

**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**  
**February 10, 2019**



**Elim Covenant Church**  
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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

February 10, 2019

## *Elim's mission statement:*

*"To develop leaders who will impact the world for Christ."*

## **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.*

## PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC SET

## GREETING ONE ANOTHER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Juanita Arellanos

## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,  
that he may lift you up in due time."*

— 1 Peter 5:6

## **ADORATION TO GOD**

We offer to God "a sacrifice of praise," expressing our love and devotion to Him.

## WORSHIP SONGS

*"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*

*"Above All"*

*"Revelation Song"*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Randall Surey

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

## OFFERTORY

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

## **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!

## **WORDS FROM GOD**

**Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7**

*Scripture Reader, Becky Reynolds  
(Red Bibles p. 16)*

## **MESSAGE**

**"Is Anything Too Wonderful for the Lord?"**

**By Pastor Randall Surey**

## **PRAYERS TO GOD**

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Julie Wells

## **BEING SENT BY GOD**

God sends us out into the world that He desperately loves.

## **SONG**

*"Wonderful Merciful Savior"*

## **BENEDICTION**

### **Scripture Readings for the Week**

*February 10th*

*John 6:40*

*February 11th*

*Isaiah 35:10*

*February 12th*

*Titus 3:4-5*

*February 13th*

*Psalms 147:14*

*February 14th*

*Ephesians 1:22-23*

*February 15th*

*1 John 5:1*

*February 16th*

*Psalms 37:39*

## **TODAY'S GREETERS**

Maxine Barnes and Karen Johnson

## **HEAD USHER**

Mike Hermann

## **USHERS**

Chip Hesler, Rodney Ouder Kirk, Sandy Parrott

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

Orlin Johnson

## **POWER POINT VIDEO**

John Thompson

**Sermon Notes**  
**February 10, 2019**  
**“Is Anything Too Wonderful for the Lord?”**  
**Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7**

Looking through the New Testament, I can find only two places where laughter is explicitly mentioned. The first instance is Matt. 9:24, and its parallels, where Jesus is called to the home of the ruler of the synagogue and it's no laughing matter. His little daughter has just died and when Jesus tells the grieving father that the girl will live, the crowd broke out in a cynical laughter of disbelief. The second place where laughter is found in the New Testament is Luke 6:21. But here we have the laughter that comes from what I would call reversal. Here Jesus says, "Blessed are you who weep, for you shall laugh."

Now our Old Testament scripture texts remind us that Sarah had reason enough to weep. At first, we see a cynical laughter that God would promise to give Abraham and Sarah a child at their advanced ages. But when it does happen, we see the second type of laughter. Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?

In my experience, about the last people to have faith and believe this are the pastors and church leaders. They are the most shocked when there is an intrusion. There is a lot of atheism behind much of our ministry. The sermons that are preached and the programs that we plan don't have to have a divine intrusion to work. The type of pastoral care that we give doesn't require any miracles to occur.

I would like to leave you this morning with a question that I want you to mull over this week. What do we need to be able to hear Sarah laugh, both as individuals and a church? I know it can be a very scary question. I'm sure that having a baby while she was in her 90's was no picnic for Sarah but it led to blessing for the whole world. In like manner, for us to hear Sarah laugh could mean change, but also blessing beyond all measure. So, what will it take for us to hear Sarah laugh? After all, is anything too wonderful for the Lord? Amen.

## PRAYER PAGE

**Praises:** Melting snow! The hope of spring!!

**Prayer Concerns:** Those battling cancer and chronic health problems.

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

Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay and Judie Stanley, Ann Seyller, Jonnie McDermand, Margaret Crandall, Tasha Munger, Iva Cutler, Beverly Reese, and families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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### Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

**Becci Swearingen**, fundraising to serve in Kenya.

“Once I get to Kenya, I look forward to working with teachers at Eldo Jamii Primary School to develop and implement a culturally relevant curriculum for teaching computer education.”

