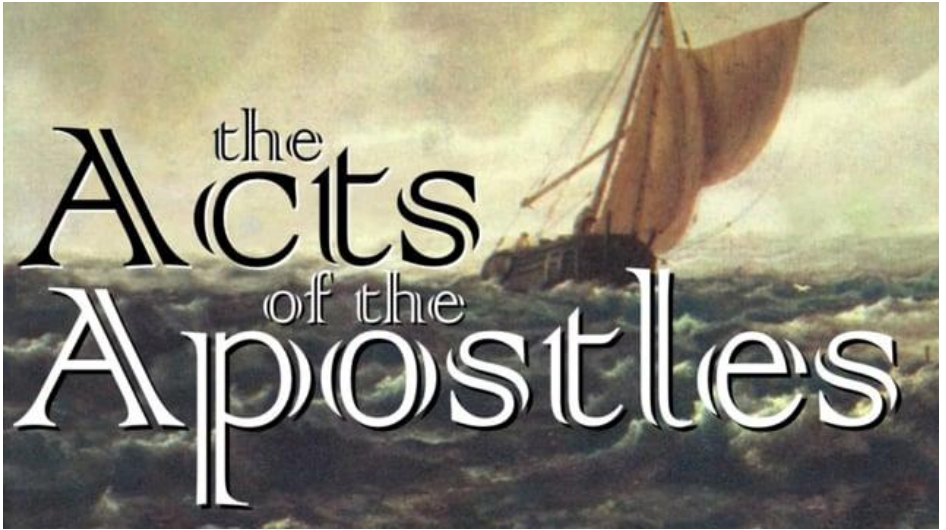


**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**  
**November 17, 2019**



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**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**November 17, 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**

*"...In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" — John 16:33*

**ADORATION TO GOD**

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

**WORSHIP SONGS**

*"I'll Fly Away"*

*"Cornerstone"*

*"Mighty to Save"*

**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**

Acts 25:1-12

*Scripture Reader, Orlin Johnson  
(Red Bibles p. 1171)*

## **MESSAGE**

**"Experiencing Acts: Paul on Trial"**

**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.

## **WORSHIP SONG**

*"It Is Well"*

## **BENEDICTION**

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 3:18</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalms 121:4</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 126:6</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 138:8</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Job 11:6</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 9:10</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Philippians 4:13</i>

## **TODAY'S GREETERS**

Juanita Arellanos and Deanna Newton

## **HEAD USHER**

Gary Wells

## **USHERS**

Sandy Parrott, Rodney Ouder Kirk, Chip Hesler

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

Don Yoeckel

## **POWER POINT VIDEO**

John Thompson

**Sermon Notes**  
**November 17, 2019**  
**“Experiencing Acts: Paul on Trial”**  
**Acts 25:1-12**

**Key Text:** “... *Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light*” (Micah 7:8)

**Key Thought:** Paul is an inspiration for his trust in God, even under the most difficult circumstances.

1) Intro & Context

2) Our life on **TRIAL**

a. Trust God to give you the words (cf. Mk. 13:11; Eph. 6:19)

b. Put your very life on the altar (cf. Acts 21:13; Rom. 12:1; Php. 1:21).

3) Light from **DARKNESS** (cf. Gen. 39:1-5, 20-23; Ps. 18:28; Hab. 3:17-19)

4) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- If you were put on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?
- In dark times, under difficult circumstances, can you yet witness for Jesus?

## PRAYER PAGE

**Praises:** God is sovereign in this troubled world. Nothing escapes His attention or care.

**Prayer Concerns:** Our country and its leadership.

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

Earl Burklund	Arlene Miller	Margaret Hasty
Anna Swanson	Jay and Judie Stanley	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Iva Cutler	Beverly Reese

Families that have lost loved ones, military families and unspoken concerns.

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### **Pray for Covenant Missionaries:**

#### **Karl & Mary Noren**

Serving in Cameroon. Ministries include:  
Education Christian Formation and  
Discipleship

If someone were to visit us in  
Cameroon: We would like to show  
them the prayer garden and chapel  
at Rain Forest International School.



