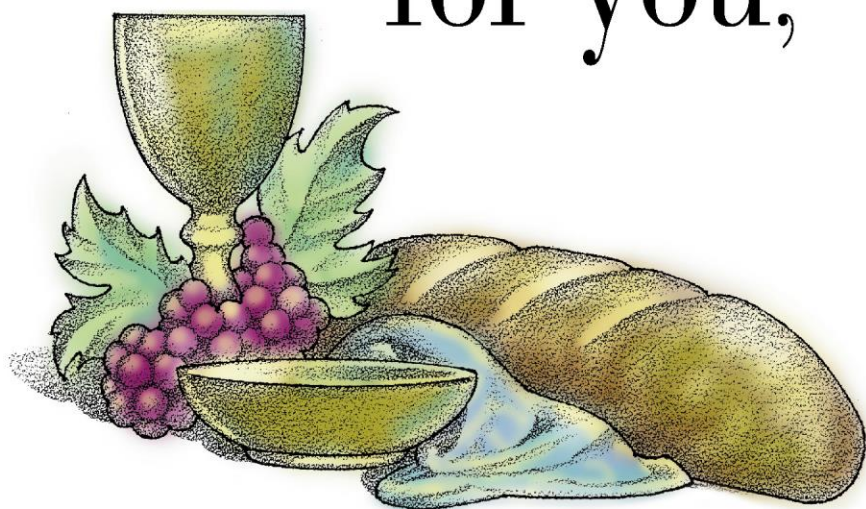


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
APRIL 3, 2016

“This is my
body given
for you;



do this in
remembrance
of **me.**”
Luke 22:19

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 3, 2016

**"Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow.
The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."
(Abraham Lincoln)**

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

HYMNS OF PRAISE Linda Gilmour Worship Facilitator

HYMN #265 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

"Agnus Dei"

HYMN #524

"Thy Word"

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

Marilyn Smith

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue
to live in him." (Colossians 2:6)

ELIM CHOIR

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Colossians 1:1-8

*Scripture Reader, John Thompson
(Pages 1233 or 1165 in the red Bibles)*

MESSAGE

**“A Fine Reputation”
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

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.

HYMN #75

“There Is a Redeemer”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Proverbs 16:9

Monday

1 Chronicles 29:11

Tuesday

John 14:21

Wednesday

2 Chronicles 32:8

Thursday

Isaiah 43:2

Friday

Psalms 136:25

Saturday

2 Timothy 2:11-13

TODAY’S GREETERS

Maxine Barnes & Pat Hudson

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Jim Nelson, Zach Stulir

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

“A Fine Reputation”

Colossians 1:1-8

Key Text: *“Encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory” (1 Thess. 2:12)*

Key Thought: A good Christian reputation must be the outgrowth of our identity in Christ, and His Spirit working in us.

- 1) Intro to book
 - a. Context: Colossae (in modern day Turkey)
 - i. Pagan city w/ many Jews
 - ii. Connection to Philemon & Onesimus
 - b. One of the “prison letters” (along with Ephesians, Philippians & Philemon)
 - c. Core purpose & messages
 - i. Combat “the Colossian heresy” (syncretism)
 - ii. Establish Christ’s preeminence
 - iii. Establish their Christian identity & their practices for holy living
 - d. Relevance for today
- 2) The Colossians’ reputation
 - a. Their FAITH in Christ Jesus (v. 4) (cf. Deut. 5:7; Jn. 14:6; Rom. 3:21-24)
 - b. Their LOVE
 - i. For the saints (v. 4) (cf. vv. 2, 12; Rom. 1:7)
 - ii. Springing from hope & truth (v. 5) (cf. Heb. 6:19; 1 Cor. 13:6)
 - iii. In the Spirit (v. 8) (cf. Rom. 5:5; Gal. 5:22)
 - c. The gospel bearing fruit & growing among them (v. 6) (cf. Mt. 28:19-20; Jn. 15:16)
- 3) Epaphras, the church planter (v. 7) (cf. 4:12; Phm. 23)
- 4) Conclusion

