

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 9, 2021

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 elimqc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"We live by faith. Not by sight."

— 2 Corinthians 5:7

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Trading My Sorrows"

"Majesty"

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

A CELEBRATION OF DEDICATION

Eliana Rose Henderson

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

Matthew 5:1-12

MESSAGE

“The Beatitudes: The Merciful”

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

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

BENEDICTION

52-Week Bible Reading Plan

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 9-10</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>The Law</i>	<i>Exodus 25-28</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>2 Samuel 15-19</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Psalms 57-59</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Job 39-40</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Jeremiah 37-41</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Gospels</i>	<i>Luke 3-4</i>

A copy of the full reading plan is on the table in the gathering area.

May Birthdays

13 – Lorraine Carsell

15 – Margo Coil

16 – Juanita Arellanos

16 – Meagan Bear

17 – Dave Christy

May Birthdays

20 – David Luong

22 – Bill Minard

28 – Jim Ogden

29 – Jay Stanley

30 – Kate Schaechter

May Anniversaries

15 – Tom and Annette Lancial

Sermon Notes
May 9, 2021
“The Beatitudes: The Merciful”
Matthew 5:1-12

Key Text: *“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy”* (Mt. 5:7)

Key Thought: God promises mercy and great blessings to those who are merciful toward others.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) **DEFINING** Mercy (Mt. 9:27; 15:22; Rom. 11:30,31; 1 Tim. 1:13,16)
- 3) Mercy, forgiveness and grace
- 4) What mercy is **NOT**
- 5) **GOD’S** great mercy (Mic. 7:18; Titus 3:5; Ja. 5:11)
- 6) **DEMONSTRATING** mercy (cf. Zech. 7:9; Lk. 6:36; Rom. 12:17-21)
- 7) The **PROMISE** of mercy (cf. Isa. 55:7; 1 Pt. 2:10)
- 8) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Do you understand how great God’s mercy has been toward you?
- Do you heed God’s call to extend mercy toward others?
- To whom is God’s Spirit convicting you to show mercy? Will you?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Mothers, grandmothers, new mothers, expectant mothers, mothers in heaven. God bless you!

Prayer Concerns: Increased COVID cases in India and Costa Rica.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Earl Burklund	Arlene Miller	Belva VanNorman
Anna Swanson	Jay and Judie Stanley	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	JoAnn Nelsen
Gary Wells		

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

James and Nyaluak Gai Tang

James and Nyaluak serve in South Sudan. Their ministries include Sudanese Ministries; Christian Formation; Community Development.

If you were to visit I would like you to come and experience the refugee life and see how they still have joy regardless of their long suffering. I would also want you to see the Ethiopian culture.



Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Chain: Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call or text Tasha Munger at (309) 281-8784 with your request.

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

— Isaiah 26:3



Daytime Trivia

Mark your calendar for May Daytime Trivia. Call or text Cindy at 309-236-2537 to hold your place on **Tuesday, May 11** or **May 18**; 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m



Hymn Sing

Join us next **Sunday, May 16**, at **6:00 p.m.** for another inspiring hymn sing! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

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

Ladies — just a reminder — **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is on **Saturday, May 22**, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All women are invited. Please join us!!

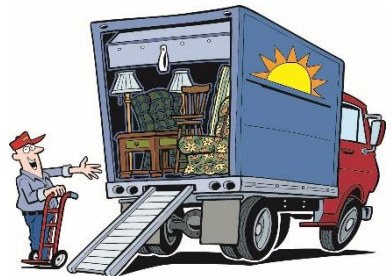


**Help
Wanted!**

Help Wanted

Mary Parrott's aunt is moving to Geneseo and needs help with unloading two full 26-foot-long moving trailers on Friday and Saturday, **May 21 and 22**, starting at 9:00 a.m. at

206 Richmond Hill Drive, Geneseo. If you can help, contact Mike Hermann. Thanks!



LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.

You'll hear:

- Practical advice from others who've been there.
- What to expect in your grief.
- How to cope with life without your spouse.
- Why it won't always hurt this much.

Have you or someone you know experienced the loss of a spouse? Please consider joining us for this one-time seminar.

***Tuesday, May 25, 2021
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.***

Also consider joining us for



***Tuesdays, starting June 1
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for 13 weeks***

There are sign-up sheets on the table in the gathering area.

Your grief may be fresh or you're still feeling the pangs of grief from years ago. It doesn't matter how long it's been. It's never too late to get the support you need and want. Come, join us.

Please let others know of this wonderful ministry. Questions? Contact Sandy Parrott, Kathy Henderson, Mary Murphy or Karen Bowling.

Looking Ahead

Sunday	May 9	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	May 10	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	May 11	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Daytime Trivia
Wednesday	May 12	9:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 10:00 a.m. Mats for the Homeless 5:45 p.m. Axis
Thursday	May 13	9:15 a.m. Keenagers 5:00 p.m. Worship Service 6:30 p.m. MLT Meeting
Sunday	May 16	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 6:00 p.m. Hymn Sing

Attendance Last Week

Thursday Worship Service = 11; Sunday Worship = 82
39 views on YouTube; Sunday School/Children's Church = 28

MOWING SCHEDULE

May 15 Tom Dang and L.J. Cunningham
May 22 Chip Hesler and Cecil Grimes



NEW DONATION GUIDELINES & HOURS

For several reasons, we are now only accepting donations on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and items must be from our current needs list. Even though we sincerely appreciate the extra things you are giving us, we will be obligated to REFUSE the donation if it does not meet our needs list.

WE WILL ACCEPT ANY FOOD DONATIONS DAILY

A copy of the full list of current needs for Christian Care is on the table in the gathering area.



CURRENT NEEDS

We are currently in need of bottled water, napkins, window cleaner, Pine-Sol, bleach, dish soap, oven cleaner and black pepper.