**James and Nyaluak Gai**, serving in South Sudan:  
Sudanese Ministries; Christian Formation;  
Community Development



Becci Swearingen

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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 Martin and can be easily found at the back of the sanctuary in the northwest classroom behind the sound system booth.

### Prayer Gatherings

Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. there is a prayer gathering held at Elim. Also, there is a Wednesday morning prayer group meeting in Pastor's office at 7:00 a.m. 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 Sandy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. otherwise call or text Tasha Munger at (309) 281-8784 with your request. If no answer, you may leave your concern on the answering machine and it will be relayed ASAP.

*We can change the course of events if we go to our knees in believing prayer. —Billy Graham*

## THANK YOU!



We have such a wonderful church family here at Elim. Thank you for the overwhelming response of donated items for the Blessing Bags. The youth prepared bags for the men at Christian Care, with additional items going to the students at Youth Hope and the women at Pregnancy Resources. We are so blessed that you made our first project a very successful one.

— Jeanne Laird and the Crescendo Team

## HYMN SING



Join us **tonight** at 6:00 p.m. for the hymn sing. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors.

## NEW MEMBERS LUNCH

On **February 17, 2019**, we invite you to join us from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. for lunch to learn more about becoming a member of Elim Covenant Church. There is a sign-up sheet on the gathering area table.

## DAYTIME TRIVIA



Join us **Tuesday, February 19**, at 11:30 a.m. for Daytime Trivia. What a great time of fellowship and fun! Doors open at 11:00 a.m. \$5.00 per person. Don't forget your sack lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

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

(SOCIAL PRAYERFUL LADIES ALWAYS SEEKING HIM)



Ladies — just a reminder —  
**S.P.L.A.S.H.** is on **Saturday, February 23** from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
All women are invited. Please join us!!

## CAMP ANYONE?



### *Did you know?*

...that there are two camps in the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church? Did you know that the ages for camp start with first-graders who can go to day camp? Did you know that Covenant Harbor sits right on the lake in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin? Did you know that Covenant Point is located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula? Both camps offer loads of opportunities to grow and have fun.

Did you know that many kids make life-changing decisions for Christ at camp? It's never too early to be considering it and registering for it.

Did you know that you can help scholarship a child to go to camp? Last year SPLASH financially assisted several kids so they could go. We love to see our kids go to camp. For more information, check out the bulletin board in the gathering area. You can also find more information about the camps at: [www.covenantharbor.org](http://www.covenantharbor.org) and [www.cpbcc.com](http://www.cpbcc.com)

## Looking Ahead

Sunday	February 10	9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 3:00 p.m. GriefShare 6:00 p.m. Hymn Sing
Monday	February 11	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU RICU Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	February 12	9:30 a.m. <b>SAS</b> Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Easter Cantata Choir Practice
Wednesday	February 13	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 6:15 p.m. Video Study on the History of the Church
Thursday	February 14	5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting

### ***Youth Winter Camp at Covenant Harbor February 15-17***

Sunday	February 17	9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 3:00 p.m. GriefShare
Monday	February 18	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering

#### **February Birthdays**

10 — Alyssa Coil  
13 — Maria Cantu  
15 — Diana Wood  
17 — Damian Burns  
18 — Annette Lancial  
20 — Tom Dang  
23 — Tasha Munger

#### **February Anniversaries**

15 — Lisandro and Patty Restrepo

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Attendance Last Week    Sunday School = 58    Worship = 126

## **CHILD CARE SCHEDULE**

### **TODAY, February 10**

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Abby Peterson)  
Sunday Spark Jr.: Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)  
Nursery: Diana Wood and Sheila Yoeckel

### **NEXT WEEK, February 17**

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Mary Parrott)  
Sunday Spark Jr.: Dora Beth Christy (Lacey Wagner)  
Nursery: Natalie Hermann and Ralene Luong