Questions for Reflection

- What kind of reputation do you have? Are you content with it?
- What do you think God’s opinion is of you? Do you think He’s disappointed, or proud?
- What is the basis of your personal identity? Your work & job performance, your family name and reputation, your social status, your credentials... or being saved by grace thru Christ Jesus?
- If you were to live out of (and into) your God-given identity, how would that affect your reputation going forward?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: **The healing powers of God!**

Prayer Concerns: **Violent spring storms throughout our country.**

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Juna Wortz, Arlene Miller, Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Marj Nelson, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ann Seyller, Joy Wright, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Patrick Henry, Joe DeSchepper, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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"The LORD will always lead you. He will satisfy your needs in dry lands and give strength to your bones. You will be like a garden that has much water, like a spring that never runs dry."

Isaiah 58:11

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 northwest classroom behind the sound system booth.

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.



CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE READY

The Elim Church directories are on the table in the gathering area. Please feel free to take one. Also, let me know if there are any mistakes or changes. Thank you, Judy.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

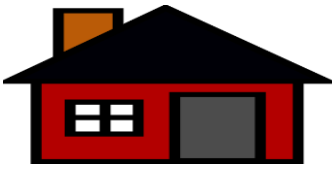
7th Annual Girls Night Out

Friday - April 15th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Come and "Recharge" with others. Please bring 2 canned goods for admission. Crafts, games, food, fellowship, chocolate, sharing fairy garden-time, nail painting & more! We will have a Silent Auction. Bring neighbors, friends, relatives & especially those that need some "Recharge" time.

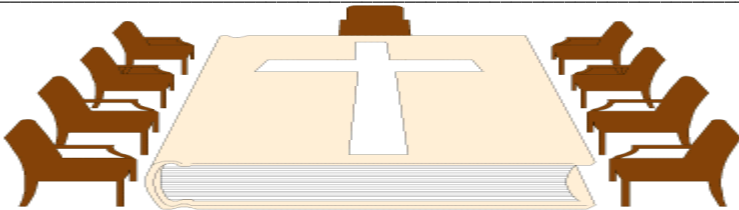
See Cindy Minard with any questions.



CHRISTIAN CARE BUILD-A-HOUSE

Please help the paper house building. You may bring in your paper goods – paper towels, kleenex, and toilet paper to fill it up.

**It's getting close to the top!
See Juanita Arellanos with ????**



MLT MEETING

The next MLT meeting is on Thursday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m.



**"How to Be Salt and Light for God's Kingdom"
taught by Moisés Jaimes.**

Saturday, April 16th, 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

Moisés Jaimes currently serves as a missionary in Spain. His ministry focus is evangelism and discipleship in the community where he and his family live. They formerly served in one of the Muslim countries in the Eastern Block of the former Soviet Union.

"Moisés is an extraordinarily gifted, creative person who has served God faithfully for many years in very difficult places. He is a delight to be around, as he brings energy and joy wherever he goes." **There is a sign-up sheet.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	April 3	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	April 4	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	April 5	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	April 6	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00-7:30 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Thurs.	April 7	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sun.	April 10	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	April 11	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Ministry Prayer Meeting
Tues.	April 12	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	April 13	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00-7:30 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion

April Birthdays

7 – Burnie Sutter
8 – Dee Pritchard
8 – Will Wagner
9 – L.J. Cunningham
11 – Linda Hutchison
15 – Greg Burney
17 – Jayvan Fowler
18 – Cindy Minard
19 – Rachel Luong
20 – Pat Hansen
23 – DeWayne Edwards
24 – Pennie Knary
24 – Jane Peterson

April Anniversaries

7 – Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk
8 – Pastor Steve & Elizabeth Peterson
11 – Lyle & Maurine Beresford
16 – Wiley & Maxine Barnes
27 – Rolland & Joann Potts
30 – Gary & Pat Hansen

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Attendance Last Week

Sunday School = No S.S.

Worship = 157

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY April 3

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Michelle DeArmond)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Natalie Nipper)

Nursery Jennifer Sullivan & Ashley Brookhart

NEXT WEEK April 10

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Cindy Minard)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Mariah DeArmond)

Nursery Leonna Ellis & Amanda Dang

MOWING SCHEDULE

April 9 Nick Wagner & Orlin Johnson

April 16 Tom Dang & Giao Luong