

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

April 3, 2022

**Dear children, let us not love with words
or tongue but with actions and in truth.**

- 1 John 3:18 -



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 3, 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

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."

— 1 John 4:7

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Holy, Holy, Holy (Praise Him and Lift Him Up)"

"Reckless Love"

"Old Rugged Cross"

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 3:11-18

MESSAGE

“Real Love”

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

“Above All”

BENEDICTION

April Birthdays

3 – Helena Henry

6 – Reagan Wood

8 – Dee Pritchard

8 – Will Wagner

April Birthdays

9 – L.J. Cunningham

11 – Deanna Newton

12 – Jacob Laird

14 – Torben Cosgrove

April Anniversaries

7 – Rodney and Judy Ouderkirk

8 – Pastor Steve and Elizabeth Peterson

Navigator Bible Reading Plans

	New Testament	Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan
April 3	James 4	James 1-2; Psalm 50
April 4	James 5	James 3-5; Psalm 51
April 5	Matthew 1	Joshua 1-3; Psalm 52
April 6	Matthew 2	Joshua 4-6; Psalm 53
April 7	<i>Reflection</i>	<i>Reflection</i>
April 8	<i>Reflection</i>	Joshua 7-9; Psalm 54
April 9	Matthew 3	Joshua 10-12; Psalm 55

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

Sermon Notes
April 3, 2022
“Real Love”
1 John 3:11-18

Key Text: “... *As I have loved you, so you must love one another*” (Jn. 13:34)

Key Thought: Jesus commands us to love, and it must be sincere, profound and with actions & in truth.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) Jesus’ **COMMAND** (3:11,23; 4:7,11-12,21) (cf. Jn. 13:34-35; Rom. 12:10; 2 Ths. 1:3; Heb. 10:24)

- 3) The **ANTITHESIS** (cf. Gen. 4:1-16; Gal. 5:19-21; Titus 3:3; Jude 11)

- 4) **SINCERE** love (cf. Rom. 12:9-10; Ja. 2:14-17; 1 Pt. 1:22)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you harboring hatred toward anyone? Are you willing to surrender that to Jesus?
- Do you understand the spiritual danger in holding onto hatred?
- Do you lay down your life in love for others?
- With whom do you need to show love today— in action and in truth?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: The opportunity to share Jesus with children at the Good News Club at Franklin. Thank you for all involved!

Prayer Concerns: 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	Sandy Winthurst

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Gary and Mary Lou Sander

Gary and Mary Lou serve in Colombia. Their ministry focus is Christian Formation and Accompany the Colombia Pacto Ministries.

A unique way we see the character of God in the local culture: The Colombian culture is welcoming, looks for ways to help one another out, and is family and service oriented.



Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Cards: Feel free to use the prayer cards for your requests and drop them in the offering plate.

Prayer Following Worship: Elim Prayer Team is available to pray with you after the service in the Jeremiah classroom at the back of the sanctuary.

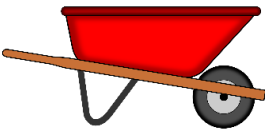
Prayer Gatherings: Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

Prayer Chain: Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church at (309) 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.

Relief in Ukraine

If you want to support the relief efforts for the people of Ukraine, and especially their refugees, you can support them through Covenant World Relief and Development (CWRD) ministries. Through their strategic partners, they are providing assistance to the war refugees in the neighboring countries with compassion, care, and a Christian witness. To give, you can go to <https://giving.covchurch.org/priorities-detail/ukraine-response> or give through the church by designating CWRD-Ukraine on your church offering envelope.

Elim Spring Workday



Elim's annual spring workday will be held on **Saturday, April 9**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Bring your wheelbarrows and shovels for filling in low spots with dirt.

Hymn Sing

Join us next Sunday, **April 10, at 6:00 p.m.** for our next hymn sing. Everyone is welcome, so tune up your vocal cords, grab your family, friends, and neighbors, and come.



Greeters

Thank you, **Mary Murphy** and **Karen Bowling** for greeting us today. If you would like to be a part of Elim's greeting ministry, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area. You can sign up with someone or just sign your name and we will put you together with someone else. Thank you!



VBS is Coming Soon!

Discovery on Adventure Island begins **Wednesday, April 27**. Watch for coming details!



Easter Lilies

There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to purchase an Easter lily to beautify our church for Easter in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$8.00 and may be turned in to the church office or left in the offering plate marked for Easter lilies.



Elim's 75th Anniversary Celebration!

Elim is celebrating 75 years as an Evangelical Covenant Church. Cheryl Bear is coordinating a team to plan the celebration which will take place on **Sunday, May 1**. We will have areas set up around the church featuring the different ministries of Elim (past and present). We welcome your stories, memories, and photos to help us celebrate. Please have those to us by **Sunday, April 17**, so that we can plan and organize. It will be fun to look back on the birth and growth of Elim.



Prayer Chain

Elim Covenant Church is a praying church with prayer chains in place. If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain (phone or text), call Sandy at the office and we will be sure you are added. Also, if you are not receiving Sandy's email that comes out twice a week with the prayer sheet attached, call the office to let her know and she will be happy to add you. Thanks for praying!

Just a
reminder...



Just a Reminder

Be sure to pick up your **Pregnancy Resources** fundraising baby bottle. Fill it up and bring it back. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry!

Loss of a Spouse and GriefShare

We will be hosting a *Loss of a Spouse* seminar on **Tuesday April 26**, at **6:00 p.m.** The following **Tuesday, May 3**, at **6:00 p.m.** we will begin a new *GriefShare* series. Information and sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering area. Feel free to share the information with those you know who may be interested.

Looking Ahead

Sunday	April 3	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	April 4	5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	April 5	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:00 p.m. GriefShare
Wednesday	April 6	9:00 a.m. "AMPED" Prayer Meeting 5:45 p.m. Axis 6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University
Thursday	April 7	9:15 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study 6:00 p.m. MLT
Saturday	April 9	8:00 a.m. Elim Spring Workday
Sunday	April 10	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 6:00 p.m. Hymn Sing

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 85; Views on YouTube = 19
Sunday School/Children's Church = 30

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, April 3

Children's Church: Rachel Lyon and Mary Parrott
Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Rachel Cunningham

NEXT WEEK, April 10

Children's Church: Rachel Lyon and Mary Parrott
Nursery: Meagan Bear and Diana Wood



We are currently accepting the following items:

Men's Clothing: Jeans, t-shirts, underwear (all sizes), polo shirts, tennis shoes

Women's Clothing: Underwear (all sizes)

Supplies: All-purpose cleaner, garbage bags (13- & 39-gallon), bathroom cleaner, oven cleaner, toilet paper and paper towels.