

**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH  
JULY 19, 2015**



**Trust  
in the  
LORD**

**with all your heart  
and lean not  
on your own  
understanding.**

**Proverbs 3:5**

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## July 19, 2015

"People are like stained - glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within." ~Elisabeth Kubler-Ross~

### **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

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Blue hymnal #10)"*

*"Holy Is the Lord"*

*"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

### **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 hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (Psalm 119:11)

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

### **WORDS FROM GOD**

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*Scripture Reader, Pat Hudson*  
(Pages 1159 or 1227 in the red Bibles)

**MESSAGE**  
**"Living in the Light"**  
**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...**      **"Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Blue hymnal #195)**

**BENEDICTION**

*Scripture Readings for the Week*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Isaiah 42:6</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Jeremiah 32:17</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Daniel 3:17</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Matthew 19:26</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Luke 1:37</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>2 Timothy 1:12</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Ephesians 3:20</i>

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**TODAY'S GREETERS**

Rolland & Joann Potts

**HEAD USHER**

Don Peterson

**USHERS**

Martin Bear, Chris Carsell, Mike Hermann

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Josh Parrott

## **“Living in the Light”** **Ephesians 5:8-14**

**Key Verse:** “But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light...” (Jn. 3:21)

**Key Thought:** God is light; we are called to be children of light and to walk in His light, forsaking the darkness.

1) Intro & Context

2) Light vs. Darkness

- a. God is light (cf. Isa. 9:2; Jn. 8:12; 12:46) “[Jesus said] I am the light of the world”
- b. Darkness dwellers (cf. Job 12:25; Jn. 3:19-20; 12:35) “They stagger like drunkards” (Job 12:25)
- c. Light dwellers (cf. Jn. 3:21; 1 Jn. 1:7; 2:10)
- d. Our calling (cf. Acts 26:18; 1 Pt. 2:9) “... to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God...” (Acts 26:18)

3) Living as Children of the Light (vv. 8-9)

- a. Commanded to love (cf. Eph. 5:2; 1 Jn. 2:9-10; 3:14)
- b. Trusting God, we become children of light (cf. Jn. 12:36)
- c. Commanded to avoid darkness (cf. Isa. 5:20; 2 Cor. 6:14; 1 Ths. 5:5)
- d. Light and your eyes (Ps. 36:9; 101:3a; Lk. 11:34-35) “The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.” (Ps. 19:8b)

4) That which pleases the Lord (v. 10) (cf. Rom. 8:8; 12:1-2; 1 Ths. 4:1-12) “And without faith it is impossible to please God...” (Heb. 11:6)

5) Exposing the deeds of darkness (vv. 11-12) (cf. Neh. 13; Acts. 19:18-19; Ja. 5:16)

6) The x-ray power of light (v. 13) (cf. 1 Cor. 3:13; 4:5)

7) Wake up, then! (v. 14) (Ezek. 37:1-14; Jn. 5:24-27; Rom. 13:11-14)

8) Conclusion

### **Question for reflection:**

- Are you living and walking by the light of God?
- Are there areas of darkness in your life you need to repent of?

# PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises:** VBS week. Thank you to all the volunteers & workers.

**Prayer Concerns:**

## **Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:**

Carol Jacks, Juna Wortz, Rolland Potts, Zach Stulir, Arlene Miller, Dorothy & Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Marj Nelson, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Jay Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Travis Ferry, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Bob & Cindy Behrens, the Ferry family, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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**Prayer Notes:**

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### **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.

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## MLT MEETING

The next MLT meeting will be Tuesday,  
July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:45 p.m.

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## HYMN SING & POTLUCK

We are having an all church hymn sing and potluck on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area to sign if you plan to attend and note what dish you will be bringing.

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*Anyone interested in learning more about our church is invited to attend our Inquirers' Class. The class will be taught in two, 2-hour sessions, on Wednesdays, July 22nd & 29th. The class will begin at 6:00 p.m.*

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***Mark your calendars for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Block Party Sat. Sept. 12th***

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## ***“An In-Depth Study of Ephesians”***

***A two-part series, begins***

***Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>***

***Time: 10:00am to 3:30pm***

***Lunch Cost: \$10/person***

***(scholarships available)***

***Dr. Walt Elwell is is professor emeritus of Bible and Theology at Wheaton College where he taught from 1975 to 2003. He has authored and edited many books, but is most known for his editing the Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology.***

***Pastor Steve says, “Walt is a rare individual, with a world-class theological mind and a first-rate pastor’s heart. He can take the deepest biblical truth and communicate it with such simplicity, and inspire you to walk in that truth.”***

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

***July’s meeting will be only from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> because we are having***



***from 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon.***

***Come for cookies, carols and crafts. Feel free to bring a (wrapped) present to help us start collecting for the Christmas shoe box ministry we’ll be doing later this year. Gift suggestions include: solar powered calculators and pencil sharpeners; crank flashlights (for older kids) & small board books (for younger ones); wash clothes and tooth brushes; Barbies & toy cars. Bring them wrapped as we’ll be having some fun and unwrapping them again as part of the festivities.***

***See Dora Beth Christy with ???***

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun	July 19	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
		11:45 a.m. Collect for CF/Youth Hope
		1:00-5:00 p.m. CIU - Minard
Mon	July 20	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues	July 21	5:45 p.m. MLT Meeting
Wed	July 22	10:00 a.m. CIU – YMCA Meeting
		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
Sat	July 25	9:00-10:00am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
		10:30-Noon S.P.L.A.S.H. Christmas in July
Sun	July 26	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
		4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing & Potluck
Mon	July 27	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed	July 29	2:00-4:00p.m. CIU – YMCA
		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
Sun	Aug. 2	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
		Youth @ Snowbird all week
Mon	Aug. 3	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering

### July Birthdays

23 – Arlene Miller  
24 – Dorothy Laurick  
31 – Gary Hansen  
31 – Pastor Steve Peterson

### August Birthdays

1 – Paige Burney  
1 – Linda Gilmour  
3 – Brandon Dang  
6 – John Clarke  
6 – Leah Hermann  
6 – Thao Luong

### August Anniversaries

6 – Bill & Cinday Minard  
15 – L.J. & Rachel Cunningham  
21 – Jim & Carolyn Carsell

CIU – means Church In Use

Church office [office@elimqc.org](mailto:office@elimqc.org)  
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Greg’s e-mail [youth@elimqc.org](mailto:youth@elimqc.org)

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 31  
Mowing Schedule

Worship = 130

July 25 Don Peterson & Ron Baltisberger

August 1 Tom Dang & Giao Luong

CHILD CARE TODAY July 19

NEXT WEEK July 26

Nursery Rachael Ferry & Elizabeth Smith

Susie Schaechter & Leonna Ellis

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

Lori Smith & Rachel Peterson

Children’s Church 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Thao L. & Michelle DeA.

Thao, Rachel L. & Natalie N.