

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
April 7, 2019



Elim Covenant Church
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 7, 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

Elizabeth Peterson

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate;
when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted
himself to him who judges justly."*

— 1 Peter 2:23

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Blue Hymnal, page 258

"Hosanna, Praise is Rising"

"Heart of Worship"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Natalie Hermann

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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 8:5-12

*Scripture Reader, Orlin Johnson
(Red Bibles p. 512)*

MESSAGE

"The Festival of Worship (Part 1)"

By Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS TO GOD

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Call to Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table Sharing of the Bread and Cup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT BY GOD

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

SONG *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

Blue Hymnal, page 235

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

April 7th Isaiah 43:2

April 8th Psalms 136:25

April 9th 2 Timothy 2:11-13

April 10th Psalms 5:12

April 11th 1 Corinthians 1:18

April 12th John 15:5

April 13th 2 Corinthians 6:17-18

TODAY'S GREETERS

Karen Bowling and Mary Murphy

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Jim Nelson, Ethel Hesler

SOUND SYSTEM

Tom Lancial

POWER POINT VIDEO

Dave Christy

Sermon Notes
April 7, 2019
“The Festival of Worship (Part 1)”
Nehemiah 8:5-12

Key Text: “... for the joy of the Lord is your strength” (Neh. 8:10)

Key Thought: This text shows us a great example of how to worship the Lord with reverence, joy and celebration

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) The public reading of **GOD’S WORD** (vv. 1-8,13,18) (cf. Ex. 24:7; Acts 2:42) “... devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching” (1 Tim. 4:13).

- 3) They held a great **FEAST** (vv. 10-12)
 - a) Great food (cf. Lev. 1:8,12; Acts 2:46-47)

 - b) Rejoicing (cf. Hab. 3:17-19; Php. 4:4)

 - c) Blessing the poor (cf. Est. 9:22; Mt. 25:31-46; Acts 4:34-35)

- 4) They celebrated the Festival of **BOOTHS** (8:14-17) (cf. Lev.23:34,42-43; Jn. 1:14)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Do you revere the Word of God as the people did in this text? Does the Word of God move you as it did them?
2. Do you recognize “generosity to the poor” as an expression of worship to God?
3. How do you remember and celebrate God’s mercy and deliverance in worship experiences?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: The wonderful response to the needs of Christian Care!

Prayer Concerns: Those who reject the wonderful gift of salvation and relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Earl Burklund, 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.

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Grant & Miho Buchholtz, serving in Japan:
Church Planting Equipping Young Japanese
Leaders, Evangelism, and Outreach

Our goals for the coming year include: As our church grows, we anticipate starting two services at some point this year or finding a larger venue.



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.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 29:12

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Today we welcome *Tim, Amy, Joseph, and Lynsey Hennings; Diane and Terry Snipes; and Diane and Tom Wirtz* into membership at Elim Covenant Church. Join us to welcome them at a cake

reception following today's service.

EASTER LILIES



There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to purchase an Easter Lily to beautify our church for Easter in honor or memory of a loved one.

The cost is approximately \$8.00 and may be turned in to the church office or left in the offering plate marked for Easter lilies.



Fun for Everyone — 8 to 98

This *Friday, April 12*: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Board games, card games, video games. Bring your friends and fellowship with us! Come! Join the fun!

HYMN SING



Join us next *Sunday, April 14*, for another inspiring hymn sing! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

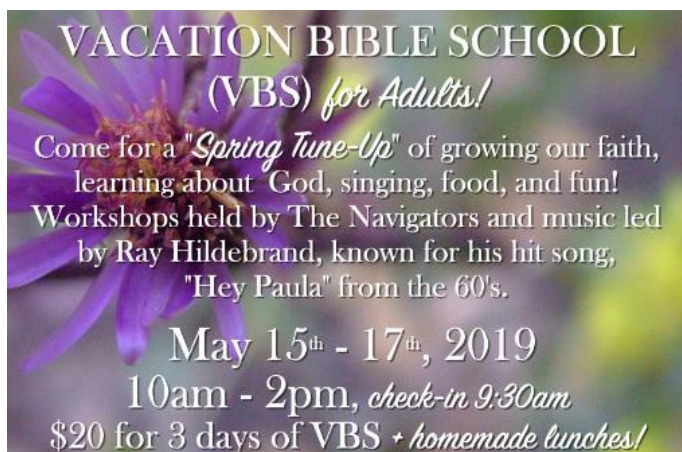
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP NIGHT

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

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Tom Wirtz is a trained mediator with years of experience in conflict mediation. He'll be teaching how to manage and resolve conflicts. These skills will help you develop and establish strong relationships, whether at home or work or in the church. Come learn, grow and be blessed! **Tuesday, April 23** from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) FOR ADULTS



I AM

I am THE DAUGHTER OF THE GREAT I AM

A Triennial Gathering for Women by Women

Join us **July 18-21, 2019**, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for a triennial gathering! In the Evangelical Covenant Church, we believe that women are called to be disciples and disciple makers.

Our purpose is to (re)discover who we are—as individuals uniquely made in God's image—listen to each other's voices and advocate for women to be heard, and build a community of women of the Covenant, because we are stronger together. Registration is \$399. After May 15 or onsite \$439. Housing is additional.

Looking Ahead

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 12:00 p.m. New Members Reception Following Service 3:00 p.m. GriefShare
Monday	April 8	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU RICU Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	April 9	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Easter Cantata Choir Practice
Wednesday	April 10	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. <i>SPARK & AXIS</i> 6:15 p.m. Video Study on the History of the Church
Thursday	April 11	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MLT
Friday	April 12	6:00-9:00 p.m. Game Knights
Sunday	April 14	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

April Birthdays

7 — Burnie Sutter
8 — Dee Pritchard
8 — Will Wagner
9 — L.J. Cunningham
11 — Deanna Newton
12 — Jacob Laird
17 — Jayvan Fowler
18 — Cindy Minard

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 = 123

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, April 7

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (John Thompson)

Sunday Spark Jr.: Dora Beth Christy (Meg Bear)

Nursery: Lori Smith and Rachel Peterson

NEXT WEEK, April 14

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Abby Peterson)

Sunday Spark Jr.: Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)

Nursery: Diana Wood and Sheila Yoeckel