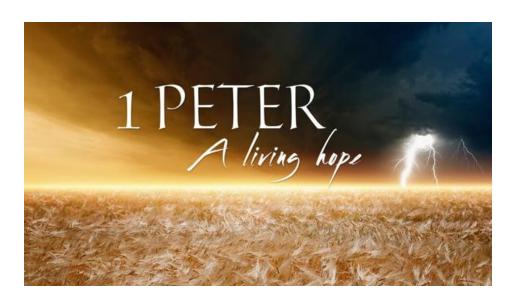
ELIM COVENANT CHURCH June 28, 2020



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION June 28, 2020 10:30 a.m.

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
The service is also being live-streamed and recorded, for immediate or later viewing, and can be accessed at elimac.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

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!

MISSION MOMENT: Liz Ryan with Pregnancy Resources

WORDS FROM GOD

1 Peter 3:13-18

MESSAGE

"Fearless Witness" 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 passionately loves.

WORSHIP SONG

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday 1 Timothy 4:4-5
Monday Philippians 2:13
Tuesday Psalms 103:12
Wednesday John 14:3
Thursday Zephaniah 3:17
Friday Isaiah 26:12
Saturday Psalms 121:7

June Birthdays

28 – Rebecca Schaechter 30 – Finley Vinar

July Birthdays

2 – Dave Vinar 5 – Don Peterson

5 – Sean Cosgrove

11 – Dora Beth Christy

16 – Rachel Peterson 17 – Grayson Ellis

17 – Nevadah Christenson

20 – Timothy Le

21 – Alaina Ellis

June Anniversaries

30 - Cecil and Carolyn Grimes

<u>July Anniversaries</u>

2 – Chip and Ethel Hesler 17 – Joe and Susie Schaechter

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Sermon Notes June 28, 2020 "Fearless Witness" 1 Peter 3:13-16

Key Text: "But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you" (1 Sam. 12:24)

Key Thought: We are called to fear God, love Him with our whole heart, and fearlessly witness of His love to others.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) <u>EAGER</u> to do good (cf. Pr. 16:7; Titus 2:14; 3:1,8,14; 1 Pt. 2:15)
- 3) Blessed to <u>SUFFER</u> (cf. Mt. 5:11-12; Acts 5:41; 2 Cor. 12:10; 1 Pt. 2:19-20; 4:13-16)
- 4) <u>FEARLESS</u> living (cf. Ps. 27:1; Isa. 8:11-12; 43:1-2; Lk. 12:4-5; 1 Jn. 4:18)
- 5) The LORD of my heart (cf. Ps. 112:6-8; Pr. 3:5-6; Lk. 10:27)
- 6) Prepared to WITNESS (cf. Lk. 21:14-15; Rom. 1:16; Col. 4:5-6)
- 7) A <u>CLEAR</u> conscience (cf. Acts 24:16; 1 Cor. 10:23-31; 2 Cor. 1:12; 4:2; Heb. 9:14)
- 8) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you willing to be greatly blessed, if it requires suffering for the sake of the gospel?
- Do you want God's perfect love to cast out all your fears? Will you give God complete lordship over your life—over everything?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Nick, Lacey, Ashlynn, Will, and Hailey Wagner. We will miss you.

Prayer Concerns: Persecuted Christians throughout the world. Monday, June 29, is Day of the Christian Martyr.

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

JoAnn Nelsen Gary Wells

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Gary & Pauline Carlson

Gary and Pauline serve in Japan. Ministries include Church Planting, Evangelism and Outreach, Theological Education

One way partners have encouraged us was when our current church switched to a



newer Japanese translation, a partner church took an offering to help us buy new Bibles for visitors—a real help for a small church with limited resources!

Prayer Opportunities

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 first of all listening to God. It's openness. God is always speaking; he's always doing something. — Henri Nouwen



Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting for the second quarter will be held immediately following the worship service *today*. Please plan to stay and catch up on the latest.

Pregnancy Resources

Liz Ryan, from Pregnancy Resources, is with us today. She's bringing their ministry van, which will be parked out back, and you can get a tour of the van after the service is over. She is also bringing baby bottles for their bottle fundraiser. They are available on a table in the foyer area.



Every baby is a celebration! For 30 years, Pregnancy Resources has celebrated life by offering women and men the facts they need to make an informed, life-honoring decision about their pregnancy. With your help, moms and dads will receive life-affirming medical services and medically accurate pregnancy options education. You will also touch thousands through our education programs, post-abortion recovery programs, and various material assistance and mentoring programs. Together we can reach abortion-vulnerable families with help, hope, and healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Wagners are Moving to Wisconsin

Because Nick's job responsibilities have shifted, he and Lacey and their kids are relocating to Wisconsin. This Sunday and July 5th are their last two Sundays to be with us. Please join us in wishing them farewell, and keep them in your prayers for a blessed transition.

Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study that formerly met on

Wednesday nights will resume their studies on *this Tuesday*, *June 30, 2020*, from *5:30 to 7:00 p.m.* They will practice social distancing and wear facemasks. Questions? Contact Julie Wells.



June 24, 2020, Update from Restrepos

As you may have known, there was an earthquake yesterday in Mexico and the epicenter was in Oaxaca (7.5) We are well. Up to now, five persons have been reported dead. As far as we know, no one from our congregations was hurt.

We saw images in the news of structural damages in the road Oaxaca-Mexico and in downtown Oaxaca, but no major damages. There is an alert of a tsunami in the coast due to the retraction of the ocean. We will appreciate your prayers for our people here in Oaxaca, many of whom are suffering the direct and indirect effects of the COVID-19 contingency, and now with this people feel very much anxious.

As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are moving and are in the middle of many zoom meetings with those we mentored, farewells (we are sad we could not say our goodbyes in person and hug them,) and we are also closing our house here and getting ready with our moving to Leon this coming Monday. Please pray for our many things to do before we leave, our travel (we will travel by car), for safety, and for a smooth transition, especially for our son, Samuel.

Much love and many blessings,

Patty and Lisandro

Pastor Steve will be on vacation July 1-7

Please direct any concerns to one of the elders – Mike Hermann, Orlin Johnson, or L.J. Cunningham

There will be no Thursday evening worship service this week.

Looking Ahead

Sunday	June 28	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	June 29	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	June 30	9:30 a.m. <i>SAS</i> Bible Study
		5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	July 1	8:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting
Thursday	July 2	9:15 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study
No Thursday worship service today		
Sunday	July 5	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	July 6	Office closed in observance of Independence Day
		5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	July 7	9:30 a.m. <i>SAS</i> Bible Study
		5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	July 8	8:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting
		10:00 a.m. Making Mats for the Homeless
Thursday	July 9	9:15 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study
		5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 9 Thursday Worship = 10; Sunday Worship = 41

Mats for the Homeless

Come and join Danielle Ogden as she teaches us how to make mats for the homeless. We have been collecting plastic bags (and



please continue!) to make these mats. The first step to making them is cutting them into strips. So, grab some scissors and join Danielle on *Wednesday, July 8, at 10:00 a.m.* to start this new project. If you have a size N crochet hook, please bring that too. Thanks!