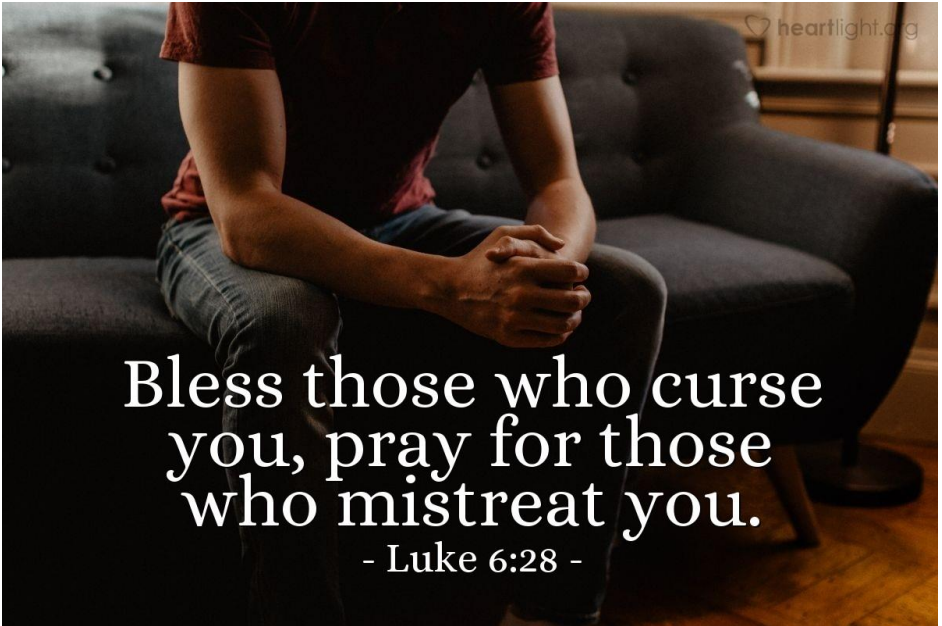


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
March 12, 2023



**Bless those who curse
you, pray for those
who mistreat you.**

- Luke 6:28 -

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 12, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Hermann

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."
(Colossians 3:2)*

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"How Great is Our God"

"How Great Thou Art"

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 6:27-49

MESSAGE

“The Impossible Sermon”
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

“Heart of Worship”

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: Karen Bagatelas and Sandy Parrott

March Anniversaries

16 – Jim and Danielle Ogden 24 – Ryan and Kelly Wood
19 – Terry and Diane Snipes 29 – Jon and Tabatha Estes

March Birthdays

12 – Marc Ellis 24 – Joseph Hennings
13 – Becky Reynolds 26 – Claudine Patton
15 – Easton Santee 28 – Jon Estes
17 – Katie Clarke 29 – Tracey Garcia
20 – Ellie Wildermuth 31 – Larene Paul
24 – David Cespedes

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus

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| March 12 | Psalm 70 |
| March 13 | Psalm 71 |
| March 14 | Psalm 75 |
| March 15 | Psalm 76 |
| March 16 | Psalm 77 |
| March 17 | Psalm 80 |
| March 18 | Psalm 84 |

***The full Bible reading plan is on the
table in the gathering area.***

Sermon Notes
March 12, 2023
“The Impossible Sermon”
Luke 6:27-49

Key Text: *“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible” (Mt. 19:26)*

Key Thought: Only surrendered to God’s Spirit can we live as Jesus wants us to live.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) **LOVE** for enemies (vv. 27-36) (cf. Ex. 23:4-5 [help enemy]; Pr. 25:21 [give enemy succor]; Mt. 5:44 [// verse]; Rom. 12:17-21 [no revenge, but show love])
- 3) Do not **JUDGE** (vv. 37-42) (cf. Rom. 14:1-13; Ja. 2:13; 4:12 [no judging others]; 1 Cor. 5:12; 6:1 [proper judging])
- 4) **GOOD** fruit (vv. 43-45) (cf. Mt. 12:33 [// verse]; Jn. 15:1-8 [if you remain in Jesus]; Gal. 5:22-23 [fruit from Spirit])
- 5) The right **FOUNDATION** (vv. 46-49) (cf. Deut. 28:1-14 [obedience brings blessing]; Ps. 1:1-3; 119:1-16; Ja. 1:22-25; 1 Jn. 2:3-6 [God’s love is the reward])
- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Do God’s standards for godly living seem impossible to you? Do you struggle to live up to His biblical mandates?
- Are you fully surrendered to God’s Spirit? Are you allowing His transformative power to work in you?
- Are you building your life on the foundation of God’s Word? How critical is Bible reading and study in your life?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: *Jesus Revolution* movie! Go see it!

