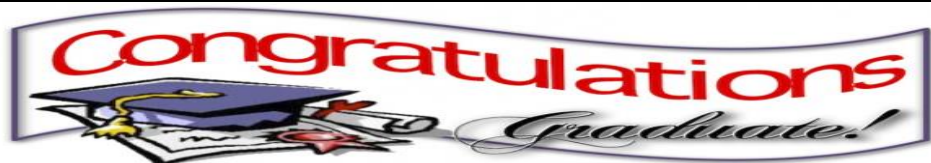
The Keenagers potluck will be held at their last spring meeting on May 28th. The meeting will start @ 9:30 with the meal following.



ESM - ALL SUMMER LONG

Our youth groups...SPARK/AXIS & Fusion will continue to meet on Wednesday nights all through the summer.

There will still be Wednesday Dollar Dinners...so we have put out an extended Wednesday night sign-up sheet for baked goods/snacks/treats all summer. Feel free to sign up anytime. Also, tickets are available for the ESM Night Out scheduled June 27th \$10.00 each.



We are all invited to celebrate the high school graduation of Thao Luong. Refreshments will be served by the family following worship on Sunday, June 7th.

(Note the date change – not on May 17th).



W.I.L.D. GOLF OUTING

The Western Illinois District golf outing is planned for Monday, June 8th. With the first tee time @ 9:30 a.m. sharp.

It will be held @ Golfmohr Golf Course in East Moline.

The fee is \$45 per person and \$40 for seniors.

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun	May 17	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 p.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Collection for CF/Youth Hope
Mon	May 18	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	May 19	6:30 p.m. CIU – YMCA Pre School Graduation
Wed	May 20	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	May 21	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat	May 23	9:00-11:00am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
Sun	May 24	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	May 25	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
Tue	May 26	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	May 27	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	May 28	9:30 p.m. Keenagers Potluck (last mtg. until September)
Sun	May 31	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration ~ Confirmation Sunday 11:45 a.m. Refreshments Confirmation Sunday
Mon	June 1	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed	June 3	5:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study 6:00-8:00pm SPARK & ESM Family Cookout (rain date June 10)
Sat	June 6	8:00 a.m. Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
Sun	June 7	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration/Graduates Recognition 12 noon Refreshments for Thao Luong’s Graduation
Mon	June 8	9:30 a.m. W.I.L.D. Golf Outing @ Golfmohr 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering

May Birthdays

17 – Dave Christy
20 – David Luong
20 – Martha Peterson
22 – Bill Minard
28 – Jim Ogden
29 – Jay Stanley
30 – Kate Schaechter

No May Anniversaries

CIU – means Church In Use
(309) 764-6920
Church office office@elimqc.org
Church website elimqc.org
Pastor’s e-mail pastor@elimqc.org
Greg’s e-mail youth@elimqc.org

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 54

Worship = 144

Mowing Schedule

May 23 Jim Nelson & Mike Hermann

May 30 Don Yoeckel & Jeff Parrott

CHILD CARE TODAY MAY 17

NEXT WEEK MAY 24

Nursery Lori Smith & Meagan Bear

Victoria Fowler & Elizabeth Smith

Children’s Church 3-6 yrs Mary Bivens & Rachel Luong Rachael Ferry & Rachel Peterson

Children’s Church 2nd-5th grades Elizabeth Peterson & Mariah DeArmond (4 weeks)