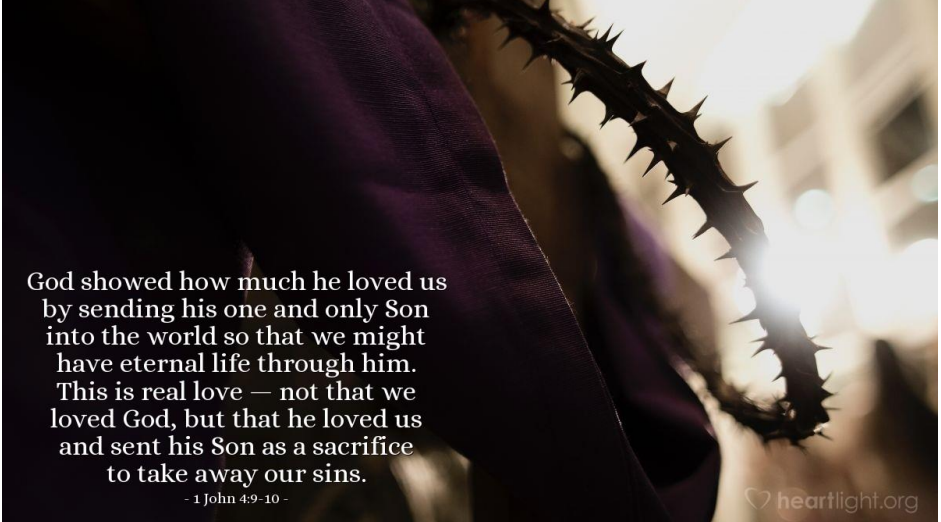


# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

## May 22, 2022



God showed how much he loved us  
by sending his one and only Son  
into the world so that we might  
have eternal life through him.  
This is real love — not that we  
loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as a sacrifice  
to take away our sins.

- 1 John 4:9-10 -

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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 22, 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](http://elimqc.org)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

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

*"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love" -- 1 John 4:18*

### **ADORATION TO GOD**

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

## WORSHIP SONGS

*"Power In the Blood"*

*"Victory In Jesus"*

*"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 4:7-12**

# **MESSAGE**

## **“True Love”**

**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**

*“How Deep the Father’s Love”*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **TODAY’S GREETERS**

Peggy Burkeybile and Tabatha Estes

#### **May Birthdays**

*22 – Bill Minard*

*23 – Mason Lister*

*28 – Jim Ogden*

*30 – Kate Schaechter*

#### **June Birthdays**

*1 – Elsa Nelson*

*3 – Karen Johnson*

*4 – David Cespedes II*

### **Navigator Bible Reading Plans**

	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan</b>
May 22	Romans 6	1 Samuel 20-22; Proverbs 27:15-27
May 23	Romans 7	1 Samuel 23-25; Proverbs 28:1-14
May 24	Romans 8	1 Samuel 26-28; Proverbs 28:15-28
May 25	Romans 9	1 Samuel 29-31; Proverbs 29:1-14
May 26	<i>Reflection</i>	Philippians; Proverbs 29:15-27
May 27	<i>Reflection</i>	2 Samuel 1-3; Proverbs 30
May 28	Romans 10	2 Samuel 4-7; Proverbs 31

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

**Sermon Notes**  
**May 22, 2022**  
**“True Love”**  
**1 John 4:7-12**

**Key Text:** *“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you”* (Jn. 15:12)

**Key Thought:** Love God, love others, and profoundly so.

- 1) Intro & Context
  
- 2) Love’s **PRIORITY** (3:11,23; 4:7,11-12,21) (cf. Jn. 13:34-35; Rom. 12:10; 1 Cor. 13:1-7; Heb. 10:24)
  
- 3) God’s **PURPOSE**: (cf. 5:11; Jn. 3:15; 6:40; Rom. 6:4; Gal. 2:20; 1 Pt. 4:2)
  
- 4) **TRUEST** love (v. 10) (cf. Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 8:32)
  
- 5) Love’s **INSPIRATION** (v. 11) (cf. Jn. 13:34; 15:12; Eph. 5:2)
  
- 6) Love’s **RESULTS** (cf. 1 Pt. 1:23; 1 Cor. 8:3; Rom. 8:5-11; 1 Jn. 2:5)
  
- 7) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- How well do you love God? Truly?
- How well do you love others? Sincerely?
- Is God’s love flourishing in you?

