

# **ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**

## **September 5, 2021**

**Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.**

- Joel 2:13 -

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### **Elim Covenant Church**

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# **WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

**September 5, 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](http://elimqc.org)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERING**

### **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream! — Amos 5:4*

### **ADORATION TO GOD**

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

## **WORSHIP SONGS**

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

*"The Old Rugged Cross"*

*"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"*

## **CONSECRATION OF OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS**

**Elizabeth Peterson and Sandy Parrott**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **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**

**Joel 2:1-6,11-13**

## MESSAGE

### “A Prophetic Survey: Joel”

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 for the Sharing of the Bread and Cup

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### BEING SENT BY GOD

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

## WORSHIP SONG

*“Amazing Grace”*

## BENEDICTION

### 52-Week Bible Reading Plan

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Titus</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>The Law</i>	<i>Numbers 17-20</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>1 Chron 25-29</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Psalms 108-110</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Proverbs 23-24</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Amos 1-4</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Gospels</i>	<i>John 16-18</i>

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

### September Birthdays

*6 – Mary Murphy  
10 – Thalia Padilla  
11 – Judy Martel  
11 – Joy Wright  
12 – Sylvia Anderson  
13 – Pat Hudson*

### September Birthdays

*15 – Amy Hennings  
16 – Josh Parrott  
16 – Rollie Potts  
18 – Phil Estes  
18 – Sera Pirmann*

### September Anniversaries

*5 – Don and Jane Peterson  
9 – John and Pam Thompson  
14 – Orlin and Karen Johnson*

**Sermon Notes**  
**September 5, 2021**  
**“A Prophetic Survey: Joel”**  
**Joel 2:1-6, 11-13**

**Key Text:** *“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast” (1 Pt. 5:10)*

**Key Thought:** In a time of crisis, God calls us to repentance, and promises to shelter us and restore us.

- 1) Intro & Context
  
- 2) The coming **DEVASTATION** (1:4,6-7, 10-12; 2:2b-5) (cf. Deut. 28:42; 1 Ths. 5:9)
  
- 3) A call to **REPENTANCE** (1:13-14; 2:12-17)
  - a. T- **TURN** (cf. Jer. 3:22; Hos. 12:6; Mt. 4:17; Acts 3:19)
  - b. H- **HUMILITY** (2:12-13) (cf. Isa. 66:2; 1 Pt. 5:6)
  - c. O- **OBEDIENCE** (cf. Ex. 19:5-6; Ps. 119:4,8; Jn. 14:23-24)
  - d. T- **TRUST** (cf. Ps. 125:1; Isa. 26:3; Nah. 1:7)
  
- 4) God’s **RESPONSE** (2:18-27) (cf. Ps. 14:7; 71:20; 1 Pt. 5:10)
  
- 5) The big **PICTURE** (2:28-32) (cf. Acts 1-4, 14-21; Rom. 10:9,13)
  
- 6) Our **REFUGE** (3:15) (CF. Ps. 91:1-2; Isa. 3:10)
  
- 7) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- Do you see the destructive forces at work in our world today? And yet, are you at peace in the Lord?
- Will you heed God’s call to repentance (T.H.O.T.)?
- Are you safe in the cleft? Is God your refuge and stronghold?

## PRAYER PAGE

**Praises:** Pastor Steve is back after his three-month sabbatical.

**Prayer Concerns:** For those who are in harm's way in Afghanistan. Loss of lives and devastation due to recent natural disasters.

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

Katie Clarke	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.

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

#### **Peter & Ruth Dutton**

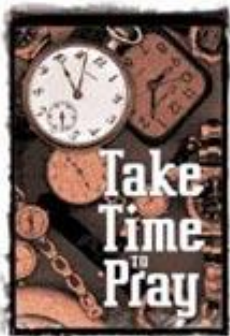
Peter and Ruth serve in Thailand. Their ministries include Spiritual Formation, Leadership Development, and Camping Development.

Five words for a typical Sunday: Slow start, fellowship, worship, rest.



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### **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.

*“God’s presence is everywhere around us. God is able to penetrate, intertwine himself within the fibers of the human self in such a way that those who are enveloped in His loving companionship will never be alone.”— Dallas Willard, Hearing God*

Welcome Back!

**Pastor Steve!**

**LET'S CELEBRATE!**

**Potluck  
Dinner**



Today we celebrate *Pastor Steve's* return from his sabbatical and *Elizabeth Peterson's* and *Sandy Parrott's* completion of their two-year Spiritual Direction program. Please join us for a potluck dinner after today's service.

**KEENAGERS**

Thursday, *September 9*, Keenagers will resume their studies. They will kick off their new season with breakfast at **9:00 a.m.** Come and join them. No need to bring anything. Everything is provided.



**HYMN SING**

Join us next *Sunday, September 12*, at **6:00 p.m.** for another inspiring hymn sing! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!



**Reminder**

***Just a reminder that there is no Daytime Trivia in September.***



Dining Tours

## Dining Tour Books

Dining Tour books are now available. The book has coupons for over 140 restaurants. So if you like to dine out, this is truly worth the price. Some people buy them just for the

Circa 21 coupons. They also make great Christmas gifts. Proceeds go to our youth ministries. Interested? See Sandy Parrott.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

# Glenn Kaiser Weekend

More than a musician .. Sept. 18 & 19



SATURDAY 9/18

"Neighborhood Picnic"

5:30 in Elim's backyard

All food provided. Bring your own drinks and lawn chairs.

fellowship with Glenn & friends!

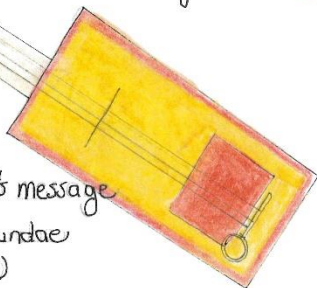
SUNDAY 9/19

"Bring a friend Sundae"

Invite your friends to hear Glenn's message

then chat over an ice cream sundae

(yes, dessert before lunch - Spicy age!)



## **Looking Ahead**

Sunday	September 5	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service <b><i>No Perspectives Class Today</i></b>
Monday	September 6	<b><i>Labor Day – Office Closed</i></b>
Tuesday	September 7	9:30 a.m. <b>SAS</b> Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Grief Group
Wednesday	September 8	9:00 a.m. “Amped” Prayer Meeting 10:00 a.m. Mats for the Homeless 5:45 p.m. Axis
Thursday	September 9	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Breakfast 9:15 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study 6:15 p.m. MLT Meeting
Friday	September 10	6:00 p.m. – Good News Club Training 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 11	9:00 a.m. – Good News Club Training 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	September 12	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 2:30 p.m. Perspectives 6:00 p.m. Hymn Sing

## **Attendance Last Week**

Thursday Worship Service = 12; Sunday Worship = 63

Views on YouTube = 15; Sunday School/Children’s Church = 24

## **MOWING SCHEDULE**

September 11..... Don Yoeckel and Ryan Wood

September 18 ..... Tom Dang and L.J. Cunningham



We are currently in need of men's jeans, t-shirts, and underwear (all sizes). We will gladly accept your donation of any of the above Monday - Friday. Donations of food are accepted at any time.

***There is a list of current needs for Christian Care on the table in the gathering area.***