

# **ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**

**March 31, 2019**



**Elim Covenant Church**  
**5201 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Moline, IL 61265**  
**(309) 764-6920**  
**Website: [www.elimqc.org](http://www.elimqc.org)**

# **WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

**March 31, 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**

Ethel Hesler

## **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.  
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*— Matthew 28:19-20*

## **ADORATION TO GOD**

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

## **WORSHIP SONGS**

*"Cornerstone"*

*"How Great Thou Art"*

*"O Come to the Altar"*

*Blue Hymnal, page 8*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*(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**

Nehemiah 6:15-7:5a

*Scripture Reader, Ethel Hesler*  
*(Red Bibles p. 509)*

## **MESSAGE**

**"Protection, Provision & Prosperity"**

**By Pastor Steve Peterson**

## **PRAYERS TO GOD**

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **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**

<i>March 31st</i>	<i>Isaiah 9:6-7</i>
<i>April 1st</i>	<i>Psalms 121:5-8</i>
<i>April 2nd</i>	<i>2 Thessalonians 3:3-4</i>
<i>April 3rd</i>	<i>Proverbs 16:9</i>
<i>April 4th</i>	<i>1 Chronicles 29:11</i>
<i>April 5th</i>	<i>John 14:21</i>
<i>April 6th</i>	<i>2 Chronicles 32:8</i>

**TODAY'S GREETERS**

Karen Bowling and Mary Murphy

**HEAD USHER**

Don Peterson

**USHERS**

Martin Bear, Confirmation Students

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Don Yoeckel

**POWER POINT VIDEO**

Josh Parrott

**Sermon Notes**  
**March 31, 2019**  
**“Protection, Provision & Prosperity”**  
**Nehemiah 6:15-7:5a**

**Key Text:** *“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain”* (Ps. 127:1)

**Key Thought:** We must think like Nehemiah, who had a holistic vision for the protection, provision and prosperity of the people God called him to serve.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) **FRIGHTENED** enemies (6:16) (cf. 1 Kgs. 18:16-40; 2 Kgs. 6:8-23)
- 3) Enemy **FOOTHOLDS** (6:17-19) (cf. Ps. 18:45; 2 Cor. 10:4) *“and do not give the devil a foothold”* (Eph. 4:27)
- 4) Providing for **PROTECTION** (7:1-3) (cf. Ps. 18:2; 127:1; Zech. 12:8)
- 5) Community **DEVELOPMENT** (7:4-5) (cf. Jer. 29:7; James 2:15-17; 1 Jn. 3:17-18) *“Also, seek the peace and prosperity [“shalom”] of the city to which I have carried you...”* (Jer. 29:7)
- 6) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

1. How are you ensuring the protection of yourself and of those you love? Are you doing so from a godly perspective?
2. How are you working with God for the peace and prosperity (“shalom”) of your community?

## **PRAYER PAGE**

**Praises:** Spring is here at last!

**Prayer Concerns:** Those suffering with mental problems, depression, and suicidal tendencies.

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

Earl Burklund, Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay and Judie Stanley, Ann Seyller, Jonnie McDermant, 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:**

**Heidi & Konroy Boeckel**, serving in Cameroon: Education of Missionary Children; Community Outreach.

In the coming year we are looking forward to not having to go on home assignment! Thanks to our amazing supporters, we were able to extend our term from 1.5 to 3 years.



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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.

*May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:2)*

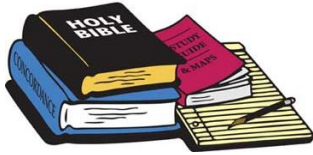


## THANKS!

Thank you to my Elim family for making my 96<sup>th</sup> birthday so special. You are loved and I am blessed!

— Katie Clarke

## KEENAGERS!



Starting **April 4** Keenagers will resume their Thursday morning Bible Study. Come and join them. Great study led by Pat Hudson. The study begins at 9:30 a.m. Come at 9:00 for refreshments.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Here at Elim we have a separate fund for special needs. There is no specific designation on your envelopes, but if you would like to give to this fund, you can mark it on your envelope. The special needs fund is set up to help people who, in tough times, need assistance in paying a bill, buying groceries, car repair, etc., on a short, limited basis. Thank you for considering donating to this ministry.



### **10th Annual Girls' Night Out**

***Elim Covenant Church, 5201 18th Avenue, Moline, Illinois***

***Friday, April 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.***

***Invite others***

***FREE ADMISSION***

***Too Much Fun to Mention on This Invite!***

***Our Ladies Host This Event***

***Along with a Silent Auction!***





Always  
give  
yourselves  
fully to  
the work  
of the  
Lord ...



1 Corinthians 15:58

## ELIM WORKDAY

Mark your calendar for this **Saturday, April 6**. There will be a work day to do annual cleaning and maintenance. We will start at 8:00 a.m. with coffee, juice, and donuts. There will be work, rain or shine. A list of projects is on the table in the gathering area.

## GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP NIGHT

On Friday, **April 19**, there will be a Good Friday worship night for both adults and children. More information to come.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) FOR ADULTS

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) *for Adults!*

Come for a "*Spring Tune-Up*" of growing our faith, learning about God, singing, food, and fun! Workshops held by The Navigators and music led by Ray Hildebrand, known for his hit song, "Hey Paula" from the 60's.

May 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

10am - 2pm, *check-in 9:30am*

\$20 for 3 days of VBS + *homemade lunches!*



*Register by calling:*

Church office	(309) 764-6920
Chip Hesler	(309) 721-4947

*Please note:* Max 100 registrants; no childcare provided.

All registrations are due *with payments*  
by Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

*Bring in or mail payments to:* Elim Covenant Church  
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## **Looking Ahead**

Sunday	March 31	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	April 1	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	April 2	9:30 a.m. <b>SAS</b> Bible Study 6:00 p.m. CIU (kitchen) for Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Easter Cantata Choir Practice
Wednesday	April 3	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. <b>SPARK &amp; AXIS</b> 6:15 p.m. Video Study on the History of the Church
Thursday	April 4	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Friday	April 5	6:00-8:00 p.m. Girls Night Out
Saturday	April 6	8:00 a.m. Elim Work Day
Sunday	April 7	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	April 8	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU RICU Prayer Meeting

### **April Birthdays**

6 — Reagan Wood  
7 — Burnie Sutter  
8 — Dee Pritchard  
8 — Will Wagner  
9 — L.J. Cunningham  
11 — Deanna Newton  
12 — Jacob Laird

### **April Anniversaries**

7 — Rodney and Judy Ouderkirk  
8 — Pastor Steve and Elizabeth Peterson  
16 — Wiley and Maxine Barnes

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Attendance Last Week   Sunday School = 53   Worship = 119

## **CHILD CARE SCHEDULE**

### **TODAY, March 31**

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Natalie Hermann)  
Sunday Spark Jr.: Dora Beth Christy (Rachel Cunningham)  
Nursery: Elizabeth Peterson and Mary Christy

### **NEXT WEEK, April 7**

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (John Thompson)  
Sunday Spark Jr.: Dora Beth Christy (Meg Bear)  
Nursery: Lori Smith and Rachel Peterson