## PRAYER PAGE

**Praises:** God's grace and mercy, especially in troubling times.

**Prayer Concerns:** Victims of the Buffalo mass shootings.

### **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
Madeline Lumpkin		

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

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

#### **Becky Swearingen**

Becky serves in Kenya. Her ministry is in education and the healing arts.

***What I've learned from our ministry partners:*** How to be present in the moment, with whomever is with me in that moment.



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## **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.

## Daytime Trivia Twice the Fun!

Daytime Trivia will be held on two Tuesdays during the months of June and July: **June 7, June 21, July 5, and July 19.**



The cost of sending Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have gone up and these fundraisers will help cover the cost of sending them. Not only will you have a ton of fun, you will be helping to bring

Christmas joy to children around the world. So, mark your calendars and invite your friends.

## Mats for the Homeless

Danielle Ogden is back from Florida and she and her crew have started making mats for the homeless again. This is a great time of fellowship, and it doesn't take any special talent to help. If you can fold and cut, you are qualified to help make the mats. So, grab a pair of scissors and come, join Danielle and her crew on **Wednesday** mornings at **10:00 a.m.**



## Church Directory Update



This year we are updating our **pictorial** church directory. There will be someone available to take pictures after the church service for the next couple of weeks. You can also submit a photo to Sandy in the church office by emailing it at [office@elimqc.org](mailto:office@elimqc.org) or

dropping a picture off at the church office to be scanned, whatever works best for you. We just want to make sure we have you in the directory.

Also, please fill out the form that is included in your bulletin to update your information. Please return it to the office by **Sunday, June 12.** Thanks!

## Prayer as Play

Prayer as play? Are you kidding me? No one has ever referred to prayer as play. So often it just seems like hard work. But that's exactly what **Neil Taylor** is going to be sharing with us.



"What if prayer were something you enjoyed?!"

"Finding joy with your devotional life." That's what Neil is going to bring to us. So, mark your calendar and join us on **Saturday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. to noon**. You are welcome to invite friends.



*[[Jesus] said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. – Matthew 18:3 (NRSV)*

## Operation Christmas Child

*National Collection Week is Nov. 14–21, 2022*



Have you started collecting items for your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes? It's never too soon. In fact, many people shop the sales all year round to get the best bargains. For instance, in late summer and early fall, school supplies will be at their lowest prices and in abundance.

Yard sales are a great resource for finding small stuffed animals or other small, gently used toys. So, happy hunting! November will be here much sooner than we can imagine. Mark your calendar for our Operation Christmas Child kick-off on July 23.

## **Looking Ahead**

Sunday	May 22	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		12:30 p.m.	QCCS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
Monday	May 23	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	May 24	9:30 a.m.	<b>SAS</b> Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
		9:00 a.m.	“AMPED” Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	May 25	10:00 a.m.	Mats for the Homeless
		5:45 p.m.	Axis
		6:00 p.m.	VBS
Thursday	May 26	9:15 a.m.	Keenagers Bible Study
Friday	May 27	6:00 p.m.	CIU – Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	May 28	12:00 p.m.	Lyon/Peterson Wedding
Sunday	May 29	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service

## **Attendance Last Week**

Sunday Worship = 90; Views on YouTube = 31

Sunday School/Children’s Church = 33

### **MOWING SCHEDULE**

May 28 ..... Tom Lancial and L.J. Cunningham

June 4 ..... Chip Hesler and Tom Dang

## **CHILD CARE SCHEDULE**

### **TODAY, May 22**

Children’s Church: Amy Hennings and Diane Snipes

Nursery: Meagan Bear and Jamie Cespedes

### **NEXT WEEK, May 29**

Children’s Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Mary Parrott

Nursery: Amy Hennings and Rachel Lyon

### **Christian Care Current Needs:**

*Children’s Hygiene: Baby powder, soap,*

*lotion, body wash, underwear*

*Men’s and Women’s Underwear – all sizes*