

**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**  
**May 14, 2023**



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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 14, 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**

**Elizabeth Peterson**

**OFFERING**

## **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."*

*Psalm 56:3*

## **ADORATION TO GOD**

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

**WORSHIP SONGS**

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

*"Jesus Loves Me (VBS style)"*

**PETS UNLEASHED VBS SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

## **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 9:18-27**

## **MESSAGE**

**“Believe & Follow”**

**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**

*“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

## **BENEDICTION**

**GREETERS TODAY:** John and Pam Thompson

### **May Birthdays**

6 – Jamie Cespedes

13 – Lorraine Carsell

16 – Juanita Arellanos

16 – Meagan Bear

### **May Birthdays**

22 – Bill Minard

23 – Mason Lister

28 – Jim Ogden

29 – Karen Bagatelas

### **Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023**

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

|        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| May 14 | Psalm 11         |
| May 15 | Psalm 16         |
| May 16 | Psalm 27         |
| May 17 | Psalm 47         |
| May 18 | Acts 1:1-11      |
| May 19 | Acts 1:12-26     |
| May 20 | Ephesians 1:1-23 |

**Sermon Notes**  
**May 14, 2023**  
**“Believe & Follow”**  
**Luke 9:18-27**

**Key Text:** *“For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him”* (Php. 1:29)

**Key Thought:** We are called to believe in Christ as Savior and Lord and to follow Him, being transformed by His Spirit to be like Him.

1) Intro & Context

2) To **BELIEVE** (vv. 18-20) (cf. Jn. 6:35; 7:38; 11:25; 14:6; 15:5; Rev. 21:6)

3) To **FOLLOW** (vv. 21-27) (cf. Rom. 8:17; Php. 1:29; Heb. 13:12-13; 1 Pt. 2:21; 1 Jn. 2:6)

4) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- What do you believe about Jesus? Is it a saving belief? Does your belief in Jesus dictate the direction of your life?
- Are you following Jesus as your Savior and Lord? Do you, then, “walk as Jesus did”?

## PRAYER PAGE

**Praises:** Mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, and all women who have loved us and influenced us over the years.

**Prayer Concerns:** Salvation for those on our BLESS lists.

### **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.

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

#### **Peter and Ruth Dutton**

Peter and Ruth serve in Thailand. Their ministries include spiritual formation, leadership development, and camping development.

*We felt at home in our country of service when...* Our Thai colleagues and friends said, "You are coming back, aren't you?"



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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.



## Mother's Day Luncheon

Join us *today* after the church service for lunch as we celebrate mothers and the great time we had at VBS.

## Daytime Trivia

Join us *Tuesday, May 16, 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, May 27, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.*

We were unable to have it the past two months, so we are looking

forward to being together again. All women are invited. Please join us!!



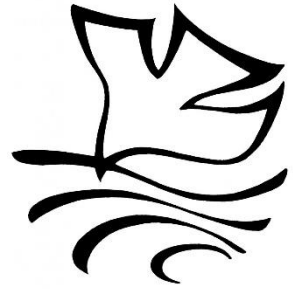
## Pray 4 Me Prayer Basket

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. Thanks for praying!



## **Baptisms**

Next Sunday, **May 21**, Pastor Steve will be baptizing several from our church family at New Life Fellowship Church, 2345 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline, at 4:00 p.m. Please come and affirm and celebrate these dear friends.



## **Foster Care**

Do you have a special place in your heart for children? Have you ever considered doing foster care? We have information about foster care and wraparound care on the table in the gathering area from Bethany for Children & Families. Feel free to pick up a pamphlet for yourself or to share. You can also check out their website at [Bethany-qc.org](http://Bethany-qc.org).

## **Church Directory Updates**

Today is the last day to update your information for our church directory. Fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. You're also welcome to email me your information at [office@elimqc.org](mailto:office@elimqc.org). Thanks for your help. – *Sandy*

Name(s) and birthday(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Child(ren) and birthday(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Looking Ahead

|           |        |            |                                 |
|-----------|--------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday    | May 14 | 9:15 a.m.  | Sunday School/Confirmation      |
|           |        | 10:30 a.m. | Worship/VBS Celebration Service |
|           |        | 11:45 a.m. | Mother's Day Luncheon           |
| Tuesday   | May 16 | 9:30 a.m.  | <b>SAS</b> Bible Study          |
|           |        | 11:00 a.m. | Daytime Trivia                  |
| Wednesday | May 17 | 9:00 a.m.  | "AMPED" Prayer Meeting          |
|           |        | 10:00 a.m. | Mats for the Homeless           |
|           |        | 3:45 p.m.  | Prayer Meeting                  |
|           |        | 5:45 p.m.  | Axis                            |
|           |        | 6:00 p.m.  | Children's Ministry             |
| Thursday  | May 18 | 9:30 a.m.  | Keenagers                       |
| Saturday  | May 20 | 8:00 a.m.  | Workday with Condominiums       |
| Sunday    | May 21 | 9:15 a.m.  | Sunday School/Confirmation      |
|           |        | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Celebration Service     |
|           |        | 4:00 p.m.  | Baptisms at New Life Fellowship |

## Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 79    Views on YouTube = 10  
 Children's Church = 1    Sunday School/Confirmation = 25

### MOWING SCHEDULE

May 20 ..... Ron Lyon and Don Peterson  
 May 27 ..... Don Yoeckel and Richard Spencer

### CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

#### TODAY, May 14:

Children's Church: VBS, Kids in Service  
 Nursery: Meagan Bear and Sandy Parrott

#### NEXT WEEK, May 21:

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

### Christian Care Urgent Needs

**Toilet Paper**  
**#10 Cans of Veggies**  
**Canned Fruit**  
**Butter**