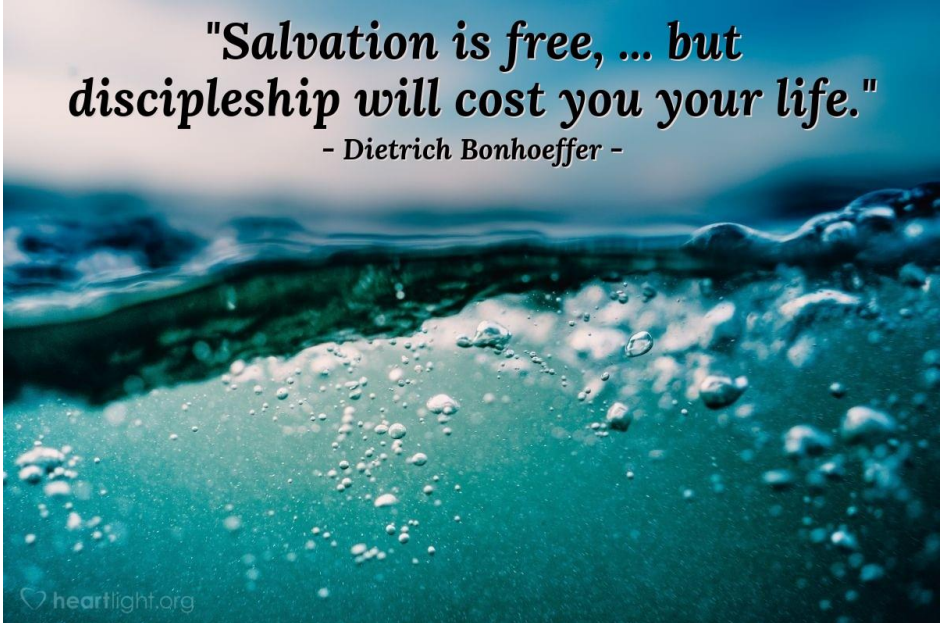


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

September 10, 2023

*"Salvation is free, ... but
discipleship will cost you your life."*

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer -



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
September 10, 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

Tabatha Estes

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"... I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Ephesians 4:1)

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Take My Life"

"Lead Me to the Cross"

"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

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 14:25-15:32

MESSAGE

“On Discipleship & Lost Souls”

by 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

“I Surrender All”

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: Tabatha Estes and Peggy Burkeybile

September Birthdays

11 – Judy Martel
11 – Ron Lyon
12 – Sylvia Anderson
13 – Pat Hudson
15 – Amy Hennings

September Birthdays

16 – Josh Parrott
16 – Rollie Potts
18 – Philip Estes
22 – Teresa Jackson

September Anniversaries

14 – Orlin and Karen Johnson
17 – Marty and Cheryl Bear

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus

September 10	Matthew 13:1-17
September 11	Matthew 13:18-35
September 12	Matthew 13:36-58
September 13	Matthew 15:1-20
September 14	Matthew 20:1-16
September 15	Matthew 22:1-14
September 16	Matthew 22:15-33

Sermon Notes
Sunday, September 10, 2023
“On Discipleship & Lost Souls”
Luke 14:25-15:32

Key Text: *“But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed”* (1 Pt. 4:13)

Key Thought: To faithfully follow Christ, we must be willing to suffer for Him; and let us rejoice when lost souls are saved!

1) Intro & Context

2) **COSTLY** discipleship (cf. Mt. 19:29; Lk. 5:11; Acts 5:41; Gal. 2:20)

3) **JOY** in repentance (cf. Ps. 53:6; Isa. 35; 61:10; Acts 16:34)

4) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- What has it cost you in following Jesus? Are you still willing to give up anything and everything to faithfully follow Him?
- Who do you most relate to in these parables? The lost one found, or the “good sheep” in the flock?

