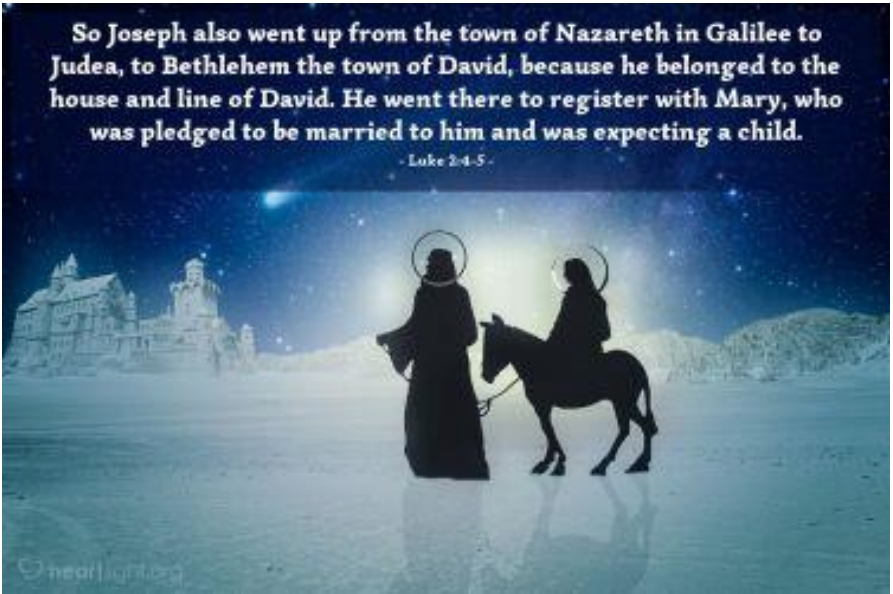


# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

## January 15, 2023

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

- Luke 2:4-5 -



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# **WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

**January 15, 2023**

**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**

**Don Peterson**

## **OFFERING**

## **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you"*  
*(Psalm 32:8)*

## **ADORATION TO GOD**

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

## **WORSHIP SONGS**

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

*Blue Hymnal No. 157*

*"Here I Am to Worship"*

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

*Blue Hymnal No. 407*

## **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**

**Luke 2**

**MESSAGE**  
**“The Birth Narrative”**  
**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, All Ye Faithful”*

*Blue Hymnal No. 147*

**BENEDICTION**

**January Birthdays**

15 – Graham Wood  
16 – Natalie Hermann  
17 – Byron Reynolds  
17 – Judie Stanley  
19 – Karter Thompson

**January Birthdays**

19 – Kayla Knary  
21 – Dale Gilmour  
24 – Mia Le  
27 – Pastor Darren Olson  
27 – Danyelle Lister

**Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023**

***God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus***

January 15	Matthew 10:32-42
January 16	Matthew 11:1-19
January 17	Matthew 11:20-30
January 18	Matthew 16:1-12
<b><i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins</i></b>	
January 19	Matthew 16:13-28
January 20	Matthew 17:1-23
January 21	Matthew 18:1-14
<b><i>The full Bible reading plan is on the table in the gathering area.</i></b>	

**Sermon Notes**  
**January 15, 2023**  
**“The Birth Narrative!”**  
**Luke 2**

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- In this very familiar passage, was there yet a new insight for you today?
- What in this story speaks to you in a personal way?
- Is there anything actionable that you need to do in response to God’s Word today?

## PRAYER PAGE

**Praises:** New life. A baby is God's opinion that life should go on.  
(Carl Sandburg)

**Prayer Concerns:** Unity among Christians.

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

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Belva Van Norman
Anna Swanson	Wiley Barnes	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	JoAnn Nelsen
Gary Wells	Curt Jackson	Sandy Winthurst
Madeline Lumpkin	Jeff Parrott	Don Neer

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

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**Pray for Covenant Missionaries:**

**Phillip and Stephanie Voland**

Phillip and Stephanie serve in Germany. Their ministries include outreach to refugees and migrants, discipleship and evangelism in a post-Christian context.