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## **Prayer Opportunities**

**Prayer Cards:** Feel free to use the prayer cards for your requests and drop them in the offering plate.

**Prayer Following Worship:** Elim Prayer Team is available to pray with you after the service in the northwest classroom behind the sound system booth.

**Prayer Gatherings:** Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. Come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

**Prayer Chain:** Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or call or text Tasha Munger at (309) 281-8784 with your request.

*"Prayer is surrender-- surrender to the will of God and cooperation with that will. If I throw out a boathook from the boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, do I pull the shore to me, or do I pull myself to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God."*

— E. Stanley Jones

## Missionary Family Visit



Today we have with us Evens and Karina Paul, and their daughters Abby (4) and Hannah (2). They are a Covenant missionary family who will be sharing about their ministry in Haiti.

At the end of the service we will receive a love offering for them.

## Operation Christmas Child

Once again, Elim is a dropoff center for Operation Christmas Child. Bring your shoeboxes to the church **November 18-25**.

And a big thank you to all who so generously gave money to Pat Hudson to fill shoeboxes. She was able to fill 10 of them!



## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, December 7, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.** We will continue our study "Being a Dad Who Leads." There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

## Encouragement Boxes

Personal Ministries is putting together encouragement boxes to send to college students and shut-ins. They could use some cash donations for supplies and shipping. Questions? See Cheryl Bear.

## Elim Tee Shirts

Tee shirts are always a favorite everyday wear for work or play and even sleeping. Elim will be ordering royal blue tee shirts to be purchased and we would like everyone's thoughts and/or art work as to what you would like to put on them. So, grab some paper and show us your ideas!

***We welcome everyone's entry!***

A panel of judges will select the entry that best describes our church to be placed on the tee shirts. Last day for entries, **December 1**.



## **Thank You!**

Thank you for helping me celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Your cards, gifts, and kind words were so appreciated.

— JoAnn Nelsen

## **Dining Tour Books**

Last call for Dining Tour books. We have six left. Some people buy them just for the Circa 21 coupons. The book is paid for with that coupon alone. There are lots of great eating places. So if you like to dine out, this is truly worth the price. They also make great Christmas gifts.



**Reminder**

***Just a Reminder: There will be no SPLASH meetings in November or December. See you in January!***



## **Poinsettias**

The poinsettia sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering area. The cost is \$8.00 and may be turned in to the church office. Each plant is purchased to beautify our church during the Christmas season in memory or honor of a loved one and may be taken after Christmas for you to enjoy.



## **Sankta Lucia Festival**

Augustana College is hosting their Sankta Lucia Service on Tuesday, **December 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.** It is a sing-along program of Scandinavian Christmas carols, lessons, and poetry in Swedish and English. It will be held in the Denkmann Memorial Building (3520 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island). There is no admission charge. A reception with holiday refreshments will follow.

## Looking Ahead

Sunday	November 17	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	November 18	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
<b>November 18-25 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-off</b>		
Tuesday	November 19	9:30 a.m. <b>SAS</b> Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Christmas Cantata Practice
Wednesday	November 20	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 1:30 p.m. Good News Club at Franklin School 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. SPARK and Axis 6:15 p.m. Videos and Discussions: God's Kingdom
Thursday	November 21	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time 9:30 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study
Sunday	November 24	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	November 25	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU RICU Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	November 26	9:30 a.m. <b>SAS</b> Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Christmas Cantata Practice

### November Birthdays

17 — Ryan Wood  
17 — Richard Spencer  
18 — Carolyn Carsell

### November Birthdays

19 — Ashley Cosgrove  
26 — Abigail Akpla

Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 42 Worship = 127

## CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

### TODAY, November 17

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)  
Sunday Spark Jr.: Lacey Wagner (Natalie Hermann)  
Nursery: Rachel Cunningham and Ralene Luong

### NEXT WEEK, November 24

Sunday Spark and Spark Jr: Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)  
Nursery: Abby Peterson and Amanda Le

### MOWING SCHEDULE

November 23 ..... Tom Lancial and Orlin Johnson (if needed)