

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

January 9, 2022

As a prisoner for the Lord, then,
I urge you to live a life worthy
of the calling you have received.

- Ephesians 4:1 -

A photograph of a prison cell with barbed wire and a window. The image is in black and white and has a slightly blurred, high-contrast appearance. The barbed wire is in the foreground, and a window with a circular vent is visible in the background.
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

January 9, 2022

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

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them"

— 1 John 4:16

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

CONSECRATION OF MLT LEADERS

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

Ephesian 4:11-16

MESSAGE

“Hitting the Mark”

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

BENEDICTION

January Birthdays

9 – Sandy Parrott	16 – Natalie Hermann
10 – Anna Christy	17 – Byron Reynolds
15 – Rebecca Christy	17 – Judie Stanley
15 – Tom Wirtz	19 – Karter Thompson
15 – Graham Wood	19 – Kayla Knary

Navigator Bible Reading Plans

	New Testament	Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan
January 9	Mark 7	Genesis 21-23; Psalm 8
January 10	Mark 8	Genesis 24-26; Psalm 9
January 11	Mark 9	Genesis 27-29; Psalm 10
January 12	Mark 10	Genesis 30-32; Psalm 11
January 13	<i>Reflection</i>	Genesis 33-36; Psalm 12
January 14	<i>Reflection</i>	<i>Reflection</i>
January 15	Mark 11	Genesis 37-39; Psalm 13
January 16	Mark 12	Genesis 40-42; Psalm 14

Full Bible Reading Plans are on the table in the gathering area.

Sermon Notes
January 9, 2022
“Hitting the Mark”
Ephesians 4:11-16

Key Text: *“until we all... become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ”* (Eph. 4:13)

Key Thought: Elim’s identity, mission and vision statements inspire and motivate us toward a focused and unified goal.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) **THRIVING** (cf. Ps. 23; 32:10; 34:5, 9-10; 37:4-6; Mt. 5:3-12; Eph. 1)

- 3) **IMPACT** (cf. Isa. 49:6; Mt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)

- 4) **REIGNING** (cf. Ps. 93:1; 97:1; Dan. 7:13-14; Rev. 11:15)

- 5) **CROSS** Training (cf. Mt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; 1 Tim. 4:8)

- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you thriving in your faith and life? How strong are you in faith and love?
- Are you making a godly impact? Are you exhibiting a godly influence in the lives of others?
- Where could you invest more time and energy in your training as a disciple of Christ?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: God's faithfulness and His unfailing love.

Prayer Concerns: Those who lost their homes and loved ones in the Colorado fires.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Belva VanNorman
Anna Swanson	Judie Stanley	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	JoAnn Nelsen
Gary Wells	Annette Lancial	

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

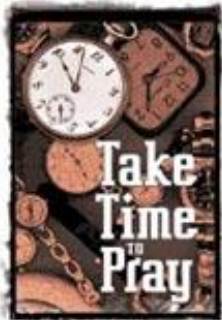
Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Fabio Muniz and Johnna Hayward
Muniz

Fabio and Johnna serve in France. Their ministry includes Outreach; Leadership Development; and Refugee Support.



A unique way we see the character of God in the local culture: Recently, we saw so much joy when it snowed! People of all ages were making snowmen throughout the city.



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.

Jesus is our life, our strength, our victory, our hope of glory. He is the life and power of our prayers.
– *Throne Room Prayer*, Brian and Candace Simmons

Meet the Groom!

On Sunday, December 19, 2021, **Rachel Peterson** and **Nathan Lyon** came before the Lord in a private ceremony to speak their vows to each other, and they became man and wife.



We would like to invite you to join us immediately after the service for refreshments to meet Nate and to wish them well. Congratulations Rachel and Nate. May God bless you in your new life together.

Hymn Sing

Can't get enough of your favorite hymns? Join us at **6:00 p.m.** for tonight's hymn sing. Everyone is welcome, so grab your family, friends, and neighbors and come. It's a great time of music and fellowship.



New Church Directory

The new church directory is finished and ready for you to pick up in the church office. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Help Wanted!

Tasha Munger is looking for help for snow removal for her grandparents for the winter. If you can give them a hand, contact the church office or Tasha at (309) 281-8784.





Tuesday, January 11, at 6:00 p.m. we will begin a new GriefShare series. We have an amazing group that met this past summer and have continued meeting informally since. They will be returning on Tuesday. They have supported each other through laughter and tears, and they have a lot to offer in their love and support. If you or someone you know needs that kind of support, why not join us?

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering area. Questions? Sandy Parrott, Mary Murphy or Karen Bowling would love to talk to you about it.



Inquirers' Class

Pastor Steve will hold an Inquirers' Class and Luncheon after church on **Sunday, January 16** for those interested in membership. It will be from noon to 2:00 p.m. Come and learn what the Covenant and our church are all about.

Daytime Trivia

Cindy is back and ready to bring you lots of fun and trivia challenge. So, mark your calendar and join us

Tuesday, January 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Bring your sack lunch or carryout for

30 minutes of fellowship and strategy. Game starts at **11:30 a.m.** and finishes at 2:00 p.m. Invite others for a good time. \$5.00 per person. Proceeds go to S.P.L.A.S.H. women's ministry. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.



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

After the Christmas break we are ready to "S.P.L.A.S.H." again. Join us on **Saturday, January 22**, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All women are invited. Please join us!!

Looking Ahead

Sunday	January 9	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Meet the Groom! 6:00 p.m. Hymn Sing
Monday	January 10	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	January 11	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:00 p.m. GriefShare
Wednesday	January 12	9:00 a.m. "AMPED" Prayer Meeting 5:45 p.m. Axis 6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
Thursday	January 13	6:00 p.m. MLT meeting
Sunday	January 16	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 37; Views on YouTube = 36

Sunday School/Children's Church = 17



CHRISTIAN CARE

By providing safe shelter, support, and resources, Christian Care empowers the homeless to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives.

Donation Update

We regret at this time we cannot accept donations of clothing for the Mission or Martha's House. The following things are always in need and will be accepted at any time:

- Food
- Personal hygiene
- Laundry soap (liquid)
- Garbage bags
(33 & 39 gallon)

We Are Hiring!

We currently have the following positions open:

Martha's House

Full-Time Client Advocate

Wednesday - Sunday

11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.

Part-Time Client Advocate

Saturday and Sunday,

9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday,

5:00 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Mission

Part-Time Cook

Thursday-Saturday

9:15 a.m.-7:15 p.m.

We cannot possibly say this enough. We are so blessed to have amazing partners such as yourselves. You continue to be there for us in every way and we are excited to have you with us as we journey into a new year!