***If we could see all our supporters face to face, we would say:*** Your faithful presence and partnership mean more than you know!



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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 3:45 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 Sandy at (309) 592-7703 with your request.

## DAYTIME TRIVIA

Join Cindy Minard and the Trivia bunch on **Tuesday, January 17** for Daytime Trivia. Come at 11:00 a.m. and bring your lunch. Trivia starts at 11:30 a.m. \$5.00 per person. Come and see what the fun is all about!



## JUST A REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that S.P.L.A.S.H. will meet Saturday, **January 21, 2022**, at 9:00 a.m. for a short business meeting, a devotional time, a light breakfast with some friends, and some fun. See you then!



## Quad Cities Community Prayer Meetings

In September 2022 about 200 believers from several different churches gathered to pray for our community, our nation, our world, and for spiritual awakening and revival. From that meeting came the idea to hold one on a quarterly basis.

There will be prayer and worship led by local pastors and ministry leaders. The first one is **Sunday, January 22**, at **6:00 p.m.** at Calvary Church of the Quad Cities in Moline.

## Congregational Meeting and Spaghetti/Salad Luncheon

On **Sunday, January 29**, we will hold our annual congregational meeting with a spaghetti/salad luncheon following the church service. Everything will be provided. Just bring yourselves and find out what's new at Elim.



## Congratulations Le Family!



*James Benjamin Le* made his entrance into the world on Monday, **January 9**, at 11:15 in the morning. He weighed in at 6.7 pounds and is 19 inches long.

Congratulations to Mom and Dad, **Timothy and Amanda Le**, and big sister, **Mia**. We also congratulate grandparents, **Tom and Marie Dang**. God bless this precious family.

## Pray 4 Me Prayer Basket

Our prayer basket has been refreshed. Please help us in praying for each other by taking a slip of paper with the names of our Elim family. Take as many as you like. There are also clothespin magnets for you to use as a reminder to pray for those you've drawn. What an easy way to uphold and love each other with our prayers.



## National Hugging Day

National Hug Day or National Hugging Day occurs on January 21 and is officially recognized by the United States Copyright Office but is not a public holiday.



The purpose of the day is to help everyone show more emotion in public. The only way to celebrate the day is by offering a hug to anyone and everyone you want.

Give someone a big hug. Or, if you need one, ask for a hug and reap the benefits.

You can also give a mental hug. Let someone know you care by sending warm, cheerful words of encouragement to those in your circle. Boost their joy by letting them know how much they mean to you with a verbal hug until you can give them the real one.

## Looking Ahead

Sunday	January 15	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Monday	January 16	3:45 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	January 17	9:30 a.m.	<b>SAS</b> Bible Study
		11:00 a.m.	Daytime Trivia
		6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Wednesday	January 18	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		5:45 a.m.	Axis
		6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry
Thursday	January 19	6:00 p.m.	Grief Group
Saturday	January 21	9:00 a.m.	S.P.L.A.S.H.
Sunday	January 22	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service

**GREETERS TODAY:** Cecil and Carolyn Grimes

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 71 Views on YouTube = 15

Sunday School/Confirmation = 17 Children's Church = 2

### CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

#### TODAY, January 15:

Children's Church: Amy Hennings and Kristen Burns

Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Rachel Lyon

#### NEXT WEEK, January 22:

Children's Church: Natalie Hermann and Kim Shuda

Nursery: Sandy Parrott and Jamie Cespedes

### Christian Care Current Needs

- Paper Products (**URGENT**)
- Men's Sweatshirts
  - Men's Sweatpants
  - Men's Jeans
- Men's Winter Coats
  - Hats and Gloves
- Thermal Underwear
- Socks
- Perishables and Non-Perishable Goods
- Ziplock Bags
- Trash Bags! (39-gallon/13-gallon)
- Hygiene Products
  - i.e. Shampoo/conditioner, razors, body wash, deodorant, foot powder, and shaving cream
- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Detergent
- Shower shoes/flip flops (9,10,11,12,13)

They currently are not taking donations for women and children. The outpour of support has left Martha's House with plenty at the moment. Thank you to those who have contributed.