PRAYER PAGE

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Madeline Lumpkin
Don Neer	Wiley Barnes	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	Tabatha Estes
Gary and Julie Wells	Nathan Lyon	Sandy Winthurst
Jeff Parrott		

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

Covenant Prayer Calendar — September 10 – September 16
Please pray for this week's
Covenant missionaries and ministries:

Erika and Nils Clauson (Special Assignment, Latin America)	Peter and Ruth Dutton (Thailand)
Jen and Minh Dao (Thailand)	Donald and Lillian Dwight (Taiwan)
Joel and Kim Delp (Ecuador)	Greg and Kristi Fauss (Germany)
Paul and Gretchen de Neui (Special Assignment)	
Sheryl & Reuben Duncan (USA)	

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: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.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 through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call or text Sandy at (309) 592-7703 with your request.

Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family of **JoAnn Nelsen** who passed away Thursday morning, September 7, 2023. JoAnn has been a long-time member of Elim Covenant Church and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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!



Hymn Sing

Sing to the Lord a new song! Or maybe even an old song but join us **this afternoon**, at **4:00 p.m.** for our monthly hymn sing. A special treat is in the works and you won't want to miss it!

Be sure to invite your family and friends. Come and enjoy a wonderful time for worshipping God, good fellowship, and inspiration.

Daytime Trivia

Daytime Trivia meets again on **Tuesday, September 19**. Same time (11:00 a.m.), same place (Elim's fellowship hall). Be sure to join us. \$5.00/person. Proceeds go to mission work that S.P.L.A.S.H. supports.



Mike Hermann will be grilling and serving hamburgers (\$5.00/each) and bratwurst (\$3.00/each), so you can leave your lunch at home.

Elim Family Night

Sundays – 5:30 to 7:00 pm

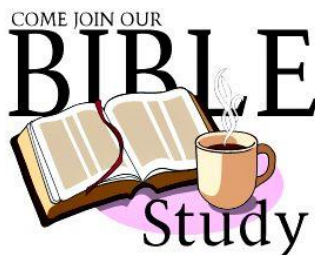


Elim Family Night is **TONIGHT!** Kickoff begins at 5:30 with pizza, lemonade, and games! We are excited to welcome ALL of you! This program is for kids, parents, grandparents, couples, and singles...EVERYONE!

Invite your family and friends as we connect around God's Word for weekly worship, study, prayer, and FUN!

Keenagers

After taking the summer off the Keenagers Bible study group will resume their studies on this **Thursday, September 14** at **9:30 a.m.** Feel free to come and join this wonderful group. All men and women are welcome. Questions? See **Pat Hudson**.



Good News Club!

On **September 27**, Elim Covenant Church will once again host the Good News Club for first and second graders at Franklin School in Moline. The Good News Club is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship that reaches children all over the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Leaders and workers are thoroughly trained to present the gospel through Bible lessons, songs, and Scripture memorization.



Please pray for our crew as they prepare for the club and that God will bring the children. So many children are unchurched and don't know about Jesus. They need Him now more than ever!

Looking Ahead

Sunday	September 10	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		4:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing
		5:30 p.m.	Elim Family Night
Tuesday	September 12	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Wednesday	September 13	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Mats for the Homeless
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Thursday	September 14	9:30 a.m.	Keenagers
		6:00 p.m.	MLT

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 69 Views on YouTube = 22
Sunday School/Children's Church = 27

MOWING SCHEDULE

September 16 Don Yoeckel and Richard Spencer
September 23 David Cespedes and Orlin Johnson

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, September 10:

Children's Church: Kristen Burns and Kim Shuda
Nursery: Meagan Bear and Elizabeth Peterson

NEXT WEEK, September 17:

Children's Church: Meagan Bear and Diane Snipes
Nursery: Karen Bagatelas and Sandy McNeal

Christian Care Immediate Needs

Bottled Water, #10 Cans of Veggies
Canned Fruit, Ground Coffee
Large Bottles of Shampoo
Large Bottles of Conditioner
Body Wash