


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

January 23, 2022

A person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy, standing in a dark tunnel. The tunnel is illuminated by a bright light source at the end, creating a glowing path. The person is silhouetted against the light, and the tunnel walls are lined with many small, glowing lights, creating a starry effect.

in him was **life**
and that life was the
light of men.
the light
shines
in the darkness,
but the darkness
has not overcome it.
John 1:4-5

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

January 23, 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

"King of My Heart"

"As the Deer"

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

A CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Mila Christine Cespedes

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

1 John 1:5-7

MESSAGE

“Light and Darkness”
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

“O Come to the Altar”

BENEDICTION

January Birthdays

24 – Mia Emi Le
27 – Pastor Darren Olson

February Birthdays

1 – Steve Parrott
4 – Marilyn Smith
9 – Sheila Yoeckel

January Anniversaries

28 – Kathy and Donald Boggs

Navigator Bible Reading Plans

	New Testament	Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan
January 23	Acts 1	Mark 10-12; Psalm 19
January 24	Acts 2	Mark 13-16; Psalm 20
January 25	Acts 3	Exodus 1-4; Psalm 21
January 26	Acts 4	Exodus 5-8; Psalm 22:1-11
January 27	<i>Reflection</i>	Exodus 9-11; Psalm 22:12-31
January 28	<i>Reflection</i>	Exodus 12-14; Psalm 23
January 29	Acts 5	<i>Reflection</i>

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

Sermon Notes
January 23, 2022
“Light and Darkness”
1 John 1:5-7

Key Text: “... [Jesus] said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life’” (Jn. 8:12)

Key Thought: We’re called to turn from all darkness and walk in God’s light.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) From **DARKNESS** (cf. Job 24:13; Isa. 5:20; Acts 26:18; 1 Jn. 2:9)

- 3) To **LIGHT** (cf. Ps. 19:8; 119:105; Jn. 1:9; 8:12; 12:36; Lk. 11:36)

- 4) The basis of our **FELLOWSHIP** (cf. Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 1:9; Php. 2:1)

- 5) In Christ, **PURIFIED**: (cf. Heb. 9:14; Rev. 1:5)

- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are there any areas of darkness in your life? Is the Spirit calling you to repent of those?
- Will you commit to walk in God’s light with integrity?
- Do you relish in your koinonia with God and other Christians?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Baptism of Mila Christine Cespedes.

Prayer Concerns: Continued prayers for Annette's family and all those who grieve.

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	Curt Jackson	

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Karl and Mary Noren

Karl and Mary serve in Cameroon. Their ministry involves Discipleship and Education of Youth.

Five words for a typical Sunday:

Long, hot, services praising God.



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.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

– Psalm 119:105



Thank
you 

Thank-You!

The words cannot express the love and support that my family and I received from the Elim family. It is truly a blessing from God.

- *Tom Lancial*

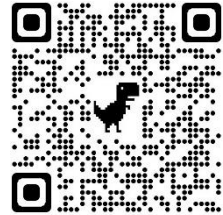
Congregational Meeting

On *Sunday, January 30, 2022*, the annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following the church service. Please plan to stay and get updated on all that's going on at Elim.



Ramsey+

Hey, church family! We've got some exciting news. There's a new, FREE money resource you and your family can use called Ramsey+. Together, we'll learn the proven plan to handle money, budget what God has given us, and track our progress so we can live and give like God wants us to—with outrageous generosity! Activate your Ramsey+ membership to get started on your debt-free journey today! Use the QR code provided.



Daytime Trivia

Cindy Minard is back in the saddle again. You can just imagine how excited everyone was to have her back and enjoying Daytime Trivia again. Sixty-two people showed up to welcome her back and to enjoy all the fun and fellowship. The laughter that you hear from the fellowship hall tells us that they are having a great time. It is especially a blessing for those who don't get out much, and even more so during the winter months. So, welcome back

Cindy! We are so glad that you are doing well and pray for continued blessings and good health.



MLT 2022

On Thursday, January 13, 2022, MLT 2022, met for the first time. What a great group to work with. We would appreciate your prayers as we work together and seek God for Elim. Here is a list of those leaders. We covet your prayers and support:

	Pastor Steve Peterson
<u>ELDER OF EDUCATION</u>	L.J. Cunningham
Deacon of Church Growth	Linda Gilmour
Deacon of Christian Education	Elizabeth Peterson
Deacon of Missions	To Be Determined
<u>ELDER OF STEWARDSHIP</u>	Mike Hermann
Deacon of Stewardship	John Clarke
Deacon of Property	Don Yoeckel
<u>ELDER OF MINISTRY</u>	Leonna Ellis
Deacon of Worship	Timothy Le
Deacon of Personal Ministries	Meagan Bear
Deacon of Prayer	Sandy Parrott
<u>TREASURER</u>	Sheila Yoeckel
<u>RECORDING SECRETARY</u>	Tabatha Estes

A Prayer for Church Leaders

Heavenly Father, you call us each to different work in your kingdom, according to the gifts you've bestowed upon us. Today, I pray especially for those you've called into ministry, to be leaders and teachers in your church. Keep your call fresh in their hearts, renewing and refreshing their spirit for the work ahead. May they seek your counsel daily, seeking your wisdom and guidance as they give spiritual guidance to others. Fill them with patience, peace, and joy for their work, remembering you are with them even when the work is hard, for you are faithful to equip those who obey your call. All this I pray through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. -- [Prayer for Church Leaders - Prayer & Possibilities \(prayerandpossibilities.com\)](http://prayerandpossibilities.com)

Looking Ahead

Sunday	January 23	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	January 24	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	January 25	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:00 p.m. GriefShare
Wednesday	January 26	9:00 a.m. "AMPED" Prayer Meeting 5:45 p.m. Axis 6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
Friday	January 28	6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Good News Club Training
Saturday	January 29	9:00 a.m. - Good News Club Training 4:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.- CIU Yoeckel 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	January 30	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Congregational Annual Meeting

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 73; Views on YouTube = 24
Sunday School/Children's Church = 23



Current Needs:

Donation Update

At this time we are only accepting donations of food, cleaning supplies & garbage bags (33 & 39 gallon). We regret at this time we cannot accept donations of clothing for the Mission or Martha's House.

We Are Hiring!

We currently have the following positions open:

Martha's House

Full-Time Client Advocate

(11p-7a Wed - Sun)

Part-Time Client Advocate

(9a-5p Sat & Sun & 5p-11p Tues & Thurs)

Mission

Part-Time Cook

(9:15a-7:15p Thurs-Sat)