

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

March 26, 2023

character matters

For when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything.

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James 1:3-4 NLT



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 26, 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 Deep the Father's Love"

"In Christ Alone"

"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

MISSION MOMENT

Amanda Le

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 7:36-8:15

MESSAGE

**“The Best Results”
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

“This I Believe (The Creed)”

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: Karen Bowling and Sandy Parrott

March Birthdays

26 – Claudine Patton

28 – Jon Estes

29 – Tracey Garcia

31 – Larene Paul

March Anniversaries

29 – Jon and Tabatha Estes

April Birthdays

3 – Helena Henry

6 – Reagan Wood

8 – Dee Pritchard

April Anniversaries

7 – Rodney & Judy Ouder Kirk

8 – Pastor Steve and Elizabeth
Peterson

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus

March 26	Psalm 130
March 27	Psalm 132
March 28	Psalm 139
March 29	Psalm 141
March 30	Psalm 142
March 31	Psalm 143
April 1	Psalm 31

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

Sermon Notes
March 26, 2023
“The Best Results”
Luke 7:36-8:15

Key Text: *“You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised”* (Heb. 10:36)

Key Thought: The best spiritual results arise from those truly forgiven, truly grateful, and who truly continue to mature and grow, persevering in faith.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) Jesus’ **ANOINTING** (vv. 36-50) (cf. Mt. 26:6-13; Mk. 14:3-9; Jn. 12:1-8 [// texts]; Jn. 4:1-26; 8:1-11 [Jesus’ compassion & forgiveness for other sinful women])

- 3) Jesus’ **CREW** (vv. 1-3) (cf. Lk. 6:12-16 [the 12]; Mt. 27:55-56; Lk. 24:1,10; Acts 1:14 [the faithful women])

- 4) Good **SOIL** (vv. 4-15) (cf. Mt. 13:2-23; Mk. 4:1-20 [// texts]; Heb. 10:36 [must persevere]; Ja. 1:22 [hearers & doers]; 1 Jn. 2:3-6 [obedience is req’d])

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- How grateful are you for God’s forgiveness?
- Does it ever surprise you who Jesus calls to follow Him?
- How good is the “soil” of your heart for God’s Word?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: YouthHope and their ministry to so many kids throughout the years.

Prayer Concerns: Continued war and conflict in our world.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

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:

Katherine Choi-Lee and Peter Lee

Katherine and Peter serve on special assignment in Europe. Their ministries include church development (congregational vitality in Europe) and children's ministry/outreach.

We felt at home in our country of service when. . . I craved cheese for dessert!



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.



Happy Birthday Katie!

In case you missed it, **Katie Clarke** celebrated her 100th birthday last Sunday. John, Cathy, and Junior hosted her birthday open house in her home. Katie enjoyed a flood of well-wishers and birthday greetings.

We celebrate you, Katie! You have meant so much to us for so many years. We are so thankful for you, your Christlike example, your love for God and Elim, and your service. God bless you Katie! We love you!



Today we will be taking a door offering after the service to support YouthHope and the construction of a new building out at Camp Summit. This new building will provide much-needed housing for both camp staff and campers.

“Investing in this new building for kids, teens, and college-aged camp staff will provide life-changing opportunities. Low-income and at-risk kids need to get out of their urban environments to experience God’s presence, develop character and find a higher purpose for their lives. Youth experience tremendous, life-changing impact while at Camp Summit. In 1999, we bought Camp Summit and began operating summer camps in 2000. For 22 years, kids and teens have had a safe place, outdoor adventures, and experienced spiritual growth at our camp. We invite you to invest in this critical building to impact lives forever at Camp Summit!” -Mark Drake, Executive Director

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 \$11.00 and may be turned in to the church office or left in the offering plate marked for Easter lilies.



Hymn Sing

Join us *next Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday, at 4:00 p.m.* for our monthly hymn sing. We will enjoy some of our favorite Easter hymns. What a wonderful way to begin Holy Week.

GriefShare

GriefShare's topic this week is "Lessons of Grief – Part Two." You will get a more complete picture of who you are now that your loved one is gone, why no one grieves perfectly, and what grief can teach you about relationships. We are a small, caring group who will make you feel welcomed, cared for, and understood. Join us *Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.* Note the time change. We are returning to the afternoon hours for the remaining sessions. You are welcome to bring a friend.

Elim Spring Workday

Elim's annual spring cleanup will take place *Saturday, April 15, at 8:00 a.m.* There's work inside and out with clearing southeast side with condo association. Whether you are 8 or 80+ or somewhere in between, there is something for everyone. Questions? See *Don Yoeckel*.

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. We need help from all the ladies of Elim. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area for needed donations. Thanks!

Looking Ahead

Sunday	March 26	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Monday	March 27	3:45 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	March 28	2:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Wednesday	March 29	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		5:45 a.m.	Axis
		6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry
Thursday	March 30	9:30 a.m.	Keenagers
Sunday	April 2	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		4:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 68 Views on YouTube = 21

Sunday School/Confirmation = 18 Children's Church = 7

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, March 26:

Children's Church: Natalie Hermann and Kim Shuda
Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Jamie Cespedes

NEXT WEEK, April 2:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Meagan Bear
Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Rachel Cunningham

Christian Care Current Needs

- Cleaning Supplies
 - Bleach
 - Bathroom
 - All-purpose
- 13-gallon Kitchen Trash Bags
- Trash Bags (33 & 39-gallon bags)
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels

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.