Prayer Concerns: Revival in our country.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

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

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Heather Caray and Esau Vega

Heather and Esau serve in the United States and Nicaragua as Merge Ministries trip coaches.

We feel at home in our country of service when . . . our mission friends invite us into their homes for special family gatherings.



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.



Congratulations Ramon and Teri!

We rejoice and celebrate with Ramon and Teri who were married on Friday, March 3, at Elim. "We are very grateful and happy we had our wedding at the church with Pastor Steve as the minister!" – **Ramon and Teri Henderson**

Happy 100th Birthday Katie!

You are invited to come and celebrate Katie Clarke's 100th birthday at her home on **Sunday, March 19**, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Her address is 265 5th Street, Silvis, Illinois. John, Cathy and Junior will be



there to greet you. Come and have a slice of cake and help her celebrate! No gifts, please. Your presence is "present" enough!



Hymn Sing

Mark your calendar and join us **this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** for our monthly hymn sing. Everyone is welcome, so grab your family, friends, and neighbors. Come and enjoy some of your favorite hymns.

GriefShare

GriefShare's topic this week is "Stuck." You will learn how to prevent getting stuck in grief, common misconceptions that hinder healing, and why your path to healing isn't always smooth. We are a small, caring group who will make you feel welcomed, cared for, and understood. Join us on **Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Note the time change. You are welcome to bring a friend.

Pray 4 Me Prayer Basket

Our prayer basket has been refreshed. Let's continue to love and support each other through this prayer ministry. Take a name or more, as many as you like, and remember our church family in your prayers on a regular basis. Thank you!



Daytime Trivia

Join us *Tuesday, March 21*, at *11:30 a.m.* for Daytime Trivia. What a great time of fellowship and fun! Doors open at 11:00 a.m. \$5.00 per person. Don't forget your sack lunch.

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

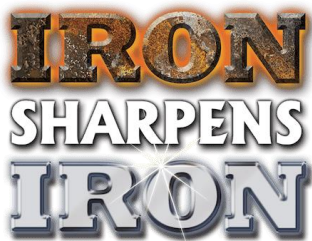
Ladies — just a reminder — **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is on *Saturday, March 25*, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All women are invited. Please join us!!



Girls Night Out!

The ladies of Elim Covenant Church are bringing Girls Night Out back. It will be *Friday, April 21, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.* Cindy and her crew are looking for label-free glass jars with lids for a craft. Any size will do. Just bring them to church and they will take it from there. Thanks!

Iron Sharpens Iron



For the Men of Elim: The Iron Sharpens Iron Conference will be *Saturday April 1, 2023*, at the Coram Deo Bible Church (formerly Harvest Bible Chapel) in Davenport, Iowa. A sign-up sheet and a flyer providing information about this conference are on the table in the

gathering area. If you have questions, please contact Don Peterson at 309-755-6249 (home) or 309-781-2995 (cell).

Looking Ahead

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| Sunday | March 12 | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School/Confirmation |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Celebration Service |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | Hymn Sing |
| Monday | March 13 | 3:45 p.m. | Prayer Team Gathering |
| Tuesday | March 14 | 9:30 a.m. | SAS Bible Study |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | GriefShare |
| Wednesday | March 15 | 9:00 a.m. | "AMPED" Prayer Meeting |
| | | 5:45 a.m. | Axis |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Children's Ministry |
| Thursday | March 16 | 9:30 a.m. | Keenagers Bible Study |
| Sunday | March 19 | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School/Confirmation |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Celebration Service |

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 69 Views on YouTube = 18
 Sunday School/Confirmation = 22 Children's Church = 1

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, March 12:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Mary Parrott
 Nursery: Meagan Bear and Mariah Richardson

NEXT WEEK, March 19:

Children's Church: Amy Hennings and Kristen Burns
 Nursery: Sandy Parrott and Rachel Lyon

Christian Care Current Needs

- Paper Towels
- Men's Sweatshirts
 - Men's Sweatpants
 - Men's Jeans
- Men's Winter Coats
 - Hats and Gloves
- Thermal Underwear
- 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.