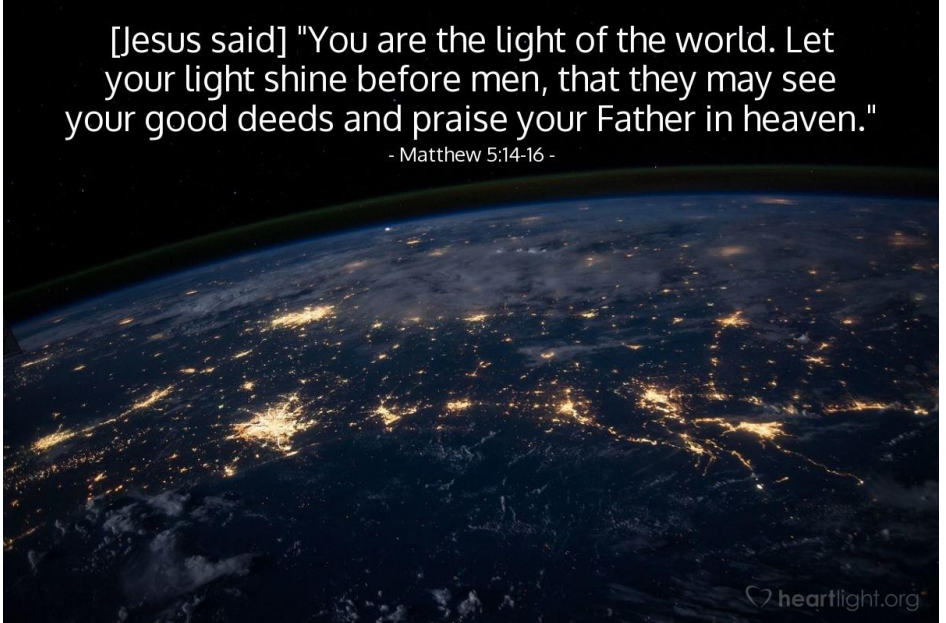


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

April 16, 2023

[Jesus said] "You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

- Matthew 5:14-16 -



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 16, 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

*"... Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."
(Luke 9:23)*

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Trust and Obey"

"It Is Well"

"Wonderful Merciful Savior"

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 8:16-25

MESSAGE

“On Light, Listening & Faith”

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

“Thank You Lord”

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: Karen Bagatelas and Jean Russell

April Anniversaries

16 – Wiley and Maxine Barnes

27 – Amakoe and Abigail Akpla

April Birthdays

18 – Cindy Minard

20 – Cora Ferry

20 – Tim Hennings

April Birthdays

22 – Willow Lister

24 – Pennie Knary

24 – Jane Peterson

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus

April 16	Romans 4:1-12
April 17	Romans 4:13-25
April 18	Romans 5:1-21
April 19	Romans 6:1-14
April 20	Romans 6:15-23
April 21	Romans 15:1-13
April 22	Romans 15:14-33
<i>The full Bible reading plan is on the table in the gathering area.</i>	

Sermon Notes
April 16, 2023
“On Light, Listening & Faith”
Luke 8:16-25

Key Text: “You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light” (2 Sam. 22:29)

Key Thought: God’s will is that we reflect His light & love, listen to Him and obey, and trust Him, especially in the difficult times.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) A **COMPLEX** Parable (vv. 16-18)
 - a. The lit lamp (cf. Pr. 13:9; Ps. 89:15; Isa. 58:10; Mt. 5:16)

 - b. Full **DISCLOSURE** (cf. Dan. 2:22; 1 Cor. 3:12-15; 4:5; Eph. 5:11-13)

 - c. Good **LISTENING** (cf. Eccl. 5:1; Jer. 11:8,11; 14:12; Jn. 10:27; 18:37; Ja. 1:22)

 - d. More or less (cf. Pr. 22:29; Lk. 19:11-26; Ja. 5:1-5)

- 3) Jesus’ **FAMILY** (vv. 19-21) (cf. Mt. 10:37; Mk. 3:21,31-35; Lk. 12:51-53)

- 4) Lord over **STORMS** (vv. 22-25) (cf. Ps. 107:29-30; Isa. 26:3; Php. 4:6-7)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Is God’s light reflected in you? How brightly is it shining?
- Would God say you listen well?
- How firm is your faith during life’s storms?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Our Good News Club team and the kids at Franklin School.

Prayer Concerns: Recent shootings, victims and their families in Louisville, Kentucky.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Belva VanNorman
Don Neer	Wiley Barnes	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	JoAnn Nelsen
Gary and Julie 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:

Jen and Minh Dao

Jen and Minh serve in Thailand. Their ministries include healing and wholeness through mental health, equipping and discipling at-risk single moms.

These three words best describe how this community reflects God's faithfulness: Gentle, prayerful, and hospitable.



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, April 18** for Daytime Trivia. Come at 11:00 a.m. and bring your lunch. Trivia starts at 11:30 a.m. \$5.00 per person.



Girls Night Out!

Join us this **Friday, April 21**, from **5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** for Girls Night Out. All ladies are welcome. There are invitations on the table in the gathering area for you to use to invite your friends and family.



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

Just a friendly reminder that S.P.L.A.S.H. will meet **Saturday, April 22, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m. for a short business meeting, a devotional time, a light breakfast with some friends, and some fun.



Congregational Meeting

On **Sunday, April 23, 2023**, there will be a quarterly congregational meeting immediately following the church service. Please plan to stay and get updated on all that's going on at Elim.



Quad City Prayer Meeting

The Quad City Prayer meeting will be held **Sunday, April 23, 2023**, at Bettendorf Christian Church, 3487 Towne Point Drive, Bettendorf, Iowa, at 6:00 p.m. Praying for our cities, nation, God's kingdom, our families, and our world.



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

It's time to update our church directory. Address changes, new phone numbers, email changes—they happen all the time and we need your updated information.

We also need to update our birthday and anniversary list, so please update that information also. We don't want anyone to slip through the cracks.

Fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. You're also welcome to email me your information at office@elimqc.org. 😊 Thanks for your help. – *Sandy*

Name(s) and birthday(s): _____

Child(ren) and birthday(s): _____

Address: _____

Home phone number: _____

Cell phone number(s): _____

Looking Ahead

Sunday	April 16	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Tuesday	April 18	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
		11:00 a.m.	Daytime Trivia
Wednesday	April 19	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
		5:45 p.m.	Axis
		6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry
Thursday	April 20	9:30 a.m.	Keenagers
			Girls Night Out Setup
Friday	April 21	5:00- 8:00 p.m.	Girls Night Out
Saturday	April 22	9:00 a.m.	S.P.L.A.S.H.
Sunday	April 23	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		11:45 a.m.	Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 93 Views on YouTube = 13

Children's Church = 5

MOWING SCHEDULE

April 22 Don Yoeckel and Chris Carsell

April 29 Jim Nelson and Mike Hermann

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, April 16:

Children's Church: Amy Hennings and Kristen Burns

Nursery: Sandy Parrott and Rachel Lyon

NEXT WEEK, April 23:

Children's Church: Natalie Hermann and Kim Shuda

Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Jamie Cespedes

Christian Care Current Needs

- Cleaning supplies
- Trash bags (33 & 39-gallon bags)
- 13-gallon kitchen trash bags
- Liquid laundry detergent